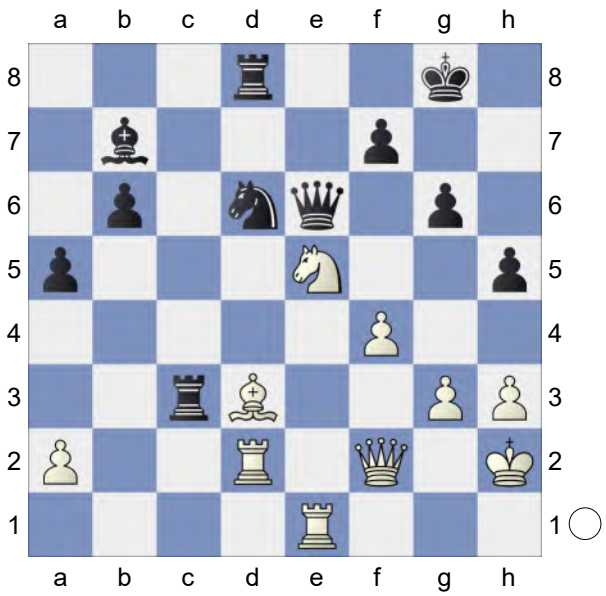
The Jobava London
800 Reference Games

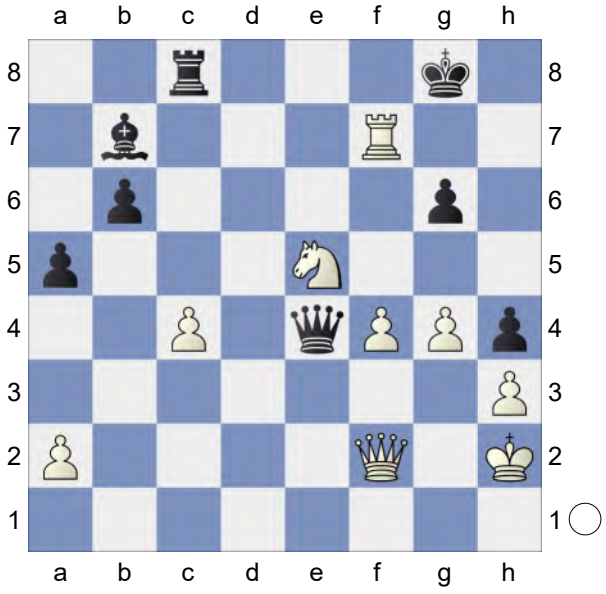
Chess Notes 2025

1 **D00**
□ **Torombot** **3086**
■ **Arasanx** **3044**
Rapid 31.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 5min+5sec D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.Nc3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.Be2 c6 8.Nc3 c5 9.h3 Ne4**
[9...Bd7 10.a4 Qb6 11.Qc1 Nb4 12.Nb1 Bd6 13.a5 Qc7 14.Bxd6 Qxd6 15.c3 Nc6 16.0-0 b6 17.axb6 axb6 18.Nbd2 Rfc8 19.Rd1 h6 20.b3 cxd4 21.exd4 Rxa1 22.Qxa1 Qc7 23.Qb2 Ne7 24.Rc1 Torombot (3006)-Intron014 (2991) Rapid 2024 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (35)]
10.Nb1N
[10.0-0 Nxc3 11.bxc3 c4 6. Jobava (1...d5 and 1...Nf6-NN]
10...Bd6 11.Bxd6 Nxd6 12.c3 b6 13.0-0 Bb7 14.Nbd2 Rc8 15.Bd3 Nb8 16.Qe2 Nd7 17.Ne5 Nf6 18.Ng4 Nfe4 19.Rad1 Qh4 20.Rfe1 Rfd8 21.Nf3 Qe7 22.Nd2 Nxd2 23.Rxd2 a5 24.f3 Qh4 25.Kh2 Bc6 26.g3 Qe7 27.e4 h5 0.01/21
[27...cxd4∓ -0.40/18 might be stronger. 28.cxd4 h5]
28.Ne5= Bb7 29.exd5 next f4 is good for White. **29...cxd4 30.f4 dxc3 31.bxc3 g6** 0.21/20
[⌓31...exd5 -0.23/18 32.Qxh5 g6 33.Bxg6 *(33.Nxg6 fxg6 34.Qxg6+ Qg7∓)* 33...fxg6 34.Nxg6 *(34.Qxg6+ Qg7=)* 34...Qxe1 35.Qh8+ Kf7 36.Ne5+ Ke6 37.Qh6+ Ke7 38.Qh7+ Kf8 39.Qh8+ Ke7 40.Qh7+ Kf8 41.Qh8+ Ke7 42.Qh7+]
32.dxe6 Qxe6 33.Qf2 Strongly threatening Nc6! **33...Qf6**
[Much less strong is 33...Rxc3



34.Nc6! Ne4 35.Nxd8±]
34.c4! Nf5 35.Red1 Kg7 36.Bxf5 Rxd2 37.Rxd2 Qxf5 38.Rd7 Qe4 The position is equal. **39.g4 h4 40.Rxf7+ Kg8**

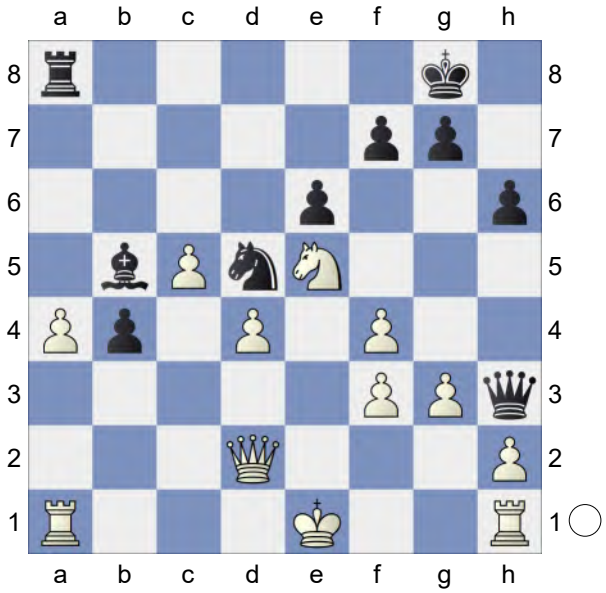


41.Rxb7! Qxb7 42.Qxh4 Endgame KQR-KQN **42...Qe4**
[Don't play 42...Qg7 43.Qg5±]
43.Qf6 Intending Qe6+ and mate.
43...Rf8 44.Qe6+
[But not 44.Qxg6+ Qxg6 45.Nxg6 Rd8∓]
44...Kg7 45.Qe7+ Kg8 46.Qe6+ Kg7

47.Qe7+ Kg8 48.f5 Qe2+ 49.Kg1 Qe3+ 50.Kf1 And now Qe6+ would win. Dancing on a razor blade. **50...gxf5 51.Qe6+ Kg7 52.Qe7+ Kg8** Threatens to win with ...fxg4+. **53.Qe6+ Kg7** (→ ...fxg4+) **54.Qg6+ Kh8 55.Qh5+ Kg8** Hoping for ...fxg4+.
[55...Kg7!? 56.Qg6+ Kh8 57.Qh5+ Kg8 58.Qg6+ Kh8=]
56.Qg6+ Kh8 57.Qd6 Kg7⇄ ...fxg4+ is the strong threat. Black is not keeping still **58.Qd7+ Kf6 59.Qd6+ Kg7 60.Qe7+ Kg8** Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless)
½-½

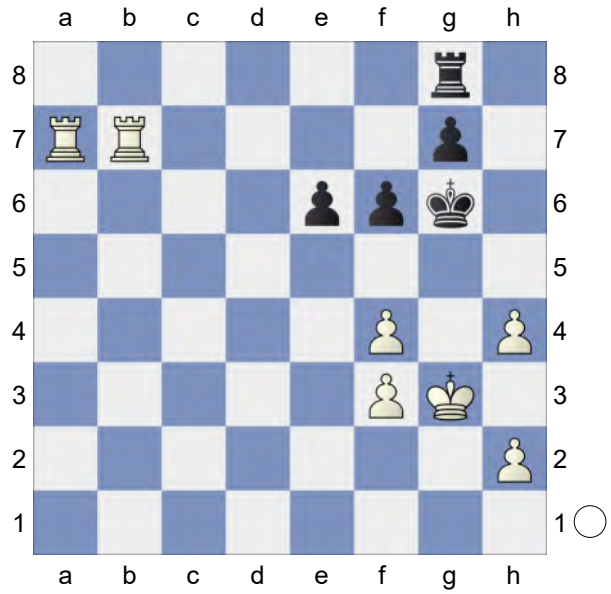
2 **D00**
□ **Torombot** **3080**
■ **Patriciabot** **2864**
Rapid 31.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.Nc3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Bb4+ 5.c3 Ba5 6.Nf3 a6 7.Na3 0-0 8.e3 The position is equal. **8...c5 9.dxc5 Bc7 10.b4 Bxf4 11.exf4 Nc6 12.Nc2 Ne4 13.Ncd4 Qf6 14.Qc1 a5 15.Nxc6 bxc6 16.a4 Rd8**
[16...Qxc3+ 17.Qxc3 Nxc3 18.b5±]
17.Ne5 Threatens to win with Bd3.
17...d4! 18.cxd4
[18.Nxc6? d3 19.Bxd3 Rxd3-+]
18...axb4
[18...Rxd4 19.Qe3 Rxb4 20.g3± *(20.Bd3 Nc3∓)*]
19.Qe3 Nc3 20.Nxc6 0.01/20
[20.Bd3± 0.52/19]
20...Rd5 1.37/20
[20...Bb7!= 0.01/20 21.Nxd8 Rxd8]
21.Bc4± And now 0-0 would win.
[21.Nxb4? Rxd4! 22.Bd3 Rxb4-+]
21...Bd7 22.Ne5
[22.Nxb4? Rxd4! 23.Bd3 Rxb4-+]
22...Bb5 23.Bxd5
[23.Bxb5?! Nxb5 24.Nc6 Nxd4 25.Nxd4 Rxd4=]
23...Nxd5 24.Qd2 1.15/18
[⌓24.Qe4 1.56/20]
24...h6 1.79/20
[24...Nxf4± 1.15/18 was called for. 25.f3 Nd5]
25.f3+-
[25.Qd1 Qxf4 26.Qg4 *(26.axb5 Qe4+ 27.Kd2 Qxd4+ 28.Nd3 Qc3+ 29.Ke2 Rxa1∓)* 26...Qf6±]
25...Qh4+ 26.g3 Qh3



27.Kf2! Ra7 28.c6
[Inferior is 28.axb5 Rxa1 29.Rxa1 Qxh2+ 30.Ke1 Qh1+ 31.Kf2 *(31.Ke2 Qxa1 32.Nc4 Nc3+ 33.Kf2 Nxb5=)* 31...Qh2+ 32.Ke1 Qh1+ 33.Kf2 *(33.Ke2 Qxa1 34.Nd3 Qg1=)* 33...Qh2+=]
28...b3 3.78/20
[⌓28...Ra8 2.30/18 29.c7 Be8]
29.Qc1
[Stronger than 29.axb5 Rxa1 30.c7 *(30.Rxa1 Qxh2+ 31.Ke1 Qg1+*

32.Ke2 Qxa1∓) 30...Rxh1=]
29...Ba6 30.Rb1 Rc7 31.Rxb3 Rc8 32.Nd7 Nc7 6.43/22
[⌓32...h5 4.53/18 33.Nb6 Rc7 34.Nxd5 exd5]
33.Nc5 h5 34.Nxa6 Nxa6 35.Rb5 h4 36.Qf1 Qxf1+ 37.Rxf1 Rxc6 38.gxh4 Endgame KRR-KRN **38...Rc4 39.Ra1 Rxd4 40.Kg3 Rc4 41.a5 Rc8 42.Rb6 Ra8 43.Rc1 Ra7 44.Rcc6 Nc7 45.a6 Nxa6 46.Rxa6 Rb7 47.Rcb6 Rd7 48.Ra8+ Kh7 49.Rba6 Rd1 50.R8a7 Kg6 51.Ra1 Rd8 52.Rb7 Rg8 53.Raa7 f6**

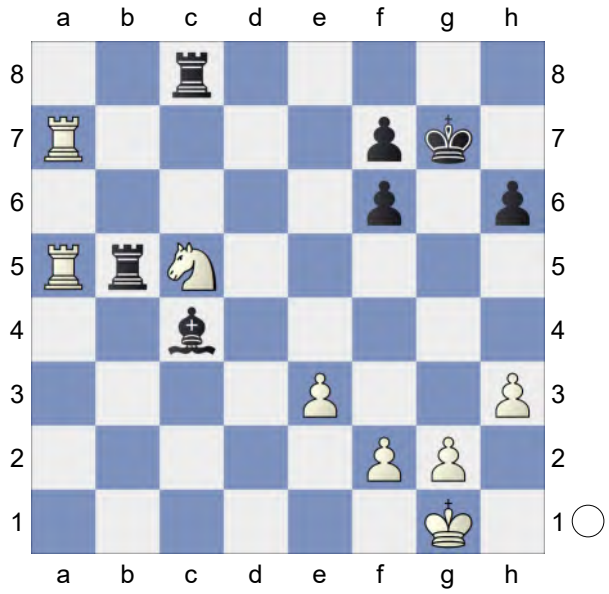


54.Rxg7+!! White mates. **54...Rxg7 55.f5+ exf5 56.Rxg7+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) / Black=0.34
1-0

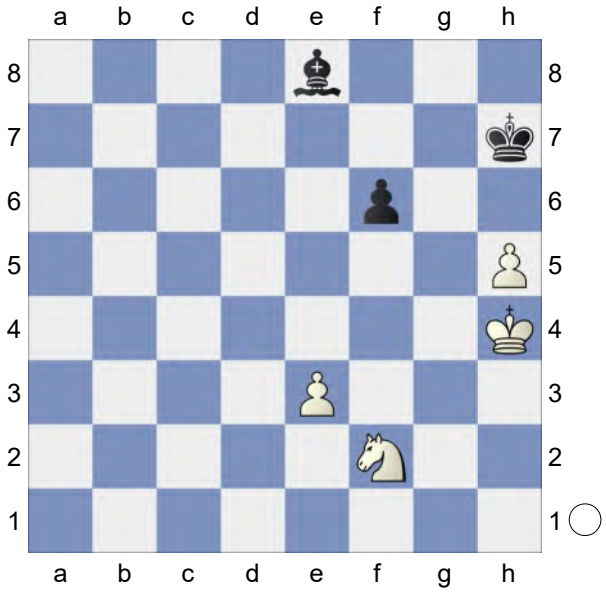
3 **D00**
□ **Konevlad** **3076**
■ **Bananafisher** **2834**
Blitz 02.12.2021
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines A45: Trompowsky Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 c6 6.Nc3 Bb4**
[6...Nc7 7.Nf3 Bd6 8.Ne5 0-0 9.Qf3 Bb4 10.Bd3 Ne4 11.0-0 Bxc3 12.bxc3 f6 13.Nc4 dxc4 14.Bxe4 e5 15.dxe5 fxe5 16.Qh5 g6 17.Bxg6 Qe7 18.Bxe5 Nd5 19.Be4 Nxc3 20.Bxh7+ Qxh7 21.Qg5+ Normal One (2628)-TheRigaMagician (2763) Blitz 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (48)]
7.Bxa6N
[7.Bd3 c5 8.Bxa6 bxa6 9.a3 Ba5 10.dxc5 Ne4 11.Qd4 Qf6 12.Nge2 Nxc3 13.Nxc3 Bxc3+ 14.Qxc3 Qxc3+ 15.bxc3 Bd7 16.Bd6 Ba4 17.Kd2 Kd7 18.Rhb1 Kc6 19.Rb2 Rhd8 20.Rab1 Bb5 21.Rb4 Rxd6 Jr Poison (2652)-Geliochess (2668) Blitz 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (63)]
7...bxa6 8.Nge2 The position is equal.
8...Nh5 9.0-0 Nxf4 10.Nxf4 c5 11.Nd3 Qe7 0.58/18
[11...cxd4= 0.14/20 12.Na4 *(12.Nxb4 dxc3 13.Qd4 cxb2∓; 12.exd4 Bd6=)* 12...Bd6]
12.Nxb4 cxb4 13.Na4 0-0 14.a3 a5 15.Nc5 e5 16.Qd2 Rb8 17.axb4 axb4 18.Ra5 0.57/20
[White should try 18.Ra4!± 0.92/20]
18...exd4 19.Qxd4 Bf5 20.Rfa1 Rfc8 21.c3 bxc3 22.Qxc3 h6 23.h3 Qf6 1.13/23
[23...Rb6± 0.45/19]
24.Qxf6± gxf6 25.b3 Kg7 26.Rd1

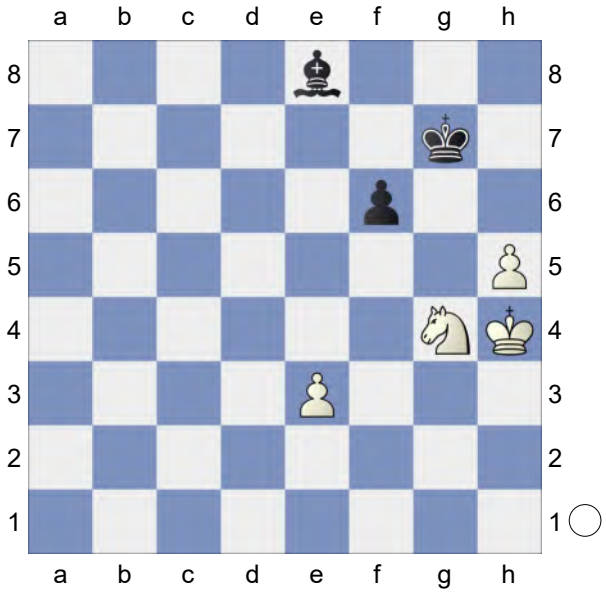
Bc2 1.54/24
[⌓26...Be6 1.14/23 27.Rd4 Rb6 28.Nxe6+ fxe6]
27.Rxd5 Bxb3 28.Rd7 &Bianco is more active. **28...Bc4 29.Rdxa7 Rb5** 1.81/21
[29...Rb1+± 1.01/21 keeps fighting. 30.Kh2 Rb2]



30.Ne6+!+- Kg8 And now ...Rb1+ would win. **31.Rxb5 Bxb5** Endgame KRB-KRN **32.Nf4 Rc5 33.Ra5 Re5 34.Kh2 Bd7** 2.26/23
[34...Bc4 1.71/19 was necessary. 35.Ra4 Rc5]
35.Ra7 Bf5 2.38/24
[⌓35...Bb5 1.82/20 36.Rc7 Kf8]
36.g4 Bg6 37.Kg3 h5 2.01/22
[37...Kg7± 1.53/20 38.Kh4 Re4]
38.gxh5
[Don't do 38.Nxh5 Bxh5 39.gxh5 Rxh5]
38...Bxh5 39.Rd7 Threatens to win with Rd5. **39...Bg6 40.h4 Kg7 41.Rd5** aiming for Rxe5. **41...Be4 42.Rxe5** 0.62/24
[42.Rd6± 1.36/22]
42...fxe5± KB-KN **43.Ne2 Kg6 44.Nc3 Bc6 45.f4** 0.36/27
[45.e4± 0.73/23]
45...exf4+± 46.Kxf4 Kh5 47.Kg3 Kg6 48.Ne2 Be4 49.Kg4 Bf5+ 50.Kf4 h5+! is the strong threat. **50...Bc8 51.Ng3 Bd7 52.Ke5 f6+ 53.Kf4 Bc8 54.Ne4 Bd7 55.h5+ Kg7 56.Kg3 Bc6 57.Nf2** 0.00/29
[57.Nc5± 0.37/27]
57...Be8 58.Kh4 Kh7? 4.63/32
[58...Bc6= 0.01/30 and Black stays safe.]



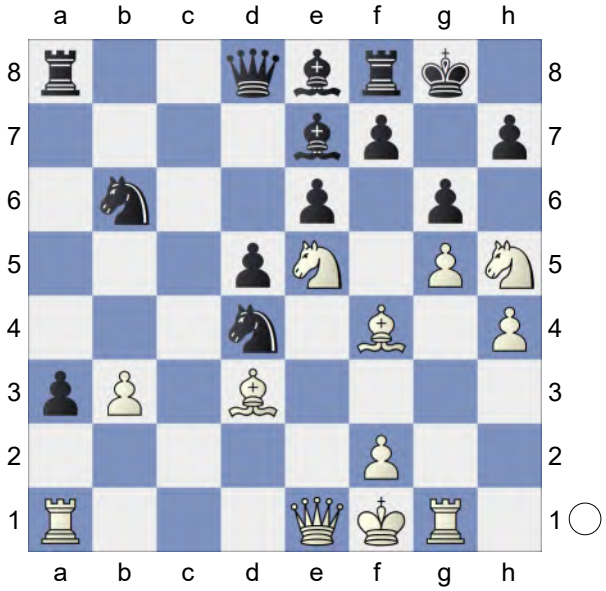
59.Ng4!+- Kg7



60.h6+! Kh8 #22/26
[60...Kg6+- 4.13/40 61.h7 Kg7]
61.Nxf6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.37
1-0

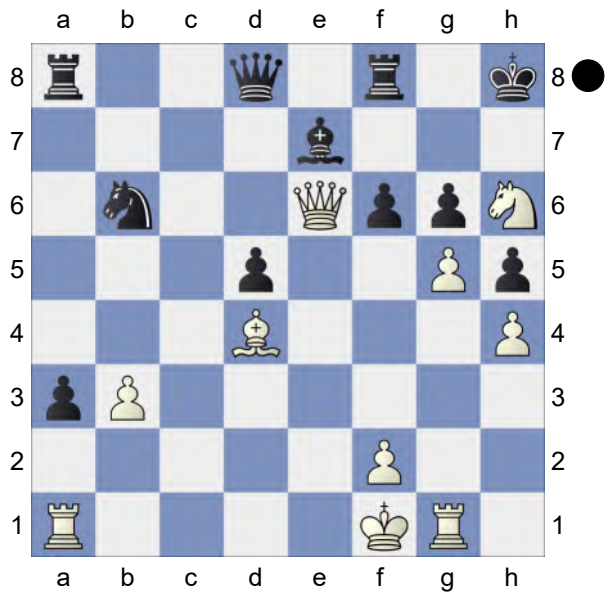
4 **D00**
□ **Torombot** **3075**
■ **Caissa,X** **3054**
Rapid 11.07.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min+1sec D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.Nc3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.g4 Bb4 6.Nge2 0-0 7.a3 Be7 8.g5** The position is equal. **8...Nfd7**
[8...Nh5 9.h4 Nxf4 *(9...Nd7 10.Bh2 b5 11.Bh3 g6 12.Bg4 Ng7 13.Nf4 c5 14.Qf3 Qa5 15.h5 cxd4 16.hxg6 dxc3 17.b4 Qb6 18.Qh3 fxg6 19.Nxg6 hxg6 20.Bc7 Bxg5 21.Bxb6 Nxb6 22.Qh7+ Kf7 23.f4 Bf6 24.Rh6* Torombot (3072)-Aks Mantissa (2803) Rapid 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (53)*)* 10.Nxf4 c5 11.Bd3 f5 12.gxf6 Rxf6 13.dxc5 Nd7 14.Na4 Rh6 15.b4 Kh8 16.c4 a5 17.Be2 Bxh4 18.cxd5 exd5 19.Qxd5 axb4 20.axb4 Qe8 21.Nh5 Nf6 22.Qd4 Bg4 23.Rxh4 Torombot (3013)-Caissa,X (3007) Rapid 2024 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (35)]
9.h4N
[9.e4 Bxg5 10.Rg1 Bxf4 11.Nxf4 Qh4 12.Qf3 Nc6 13.0-0-0 #13/16 5) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 a6-3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6]
9...c5 10.Ng1 b5 11.Nf3 cxd4 12.exd4 Nc6 13.Ne2 Nb6 14.b3 Against Nc4 **14...Bd7 15.Rg1** -0.03/16
[⌓15.h5 0.28/17]
15...a5 16.Ng3 a4 Strongly threatening ...b4. **17.Bd3** -0.83/18
[17.Bxb5= -0.06/19 axb3 18.cxb3]
17...b4∓ 18.Nh5 -1.53/18
[⌓18.axb4 -0.99/16 Nxb4 19.bxa4]
18...g6
[18...bxa3 19.Nf6+ Bxf6 20.gxf6±]
19.Ne5 bxa3
[19...Nxd4 20.Be3! Nf5 21.Bxb6±]
20.Kf1 Be8
[20...Nxd4 21.Be3! axb3 22.cxb3 Nxb3 23.Qxb3∓]
[20...axb3 21.cxb3 Be8 22.Qe1]
21.Qe1 axb3
[21...gxh5? 22.Nxc6 Bxc6 23.Qd1+-]
[21...Nxd4 22.Ng4 Nf3 23.Qe2 axb3 24.cxb3±]
22.cxb3 Nxd4 0.01/20
[22...gxh5? 23.Nxc6 Bxc6 24.Qd1+-]
[22...Nb4∓ -1.00/18 23.Nf6+ Kh8]

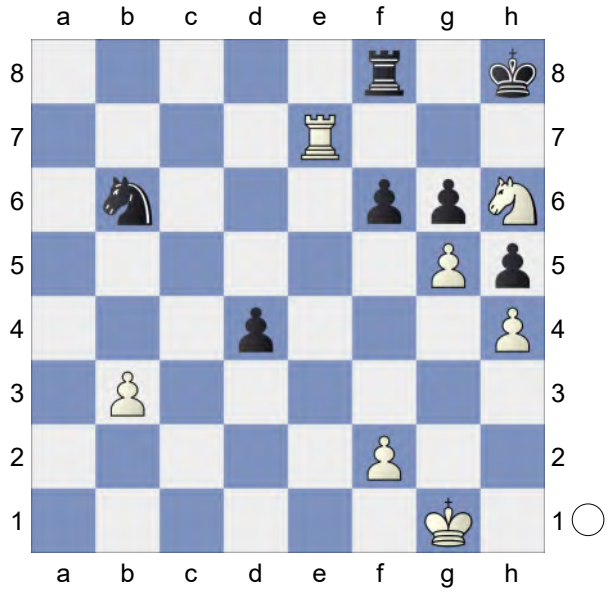


23.Ng4!= gxh5 24.Nh6+ Kh8 25.Be5+ f6 26.Bxd4 Bg6 27.Bxg6→ White mounts an attack. **27...hxg6 28.Qxe6**

(Diagram)



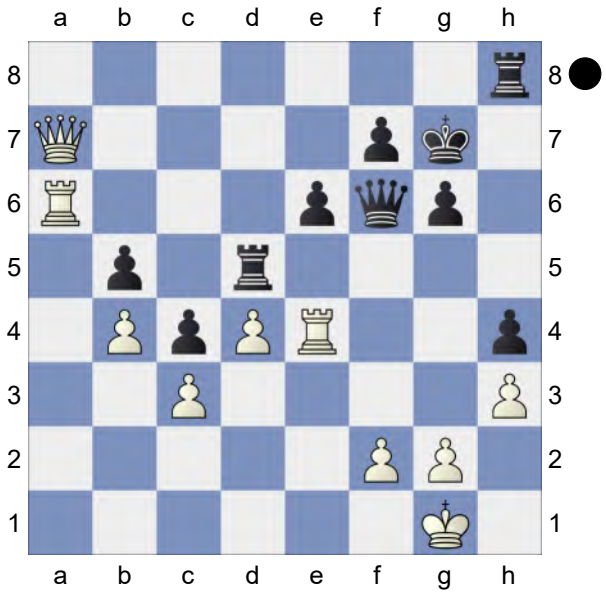
Qd7! 29.Re1
[29.Qxb6 Rab8]
29...a2 0.76/23 **30.Qxe7±** Really sharp! **30...Qxe7 31.Rxe7 a1Q+ 32.Bxa1** Active counter play! **32...Rxa1+ 33.Kg2 Rxg1+ 34.Kxg1 d4** 1.16/23
[34...fxg5± 0.49/22 35.Nf7+ Kg8 36.Nxg5 Rf6]



35.Nf7+ -0.01/29 Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.14 (very precise)
[White should play 35.Re4!± 1.16/23]
½-½

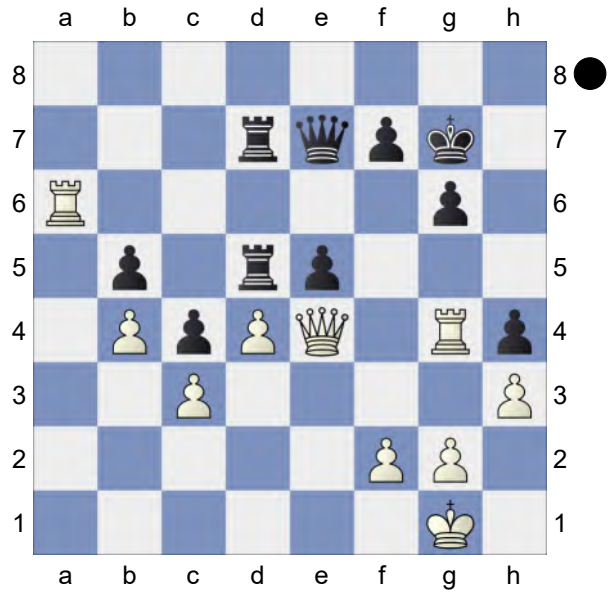
5 **D00**
□ **Torombot** **3073**
■ **Petersbot** **3013**
Rapid 30.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.Nc3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.Be2 c6 8.Nc3 Nb8 9.h3 b6 10.0-0 Bb7 11.Nb1 c5 12.Nbd2 Nc6 13.Rc1 Rc8 14.c3 Bd6 15.a3 h6 16.Bxd6 Qxd6 17.Bb5 Rfd8 18.Qe2 g6 19.Rfe1 Kg7 20.Ba4 Qe7 21.b4 h5 22.Nb3 c4 23.Nbd2 a5 24.Bc2 Na7 25.e4 dxe4 26.Nxe4 axb4 27.axb4 Nb5 28.Ne5 Nxe4 29.Bxe4 Bd5 30.Qd2 Nc7 31.Nc6 Bxc6 The position is equal. **32.Bxc6 Nd5 33.Bxd5 Rxd5 34.Ra1 h4 35.Re4 Rh8 36.Qa2 b5 37.Qa7 Qf6 38.Ra6**



Threatens to win with Rexe6. **38...Re8 39.Qc7 Re7 40.Qb8** And now Ra8 would win. **40...Red7! 41.Rg4 Qe7**

42.Qf4 e5 43.Qe4



White wants to mate with Raxg6+!
43...g5 ...exd4 is the strong threat.
44.Rxh4! gxh4 45.Qg4+ Kh7! 46.Qh5+ Kg7! 47.Qg4+ Kh7! 48.Qh5+ Kg7!
[48...Kg8? 49.Rh6 Kg7 50.Rh8+-]
49.Qg4+ A balanced but interesting game. Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless)
49...Kf8? 50.Rh6 Qd6 51.Qg5
[51.Rxd6 R7xd6 52.dxe5 Rxe5±]
[51.Qxh4 exd4 52.Rxd6 R7xd6±]
51...Qxh6 52.Qxh6+ Ke7 53.Qxh4+ Ke6 54.Qg4+
[54.Qe4+-]
54...Ke7 55.Qg5+ f6 56.Qg7+ Ke6 57.Qg8+ Ke7 58.Qg7+ Ke6 59.Qg8+ Ke7 60.dxe5 Rxe5 61.f4+-
½-½

6 **D00**
□ **Torombot** **3072**
■ **Aks Mantissa** **2803**
Rapid 13.06.2024
[Kitty Kat]

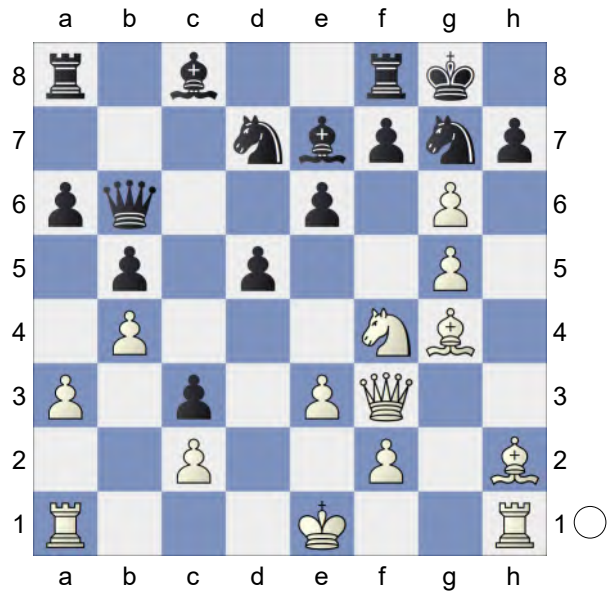
Blitz 8min+1sec D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.Nc3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.g4 Bb4 6.Nge2 0-0 7.a3 Be7 8.g5** The position is equal. **8...Nh5 9.h4 Nd7**
[9...c5 10.Bxb8 *(10.Bh2 Nc6 11.Bg2 g6 12.Bf3 Ng7 13.Bf4 Bd6 14.Qd2 e5 15.dxe5 Nxe5 16.Bxd5 Bg4 17.0-0-0 Qe7 18.f3 Nxf3 19.Bxf3 Bxf4 20.Nd5 Qe6 21.Nexf4 Qf5 22.Bxg4* 1-0 (22) Fiorito,J (2404)-Womacka,M (2359) Chess.com INT 2024 *)* 10...Rxb8 11.dxc5 Bxc5 12.Nd4 Bxd4 13.Qxd4 g6 14.Be2 Ng7 15.0-0-0 Qc7 16.h5 b5 17.h6 Nf5 18.Qf6 Qe7 19.Qe5 Qd6 20.Qxd6 Nxd6 21.e4 b4 22.axb4 Rxb4 23.exd5 Bb7 24.dxe6 Carlsen,M (2876)-Sjugirov,S (2662) chess24.com INT 2020 1-0 (44)]
10.Bh2N
[10.Bg2 Nxf4 11.Nxf4 c5 12.Qd2 Nb6 13.b3 cxd4 14.exd4 Bd7 15.Nd3 Nc8 16.f4 Nd6 17.Ne2 Rc8 18.h5 Qc7 19.Ra2 h6 20.gxh6 gxh6 21.Bf3 Kh8 22.Ne5 Bb5 23.Ng3 Rg8 24.Kf2 Qd8 Terrieux,K (2448)-Delorme,A (2322) Europe Echecs INT 2020 0-1 (38)]
10...b5 11.Bh3 g6 12.Bg4 Ng7! 13.Nf4 c5 14.Qf3 Qa5 15.h5 -0.56/20
[Better is 15.0-0= -0.06/19 Qd8 16.Nd3]
15...cxd4 0.57/20
[15...Bxg5 16.hxg6 cxd4 17.gxh7+ Kh8 18.exd4±]
[15...b4!∓ -0.56/20 16.Ncxd5 exd5

17.Nxd5 Bxg5]

16.hxg6!± dxc3 1.85/23

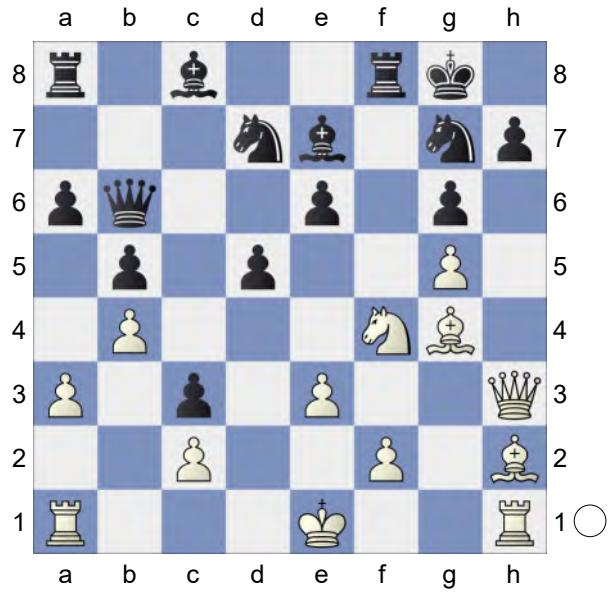
[Black should play 16...fxg6± 0.66/21 17.Qh3 dxc3]

17.b4!+- Qb6



18.Qh3! fxg6

[18...hxg6 19.Bg3]



19.Nxg6! hxg6 20.Bc7!→ White goes for the king. **20...Bxg5** 2.31/29

[⌓20...Qc6 1.85/26 21.Qh7+ Kf7]

21.Bxb6 Nxb6 22.Qh7+

[22.f4?! Bf6±]

22...Kf7 Strongly threatening ...Bd7.

23.f4 Bf6 24.Rh6 Bd7 25.e4

[25.Rxg6 Rh8 26.Rxg7+ Bxg7∓]

[25.Qxg6+ Ke7]

25...dxe4 26.0-0-0

[26.Rxg6 Rh8 27.Rxf6+ Kxf6=]

[26.Qxg6+?! Ke7±]

26...Rad8 27.Qxg6+ Ke7 28.Rh7

The board is on fire.

[28.Qxe4 Nc4±]

28...Rf7 4.55/21

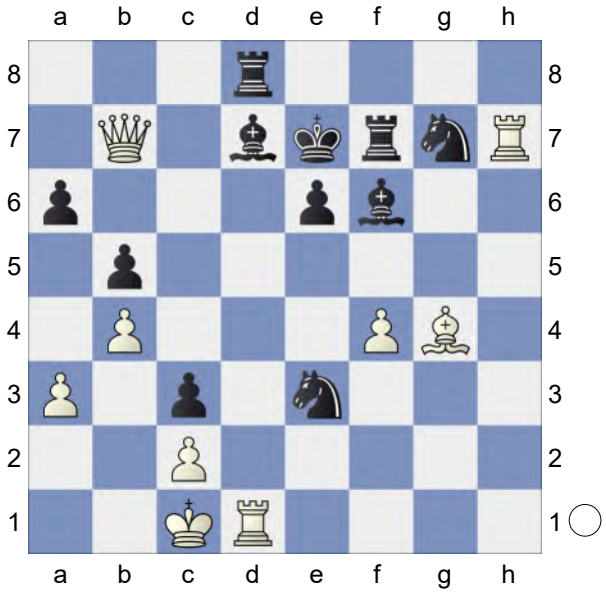
[28...Rg8 1.82/26 29.Qxe4 Bc8 30.Rxd8 Kxd8]

29.Qxe4 Nc4 Against Qe3 **30.Qb7**

[30.Qg6 Nd2±]

30...Nd2

[30...Ne3?



31.Qa7! *(31.Bxe6 Nxd1 32.Bxf7 Kxf7∓)* 31...Ke8 32.Qxe3]

31.Qa7 Qc5+ would kill now. **31...Rc8** 6.61/26 Prevents Qc5+.

[⌓31...Rg8 4.11/25 32.Rg1 Rgf8]

32.Bh5

[Worse is 32.Bxe6 Kxe6 33.Re1+ *(33.Rxg7? Rxg7 34.Qxa6+ Kf5-+)* 33...Kf5=]

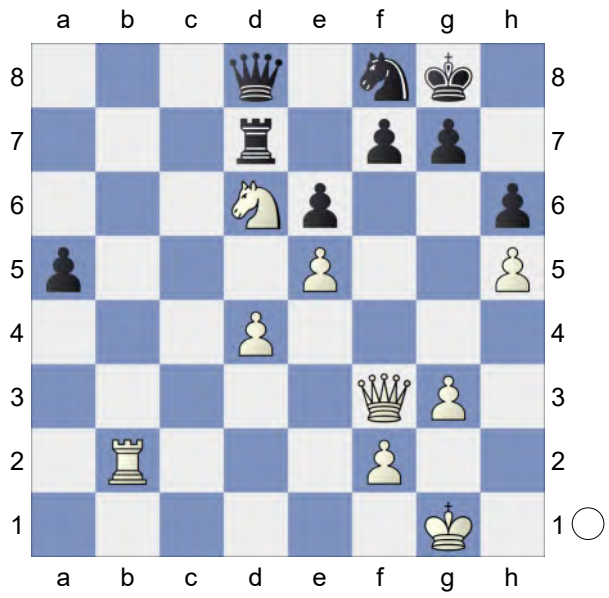
32...Rff8 33.Rg1 Rg8 34.Rg6 Ne4 35.Qg1 Kf8 36.Bf3 Be8 37.Bxe4

Bxg6 38.Bxg6 Be7 39.Qa7 Rd8 40.Kb1 Rd6 41.Ka2 Rd2 42.Qa8+ Bd8 43.Qb7 Be7 44.Qc6 Rd8 45.Qxa6 Bd6 46.Qa7 Be7 47.Qb7 Rd5 48.f5 Intending f6! and mate. **48...Rd2 49.fxe6** White mates. **49...Rd3 50.Bxd3 Ke8 51.Bxb5+ Kf8 52.Qf3+ Bf6 53.Qxf6#** Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.96
1-0

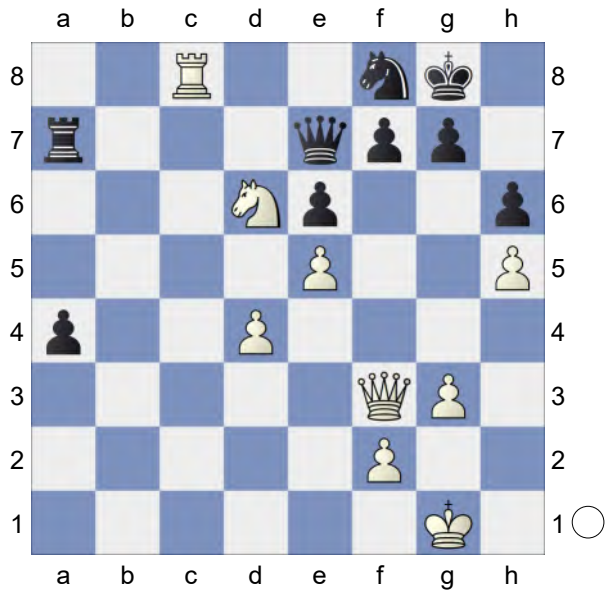
7 **D00**
□ **Torombot** **3072**
■ **Odonata** **2734**
Rapid 15.07.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min+1sec D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines Richard Palliser,MH: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines ' **1.Nc3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Bb4+ 5.c3 Ba5 6.e3 a6 7.Na3 0-0 8.Nf3** The position is equal. **8...Nbd7**
[8...c5 9.dxc5 Bc7 10.b4 Bxf4 11.exf4 Nc6 12.Nc2 Ne4 13.Ncd4 Qf6 14.Qc1 a5 15.Nxc6 bxc6 16.a4 Rd8 17.Ne5 d4 18.cxd4 axb4 19.Qe3 Nc3 20.Nxc6 Rd5 21.Bc4 Bd7 22.Ne5 Bb5 23.Bxd5 Torombot (3080)-Patriciabot (2864) Rapid 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (56)]
9.Be2
[9.Nb1 c6 10.Nbd2 Bc7 11.Bd3 c5 12.Ne5 Re8 13.h4 Nxe5 14.dxe5 Nd7 15.Nf3 Nf8 16.h5 b5 17.h6 g6 18.Nh2 f5 19.Nf3 Bb7 20.Qe2 Qd7 21.Rg1 Kh8 22.g4 Rac8 23.Rd1 Bd8 Banzea,A (2394)-Szpar,M (2491) chess.com INT 2024 The Week in Chess 1522 [Mon Hokmome] 0-1 (40)]
9...c6N
[9...Ne4 10.Nb1 g5 11.Bg3 h5 12.Bd3 Qe7 13.Bxe4 dxe4 14.Nfd2 h4 15.Bxh4 f5 16.Bg3 b5 17.h4 f4 18.Bh2 e5 19.hxg5 Qxg5 20.Qb3+ Rf7 21.exf4 exf4 22.Nxe4 Qg6 23.Nbd2 Bb7 24.f3 Niemann,H (2642)-Anton Guijarro,D (2694) Charity Cup (rapid) 2022 [Richard Palliser] 1-0]
[9...Qe7]
10.0-0 Bc7 11.c4 Bxf4 12.exf4 Qc7 13.Ne5 b6 14.Qd2 Bb7 15.Rac1 Rfd8 16.b4 c5 17.cxd5 Bxd5 18.Rfd1 Nxe5 19.fxe5 Nd7 20.h4 h6 21.Qf4 Nf8 22.bxc5 bxc5 23.Rxc5 Ng6 24.Qc1
[But not 24.Rxc7 Nxf4 25.Bf1 Bxa2=]
24...Qe7 25.g3 Bxa2 26.h5
[26.Qc3 is more complex. Qb7 27.Ra1 Bd5 28.h5]
26...Nf8 27.Qc3 Nd7 0.96/20
[27...Bd5± 0.50/18]
28.Rc7± Qg5 29.Rd2
[Don't play 29.Qf3?! Bd5 30.Qd3 Rac8 31.Rxc8 Rxc8=]
29...Bd5 30.Rb2 Nf8 31.Nc4↑ Strongly threatening Nb6. White is on the roll. **31...Rac8 32.Nd6 Rxc7 33.Qxc7** Dancing on a razor blade. **33...Rd7 34.Qc3 Qd8** Prevents Rb8. **35.Bf3** 0x0.0010f922457fdp-1022s more active pieces. **35...Bxf3 36.Qxf3 a5** 2.05/20
[36...f6± 1.18/21 37.Rc2 Qb6]

(Diagram)



37.Rc2!+- a4 38.Rc4 Ra7 3.10/23
[38...Qe7 2.16/21 might work better. 39.Rxa4 Rd8]
39.Rc8 Qe7

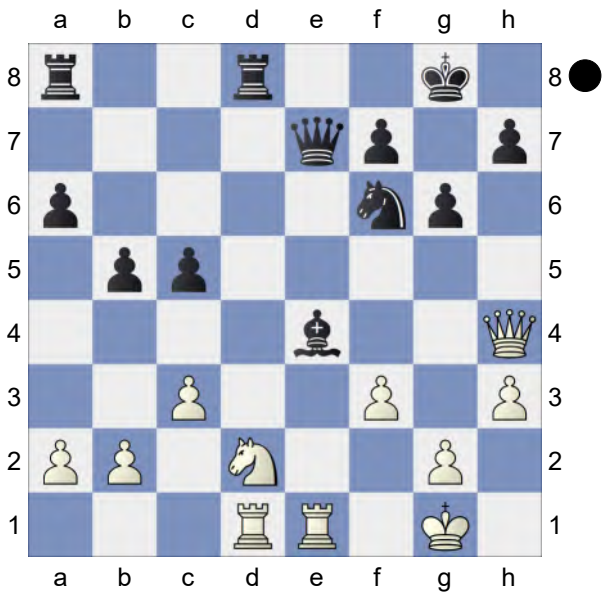


40.Qa3! Rc7? 8.83/23
[40...Ra6 3.28/19 41.Kh2 f5]
41.Re8 Qd7 42.Qb2 a3 43.Qxa3 Ra7 44.Qb2 Qc7 45.Rc8 Qxc8 46.Nxc8 Rd7 47.Qb8 f6 48.Nd6 Re7 Inhibits Qe8. **49.Qd8 Rd7 50.Qe8 fxe5 51.dxe5** White wants to mate with f4. **51...Rc7 52.f4** White threatens Kh2 and mate. **52...Rc1+ 53.Kh2** White mates. **53...Rc7 54.f5 g5 55.hxg6 exf5 56.e6 Kg7 57.e7 Rc2+ 58.Kh3 Rh2+ 59.Kxh2 Nxg6 60.Qf7+ Kh8 61.e8Q+ Nf8 62.Qexf8#** Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.56
1-0

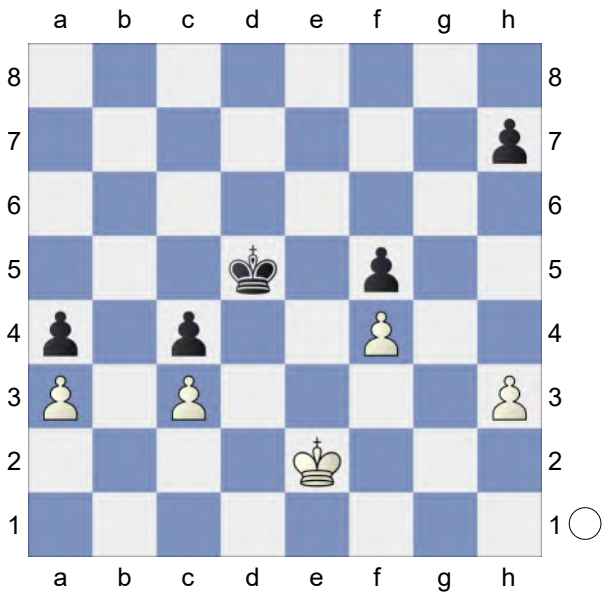
8 **D00**
□ **Torombot** **3071**
■ **Nikitosik Ai** **3021**
Rapid 13.06.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min+1sec D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.Nc3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.Be2 c6 8.Nc3 Nb8 9.h3 b6 10.0-0 Bb7 11.Nb1 c5 12.c3N**
[12.Nbd2 Nc6 13.Rc1 c4 *(13...Rc8 14.c3 Bd6 15.a3 h6 16.Bxd6 Qxd6 17.Bb5 Rfd8 18.Qe2 g6 19.Rfe1 Kg7 20.Ba4 Qe7 21.b4 h5 22.Nb3 c4 23.Nbd2 a5 24.Bc2 Na7 25.e4 dxe4 26.Nxe4 axb4 27.axb4 Nb5 28.Ne5* Torombot (3073)-Petersbot (3013) Rapid 2024 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (49) *)* 14.c3 b5 15.b3 Bd6 16.Bxd6 Qxd6 17.Qc2 h6 18.Rb1 Qc7 19.Rb2 Rfd8 20.a4 a6 21.Rfb1 Rab8 22.Nh2 Ne7 23.axb5 axb5 24.bxc4 bxc4 25.Ng4 Nd7 26.e4 dxe4 Torombot (3021)-Nikitosik Ai (2970) Rapid 2024 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (55)]
12...Nc6 13.Nbd2 Bd6 14.Bxd6 Qxd6 15.Re1 Rfd8 16.Bb5 Nd7 17.Qe2 a6 18.Ba4 e5 19.dxe5 Ncxe5 20.Rad1 Nxf3+ 21.Qxf3 b5 22.Bc2 The position is equal. **22...g6 23.Qg4 Qe7 24.e4 Nf6 25.Qh4 dxe4 26.Bxe4 Bxe4 27.f3**

(Diagram)



Kg7! 28.Nxe4
[28.fxe4 looks sharper. Rd7 29.e5 Nh5 30.Qxe7 Rxe7 31.Nf3]
28...Rxd1 29.Rxd1 Rd8 Prevents Rd6. **30.Rxd8 Qxd8 31.Qxf6+**
[31.Qg5 keeps more tension. Qd1+ 32.Kh2 Nxe4 33.fxe4 Qd6+ 34.e5]
31...Qxf6 32.Nxf6 Kxf6= Endgame KP-KP **33.Kf2 Ke5 34.Ke3 g5 35.g3! c4 36.f4+ gxf4+ 37.gxf4+ Kd5 38.Kf3 f5 39.Ke3 Kc5 40.Ke2 b4 41.Ke3 a5 42.a3 bxa3 43.bxa3 a4 44.Ke2 Kd5**



And now ...Ke4 would win. **45.Kf3 Kc5 46.Kf2 Kc6 47.Ke3** Black must now prevent Kd4. **47...Kd5 48.Kf3 Kc5 49.Ke3 Kd5 50.Kf3** A balanced but interesting game. Weighted Error Value: White=0.01 (flawless) /Black=0.01 (flawless)
½-½

9 **D00**
□ **Torombot** **3067**
■ **Pawn Git** **2818**
Rapid 11.07.2024
[Kitty Kat]

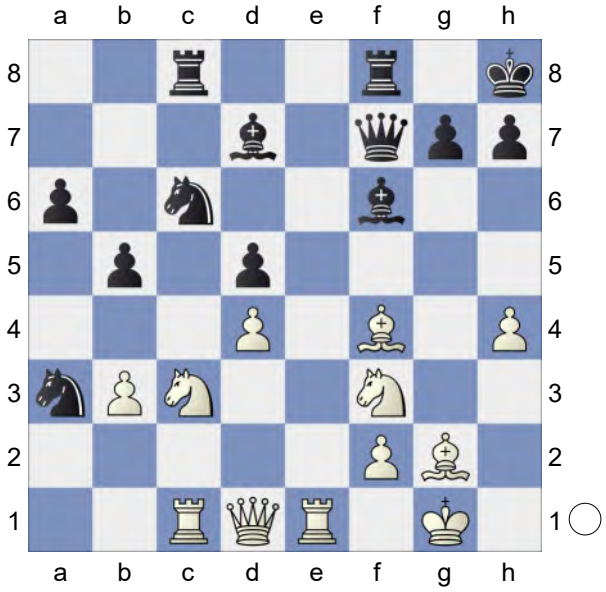
Blitz 8min+1sec D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.Nc3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.g4 Bb4 6.Nge2 0-0 7.a3 Be7 8.g5** The position is equal. **8...Nfd7**
[8...Nh5 9.h4 Nxf4 *(9...Nd7 10.Bh2 b5 11.Bh3 g6 12.Bg4 Ng7 13.Nf4 c5 14.Qf3 Qa5 15.h5 cxd4 16.hxg6 dxc3 17.b4 Qb6 18.Qh3 fxg6 19.Nxg6 hxg6 20.Bc7 Bxg5 21.Bxb6 Nxb6 22.Qh7+ Kf7 23.f4 Bf6 24.Rh6* Torombot (3072)-Aks Mantissa (2803) Rapid 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (53)*)* 10.Nxf4 c5 11.Bd3 f5 12.gxf6 Rxf6 13.dxc5 Nd7 14.Na4 Rh6 15.b4 Kh8 16.c4 a5 17.Be2 Bxh4 18.cxd5 exd5 19.Qxd5 axb4 20.axb4 Qe8 21.Nh5 Nf6 22.Qd4 Bg4 23.Rxh4 Torombot (3013)-Caissa,X (3007) Rapid 2024 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (35)]
9.h4N
[9.e4 Bxg5 10.Rg1 Bxf4 11.Nxf4 Qh4 12.Qf3 Nc6 13.0-0-0 #13/16 5) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 a6-3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6]
9...c5 10.Ng1 b5 11.Nf3 Nc6 12.Ne2 f6 13.Bg2 Nb6 14.gxf6 Bxf6 15.c3 cxd4

[15...c4 is more complex. 16.Qc2 Qe7 17.h5 a5]

16.cxd4 Qe7 17.0-0 Bd7 18.Rc1 Nc4 19.b3 Nxa3 20.e4 Rac8

[Don't do 20...dxe4 21.Ng5±]

21.exd5 exd5 22.Re1! Kh8 23.Nc3! Qf7



24.Nxd5! Qxd5 25.Ne5 Bxe5 26.Bxd5 Bxf4 27.Rc5 And now Be6 would win.

27...Bd6 This bishop pair is nice.

28.Be4! h6 0.49/21

[28...Bxc5? 29.Qh5 h6 30.Qg6+-]

[28...Ne7= 0.01/22 was preferrable.]

29.Qh5!± Ne7 Inhibits Qg6. Strongly threatening ...Rcd8.

[29...Nxd4? 30.Rxc8 Rxc8 31.Qg6+-]

[29...Bxc5? 30.Qg6 Kg8 31.dxc5+-]

30.Rxc8 Chess con chili. **30...Bxc8**

[Not 30...Rxc8 31.Qf7 Rd8 32.Bd5 Nxd5 33.Qxd5+-]

31.Re3! Be6 1.53/24

[⌓31...b4 1.13/22]

32.Rf3!± White has strong compensation. **32...Rd8**

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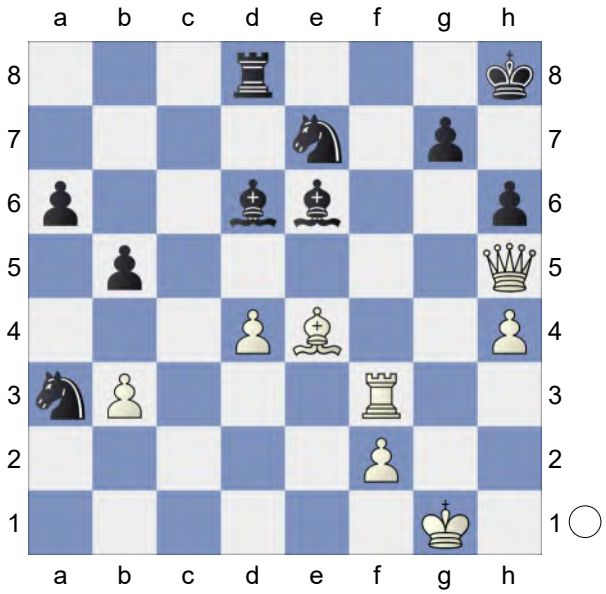
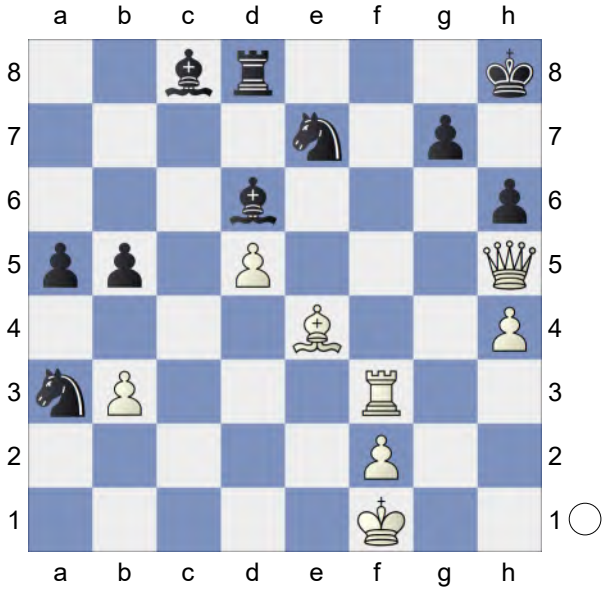


33.Kf1! a5 1.28/22

[33...Bg8!= 0.01/22 remains equal.]

34.d5 Bc8 1.75/21

[34...Bd7± 0.80/22]



35.Qf7!→ Hoping for Rg3! White attacks with force. **35...Bd7?** 5.30/22

[35...a4± 1.42/20 is a better chance.]

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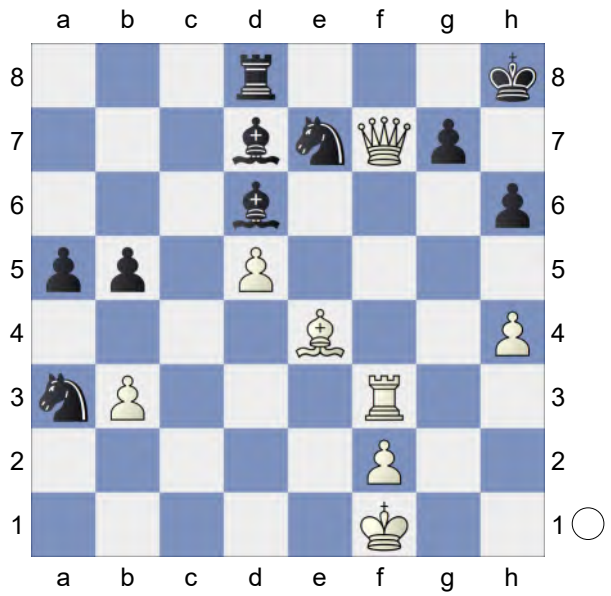
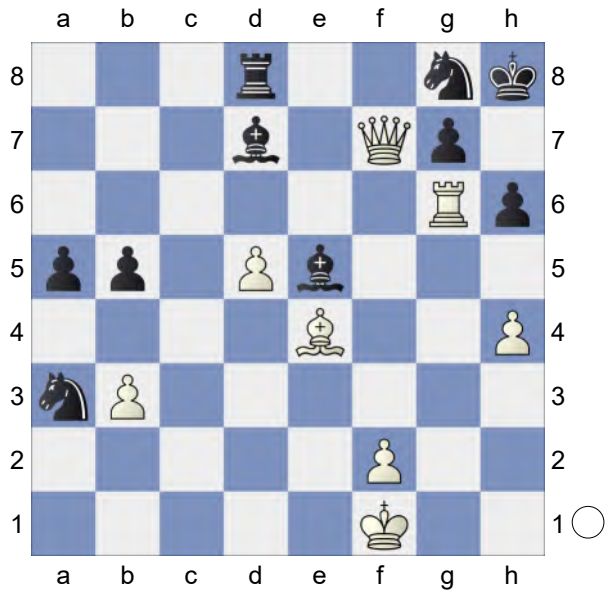


Black cannot hold the game after this.
36.Rf6!! Threatening mate with Rxh6+!
36...Ng8 37.Rg6 Be5

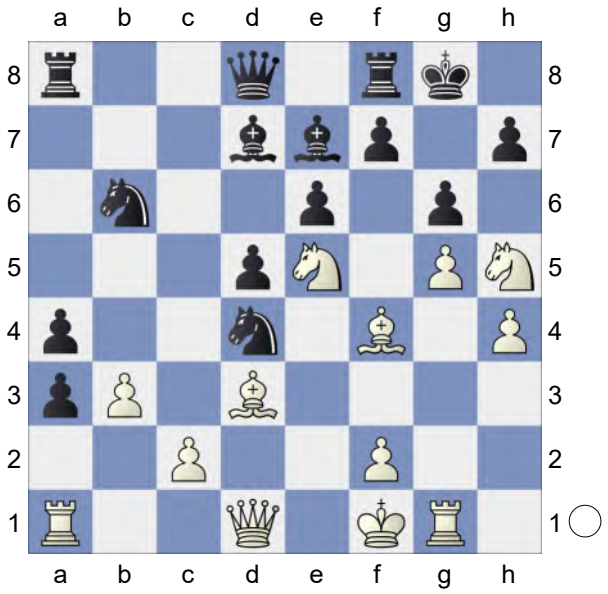


38.Rg5!! hxg5 39.hxg5 Nb1 40.Bxb1 Intending Qg6 and mate. **40...Bh3+ 41.Kg1** White wants to mate with Qg6. **41...g6 42.Qxg6 Rd7** Against Qh7+ **43.Qh5+ Kg7 44.Qxh3 Rf7 45.Qe3 Bf4 46.Qd4+ Kf8 47.Qc5+ Ne7 48.d6 Rg7 49.g6** d7 would kill now. **49...Ke8 50.dxe7 a4 51.Bd3 Bd6 52.Qxd6 Rxe7 53.Bxb5+** White mates. **53...Kf8 54.Qf6+ Kg8 55.Bc4+ Rf7 56.Qxf7+ Kh8 57.Qf6#** Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.40
1-0

10 **D00**
□ **Torombot** **3066**
■ **Caissa,X** **3048**
Rapid 14.06.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min+1sec D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.Nc3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.g4 Bb4 6.Nge2 0-0 7.a3 Be7 8.g5 Nfd7**
[8...Nh5 9.h4 Nxf4 *(9...Nd7 10.Bh2 b5 11.Bh3 g6 12.Bg4 Ng7 13.Nf4 c5 14.Qf3 Qa5 15.h5 cxd4 16.hxg6 dxc3 17.b4 Qb6 18.Qh3 fxg6 19.Nxg6 hxg6 20.Bc7 Bxg5 21.Bxb6 Nxb6 22.Qh7+ Kf7 23.f4 Bf6 24.Rh6* Torombot (3072)-Aks Mantissa (2803) Rapid 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (53)*)* 10.Nxf4 c5 11.Bd3 f5 12.gxf6 Rxf6 13.dxc5 Nd7 14.Na4 Rh6 15.b4 Kh8 16.c4 a5 17.Be2 Bxh4 18.cxd5 exd5 19.Qxd5 axb4 20.axb4 Qe8 21.Nh5 Nf6 22.Qd4 Bg4 23.Rxh4 Torombot (3013)-Caissa,X (3007) Rapid 2024 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (35)]
9.h4N
[9.e4 Bxg5 10.Rg1 Bxf4 11.Nxf4 Qh4 12.Qf3 Nc6 13.0-0-0 #13/16 5) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 a6-3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6]
9...c5 10.Ng1 Nc6 11.Nf3 Against e5 **11...cxd4 12.exd4 b5 13.Ne2 Nb6 14.b3** Prevents Nc4.
[14.h5 is interesting. Nc4 15.h6 g6 16.Qc1]
14...Bd7 15.Rg1 -0.07/18
[15.h5 0.29/17 was preferrable.]

15...a5 16.Ng3 a4 17.Bd3 -0.49/19
[17.Bxb5= 0.00/18 axb3 18.cxb3]
17...b4∓ 18.Ne5 g6 Inhibits Qh5.
19.Nh5 -1.04/19 **bxa3∓**
[19...Nxd4 20.Be3! Nf5 21.Bxb6±]
20.Kf1 axb3
[20...Nxd4

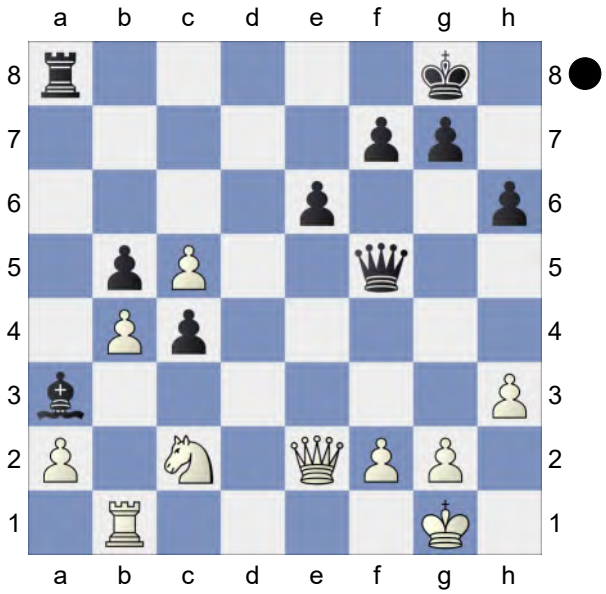


21.Be3! axb3 22.cxb3 Nxb3 23.Qxb3∓]
21.cxb3 Be8 -1.01/19
[21...Nxd4?! 22.Be3 Nxb3 23.Qxb3∓]
[⌓21...a2 -1.34/18 22.Ng4 Kh8]
22.Qe1 Nxc6 is the strong threat.
22...Nxd4 -0.01/18
[22...gxh5? 23.Nxc6 Bxc6 24.Qd1+-]
[Black should try 22...Nb4∓ -1.04/19 23.Nf6+ Kh8]
23.Ng4!= gxh5 24.Nh6+ Kh8 25.Be5+ f6 26.Bxd4 Really sharp! **26...Bg6 27.Bxg6 hxg6 28.Qxe6** &Bianco is more active. **28...Qd7! 29.Qxb6**
[29.Re1!? Qxe6 30.Rxe6=]
29...Rab8 0.49/23
[29...Qh3+= -0.01/19 30.Rg2 Qh1+ 31.Rg1 Qh3+ 32.Rg2 Qh1+ 33.Rg1 Qh3+]
30.Qa7±
[Don't go for 30.Nf7+? Kh7 31.Qa6 Qh3+ 32.Rg2 *(32.Ke2? Rxf7 33.Qd3 Qxd3+ 34.Kxd3 fxg5-+)* 32...Rxf7 33.gxf6 Bd8-+]
30...Qxa7 31.Bxa7 Rxb3 32.Re1 Rb7 33.Bd4 Hoping for Kg2. **33...Kh7** And now ...a2 would win. **34.Rg3!** Threatens to win with Rxe7+! **34...fxg5 35.hxg5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.14 (very precise)
½-½

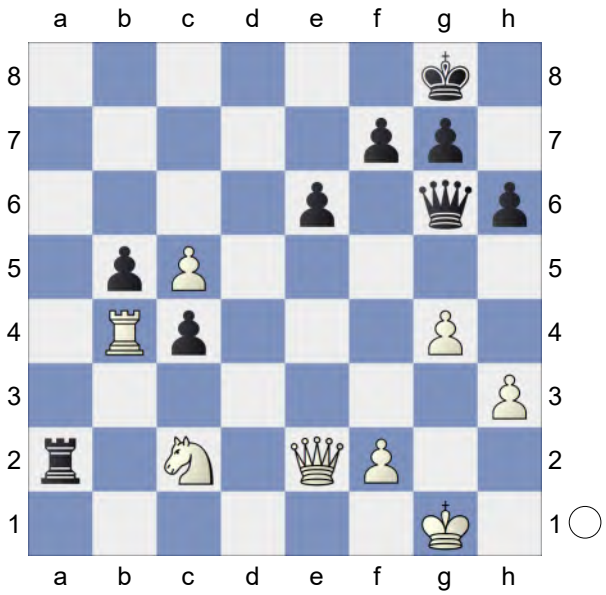
11 **D00**
□ **Torombot** **3062**
■ **Arasanx** **3028**
Rapid 11.07.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min+1sec D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.Nc3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.Be2 c6 8.Nc3** The position is equal. **8...Nb8 9.h3 b6 10.0-0 Bb7 11.Nb1 c5 12.Nbd2 Nc6 13.Rc1 c4**
[13...Rc8 14.c3 Bd6 15.a3 h6 16.Bxd6 Qxd6 17.Bb5 Rfd8 18.Qe2 g6 19.Rfe1 Kg7 20.Ba4 Qe7 21.b4 h5 22.Nb3 c4 23.Nbd2 a5 24.Bc2 Na7 25.e4 dxe4 26.Nxe4 axb4 27.axb4 Nb5 28.Ne5 Torombot (3073)-Petersbot (3013) Rapid 2024 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (49)]
14.c3 b5 15.Qc2N
[15.b3 Bd6 16.Bxd6 Qxd6 17.Qc2 h6 18.Rb1 Qc7 19.Rb2 Rfd8 20.a4 a6 21.Rfb1 Rab8 22.Nh2 Ne7 23.axb5 axb5 24.bxc4 bxc4 25.Ng4 Nd7 26.e4 dxe4 27.Bxc4 Bd5 28.Rxb8 Rxb8 29.Rxb8+ Qxb8 Torombot (3021)-Nikitosik Ai (2970) Rapid 2024 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (55)]

15...a6 16.b3 Ba3 17.Rb1 Na5 18.Rfe1
[18.Ne5 seems wilder. Bd6 19.bxc4 Nxc4 20.Bxc4 dxc4 21.a4]
18...Rc8 19.b4 Nc6 20.e4 dxe4 21.Nxe4
[21.Ng5 Nd5 22.Ndxe4 *(22.Qxe4 g6∓)* 22...h6∓]
21...Ne7 22.Nd6 Rc7 23.Nxb7 Rxb7 24.Bg5 Nfd5 25.Bxe7 Qxe7 26.Ne5 Qd6 27.Bf3 Rfb8 0.37/20
[27...Rbb8= 0.01/16]
28.Bxd5 Qxd5 29.Nf3 h6 0.30/19
[29...a5 -0.01/19 is more appropriate.]
30.Re5= Qd6 31.Rc5 a5 32.Qd2 Rc7 33.Qe3 Ra8 0.35/22
[33...Ra7= -0.01/21]
34.Ne1!±
[Reject 34.Rxb5 axb4 35.Ne1 *(35.cxb4? c3-+)* 35...bxc3 36.Qxc3 Qa6∓]
34...axb4 35.cxb4 Rxc5! 36.dxc5 -0.01/23
[36.bxc5± 0.39/22 Qc6 37.Nc2]
36...Qd5= 37.Qe2 Qf5 38.Nc2

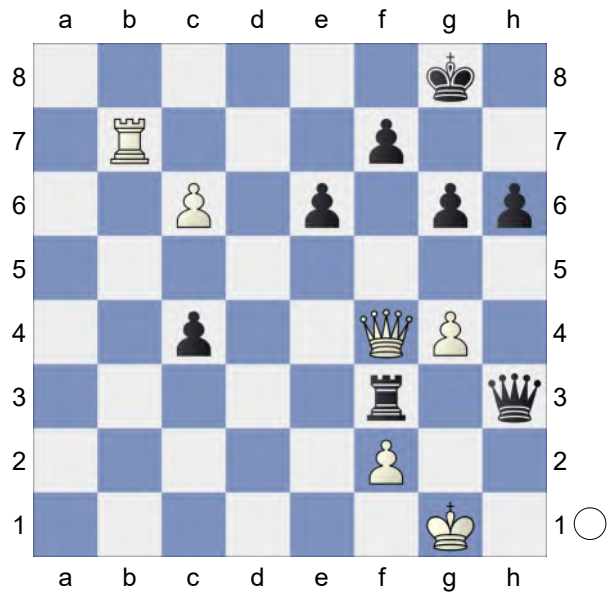


Hoping for c6. **38...Bxb4! 39.g4**
[But not 39.Rxb4 Rxa2 40.Rxb5 Rxc2∓]
39...Qg6 0.88/21
[39...Qxc5= 0.08/21 remains equal. 40.Nxb4 Ra3]
40.Rxb4± Rxa2



41.Rxb5! Rxc2 Endgame KQR-KQR
[41...Qxc2? 42.Rb8+ Kh7 43.Qxc2+ Rxc2 44.c6+-]
42.Qe3 Qd3 43.c6! White has compensation. **43...Qd6 44.Qf3 Rc1+ 45.Kg2** And now Rb7 would win. **45...Rc3** 1.08/28 **46.Qe4!** Threatens to win with Rb7.
[Much worse is 46.c7?! Qxc7! 47.Qa8+ Kh7 48.Qe4+ Kh8 49.Qa8+ Kh7 50.Qe4+ Kh8 51.Qa8+ Kh7=]
46...g6 1.82/22
[46...Rb3± 1.11/24 47.Qxc4 Rxb5 48.Qxb5 Kf8]
47.Rb7+- Qd3 48.Qf4 Active counter play! **48...Qxh3+ 49.Kg1** Dancing on a razor blade. **49...Rf3**

(Diagram)

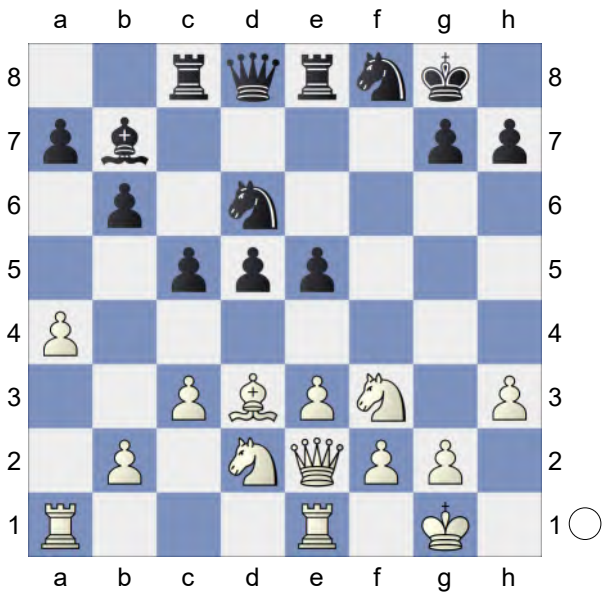


50.Qe4 aiming for c7. **50...Rd3** (→ ...Rd1+) **51.Rb1** Against Rd1+. Strongly threatening Qg2. **51...c3** ...c2 is the strong threat. **52.c7 Rg3+ 53.fxg3 Qxg3+ 54.Kf1** Qxg6+! would kill now. **54...Qxc7 55.Rc1 Qg3 56.Rc2 Qh3+ 57.Ke2 Qg3 58.Qf3 Qh2+ 59.Kd3 Qd6+ 60.Ke2?** 0.01/19
[60.Kc4+- 2.09/21]
60...Qh2+= 61.Kd3 0.01/20
[Only move: 61.Qf2± 1.48/24 Qh3 62.Qd4]
61...Qd6+ 62.Kc4 Kg7 63.Rxc3 Qh2 64.Kb3 Qd6 65.Kc2 Qd7 66.Rd3 Qb5 67.Rb3 Qa4 68.Kd2 e5 69.Re3 Qa1 70.Ke2 Qa6+ 71.Kf2 Qd6 72.Re2 Qe6 73.Kg3 Qd6 74.Qe3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) / Black=0.12 (very precise)
1-0

12 **D00**
□ **Torombot** **3062**
■ **Cruelken** **3051**
Rapid 18.07.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 6min+3sec D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.Nc3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.Be2 c6 8.Nc3 c5 9.h3 Ne4**
[9...Bd7 10.a4 Qb6 11.Qc1 Nb4 12.Nb1 Bd6 13.a5 Qc7 14.Bxd6 Qxd6 15.c3 Nc6 16.0-0 b6 17.axb6 axb6 18.Nbd2 Rfc8 19.Rd1 h6 20.b3 cxd4 21.exd4 Rxa1 22.Qxa1 Qc7 23.Qb2 Ne7 24.Rc1 Torombot (3006)-Intron014 (2991) Rapid 2024 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (35)]
10.Nb1N
[10.0-0 Nxc3 11.bxc3 c4 6. Jobava (1...d5 and 1...Nf6-NN]
10...Bd6
[10...Qb6 looks sharper. 11.Qc1 Bd7 12.a4 Bd6]
11.Bxd6 Nxd6 12.0-0 b6 13.c3 Bb7 14.Nbd2 Rc8 15.Bd3 Nb8 16.Qe2 Nd7 17.Ne5 Re8 18.Rfe1 Nf8 19.Nef3
[19.Qg4 keeps more tension. f6 20.Nef3 Nd7 21.Qh4]
19...f6 20.a4 e5 21.dxe5 fxe5

(Diagram)



Threatens to win with ...e4. **22.e4! Ne6** White must now prevent ...Nf4. **23.exd5 Nf4 24.Qf1 c4 25.Bc2 Bxd5 26.Ne4 Bxe4 27.Bxe4 Qf6 28.Kh2 Rc5 29.Rad1! Nxe4 30.Rxe4 Nxh3 31.Rde1 Nf4 32.Rxc4 Qg6 33.Rxc5 bxc5 34.g3**

[Wrong is 34.Rxe5? Rxe5 35.Qc4+ Re6 36.Qxf4 Qh6+ 37.Qxh6 Rxh6+ 38.Kg3 Rg6+ 39.Kf4 Rxg2-+]

34...Qh5+ 35.Nh4 A balanced but interesting game. Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless)

½-½

13 **D00**

□ **Torombot** **3050**

■ **Expositor** **2831**

Rapid 26.06.2024

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min+1sec D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.Nc3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 h6 5.Nf3 e6 6.Bd3 c5 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.e4** The position is equal. **8...Nc6 9.0-0 Nh5 10.Bd2 Nf6**

[10...d4 11.Ne2 e5 12.Ng3 Nxg3 13.fxg3 0-0 14.Nh4 Ne7 15.Qf3 Be6 16.Kh1 Qd7 17.Nf5 Bxf5 18.exf5 f6 19.Bc4+ Kh8 20.Be6 Qc6 21.Qh5 Kh7 22.g4 Qe8 23.Qh4 e4 24.g5 e3 25.g6+ Mihir,S (1801)-Galymzhanuly,I (1929) Almaty 2024 ½-½ (71)]

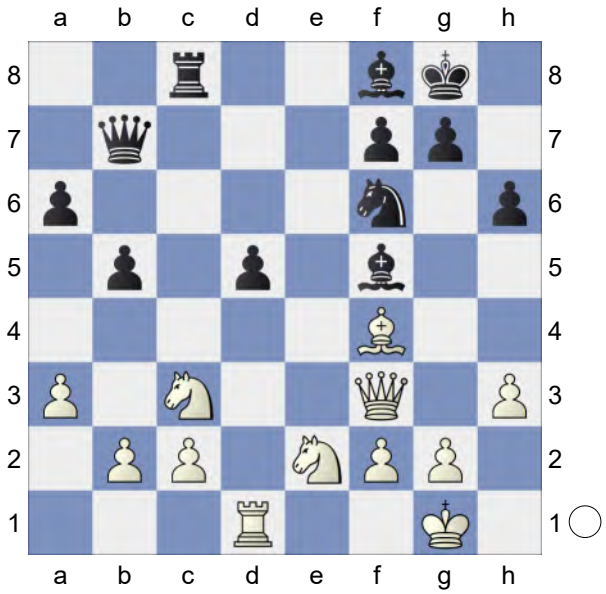
11.h3 0-0 12.Bf4 b5N

[12...Re8 13.Bg3 b5 14.exd5 exd5 15.Re1 Bb7 16.Qd2 Kh8 17.Rxe8+ Qxe8 18.Re1 Qd7 19.Ne5 Nxe5 20.Bxe5 Qc6 21.Qf4 Be7 22.Bd4 Re8 23.Qf5 Bc8 24.Qf4 b4 25.Bxf6 Bxf6 26.Rxe8+ Qxe8 27.Nxd5 Nguyen,T (2137)-Tran,H (2129) Ho Chi Minh City 2022 1-0 (57)]

13.exd5 exd5 14.Re1 Be6 15.Qd2 Re8 16.a3 Rc8 17.Rad1 Bf8 18.Be3 Qd7

[But not 18...d4 19.Nxd4! Bd7 20.Nf3±]

19.Nd4 Ne5 20.Bf4 Nxd3 21.Qxd3 Qb7 22.Re2 Bd7 23.Qf3 Rxe2 24.Ndxe2 Bf5



25.Bxh6! Bxc2

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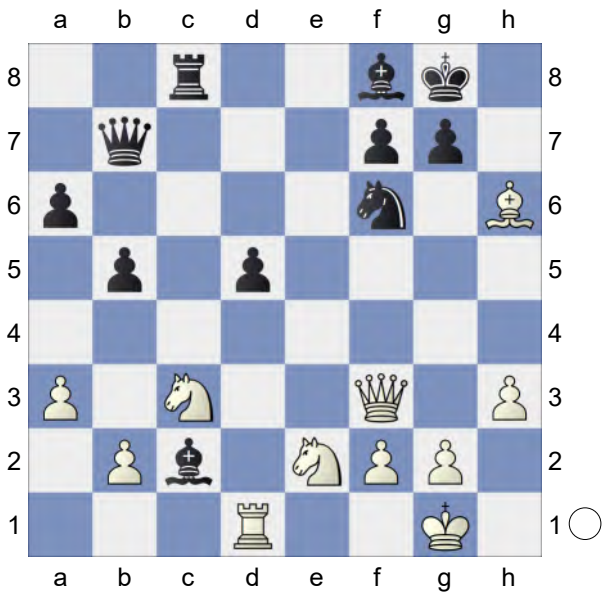


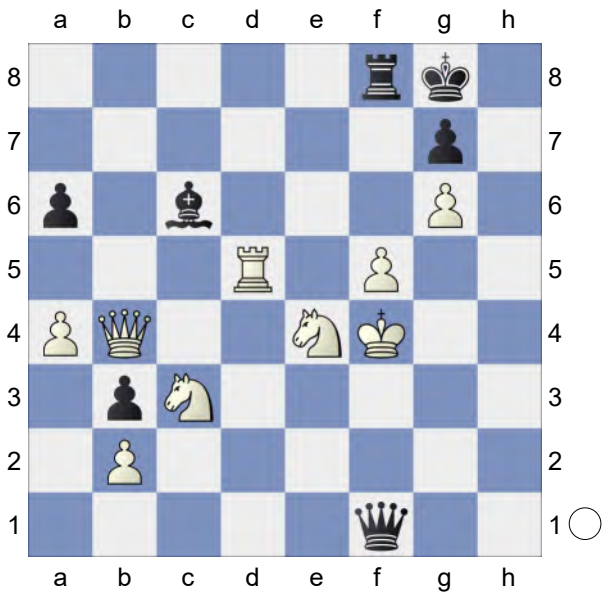
26.Rd2! Be4 27.Qg3 Nh5 28.Qh4 Nf6 29.Bg5 Nh7 30.f3 Nxg5 31.Qxg5 Qb6+ 32.Kf1! Bg6 33.h4 d4 34.Rxd4 Bc2 35.g4 Bb3 36.Ne4 f6 37.Qe3 Bc4 38.Kf2 b4 39.a4 Qe6 40.N2g3 0.01/19 **Bd5= 41.Ne2** Black must now prevent Nf4. **41...Bc4! 42.Rd2!±** 0.36/22 **b3! 43.N2c3 Bb4 44.Rd4! Qe5 45.f4 Qc7 46.Kg3 Qb6 47.f5 Rf8 48.Qd2 Bf7 49.g5** Active counter play! **49...fxg5 50.hxg5 Qa5?** 2.27/20 Black cannot hold the game after this.

[50...Bh5± 0.60/17]

51.g6+- Be8 52.Rd5! Qc7+ 53.Kg4 Bc6 54.Qd4!→ White wants a kill. **54...Qh2** And now ...Qg2+ would win. **55.Qxb4 Qg2+ 56.Kf4 Qf1+** 4.08/22

[56...Qh2+ 2.51/19 57.Ke3 *(57.Kg4 Qg2+ 58.Kf4 Qh2+ 59.Ke3 Bxd5+-)* 57...Bxd5+- 58.Nxd5 Re8]

(Diagram)



57.Ke3!

[Not 57.Ke5 Qxf5+ 58.Kd4 Bxd5 59.Nxd5 Rd8±]

57...Qe1+ 58.Kd4 Qg1+ 4.47/24

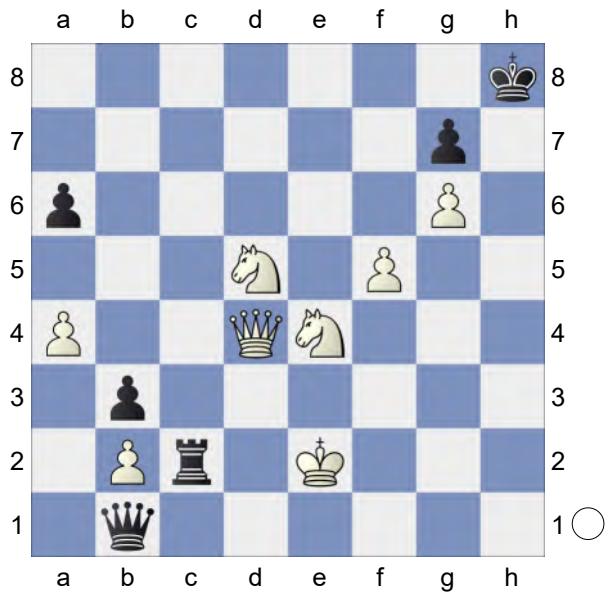
[58...Bxd5 3.00/22 might work better. 59.Kxd5 Rxf5+ 60.Kc4 Qh4 61.Kxb3 Qd8 62.Qc4+ Kh8 63.Qxa6 Rh5]

59.Kc4 Bxd5+ 60.Nxd5 Ne7+ is the strong threat. Really sharp! Pair of Knights! **60...Rc8+ 61.Kd3** Threatening mate with Ne7+. **61...Qb1+ 62.Ke2** Ne7+ would kill now. **62...Kh8** 6.91/20

[⌓62...Qc2+ 4.54/21 63.Ke3 Qc1+ 64.Qd2 Qxd2+ 65.Nxd2 Rc5]

63.Qd4 Hoping for Ne7. **63...Rc2+**

(Diagram)



64.Nd2! Intending Qh4+ and mate. **64...Qh1** Prevents Qh4+. **65.Kd3** Strongly threatening Nc3. **65...Rc8 66.Ne3 a5 67.Ne4 Re8 68.Nd6 Rf8 69.Nf7+ Kg8 70.Qc4 Qb1+ 71.Ke2 Qxb2+ 72.Kf3 Qf6 73.Ng5+ Qe6 74.Nxe6** White mates. **74...b2 75.Ng5+ Rf7 76.Qxf7+ Kh8 77.Qf8#** Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.16 (very precise)
1-0

14 **D00**
□ **Raspfish** **3049**
■ **Ripsockeye** **3067**
Rapid 23.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

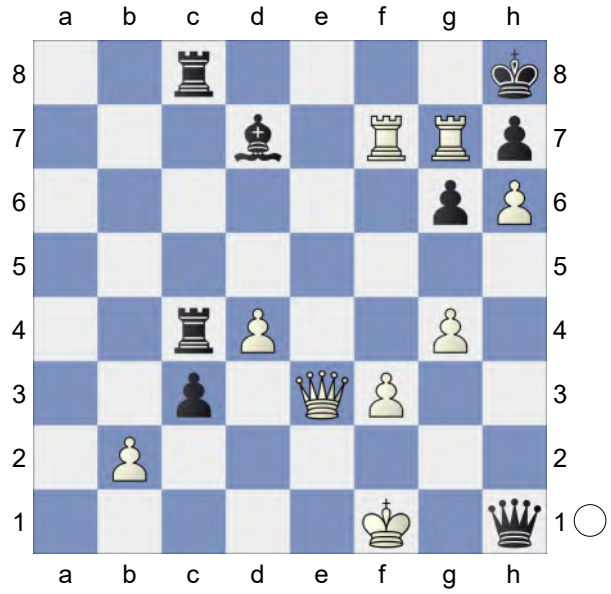
Blitz 10min D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.Nc3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.h4 c6 8.Nc3 Qb6 9.Rb1 c5 10.a3 Bd7 11.Bd3 c4 12.Be2 Qd8 13.Ne5 Be8 14.g4
[14.Rh3 keeps more tension. b5 15.Rg3 Kh8 16.h5]
14...Nd7 15.Nf3 Nc7 16.g5 b5 17.h5 f6 18.gxf6 Nxf6 19.h6 g6 20.Ne5 a5 21.Bg4N
[21.Bf3 b4 22.axb4 axb4 23.Ne2 Ra6 24.Ra1 Rb6 25.Ng1 Nb5 26.Kf1 Kh8 27.Rh2 c3 28.b3 Nd6 29.Rg2 Nd7 30.Be2 Nxe5 31.Bxe5+ Bf6 32.Nf3 Bxe5 33.dxe5 Nf5 34.Kg1 Nxh6 35.Ng5 Qe7 Juegel,M (2160)-Hariman,A (2132) ICCF 2023 update Okt.-Dez. [Methling, Ludger] 1-0 (69)]
21...b4 22.axb4 axb4 23.Ne2 Ra2 24.Bf3 Nb5 25.0-0 Nd6 26.Ra1 Rxb2 27.Ra7 Nb5 28.Rb7 Nd6 -0.01/16
[28...Na3 29.Bg5±]
[28...c3∓ -0.66/19]
29.Ra7= Nb5 0.01/16
[29...Bb5∓ -0.68/18]
30.Rb7 c3
[Resist 30...Na3 31.Bg5±]
31.Ng3! Nd6 32.Ra7 Nb5 -0.01/19
[32...Bb5∓ -0.56/19 33.Be2 Qe8]
33.Rb7 Nd6 -0.01/17
[33...Kh8∓ -0.54/19]
34.Ra7 Nb5 0.01/18
[34...Kh8∓ -0.60/19]
35.Rb7 Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.18 (very precise)
½-½

15 **D00**
□ **Athena Pallada** **3047**
■ **Fairchess03** **2779**
Blitz 20.04.2023
[Kitty Kat]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack Kitty Kat: 'B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack ' B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack B13: Caro-Kann:

Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack A45: Trompowsky Attack This was the last round of the tournament, and I needed to win to score a GM norm **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Bd3 Nc6 7.Nge2 e6**
[7...Bg4 8.f3 Bh5 9.g4 Bg6 10.h4 e6 11.h5 Bxd3 12.Qxd3 Rc8 13.0-0-0 Qa5 14.Kb1 Nd7 15.Nc1 Nb4 16.Qe3 Be7 17.g5 Qb6 18.g6 f6 19.Rhe1 hxg6 20.hxg6 Nf8 21.a3 Nc6 22.Nxd5 Banzea,A (2394)-Vokhidov,S (2596) Chess.com INT 2024 Mega2024 Update 11 [Kitty Kat] 0-1 (31)]
8.a3 The position is equal. **8...Bd7N**
[8...Be7 9.0-0 0-0 10.b4 Bd7 11.Qb1 Na7 12.a4 Nc6 13.Na2 a5 14.b5 Na7 15.Rc1 Ba3 16.Rd1 Nc8 17.Nac1 Bd6 18.c3 Qc7 19.Bg5 Bxh2+ 20.Kf1 Bd6 21.Bxf6 gxf6 22.Bxh7+ Kg7 23.Bc2 Rodriguez Vila,A (2469)-Vazquez,G (2510) Florianopolis 2020 CBM 207 Extra [Vazquez,Guillermo] 0-1 (47) Rh8 24.Rd3 Nb6 25.Ng1 Nc4 26.Nce2 Rh1 27.Qc1 Rah8 28.Ng3 R1h4 29.Qe1 f5 30.N3e2 f4 31.Qc1 Kf8 32.Ra2 e5 33.dxe5 Nxe5 34.Rd4 f3 35.gxf3 Rh1 36.Qe3 Nc4 37.Qd3 Bh3+ 38.Ke1 Dominguez Perez,L (2751)-Kasimdzhanov,R (2706) Baku 2014 CBM 163 [Szabo,Krisztian] ½-½ (47) Rg8 39.Rg4 Bxg4 40.fxg4 Rxg4 41.Qxd5 Rhxg1+ 42.Nxg1 Rxg1+ 43.Ke2 Nb6 44.Qd3 Bc5 45.Qe4 Bxf2 46.Qh7 Qf4 47.Qh8+ Ke7 0-1 (47) Vienna Variation,W (2469)-5. ♘f3 0-0 6.0-0 (2510) Paris/St Petersburg FRA/RUS 2020 OPN, C05 [Ger van Perlo]]
9.h3 Rc8 10.0-0 Be7 11.Re1 0-0 12.Qd2 Na5 13.Rad1 -0.53/18
[13.Ng3= -0.06/18]
13...Nc4 14.Qc1 Qb6 15.Bxc4 Rxc4 16.Be5 Rfc8 17.Nf4 Be8 18.Rd3 g6
[18...Nd7 19.Nfxd5! Qd8 20.Nxe7+ Qxe7 21.Bg3±]
19.Rg3 -0.88/19
[White should play 19.Nfe2∓ -0.35/19]
19...Ne4? 5.20/21
[19...Nd7∓ -0.88/19 20.Rf3 *(20.Nfxd5 exd5 21.Nxd5 Qe6=)* 20...Bh4]
20.Nfxd5? 0.77/22 **exd5± 21.Nxd5** Chess con chili. **21...Qd8** 0.42/21
[21...Qe6± 0.81/27 22.Nxe7+ *(22.Qh6? Bf8-+)* 22...Qxe7 23.Rxe4 f6]
22.Nxe7+→ White attacks.
[22.Qh6? Bf8! 23.Qf4 Qxd5-+]
22...Qxe7 23.Rxe4 f6 24.c3 Hoping for Qe1! **24...fxe5 25.Rxe5 Qf6** 4.26/23
[25...Qd8= 0.27/20]
26.Rf3+- Qh4 6.55/25
[⌓26...Qg7 4.23/23 27.Qe3 Bf7]
27.Qe3 Bc6 28.Rf4
[Less strong is 28.b3 Bxf3 29.bxc4 *(29.Re8+ Rxe8 30.Qxe8+ Kg7∓)* 29...Bc6±]
28...Qd8 29.Re7 Qe6+ would kill now.
29...Qd5 30.f3 Bd7 31.Re5? 1.22/22
[31.Rf6+- 14.34/20 White wants to mate with Qh6. Be6 32.Rfxe6]
31...Qd6± 32.h4 0.50/21
[32.Rh4!± 1.20/21 Bf5 33.Rh6 *(33.Qh6 Qd7=)*]
32...b5? 2.84/23
[32...R4c6± 0.50/21]
33.h5? 0.85/20
[33.Re7+- 2.84/23 has better winning chances. Rff7 is the strong threat. Bf5 34.g4]
33...Bf5 2.03/23

[33...R4c6± 0.85/20]
34.g4!+- Bd7 35.Kf2 1.20/20
[35.Re7+- 2.15/21 b4 36.axb4]
35...a5 2.30/22
[35...R4c6± 1.20/20]
36.h6 0.90/21
[36.Re7+- 2.30/22 and the rest is easy.]
36...b4? 2.63/23
[36...R4c7± 0.90/21]
37.axb4 axb4 38.Re7 Threatens to win with Rg7+. **38...bxc3?** 4.56/25
[38...Ba4± 1.58/21]
39.Rg7+ Kh8 40.Rff7! Qh2+ 41.Kf1 Qh1+



42.Ke2! Qg2+? 20.97/25
[42...cxb2? gets mated. 43.Rxh7+ Kg8 44.Rfg7+ Kf8 45.Rh8#]
[42...Qh2+ 2.83/21 43.Kd3 Rxd4+ 44.Qxd4 Bb5+ 45.Ke3 Re8+ 46.Re7 Qg1+ 47.Ke4 Bc6+ 48.Ke5 Rxe7+ 49.Rxe7 Qxd4+ 50.Kxd4 cxb2]

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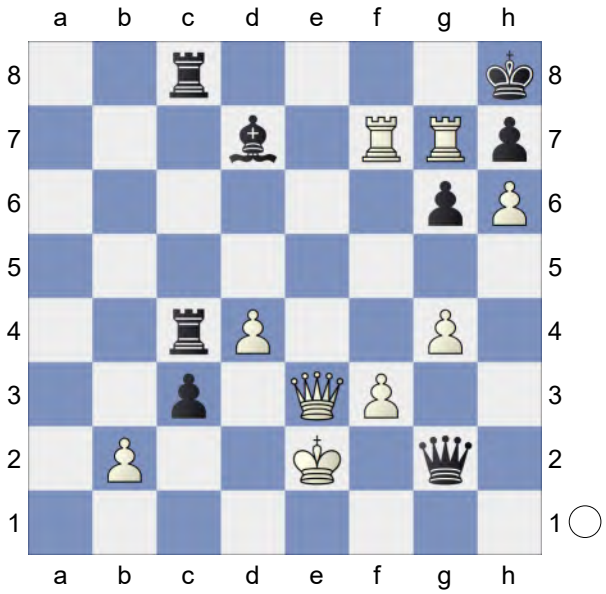


43.Kd3! Weighted Error Value: White=0.58/Black=0.99
1-0

16 **D00**
□ **Torombot** **3046**
■ **Petersbot** **3008**
Rapid 09.06.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min+1sec D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines Richard Palliser,MH: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines ' **1.Nc3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.Be2 Bd7N**
[7...c6 8.Nc3 c5 *(8...Nb8 9.0-0 a6 10.Ne5 c5 11.dxc5 Bxc5 12.a3 Nbd7 13.Bd3 h6 14.h3 Qe7 15.b4 Bd6 16.Nxd7 Bxd7 17.Bxd6 Qxd6 18.e4 Rac8 19.Qe1 Qe5 20.Ne2 dxe4 21.Ng3 Bc6 22.Rd1 Rfd8 23.Kh1* Demirbag,A (2059)-Durucay,U (2145) Denizli 2023 ½-½ (37) *)* 9.h3 *(9.0-0 Bd7 10.Ne5 Rc8 11.a3 Nc7 12.dxc5 Bxc5 13.Bd3 a6 14.Qf3 Nb5 15.Bg5 Nxc3 16.Bxf6 Qxf6 17.Nxd7 Qxf3 18.gxf3 Rfd8 19.Nxc5*

Rxc5 20.bxc3 Rxc3 21.a4 Rd7 22.Rfb1 g6 23.Rb6 Kg7 Goryachkina,A (2593)-Shuvalova,P (2456) Russian Women's Ch., Moscow (playoff) 2020 [Richard Palliser] 1-0*)* 9...Bd7 10.a4 Qb6 11.Qc1 Nb4 12.Nb1 Bd6 13.a5 Qc7 14.Bxd6 Qxd6 15.c3 Nc6 16.0-0 b6 17.axb6 axb6 18.Nbd2 Rfc8 19.Rd1 h6 20.b3 cxd4 21.exd4 Rxa1 22.Qxa1 Torombot (3006)-Intron014 (2991) Rapid 2024 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (35)]

[7...Nh5 8.Be5 f6 9.Bg3 c6 10.Nc3 g6 11.Bxa6 bxa6 12.Qd3 c5 13.e4 Nxg3 14.hxg3 dxe4 15.Qxe4 Rb8 16.0-0-0 Qb6 17.Na4 Qb4 18.Qh4 h5 19.Ne5 fxe5 20.Qxe7 Rb7 21.Qg5 Qxa4 22.Qxg6+ Torombot (3022)-Engasaad (2987) Rapid 2024 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (35)]

8.c4 dxc4 9.Bxc4 Nd5 10.Be5 Bb4+ 11.Kf1 Be7 12.Nc3 -0.15/16

[12.h4 0.21/15 was preferrable.]

12...Rc8 13.h4 -0.26/18

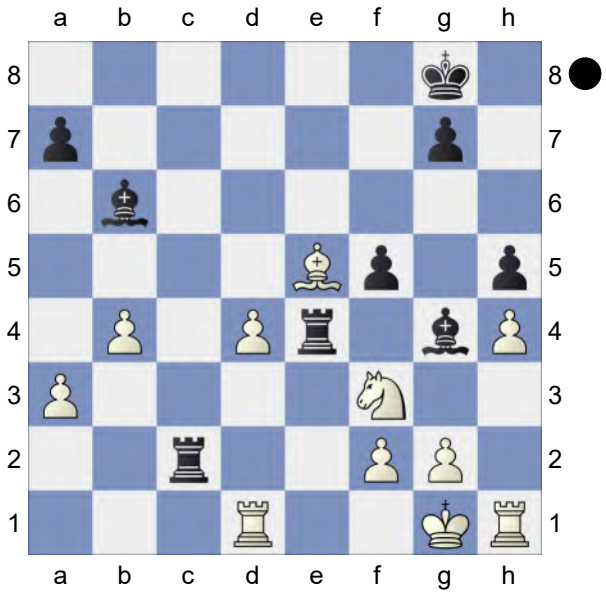
[13.Bxd5 0.09/17 is superior. exd5 14.Qb3]

13...c5= 14.Nxd5 exd5 15.Bxa6 bxa6 16.dxc5 Bxc5 17.Kg1 Bg4 18.Qa4 h5 19.Qxa6 Re8 Hoping for ...Bxf3. **20.Bg3** -0.38/18

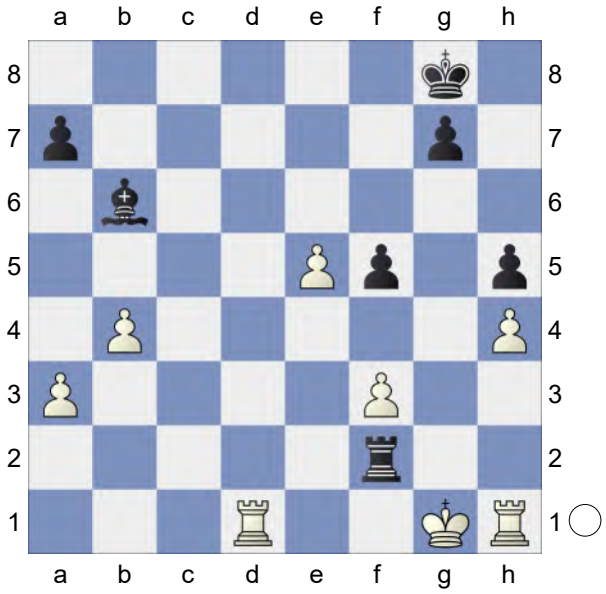
[20.Bc3= 0.01/19 deserves consideration.]

20...Bb6 21.Qd3 Qf6 The position is equal. **22.Ng5 Qf5** Prevents Qh7+. **23.Qxf5 Bxf5 24.Nf3 Rc2 25.b4 Re4 26.a3 Bg4 27.Rd1 d4 28.exd4 f5** Threatens to win with ...f4. **29.Be5**

(Diagram)



Rxe5! 30.dxe5 Strongly threatening Rd2. **30...Bxf3 31.gxf3 Rxf2** Endgame



KRR-KRB **32.Rd8+ Kh7 33.Rf8** aiming for Rh2. **33...f4 34.Rh3 Rxf3+ 35.Kg2**

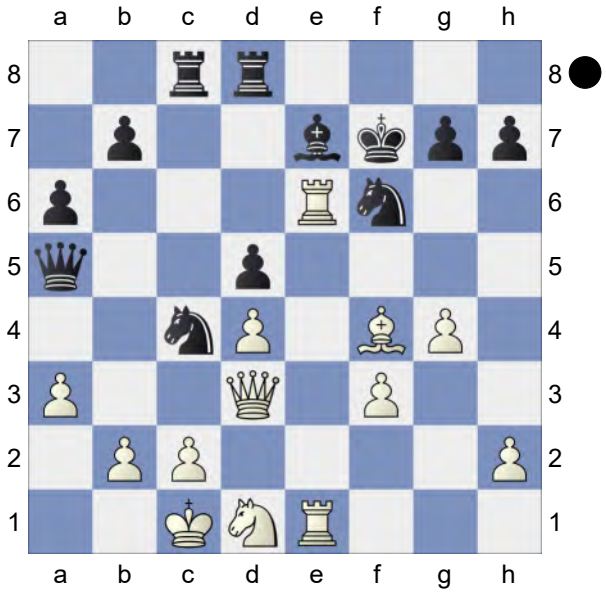
[35.Kh2!? Rf2+ 36.Kg1=]

35...Rf2+ 36.Kg1 Rf3+ 37.Kg2 Rf2+ 38.Kh1 Rf1+ 39.Kh2 Rd3 is the strong threat. **39...Rf2+ 40.Kg1 Rf3+** A balanced but interesting game. Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.03 (flawless)

½-½

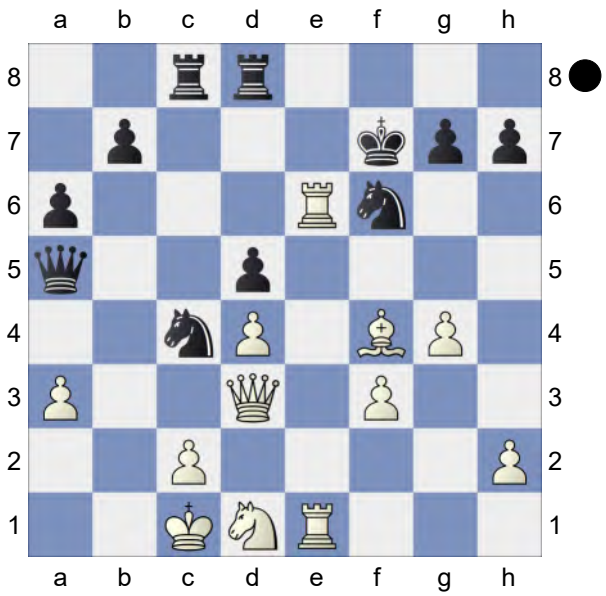
17 **D00**
□ **Konevlad** **3044**
■ **Ramattack** **2822**
Blitz 19.11.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack
1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Ne5 Bd7 8.Qd2 The position is equal. **8...e6 9.a3**
[9.f3 Bb4 *(9...Qb6 10.0-0-0 Rc8 11.a3 Na5 12.g4 Be7 13.h4 Bb5 14.h5 h6 15.g5 hxg5 16.Bxg5 Nxh5 17.Bxe7 Kxe7 18.Bxb5 axb5 19.Rde1 Nf6 20.Rxh8 Rxh8 21.Qg5 Kf8 22.Qxf6 gxf6 23.Nd7+ Ke7 24.Nxb6* Donkindonat (2675)-Interestinglandscape (2651) Blitz 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0*)* 10.a3 Qa5 11.Rb1 Be7 12.Be2 Rc8 13.g4 h6 14.h4 Qb6 15.Nxc6 Rxc6 16.Na4 Qd8 17.b4 Rc8 18.Nc5 Bc6 19.c3 b6 20.Nxa6 Nd7 21.b5 Bb7 22.Nb4 Bxh4+ 23.Kf1 Be7 Donkindonat (2691)-Fanfanfan (2828) Blitz 2024 [Kitty Kat] 0-1 (42)]
9...Rc8N
[9...Be7 10.Be2 0-0 11.g4 b5 12.g5 Ne8 13.Nxc6 Bxc6 14.Qe3 Nd6 15.Bd3 Nc4 16.Qh3 g6 17.Qh6 Re8 18.b3 e5 19.dxe5 Qa5 20.bxc4 Qxc3+ 21.Bd2 Qxa1+ 22.Ke2 Qxh1 23.e6 Bf8 24.Qh4 Brencher,P (1933)-Wells,P (2370) Harrogate 2023 0-1 Rxe6+ 25.Be3 dxc4 0-1 (25) Clery,N (1933)-Ulibin Kontic (2370) Jugoslavija (ch) 53/11 2023 Inf 73 [John Watson]]
10.Be2 Qb6 11.0-0-0
[11.Nxd7 Kxd7 12.Be5 Nxe5 13.dxe5 Qxb2!∓]
11...Na5 aiming for ...Ne4. **12.f3** -0.21/18 Prevents Ne4.
[12.Nxd7 Kxd7 13.Qe1 Nc4 14.Bxc4 Rxc4∓]
[⌓12.Qd3 0.24/16]
12...Bb5= 13.Rhe1 Bxe2→ Black mounts an attack. **14.Rxe2 Be7 15.Rde1** -0.73/19
[15.Bg5∓ -0.33/17 feels stronger.]
15...0-0 16.g4 -1.14/19
[16.Qd3∓ -0.68/18]
16...Rfd8 -0.43/20
[16...Nc4∓ -1.14/19 17.Nxc4 Rxc4]
17.Qd3!∓ Nc4 18.Nd1 Qa5 19.Nxf7 -1.54/22 **Kxf7∓ 20.Rxe6**



Bxa3 -1.08/20 **21.bxa3**
[21.Rxf6+? Kg8 22.bxa3 Qxe1-+]

(Diagram)



And now Rxf6+! would win. **21...Nxa3?** 2.03/21 Pair of Knights!

[21...Ne4!∓ -1.09/20 22.R6xe4 *(22.fxe4 Kxe6 23.exd5+ Kf7∓)* 22...dxe4 23.Rxe4 Qxa3+ 24.Qxa3 Nxa3]

22.c3? -0.01/20 Chess con chili.

[22.Rxf6+?! Kg8 23.Bd2 Qa4±]

[22.Bd2+- 2.03/21 Qa4 23.Rxf6+! Kg8 24.Bc3! *(24.Nc3 Nxc2 25.Nxa4 Nxe1+ 26.Qc3 Rxc3+ 27.Bxc3 gxf6±)* 24...Nxc2 25.Qxc2! Qxc2+ 26.Kxc2 gxf6 27.Ne3]

22...Nb5

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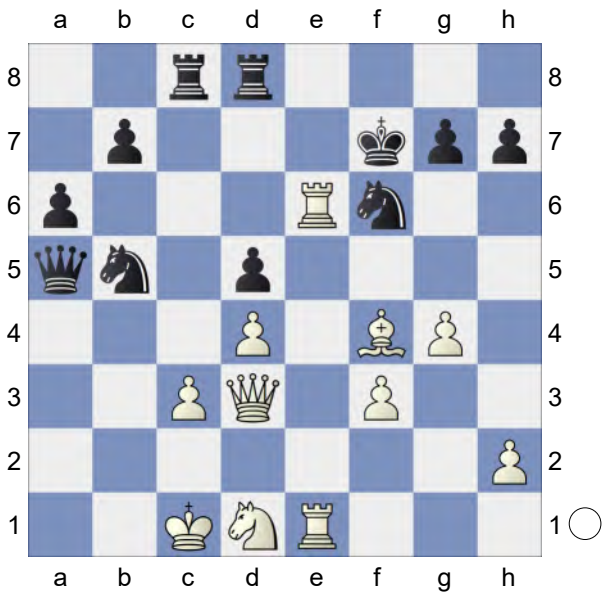
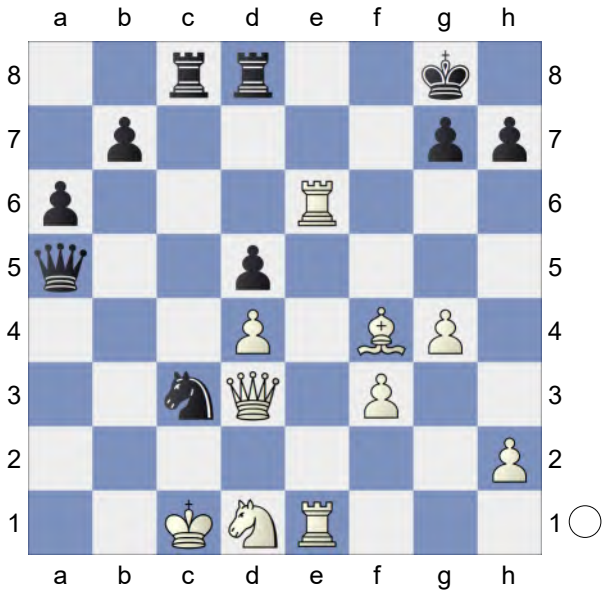


23.Rxf6+! **Kg8** **24.Rfe6** Strongly threatening R1e3. **24...Nxc3** 0.84/21

[24...Rf8!= -0.01/24 25.Bd2 Qa3+ 26.Kc2 *(26.Kb1 Qb3+ 27.Nb2 Na3+ 28.Ka1 Nc2+ 29.Kb1 Na3+ 30.Ka1 Nc2+ 31.Kb1 Na3+=)* 26...Qa2+ 27.Kc1 Qa3+ 28.Kc2 *(28.Kb1 Qb3+ 29.Nb2 Na3+ 30.Ka1 Nc2+ 31.Kb1 Na3+ 32.Ka1 Nc2+ 33.Kb1 Na3+=)* 28...Qa2+ 29.Kc1 Qa3+]



25.Kd2 0.01/20

[25.Re8+!± 0.84/21 Rxe8 26.Rxe8+

Rxe8 27.Qxc3 Qxc3+ 28.Nxc3]

25...Ne4+? 1.77/5

[Much less strong is 25...Na2+ 26.Ke2 Nb4 27.Bd2±]

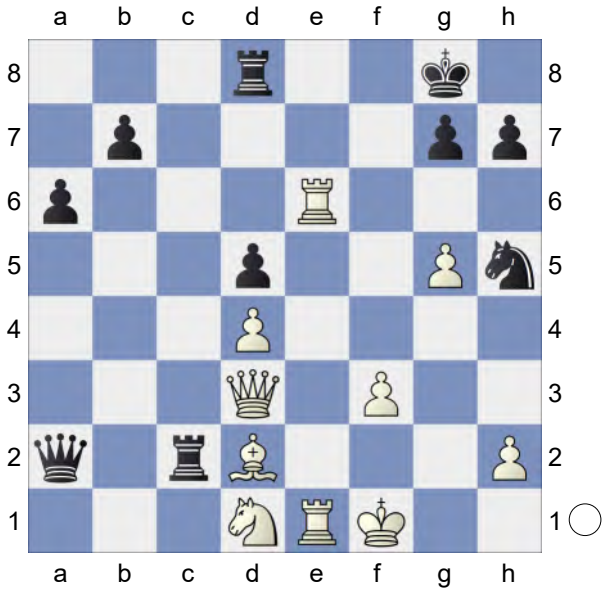
[25...Nxd1+!= 0.01/20 and Black is okay. 26.Kxd1 Rc3]

26.Ke2+- Qa2+ 27.Kf1 Black must now prevent Re2. **27...Nf6?** 4.22/18

[27...Rf8 1.62/19]

28.g5 Nh5 29.Bd2 Rc2? #4/10

[29...Rf8+- 2.67/20 30.Nf2 Rc2]



30.g6? 3.56/21 **Nf6 31.gxh7+ Kh8 32.R1e2 Rdc8** 7.75/22

[⌓32...Qc4 4.04/19 33.Qe3 Qc8 34.Rxf6 Rxd2]

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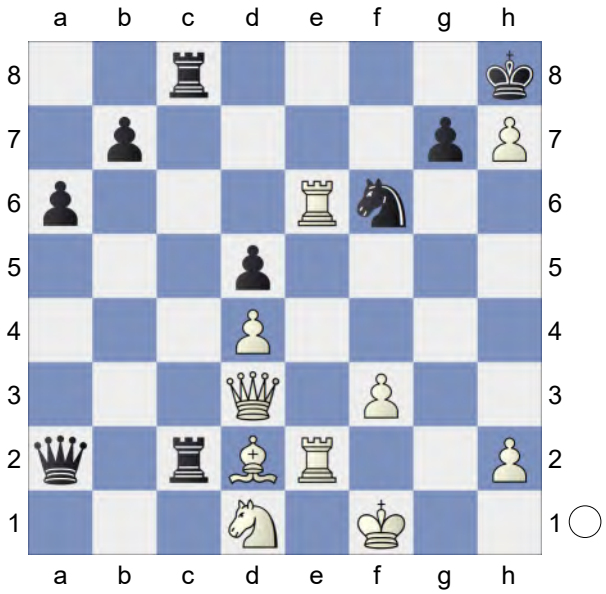
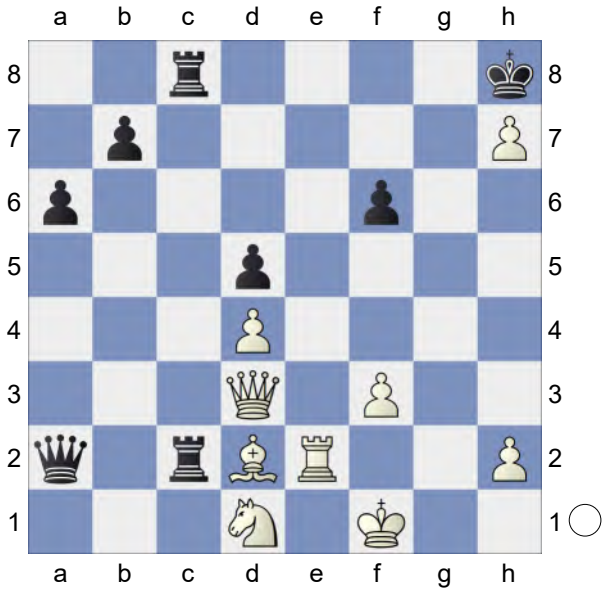


33.Rxf6! gxf6

[33...Qa1 34.Bh6]



34.Qg6! Qb1

[34...Qc4 35.Qxf6+]

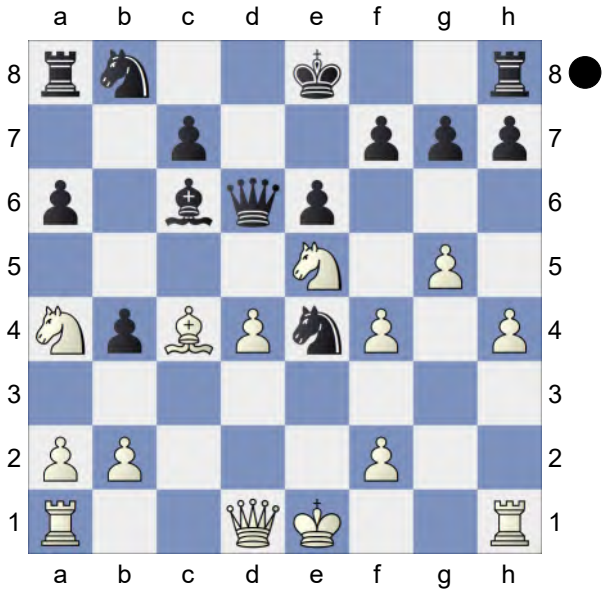
35.Qxf6+ Kxh7 36.Re7+

Quite a comeback for White. Weighted Error Value: White=0.54/Black=0.91

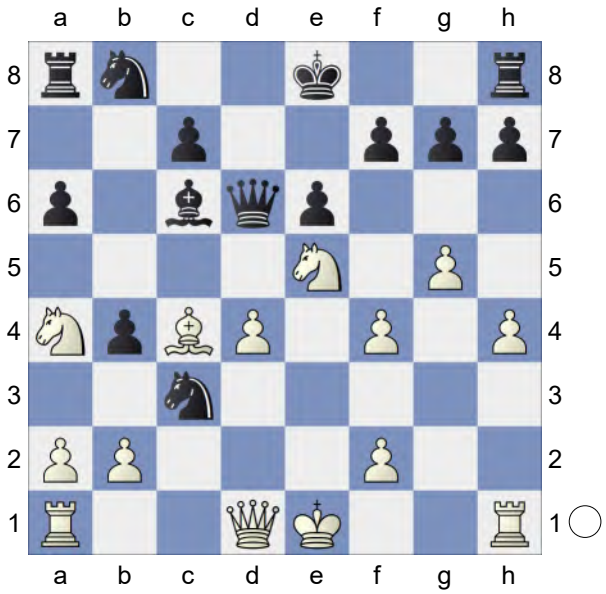
1-0

18 **D00**
□ **Torombot** **3043**
■ **Expositor** **2839**
Rapid 28.06.2024
[Kitty Kat]

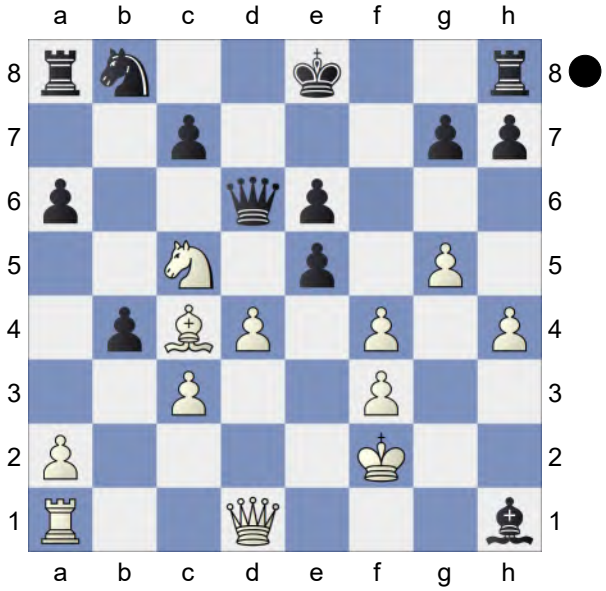
Blitz 8min+1sec D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.Nc3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 b5 5.h4 e6 6.g4 b4**
[6...Bb7 7.g5 Nfd7 8.Nce2 c5 9.c3 Nc6 10.Nf3 Qb6 11.h5 Be7 12.Bh3 g6 13.a3 a5 14.Bg4 Rf8 15.hxg6 hxg6 16.Bg3 b4 17.axb4 cxb4 18.0-0 Rh8 19.Nf4 Na7 20.Qc2 Rg8 21.Rfe1 Esipenko,A (2701)-Gelman,A (2403) Chess.com INT 2021 1-0 (41)]
7.Na4 Bd6 8.g5 The position is equal.
8...Ne4N
[8...Bxf4 9.gxf6 Bd6 10.fxg7 Rg8 11.Bd3 Rxg7 12.Nf3 Bd7 13.c4 Nc6 14.Rc1 Qf6 15.Nc5 Bxc5 16.cxd5 Nxd4 17.exd4 Bd6 18.dxe6 Qxe6+ 19.Kf1 Kf8 20.Ng5 Qd5 21.Rg1 Re8 22.Qh5 Bh3+ 0-1 (22) Leelajai Krishna,N (1993)-Klepek,W (2249) Bydgoszcz 2024]
9.Bd3 Bd7 10.c4 Bxf4 11.exf4 Bc6 12.Nf3 dxc4 13.Bxc4 Qd6 14.Ne5



Nc3!



15.bxc3 Threatens to win with 0-0.
15...Bxh1 16.f3! f6 17.Nc5 fxe5 18.Kf2



bxc3! And now ...Bxf3! would win.
19.Nxe6 exd4 With the idea ...Kd7!
20.Bd5!

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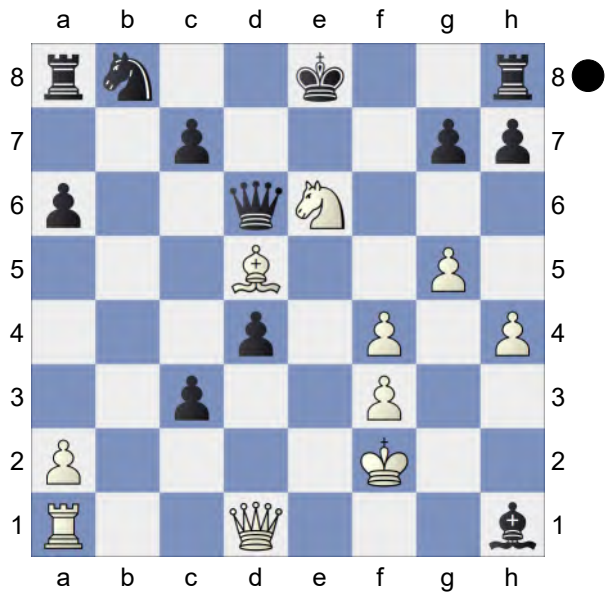
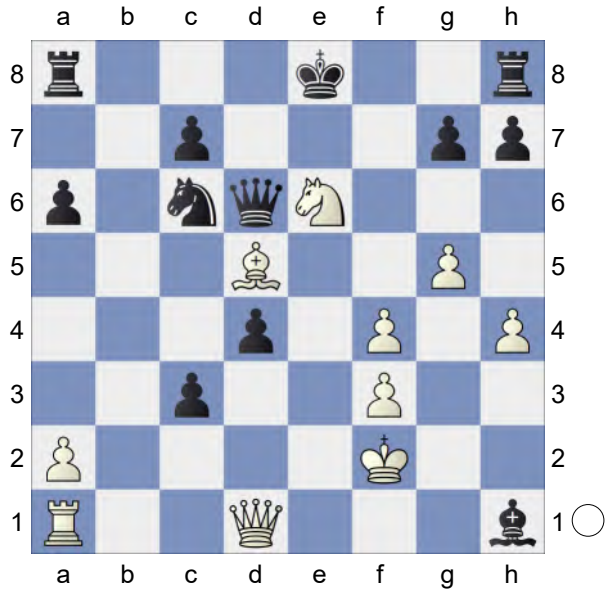


Nc6 0.01/18



21.Qa4!= Rb8 1.18/21
[21...Kd7 22.Bxc6+]

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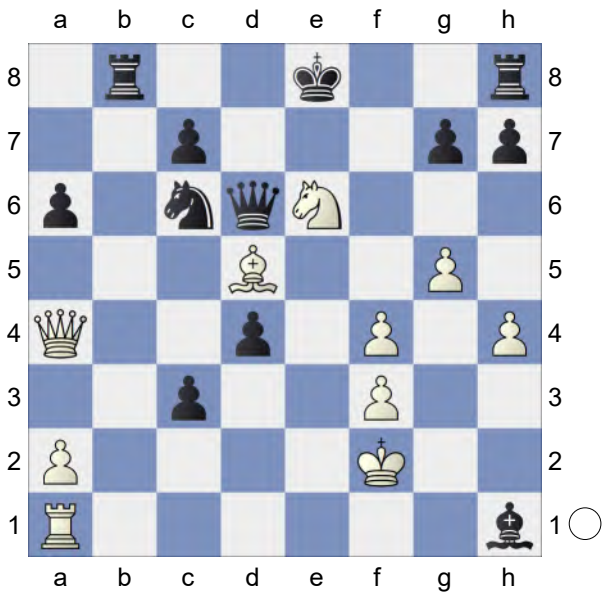
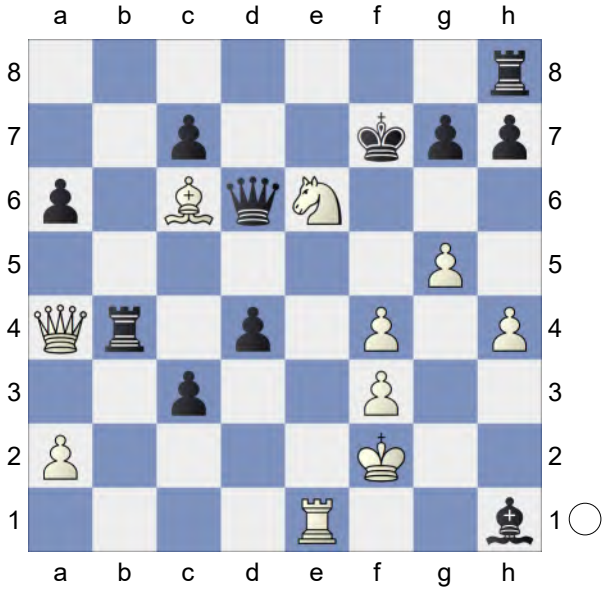
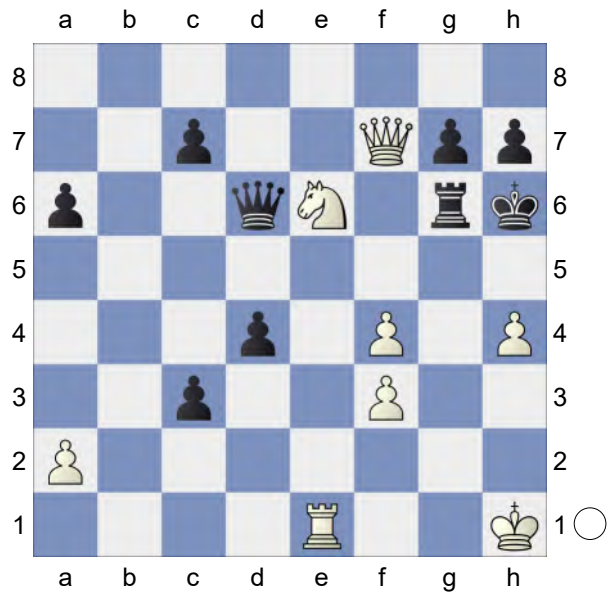


22.Bxc6+ -0.01/20
[22.Re1!± 1.18/21 Bxf3 *(22...Kf7 23.Nxc7+)* 23.Bxf3]
22...Kf7 23.Re1 The board is on fire.
23...Rb4 7.12/21



Against Qc4. Loses the game.
24.Be8+!+- Rxe8 25.g6+! Deflection, Decoy **25...Kxg6 26.Qxe8+ Kh6 27.Qf7 Rb2+ 28.Kg1 Rg2+ 29.Kxh1 Rg6**

(Diagram)



30.Nxg7! Rxg7 31.Re6+ Qxe6 32.Qxe6+ Endgame KQ-KR **32...Rg6 33.Qc4 Rg7 34.Qxd4 c2 35.Qc5 c1Q+ 36.Qxc1** f5+ would kill now. **36...Rf7 37.Qg1 Rf5** Against Qg5+ **38.Kh2** White mates. **38...Rh5 39.Qg8 c6 40.Kg3 c5 41.Kg4 Rd5 42.Qf7 Rf5 43.Kxf5 c4 44.Qf6+ Kh5 45.Qg5#** Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.19 (very precise)
1-0

19 **D00**
□ **Raspfish** **3043**
■ **Caissa,X** **3055**
Rapid 07.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min+1sec D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.Nc3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.h4 c6 8.Nc3 Qb6 9.a3 c5**
[9...Qxb2? 10.Na4 Bb4+ 11.Nd2 Bxd2+ 12.Kxd2 Ne4+ 13.Ke1+-]
10.Rb1 Bd7 11.Bd3 c4 12.Be2 Qd8 13.Ne5 Be8 14.g4 Nd7 15.Nf3 Nc7 16.Kf1N
[16.g5 b5 17.h5 Nb6 *(17...f6 18.gxf6 Nxf6 19.h6 g6 20.Ne5 a5 21.Bf3 b4 22.axb4 axb4 23.Ne2 Ra6 24.Ra1 Rb6 25.Ng1 Nb5 26.Kf1 Kh8 27.Rh2 c3 28.b3 Nd6 29.Rg2 Nd7 30.Be2 Nxe5 31.Bxe5+ Bf6 32.Nf3* Juegel,M (2160)-Hariman, A (2132) ICCF 2023 update Okt.-Dez. [Methling,Ludger] 1-0 (69)*)* 18.Ra1 a5 19.Qc1 Nc8 20.Nb1 Nd6 21.Nbd2 b4 22.h6 g6 23.axb4 axb4 24.Kf1 Ncb5 25.Rxa8 Qxa8 26.Kg2 c3 27.Nb3 Nc4 28.bxc3 Nxc3 29.Bd3 Ba4 30.Nc5 Bc6 Raspfish (2959)-Torombot (2984) Blitz 2024 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (60)]
16...b5 17.Bxc7 Qxc7 18.Nxb5 Qd8 19.Nc3 Rc8 Black has compensation.
20.Nd2 -0.55/18
[20.h5= 0.01/16]
20...Kh8 21.f4 Nf6 22.g5 Ng8 23.Bg4 Bd6 24.Nf3 Rc7 25.Kg2 Qb8 26.Kf2 Ne7 27.Bh3 Rc6 28.Ne2 Rb6 29.b4 cxb3 30.Rxb3 Rxb3 31.cxb3 Bxa3 32.h5 a5 33.Qc2 h6 34.Ra1 Bb4 35.Nc1 f6 0.32/22
[Black should try 35...Bb5∓ -0.55/19]
36.g6± e5 37.Nd3 Bd6 White should prevent ...e4. The position is equal.
38.Nc5
[Reject 38.dxe5 fxe5 39.fxe5 *(39.Rxa5? e4-+)* 39...Bxe5∓]
[Don't blunder 38.Rxa5? e4 39.Nfe1 exd3 40.Nxd3 Bb5-+]
38...exf4 39.exf4
[Avoid the trap 39.Rxa5? Nc6 40.Ra1 fxe3+ 41.Kg1 Nb4-+]
39...Bxf4 40.Kg2 Against Bh2 **40...Bd6 41.Rxa5 Bb5 42.Bd7 Bc6**

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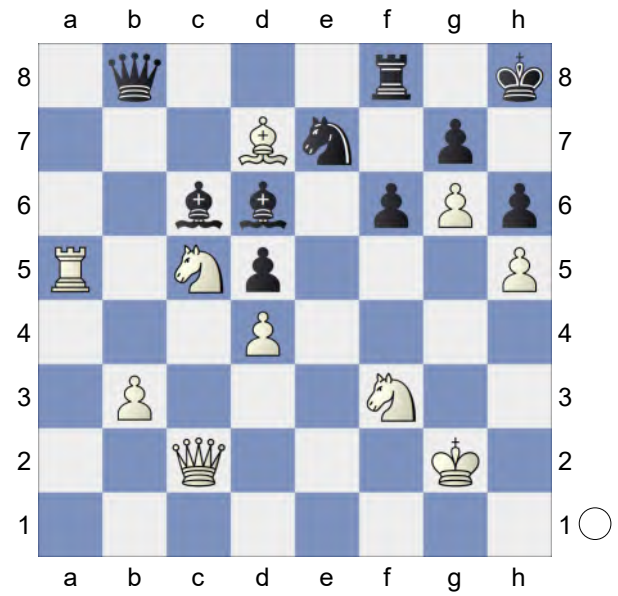
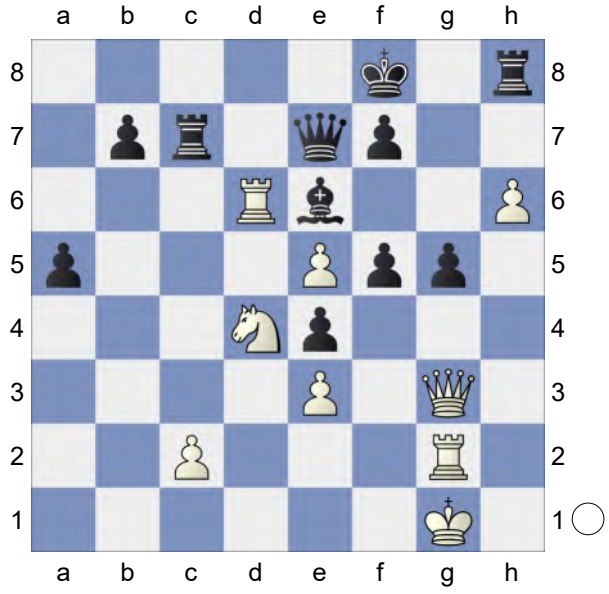


...Qc7 is the strong threat. A strong pair of Bishops. **43.Ra2 Rg8** And now ... Bxd7 would win. **44.Be6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.07 (flawless)
½-½

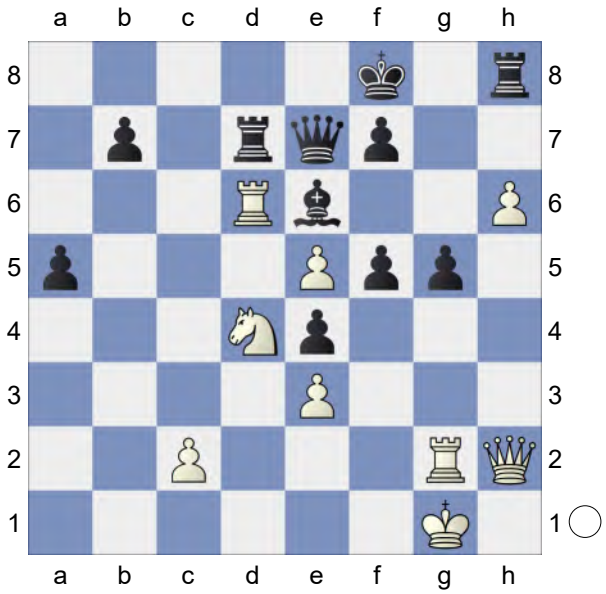
20 **D00**
☐ **Raspfish** **3036**
■ **Pawn Git** **2830**
Rapid 09.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min+1sec D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.Nc3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.h4 c6 8.Nc3** The position is equal. **8...Qb6 9.Rb1**
[9.a3 c5 10.h5 h6 11.Ne5 Bd7 12.Nxd7 Nxd7 13.Bb5 Nf6 14.a4 Qa5 15.Kf1 Nb8 16.dxc5 a6 17.Bd3 Qxc5 18.g4 Nh7 19.Qf3 Nc6 20.Qg3 f6 21.e4 d4 22.Ne2 Ng5 23.Bd2 e5 Hoeffer,D (2322)-Bargsten, J (2238) Verden an der Aller 2025 0-1 (48)]
9...c5 10.a3 Bd7 11.Bd3 Rac8N
[11...c4 12.Be2 Qd8 *(12...Be8 13.h5 h6 14.Ne5 Qd8 15.Bf3 Nb8 16.e4 Nc6 17.exd5 Nxd5 18.Nxd5 exd5 19.0-0 Nxe5 20.dxe5 Bc6 21.Be3 Bg5 22.Bd4 Re8 23.g3 f5 24.exf6 Bxf6 25.Bxf6 Qxf6 26.Bxd5+ Kh8 27.Bxc6* Basso,P (2482)-Valenzuela Gomez,F (2363) La Nucia 2024 ½-½ (42) *)* 13.Ne5 Be8 14.g4 Nd7 15.Nf3 Nc7 16.g5 b5 17.h5 f6 *(17...Nb6 18.Ra1 a5 19.Qc1 Nc8 20.Nb1 Nd6 21.Nbd2 b4 22.h6 g6 23.axb4 axb4 24.Kf1 Ncb5 25.Rxa8 Qxa8 26.Kg2 c3 27.Nb3 Nc4 28.bxc3 Nxc3 29.Bd3 Ba4 30.Nc5 Bc6 31.Nb3 Ba4 32.Kh2* Raspfish (2959)-Torombot (2984) Blitz 2024 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (60) *)* 18.gxf6 Nxf6 19.h6 g6 20.Ne5 a5 21.Bf3 b4 22.axb4 axb4 23.Ne2 Ra6 24.Ra1 Rb6 25.Ng1 Nb5 26.Kf1 Juegel,M (2160)-Hariman,A (2132) ICCF 2023 update Okt.-Dez. [Methling,Ludger] 1-0 (69)]
12.0-0 Rfd8 13.Ne5 Be8 14.Re1 Nb8 15.g4 g6 16.Qf3 Nfd7 17.Qg3 Nxe5 18.dxe5
[18.Bxe5 keeps more tension. Nd7 19.dxc5 Nxc5 20.h5]
18...Bc6 19.b4 Qc7 20.bxc5 Nd7 21.Ne2 Nxc5 22.Nd4 Kg7 0.01/16
[22...Qa5∓ -0.43/16]
23.Bg5= h6 24.Bxe7 Chess con chili. **24...Qxe7 25.f4** -0.23/17
[⌓25.Qh2 0.14/16]
25...Rg8 26.Qh2 Kh7 27.Be2 Ne4 28.Bd3 h5
[28...Qxa3 29.Nxc6 bxc6 30.Bxe4 dxe4 31.Rb7=]
29.Qh3 Qxa3 30.Nf3 hxg4 31.Qxg4 Qe7 0.01/19
[31...Rc7∓ -0.47/17]
32.Re2! Kg7 33.h5 Kf8 34.Rg2! a5

0.51/19
[34...f5!= 0.01/18 35.exf6 Nxf6]
35.Nd4 0.01/19
[35.Bxe4± 0.51/19 dxe4 36.Ng5]
35...Rc7 0.50/18
[35...a4= 0.01/19]
36.Bxe4 dxe4 37.Qg3! 0x0.0010f922457fdp-1022s more active pieces. The black rooks are badly placed.
[37.Nxc6 Rxc6 38.Kf1 Rh8 39.hxg6 fxg6 40.Qxg6 Rh1+ 41.Rg1 Qh7 42.Rxh1 Qxh1+ 43.Qg1 Qh3+ 44.Qg2 Qxg2+ 45.Kxg2 Rxc2+ 46.Kg3 Rc7∓]
37...Bd7 1.16/20
[37...Bd5± 0.59/17]
38.f5!± exf5 39.Rb6 Be6 0.81/20
[39...g5± 0.45/19 is superior.]
40.Rd6! White has strong compensation. White leaves nothing to chance now.
40...g5 41.h6 Rh8



42.Qh2 0.90/21
[And not 42.Qxg5 Qxg5 43.Rxg5 Re7=]
[⌓42.Rf2! 1.44/19]
42...Rd7? 4.60/20
[42...Kg8± 0.90/21]



43.Rd2!+-
[Weaker is 43.h7 Rxd6 44.Qh6+ *(44.exd6 Qf6=)* 44...Ke8 45.exd6 Qf8+-]
43...Rxd6 44.exd6 Qd8 7.48/21
[⌓44...Qd7 4.92/19 45.h7 Ke8 46.Nxe6 fxe6 47.Qh5+ Kf8 48.Qh6+ Qg7]
45.h7 Hoping for Qh6+. **45...Kg7** Prevents Qh6+. Strongly threatening ... Bd7. **46.Qe5+ Qf6 47.Nxe6+ fxe6 48.Qxf6+ Kxf6** Endgame KR-KR **49.d7 Rd8** aiming for ...Kg7. **50.h8Q+ Rxh8 51.d8Q+ Rxd8 52.Rxd8** KR-KP **52...Ke5 53.Rd7 f4 54.Rxb7 fxe3 55.Kf1 Kd4 56.Ke2 g4 57.Ra7 Kc3 58.Rxa5 g3 59.Kxe3 Kxc2** KR-K3P **60.Rg5 Kb3 61.Rxg3** KR-KPP **61...Ka4 62.Rg5 Kb3 63.Kd4 e3 64.Re5 e2 65.Rxe6 Ka4 66.Rxe2** KR-K **66...Kb4 67.Rb2+ Ka3 68.Rb7** 5.67/5
[⌓68.Rb6 #6/14 Ka4 69.Kc4 Ka3 70.Rb8 Ka2 71.Kc3 Ka1 72.Kc2 Ka2 73.Ra8#]
68...Ka4 69.Kc5 Rb8 would kill now.
69...Ka3 70.Kc4 White mates. **70...Ka2 71.Kc3 Ka1 72.Kc2 Ka2 73.Ra7#**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.46
1-0

21 **D00**
□ **Raspfish** **3036**
■ **Pawn Git** **2856**
Rapid 26.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.Nc3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bf4 a6 4.Nf3 e6 5.e3 c5 6.dxc5 Bxc5 7.Bd3 Nbd7
[7...0-0 8.0-0 Nbd7 9.e4 dxe4 10.Nxe4 Nxe4 11.Bxe4 Nf6 12.Qe2 Nxe4 13.Qxe4 f6 14.Qc4 Qb6 15.Rad1 Kh8 16.Nd2 e5 17.Nb3 Be7 18.Be3 Be6 19.Bxb6 Bxc4 20.Rfe1 Bb5 21.f4 Kg8 22.Nd4 Fawzy,A (2535)-Maurizzi,M (2555) Douglas 2023 Mega2024 Update 01 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (39)]
8.0-0 b5 9.a4N
[9.Ne5 Bb7 10.Qe2 0-0 11.a3 Nxe5 12.Bxe5 Nd7 13.Bd4 e5 14.Bxc5 Nxc5 15.Qh5 e4 16.Be2 f5 17.Rad1 Ne6 18.f4 Qb6 19.Qh3 Rad8 20.Rd2 b4 21.axb4 Qxb4 22.Rfd1 d4 23.Na2 Qc5 Poormosavi,S (2388)-Sethuraman,S (2588) Dubai 2024 Mega2024 Update 31 [Kitty Kat] 0-1 (36)]
9...b4 10.Na2 0-0 11.c3 bxc3 12.Nxc3 Re8 13.Ne5 Bf8 14.a5 Bb7 Prevents Nc6. **15.Re1 Qe7 16.Bf1 Rec8 17.Re2 Qd8**
[17...h5!? 18.h3 g6∓]
18.Rd2 Nxe5 19.Bxe5 Nd7 20.Bg3 Bc6 21.e4 dxe4

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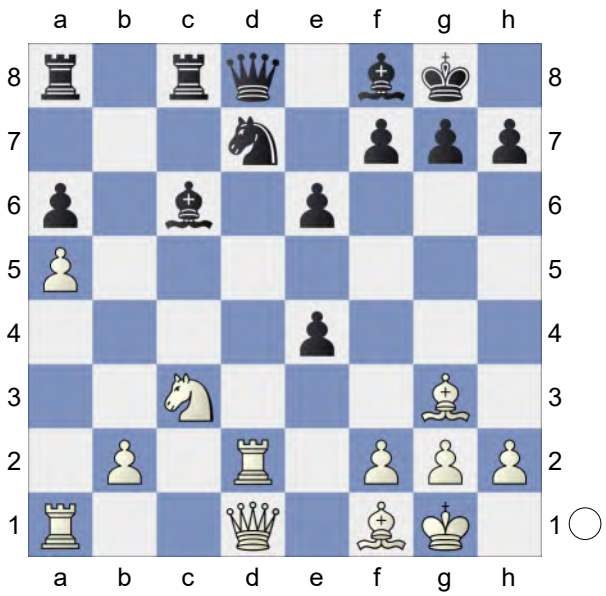
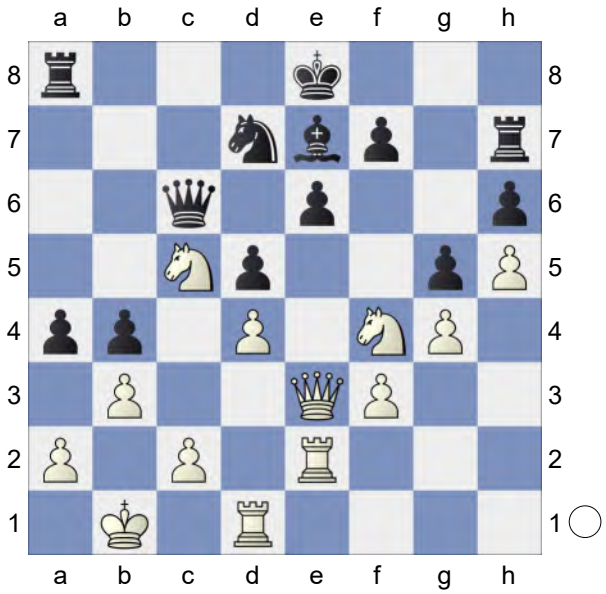


22.Nxe4! Bxe4 23.Rxd7 Qf6 24.Qd2 h5 25.Rd4 Bd5 26.Re1 Rc6 27.Be5 Qg6 28.g3 Qf5 29.Qd1
[But not 29.Rxd5 exd5 30.Bc3 Re6 31.Rxe6 Qxe6∓]
29...Bf3 30.Qa4 Qc2 31.Qxc2 Rxc2 32.Rc4 Rxc4 33.Bxc4 g5 34.Bc3 0.10/19
[34.Bf6!± 0.63/20]
34...Bg7= 35.Bxg7 Kxg7± Endgame KRB-KRB. The position is equal. **36.Ra1 Kf6 37.Kf1 Ke5 38.Ke1 h4 39.Kd2 Bd5 40.Be2 hxg3 41.hxg3 Rb8 42.Ke1 Rxb2 43.Bxa6 Kd6! 44.Bf1 Kc7 45.a6 Kb8 46.Bd3 Ka7 47.Ra5 Kb6 48.Ra3 Ka7 49.Ra4 Rb8 50.Kd2 Rb2+ 51.Ke3 Rb3 52.Kd2 Rb2+ 53.Ke3 Rb3 54.Ke2 Rb2+ 55.Ke3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.03 (flawless)
½-½

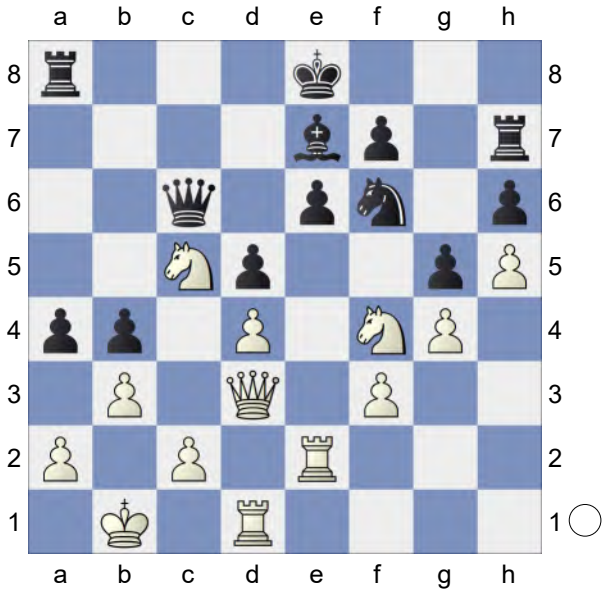
22 **D00**
□ **Raspfish** **3034**
■ **Bitbybyte** **2910**
Rapid 22.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack
1.Nc3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 Bg4 6.Be2 Bxe2 7.Qxe2 Threatens to win with Nb5. **7...a6** Against Nb5 **8.g4** The position is equal. **8...h6**
[8...Nc6 9.g5 Ne4 10.Nxe4 Nxd4 11.Qd3 dxe4 12.Qxe4 Qa5+ 13.c3 Nc6 14.Nf3 Rd8 15.b3 g6 16.♗b2_21333-Vogt,F ICCF 2023 09 3... Bb4 [John Watson]]
9.0-0-0 b5N
[9...e6 10.h4 b5 11.Qf3 b4 12.Na4 Nc6 13.Ne2 Rc8 #11 17) Jobava London-2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3]
10.h4 -0.19/18
[⩲10.Nf3 0.13/17]
10...b4 0.14/19
[⩲10...Qd7 -0.19/18]
11.Na4= Qa5 12.b3 Nbd7 13.f3 Qb5 14.Qe3 Nb6 15.Nc5 Nbd7 16.Nd3 a5 17.Ne2 g6 18.Be5 Qc6 19.Kb1 e6 20.Nef4 a4 21.Rhe1 Be7 22.Re2 aiming for g5. **22...Rh7** 0.93/20
[Black should play 22...Nxe5± 0.33/18 23.Qxe5 *(23.Nxe5 Qc3=; 23.dxe5 Nd7∓)* 23...Rh7]
23.Bxf6± Nxf6 24.Nc5 Nd7 25.h5 g5
[25...Nxc5? 26.hxg6 *(26.dxc5 gxh5 27.Nxh5 0-0-0=)* 26...fxg6 27.dxc5+-]

(Diagram)



26.Qd3! Nf8
[26...Nf6?



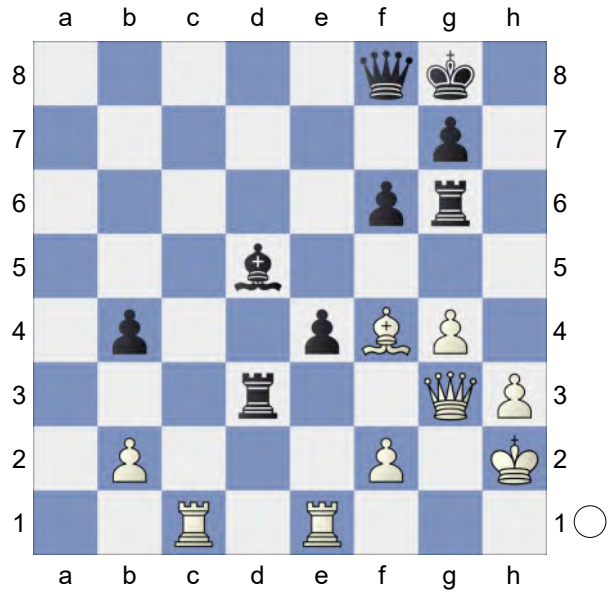
27.Nfxe6! Ra7 28.bxa4!+-]
27.Ng2 0x0.0010f922457fdp-1022s more active pieces. Pair of Knights! **27...a3 28.c3** 0.44/19
[28.f4± 0.84/19]
28...bxc3± 29.Rc1 Bxc5 30.Rxc3 Pin **30...f6 31.Rxc5**
[But not 31.dxc5 Ra5=]
31...Qd6 32.Ne3 And now Nxd5 would win. **32...Kf7 33.b4 Kg8 34.Nc2 Rha7 35.Rc3 Kh8 36.Re3 Ra6** 1.09/18

[36...Ra4!± 0.66/18]
37.Qe2± f5 1.80/22
[37...Ra4± 1.01/18 keeps fighting.]
38.b5+- Rb6 39.Rxa3 Rxb5+ 40.Qxb5 Rb8 41.Qxb8 Qxb8+ 42.Rab3 Qc7 43.a4 fxg4 3.61/21
[⌓43...Kg7 2.52/19 44.gxf5 exf5]
44.fxg4 Kg7 45.Rb5 Qc4 46.Rb7+ Kg8 47.a5 Qa6 48.Rb8 Kg7 49.Rc3 Qxa5 50.Rcc8 Qd2 51.Rxf8 Intending Rfd8 and mate. **51...Qd1+ 52.Kb2 Qxg4 53.Rg8+ Kf7 54.Rbf8+ Ke7 55.Rf1 Qe2 56.Rg7+**
[Don't play 56.Rff8 Qxh5 57.Rf2 e5 58.dxe5 Qg4+-]
56...Ke8 10.94/24
[⌓56...Kd6 5.18/25]
57.Ra1 Qb5+ 58.Kc3 Kf8 59.Raa7 Qc6+ 60.Kd2 White threatens Raf7+ and mate. **60...Qd6 61.Rgb7** Threatening mate with Ra8+. **61...Qd8** Against Ra8 **62.Rh7 Kg8 63.Rag7+ Kf8 64.Rh8+ Kxg7 65.Rxd8 g4 66.Ne3 g3 67.Ra8** Ra7+ would kill now. **67...g2 68.Nxg2** White mates. **68...Kf7 69.Ne3 Ke7 70.Ng4 e5 71.Nxe5 Kf6 72.Rg8 Kf5 73.Rg4 Kf6 74.Rg6+ Ke7 75.Rxh6 Kf8 76.Rh7 Kg8 77.Ra7 Kf8 78.h6 Kg8 79.h7+ Kh8 80.Ng6#**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.13 (very precise)
1-0

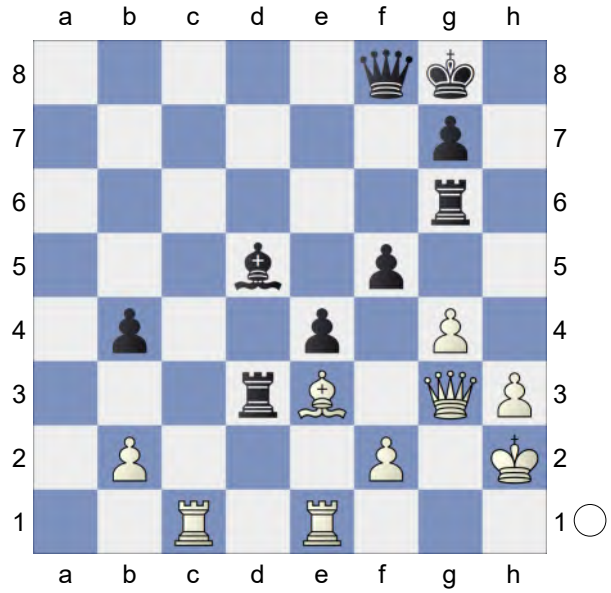
23 **D00**
□ **Torombot** **3027**
■ **Expositor** **2768**
Blitz 30.06.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+1sec D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 h6 5.Nf3 e6 6.Bd3 c5 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.e4** The position is equal. **8...Nc6 9.0-0 Nh5**
[9...0-0 10.h3 Re8 11.Re1 d4 12.Ne2 e5 13.Bd2 Be6 14.Ng3 Nd7 15.Nf5 Bf8 16.Nh2 Nc5 17.Qf3 Kh7 18.Ng4 Nxd3 19.cxd3 h5 20.Nh2 g6 21.Ng3 Bg7 22.Qe2 Rc8 23.Nf3 Bf6 24.Rec1 Hong,A (2542)-Sarana,A (2703) Chess.com INT 2024 0-1 (59)]
10.Bd2 Nf6N
[10...d4 11.Ne2 e5 12.Ng3 Nxg3 13.fxg3 0-0 14.Nh4 Ne7 15.Qf3 Be6 16.Kh1 Qd7 17.Nf5 Bxf5 18.exf5 f6 19.Bc4+ Kh8 20.Be6 Qc6 21.Qh5 Kh7 22.g4 Qe8 23.Qh4 e4 24.g5 e3 25.g6+ Mihir,S (1801)-Galymzhanuly,I (1929) Almaty 2024 ½-½ (71)]
11.h3 0-0 12.Re1 b5 13.exd5 exd5 14.Bf4 Against Qc7 **14...Be6 15.Qd2 Re8 16.Rad1 Rc8 17.a3 Bf8 18.Be3 Qd7**
[Much less strong is 18...d4 19.Nxd4! Bd7 20.Nf3±]
19.Nd4 Ne5! 20.Bf4 Nxd3 21.Qxd3 Qb7 22.Re2 Bd7 23.Qf3 Ne4 24.Nxe4 dxe4 25.Qg3 Qd5 26.Bxh6 Rc6! 27.Bf4 Rg6 28.Qh2
[28.Qe3 keeps more tension. Qh5 29.Bg3 Bxh3 30.gxh3 Qxh3 31.Rdd2]
28...Qh5 29.Kh1 Bc6 30.Rde1 Bb7 31.Re3 Bc5 32.c3 Qh4 33.g4
[33.Kg1 with more complications. Rc8 34.Be5 Qg5 35.Rd1]
33...Bxd4 34.cxd4 Rd8 35.Bg3 Qe7 36.Be5 b4 37.Rg1 f6 38.Bf4 Rxd4 39.Qg3 a5
[39...f5!?]
40.Kh2 Qf8 0.52/21
[40...Ba6= 0.00/17]
41.axb4± axb4 42.Rc1 Bd5 0.62/21
[42...f5= 0.27/19 was preferrable.]

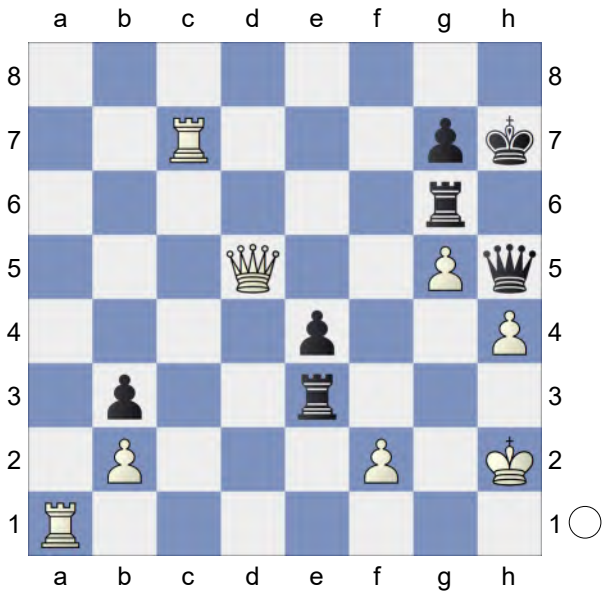
43.Ree1! Rd3



44.Be3! f5



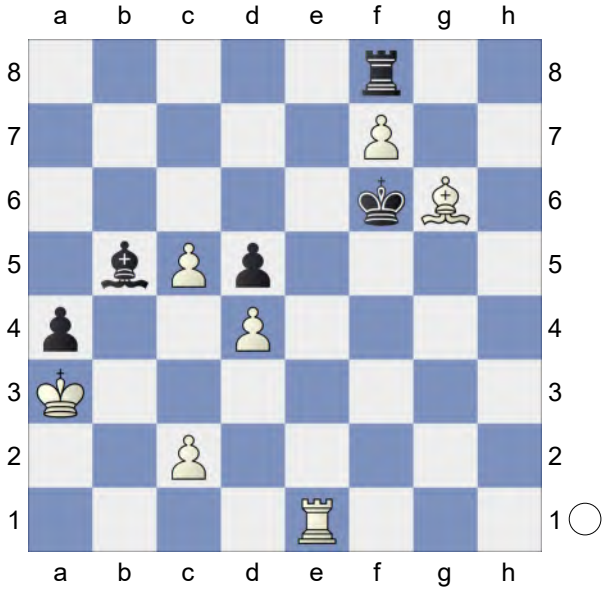
45.g5! b3 1.08/19 Black is now going downhill.
[45...Bc6± 0.61/17]
46.h4± Re6 47.Rc7 Qe8 1.66/22
[47...Rc6± 1.22/18 was necessary.]
48.Ra1+- Qh5? 3.98/23
[48...Bc6 1.78/20 was worth a try. 49.Raa7 Bd7]
49.Qf4
[49.Raa7 Rg6 50.Rc8+ Kh7+-]
49...Rg6? 6.58/21
[49...Rxe3 3.81/23 50.fxe3 Qf3]
50.Qxf5 Rxe3 51.Qxd5+
[Weaker is 51.fxe3 Qxh4+ 52.Qh3 Qf2+ 53.Kh1 Qf3+ 54.Qxf3 exf3+-]
51...Kh7



52.Rxg7+!! Rxg7 53.Qf5+ Qg6 54.Qxg6+ Kxg6 55.fxe3 Endgame KR-KR **55...Kh5 56.Kh3 Rf7 57.Rg1** aiming for g6. **57...Kg6 58.Rg2** And now Kg4 would win. **58...Rf1 59.Kg4** Black must now prevent h5+.
59...Kh7? 12.25/26
[59...Rh1 2.66/23 60.Rd2 Rg1+ 61.Kf4 Kh5]
60.h5 Rd1 Prevents Rd2. **61.h6 Kg6 62.Rh2 Rg1+ 63.Kf4 Kh7 64.Rd2 Rf1+ 65.Kxe4** Rd7+ would kill now. **65...Rf7** Prevents Rd7. **66.Rd6** Threatening mate with g6+. **66...Rb7 67.Kf5** Intending Kf6 and mate. **67...Rf7+ 68.Rf6 Rb7 69.e4 Ra7 70.e5 Rc7 71.Rf8 Rc1 72.Rf7+ Kg8 73.g6 Rf1+ 74.Ke6 Rxf7 75.gxf7+** KP-KP **75...Kf8 76.h7 Kg7 77.h8Q+ Kxh8 78.Kf6 Kh7 79.f8R Kh6 80.Rh8#** Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.17 (very precise)
1-0

24 **D00**
□ **Puztel** **3027**
■ **Bot Adario** **2651**
Blitz 26.06.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 2min+2sec D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.Nc3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.g4 c5 6.g5 Nfd7 7.Qg4 b5 8.Qg3** The position is equal. **8...Bb7**
[8...b4!? 9.Bc7 Qe7=]
9.Nf3 b4N
[9...Nc6 10.a3 *(10.Bc7 Qc8 11.Bh3 Be7 12.dxc5 Nxc5 13.Nxd5 Bd8 14.Bxd8 Qxd8 15.Nc7+ Ke7 16.Nxa8 Bxa8 17.Rd1 Qa5+ 18.c3 Ne4 19.Qf4 Nd8 20.0-0 f6 21.Bg2 Qb6 22.Qh4 Qc5 23.Rd4 fxg5 24.Nxg5 Qxg5* Kilic,E (2441)-Sakun,V (2301) Chess.com INT 2024 1-0 (46)*)* 10...Rc8 11.h4 Qa5 12.Bd6 b4 13.Nb1 Be7 14.Nbd2 c4 15.Be2 0-0 16.0-0 bxa3 17.Rxa3 Qb6 18.Bxe7 Nxe7 19.Rb1 Bc6 20.c3 Bb5 21.Bd1 Qc7 22.Qxc7 Rxc7 23.Ba4 Rb8 24.Bxb5 Koelle,T (2454)-Sadhwani,R (2641) Pula 2023 0-1 (49)]
10.Ne2 Nc6 11.h4 Rc8 12.Bh3 Nb6 1.12/15 Black is on the road to losing.
[12...Qa5= 0.30/15]
13.h5± Nc4 14.g6 hxg6 15.hxg6 f6 16.Rh2 f5 17.Ng5 Nxb2 1.68/19
[17...Qa5± 1.33/17 might work better.]
18.Nxe6 Qf6 19.Nxf8
[But not 19.Nxc5?! Bxc5 20.Rb1 Bxd4 21.Nxd4 *(21.exd4 Nc4±)* 21...Nxd4 22.exd4 Nc4±]
19...Rxf8 20.Bg5 Qxg6 21.dxc5 Qe6 1.80/18
[21...Na4± 1.43/17]
22.Bf4+- Qf6 aiming for ...Nd3+! **23.Nd4 Nxd4 24.exd4 Kd7**
[24...Qxd4? 25.Qg6+ Ke7 26.Bg5+ Rf6 27.Qxg7+ Ke6 28.Kf1+-]
25.Be5 Rce8 26.f4 Nc4 27.0-0-0 Qc6 3.87/17
[27...Qf7 2.04/18 28.Rg1 *(28.Qxg7 Nxe5 29.Bxf5+ Kd8∓)* 28...Rg8]
28.Qxg7+ Kc8 29.Bf1 This bishop pair is nice. **29...Rg8 30.Qh7** Chess con chili. **30...Nxe5 31.fxe5**
[Less strong is 31.dxe5 Kb8 32.Kb1 *(32.Qxf5 Ref8±)* 32...Qxc5±]
31...Ref8 32.Bd3 f4 33.Rh6 Qc7 34.Qxc7+ Kxc7 35.Rf1 a5 36.Rf6 a4 37.Kb2 Bc8 7.00/20
[⌓37...Bc6 4.99/18 38.R1xf4 Rc8]
38.R1xf4 Rxf6 39.exf6 Endgame KRB-KRB **39...Bd7 40.f7 Rf8 41.a3 bxa3+ 42.Kxa3 Kd8 43.Bg6 Ke7 44.Rf1 Bb5 45.Re1+ Kf6**



46.Re8! Kg7

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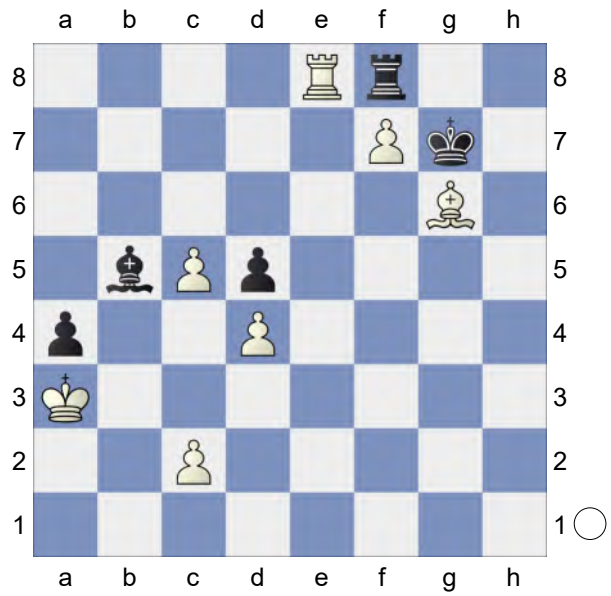

47.c3! Bxe8
[47...Bc6 48.Re6]
48.fxe8Q Rf2 49.Qe5+ Rf6 50.Be8 Kf8 51.Qxf6+ Kxe8 52.Qg7 White mates. **52...Kd8 53.c6 Kc8 54.Qd7+ Kb8 55.Qb7#** Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.36
1-0

25 **D00**
□ **Torombot** **3024**
■ **Caissa,X** **2972**
Rapid 30.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 10min D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.Nc3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.Be2 Nh5 8.Be5 c6 9.Nc3 f6 10.Bg3 g6
[10...c5 11.0-0 Nxg3 12.hxg3 c4 13.e4 Bb4 14.exd5 exd5 15.Nb1 Nc7 16.c3 Bd6 17.Nbd2 b5 18.Ne1 Be6 19.Nc2 Qd7 20.Re1 a5 21.a3 g6 22.Nf1 h5 23.Qd2 Kg7 24.f4 Rh8 25.Bf3 Yoo,C (2563)-Niemann,H (2699) Saint Louis 2022 0-1 (54)]
11.Bxa6N
[11.Nd2 Nxg3 12.hxg3 Nc7 13.e4 b5 14.a3 a5 15.e5 b4 16.axb4 axb4 17.Rxa8 Nxa8 18.Ncb1 fxe5 19.dxe5 c5 20.Bg4 Nb6 21.Qe2 Qc7 22.Nb3 Nc4 23.c3 Nxe5 24.N1d2 bxc3 25.bxc3 c4 Sailer,M (2109)-Janturin,A (2384) Chess.com INT 2023 0-1]
[11.e4 dxe4 12.Nxe4 f5 13.Nc3 f4 14.Ne5 Ng7 15.Bxa6 bxa6 16.Nxc6 Qc7 17.Qf3 Bb7 18.d5 Bxc6 19.dxc6 fxg3 20.Qxg3 Qxg3 21.hxg3 Rac8 22.f4 Rxc6 23.0-0-0 Rfc8 24.Rd7 Bf6 25.Ne4 Rxc2+ Badacsonyi,S (2197)-Samunenkov,I (2548) Chess.com INT 2024 0-1 (62)]
[11.a3 Nc7 12.Qd2 Ne8 13.Bf4 Nxf4 14.exf4 Bd6 15.g3 Ng7 16.0-0 ½-½ (16) Goossens,H (2159)-Kucharska,H (2191) Dortmund 2022]
11...bxa6 12.Qd3 c5 13.e4 c4 14.Qe2 dxe4 15.Qxe4 Qb6 16.d5 e5
[16...Qxb2!? 17.0-0 Qxc3∓]
17.d6 -0.30/20
[17.Qxc4 0.18/20 deserves consideration. Kh8 18.Rb1]
17...Bxd6=
[17...Qxb2? 18.0-0! Bxd6 19.Qxa8+-]
18.Qd5+
[18.Qxa8 Bb7 19.Qxf8+ Bxf8∓]
18...Kg7! 19.0-0-0
[19.Qxa8? Bb7 20.Qxf8+ Bxf8-+]
19...Rb8
[19...Nxg3 20.hxg3 Be7 21.Qxa8=]
20.Na4
[20.Qxd6? Qxb2+ 21.Kd2 Bf5-+]

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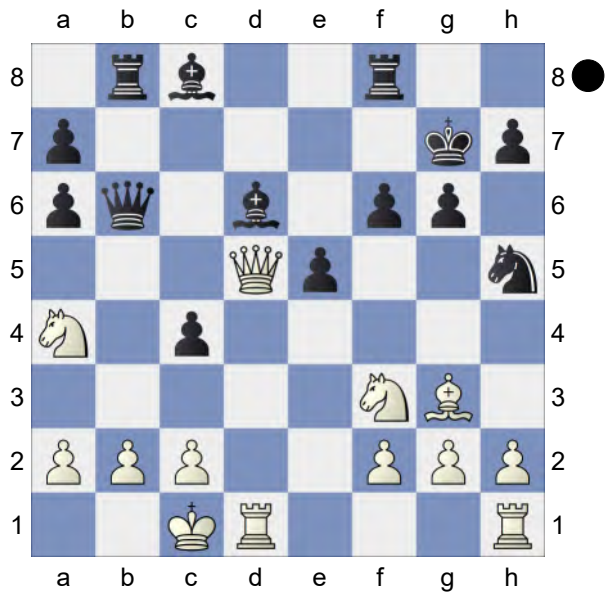
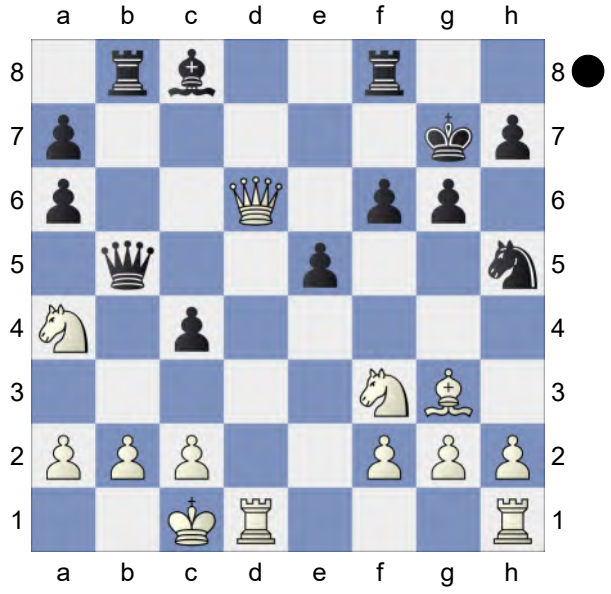


Deflection **20...Qb5** -0.38/21 **21.Qxd6** -0.99/18

[21.Qxb5∓ -0.38/21 axb5 22.Rxd6 bxa4 23.Rc6]



21...Qxa4!∓ 22.Bxe5

[22.Qxb8? is the wrong capture. Bf5 23.Qxf8+ *(23.Qxa7+? Rf7-+)* 23...Kxf8-+]

[22.b3 Qb4]

22...Rb6? 1.68/20

[22...Bf5∓ -1.17/21 keeps the pressure on. 23.Nd4 fxe5 24.Nxf5+ gxf5 25.Qe7+ Kg6]

23.Qc7++- **Rf7** **24.Qxc8** **fxe5** The position is equal. **25.Nxe5** **Rxb2!** Decoy **26.Kxb2** Dancing on a razor blade. **26...Qb5+** **27.Kc1!** **Qxe5** **28.Rd7** **Qa1+** **29.Kd2** **Qxh1** **30.Rxf7+** **Kxf7** **31.Qd7+** **Kg8** **32.Qd8+** **Kg7** **33.Qe7+** **Kg8** **34.Qe8+** **Kg7** **35.Qe5+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.17 (very precise)

½-½

26 **D00**

□ **Torombot** **3022**

■ **Engasaad** **2987**

Rapid 29.04.2024

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines

1.Nc3 **d5** **2.d4** **Nf6** **3.Bf4** **e6** **4.Nb5** **Na6** **5.e3** **Be7** **6.Nf3** **0-0** **7.Be2** **Nh5** **8.Be5** **f6** **9.Bg3** **c6** **10.Nc3** **g6**

[10...c5 11.0-0 Nxg3 12.hxg3 c4 13.e4 Bb4 14.exd5 exd5 15.Nb1 Nc7 16.c3 Bd6 17.Nbd2 b5 18.Ne1 Be6 19.Nc2 Qd7 20.Re1 a5 21.a3 g6 22.Nf1 h5 23.Qd2 Kg7 24.f4 Rh8 25.Bf3 Yoo,C (2563)-Niemann,H (2699) Saint Louis 2022 0-1 (54)]

11.Bxa6N

[11.Nd2 Nxg3 12.hxg3 Nc7 13.e4 b5 14.a3 a5 15.e5 b4 16.axb4 axb4 17.Rxa8 Nxa8 18.Ncb1 fxe5 19.dxe5 c5 20.Bg4 Nb6 21.Qe2 Qc7 22.Nb3 Nc4 23.c3 Nxe5 24.N1d2 bxc3 25.bxc3 c4 Sailer,M (2109)-Janturin,A (2384) Chess.com INT 2023 0-1]

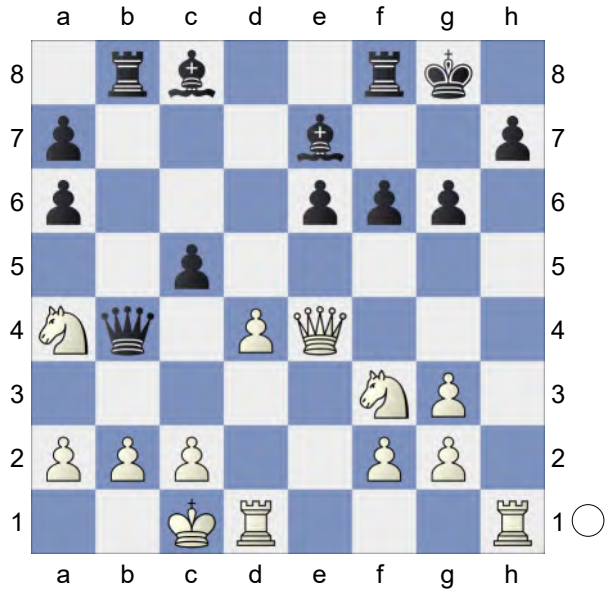
[11.e4 dxe4 12.Nxe4 f5 13.Nc3 f4 14.Ne5 Ng7 15.Bxa6 bxa6 16.Nxc6 Qc7 17.Qf3 Bb7 18.d5 Bxc6 19.dxc6 fxg3 20.Qxg3 Qxg3 21.hxg3

Rac8 22.f4 Rxc6 23.0-0-0 Rfc8 24.Rd7 Bf6 25.Ne4 Rxc2+ Badacsonyi,S (2197)-Samunenkov,I (2548) Chess.com INT 2024 0-1 (62)]
[11.a3 Nc7 12.Qd2 Ne8 13.Bf4 Nxf4 14.exf4 Bd6 15.g3 Ng7 16.0-0 ½-½ (16) Goossens,H (2159)-Kucharska,H (2191) Dortmund 2022]

11...bxa6 12.Qd3 c5 13.e4 -0.59/19
[13.0-0= 0.04/18]

13...Nxg3 -0.01/21 **14.hxg3= dxe4 15.Qxe4 Rb8 16.0-0-0 Qb6** 0.44/20
[16...cxd4= 0.09/19 was preferrable. 17.Nxd4 Rb4]

17.Na4!± Active counter play! **17...Qb4**



18.Qh4! h5
[18...Rf7 19.dxc5]

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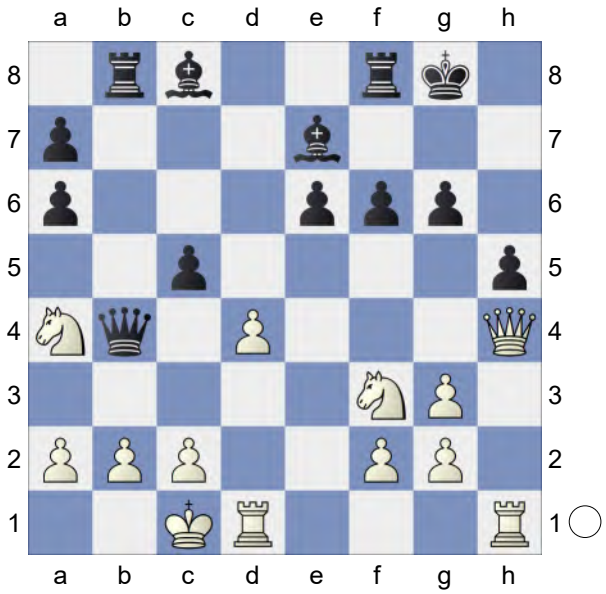
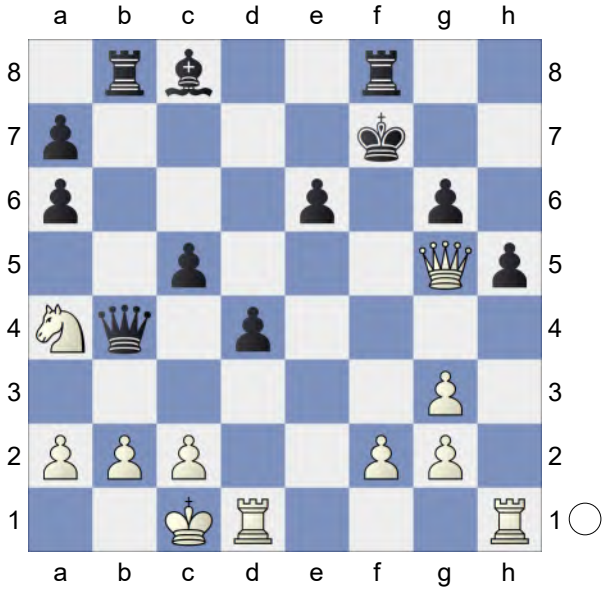


19.Ne5! fxe5
[19...Qxa4? 20.Nxg6 Rxb2 21.Nxe7+ Kg7 22.Kxb2+-]

20.Qxe7 Black should prevent Qg5!

20...Rb7
[But not 20...exd4 21.Qg5 Kf7



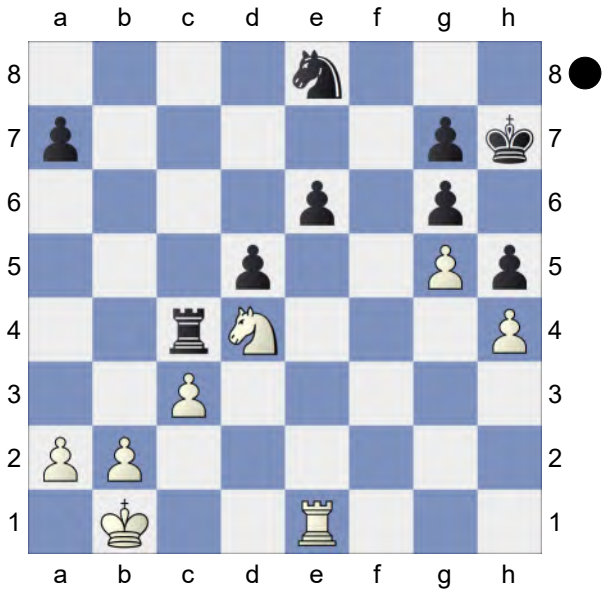
22.a3! Qxa4 23.Qf4+ Kg8 24.Qxb8±]
[20...Qxa4!? 21.Qg5 Kf7 22.dxe5 Qe8=]

21.Qg5 Qxa4 22.Qxg6+ Rg7 23.Qxh5 The position is equal. **23...Qxa2** ...Qa1+ is the strong threat. **24.Qh8+**

Kf7 25.Qh5+ Ke7 26.Qxe5 Qa1+ 27.Kd2 Qa5+ 28.Kc1 Qa1+ 29.Kd2⇄ White is not keeping still **29...Qa5+ 30.Ke2** Dancing on a razor blade.
[Much worse is Of course not 30.Ke3 cxd4+ 31.Qxd4 Qg5+ 32.Ke2 Ke8∓]
30...Rgf7 31.dxc5 Rxf2+ 32.Ke3 Threatens to win with b4! **32...R2f5 33.Qd6+ Ke8 34.Qc6+ Ke7** aiming for ...Re5+. **35.Qd6+!** Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.07 (flawless)
½-½

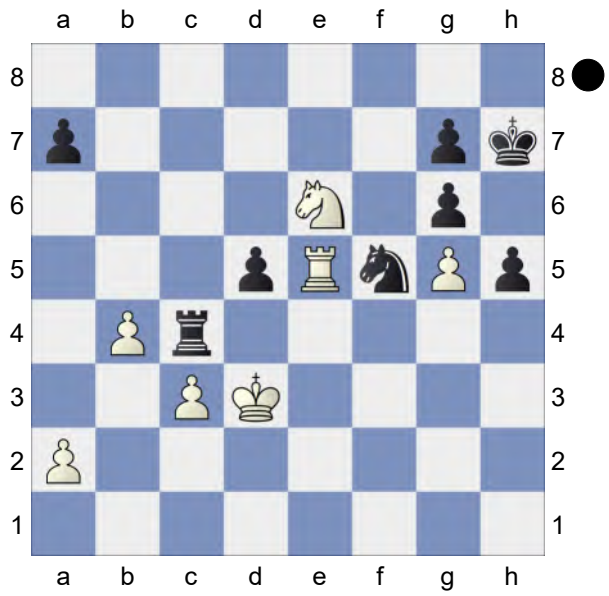
27 **D00**
□ **Athena Pallada** **3021**
■ **Der Kaufmann** **2766**
Blitz 14.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 Bg4 6.Qd2 Nc6 7.h3 Bh5 8.Bb5 The position is equal. **8...e6 9.g4 Bg6 10.Nf3 Bd6N** -0.11/18
[10...Bb4∓ -0.43/18]
[10...Ne4 11.Nxe4 Bxe4 12.Qe3 Qa5+ 13.Qc3 Bb4 0-1 (13) Tifferet,S (2280)-Pershina,E (2114) Chess.com INT 2023]
11.Ne5 Rc8 12.f3 0-0 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.h4 h5 is the strong threat. **14...h5**
[14...c5 looks sharper. 15.dxc5 Rxc5 16.0-0-0 Qb8]
15.0-0-0 c5
[15...hxg4 is more complex. 16.Nxg4 Nh5 17.Bxd6 Qxd6 18.Na4 f6]
16.dxc5 -0.33/19
[16.Nb5= 0.03/17 feels stronger. Bb8 17.dxc5 *(17.Nxg6 fxg6 18.Bg5 Qd7∓)*]
16...Rxc5 -0.01/17
[16...Bxc5∓ -0.33/19 is superior. 17.Nxg6 fxg6]
17.Nxg6 fxg6 18.Bxd6 Qxd6 19.g5 Ne8 20.Qd3 -0.61/21
[20.Qe3!= -0.22/18 Rc6 21.Rd4]
20...Kh7∓ 21.Kb1 Qf4 -0.23/19
[21...Rc4!∓ -0.67/19 was preferrable.]
22.Ne2= Qxf3 23.Qxf3 -0.77/21
[23.Nd4!∓ -0.38/23 might be stronger. Qxd3 24.cxd3]
23...Rxf3∓ 24.Nd4 Re3 -0.26/25
[24...Rf2∓ -0.72/23 White must now prevent ...e5. 25.Rdf1 Rg2]
25.Rhe1 Rxe1 26.Rxe1= Endgame KRN-KRN **26...Rc4 27.c3** -0.79/23
[27.Nxe6= -0.29/22 remains equal. Rxh4 28.c4 *(28.Nf8+ Kg8=)*]



27...Nd6!∓
[Don't play 27...Nc7 28.Re3=]
28.Kc2 Nf5 29.Kd3 Nxh4 30.Nxe6= 0.01/19
[30.b3∓ -0.69/22 should be considered. Rc8 31.Nxe6]
30...Nf3 -0.01/21
[Black should play 30...Ng2∓ -1.17/21

31.Re2 Rg4]
31.Re3= Nh4 32.b4 -0.88/20 **Nf5** -0.33/20
[32...Rg4∓ -0.88/20]
33.Re5 -0.73/23
[33.Rf3!∓ -0.33/20]

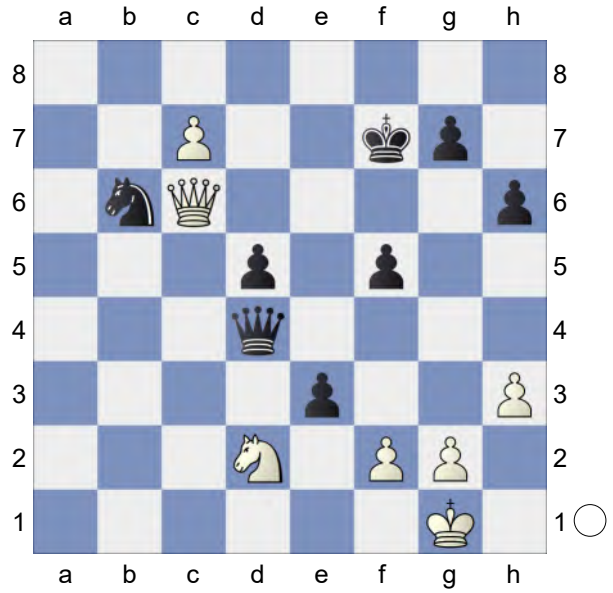


33...Rg4 -0.01/20
[33...Rc8!∓ -0.73/23]
34.Nf8+ Kg8 35.Nxg6 Rxg5 3.21/21
[35...Ng3= 0.28/20 and Black has nothing to worry.]
36.Ne7++-
[36.Rxd5 Rxg6 37.Rxf5 h4=]
36...Kf7? 4.69/21
[36...Nxe7 2.30/20 37.Rxg5 g6]
37.Rxf5+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.47
[And not 37.Nxf5 Kf6 38.Rxd5 Rxf5 39.Rd6+ Kg5=]
1-0

28 **D00**
□ **Torombot** **3021**
■ **Nikitosik Ai** **2970**
Rapid 28.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min+1sec D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.Nc3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.Be2 c6 8.Nc3 Nb8**
[8...c5 9.h3 Bd7 10.0-0 Rc8 11.a4 Nb4 12.Ne5 a6 13.a5 Nc6 14.Nxd7 Nxd7 15.dxc5 Bxc5 16.Bd3 h6 17.Qh5 Nf6 18.Qh4 e5 19.Bxh6 gxh6 20.Bf5 Kg7 21.Ra4 d4 22.Qg3+ Kh8 23.Qh4 Alekseenko,K (2639)-Oparin,G (2624) Sochi 2018 0-1]
[8...h6 9.Bxa6 bxa6 10.0-0 c5 11.Ne5 Qb6 12.Na4 Qb5 13.c3 Nd7 14.Nxd7 Bxd7 15.Nxc5 Bxc5 16.dxc5 Qxc5 17.Qd4 Qb5 18.b3 Rfc8 19.Rfc1 a5 20.Rab1 a4 21.c4 dxc4 22.bxc4 Qc6 23.c5 Demin,V (2430)-Agrest,I (2287) Chess.com INT 2024 1-0 (32)]
9.h3 b6N
[9...c5 10.0-0 Nc6 11.Re1 a6 12.a3 b5 13.dxc5 Bxc5 14.b4 Bd6 15.Bd3 e5 16.Bg5 Be6 17.e4 d4 18.Nd5 Be7 19.Nxe7+ Qxe7 20.Nd2 h6 21.Bh4 g5 22.Bg3 Rac8 23.Nb3 Nd7 24.Qh5 Lorenzo de la Riva,L (2430)-Girsh,D (2118) Chess.com INT 2022 1-0 (47)]
10.0-0 Bb7 11.Nb1 c5 12.Nbd2 Nc6 13.Rc1 c4 14.c3 b5 15.b3 Bd6 16.Bxd6 Qxd6 17.Qc2 h6 18.Rb1 Qc7 19.Rb2 Rfd8 20.a4 a6 21.Rfb1 Rab8 22.Nh2 Ne7 23.axb5 axb5 24.bxc4 bxc4 25.Ng4 Nd7 26.e4 dxe4 27.Bxc4 Bd5 28.Rxb8 Rxb8 29.Rxb8+ Qxb8 30.Ne3 f5 31.Bxd5

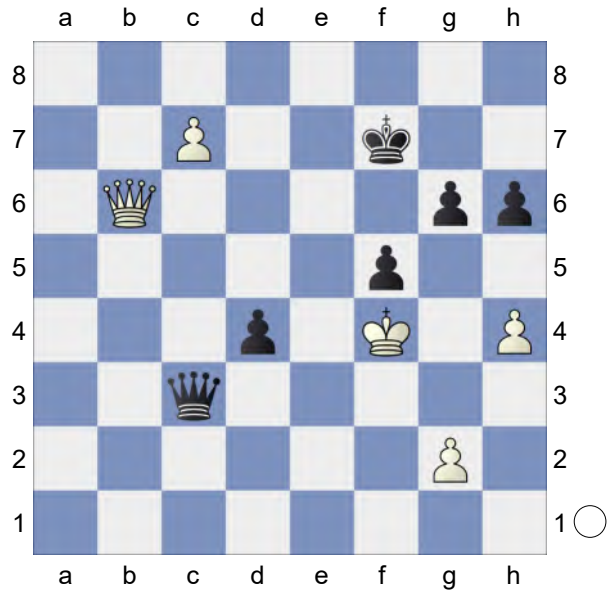
Nxd5 32.Nxd5 exd5 33.c4 Qb4 34.c5 Qxd4 35.c6 Nb6 36.c7 Kf7 37.Qc6 Hoping for Nf1. **37...e3**



38.fxe3 Qxe3+ 39.Kf1 aiming for Qxb6! **39...Qxd2 40.Qxb6=** Endgame KQ-KQ **40...Qd1+** 0.54/5 **41.Kf2±** White has compensation. **41...Qc2+** The position is equal. **42.Ke1** And now Qd6 would win. **42...Qc1+ 43.Kf2** Strongly threatening Qd6. **43...Qd2+**

[43...d4]

44.Kg3 Qc3+ 45.Kf4 g6 46.h4 d4



47.Ke5 Threatening mate with Qe6+. **47...d3+ 48.Kd5 d2 49.Qe6+ Kg7 50.Qd7+! Kf6 51.Qd6+ Kf7⇄** Black has counterplay **52.Qe6+ Kg7 53.Qd7+! Kf6 54.Qd6+ Kf7 55.Qe6+** An even fight not without its subleties. Weighted Error Value: White=0.01 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless)

½-½

29 **D00**

□ **Torombot** **3013**

■ **Caissa,X** **3007**

Rapid 13.04.2024

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min+1sec **1.Nc3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.g4 Bb4 6.Nge2 0-0 7.a3 Be7 8.g5 Nh5 9.h4 Nxf4 10.Nxf4 c5 11.Bd3! f5**

[11...cxd4= 12.Qh5 *(12.exd4 g6∓)* 12...f5 *(12...dxc3 13.Qxh7#; 12...g6? 13.Nxg6 fxg6 14.Bxg6+-)*]

12.gxf6!± Rxf6 13.dxc5 Rg1 would now be deadly.

[13.Rg1 seems wilder. Rh6 14.dxc5 Nc6 15.Qf3]

13...Nd7 14.Na4 White wants to play Rg1. **14...Rh6 15.b4 Kh8**

[15...Qf8=]

16.c4 a5 17.Be2

[17.cxd5 is interesting. exd5 18.Be2 axb4 19.axb4 Bxh4 20.Ng2]

17...Bxh4 18.cxd5 exd5 19.Qxd5

[19.Ng2± feels stronger.]

19...axb4= 20.axb4 Hoping for Kd2. **20...Qe8!**

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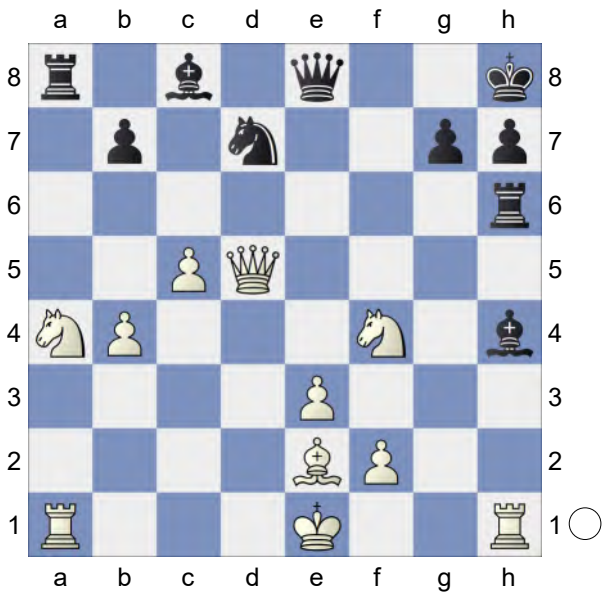

...Nf6! is the strong threat. **21.Nh5 Nf6 22.Qd4!** Some like it hot
[22.Nxf6? Bxf6 *(22...Bxf2+ 23.Kxf2 Rxf6+ 24.Ke1±)* 23.Rxh6 gxh6-+]
22...Bg4! The position is equal.
[22...Rxa4 23.Rxa4 Qxa4 24.Qd8+ *(24.Rxh4 Bd7+-; 24.Qxh4? Qa1+ 25.Bd1 Rxh5-+)* 24...Ng8 25.Rxh4 Qa1+ 26.Bd1 Qc3+ 27.Kf1±]
[22...Bxf2+? 23.Kxf2 Ne4+ *(23...Nxh5? 24.Rxh5 Rf6+ 25.Ke1+-)* 24.Ke1+-]
23.Rxh4
[23.Bxg4 with more complications. Rd8 24.Qf4 Nxg4 25.Rxh4 Ne5 26.Qf5]
23...Rxh5 24.Rxh5
[24.Rxg4 Rh1+ *(24...Rxa4 25.Rxa4 Rh1+ 26.Kd2±; 24...Nxg4 25.0-0-0=)* 25.Kd2 Rxa1 26.Qxa1 Nxg4 *(26...Qxa4?* loses. *27.Qxa4 Rxa4 28.Rd4+-; 26...Rxa4 27.Qd4=)* 27.Bxg4 Rxa4= *(27...Qxa4? 28.Qxa4 Rxa4 29.Kc3+-)*]
24...Bxh5 25.Nb6 Rxa1+ 26.Qxa1 Bxe2

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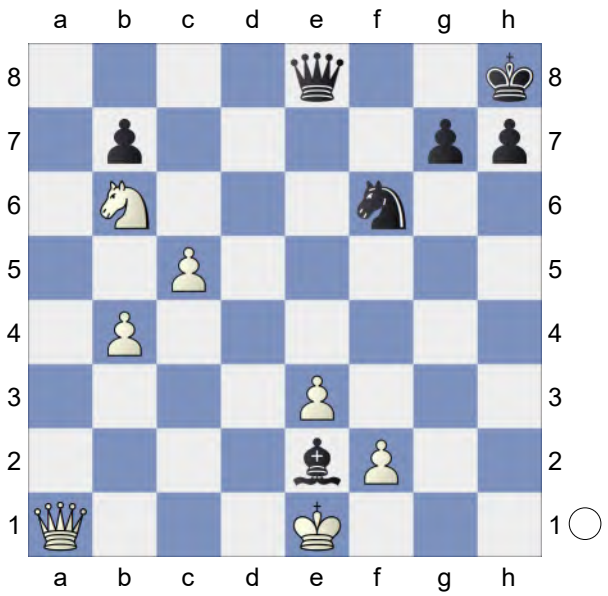
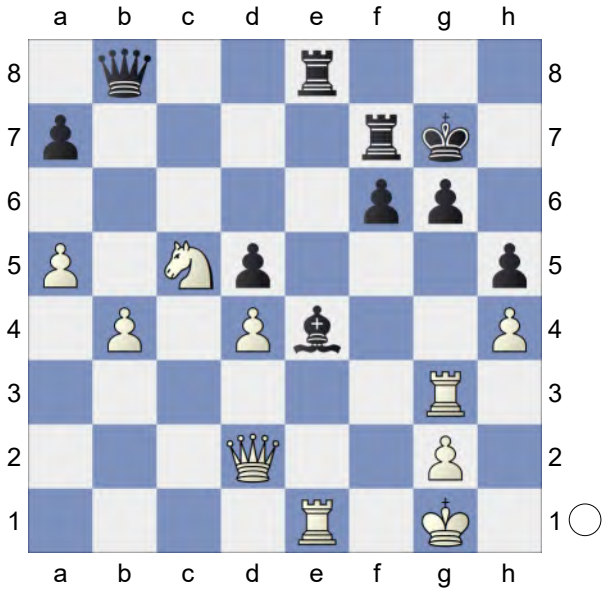


Remove Defender **27.Kxe2** Endgame. KQN-KQN **27...Qb5+ 28.Kf3** Strongly threatening Nd5! **28...Qxb4 29.Qa8+ Ng8 30.Qxb7** aiming for Qd5. **30...Qxc5 31.Nd5 Qf8+ 32.Nf4 Qf5** White must now prevent ...g5. **33.Qd5 Qxd5+ 34.Nxd5 Nf6 35.Nc7**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.06 (flawless) . Mistake: White=1 Black=2 Inaccurate: --- Black=1 OK: White=11 Black=17 Strong: White=2 Black=2
½-½

30 **D00**
□ **Athena Pallada** **3012**
■ **Tumaridodiegoni** **2625**
Blitz 15.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min D01: Veresov Opening **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 g6 4.Qd2 Bg7 5.Bh6N**
[5.f3 0-0 6.e4 c5 7.Nge2 cxd4 8.Nxd4 dxe4 9.fxe4 Nxe4 10.Nxe4 Qxd4 11.Qxd4 Bxd4 Miscellaneous

Variations Mov-Miscellaneous Nd Moves]
[5.0-0-0 c6 *(5...0-0 6.f3 c5 7.dxc5 Nbd7 8.e4 e5 9.Bg5 d4 10.Nd5 Nxc5* Quickstarter (1...Nf6 2...g6)-London Nc3*)* 6.f3 Nbd7 7.Bh6 0-0 8.h4 e5 9.Bxg7 Kxg7 10.h5 exd4 11.Qxd4 c5 12.Qd2 d4 13.Nb1 Qe7 14.hxg6 fxg6 15.Qh6+ Kg8 16.e4 Ne5 17.Na3 Be6 18.Nh3 c4 19.Rxd4 c3 Ernst,H (2774)-4.♘f3 g6 5.♘bd2 (2651) United States 2015 Gambiteer 1 [Asauskas,H] 0-1]
5...0-0 6.Bxg7 Kxg7 7.e3 c5 8.Nf3 The position is equal. **8...Nc6 9.Bb5 cxd4 10.exd4 Qb6 11.a4** -0.53/21
[Better is 11.Bxc6= -0.02/19 bxc6 12.0-0]
11...Bg4∓ 12.Ne5 -1.10/21
[12.Bxc6∓ -0.63/18 Bxf3 13.gxf3 Qxc6 14.Ne2]
12...Bf5 -0.29/19
[Resist 12...Nxd4 13.a5 Qc5 14.b4! Qxb4 15.Ra4=]
[12...Qxd4∓ -1.10/21 13.Qxd4 *(13.Nxc6 Qxd2+ 14.Kxd2 bxc6∓)* 13...Nxd4]
13.Rd1 -0.73/20
[13.Bxc6= -0.29/19 was preferrable. bxc6 14.0-0]
13...Na5 -0.09/20
[13...Rac8∓ -0.73/20]
14.b4!= Nc6 0.59/22
[14...Nc4= 0.02/23 15.Bxc4 dxc4]
15.a5± Qc7 16.Bxc6 bxc6 17.0-0 Ne4 18.Nxe4 Bxe4 19.Rfe1 h5 20.f3 Bf5 21.h4 0.26/21
[21.c4± 0.60/19 deserves consideration.]
21...f6 22.Nd3 Rae8 23.Nc5 e5 24.c3 0.01/22
[24.dxe5± 0.70/21 Rxe5 25.Rxe5 fxe5 26.c3]
24...e4= 25.fxe4 Bxe4 26.c4 Qg3 27.Qf2 Qc3 28.cxd5 cxd5 29.Qd2 Qc4 0.56/23
[29...Qg3= 0.01/24]
30.Rc1↑ White fights for an advantage.
30...Qb5 31.Rc3 Rf7
[Don't play 31...Qxb4 32.Nxe4 Qe7 33.Qc2!±]
32.Rg3 Qb8 0.74/25
[32...Rfe7= 0.07/24]



33.Rge3 0.08/24 &Bianco is more active.
[33.Rb3!± 0.74/25]
33...Qf4 0.93/23
[33...f5!= 0.08/24 remains equal.]
34.Qf2 Black is on the road to losing.
34...Qb8 1.18/24
[34...Qc7± 0.63/22]

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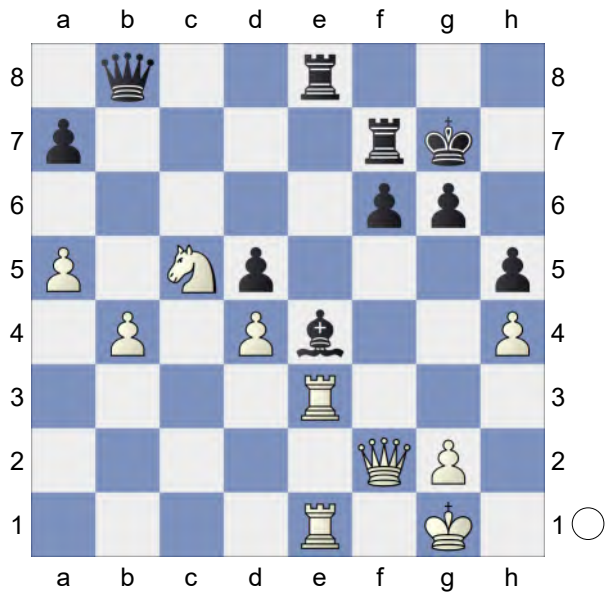
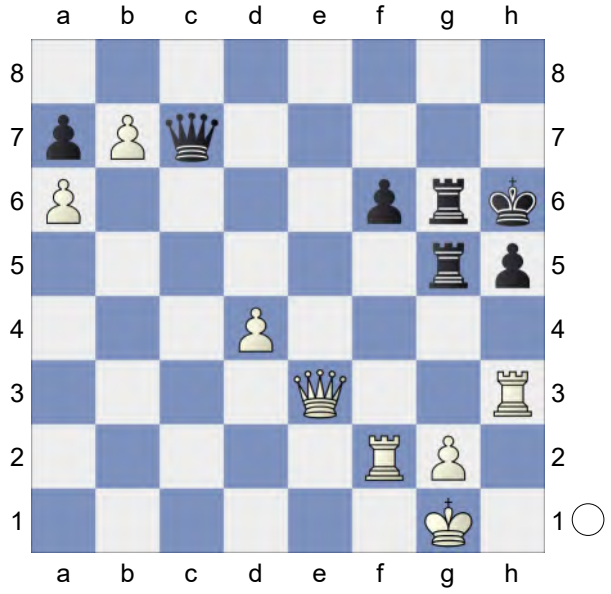


35.Rb3!± Qb5 36.Qf1 Qb8 2.23/22
[36...Rb8± 1.13/20]
37.b5+- g5 38.b6 gxh4 4.50/20
[38...axb6 3.11/20 keeps fighting. 39.axb6 Ree7]
39.b7 Kh7? 6.38/22
[39...f5 3.66/19 40.Qe2 Kg6]
40.a6 Rg8 41.Nxe4 dxe4 42.Qf5+ Kh6 43.Qxe4 Rfg7 44.Re2 h3 45.Rxh3 Qc7 46.Qe3+ Rg5 47.Rf2 R8g6

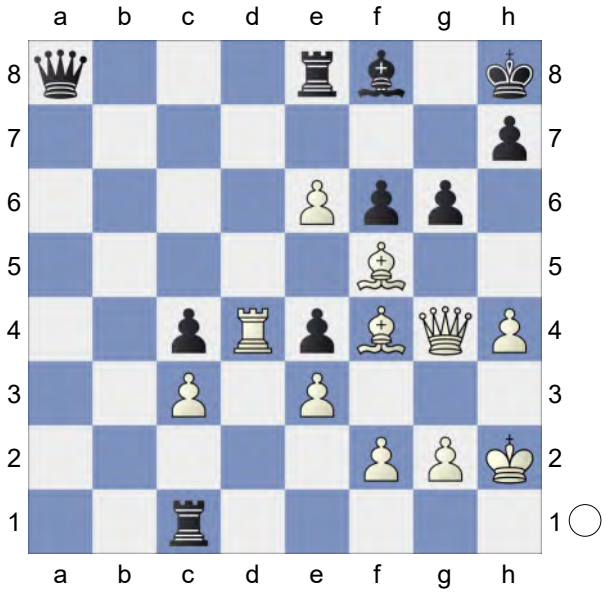


48.Rxh5+!! Kg7 49.Rxg5 Rxg5 50.Qf4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.22
(precise) /Black=0.60
1-0

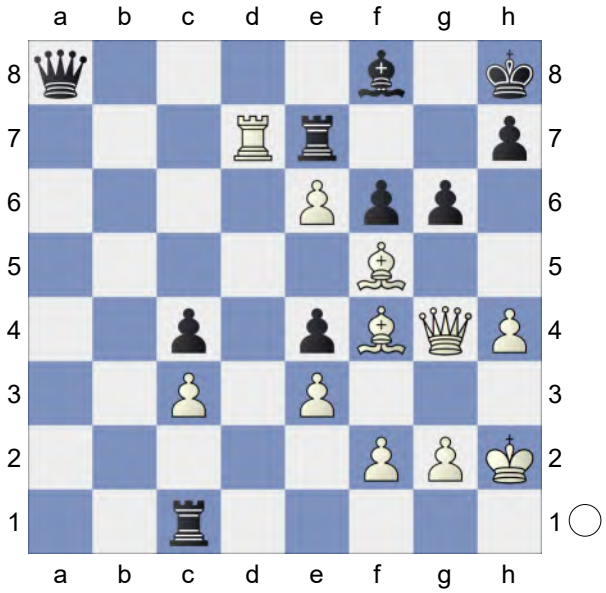
31	**D00**
☐ **Athena Pallada**	**3011**
■ **Stevenson,T**	**2620**
Blitz	13.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]	

Blitz 3min D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 a6N**
[3...c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 e6 6.Nb5 Na6 7.h4 Bd7 8.c3 Be7 9.a4 0-0 10.Bd3 Bc6 11.Nf3 Ne4 12.Qe2 f5 13.g3 Bf6 14.Ng5 Qd7 15.f3 Nac5 16.Bc2 a6 17.dxc5 axb5 18.fxe4 6) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5-5.exd4 e6 6.Nb5 Na6 #8 The Meanest Jobava London 2023 https://www.chessable.co [MH]]
4.e3 e6 5.a3 c5 6.Nf3 b5 7.Bd3 Bb7 8.0-0 Black has an edge. **8...Nbd7 9.Re1 Be7 10.h3 0-0 11.Ne5 Rc8 12.Qf3 c4 13.Be2 Ne4 14.Nxe4 dxe4 15.Qg3 Nxe5** -0.33/22
[15...Bh4 -0.66/19 deserves consideration. 16.Qg4 f5]
16.dxe5∓ Re8 0.01/21
[Better is 16...Kh8∓ -0.52/20 17.Red1 Bd5]
17.Rad1 -0.32/21
[17.Red1= 0.01/21 feels stronger. Qc7 18.c3]
17...Bd5 18.Bh6 Bf8 19.Bg5 -0.63/22
[19.c3!= -0.28/22]
19...Qc7 20.h4 Kh8 21.c3 a5! 22.Rd2 Rb8 -0.43/20
[22...b4∓ -0.94/22 23.axb4 axb4]
23.Red1 b4 24.axb4 axb4 25.Rxd5 exd5 26.Rxd5 bxc3 27.bxc3 Rb1+

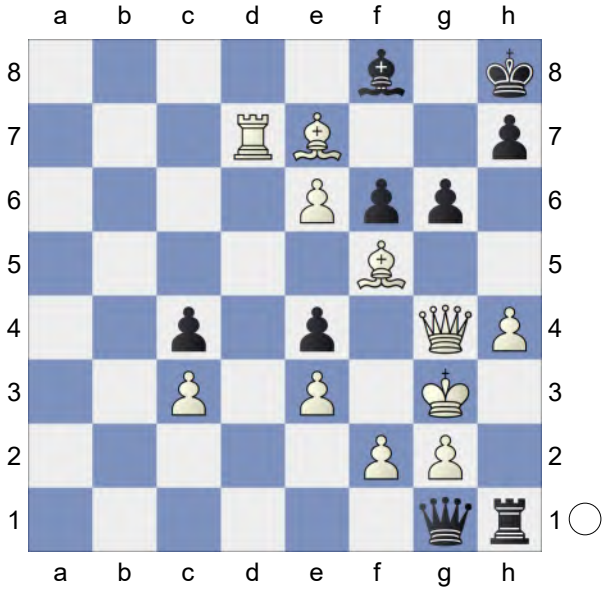
[27...Rb3!? 28.Qg4 Qc6∓]
28.Kh2 Rb2 0.70/22
[28...Re1= -0.14/22 29.Bd1 Qb7]
29.Bg4± White has compensation.
29...Rc2 1.35/21
[⌓29...h6 0.78/21 30.Bf4 Rd8]
30.Bf4 0.25/21
[30.Rd7± 1.35/21 Qb8 31.Rxf7]
30...Qc6 1.08/20
[Resist 30...Rxc3 31.Rd7 Qb6 32.Rxf7±]
[30...Rd8= 0.25/21 remains equal. 31.e6 Qe7 32.Rxd8 Qxd8]
31.Rd4 aiming for Bd7. **31...Qa8** 1.60/20
[⌓31...Qb6 0.99/19]
32.e6? -0.20/19
[32.Bd7± 1.60/20]
32...f6? 2.39/21
[32...fxe6= -0.20/19 33.Rxc4 Qd5]
33.Bf5!+- Rc1? 4.64/23
[33...Rxc3 2.55/20 34.Qg4 Qa5]
34.Qg4 And now Qh5 would win.
[Weaker is 34.Bxe4 Qa6 35.Qg4 Qxe6+-]
34...g6 7.66/24
[⌓34...Qa5 4.63/20 35.Bxe4 Rd8 36.Rxc4 Re8]



Inhibits Qh5. **35.Rd7!** Intending Rxh7+! and mate. **35...Re7**
[35...Be7 36.Bxg6]



36.Bd6?? -4.53/24 **Qa1??** #13/20
37.Bxe7 Rh1+ 38.Kg3 Qg1



39.Bxf6+ 7.89/5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.38/Black=0.82
[⌓39.Qxe4! #11/20 Qh2+ 40.Kf3 Rg1 41.Bxf6+ Kg8 42.Bh3 Rh1 43.e7 Qxh3+ 44.gxh3]
1-0

32 **D00**
□ **Torombot** **3010**
■ **Expositor** **2792**
Rapid 26.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min+1sec D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.Nc3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 h6 5.Nf3 e6 6.Bd3 c5 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.e4** The position is equal. **8...Nc6 9.0-0 Nh5**
[9...0-0 10.h3 Re8 11.Re1 d4 12.Ne2 e5 13.Bd2 Be6 14.Ng3 Nd7 15.Nf5 Bf8 16.Nh2 Nc5 17.Qf3 Kh7 18.Ng4 Nxd3 19.cxd3 h5 20.Nh2 g6 21.Ng3 Bg7 22.Qe2 Rc8 23.Nf3 Bf6 24.Rec1 Hong,A (2542)-Sarana,A (2703) Chess.com INT 2024 0-1 (59)]
10.Bd2 Nf6N
[10...d4 11.Ne2 e5 12.Ng3 Nxg3 13.fxg3 0-0 14.Nh4 Ne7 15.Qf3 Be6 16.Kh1 Qd7 17.Nf5 Bxf5 18.exf5 f6 19.Bc4+ Kh8 20.Be6 Qc6 21.Qh5 Kh7 22.g4 Qe8 23.Qh4 e4 24.g5 e3 25.g6+ Mihir,S (1801)-Galymzhanuly,I (1929) Almaty 2024 ½-½ (71)]
11.h3 0-0 12.Re1 b5 13.exd5 exd5 14.Qc1 Be6 0.67/20
[14...Nb4!= -0.12/16]

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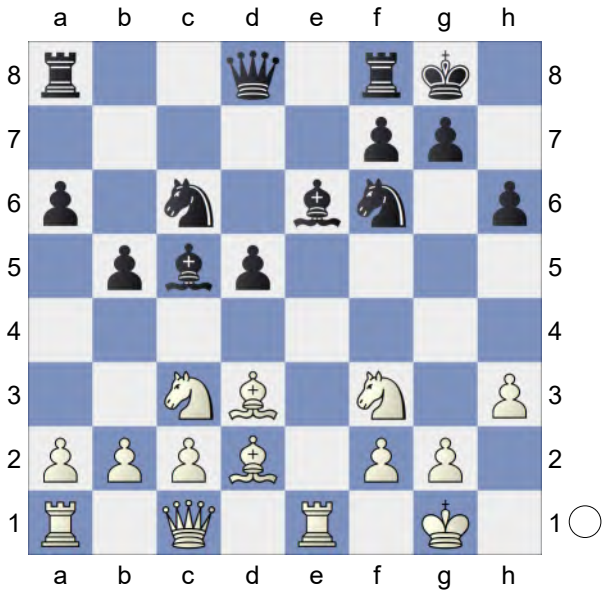
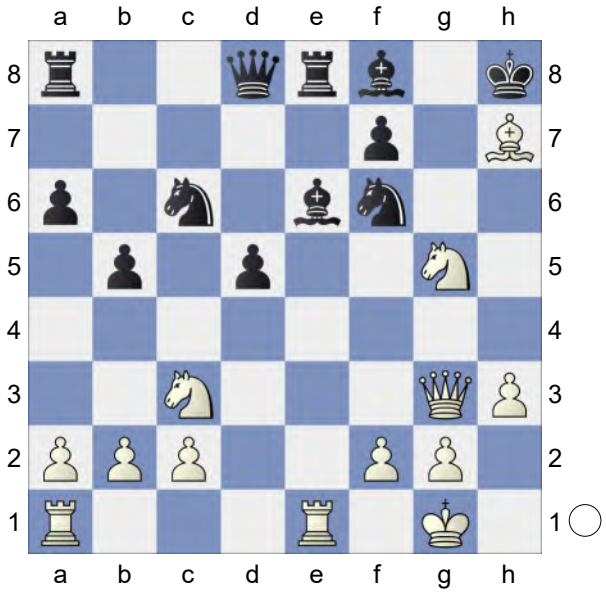
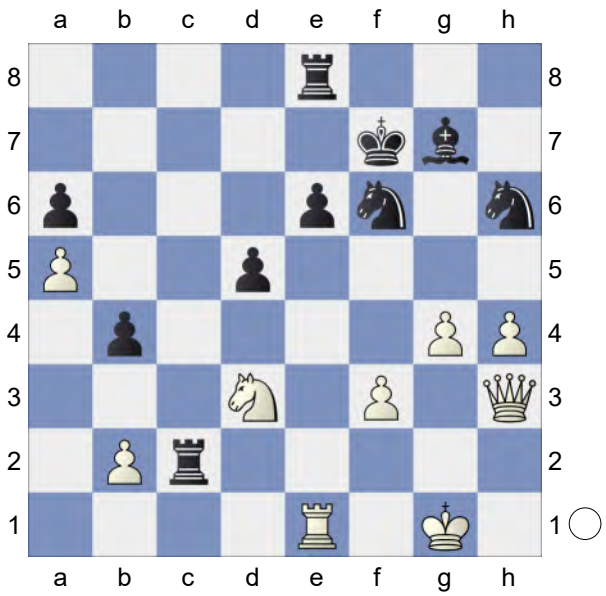


15.Bxh6!± gxh6 16.Qxh6 Re8
[16...Ne4 17.Nxe4 dxe4 18.Rxe4+-]
17.Ng5! White has strong compensation.
17...Bf8 18.Bh7+ Kh8 19.Qh4 &Bianco is more active. **19...Kg7!**
[19...Bg7? 20.Rxe6! Ra7 21.Rxc6+-]
20.Qg3!→ White has some attack.
[20.Nxe6+ Rxe6 21.Bf5 Rxe1+ 22.Rxe1 Kg8 23.Qg5+ Bg7∓]
20...Kh8 1.18/21
[20...Bg4± 0.52/20]

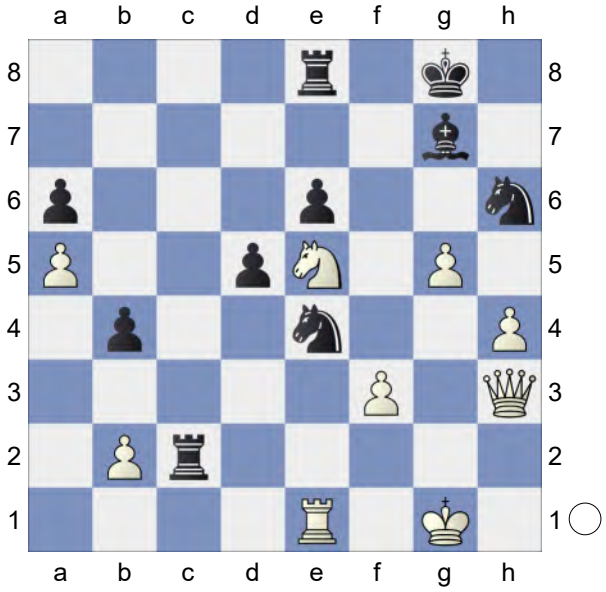


21.Rxe6!± Remove Defender **21...fxe6 22.Nf7+ Kxh7 23.Nxd8 Nxd8 24.Ne2 Bg7 25.a4** Black must now prevent axb5.
[25.Nf4 Kg8±]
25...b4 1.30/19
[⌓25...Nc6 0.76/17]
26.Re1
[26.Nf4 Kg8±]
26...Kg8 0.93/19
[⌓26...Rc8 1.25/19]
27.Nf4 0.62/19
[27.Qg6± 0.93/19]
27...Rc8!± 28.h4 Threatens to win with Qg6. **28...Rc6**
[28...Rxc2? 29.Qg6 Rc6 30.Nxd5! exd5 31.Rxe8+ Nxe8 32.Qxe8+ Bf8 33.Qxd8+-]
29.a5 Nf7
[29...Rxc2? 30.Qg6 Rc6 31.Nh5+-]
30.Qh3
[30.Qg6?! Nh8 31.Qd3 Nf7±]
30...Nh6
[30...Rxc2 31.Rxe6 Rxb2 32.Rxe8+ Nxe8 33.Qe6±]
31.f3 0.87/18
[White should try 31.Nd3! 1.40/20]
31...Kf7±
[31...Rxc2? 32.Rxe6 Rf8 33.Ng6+- *(33.Rxa6 Rc1+ 34.Kh2 Rc4±)*]
32.g4 And now g5 would win. **32...Rc4 33.Nd3 Rxc2** 1.91/19
[33...Nd7± 0.79/18]

(Diagram)

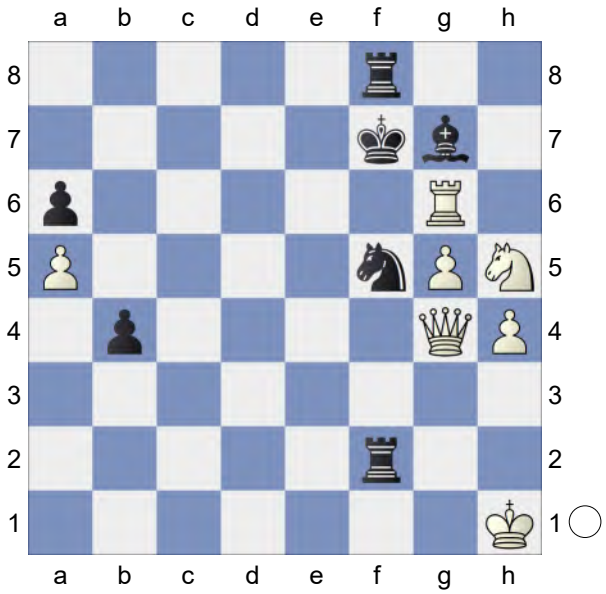


34.Ne5+!+-
[34.Nxb4 Rxb2 35.Nc6 Nh5 36.gxh5 Nf5±]
34...Kg8 35.g5! Ne4
[35...Rxb2? 36.gxh6 Bxh6 37.Qg3+ Bg7 38.h5+-]



...Nf2 is the strong threat. **36.Nd3** Against Nf2. Really sharp!
[36.fxe4 Bxe5 37.Qd3 *(37.gxh6 Kh8=)* 37...Rxb2 38.gxh6 *(38.exd5? Bh2+ 39.Kh1 Nf5-+)* 38...Kh8=]
36...Nf5 Hoping for ...Bd4+. **37.fxe4**

dxe4 38.Rxe4
[38.Nxb4 Rxb2 39.Rxe4 *(39.Nxa6? Rd8-+)* 39...Bd4+ 40.Rxd4 Nxd4=]
38...Rf8 39.Qg4
[39.Rxb4 Nd4=]
[39.Rxe6?! Bd4+ 40.Kf1 *(40.Kh1? Ng3+ 41.Qxg3 Rf1+)* 40...Nxh4+ 41.Ke1 Rh2 42.Rg6+ *(42.Qxh2 Nf3+ 43.Kd1 Nxh2∓)* 42...Bg7 43.Qe6+ *(43.Qxh2 Nf3+ 44.Ke2 Nxh2=; 43.Rxg7+ Kxg7 44.Qd7+ Rf7=)* 43...Kh7 44.Rxg7+ Kxg7 45.Qe5+ *(45.Qxa6 Nf3+ 46.Kd1 b3=; 45.Nxb4? Ng2+ 46.Kd1 Rf1+ 47.Ke2 Re1+ 48.Kd3 Rxe6-+)* 45...Kg8± 46.Qd5+ Kh8 47.Qd4+ *(47.Nxb4? Ng2+ 48.Kd2 Nf4+ 49.Kc3 Nxd5+-+; 47.Qe5+ Kg8±)* 47...Kg8 48.Qc4+ *(48.Qxb4 Nf3+ 49.Kf1 Ne5+ 50.Kg1 Nf3+ 51.Kf1 Nd2+ 52.Kg1 Re2-+)* 48...Kh8±]
[39.Nxb4 Rd2±]
39...Rd2 40.Nf4
[40.Rxe6 Bd4+ 41.Kf1 *(41.Kh1? Ng3+ 42.Qxg3 Rf1+)* 41...Kg7=]
40...Bd4+ 2.09/17
[40...Rxb2± 1.52/18 41.Rxe6 *(41.Nxe6 Rb1+ 42.Kg2 Rb2+ 43.Kh1 Rb1+ 44.Kh2 Rb2+ 45.Kh3 Rb3+ 46.Kh2 Rb2+=)* 41...Ra2]
41.Kh1 Rxb2 42.Rxe6 Rf2 43.Rg6+
[43.Rxa6 b3±]
43...Bg7 44.Nh5
[Not 44.Rxa6 b3 45.Ra8 Rf1+ 46.Kh2 b2 47.Rxf8+ Bxf8 48.Qxf5 b1Q 49.Qd5+ *(49.Qxb1? Rxb1 50.Kh3 Ra1-+)* 49...Kh8 50.Qd4+ Kg8 51.Qd5+ Kh8 52.Qd4+ Kg8 53.Qd5+=]
44...Kf7 8.85/17
[44...Rd8± 1.43/17]



Loses the game. **45.Rxg7+! Nxg7 46.g6+ Kg8 47.Qc4+**
[Worse is 47.Qd7 Rf1+ 48.Kh2 R8f2+ 49.Kh3 Nxh5=]
47...Kh8 48.Qd4 Rf1+ 49.Kh2 Rg8 50.Nxg7 Rd8 51.Qxd8+ Kxg7 Endgame KQ-KR **52.h5** White mates. **52...Rf2+ 53.Kg3 Rf1 54.Qd4+ Kf8 55.g7+ Kf7 56.h6 Rg1+ 57.Qxg1 Kg8 58.Qd4 b3 59.Qd8+ Kh7 60.g8Q+ Kxh6 61.Qdg5#** Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.22 (precise)
1-0

33 **D00**
□ **Torombot** **3009**
■ **Mr Chess Berserk** **2955**
Rapid 17.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min+1sec B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.Nc3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Ne5 Bd7 8.Ne2 e6 9.Nc1**
[9.c3 Be7 10.Ng3 0-0 11.Bd3 b5

12.a3 Nxe5 13.Bxe5 a5 14.h4 b4 15.cxb4 axb4 16.a4 b3 17.0-0 Rxa4 18.Qxb3 Qa8 19.Rxa4 Qxa4 20.Qxa4 Bxa4 21.Ra1 Bb3 22.Ra7 Bd8 23.Bd6 Bc4 Bluebaum,M (2670)-Thybo,J (2569) Chess.com INT 2021 1-0 (35)]

9...Nxe5

[9...Ne4 with more complications. 10.c3 Nxe5 11.Bxe5 Bd6]

10.Bxe5 Ba4N

[10...Qb6 11.Nd3 Bb5 12.Be2 Nd7 13.c3 Bxd3 14.Qxd3 Nxe5 15.dxe5 Qxb2 16.Rb1 Qxa2 17.Rxb7 Bc5 18.0-0 0-0 19.Rfb1 Qa5 20.Bd1 Qd8 21.Bc2 g6 22.g3 a5 23.Qb5 Ba7 24.Qd3 a4 25.h4 McDonald,J (1902)-Balakrishnan,P (2510) Nassau 2024 0-1 (37)]

11.Nb3 Bd6 12.Bxd6 Qxd6 13.Bd3 Bxb3 14.axb3 Kf8 15.0-0 h5 16.Qd2 h4 17.Qg5 Re8 18.h3 Rh5 19.Qe3 g6 20.Be2 Rh8 0.25/17

[20...Rf5 -0.17/19 deserves consideration.]

21.c4= Kg7 22.Bf3 Qd8 23.Rfc1 Nh7 24.Be2 Nf6 25.Bf3 Nh7 26.Be2 Nf6 27.c5 Qc7 The position is equal. **28.Bf3 e5 29.dxe5 Qxe5 30.Qc3 Ne4 31.Bxe4 dxe4 32.Rd1 e3 33.fxe3 Qxc3 34.bxc3 Rxe3** Endgame KRR-KRR **35.b4 Rxc3 36.Rd7 Rc4 37.Rxb7 Re8 38.Rf1 Kh6! 39.Rfxf7 Re2! 40.Rbe7 Rxe7 41.Rxe7 Rxb4 42.Kf2 Rc4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless)

½-½

34 **D00**

□ **Torombot** **3006**

■ **Bitbybyte** **2835**

Rapid 15.04.2024

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min+1sec D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.Nc3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 h6 5.Nf3 e6 6.Bd3 c5 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.e4** The position is equal. **8...Nc6 9.0-0 Nh5**

[9...0-0 10.h3 Re8 11.Re1 d4 12.Ne2 e5 13.Bd2 Be6 14.Ng3 Nd7 15.Nf5 Bf8 16.Nh2 Nc5 17.Qf3 Kh7 18.Ng4 Nxd3 19.cxd3 h5 20.Nh2 g6 21.Ng3 Bg7 22.Qe2 Rc8 23.Nf3 Bf6 24.Rec1 Hong,A (2542)-Sarana,A (2703) Chess.com INT 2024 0-1 (59)]

10.Bd2 Nf6N

[10...d4 11.Ne2 e5 12.Ng3 Nxg3 13.fxg3 0-0 14.Nh4 Ne7 15.Qf3 Be6 16.Kh1 Qd7 17.Nf5 Bxf5 18.exf5 f6 19.Bc4+ Kh8 20.Be6 Qc6 21.Qh5 Kh7 22.g4 Qe8 23.Qh4 e4 24.g5 e3 25.g6+ Mihir,S (1801)-Galymzhanuly,I (1929) Almaty 2024 ½-½ (71)]

11.h3 0-0 12.Re1 Re8 13.e5 Nd7 14.Bf4 Qb6 15.Qd2 Bf8 16.Ne2 Qxb2

[16...Bc5 17.Ng3=]

17.Rab1 Qa3

[17...Qxa2? 18.Ra1 Bb4 19.Qc1 *(19.Rxa2 Bxd2 20.Bxd2 Ndxe5±)* 19...Qxa1 20.Qxa1+-]

18.Ned4 -1.06/19

[18.Ng3∓ -0.50/17]

18...Nc5 -0.43/19

[18...Qxa2? 19.Nxc6 Qa3 20.Ncd4+-]

[18...Nxd4!∓ -1.06/19 19.Nxd4 Nc5]

19.Nxc6∓ bxc6 20.Nh2 h5 Against Ng4

[20...Qxa2? 21.Ra1 Nb3 22.Rxa2+-]

[Stronger than 20...Nxd3 21.cxd3 a5 22.Rb3∓]

21.Nf1! h4

[21...Qxa2? 22.Ra1 Nb3 23.Rxa2+-]

22.Nh2! a5 0.01/18

[22...Qxa2? 23.Ra1 Nb3 24.Rxa2+-]

[22...Bd7!∓ -1.01/19 White must now prevent ...Reb8. 23.Nf3 Nxd3 24.cxd3 Rab8]

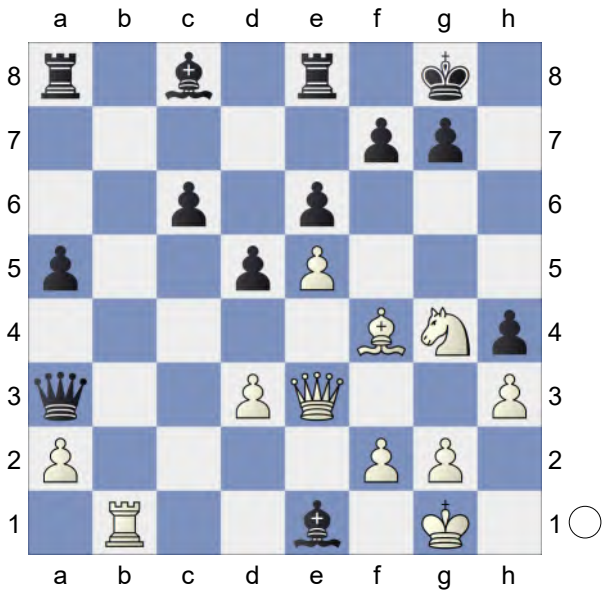
23.Ng4!= Nxd3

[23...Qxa2 24.Ra1 Nb3 25.Nf6+ *(25.cxb3 Qxd2 26.Bxd2 Ba6±)* 25...gxf6 26.Qe2 Qxa1 27.Rxa1+-]

24.cxd3 Bb4 25.Qe3 Bh6! is the strong threat. **25...Bxe1?** 1.82/19

[25...Qxa2? 26.Bh6 Bd2 27.Qxd2 Qxd2 28.Bxd2+-]

[25...Ba6= -0.19/19 26.Red1 Bc5]



A mistake that costs the game. **26.Bh6!+-** White wants to mate with Qg5. **26...Bxf2+ 27.Qxf2 Qxd3**

[27...gxh6? 28.Nxh6+ Kh7 29.Qxf7+ Kxh6 30.Rf1+-]

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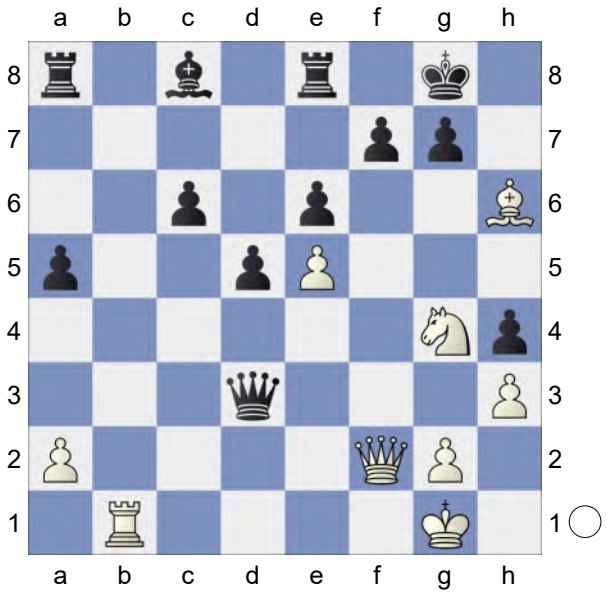
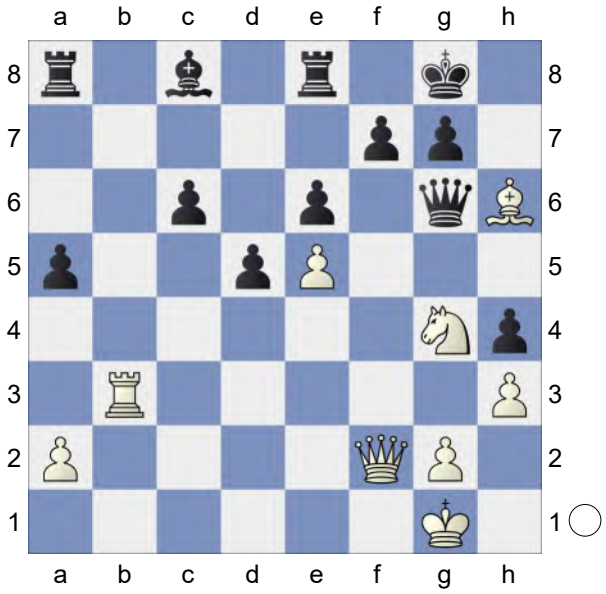


28.Rb3 Dancing on a razor blade.

28...Qg6



Prevents Nf6+. **29.Qxh4!→** White is out for blood. **29...Ba6**

[29...gxh6? 30.Nf6+ Kf8 31.Rg3+-]

[29...Ra7 30.Rg3]

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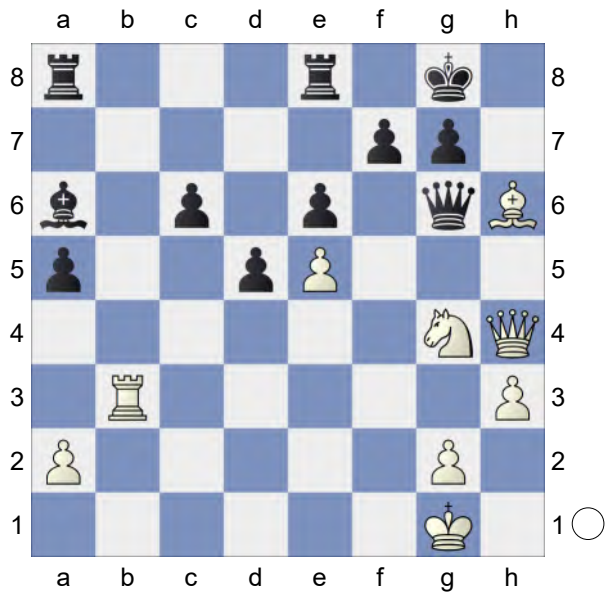
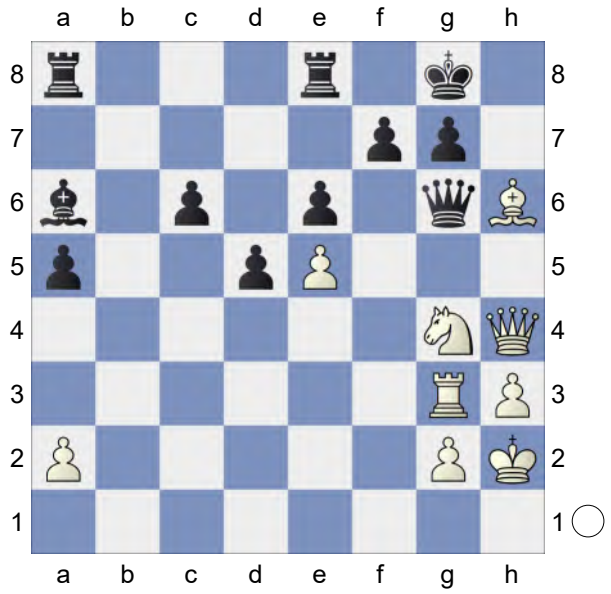


30.Rg3! And now Nf6+! would win.
30...Bd3
[30...gxh6? 31.Nf6+ Kg7 32.Rxg6+ fxg6 33.Ng4+-]
[30...Qb1+? 31.Kh2 Qg6



32.Nf6+! gxf6 33.Rxg6+ fxg6 34.Qxf6+-]
[30...Kh8 31.Bxg7+]

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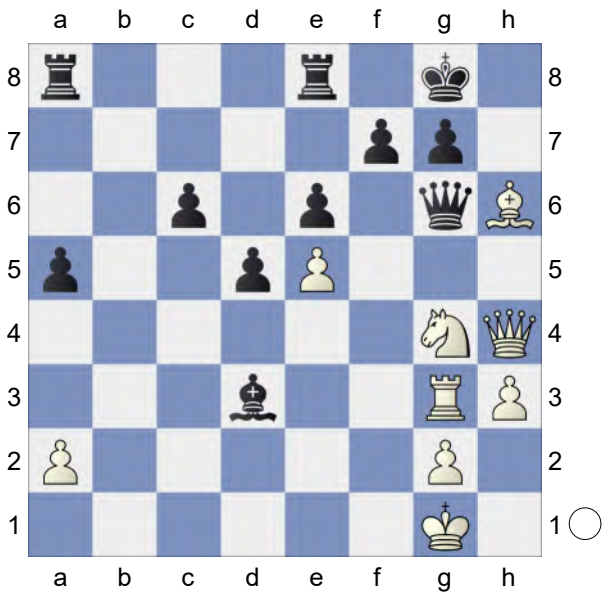
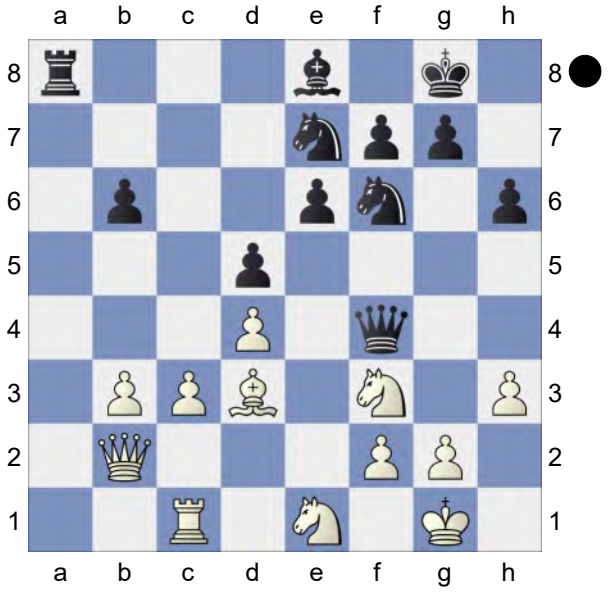


31.Nf6+! gxf6 32.exf6
[Less strong is 32.Rxg6+ fxg6 33.exf6 e5±]
32...Ra7 2.83/22
[32...e5± 1.60/22 is a better defense.]
33.Rxg6+ fxg6 34.Qd4 Rh7 35.Bg7 Rxg7 4.40/19
[⌓35...Bc4 2.89/21 36.f7+ Kxf7 37.Qf6+ Kg8 38.Qxg6 Rxg7 39.Qxe8+ Kh7 40.Qxe6 Bxa2 41.Qxc6 Bb3]
36.Qxd3
[Not 36.fxg7 Bb1±]
36...g5 8.38/22
[⌓36...Rf7 4.62/21]
37.fxg7 Kxg7 Endgame KQ-KR
38.Qc3+ Kf7 39.Qxc6 Re7 40.Qc2 a4 41.Qxa4 Rc7 42.Qd4 Rc1+ 43.Kh2 Rc8 44.Qa7+ Ke8 45.a4 Rd8 46.Qb6 Ke7 47.a5 Rh8 48.a6 Rg8 49.a7 g4 50.hxg4 21.21/19
[⌓50.Qb7+ #15/19 Kf6 51.hxg4 Ke5 52.a8Q Rxa8 53.Qxa8 Kf4 54.Qf8+ Ke4 55.g5]
50...Rh8+ 51.Kg3 Re8 52.g5 Kd7 53.g6 Rg8 54.Qb8 Rxg6+ 55.Kh2 Rh6+ 56.Kg1 Rh8 57.Qxh8 d4

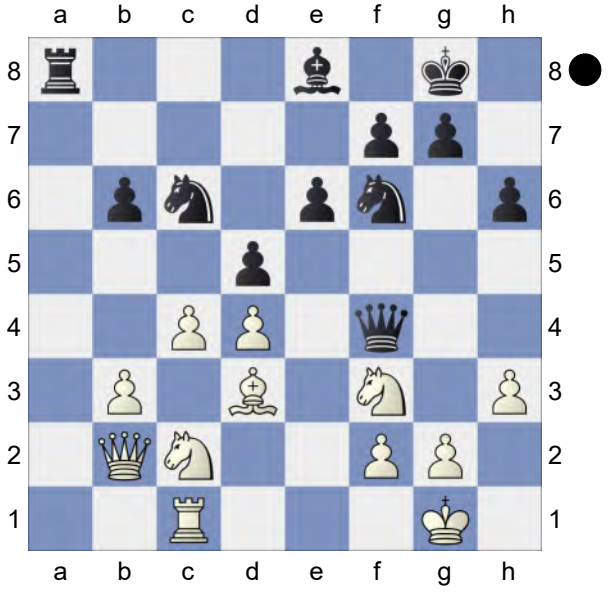
58.a8Q White mates. **58...Kd6 59.Qhf8+ Ke5 60.Qa5+ Ke4 61.Qf3#** Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.32
1-0

35 **D00**
□ **Torombot** **3006**
■ **Intron014** **2991**
Rapid 26.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min+1sec D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.Nc3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.Be2 c6 8.Nc3 c5 9.h3 Bd7**
[9...Nb8 10.0-0 Bd7 11.dxc5 Bxc5 12.Bd3 Nc6 13.e4 dxe4 14.Nxe4 Nxe4 15.Bxe4 Qe7 16.c3 Rad8 17.b4 Bc8 18.Qc2 Bd6 19.Bxh7+ Kh8 20.Bg5 f6 21.Nh4 Ne5 22.Bf4 g6 23.Bxg6 Kg7 24.Be4 Badacsonyi,S (2132)-Flynn,J (2156) Chess.com INT 2024 1-0 (39)]
10.a4N
[10.0-0 Rc8 *(10...Qb6 11.Qd2 Rfd8 12.a3 Be8 13.Ne5 Rac8 14.Rab1 cxd4 15.exd4 Nc7 16.Bd3 Nb5 17.Ne2 Nd6 18.c3 Bb5 19.Nc1 Nfe4 20.Qe2 Ba6 21.Bxa6 Qxa6 22.Qxa6 bxa6 23.f3 Nf6 24.Ncd3 Nh5 25.Bh2* Balazs,B (2174)-Brejnik,G (2292) Pardubice 2022 ½-½ (120) *)* 11.a4 Nb4 12.Ne5 a6 13.a5 Nc6 14.Nxd7 Nxd7 15.dxc5 Bxc5 16.Bd3 h6 17.Qh5 Nf6 18.Qh4 e5 19.Bxh6 gxh6 20.Bf5 Kg7 21.Ra4 d4 22.Qg3+ Kh8 23.Qh4 Ng8 24.Bxc8 Qxh4 Alekseenko,K (2639)-Oparin,G (2624) Sochi 2018 0-1]
10...Qb6 11.Qc1 Nb4 12.Nb1 The position is equal. **12...Bd6 13.a5 Qc7 14.Bxd6 Qxd6 15.c3 Nc6 16.0-0 b6 17.axb6 axb6 18.Nbd2 Rfc8 19.Rd1 h6 20.b3 cxd4 21.exd4 Rxa1 22.Qxa1 Qc7 23.Qb2 Ne7 24.Rc1 Be8 25.Bd3 Ra8 26.Ra1 Rc8 27.Rc1 Ra8 28.Ne1 Qf4 29.Ndf3**



Ra2! 30.Qb1 And now g3 would win. **30...Ra7 31.c4 Nc6 32.Nc2 Ra8 33.Qb2**



Ra2! 34.Qb1 Ra8 35.Rd1 A balanced but interesting game. Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.

03 (flawless)
½-½

36 **D00**
□ **Torombot** **3002**
■ **Expositor** **2776**
Rapid 01.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min+1sec D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.Nc3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bf4 Bf5 4.e3 e6 5.Bd3 Bg6 6.h4 Bd6 7.h5 Bxd3 8.Qxd3** The position is equal. **8...h6 9.0-0-0 Nc6 10.Kb1 a6 11.Nge2 Qe7 12.f3 Bxf4 13.exf4 0-0-0 14.Nc1 Rhe8 15.N3e2 Nd7 16.g4 f6 17.Rhe1 Kb8 18.Qc3 Qd6 19.Nd3 Re7 20.Ng3 a5 21.a3 a4 22.Nf1 Nb6 23.Qc5 Nc4 24.Ne3 b6 25.Qxd6 cxd6 26.Nc1 Kc7 27.Nxc4 dxc4 28.Ne2 Ra8 29.Nc3 Ra5 30.Rd2 d5 31.Nd1 Ra8 32.Ne3 Rd8 33.c3 b5 34.Kc1**
[34.Ng2 is interesting. Kd6 35.Rde2 Rde8 36.Nh4]
34...Ree8 35.Kd1 Kb6!= -0.01/17
36.Rde2 Black must now prevent Nf5!
36...Rf8 37.Rd2 -0.01/17
[37.Nc2± 0.81/21]
37...Rf7 0.49/18 **38.Kc1± Kc7 39.Ng2**
[39.Rde2 keeps more tension. Kd7 40.Kc2 Kd6 41.Ng2]
39...e5 1.06/22
[Black should try 39...Re7± 0.55/21]
40.fxe5± fxe5 41.dxe5 Hoping for e6.
41...Rxf3 42.Nh4! Rf4 43.Nf5 Rxg4 44.e6↑ White is on the roll.
[44.Ne3 Rg5 45.Nxd5+ Kb7∓]
44...Rf4

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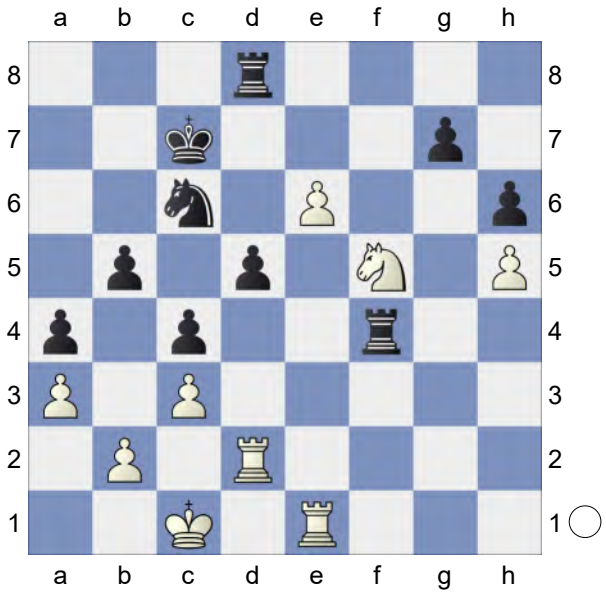
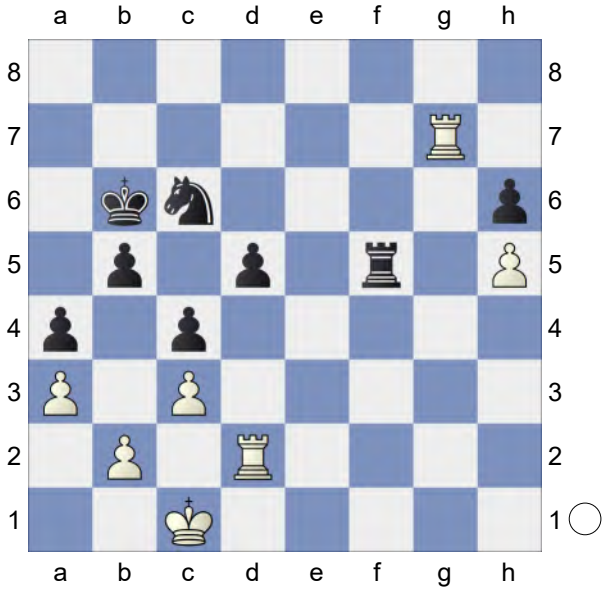
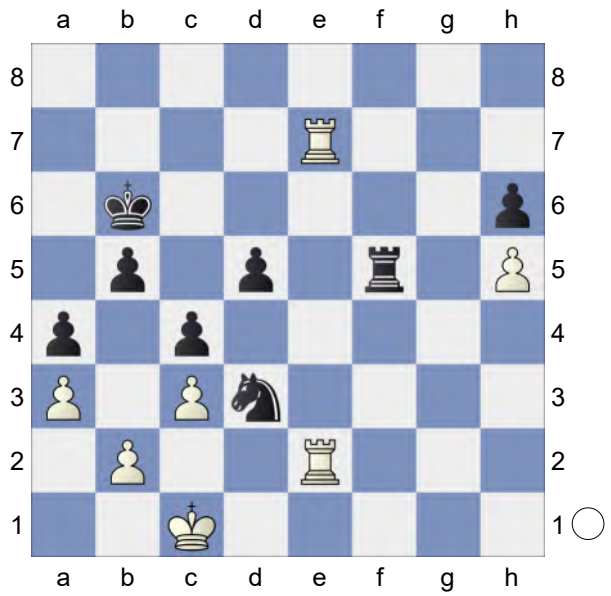


45.e7! &Bianco is much more active.
45...Rxf5 46.exd8Q+ Kxd8
Endgame KRR-KRN **47.Rg1 Kc7?** 2.83/22 Loses the game.
[47...Ne5± 1.26/20 might work better.]
48.Rxg7++- Kb6



49.Re2!
[Don't play 49.Rg6?! Rxh5 50.Rf2 Rg5+-]
49...Ne5 50.Re7 Nd3+

(Diagram)



51.Kd2! Kc5 52.R2e6 d4 53.Rxh6 Rf2+ 54.Re2 Rf1 55.Rg2 Rg5+ would kill now. **55...dxc3+ 56.bxc3 Rf5** Prevents Rg5. **57.Rh8** h6 is the strong threat. **57...Rd5 58.Rh2**

[Weaker is 58.Rc8+ Kb6±]

58...Nb4+ 59.Ke1 Nd3+ 60.Ke2 Nf4+ 61.Ke3 Ne6 62.h6 Ng5 63.h7 Rd3+ 64.Kf4 Nxh7 65.R8xh7 Threatening mate with R2h6. **65...Rd8 66.R2h6** White threatens Rc7+ and mate. **66...Rf8+ 67.Ke5 Rc8 68.Re6** Intending Rhh6 and mate. **68...Rc6 69.Rxc6+ Kxc6** KR-K3P **70.Ke6** White mates. **70...b4 71.cxb4** KR-KPP **71...c3 72.Rh5 Kb6 73.Rc5 Ka6 74.Kd7 Kb6 75.Rxc3 Kb5 76.Kc7 Ka6 77.Rc5 Ka7 78.Ra5#** Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) / Black=0.18 (very precise)

1-0

37 **D00**

□ **Torombot** **3001**

■ **Arasanx** **2959**

Rapid 09.04.2024

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min+1sec B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.Nc3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 Bg4 6.f3 Bd7 7.Nb5 Bxb5 8.Bxb5+** The position is equal. **8...Nc6 9.c3 e6 10.Ne2 Bd6 11.Qd2 0-0 12.Bxd6 Qxd6 13.h4 a6 14.Bd3 Rfe8 15.0-0-0 b5 16.h5 b4 17.h6 g6 18.Kb1 bxc3 19.Qxc3 Reb8 20.Bc2 Rb4 21.a3 Rb7 22.Nc1 Na7 23.Ba4 Rc8 24.Qe3 Rc4 25.Bb3 Rc8 26.Ba4 Rc4 27.Bb3 Rc8 28.Rd3 Qg3 29.Rd2 Nb5 30.Ka2 Nd7 31.Nd3 Nd6 32.Qg1 Rbc7**

[32...a5 looks sharper. 33.Rc2 Rbb8 34.Rh3 Qg5]

33.f4 Qg4 0.28/21

[33...Ne4 -0.20/20 deserves consideration. 34.Rd1 Qg4]

34.Bd1= Qf5 aiming for ...Nc4. **35.g4 Qf6 36.Rhh2 Kf8** 0.32/20

[36...Nb5= -0.17/19]

37.Rhe2± Nb5 38.Qh2 -0.06/20

[Better is 38.f5± 0.44/20 exf5 39.g5]

38...Nxd4= 39.Re1 Rb7 0.33/20

[39...Rc4= -0.20/17]

40.Ne5± g5 is the strong threat. **40...Nc6**

[40...Nxe5? 41.fxe5 Qg5 42.Rxd4+-]

41.Nxc6 0.31/19

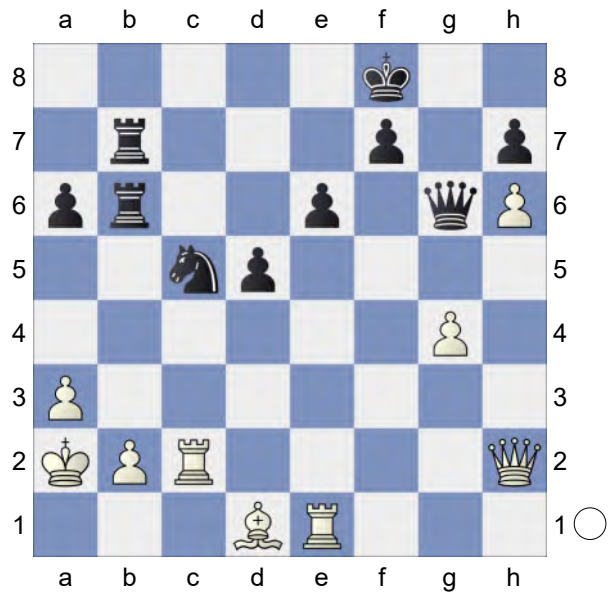
[41.g5 Qd8 42.Nxc6 Rxc6∓]

[⌓41.Nxd7+! 0.63/21 Rxd7 42.Ba4]

41...Rxc6 42.f5 Nc5 1.16/18

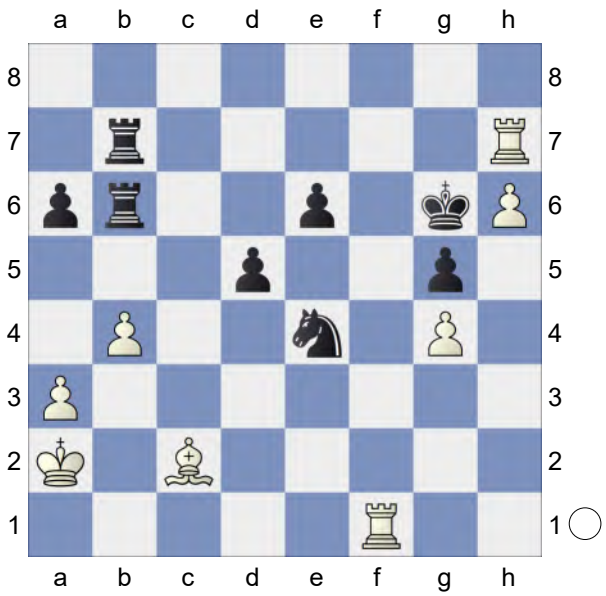
[42...exf5= 0.20/21 keeps the balance. 43.gxf5 gxf5]

43.fxg6!± Qxg6 44.Rc2 And now Rxc5! would win. **44...Rcb6**



45.b4! White has strong compensation. **45...Ne4** **46.Rc8+→** White attacks. **46...Ke7** **47.Ba4** Intending Re8+ and mate. **47...Nd6** Prevents Re8+. **48.Qh4+** **f6**
[48...Qf6? 49.g5 Qg6 50.Bc2+-]
49.Bc2 **Qg5** 1.46/17
[49...Ne4= 0.26/16 remains equal.]
50.Qxg5 Really sharp! **50...fxg5** **51.Rh8** 0x0.00281bc5b1bddp-1022s more active pieces. **51...Ne4** **52.Rxh7+** 0.78/21
[⌓52.Bxe4 1.17/19 dxe4 53.Rxe4 *(53.Rxh7+ Kd6±)*]
52...Kf6 1.58/20
[Black should play 52...Kd6 0.78/21 53.Bxe4 dxe4±]
53.Rf1+ **Kg6**

(Diagram)



54.Rxb7
[But not 54.Rh8?! Rb8 55.Rxb8 Rxb8±]
54...Rxb7 **55.Kb3** **Kxh6** Threatens to win with ...Nd2+. **56.Bxe4** **dxe4** Endgame KR-KR **57.Rf6+** **Kg7** 2.41/20
[57...Kh7 1.84/21 keeps fighting.]
58.Rxe6+- **Rf7** **59.Rxe4** Strongly threatening Re5. **59...Rf3+** 3.54/23
[59...Rf4 2.34/20 might work better. 60.Re7+ Kf8]
60.Ka4 **Kf6** **61.Re8** Black must now prevent Rf8+. **61...Rg3** **62.Ra8** Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.18 (very precise)
1-0

38 **D00**
□ **Torombot** **3001**
■ **Yobot V2** **2987**
Rapid 24.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

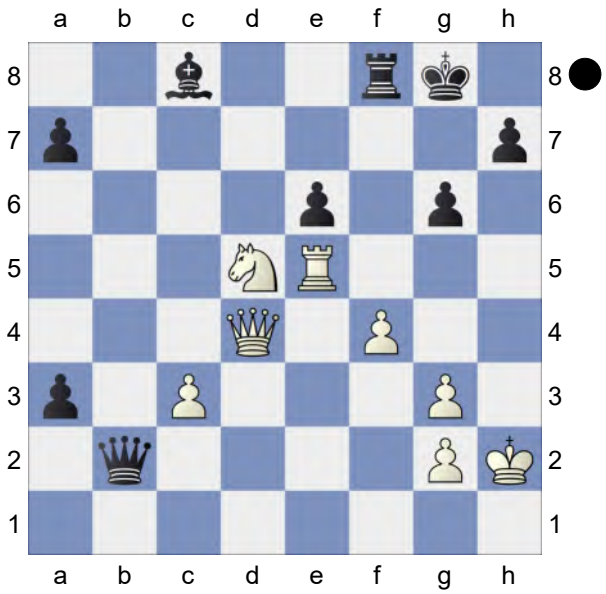
Blitz 8min+1sec D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.Nc3** **d5** **2.d4** **Nf6** **3.Bf4** **e6** **4.Nb5** **Na6** **5.e3** **Be7** The position is equal. **6.Nf3** **0-0** **7.Be2** **c6** **8.Nc3** **c5**

9.Ne5 Bd7 10.0-0 Nb4
[10...Be8 11.Bf3 Rc8 12.Ne2 cxd4 13.exd4 Qb6 14.Rb1 Nd7 15.c3 Nxe5 16.Bxe5 f6 17.Bg3 Bg6 18.Ra1 Qxb2 19.Nf4 Bf7 20.Re1 Nc7 21.Qb3 Qxb3 22.axb3 e5 23.Ne2 Nb5 24.dxe5 fxe5 25.Bxe5 Madaminov,M (2425)-Yilmaz,M (2633) Tashkent 2022 1-0 (65)]
11.dxc5N
[11.Qd2 Rc8 12.Bf3 Nc6 13.Rfd1 Nxe5 14.dxe5 Ne8 15.a4 Nc7 16.e4 d4 17.Ne2 Bc6 18.c3 dxc3 19.Qxc3 Qe8 20.b3 Rd8 21.Ng3 Rxd1+ 22.Rxd1 Qc8 23.Be3 b6 24.Be2 a5 25.f4 Rd8 Suyarov,M (2281)-Sargsyan,S (2630) Astana 2023 0-1 (35)]
[11.a3 Nc6 12.Nxd7 Qxd7 13.Qd2 Rfd8 14.Rfd1 Rac8 15.Bf3 b6 16.Ne2 h6 17.h3 Bd6 18.c3 Na5 19.Bxd6 Nc4 20.Qc1 Nxd6 21.Ng3 a5 22.Qc2 cxd4 23.exd4 b5 24.Qe2 b4 25.axb4 axb4 Disha,U (1660)-Natura,B (1697) Gandhinagar 2024 0-1 (43)]
[11.Bf3 Rc8 12.Re1 cxd4 13.exd4 Nc6 14.Ne2 Nxe5 15.dxe5 Ne8 16.c3 Qb6 17.Qd2 Bc5 18.Nd4 Nc7 19.a4 Bxd4 20.cxd4 Na6 21.Bg5 Rfe8 22.Rac1 Bxa4 23.h4 Qb4 24.Qf4 Qxb2 25.h5 Rxc1 Suyarov,M (2359)-Slade,T (2022) Chess.com INT 2023 1-0 (42)]
11...Bxc5 12.Nb5 a6 13.Nd4 Rc8 14.c3 Nc6 15.Ndxc6 Bxc6 16.Bf3 Bd6 17.Qd4 Qe7 18.Rfd1 Rfd8 19.Bg5 h6 20.Nxc6
[20.Bh4 is more complex. g5 21.Bg3 h5 22.h3]
20...bxc6 21.Bxf6 Qxf6 22.Qxf6 gxf6 23.Rd4 Rb8 24.b3 Rb5 25.Ra4 a5 26.Rc1 Rc5 27.Kf1 Be5 28.Ke2 Rxc3 29.Rxc3 Bxc3= Endgame KRB-KRB **30.Kd3 Be1 31.Ke2! Bc3 32.Kd3 Be1 33.Ke2! Bb4 34.a3 Bc3 35.Kd3 Be1 36.Ke2! Bc3 37.Kd3 Be1 38.Ke2! Bc3** A balanced but interesting game. Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.01 (flawless)
½-½

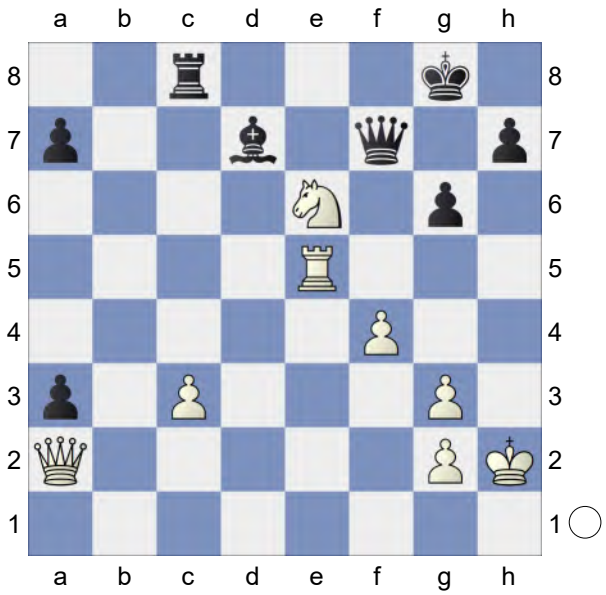
39 **D00**
□ **Torombot** **3001**
■ **Mayhem23111** **2960**
Rapid 22.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min+1sec D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.Nc3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.Be2 Nh5 8.Be5 f6 9.Bg3 c6 10.Nc3 g6**
[10...c5 11.0-0 Nxg3 12.hxg3 c4 13.e4 Bb4 14.exd5 exd5 15.Nb1 Nc7 16.c3 Bd6 17.Nbd2 b5 18.Ne1 Be6 19.Nc2 Qd7 20.Re1 a5 21.a3 g6 22.Nf1 h5 23.Qd2 Kg7 24.f4 Rh8 25.Bf3 Yoo,C (2563)-Niemann,H (2699) Saint Louis 2022 0-1 (54)]
11.Bxa6N
[11.Nd2 Nxg3 12.hxg3 Nc7 13.e4 b5 14.a3 a5 15.e5 b4 16.axb4 axb4 17.Rxa8 Nxa8 18.Ncb1 fxe5 19.dxe5 c5 20.Bg4 Nb6 21.Qe2 Qc7 22.Nb3 Nc4 23.c3 Nxe5 24.N1d2 bxc3 25.bxc3 c4 Sailer,M (2109)-Janturin,A (2384) Chess.com INT 2023 0-1]
[11.e4 dxe4 12.Nxe4 f5 13.Nc3 f4 14.Ne5 Ng7 15.Bxa6 bxa6 16.Nxc6 Qc7 17.Qf3 Bb7 18.d5 Bxc6 19.dxc6 fxg3 20.Qxg3 Qxg3 21.hxg3 Rac8 22.f4 Rxc6 23.0-0-0 Rfc8 24.Rd7 Bf6 25.Ne4 Rxc2+ Badacsonyi,S (2197)-Samunenkov,I

(2548) Chess.com INT 2024 0-1 (62)]
[11.a3 Nc7 12.Qd2 Ne8 13.Bf4 Nxf4 14.exf4 Bd6 15.g3 Ng7 16.0-0 ½-½ (16) Goossens,H (2159)-Kucharska,H (2191) Dortmund 2022]
11...bxa6 12.Qd3 0.00/19
[12.0-0± 0.32/18]
12...Qb6 13.0-0 Nxg3 14.hxg3 Qxb2 15.Rab1 Qa3 16.Rfe1 Bd6 17.e4 Rb8 18.Rxb8
[18.Rb3 keeps more tension. Qa5 19.e5 Rxb3 20.cxb3 fxe5 21.Nxe5 c5 22.Nxg6 hxg6 23.Qxg6+ Kh8 24.Rxe6 Bxe6 25.Qh6+]
18...Bxb8 19.e5 fxe5 20.Nxe5 Bxe5 21.Rxe5 c5 22.dxc5 Qxc5 23.Nd1 Qa5 24.f4 Qxa2 Black wants to play ... a5. **25.Ne3 Qb2 26.Kh2 a5 27.c3 a4 28.Qd4 a3 29.Nxd5**



Strongly threatening Ne7+. **29...Qb7** Against Ne7+
[29...exd5 gets mated. 30.Re7]
[29...a2 with more complications. 30.Re1 a1R 31.Rxa1 Bb7]
30.Ne3 Black should prevent Ra5.
30...Qb6 Prevents Ra5. **31.Qc4 Bd7 32.Nc2 Qd6** Inhibits Qd3. **33.Nd4 Rc8 34.Qa2 Qf8**
[34...Rxc3? 35.Nxe6 Kh8 36.Qa1+-]
35.Nxe6 Qf7
[35...Qh6+? 36.Kg1 Kh8 37.Qxa3 Bxe6 38.Rxe6+-]



White must now prevent ...Rc6. **36.Qe2! h6** Against Ng5. ...a2! is the strong threat.
[36...Rxc3? 37.Ng5 Qf6 38.Ne4+-]
37.Nd4 Re8 Prevents Re7. **38.Qa6** Hoping for Ra5. **38...g5! 39.Rxe8+ Bxe8 40.Qxa3 gxf4 41.g4** Against Qh5+ **41...h5 42.g5 f3 43.Nxf3** The position is equal. **43...Bc6 44.Qd6** Against Qf4+ **44...Bxf3 45.gxf3 Qxf3** An even fight not without its subleties. Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.03 (flawless)
½-½

40 **D00**
□ **Torombot** **3001**
■ **Petersbot** **2983**
Rapid 25.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min+1sec D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.Nc3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.Be2 c6 8.Nc3 c5 9.h3 Bd7**
[9...Nb8 10.0-0 Bd7 11.dxc5 Bxc5 12.Bd3 Nc6 13.e4 dxe4 14.Nxe4 Nxe4 15.Bxe4 Qe7 16.c3 Rad8 17.b4 Bc8 18.Qc2 Bd6 19.Bxh7+ Kh8 20.Bg5 f6 21.Nh4 Ne5 22.Bf4 g6 23.Bxg6 Kg7 24.Be4 Badacsonyi,S (2132)-Flynn,J (2156) Chess.com INT 2024 1-0 (39)]
10.a4N
[10.0-0 Rc8 *(10...Qb6 11.Qd2 Rfd8 12.a3 Be8 13.Ne5 Rac8 14.Rab1 cxd4 15.exd4 Nc7 16.Bd3 Nb5 17.Ne2 Nd6 18.c3 Bb5 19.Nc1 Nfe4 20.Qe2 Ba6 21.Bxa6 Qxa6 22.Qxa6 bxa6 23.f3 Nf6 24.Ncd3 Nh5 25.Bh2* Balazs,B (2174)-Brejnik,G (2292) Pardubice 2022 ½-½ (120) *)* 11.a4 Nb4 12.Ne5 a6 13.a5 Nc6 14.Nxd7 Nxd7 15.dxc5 Bxc5 16.Bd3 h6 17.Qh5 Nf6 18.Qh4 e5 19.Bxh6 gxh6 20.Bf5 Kg7 21.Ra4 d4 22.Qg3+ Kh8 23.Qh4 Ng8 24.Bxc8 Qxh4 Alekseenko,K (2639)-Oparin,G (2624) Sochi 2018 0-1]
10...Qb6 11.Qc1 Qa5 12.0-0 Rfc8 13.Nb5 Qd8 14.Nd6 Bxd6 15.Bxd6 cxd4! 16.exd4
[16.Nxd4 with more complications. Bxa4 17.Bxa6 bxa6 18.Rxa4 Qxd6 19.Qa1]

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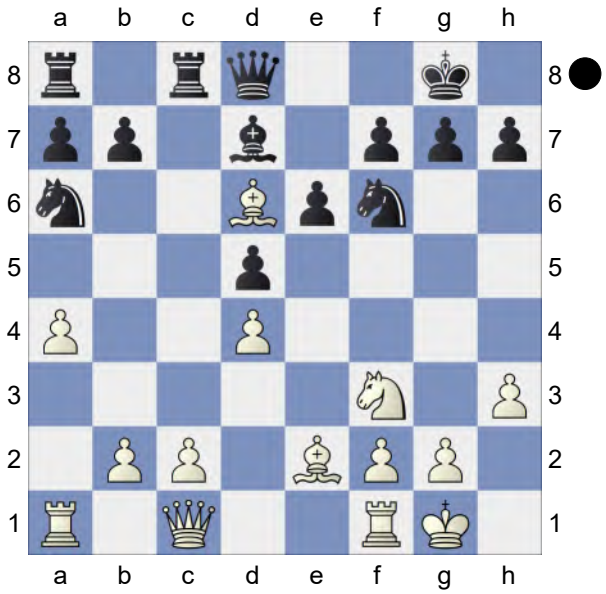
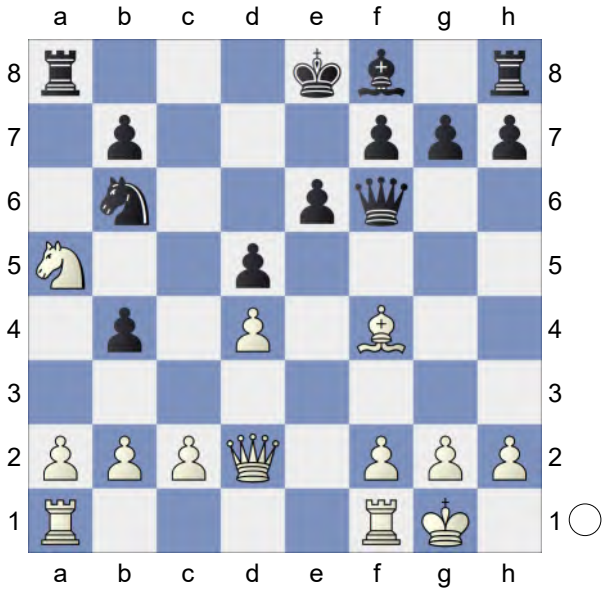


16...Bxa4! 17.Bxa6
[17.Rxa4 Qxd6]
17...bxa6
[17...Qxd6? 18.Bxb7 Bb5 19.Re1±]
18.Rxa4 Qxd6 19.c3 Rab8 20.Ne5 The position is equal. **20...h6 21.Nd3 Ne4 22.Qe3 Rb5 23.Rfa1 a5 24.Rxa5 Rxa5 25.Rxa5 Qc7 26.Ra6 Rb8 27.g3 Rb6 28.Ra2 a5 29.h4 Rb8 30.Kg2 Qb6 31.Qe2 Qb5 32.Qd1 Nd6 33.h5 Nc4 34.Qc2 Rb6 35.Qb1 Rb8 36.Qc2 Rb6= 37.Kg1 Rb8 38.Qd1 Kh8 39.Qc2 Kg8 40.Kg2** An interesting draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.03 (flawless)
½-½

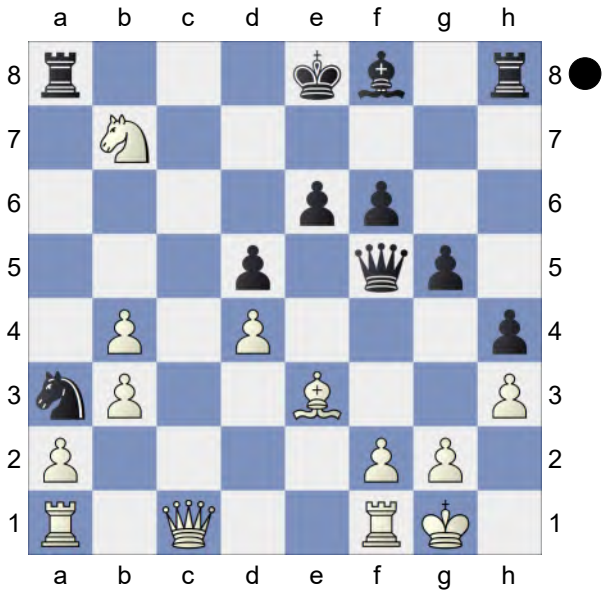
41 **D00**
□ **Torombot** **2999**
■ **Flaxen Uci** **2965**
Rapid 20.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 10min+1sec B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.Nc3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bf4 c5**

4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Ne5 Bd7 8.Ne2 e6 9.Nc1
[9.c3 Be7 10.Ng3 0-0 11.Bd3 b5 12.a3 Nxe5 13.Bxe5 a5 14.h4 b4 15.cxb4 axb4 16.a4 b3 17.0-0 Rxa4 18.Qxb3 Qa8 19.Rxa4 Qxa4 20.Qxa4 Bxa4 21.Ra1 Bb3 22.Ra7 Bd8 23.Bd6 Bc4 Bluebaum,M (2670)-Thybo,J (2569) Chess.com INT 2021 1-0 (35)]
9...Nxe5 10.Bxe5 Ba4N Threatening ... Bb4+.
[10...Ne4 feels hotter. 11.c3 Qh4 12.Qf3 Qh6]
[10...Qb6 11.Nd3 Bb5 12.Be2 Nd7 13.c3 Bxd3 14.Qxd3 Nxe5 15.dxe5 Qxb2 16.Rb1 Qxa2 17.Rxb7 Bc5 18.0-0 0-0 19.Rfb1 Qa5 20.Bd1 Qd8 21.Bc2 g6 22.g3 a5 23.Qb5 Ba7 24.Qd3 a4 25.h4 McDonald,J (1902)-Balakrishnan,P (2510) Nassau 2024 0-1 (37)]
11.Nb3 Nd7 12.Bf4 Qf6 13.Qd2 Bb5 14.Bxb5 axb5 15.0-0 Nb6 16.Na5 b4



17.Bg5! Qf5 18.Nxb7 Nc4! 19.Qc1 f6 20.Be3 h5 21.c3 h4 0.67/18
[21...Rb8= 0.22/19 22.b3 Rxb7 23.bxc4 dxc4]
22.h3!± g5 23.b3! Na3 24.cxb4!

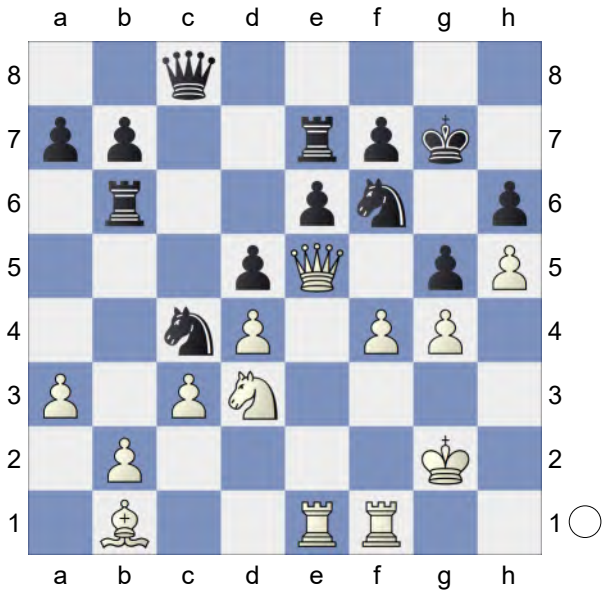


Strongly threatening Qc6+. **24...Nc2 25.Rb1** 0.01/21
[25.a3!± 0.44/19 is superior.]
25...Rxa2= 26.Rb2 Rxb2 27.Qxb2 Hoping for Qc3. **27...g4**
[Don't take 27...Bxb4 28.Rc1 Nxe3 29.Rc8+ Ke7 30.Rxh8±]
28.Qc3! gxh3 ...Qe4 is the strong threat. **29.Qc6+! Kf7** Threatens to win with ...Be7. **30.Nd8+ Ke7! 31.Qc7+ Ke8⇄** Black is not holding back **32.Qc8 Ke7 33.Qc7+ Ke8 34.Qc8 Ke7** Black wants to play ...hxg2. **35.Kh2** aiming for Rc1. **35...Nxe3 36.Ra1** Really sharp! **36...Ng4+ 37.Kxh3 Nxf2+** The position is equal. **38.Kh2** White wants to mate with Ra7+. **38...Qf4+ 39.Kg1** Threatening mate with Ra7+. **39...Nh3+! 40.Kh1 Nf2+ 41.Kg1** White threatens Ra7+ and mate. **41...Nh3+! 42.Kh1** Ra7+ would kill now. **42...Nf2+ 43.Kg1** Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.03 (flawless)
½-½

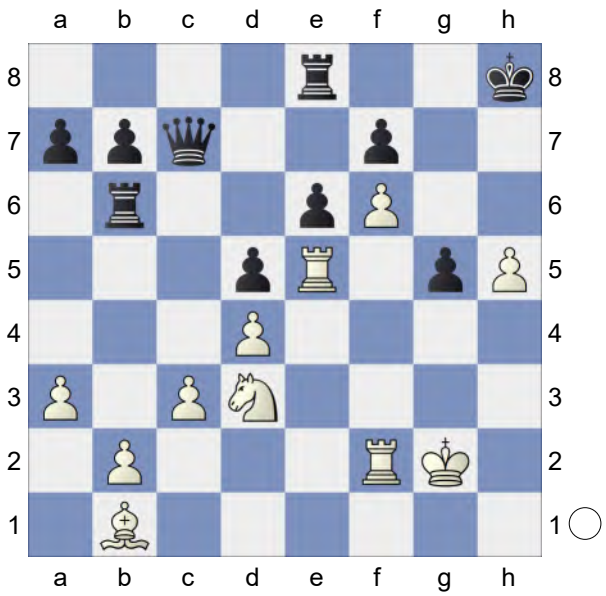
42 **D00**
□ **Torombot** **2996**
■ **Aks Mantissa** **2733**
Rapid 08.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min+1sec D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.Nc3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.Be2 c6 8.Nc3** The position is equal. **8...Qb6 9.a3 c5**
[9...Qxb2? 10.Na4 Qxa1 11.Qxa1+-]
10.Ne5 Bd7
[10...Qxb2? 11.Na4 Qxa1 12.Qxa1+-]
11.Nxd7 Nxd7 12.0-0 cxd4 13.exd4 Rac8
[13...Qxb2? 14.Na4 Qxa1 15.Qxa1+-]
14.Rb1 Nab8 15.Na2 Bd6 16.Bxd6 Qxd6 17.Nb4 Nf6 18.c3 Nbd7 19.Nd3 g6 20.Re1 Kg7 21.h4 Qc7 22.g3 Rfe8 23.Kg2 h6 24.Rc1 Ne4 25.Nf4 Nd6 26.Bd3 Qc6 27.Bb1 Nf6 28.Qc2 Nf5 29.Qe2 Nd6 30.h5
[Don't play 30.Qe5 Nc4 31.Qe2 e5 32.dxe5 Rxe5∓]
[30.Qd3 seems wilder. Qc4 31.Qc2 Nf5 32.Qd1]
30...g5 31.Nd3 Qc4 32.Rf1
[32.Qc2 with more complications. Qc7 33.Ne5 b5 34.Rf1]
32...Re7 0.82/18
[32...Rc6± 0.40/18]
33.Rce1± Rc6 34.g4 aiming for Qe5.
34...Rb6 35.Qe5 Qc8 36.f4 Nc4!

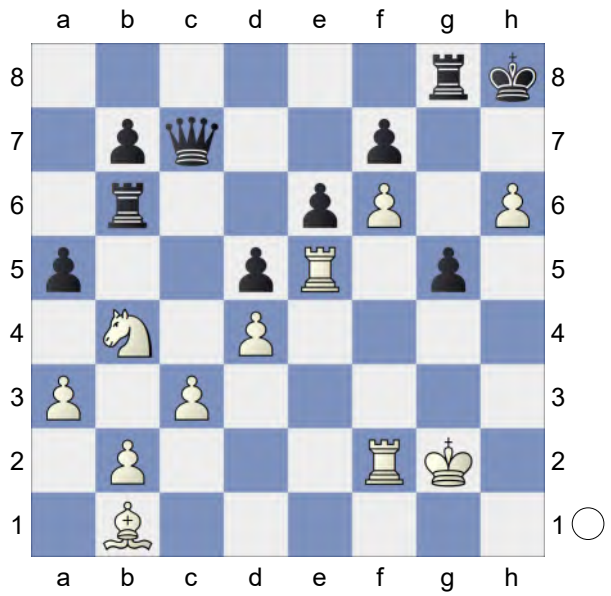
(Diagram)



37.fxg5! Nxe5 38.gxf6+ Kh8
White must now prevent ...Nxd3.
39.Rxe5 Re8 1.23/21
[⌓39...Rd7 0.91/18]
40.Rf2 0.43/19
[40.g5± 1.23/21]
40...Qc7? 2.42/20 This costs Black the game.
[40...Qd8!± 0.43/19]
41.g5+- hxg5
[41...Rg8? 42.g6+-]



42.h6! Rg8 43.Nb4 a5



44.h7! Rf8 1.88/17
[44...axb4? 45.hxg8Q+ Kxg8 46.Rxg5+ Kf8 47.axb4+-]
[⌓44...Re8 3.35/18 45.Nd3 g4]
45.Nd3 Rxb2
[45...Kxh7? 46.Rf1 Qxe5 47.Nxe5+ Kg8 48.b4+-]
[45...g4 46.Rg5 e5 47.Nxe5+-]
46.Rxb2 Qxc3 47.Rxg5 Qxd4 48.Rf2 Dancing on a razor blade. **48...Qb6?** 6.40/18
[48...Qh4 2.99/18 49.Rg3 Qe4+ 50.Kg1 Qd4]
49.Rf1 Qe3 50.Rf4? 6.60/18 Active counter play!
[50.Rg3 3.69/21 Qe4+ 51.Kh2]
50...Qd2+ 51.Kg3 Intending Rfg4 and mate. **51...Qe3+ 52.Kh2** Rfg4 is the strong threat. **52...Qe2+ 53.Rf2 Qe4 54.Rfg2 Qxh7+ 55.Kg1** Threatening mate with Rh2. **55...b5 56.Rh2 Qxh2+ 57.Kxh2** Ne5 would kill now. **57...d4 58.Ne5** White mates. **58...d3 59.Bxd3 b4 60.a4 b3 61.Rg7 b2 62.Bb1 Rg8 63.Nxf7#** Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.42
1-0

43 **D00**
□ **Torombot** **2996**
■ **Magnusglad** **2799**
Rapid 20.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min+1sec D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.Nc3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 h6 5.Nf3 e6 6.Bd3 c5 7.dxc5 Nbd7N**
[7...Bxc5 8.0-0 Nc6 9.e4 d4 *(9...0-0 10.h3 Re8 11.Re1 d4 12.Ne2 e5 13.Bd2 Be6 14.Ng3 Nd7 15.Nf5 Bf8 16.Nh2 Nc5 17.Qf3 Kh7 18.Ng4 Nxd3 19.cxd3 h5 20.Nh2 g6 21.Ng3 Bg7 22.Qe2 Rc8 23.Nf3 Bf6 24.Rec1* Hong,A (2542)-Sarana,A (2703) Chess.com INT 2024 0-1 (59)*)* 10.Ne2 *(10.Nb1 g5 11.Bg3 Nh5 12.Ne5 Nxg3 13.Nxc6 bxc6 14.fxg3 Bf8 15.Qh5 Ra7 16.Nd2 Bg7 17.e5 Bxe5 18.Rf2 0-0 19.Qxh6 f5 20.Nc4 Bf6 21.Qh5 g4 22.Rf4 Rff7 23.Rxg4+ fxg4 24.Rf1 Bh8* Liu,Y (2301)-Samant,A (2511) Doha 2023 0-1 (31)*)* 10...g5 *(10...0-0 11.e5 Nd5 12.Bg3 Nde7 13.Qd2 Nf5 14.Rad1 Nxg3 15.Nxg3 Qc7 16.Qe2 b6 17.Qe4 g6 18.Rfe1 Bb7 19.Qh4 Kh7 20.Ng5+ Kg7 21.Bxg6 Nxe5 22.Nh5+ Kh8 23.Nf4 fxg6 24.Qxh6+ Kg8 25.Nfxe6* Pruijssers,R (2520)-Van der Hagen,L (2257) Netherlands 2024 1-0*)* 11.Bc1 Ng4 12.Ng3 e5 13.Bc4 Nf6 14.a3 Bg4 15.h3 Bd7 16.b4 Ba7 17.a4 Rc8 18.b5 Na5 19.Bd3 axb5 20.Nxe5 bxa4 21.f4 Bb8 22.Nxd7 Zhalmakhanov,R (2493)-Henriquez Villagra,C (2607) Samarkand 2023 1-0 (54)]
8.e4 The position is equal. **8...Nxc5 9.e5 Nfd7 10.0-0 b5 11.a3 Bb7 12.h3**

g5 13.Bg3 Rc8 14.Qe2 Bg7 15.Rac1 0-0 16.Rfe1 f6 17.exf6! Qxf6 18.Qd2! Rfd8 19.Ne5 Qe7 20.Nxd7 Rxd7 21.f3 Prevents Ne4. **21...Bd4+ 22.Kh1** next Bh7+! is good for White. **22...Qf6 23.Rb1 Re7** 0.65/18

[23...Nxd3 24.cxd3 e5 25.Bf2∓]

[23...e5 0.31/17 deserves consideration.]

24.Bf1 0.29/18

[24.Ne2± 0.65/18 might be stronger. Bxb2 25.Bd6]

24...Qg7 25.Ne2 Bf6 26.Bd6 Rd7 27.Bh2 h5 28.Rbd1 d4

[28...Bxb2 29.Nd4=]

29.Ng3 Qf7! 30.b4 Na4 31.Rc1 Nc3 32.Bd3 Rf8 33.Ra1 Nd5 34.Ne4 Ne3 35.Nc5 g4 36.Nxb7

[36.Nxd7 Qxd7 37.Be4 Bxe4 38.fxe4 Qg7=]

36...Rxb7 37.Be4 Qg7 38.a4!

[38.Bxb7 Qxb7 39.fxg4 hxg4 40.hxg4 Qh7=]

38...Bh4 39.Reb1 White now steadily converts the win. **39...Rbf7 40.axb5 axb5**

[40...gxh3? 41.gxh3 Bg5 42.Rg1 axb5 43.h4+-]

41.Qe2! Qg5 42.Ra6

[And not 42.g3 gxf3! 43.Qf2 *(43.gxh4? fxe2 44.Rg1 Rf1-+)* 43...Rg7 44.gxh4 Qg2+ 45.Qxg2 fxg2+ 46.Bxg2 Rxg2∓]

42...Rg7 43.Rxe6 Re5 is the strong threat. **43...gxh3 44.gxh3 Bg3 45.Rg1 h4** 1.83/20

[45...Qh4± 1.43/20]

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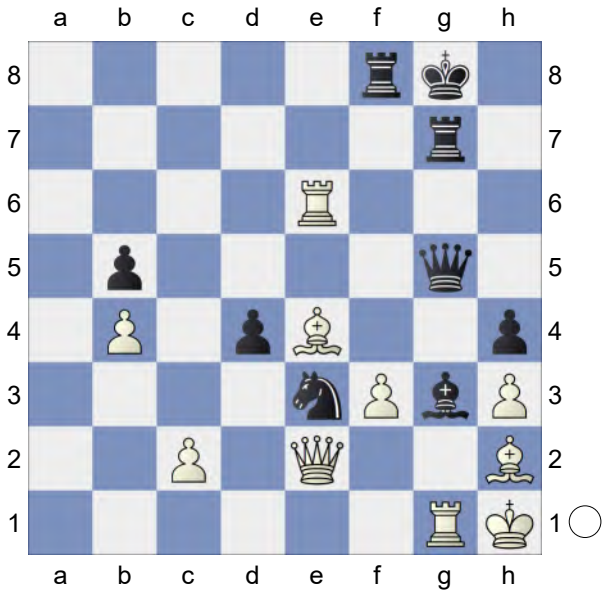
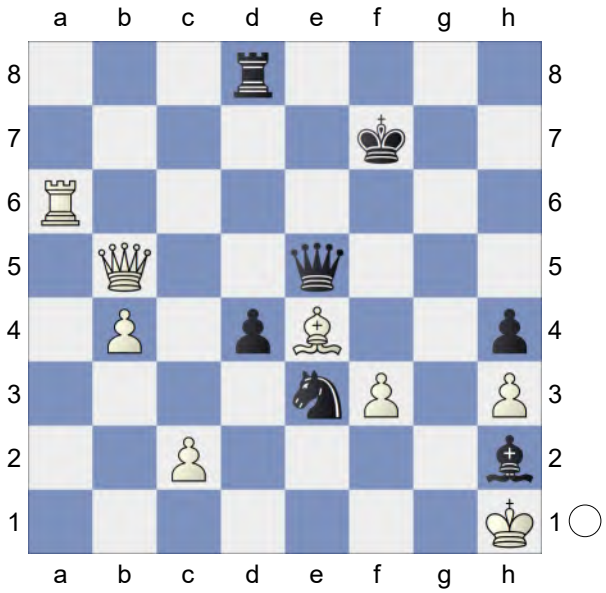


46.Qd3!+- Rd8 47.Bc6 Qf4 48.Qxb5 And now Be4 would win.

[Don't take 48.Rg6 Nf5 49.Rxg7+ Kxg7]

48...Bxh2 49.Rxg7+ Kxg7 50.Be4→ White attacks with force. **50...Kf7 51.Ra6** aiming for Qh5+. White has strong compensation. **51...Qe5**



Against Qh5+ **52.Qb6** Really sharp! **52...Ke7** 5.85/26

[52...Rd6? 53.Ra7+ Kf6 54.Qb7+-]

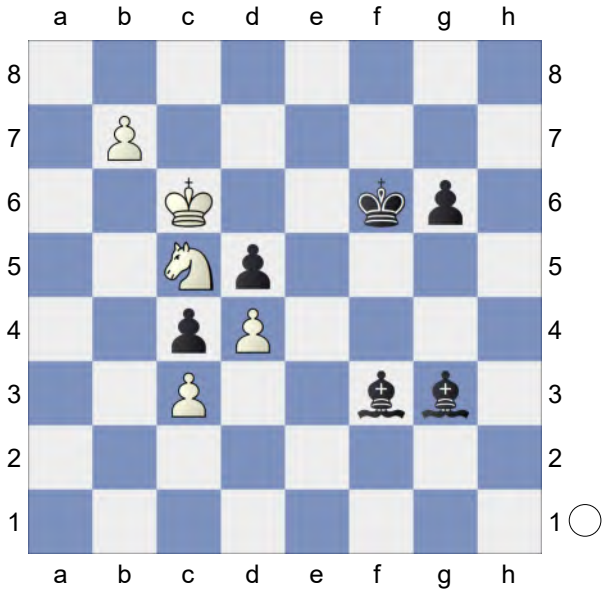
[52...Qg5 2.52/21 is a better chance. 53.Qa7+ *(53.Qg6+ Qxg6 54.Bxg6+*

Kg7±) 53...Qe7]
53.Qg6 Nd5 54.Qh7+ Kf8 55.Qxh4 Ne7 56.Bg6 White wants to mate with Rf6+. **56...Bg3 57.Rf6+ Kg7 58.Rf7+** Discovered Attack, Double Attack **58...Kxg6 59.Qh7+ Kg5** (→ ...Qe1+) **60.h4+** Deflection **60...Bxh4 61.f4+ Qxf4 62.Rxf4 Kxf4 63.Qxh4+ Kf5 64.Qxe7** Endgame KQ-KR **64...Rd5 65.b5 Kf4 66.c3 d3 67.c4 Rf5 68.c5 d2 69.Qd6+ Ke3 70.c6 Rf1+ 71.Kg2 d1Q 72.Qxd1 Rxd1** KR-KPP **73.c7 Rc1 74.b6 Ke2 75.b7 Rxc7 76.b8Q** KQ-KR **76...Rc2 77.Qb1 Rc3 78.Qe4+ Kd2 79.Kf2 Rb3 80.Qd4+ Kc2 81.Ke2** Intending Qd2+ and mate. **81...Rc3 82.Qb4 Rh3 83.Qe4+ Kb2 84.Kd2 Rb3 85.Qa4 Rg3 86.Qd4+ Kb3 87.Qd5+ Ka4 88.Qa8+ Kb5 89.Qb8+ Kc6 90.Qxg3 Kd7 91.Ke3 Ke7 92.Qg6 Kd7 93.Kd4 Ke7 94.Kd5** Qg7+ would kill now. **94...Kd8 95.Qg7** White mates. **95...Ke8 96.Kc6 Kd8 97.Qd7#** Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.16 (very precise)
1-0

44 **D00**
□ **Torombot** **2995**
■ **Elo** **2784**
Rapid 30.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min+1sec D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.Nc3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.g4 Bb4! 6.Nge2 0-0 7.a3 Be7 8.g5** The position is equal. **8...Nh5 9.h4 Nxf4 10.Nxf4 c5 11.Bd3 c4 12.Bxh7+ Kxh7 13.Qf3 b5** 0.21/19
[⌓13...Bd6 -0.25/21]
14.0-0-0!= Kg8
[14...b4 is interesting. 15.axb4 a5 16.b5 a4]
15.Rdg1 b4 16.axb4 a5!
[16...Bxb4 17.Nh5 g6 18.Nf6+ Kg7 19.h5+-]
17.b5 White has compensation. **17...a4 18.g6! a3**
[18...Bxh4? 19.Qh5 fxg6 20.Nxg6+- *(20.Qxh4 Qxh4 21.Rxh4 Nd7+-)*]
19.Kd2 Bd6 0.55/22
[19...Bxh4? 20.Qh5 fxg6 21.Nxg6+- *(21.Qxh4 Qxh4 22.Rxh4 Nd7+-)*]
[19...a2= 0.15/22 feels stronger.]
20.Qh5!± fxg6
[20...axb2 21.Qh7#]
21.Rxg6
[21.Nxg6 Bb7 *(21...Rxf2+ 22.Ke1±)* 22.Rg2 axb2±]
21...Ra7
[21...axb2 22.Rxg7+ Kxg7 23.Rg1+ *(23.Qg6+ Kh8 24.Qh5+ Kg7 25.Rg1+ Qg5 26.Rxg5+ Kf6 27.Nfxd5+ exd5 28.Nxd5+ Ke6 29.Qg4+ Kf7 30.Rg7+ Ke8 31.Qxc8#; 23.Qg6+ Kh8 24.Qh5+ Kg7 25.Rg1+ Qg5 26.Rxg5+ Kf6 27.Nfxd5+ exd5 28.Nxd5+ Ke6 29.Qg4+ Kf7 30.Rg7+ Ke8 31.Qxc8#)*]
22.Nh3 A dynamic duo of knights. **22...Rf6 23.Ng5 Rxg6 24.Qh7+ Kf8 25.Qxg6 axb2** ...Bb4 is the strong threat. **26.h5!** White is more active. **26...Qe8** 0.18/3
[26...Qe7? 27.h6 gxh6 28.Rxh6 b1N+ 29.Nxb1+-]
[26...Bb4 -0.25/4 was preferrable. 27.h6 b1N+ *(27...Bxc3+? 28.Ke2+-)* 28.Kc1 *(28.Rxb1 Bxc3+ 29.Ke2 gxh6±)* 28...Nxc3]
27.Qh7= Qh8+ would now be deadly. The board is on fire.
[27.Nh7+ Ke7 28.Qg5+ *(28.Qxg7+ Qf7∓)* 28...Kd7 29.Qxg7+ Qe7]

27...Rf7! 28.Qh8+ Ke7 29.Qxe8+! Kxe8 30.Nxf7 Kxf7 31.Rb1 Nd7 0.67/4
[31...Ba3= 0.17/5]
32.Na4 -0.07/6
[32.Rxb2± 0.67/4 Nb6 33.Ke2]
32...Nf6
[32...Bb4+ 33.c3 Ba3 34.f3± *(34.Nxb2 Bd6±)*]
33.f3 -0.33/5 Dodges Ne4+ **33...Bd7** 0.33/4
[33...e5∓ -0.33/5]
34.Rxb2± Ke7
[34...Nxh5? 35.Nc5 Ke7 36.b6+-]
35.Nc5 Be8 0.87/4
[35...e5!= 0.16/7]
36.Kc3 -0.31/2
[36.b6± 0.87/4 Threatens to win with Ra2. Nd7 37.h6 gxh6 38.Rb1]
36...e5 0.76/3
[36...Bxh5∓ -0.31/2 stays ahead. 37.Ra2 g6 *(37...Bxf3 38.Ra7+ Ke8 39.Rxg7±)*]
37.Kb4 0.07/5
[37.b6± 0.76/3]
37...Bxh5 1.43/4
[37...e4= 0.07/5 38.fxe4 dxe4 *(38...Nxe4? 39.Ra2+-)*]
38.Ra2!± And now Ra7+ would win.
38...Nd7 39.Ra7 Ke8 40.Ra8+
[40.Rxd7? Bxc5+ 41.Kxc5 Kxd7-+]
40...Ke7 41.Rg8 g6 42.c3
[42.Rg7+ Ke8=]
42...exd4 43.exd4
[43.cxd4 Nf8 *(43...Bxf3 44.Rg7+ Ke8 45.Rxg6=)* 44.Rg7+ Kf6=]
43...Nf8 1.16/7
[Better is 43...Nf6!± 0.61/4 44.Rg7+ Ke8 *(44...Kf8 45.Ra7±)*]
44.Rg7+! Kf6 45.Ra7 aiming for b6.
45...Bxf3 46.b6! Ne6 47.Ra6 Hoping for b7. **47...Nd8**
[47...Nxc5? 48.dxc5 Be5 49.b7+ Ke7 50.Rd6 *(50.Rxg6 Kd8+-)* 50...Bxd6 51.cxd6+ Kxd6 52.b8Q++- *(52.b8R g5=)*]
48.Kb5 Bg3 49.Ra8 Ke7 50.Ra7+!
[50.b7?! g5=]
50...Kf6 51.Rd7 Nf7 52.b7? 0.10/5
[52.Kc6+- 1.98/5 Black must now prevent Na6. Bg4 53.Ra7 *(53.Rxd5? Bf3-+* Pin *)*]
52...Nd6+!= 53.Rxd6+ Bxd6 54.Kc6 Bg3 3.20/4
[54...Ke7∓ -0.94/3 and life is bright. Strongly threatening ...Be4. 55.Na6 Ke6 *(55...g5? 56.Nc7+-)* 56.Nc7+ Bxc7 57.Kxc7 Kf5]



Black cannot hold the game after this.
55.Na6!+- g5? 4.90/2
[55...Bh5 2.74/5 was called for. 56.Nc7 Bxc7 57.Kxc7 Kf5]

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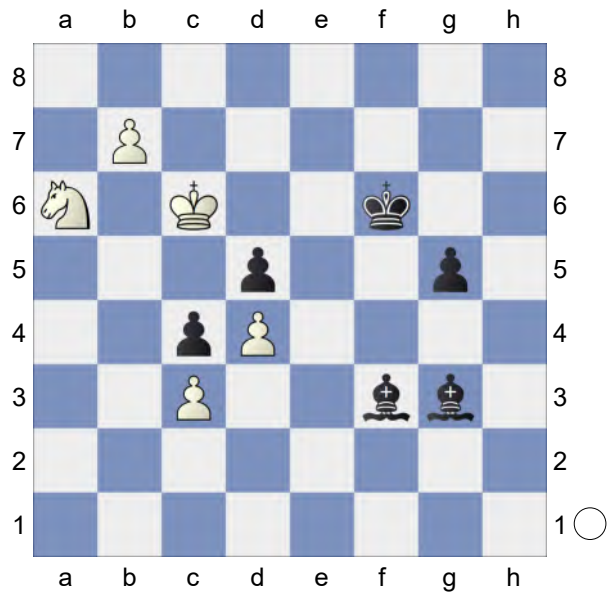

56.Nc7! Bxc7 57.Kxc7 Endgame. KB-K3P **57...Kf5 58.b8Q**
[58.b8B? loses. Ke4 59.Kd6 Kd3-+]
58...Ke4 59.Qb1+ Ke3 60.Qc1+ Kd3 12.78/18
[⌓60...Ke2 4.95/1 61.Qxg5 Kd3]
61.Qxg5 Kc2 62.Qe3 Be4 63.Kd6 Kb3 64.Qc1 Bf3 65.Ke5 White threatens Kf4 and mate. **65...Be4 66.Kf4** Ke3 would kill now. **66...Bg6 67.Ke3** White wants to mate with Kd2. **67...Bf5 68.Kd2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.33
1-0

45 **D00**
□ **Torombot** **2995**
■ **N,N** **2784**
Rapid 30.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]

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14.0-0-0!= Kg8
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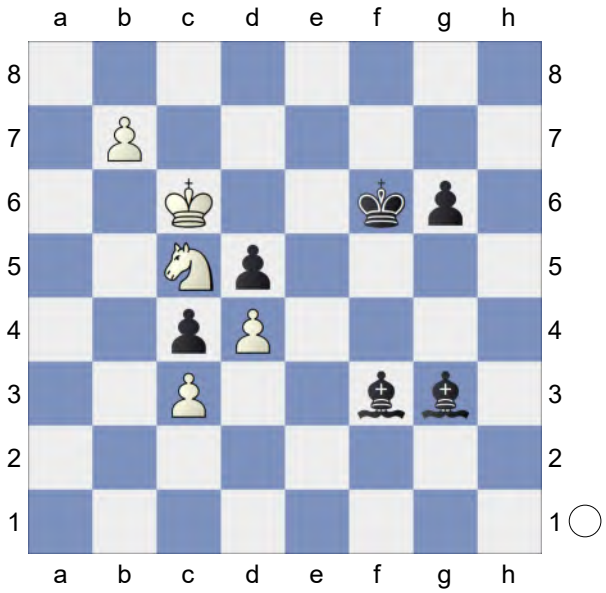
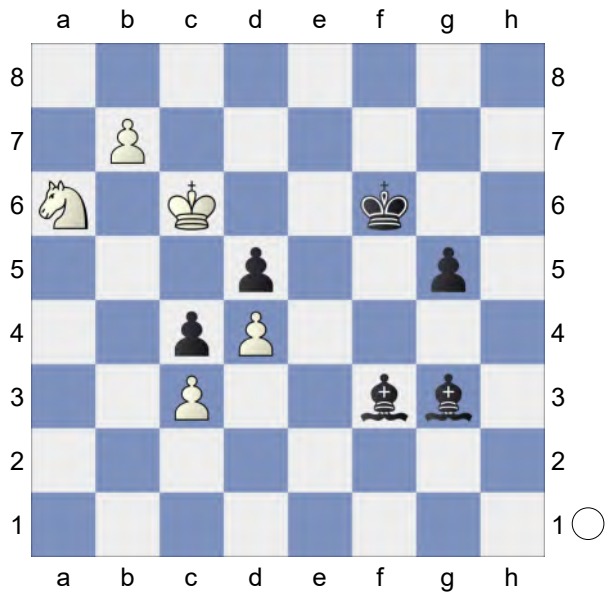
15.Rdg1 b4 16.axb4 a5!
[16...Bxb4 17.Nh5 g6 18.Nf6+ Kg7 19.h5+-]
17.b5 White has compensation. **17...a4 18.g6! a3**
[18...Bxh4? 19.Qh5 fxg6 20.Nxg6+- *(20.Qxh4 Qxh4 21.Rxh4 Nd7+-)*]
19.Kd2 Bd6 0.55/22
[19...Bxh4? 20.Qh5 fxg6 21.Nxg6+- *(21.Qxh4 Qxh4 22.Rxh4 Nd7+-)*]
[19...a2= 0.15/22 feels stronger.]
20.Qh5!± fxg6
[20...axb2 21.Qh7#]
21.Rxg6
[21.Nxg6 Bb7 *(21...Rxf2+ 22.Ke1±)* 22.Rg2 axb2±]
21...Ra7
[21...axb2 22.Rxg7+ Kxg7 23.Rg1+ *(23.Qg6+ Kh8 24.Qh5+ Kg7 25.Rg1+ Qg5 26.Rxg5+ Kf6 27.Nfxd5+ exd5 28.Nxd5+ Ke6 29.Qg4+ Kf7 30.Rg7+ Ke8 31.Qxc8#; 23.Qg6+ Kh8 24.Qh5+ Kg7 25.Rg1+ Qg5 26.Rxg5+ Kf6 27.Nfxd5+ exd5 28.Nxd5+ Ke6 29.Qg4+ Kf7 30.Rg7+ Ke8 31.Qxc8#)*]
22.Nh3 A dynamic duo of knights. **22...Rf6 23.Ng5 Rxg6 24.Qh7+ Kf8 25.Qxg6 axb2** ...Bb4 is the strong threat. **26.h5!** White is more active. **26...Qe8** 0.18/3
[26...Qe7? 27.h6 gxh6 28.Rxh6 b1N+ 29.Nxb1+-]
[26...Bb4 -0.25/4 was preferrable. 27.h6 b1N+ *(27...Bxc3+? 28.Ke2+-)* 28.Kc1 *(28.Rxb1 Bxc3+ 29.Ke2 gxh6±)* 28...Nxc3]
27.Qh7= Qh8+ would now be deadly.

The board is on fire.
[27.Nh7+ Ke7 28.Qg5+ *(28.Qxg7+ Qf7∓)* 28...Kd7 29.Qxg7+ Qe7]
27...Rf7! 28.Qh8+ Ke7 29.Qxe8+! Kxe8 30.Nxf7 Kxf7 31.Rb1 Nd7 0.67/4
[31...Ba3= 0.17/5]
32.Na4 -0.07/6
[32.Rxb2± 0.67/4 Nb6 33.Ke2]
32...Nf6
[32...Bb4+ 33.c3 Ba3 34.f3± *(34.Nxb2 Bd6±)*]
33.f3 -0.33/5 Dodges Ne4+
[White should try 33.Rxb2= 0.27/3 Bd7 *(33...Nxh5? 34.Nb6+-)* 34.f3]
33...Bd7 0.33/4
[33...e5∓ -0.33/5]
34.Rxb2± Ke7
[34...Nxh5? 35.Nc5 Ke7 36.b6+-]
35.Nc5 Be8 0.87/4
[35...e5!= 0.16/7]
36.Kc3 -0.31/2
[36.b6± 0.87/4 Threatens to win with Ra2. Nd7 37.h6 gxh6 38.Rb1]
36...e5 0.76/3
[36...Bxh5∓ -0.31/2 stays ahead. 37.Ra2 g6 *(37...Bxf3 38.Ra7+ Ke8 39.Rxg7±)*]
37.Kb4 0.07/5
[37.b6± 0.76/3]
37...Bxh5 1.43/4
[37...e4= 0.07/5 38.fxe4 dxe4 *(38...Nxe4? 39.Ra2+-)*]
38.Ra2!± And now Ra7+ would win.
38...Nd7 39.Ra7 Ke8 40.Ra8+
[40.Rxd7? Bxc5+ 41.Kxc5 Kxd7-+]
40...Ke7 41.Rg8 g6 42.c3
[42.Rg7+ Ke8=]
42...exd4 43.exd4
[43.cxd4 Nf8 *(43...Bxf3 44.Rg7+ Ke8 45.Rxg6=)* 44.Rg7+ Kf6=]
43...Nf8 1.16/7
[Better is 43...Nf6!± 0.61/4 44.Rg7+ Ke8 *(44...Kf8 45.Ra7±)*]
44.Rg7+! Kf6 45.Ra7 aiming for b6.
45...Bxf3 46.b6! Ne6 47.Ra6 Hoping for b7. **47...Nd8**
[47...Nxc5? 48.dxc5 Be5 49.b7+ Ke7 50.Rd6 *(50.Rxg6 Kd8+-)* 50...Bxd6 51.cxd6+ Kxd6 52.b8Q++- *(52.b8R g5=)*]
48.Kb5 Bg3 49.Ra8 Ke7 50.Ra7+!
[50.b7?! g5=]
50...Kf6 51.Rd7 Nf7 52.b7? 0.10/5
[52.Kc6+- 1.98/5 Black must now prevent Na6. Bg4 53.Ra7 *(53.Rxd5? Bf3-+* Pin *)*]
52...Nd6+!= 53.Rxd6+ Bxd6 54.Kc6 Bg3 3.20/4
[54...Ke7∓ -0.94/3 and life is bright. Strongly threatening ...Be4. 55.Na6 Ke6 *(55...g5? 56.Nc7+-)* 56.Nc7+ Bxc7 57.Kxc7 Kf5]



Black cannot hold the game after this.
55.Na6!+- g5? 4.90/2
[55...Bh5 2.74/5 was called for. 56.Nc7 Bxc7 57.Kxc7 Kf5]

(Diagram)

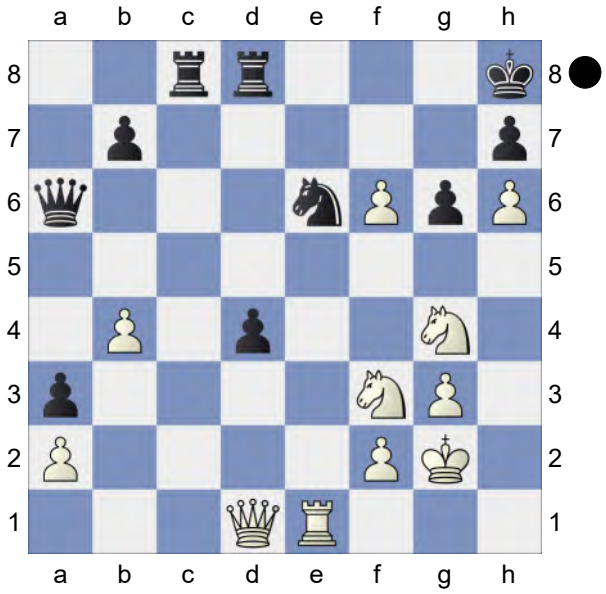


56.Nc7! Bxc7 57.Kxc7 Endgame. KB-K3P **57...Kf5 58.b8Q**
[58.b8B? loses. Ke4 59.Kd6 Kd3-+]
58...Ke4 59.Qb1+ Ke3 60.Qc1+ Kd3 12.78/18
[⌓60...Ke2 4.95/1 61.Qxg5 Kd3]
61.Qxg5 Kc2 62.Qe3 Be4 63.Kd6 Kb3 64.Qc1 Bf3 65.Ke5 White threatens Kf4 and mate. **65...Be4 66.Kf4** Ke3 would kill now. **66...Bg6 67.Ke3** White wants to mate with Kd2. **67...Bf5 68.Kd2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.33
1-0

46 **D00**
□ **Torombot** **2993**
■ **Expositor** **2790**
Rapid 21.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min+1sec D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.Nc3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bf4 Bf5 4.e3 e6 5.Bd3 Bg6 6.h4 Bd6 7.h5 Bxd3 8.Qxd3** The position is equal. **8...Bxf4**
[8...h6 9.0-0-0 Nbd7 10.Nge2 a6 11.f3 Qe7 12.g4 0-0-0 13.Kb1 Kb8 14.Bxd6 Qxd6 15.e4 dxe4 16.Nxe4 Qb6 17.Nd2 Ne5 18.Qb3 Qxb3 19.axb3 Nc6 20.Nc4 Nd5 21.c3 Rhf8 22.Ng3 b6 23.b4 So,W (2757)-Caruana,F (2804) Saint Louis 2024 0-1 (63)]
9.exf4 Nbd7N
[9...0-0 10.Nf3 c5 11.dxc5 Na6 12.0-0-0 Rc8 13.h6 g6 14.Ne5 Qe7 15.a3 Qxc5 16.f3 Nb8 17.g4 Nc6 18.Qe2 d4 19.Ne4 Nxe4 20.Qxe4 Rfd8 21.Rd2 Rd5 22.Re1 b5 23.Nxf7 e5 24.Nxe5 Erigaisi,A (2681)-Sjugirov,S (2696) Chess.com INT 2022 1-0]
[9...Qd6 10.Nb5 Qb6 11.h6 g6 12.Nf3 Nbd7 13.Ne5 c5 14.a4 a6 15.Nxd7 Nxd7 16.dxc5 Qxc5 17.Nd4 Qc4 18.Qd2 Rc8 19.Rh3 0-0 20.Rc3 Qb4 21.Rxc8 Qxd2+ 22.Kxd2 Rxc8 23.b3 b6 24.g4 Gusain,H (2371)-Apoorv,K (1798) Chennai 2022 ½-½ (50)]
10.h6 g6 11.Nf3 Qe7 12.Kf1 0.03/18
[12.Ne5± 0.56/16]
12...0-0= 13.g3 Rac8 14.Kg2 c5 15.Rae1
[15.Ne5 is more complex. a6 16.Ne2 cxd4 17.Nxd4 Ne4 18.Nxd7 Qxd7 19.c3]
15...Rfd8 0.41/18
[15...cxd4= -0.02/17 16.Qxd4 Qc5]
16.Nd1 0.05/19
[16.f5!± 0.41/18]
16...Qd6 17.c3 cxd4 18.Qxd4 a5 19.Qd2 a4 20.Ne3 Qb6 21.Rb1 Ne4 22.Qe2 Qa6 23.Qd1 f6 24.Re1 Kh8 25.Qd4 c4! is the strong threat. **25...Ndc5** 1.27/19 White leaves nothing to chance now.
[25...Nb8± 0.47/17]
26.Rbd1± a3 27.b4 e5 2.21/21

28.fxe5+- Ne6 29.Qd3 Strongly threatening c4! **29...Nxc3 30.exf6** aiming for f7. **30...Nxd1 31.Qxd1 d4 32.Ng4**



Black must now prevent f7. White has strong compensation. **32...Rf8** 5.09/19
[32...Qc4± 0.99/15]
33.Qb3 Nd8 7.46/17
[⌓33...Nc7 4.35/16 34.Nfe5 *(34.Nxd4 Qd6±)* 34...Rce8 35.Nf7+ Kg8 36.Nd6+ Kh8 37.Nxe8 Qc6+ 38.f3 Nxe8]
34.Ng5 Qc6+ 35.Kh2 Rc7 36.Re7 b6 37.Rg7 Qd7

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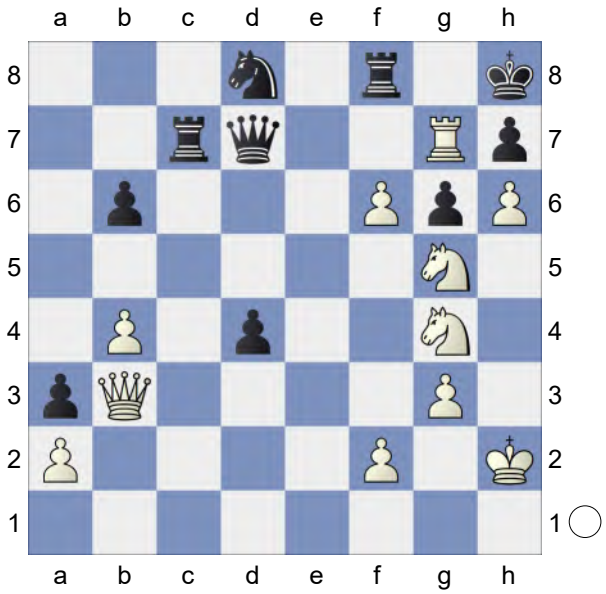
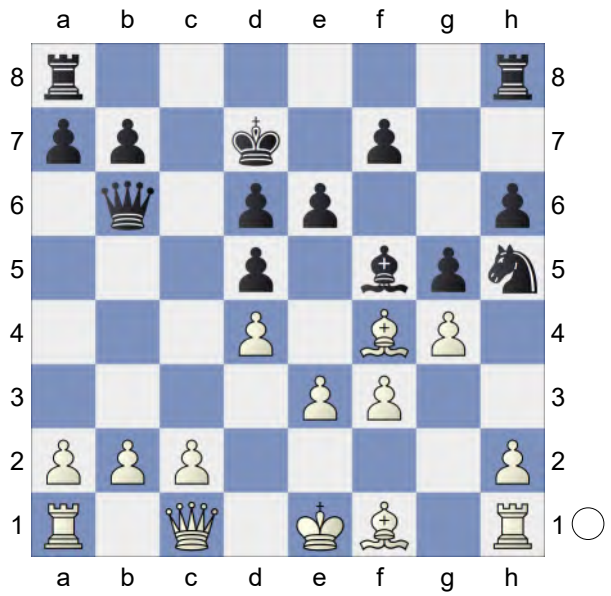


Prevents f7. **38.f7!** White mates.
38...Qxf7
[38...Rxf7 39.Nxf7+]
39.Nxf7+ Nxf7 40.Qf3 Rc5 41.bxc5 d3 42.Rxf7 Rxf7 43.Qxf7 b5 44.Qg7#
Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.52
1-0

47 **D00**
□ **Torombot** **2992**
■ **Magnusglad** **2770**
Rapid 29.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min+1sec D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 Bf4 **1.Nc3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bf4 Bf5 4.e3 e6 5.Nf3 Bd6 6.Ne5 Nbd7 7.Nb5 h6 8.Nxd7 Kxd7 9.Nxd6 cxd6 10.f3 Qb6 11.Qc1 Nh5 12.g4 g5**

(Diagram)



13.Bxd6 Qxd6
[13...Kxd6 14.gxf5]
14.gxf5 exf5 15.Qd2 Rad8 16.0-0-0 Kc8 17.c4 f4 18.e4 dxe4 19.fxe4 Qc7 20.e5 Prevents Nf6. **20...Ng7 21.Bh3+ Kb8 22.Qc2 h5 23.Rhe1!**
[23.Bg2 g4=]
23...Rhe8 24.Kb1 g4 25.Bf1 Qd7 26.d5 Qf5! 27.Bd3 Qg5 28.h4 gxh3!
[28...Qxh4 29.d6 Qg5 30.Qc3]
29.Be4! Rxe5
[29...Qxe5 30.a3∓]
30.c5! Ne8 31.Rg1 Qf6
[31...Qh4 32.d6 Qf6 33.Rd4± *(33.c6 bxc6 34.Bxc6 Qf5+-)*]
32.d6 h2! 33.Rgf1 Qe6! 34.Rxf4 Nf6

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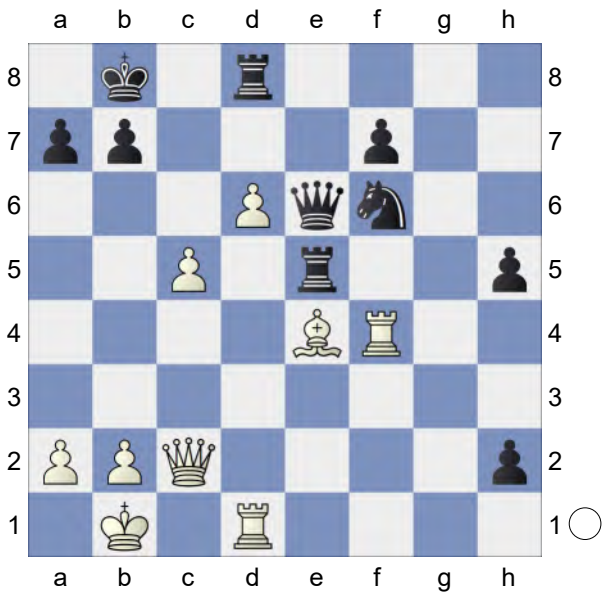
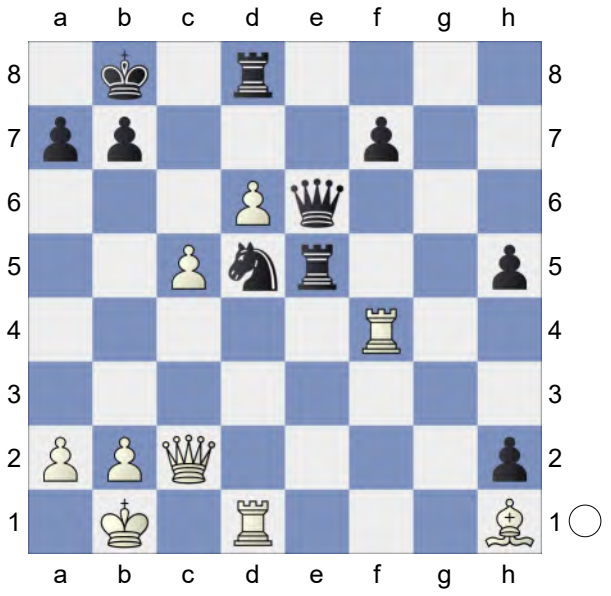
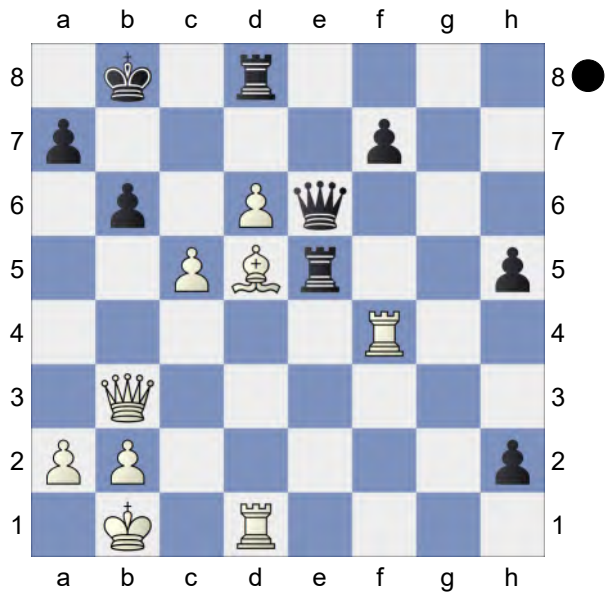


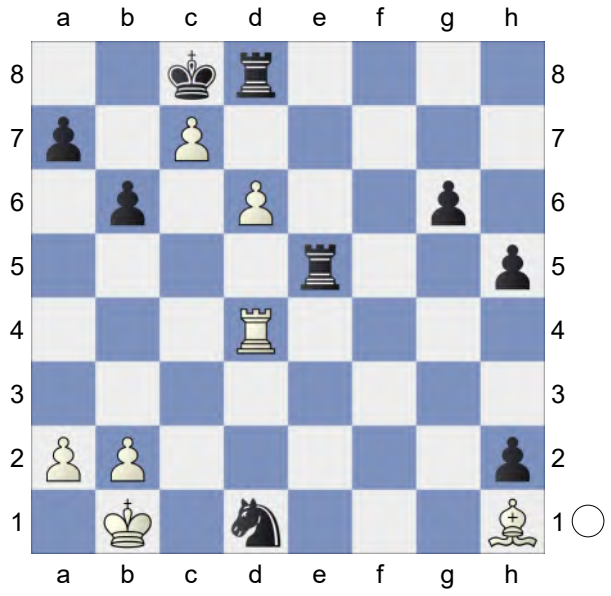
35.Bh1 0.20/18 0x0.001d6b67c29bdp-1022s more active pieces.
[35.Bxb7!± 0.61/20 Kxb7 *(35...Nd5 36.Bxd5)* 36.c6+ Kc8 37.d7+ Kc7 38.Rb4]
35...Nd5!=



36.Qb3! Threatens to win with c6! White has compensation. **36...b6! 37.Rfd4**
[Don't blunder 37.Rxd5? Re1+ 38.Kc2 *(38.Rd1? Qxb3 39.Rxe1 Qg3-+)* 38...Rxh1-+]
[Don't go for 37.Bxd5?



Rxd5! 38.Rh1 *(38.Qxd5? Qxd5 39.Rff1 Qxc5-+)* 38...Rg8-+]
37...Ne3 38.c6 And now c7+ would win. **38...Kc8 39.c7! Qg6+ 40.Qd3** Chess con chili. **40...Nxd1 41.Qxg6 fxg6**



42.Bb7+! Kd7 43.cxd8R+ Kxd8 44.Rxd1 Endgame KRB-KR **44...Kd7 45.Kc2** Hoping for Rd2. **45...Re2+ 46.Kc3 g5 47.Ba6 Re3+ 48.Kc2 Re5** Prevents Bb5+. **49.Rh1 Kxd6 50.Rxh2 g4 51.Bb7 Ke7** The position is equal. **52.Kd3** aiming for Re2. **52...Kf6 53.Kd4** Rf2+ is the strong threat. **53...Re7 54.Be4 Kg5 55.Rf2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.00 (flawless) . Loss on time!? **1-0**

48 **D00**
□ **Torombot** **2991**
■ **Aks Mantissa** **2729**
Rapid 07.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min+1sec D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.Nc3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Bb4+ 5.c3 Ba5 6.e3 0-0 7.Nf3 a6 8.Na3** The position is equal. **8...c6 9.Bd3 Nbd7 10.Nb1 Bc7 11.0-0 c5 12.Nbd2 b5 13.Ne5 Nxe5**
[13...Bb7 seems wilder. 14.Qf3 Re8 15.a4 cxd4 16.exd4 bxa4 17.Rxa4 a5]
14.dxe5 Nd7 15.Nf3 Bxh7+! is the strong threat.
[15.Qh5 g6 16.Qh3 Nxe5∓]
15...h6 16.Bc2 c4 17.g4 Qe8 0.36/23
[17...f6= -0.03/19]
18.Bg3 -0.08/18
[18.g5!± 0.36/23 feels stronger.]
18...Bb7 19.g5 h5!
[19...hxg5 20.Nxg5 g6 21.Qg4±]
20.g6 -0.44/20
[20.Nd4= -0.03/21]
20...fxg6∓ 21.Nh4!

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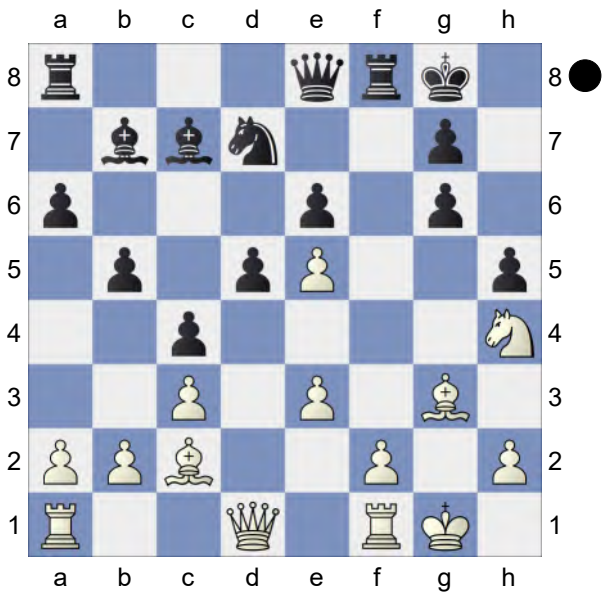
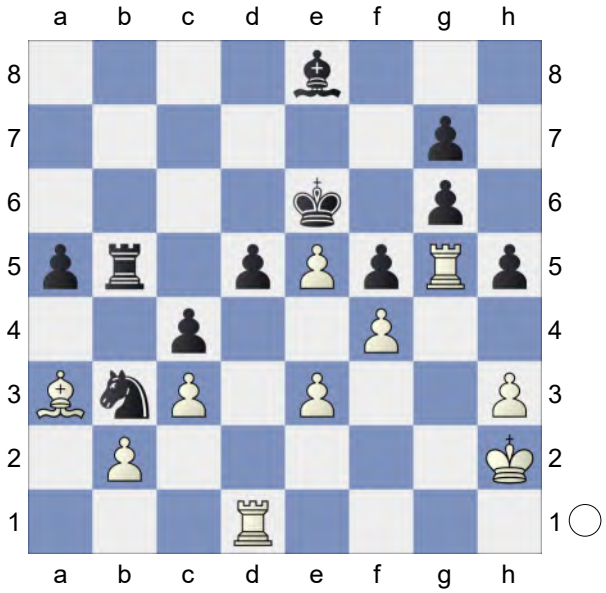


Rf5! 22.f4
[22.Nxf5 gxf5 23.f4 Bb6=]
22...a5 23.h3 b4 24.Kh2
[24.Nxf5 gxf5 25.Bh4 Qg6+ 26.Kh2 *(26.Kh1? d4+ 27.e4 d3-+)* 26...Nxe5]
24...Bd8 25.Rg1
[25.Nxf5?! gxf5 26.Ba4 Qf7±]
25...Nc5 26.Qd4
[26.Nxf5?! gxf5 27.Be1 Na6±]
26...Rc8 27.Bf2
[27.Nxf5?! gxf5 28.Rg2 bxc3±]
27...Bxh4
[27...b3 feels hotter. 28.axb3 Bxh4 29.Bxh4 Nxb3 30.Qb6 Qc6]
28.Bxh4 b3 29.Bxf5 exf5 30.axb3 Nxb3 31.Qb6 Bc6 Hoping for ...Rb8.
32.Rad1 Kh7 0.37/23
[32...Rb8!= 0.01/22 33.Qc7 Rb5]
33.Qa7± Black must now prevent Rxg6!
33...Rb8 Strongly threatening ...Rb7.
34.Qe7→ Black needs to defend p r e c i s e l y . **34...Rb5 35.Qxe8** Chess con chili. **35...Bxe8 36.Be7 Kg8** 0.89/23
[36...Bf7± 0.43/22 is more appropriate. 37.Rg2 Nc5 38.Bxc5 Rxc5]
37.Ba3± &Bianco is more active.
37...Kf7 38.Rg5 Ke6? 2.74/25
[38...Bd7± 1.14/23 39.Kg3 Nc5]



A m i s t a k e t h a t c o s t s t h e g a m e .
39.Rdg1!+- Nc5 40.Rxg6+
[Don't do 40.Bxc5?! Rxc5 41.Ra1 h4±]
40...Bxg6 41.Rxg6+ Endgame KRB-KRN **41...Kf7 42.Rc6 Ne6 43.Kg3 Rb8 44.Ra6 Rb7 45.Rd6**
[Much less strong is 45.Rxa5 Rd7 46.Kh4 Rd8 47.Ra7+ Kg6+-]
45...g6 46.Rxd5 Ra7 47.Rd6 Rc7 48.Ra6 Rb7 49.Rxa5 Kg7 50.h4 Rd7 51.Ra6 Kf7 52.Ra4 Rd2? 6.31/27
[52...Rc7 3.64/25 53.Kf3 Kg8]
53.Ra7+ Kg8 54.Re7 Ng7 55.Rc7 Ne6 56.Rxc4 Re2 57.Kf3 Re1 58.Rc6 Kf7 59.b4 Rb1 60.Ke2 Ra1 61.Ra6
[Not 61.Bb2 Ra2±]
61...g5 62.fxg5 Rg1 63.b5 f4 64.b6 And now b7 would win. **64...Rb1 65.Bb4** b7 would kill now. **65...Nxg5 66.hxg5** White threatens b7 and mate. KRB-KR **66...Rb3 67.b7** White mates. **67...Rb2+ 68.Kf3 fxe3 69.b8Q Rf2+ 70.Kxe3 Re2+ 71.Kxe2 Kg7 72.Qb7+ Kg8**

73.Ra8# Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.18 (very precise)
1-0

49 **D00**
□ **Athena Pallada** **2990**
■ **Volk7777777** **2606**
Blitz 10.02.2024
[Kitty Kat]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6N**
[5...e6 6.Nb5 Na6 7.h4 Bd7 8.c3 Be7 9.a4 0-0 10.Bd3 Bc6 11.Nf3 Ne4 12.Qe2 f5 13.g3 Bf6 14.Ng5 Qd7 15.f3 Nac5 16.Bc2 a6 17.dxc5 axb5 18.fxe4 6) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5-5.exd4 e6 6.Nb5 Na6 #8 The Meanest Jobava London 2023]
6.Bd3 Bg4 7.f3 Bh5 8.Nge2 The position is equal.
[8.g4!? Bg6□ 9.Nge2=]
8...Nc6 9.h4 Bg6 10.g4 e6 11.h5 Bxd3 12.Qxd3 h6 13.0-0-0 Bd6 14.Kb1 b5 15.Qe3 Rc8 0.69/22
[15...Be7= 0.23/21]
16.Rh2 -0.01/21
[16.g5± 0.69/22 Bxf4 17.Qxf4]
16...Na5= 17.b3 Inhibits Nc4. **17...Bxf4 18.Nxf4**
[18.Qxf4 simplifies Qc7 19.Qxc7 Rxc7 20.a4]
18...Qc7 19.Kb2 Qb7 0.58/20
[19...0-0= 0.01/19]
20.Re1 0.13/21
[20.Rg2± 0.58/20]
20...0-0 21.Nd3 -1.44/22
[21.Nce2= -0.01/22]

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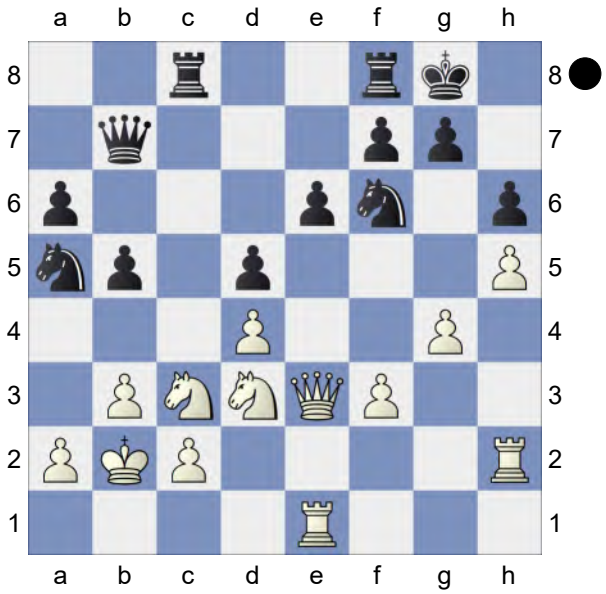
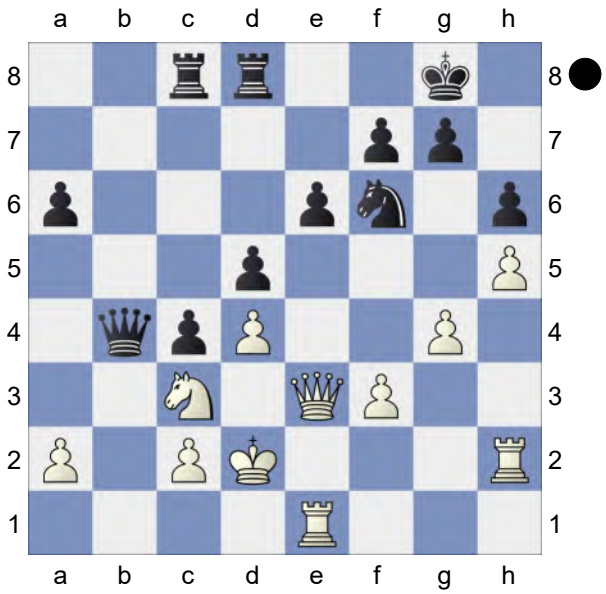


21...Nc4+!∓ 22.bxc4 bxc4+ 23.Nb4 Qxb4+ 24.Kc1 Rfd8 25.Kd2 -1.68/22
[25.Rg2∓ -1.28/21]



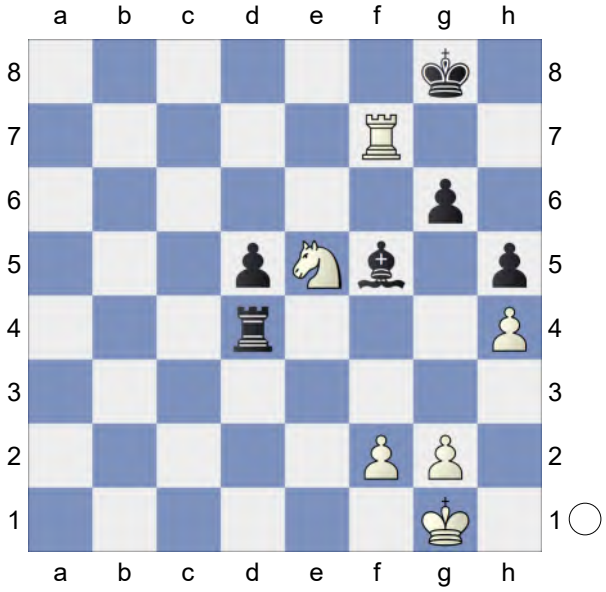
25...e5! 26.Qxe5 Re8 27.Qg3 Rxe1 -1.00/23
[27...Qb6-+ -1.66/24 28.Qf4 Ne4+ Decoy 29.Nxe4 Qxd4+ Pin *(29...dxe4 30.Rxe4 Qb4+ 31.Kd1∓)* 30.Ke2 Re6 Pin *(30...dxe4 31.Kf1∓)*]
28.Qxe1 Re8 0.01/26
[28...Qb6∓ -0.84/25 29.Qf2 Qc7]
29.Re2= Rxe2+ 30.Qxe2 Endgame.

KQN-KQN **30...Qd6 31.Qe5 Qd7** 0.58/26
[Black should play 31...Qd8= 0.01/24]
32.Qb8+!± Kh7 33.Qe5 0.01/27
[33.Qb6± 0.41/24]
33...a5 34.Ke3 Kg8 35.Qb8+ Kh7 36.Qe5 Active counter play! **36...Kg8 37.Kf4 Kh7?** 4.24/27
[37...Qb7= -0.01/25]
38.Qf5++- Qxf5+ 39.Kxf5 Kg8 40.Ke5 Never resign too early! Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.33
1-0

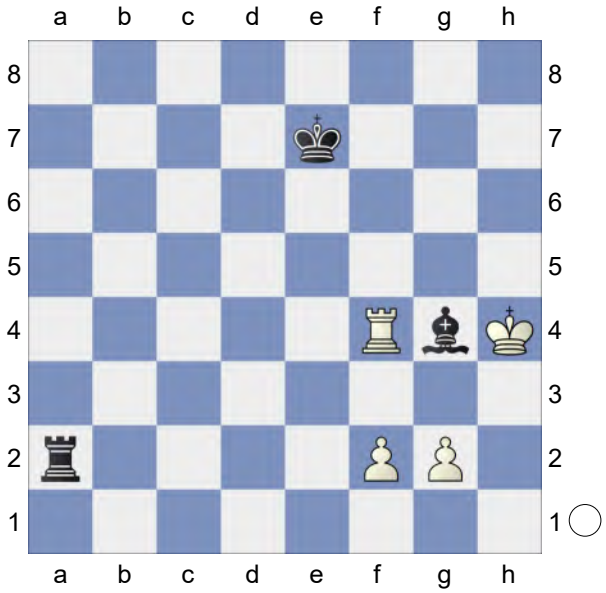
50 **D00**
□ **Athena Pallada** **2985**
■ **Korosh86** **2598**
Blitz 09.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min D01: Veresov Opening
Including this game is basically just for a bit of fun. Black plays a very dodgy opening and his position is resignable after seven moves. However, White doesn't play the most precise refutation and before we know it Black has tremendous compensation for the piece.
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N
[2...c5 3.d5
A) 3...Qa5 4.Bd2 b5 5.e4 b4 6.e5 bxc3 7.Bxc3 Qa4 8.exf6 Qe4+ 9.Qe2 Qxe2+ 10.Bxe2 gxf6 11.d6 e5 12.Bf3 Nc6 13.Bxc6 dxc6 14.f4 Bxd6 0-1 Reynolds,R (2565)-Zanetti,A (2389) corr CNEC 15 jub 1993;
B) 3...d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 Bg7 6.Bb5+ *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Bd7 *(6...Nbd7 7.a4 0-0 8.0-0 a6 9.Be2 Rb8 10.Nd2 Ne8 11.a5 Nc7 12.Nc4 b5 13.axb6 Nxb6 14.Na5 Qe8 15.Re1 Bd7 16.g3 Nb5 17.Nxb5 axb5 18.f4 Ra8 19.c3 Na4 20.Rxa4 bxa4 21.Nc4* 0-1 Brotherton,T-Thomas,M British ch corr 1992*)* 7.a4 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nbd7 11.Re1 a6 12.Bf1 e5 13.a5 Ne8 14.Bd3 Qh4 15.Qg4 Qxg4 16.hxg4 Rc8 17.b3 Nef6 18.g5 0-1 Sadykov,R (2345)-Skliarov,V (2383) Julius Baer Play In rapid 2023 (3.76);
C) 3...e6 4.e4 exd5 5.e5 Qe7 6.Qe2 Ne4 7.Nxd5 Qxe5 8.Nc3 d5 9.f3 f5 10.fxe4 fxe4 11.Nf3 Qf5 12.Nh4 Qf7 13.Qf2 Qxf2+ 14.Kxf2 Be7 15.Bb5+ Nc6 16.g3 0-0+ 17.Ke1 0-1 Wohlfahrt,R (2127)-Grooten,H (2390) 20th Open Böblingen GER 2003 (5)]
3.Bf4 g6 4.Qd2 Bg7 5.Bh6 0-0 6.Bxg7 Kxg7 7.e3 c5 8.Nf3 The position is equal. **8...Nc6 9.Bb5** -0.43/19
[White should try 9.dxc5= 0.16/19 Bg4 10.a3]
9...a6 0.20/21
[9...Ne4∓ -0.43/19 10.Nxe4 dxe4 11.Bxc6 bxc6]
10.Bxc6= bxc6 11.0-0 cxd4 12.exd4 Qd6 13.Rfe1 0.07/20
[13.Na4± 0.48/19 might be stronger.]
13...Bf5 0.45/18
[13...Rb8= 0.07/20]
14.Qe3 Bxc2 15.Qxe7 Qxe7 16.Rxe7 Rfe8 17.Rxe8 Rxe8 18.Rc1 Bf5 19.h3 h5 20.b4 Rb8 21.a3 a5 0.63/23

[21...Nd7= 0.24/22 was preferrable.]
22.bxa5 0.07/23
[22.Ne5!± 0.63/23 axb4 23.Nxc6]
22...Ra8 23.Ne5 Rxa5 24.a4 Ne4 25.Nxe4 Bxe4 26.Rxc6 Threatening Rc7. **26...Rxa4** Endgame. KRB-KRN **27.Rc7! Rxd4 28.Rxf7+ Kg8 29.Rf6 Kg7 30.Rf7+ Kg8 31.h4 Bf5**



Strongly threatening ...Re4! **32.Ra7 Rxh4 33.Nc6** Prevents Rd4. **33...Re4 34.Ne7+ Kf8 35.Nxd5 Re6 36.Ne3 Be4 37.Kh2 g5 38.Ra5 Rg6 39.Re5 Bc6 40.Nc2 Bd7 41.Nd4 h4** 0.72/19
[41...Kf7± 0.35/16]
42.Nf3 g4 43.Nxh4 Rf6 1.28/23
[⌓43...Rb6 0.78/21]
44.Kg3± Kf7
[44...Be6]
45.Ra5 Rb6 1.65/21 **46.Nf5+-** aiming for Ne3. **46...Rb2** 2.57/20 Loses the game.
[46...Kf6± 1.20/22 is a better defense.]
47.Ne3
[Worse is 47.Kxg4 Rxf2 48.Kg3 Rb2∓]
47...Rb3 48.Rd5 Be6 49.Rd4 Ra3 50.Kh4 Ra2 51.Rf4+
[51.Nxg4 Kg7 52.g3 Kf8]
51...Ke7 52.Nxg4 Bxg4? 7.00/28
[52...Kd6 3.23/16 53.g3 Bd7]



53.Kxg4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.25 (precise)
[Stronger than 53.Rxg4 Rxf2 54.Ra4 Rxg2=]
1-0

51 **D00**
□ **Athena Pallada** **2984**
■ **Miki Train** **2606**
Blitz 12.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.a3 c5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.h3 b5 8.Bd3 -0.54/20
[8.dxc5= -0.18/20 Bxc5 9.Ne2]
8...b4 0.63/22
[8...c4∓ -0.54/20 9.Be2 Bd6]
9.axb4± cxb4 3.01/23
[9...c4± 0.58/21]

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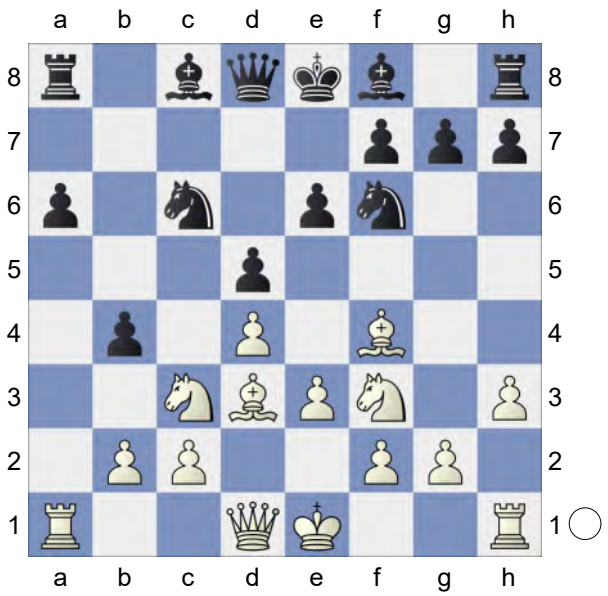
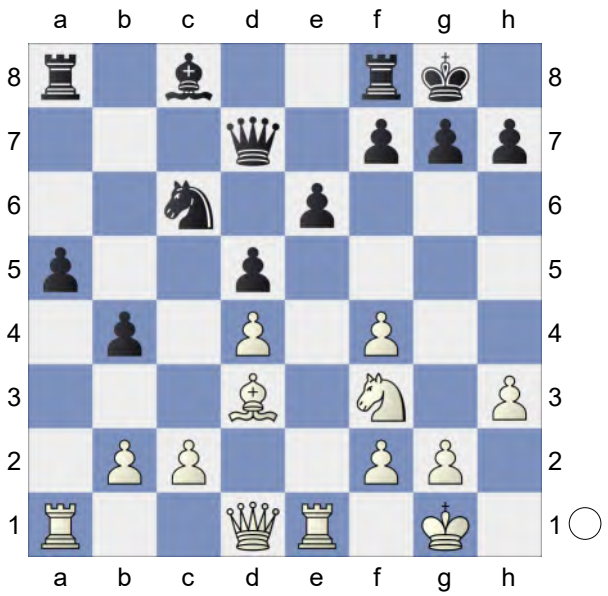
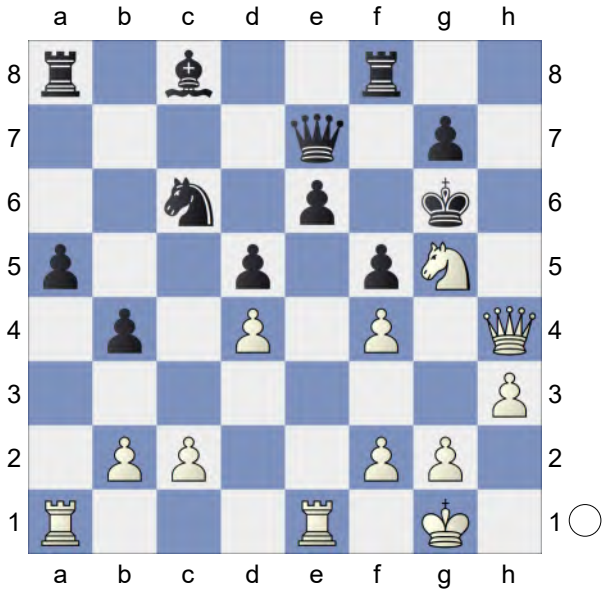


10.Na4? 0.88/19
[10.Nb5!+- 3.01/23 and the rest is easy. Hoping for Nc7+. Ke7 11.Nd6]
10...Bd6 1.90/21
[10...Be7± 0.88/19]
11.0-0 0.70/18
[11.Bxd6+- 1.90/21 Qxd6 12.Nb6]
11...Bxf4 12.exf4 0-0 13.Re1 a5 14.Nc5 Inhibits Ba6. **14...Nd7 15.Nxd7** 0.08/23 0x0.001d6b67c29bdp-1022s more active pieces. The black rooks are badly placed. **15...Qxd7**



16.Bxh7+! Kxh7 17.Ng5+ Kg6?
2.21/18
[17...Kh6± 0.53/21 18.Qg4 g6 19.Qh4+ *(19.Nf3? Kg7-+)* 19...Kg7 20.Qh7+ Kf6]
18.Qg4+- White wants to mate with Nxe6+. White has strong compensation.
[18.c3 f5=]
18...f5 19.Qh4 0.00/21
[19.Nxe6+ fxg4 20.Nxf8+ Kf5 21.Nxd7 Bxd7 22.hxg4+ Kxg4∓]
[19.Qg3+- 1.89/25 e5 20.dxe5 *(20.Ne6+ Kf7±)*]
19...Qe7 1.95/19
[19...Qe8= 0.00/21 and Black is okay.]



20.Re5? -1.04/20

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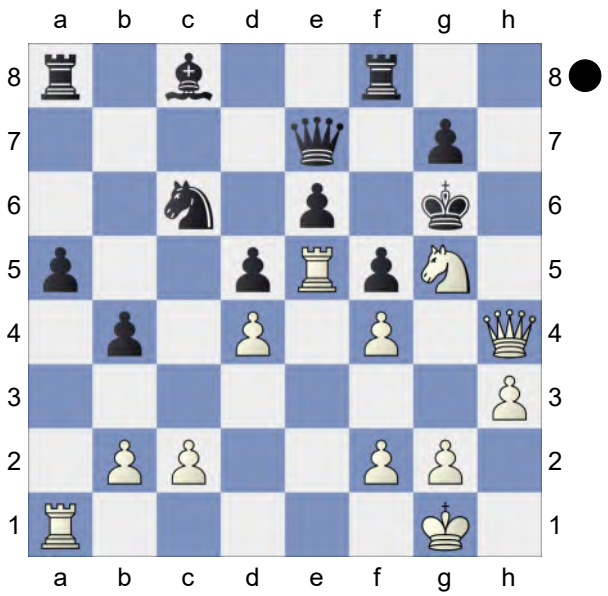


The board is on fire. **20...Bd7!∓** ...Rh8 is the strong threat.
[But not 20...Qd8?! 21.Re3 Rh8 22.Qg3=]
21.Qh7+ -1.44/5
[Better is 21.g4 -0.94/20 fxg4 22.hxg4]
21...Kf6 White must now prevent ...Rh8.
22.Qh4
[Not 22.Rae1? Rh8 23.Qxf5+ exf5-+]
22...Rh8 23.Qg3 Nxe5 24.fxe5+ Kg6 25.Nxe6+ Kh7 26.Nf4 Ra6 Against Qg6+ **27.Nxd5 Qf7** -0.70/21
[27...Qd8-+ -2.12/19 And now ...Rh6 would win. 28.Qd3 Rh6]
28.Nf4 -2.00/21
[28.Rxa5!∓ -0.70/21 Rxa5 29.Qh4+ Kg8 30.Qd8+ Be8 31.Qxa5]
28...Rh6? -0.14/18
[28...g5-+ -2.00/21 29.Nd3 *(29.Qxg5? Rg8-+)* 29...Qg6]
29.Rxa5= Rc8 30.d5 Qe7
[30...Rxc2? 31.Ra7+-]
31.Ra7 aiming for e6. **31...g5?** 4.34/23
[31...Rxc2? 32.e6 Rc8 33.Rxd7+-]
[31...Qxe5± 0.38/19 32.Rxd7 Rxc2]
32.Ne6 Rxe6 33.dxe6 Qxe6 34.Qxg5 Rg8 35.Qh4+ Kg7 36.Qxb4 Strongly threatening Qd2. **36...Rf8 37.Qd6**
[Less strong is 37.Qh4 Rf7 38.Ra8 Be8+-]
37...Qxd6 38.exd6+- Endgame KRB-KR **38...Rf7** 5.68/25
[38...Rd8 3.37/20 39.c4 Kf6]
39.c4 Kf6 40.b4 Ke6 41.c5 Kd5? 6.38/22
[41...Rf8 3.50/18 42.f4 Rb8]
42.h4 White is clearly winning. **42...f4 43.h5 Kc6 44.Rc7+ Kd5 45.c6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.53/ Black=0.81
1-0

52 **D00**
□ **Athena Pallada** **2983**
■ **Kasparik Garik** **2618**
Blitz 18.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

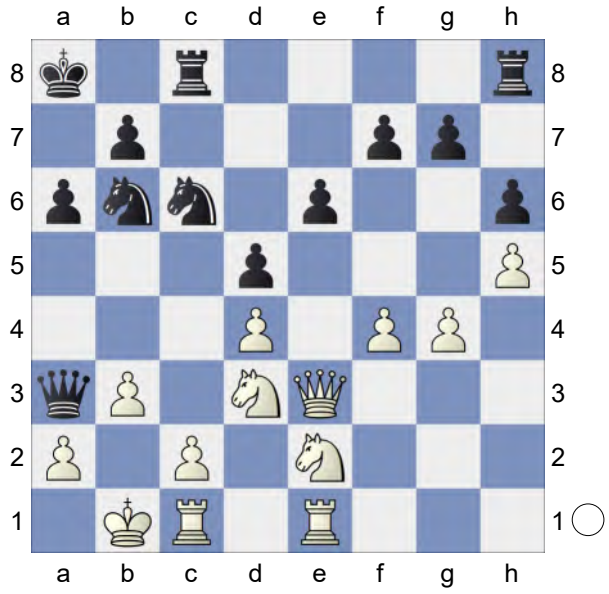
Blitz 3min B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 1-0 (88)*; 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7* Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig, F (1863) Mainz 1997 EXT 2000 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (57)*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4*

Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8 Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) www.desc-online.de 2000 CBM 166 [Beliavsky, Alexander G] 1-0 (41)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]

3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Bd3 -0.12/23

[6.Nf3 0.21/22 is more appropriate.]

6...Nc6= 7.Nge2 Bg4 8.f3 The position is equal. **8...Bh5 9.h4 Bg6 10.g4 Bxd3 11.Qxd3 e6 12.h5 h6 13.0-0-0 Bd6 14.Kb1 Bxf4 15.Nxf4 Qd6 16.Qe3 0-0-0 17.Nd3 Kb8 18.Ne2 Rc8 19.Rc1 Nd7 20.Rhe1 Ka8 21.f4 Nb6 22.b3 Qa3**



...Nc4! is the strong threat. **23.c3 Rc7** 0.68/19

[23...Nd7= 0.15/19]

24.Rc2 0.30/21

[24.f5± 0.68/19 deserves consideration.]

24...Rhc8 25.Nec1 0.00/22

[25.f5± 0.45/19]

25...Nd7 26.g5 -0.33/23 Inhibits Nf6.

[26.Nc5= 0.00/22]

26...Na7 0.00/22

[26...Ne7!∓ -0.33/23]

27.Ne2 Nb5 28.Rec1 a5 29.gxh6 gxh6 30.f5 Rc6 31.Qxh6 a4 0.82/19

[31...e5= 0.15/19 keeps the balance. 32.Qg7 e4]

32.bxa4 0.00/23

[32.Nb4± 0.82/19 axb3 33.axb3 Nxc3+ 34.Nxc3 Qxb4 35.Qe3]

32...Nd6 1.48/20

[32...Qxa4= 0.00/23 33.Ka1 e5]

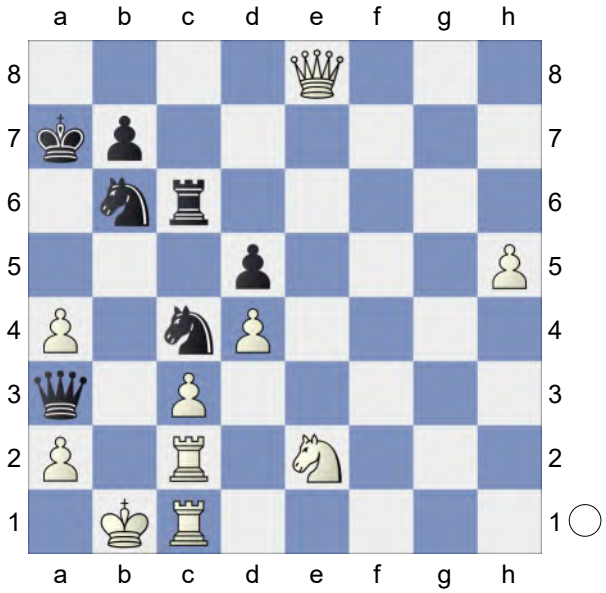
33.fxe6± fxe6 34.Qxe6 Nb6 35.Nb4 1.95/19

[35.Ne5± 1.56/23 Re8 36.Qg6]

35...Ndc4 3.03/21

[⌓35...Nbc4 1.95/19 36.h6 *(36.Nxc6 Rxc6 37.Ka1 Rb6±; 36.Nxd5 Nd2+ 37.Rxd2 Nc4=; 36.Qxd5 Qxa4 37.Ka1 Rb6±)* 36...Ne4 37.Nxc6 Rxc6 38.Qxd5 Ned2+ 39.Rxd2 Nxd2+ 40.Ka1 Rxh6]

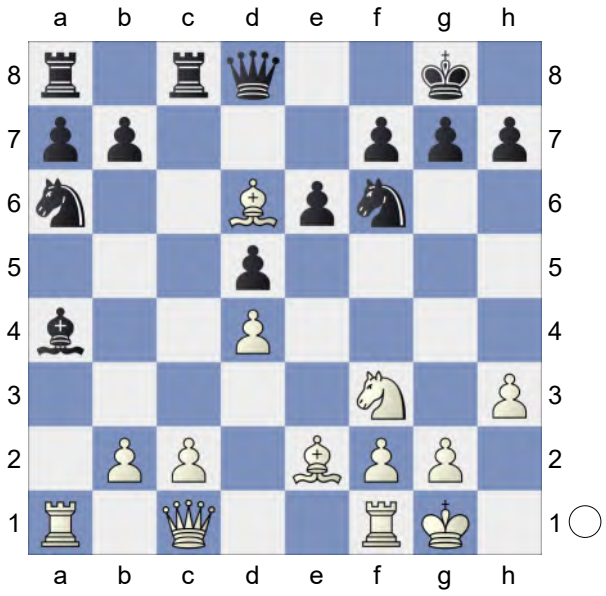
36.Nxc6+- Rxc6 37.Qe8+ Ka7



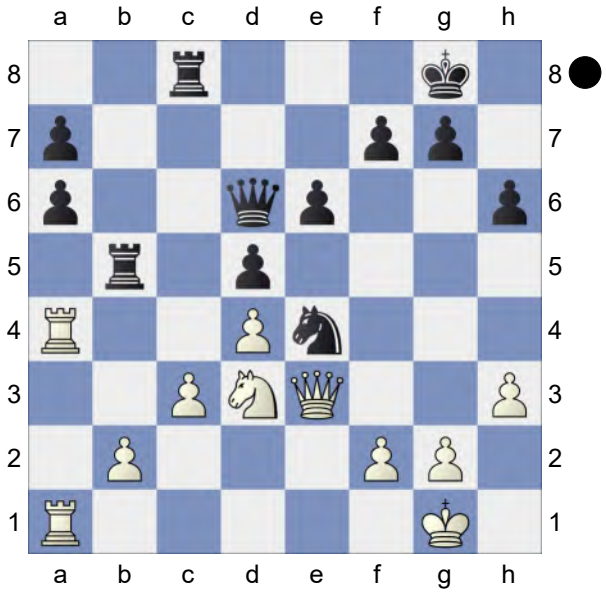
38.Ka1! Nxa4 39.Rb1 Na5 3.93/19
[39...Qd6 2.44/19 might work better. 40.Rg1 Qc7]
40.Qe3 Strongly threatening Rb4.
40...Rb6? 4.55/23
[40...Nc4 2.57/18 41.Qg5 Qd6]
41.Qc1 Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.35
[Don't do 41.Rxb6 Nxb6 42.Nc1 Nbc4]
1-0

53 **D00**
□ **Torombot** **2980**
■ **The Magnificent Bob** **2969**
Rapid 05.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Rapid 15min+3sec D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines 1.Nc3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.h3 c6 8.Nc3 c5 9.Be2 Qb6 10.Qc1 Bd7 11.a4 Qa5 12.0-0 Rfc8 13.Nb5 Qd8 14.Nd6 Bxd6! 15.Bxd6 cxd4 16.exd4 Bxa4!



Discovered Attack 17.Bxa6 bxa6 18.Rxa4 Qxd6 19.c3 Rab8 20.Ne5 h6 The position is equal. 21.Nd3 Ne4 22.Qe3 Rb5 23.Rfa1

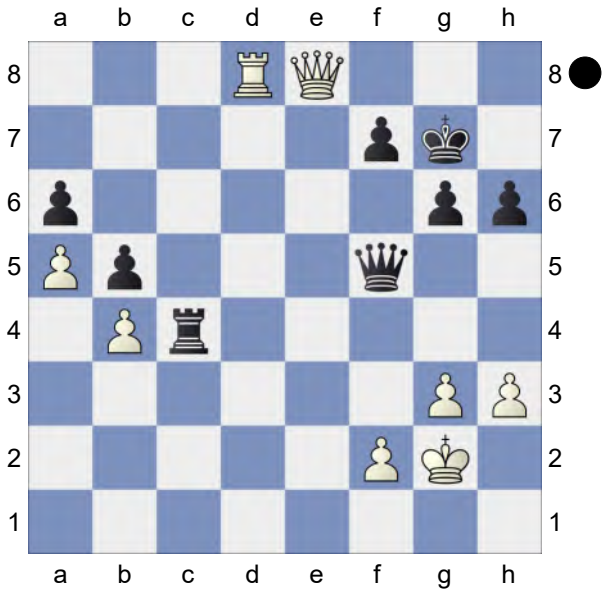


a5! 24.Rxa5 Rxa5 25.Rxa5 Qb6 26.Ra3 a5 27.Qe2 Qb5 28.h4 Rb8 29.Ra2 Qc4 30.Ra1 Qb5 31.Ra2 Qc4 32.Ra1 Qb5 33.Ra2 An even fight not without its subleties. Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless)
½-½

54 **D00**
□ **Torombot** **2975**
■ **Botyuliirma** **2952**
Rapid 05.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min+1sec D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.Nc3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.h3 c6 8.Nc3 c5 9.Be2 Bd7 10.a4 Qb6 11.Qc1 Qa5 12.0-0 Rfc8 13.Nb5 Qd8 14.c3 Be8 15.Nd2 h6 16.Qb1 Nb8 17.dxc5 Bxc5 18.a5 a6 19.Nd4 Nc6 20.b4 Nxd4 21.exd4 Bd6 22.Bxd6 Qxd6 23.Rc1 Bb5 24.Bf3 Nd7 25.Bg4 Nf6 26.Bf3 Nd7 27.Bg4**

The position is equal. **27...Rc7 28.Nb3! Nf6 29.Bf3! e5 30.dxe5 Qxe5 31.Nc5 Rd8 32.Qc2 Nd7 33.Re1 Qf6 34.Nxd7 Bxd7 35.Bxd5** Threatening c4. **35...Rxc3 36.Qe4**
[36.Qb2 simplifies Bc6 37.Be4 Bxe4 38.Rxe4 Rd7 39.Rc1]
36...Bc6 37.Rad1
[37.Bxc6 simplifies Qxc6 38.Qxc6 Rxc6 39.g3]
37...g6 38.Bxc6 Rxd1 39.Rxd1 Rxc6= Endgame. KQR-KQR **40.g3 Kg7 41.Rd3 b5 42.Kg2**
[42.axb6 simplifies Rxb6 43.Kg2 Qc6 44.Rd4]
42...Rc4
[42...Rd6 simplifies 43.h4 Rxd3 44.Qxd3 h5]
43.Qe8 Qf5
[43...Rxb4? perishes. 44.Rd8+-]
[43...Rc3 simplifies 44.Rxc3 Qxc3 45.Qe4 h5]
44.Rd8



Qe4+ 45.Qxe4 Rxe4 KR-KR **46.Kf3 Rxb4** White must now prevent ...Ra4. **47.Ra8 Rb3+ 48.Ke2**
[48.Ke4!?]
48...g5 49.Rxa6 Ra3 50.Ra8 h5 51.a6 h4 52.gxh4 gxh4 53.a7 Kf6 An even fight not without its subleties. Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.03 (flawless)
½-½

55 **D00**
□ **Athena Pallada** **2968**
■ **Hhcuuid** **2654**
Blitz 14.02.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 1-0 (88)*; 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7* Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig, F (1863) Mainz 1997 EXT 2000 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (57)*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) www.desc-online.de 2000 CBM 166 [Beliavsky, Alexander G] 1-0 (41)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5

16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]

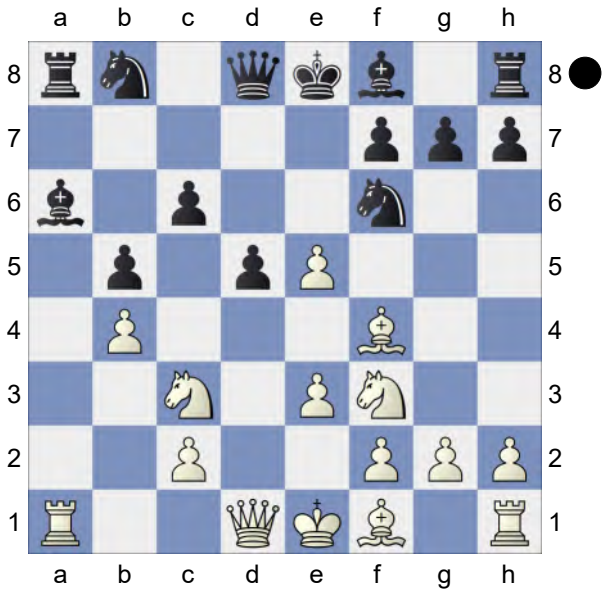
3.Bf4 c6 4.e3 b5 5.a3 a5 6.Nf3 Ba6 7.b4 -0.36/20

[7.Bd3± 0.44/24]

7...axb4!∓ 8.axb4 -2.10/21

[8.a4!∓ -0.63/22 bxc3 9.axb5]

8...e5!-+ 9.dxe5



Bxb4! 10.Nd2 Bxc3 11.exf6 Qxf6

[11...Bxa1 12.Qxa1 Qxf6 13.Be5∓]

12.Rb1 0-0 13.Bd3 c5 14.0-0 c4 15.Be2 Nc6 16.Nf3 Qe6 -0.95/20

[16...Qd8-+ -2.33/23 and Black stays clearly on top. aiming for ...b4. 17.Kh1 b4]

17.Ng5∓ Qd7 18.Bg4 -2.10/22

[18.Ne4∓ -0.89/24 was forced. Bb4 19.Ng3]

18...f5-+ 19.Bf3 Rfd8 -1.19/22

[Black should play 19...Rad8!-+ -1.94/25 20.h4 h6]

20.h4 -1.89/27

[20.Bc7∓ -1.19/22]

20...b4 21.Qe2 -2.51/22

[⌓21.Nh3 -1.75/23 Bf6 22.Bg5 Bxg5 23.hxg5]

21...Ne5? 0.19/22

[21...h6-+ -2.51/22 22.Nh3 b3 23.cxb3 cxb3]

22.Bxe5= Bxe5 23.Rxb4? -2.78/24

[23.Rfd1= 0.16/21 Bb7 24.Rxb4]

23...c3-+ 24.Qd1 Bxf1 25.Kxf1 h6 26.Nh3 Qe7 27.Rb5 Qxh4 28.Rxd5? -3.49/24

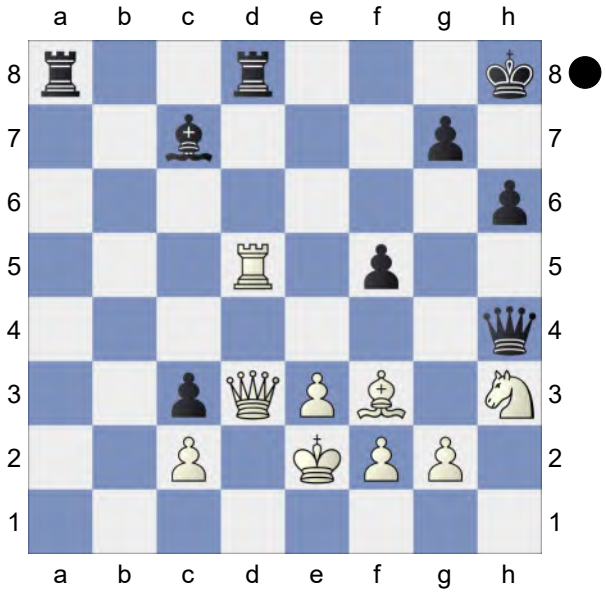
[28.Ng1 -1.95/21 is a better defense.]

28...Kh8 29.Qd3 Bc7? -0.34/28

[29...Rab8-+ -2.93/24 Threatens to win with ...Ra8. 30.Rxd8+ Qxd8]

30.Ke2? -2.21/22

[30.Rxd8+∓ -0.34/28 Qxd8 31.Qxc3 *(31.Bxa8? Qxd3+ 32.cxd3 c2-+)*]



30...Qb4? -0.08/26

[Black should try 30...Qf6!-+ -2.21/22 White must now prevent ...Rxd5. 31.g3 Rxd5 32.Qxd5 Rd8]

31.Nf4= Rxd5? 1.48/26

[Better is 31...Qb6= -0.14/29 32.Qxf5

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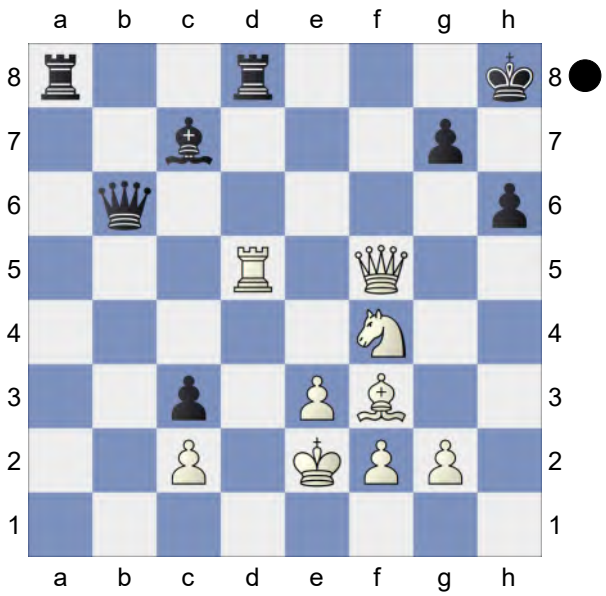


Qb5+! 33.Qd3 Qxd3+ 34.Rxd3 Rxd3 35.Kxd3 Rd8+ 36.Nd5 Be5]

32.Qxd5?? -5.06/27

[32.Nxd5± 1.48/26 Qb2 33.Nxc7]

32...Rd8-+ 33.Ng6+ -6.84/5

[⌓33.Nd3 -4.75/20 Qb1 34.Qb3 Qxb3 35.cxb3]

33...Kh7 34.Qxf5 Qc4+? 0.00/35

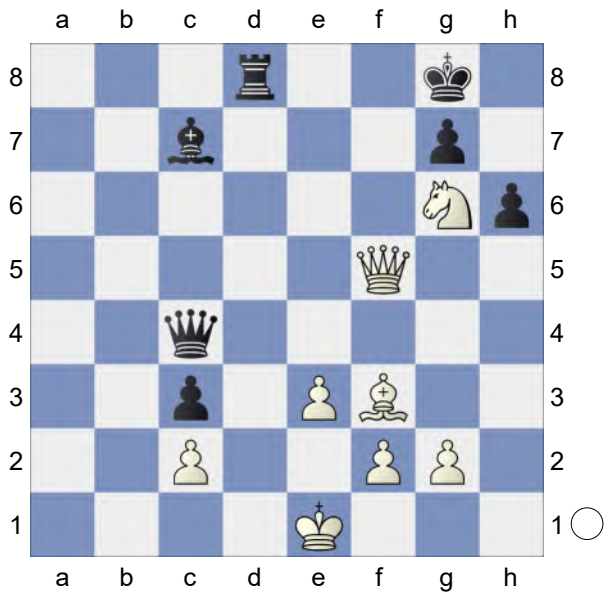
[34...Rd2+ -#3/34 mates 35.Kf1 Qb1+ 36.Bd1 Qxd1#]

35.Ke1= And now Ne5+ would win. Dancing on a razor blade. **35...Kg8?** 11.34/24

[35...Qa4= 0.00/35 36.Ne5+ Kg8 37.Qe6+ *(37.Qf7+ Kh8=)* 37...Kh7 38.Qf5+ Kg8 39.Qe6+ *(39.Qf7+ Kh8=)* 39...Kh7 40.Qf5+]

36.Ne7+ Kh8 37.Ng6+ Kg8

(Diagram)



38.Bd5+! Decoy **38...Rxd5**

[38...Qxd5 39.Ne7+]

39.Ne7+ Kh8 40.Qf8+ Weighted Error Value: White=1.04/Black=0.87

1-0

56 **D00**

□ **Raspfish** **2959**

■ **Torombot** **2984**

Blitz 26.04.2024

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+1sec D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.Nc3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.h4 c6 8.Nc3** The position is equal. **8...Qb6 9.Rb1 c5 10.a3 Bd7 11.Bd3 c4**

[11...Rac8 seems wilder. 12.Ne5 Be8 13.g4 Nd7]

12.Be2 Qd8N

[12...Be8 13.Ne5 Nd7 14.e4 Nxe5 15.Bxe5 Rd8 16.exd5 exd5 17.Bf3 f6 18.Bg3 Bf7 19.0-0 Nb8 20.Re1 Nc6 21.Qd2 Rfe8 22.Ne2 Bf8 23.h5 Ne7 24.Bf4 Nf5 25.g3 Nd6 26.Nc3 Ne4 27.Nxe4 Fiorito,J (2403)-Oparin, G (2662) Chess.com INT 2024 0-1

(47)]
[12...Nc7 13.Ne5 Nb5 14.g4 Nxc3 15.bxc3 Qa6 16.Bf3 Bc6 17.g5 Nd7 18.Nxd7 Bxd7 19.Ra1 Bd6 20.h5 Bxf4 21.exf4 Qd6 22.Qd2 f6 23.g6 h6 24.0-0 f5 25.Rfb1 b6 26.Re1 Rfe8 27.Re5 Erigaisi,A (2701)-Mishra, A (2550) Malmo 2023 ½-½ (33)]
13.Ne5 Be8 14.g4 Nd7 15.Nf3 Nc7 16.g5 b5 17.h5 Nb6 18.Ra1 a5 19.Qc1 Nc8 20.Nb1 Nd6 21.Nbd2 b4 22.h6 g6 23.axb4 axb4 24.Kf1 Ncb5 25.Rxa8 -0.55/18
[25.c3= -0.17/20]
25...Qxa8∓ 26.Kg2 c3 27.Nb3 Nc4 28.bxc3 Nxc3 29.Bd3 Ba4 30.Nc5!= 0.01/17 keeps the balance. **30...Bc6** -0.34/19
[30...Rc8∓ -0.77/17 31.Nxa4 Qxa4]
31.Nb3 Ba4 0.01/17
[31...Bb5∓ -0.62/18]
32.Kh2 -0.98/19 **Re8 33.Qa1 Bf8 34.Qc1 Be7** -0.01/16
[34...Bb5∓ -0.79/18]
35.Qa1!= Bxb3 0.01/23
[35...Qc6∓ -0.95/18]
36.cxb3 Nd6 37.Qb2 Qa3 38.Qc2 Ra8 39.Ne5 Qa7 40.f3 -0.49/21
[40.Qb2!= -0.01/23]
40...Qb7

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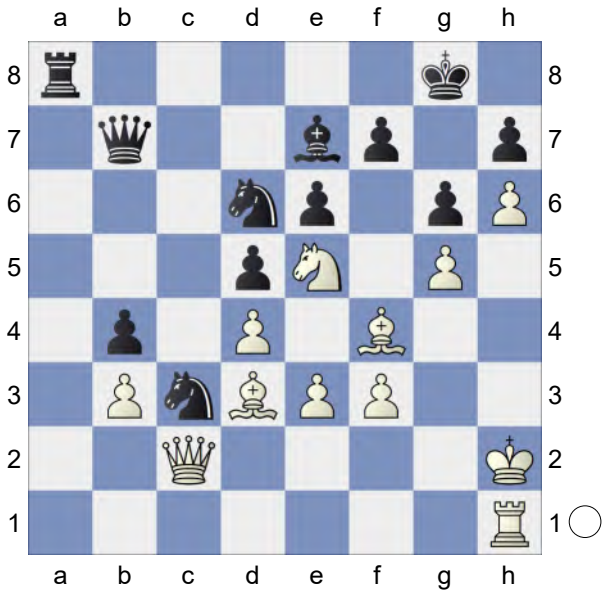
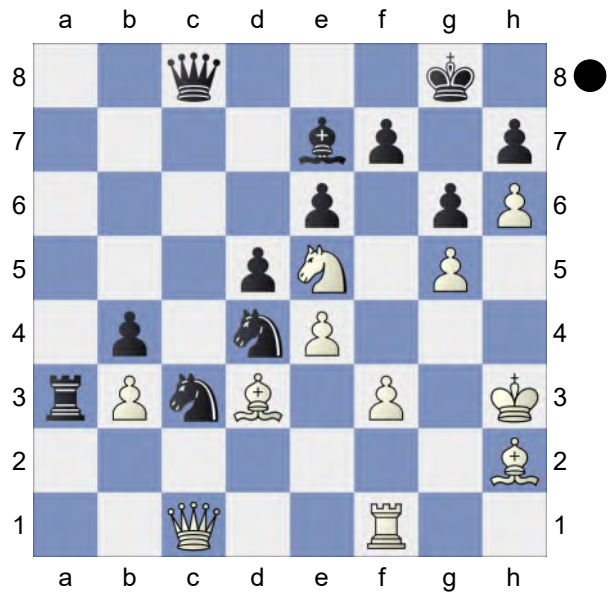


White must now prevent ...Ra2. **41.Kh3 Nf5 42.Qb2 Ra2 43.Qc1 Qc8 44.Rf1 Qf8 45.Rg1 Qa8 46.Re1∓ Ra3 47.Qc2!=** -0.01/20
[47.Bxf5? exf5 48.Rh1 Rxb3-+]
47...Qe8 48.Rg1 Qa8 -0.01/20 **49.Rf1** -0.48/19 **Qc8 50.Qb2=** -0.01/19 **Ra2** 0.01/18
[50...Nd6∓ -0.33/21 is more appropriate.]
51.Qc1 Ra3 -0.01/19
[51...Bd6∓ -0.80/19]
52.e4 -0.59/20 **Nxd4** Pair of Knights! **53.Bh2**

(Diagram)



aiming for Qf4. **53...Qf8**
[Don't take 53...Rxb3 54.Qf4 Nf5 55.exf5 gxf5 56.Rc1±]
54.Qf4! Nce2 0.01/18
[54...Rxb3? 55.Nd7 e5 56.Qxe5+-]
[54...Nde2!∓ -0.51/19 55.Qg4 Ra2 56.exd5 exd5]
55.Bxe2 Nxe2 56.Qe3 Hoping for exd5. **56...Nc3 57.Nd7 Qc8↑** White is under pressure. **58.Ne5 Qf8** -0.01/17
[58...Rxb3 59.Ra1 Ra3 60.Rxa3 bxa3 61.Qf4=]
[Better is 58...Bd6!∓ -0.57/20 59.Ng4 e5 60.exd5 Nxd5]
59.Nd7 Qc8 60.Ne5 And now Qf4 would win. **60...Qf8** -0.01/24 Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) / Black=0.18 (very precise)
[60...Qe8∓ -0.88/19 61.Bg3 f6]
½-½

57 **D00**
□ **Athena Pallada** **2947**
■ **Abhijeet1610** **2832**
Blitz 21.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min D01: Veresov Opening **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 g6 4.Qd2**
[4.e3 c6 5.Be2 Bg7 6.h4 h5 7.Nf3 Nbd7 8.Ne5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Kf8 10.Qd2 b5 11.f3 a5 12.0-0-0 Qb6 13.Bd3 a4 14.Ne2 b4 15.Nf4 c5 16.Bxf6 Qxf6 17.Nxd5 Qd6 18.dxc5 Qe5 Abasov,N (2655)-Georgiadis,N (2529) Deutschland 144/(127) 2020 [Prusikin,Michael] (33)]
4...Bg7 5.Bh6N
[5.f3 0-0 6.0-0-0 *(6.e4 c5 7.Nge2 cxd4 8.Nxd4 dxe4 9.fxe4 Nxe4 10.Nxe4 Qxd4 11.Qxd4 Bxd4* Miscellaneous Variations Mov-Miscellaneous Nd Moves*)* 6...c5 7.dxc5 Nbd7 8.e3 Nxc5 9.Nge2 Re8 10.Be5 e6 11.Nf4 Ncd7 Miscellaneous Variations Mov-Miscellaneous Nd Moves]
[5.0-0-0 c6 6.f3 *(6.Bh6 Bxh6 7.Qxh6 b5 8.f3 Qa5* #1 17. London System 2.Bf4 g6 3.-London 3.Nc3 d5 4.Qd2 *)* 6...Nbd7 7.Bh6 0-0 8.h4 e5 9.Bxg7 Kxg7 10.h5 exd4 11.Qxd4 c5 12.Qd2 d4 13.Nb1 Qe7 14.hxg6 fxg6 15.Qh6+ Kg8 16.e4 Ne5 17.Na3 Be6 18.Nh3 c4 19.Rxd4 c3 Ernst,H (2774)-4. ♘f3 g6 5. ♘bd2 (2651) United States 2015 Gambiteer 1 [Asauskas,H] 0-1]
5...0-0 6.Bxg7 Kxg7 7.e3 c5 8.h3 The position is equal. **8...Nc6 9.g4 cxd4 10.exd4 Ne4** 0.57/19
[10...Rb8= -0.01/18]
11.Nxe4± dxe4 12.0-0-0 -0.04/20
[12.d5± 0.47/20 Ne5 13.0-0-0

(13.Qd4 Qa5+ 14.c3 f6∓)]
12...e5 13.dxe5 -0.41/18
[13.d5!= 0.22/19 Nd4 14.Ne2]
13...Qxd2+∓ 14.Rxd2 Nxe5 15.Bg2 f5 16.gxf5 gxf5 17.Ne2 Kf6 18.Nf4 Kg5 0.01/19
[⌓18...Be6 -0.30/20]
19.Nd5= Rd8 0.63/20
[19...Bd7= 0.00/17]
20.Rg1 0.01/21
[20.h4+± 0.63/20 Kh6 21.Rhd1]
20...Kh6 21.Nc7 -0.48/20 Against Be6
[21.Rgd1= 0.01/20]
21...Rxd2∓ 22.Kxd2 Rb8 23.Rd1 Bd7 24.Ke3? -3.04/18
[24.Bf1∓ -0.91/19 is a better defense.]
24...Rg8? -0.23/20
[Black should play 24...Rc8-+ -3.04/18
25.Nd5 *(25.Rd6+? Kh5-+)*
25...Rxc2]
25.Bf1 Bc6 -0.01/20 Against Rd5
[25...Rg1∓ -0.52/20]
26.Rd6+ Rg6 27.Re6 Nf7 0.13/21
[27...Nf3!∓ -0.32/19]
28.c4 Ng5 0.33/21
[28...Kg5= 0.01/19]
29.Rxg6+
[29.Re5 is more complex. Bd7 30.Kf4 Nf3 31.Re7]
29...hxg6± Endgame KBN-KBN **30.b4 b6** 0.82/22
[30...Ba4= -0.01/20]
31.b5 0.01/22
[White should try 31.c5!± 0.82/22
b5 is the strong threat. bxc5 32.bxc5]
31...Bd7 0.40/20
[31...Bb7!= 0.01/22 feels stronger.]
32.a4 Nf7 1.01/20
[32...Bc8= 0.21/21 remains equal.]

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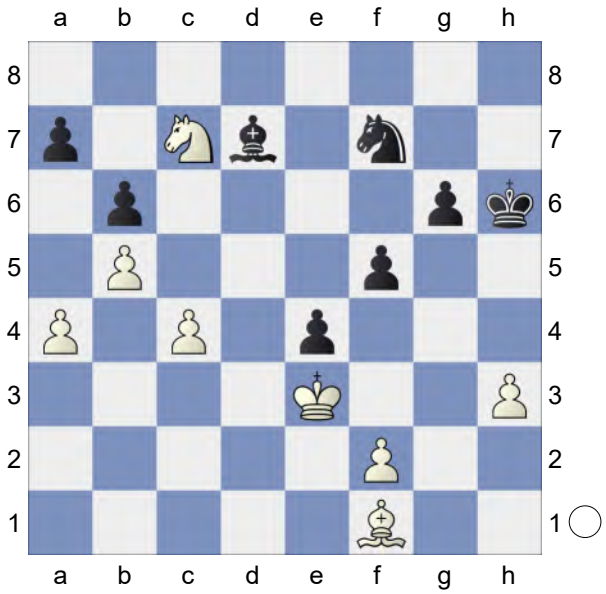

33.a5 0.01/20
[33.c5!± 1.01/20 Hoping for cxb6.
bxc5 34.Na6]
33...g5? 5.24/20
[33...bxa5= 0.01/20 and Black is okay. 34.c5 Ne5]
34.a6 Nd6 35.c5? -0.29/22
[35.Nd5+- 3.21/19]
35...bxc5= 36.b6! axb6 37.a7 f4+ -0.45/22
[37...Bc6= -0.01/24]
38.Kd2∓ Bc6 39.a8Q Bxa8 40.Nxa8 b5 41.Nc7 c4 42.Nd5 Kh5
[42...e3+!? 43.fxe3 f3=]
43.Kc3 Kh4 White must now prevent ... e3! **44.Nf6** -0.53/23
[Better is 44.Bg2!= 0.00/25]
44...e3 45.fxe3 fxe3
[45...f3!?]
46.Ng4? -3.08/25
[46.Nd5∓ -0.35/24]
46...Nf5-+
[Worse is 46...Ne4+ 47.Kb4=]
47.Ne5? -7.62/23
[47.Kc2 -2.16/23]
47...Kg3 48.Be2 Kf2 49.Bg4 -7.65/25

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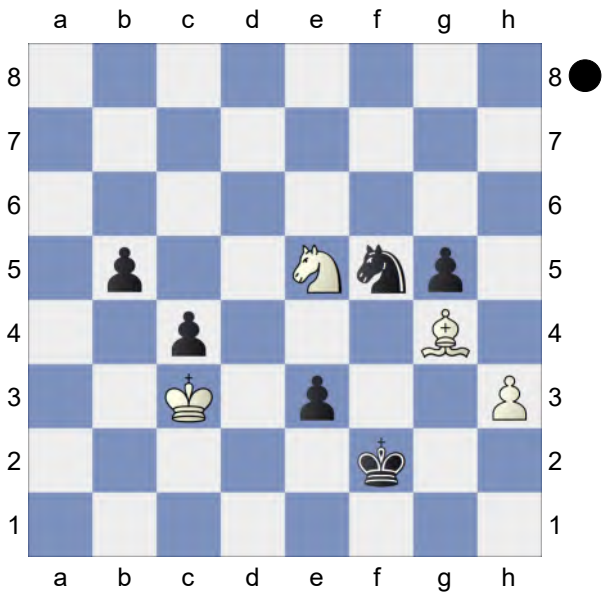
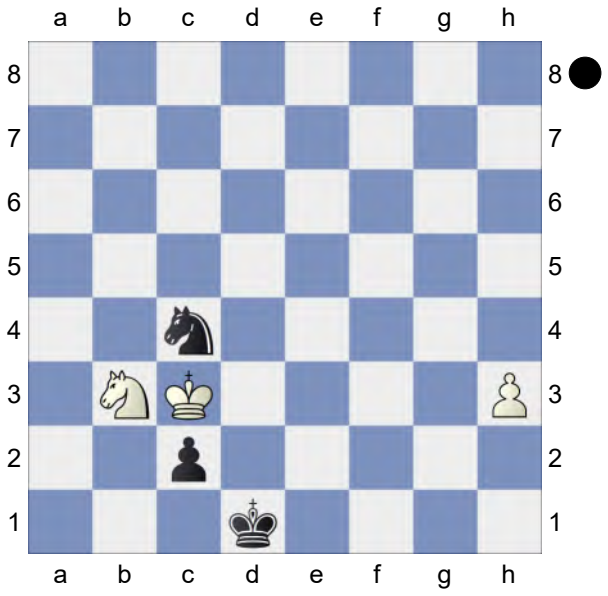


e2! 50.Bxe2 Kxe2 KN-KN **51.Nf7 Ne3** aiming for ...Nd5+. **52.Nxg5 Nd5+ 53.Kb2 c3+ 54.Kc2 b4 55.Ne4 Ne3+ 56.Kb3 c2 57.Kb2 b3** (→ ...Nd1+) **58.Nc5 Kd1 59.Nxb3 Nf5** -7.55/27

[⌓59...Nc4+ -16.79/25 60.Kc3



Nd2! 61.Nxd2 c1Q+ 62.Kd3 Qa3+ 63.Kc4 Kxd2 64.h4 Qd6 65.h5 Ke3 66.h6 Qc6+ 67.Kb4 Kd3 68.h7 Qb6+ 69.Ka3 Qa5+ 70.Kb3 Qb5+ 71.Ka3 Kc2 72.h8Q Qb3#]

60.Kc3 Nd6 61.h4 Ne4+ 62.Kb2 Nd2 Black mates. **63.Nc1 Nc4+ 64.Ka2 Kxc1 65.h5 Ne5 66.h6 Ng6 67.h7 Nh8 68.Kb3 Kd2** A wild game. Weighted Error Value: White=0.87/ Black=0.54

0-1

58 **D00**

□ **Toomanymanoevres** **2935**

■ **Evg85** **2798**

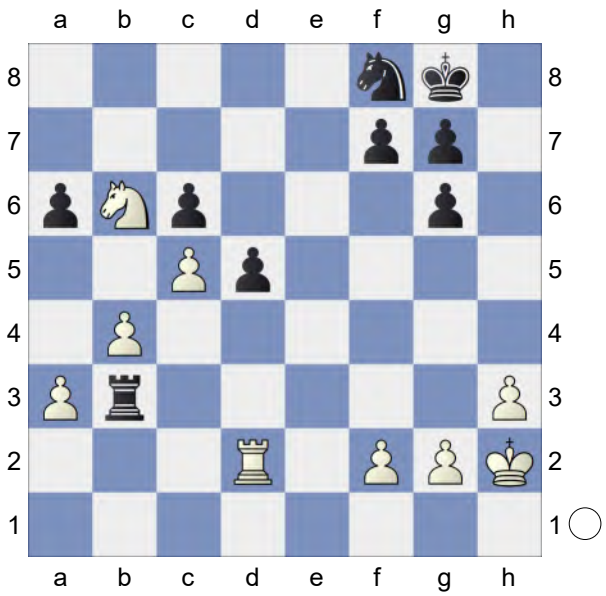
Blitz 10.02.2024

[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**

[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 1-0 (88)*; 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7* Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig, F (1863) Mainz 1997 EXT 2000 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (57)*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) www.desc-online.de 2000 CBM 166 [Beliavsky, Alexander G] 1-0 (41)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5

16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]
3.Bf4 Bf5 4.e3 a6 5.Bd3 Bg6 6.Nf3 e6 7.Ne5 c5 8.0-0 Black has an edge.
8...Nc6 0.17/22
[8...Nbd7∓ -0.44/17]
9.Nxc6= bxc6 10.Na4 cxd4 11.exd4 Be7 12.c4 0-0 13.c5 -0.02/21
[13.Rc1± 0.31/17 feels stronger.]
13...Nd7 14.Bxg6 hxg6 15.Re1 Re8 16.Qd2 Bf8 0.41/21
[16...g5= 0.10/22 17.Bg3 Ra7]
17.Qd3 -0.28/20
[17.h3± 0.41/21]
17...Qa5 18.b3 Qb5 0.29/21 Prevents Nb6.
[18...e5 -0.06/22 is superior. 19.Bxe5 Nxe5 20.Rxe5 Rxe5 21.dxe5 Bxc5]
19.Qc2 Be7 20.Rad1 Bf6 21.Bd6 e5 22.dxe5 -0.26/21
[Much worse is 22.Nc3 Qb4∓]
[⌓22.Nb6! 0.21/25 Nxb6 23.dxe5]
22...Bxe5 23.Bxe5
[23.h3 seems wilder. Rad8 24.Bxe5 Rxe5 25.Rxe5 Nxe5 26.Qc3]
23...Rxe5 24.Rxe5 Nxe5 25.h3 -0.47/26
[25.Qc3= -0.13/24 Nd7 26.Re1]
25...Re8∓ 26.Qc3 Qe2 27.Qd2 Nd7 28.b4 -0.99/22
[28.Qxe2∓ -0.43/22 Rxe2 29.Nb6 Nxc5 30.Rc1]
28...Qxd2
[28...g5 keeps more tension. 29.Nc3 Qc4 30.a3 f6]
29.Rxd2 Re1+ 30.Kh2 Rb1 -0.46/21
[30...Ne5∓ -0.77/23]
31.a3 Rb3 0.10/29
[Better is 31...g5!∓ -0.55/25]
32.Nb6 Nf8 2.07/24
[32...Ne5!= 0.00/25 and Black stays safe.]



33.Nc8 Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.26 (precise)
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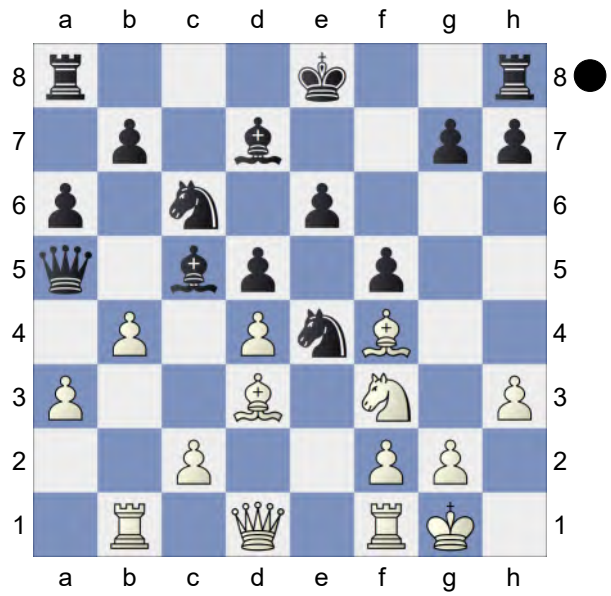
59 **D00**
□ **Athena Pallada** **2934**
■ **Pohalifmanu** **2727**
Blitz 02.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.a3 c5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.h3 Qb6 0.28/22
[Black should try 7...h6 -0.29/20]
8.Be2 White has an edge. **8...Bd7**
[8...Qxb2? 9.Na4 Qxa1 10.Qxa1+-]
9.0-0 cxd4 10.exd4 Ne4 0.85/21
[10...Qxb2? 11.Na4 Qxa3 12.Rxa3 Bxa3 13.Nb6+-]
[10...Ne7= 0.04/20]
11.Rb1 0.44/23
[11.Bd3± 0.85/21]
11...Be7 12.Bd3 f5 13.Na4 0.16/20
[13.Ne2± 0.59/18 might be stronger.]
13...Qa5 14.Nc5↑ White is pushing.
14...Nxc5 1.18/21
[Better is 14...Bxc5± 0.42/22 15.b4

(15.dxc5 Qxc5 16.Be3 Qd6∓)



15...Bxb4! 16.axb4 Qd8]

15.b4± Deflection

[Of course not 15.dxc5?! Qxc5 16.Re1 b5=]

15...Qd8 2.64/19 A mistake that costs the game.

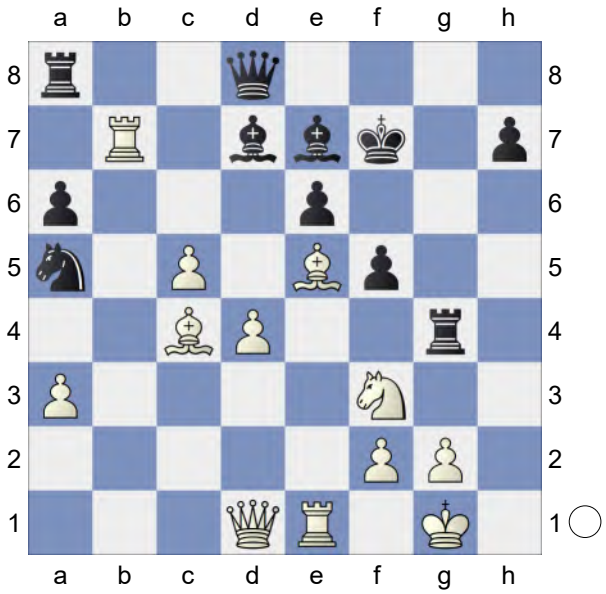
[15...Nxd3± 0.87/17 might work better. 16.bxa5 Nxf4]

16.bxc5+- g5 3.82/19

[⌓16...Bc8 2.58/18 17.Qd2 Bf6]

17.Be5 Rg8 18.Rxb7 g4 19.hxg4 Rxg4 20.Re1 Kf7 21.c4 White is clearly winning. **21...dxc4 22.Bxc4 Na5**

(Diagram)



23.Bc7! Rxg2+

[23...Qc8 24.Ne5+]

24.Kf1 Qg8 8.37/15

[⌓24...Qc8 4.63/14]

25.Bxa5 Bc6 26.Bxe6+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.53

1-0

60 **D00**

□ **Athena Pallada** **2932**

■ **ReyEnigma** **2620**

Blitz 20.02.2024

[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.a3 c5 6.h3 Nc6 7.Nf3 Bd6 8.dxc5** The position is equal. **8...Bxc5 9.Bd3! Qe7** 0.42/20

[9...0-0= -0.03/23 is superior.]

10.0-0± h6 ...e5 is the strong threat. **11.Bg3 0-0 12.e4 dxe4 13.Nxe4 Nxe4 14.Bxe4 Rd8 15.Qe2 Bd7 16.Rfd1** 0.27/18 Inhibits Nd4. &Bianco is more active.

[16.c3± 0.71/18]

16...Be8!= 17.b4 Bd6 18.Bxd6 Rxd6

19.Rxd6 Qxd6 20.Rd1 Qc7 21.c4 Rd8 22.c5 Kf8 23.h4 Ke7 24.g3 Rxd1+ 25.Qxd1 Nd8 0.38/23
[25...f5= 0.00/21 26.Bxc6 Bxc6]
26.Qe2 Bc6 27.Nd4 Qe5 0.97/28
[Black should play 27...Bxe4± 0.34/23 28.Qxe4 Kf8]
28.Nxc6+± Nxc6 29.Qd3 f5 2.22/23
[29...Nd8± 0.72/21]
30.Bxc6+- bxc6 31.Qxa6 Endgame KQ-KQ **31...Qe1+ 32.Qf1!+-** 1.70/27 **Qc3 33.Qa6** 1.27/25
[33.Qd1]
[33.a4!+- 2.12/26]
33...Qe1+±
[33...Qf3±]
34.Kg2 1.32/20 **Qe4+ 35.Kh2! Qf3** 2.13/30
[35...g5± 1.11/24]
36.Kg1+- Qd1+ 2.91/28
[36...Kf6 1.70/23 was worth a try. 37.a4 Qd1+ 38.Kg2 Qd5+ 39.Kh2 Qf3]
37.Qf1! Qb3 38.Qa1 Kf7 39.h5 f4 40.gxf4 1.51/21
[40.Qe5+- 2.54/24]
40...Qf3 2.51/25
[40...Qd5± 1.51/21 is a better defense. 41.Qe5 Qd1+ 42.Kh2 Qf3]

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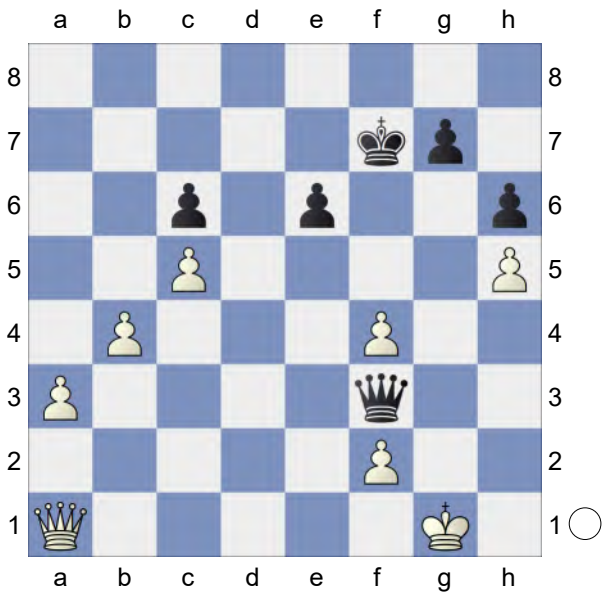
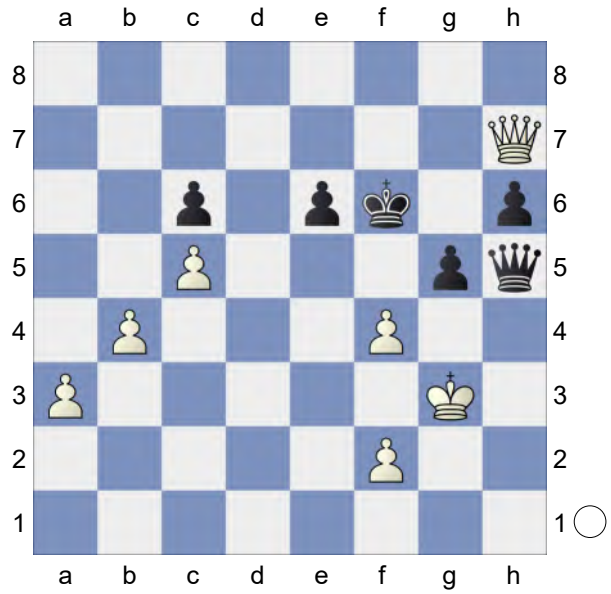


41.Qe5? 0.09/27
[41.Qd4!+- 2.51/25]
41...Qg4+!= 42.Kf1 aiming for Qc7+. **42...Qd1+! 43.Kg2** And now f5 would win. **43...Qg4+± 44.Kf1** Black must now prevent Qc7+. **44...Qd1+! 45.Qe1 Qd3+** 1.93/24
[45...Qxh5= 0.25/24 and Black has nothing to worry. 46.Qe3 Qh1+ 47.Ke2 Qd5]
46.Kg2+- Qd5+ 47.Kg3 Hoping for Qe2. **47...Qxh5 48.Qe4** Strongly threatening a4. **48...g5?** 5.37/20
[48...Qd5 1.69/21 49.Qc2 Qh1]
49.Qh7+? 0.37/24
[49.f5+- 5.37/20]
49...Kf6 0.91/25
[49...Kf8± 0.37/24]

(Diagram)

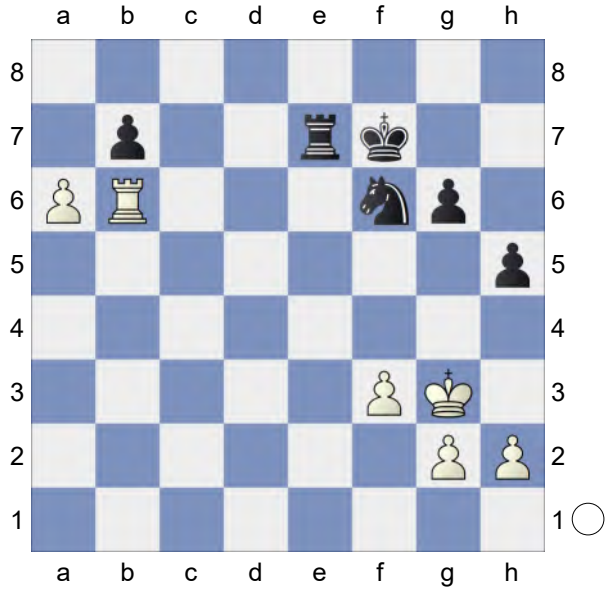


50.Qh8+ 0.20/24
[50.fxg5+!± 0.91/25 Qxg5+ 51.Kf3]
50...Kf5? 9.01/23
[50...Kf7= 0.20/24]
51.Qe5+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.38/Black=0.34
1-0

61 **D00**
□ **Nihalsarin2004** **2922**
■ **BabaRamdev** **2759**
Blitz 08.06.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e4N**
[4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 e6 6.Nb5 Na6 7.h4 Bd7 8.c3 Be7 9.a4 0-0 10.Bd3 Bc6 11.Nf3 Ne4 12.Qe2 f5 13.g3 Bf6 14.Ng5 Qd7 15.f3 Nac5 16.Bc2 a6 17.dxc5 axb5 18.fxe4 6) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5-5.exd4 e6 6.Nb5 Na6 #8 The Meanest Jobava London 2023 https://www.chessable.co [MH]]
4...cxd4 5.Qxd4 Nc6 6.Bb5 Bd7 7.Bxc6 Bxc6 8.e5 The position is equal. **8...Nd7 9.e6 fxe6 10.Nf3 Qb6↑** Threatens to win with ...Qxd4. White is under pressure. **11.Qd2** Strongly threatening 0-0-0. **11...g6** 0.29/23
[⌓11...d4! -0.15/21 12.Nxd4 e5 13.Nxc6 exf4]
12.0-0 -0.86/21
[12.0-0-0!= 0.29/23 remains equal.]
12...Bg7∓ Hoping for ...d4.
[12...Qxb2 13.Rab1 Qa3 14.Ng5=]
13.Rfe1 -1.96/20
[13.Be3∓ -0.85/19 keeps fighting. Qa5 14.Bh6]
13...0-0 -1.07/19
[13...Qxb2-+ -1.96/20 14.Nd4 Qb4]
14.Rxe6? -3.78/21
[14.Bh6∓ -1.07/19 was worth a try. Bxh6 15.Qxh6]
14...Qxb2-+ 15.Rf1 Qxc3 16.Qc1 Nc5 17.Re3 Qf6 18.Be5 Qf5 19.Bxg7 Kxg7 20.Rxe7+ Rf7 21.Qe3 Ne4
[21...Qxc2 22.Ng5 Raf8 23.Nxf7 Rxf7 24.Rxf7+ *(24.Rc1? Qxc1+ 25.Qxc1 Rxe7-+)* 24...Kxf7 25.Rc1 Qxa2 26.Rxc5±]
22.Nd4 Qf6
[22...Rxe7 23.Nxf5+ gxf5 24.f3±]
23.Rxf7+ Qxf7 24.f3 Nf6 25.Qc3 Kg8 26.Ra1 Re8 27.a4 Bd7 28.a5 a6 29.Rb1 Bb5 30.Nxb5 axb5 31.Rxb5 d4 32.Qxd4 Re1+ 33.Kf2 Qe6 -0.21/22
[Worse is 33...Qe7 34.Rxb7 Re2+ 35.Kf1 Re1+ 36.Kf2 Qxb7 37.Kxe1=]
[Black should play 33...Re6-+ -1.88/20 White must now prevent ...Rc6. 34.Rb6 Rxb6 35.axb6 Nd7]
34.Qd8+ -1.06/26
[34.Rxb7= -0.21/22 Re2+ 35.Kg3]
34...Ne8∓ **35.Qd2** -1.38/21 Against Qe2+

[White should try 35.Qd3 -0.92/24]
35...Rh1 0.00/21
[35...Re5!∓ -1.38/21 36.Rxb7 Qa6]
36.Qd5 -1.66/27
[36.Rxb7= 0.00/21 and White is okay. Qe5 37.a6 *(37.Qe2? Qc5+ 38.Qe3 Rf1+ 39.Kxf1 Qxe3-+)* 37...Qxh2 38.Qd5+ Kh8 39.Qd4+ Kg8 40.Qd5+ Kh8 41.Qd4+ Kg8 42.Qd5+]
36...Qxd5-+ 37.Rxd5 Endgame KRN-KR **37...Rc1 38.Rd7** -2.70/22
[⌓38.Rc5 -1.76/21]
38...Rxc2+ 39.Kg3 Rc7 40.Rd5 Kf7 41.Rb5 h5 42.Rb6 Nf6 43.a6 Re7? 1.23/29
[Better is 43...bxa6-+ -2.44/24 And now ...Ra7 would win. 44.Rxa6 Nd5]



44.axb7 0.02/19
[But not 44.Rxb7?! Rxb7 45.axb7 Nd7=]
[44.a7!± 1.23/29 Nd5

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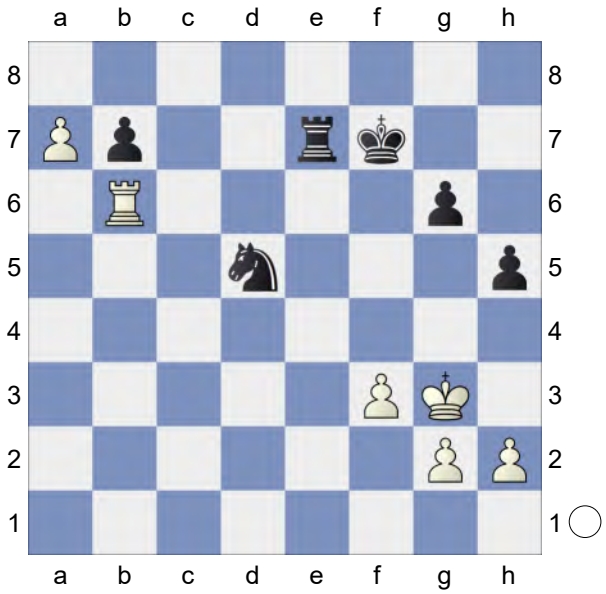


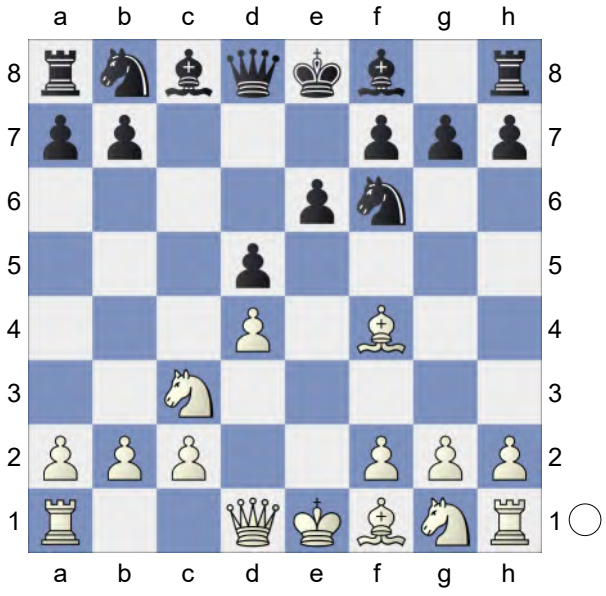
45.a8Q! Nxb6 46.Qa2+ Re6 47.Qa7]
44...Nd7= 45.b8Q Nxb8 46.Rxb8 Kg7 47.Rb4 Rf7 48.Re4 Re7? 11.13/34
49.Rxe7+ Never resign too early!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.50/ Black=0.49
1-0

62 **D00**
□ **Athena Pallada** **2917**
■ **Geliochess** **2696**
Blitz 01.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 1-0 (88); *5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6*

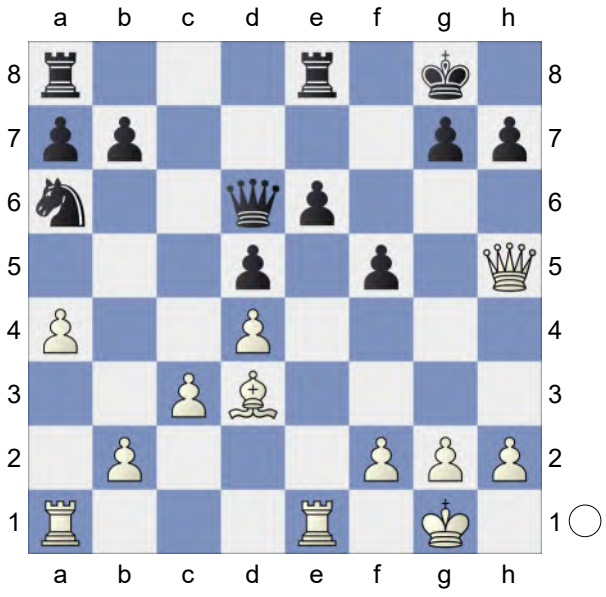
11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7 Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig,F (1863) Mainz 1997 EXT 2000 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (57)*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) www.desc-online.de 2000 CBM 166 [Beliavsky, Alexander G] 1-0 (41)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]

3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 e6 0.97/22
[5...Bg4= -0.01/23 6.f3 Bd7]



6.Nb5!± And now Nc7+ would win.
6...Na6 Inhibits Nc7+. **7.c3 Be7 8.Nf3** 0.61/22 &Bianco is more active.
[8.a4± 0.98/22]

8...0-0 9.a4 Bd7 0.87/20
[9...Nh5!± 0.52/19 should be considered. 10.Bd2 Nb8]
10.Ne5 0.34/20
[10.h4± 0.87/20]
10...Ne4 0.91/22
[10...Nb8± 0.34/20]
11.Bd3 Black is on the road to losing.
11...f6 1.61/19
[11...Nb8± 0.82/19 might work better.]
12.Nxd7+- Qxd7 13.0-0 Nd6 2.13/23
[13...g5± 1.55/21 is a better defense.]
14.Re1 Strongly threatening Qe2.
14...Rfe8 3.18/24
[14...f5 1.85/20 keeps fighting. 15.Qh5 Ne4]
15.Qh5 f5 4.60/22
[15...Ne4 3.10/18 was necessary. 16.Bxe4 dxe4 17.Rxe4 g5]
16.Bxd6 Bxd6 17.Nxd6 White is clearly winning. **17...Qxd6**



18.Bxf5! g6

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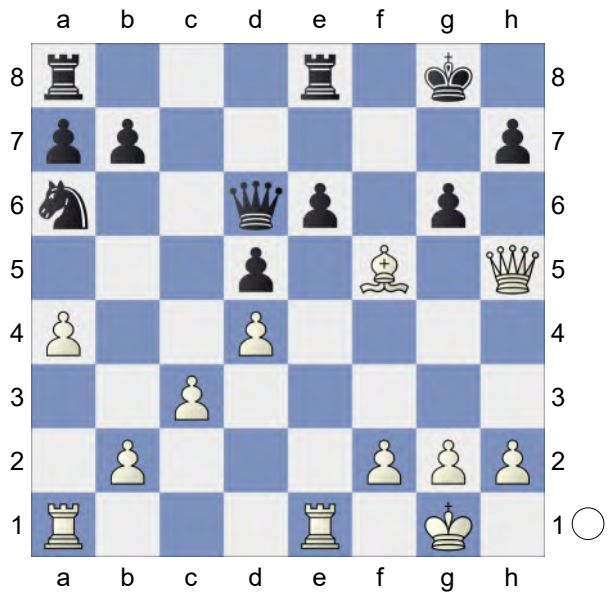

19.Bxg6 hxg6
[19...Re7 20.Bd3]
20.Qxg6+ Kf8 21.Qf6+ Kg8 22.Qg6+ Kf8 23.Qf6+ Kg8 24.Re5 Qxe5 25.Qxe5 Re7 26.Re1 Rf8 27.Re3 Threatening mate with Rg3+. **27...Rg7 28.Qxe6+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.53
1-0

63 **D00**
□ **Raspfish** **2917**
■ **Yobot V2** **2940**
Blitz 07.02.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4**
[2.a3 g6 3.Bf4 d6 4.e3 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 b6 7.0-0 Bb7 8.h3 Nbd7 9.c4 Ne4 10.Bh2 e5 11.d5 a5 12.b3 f5 13.Nfd2 Ndc5 14.Nxe4 Nxe4 15.Ra2 Bc8 16.f3 Nc5 Carlsen,M (2863)-Anand,V (2753) chess24.com INT 2020 [John Emms] ½-½ (44)]
2...d5N
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.Nc3 g6 5.e4 Bg7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.a4 Na6 8.Be2 Nc7 *(8...Nb4 9.0-0* #1 13) Benoni and Benko Defense-3...d6 with 4...g6*)* 9.0-0 Bg4 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Nd7 12.Qd2 a6 13.Be2 Rb8 14.a5 b5 15.axb6 Rxb6 16.Nd1 #2 Benoni Benko Defense-3...d6 with 4...g6]
3.Nc3 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.Be2 c6 8.Nc3 c5 9.h3 Bd7 10.a4 cxd4 0.22/22
[10...Qa5 -0.11/23 should be considered.]
11.exd4= Rc8 12.Nb1 Qb6 13.Qc1 Nb4 14.c3 Nc6 15.Nbd2 Ne4 16.0-0 Be8 17.Re1 a6 18.Bd1 f5 19.Nb3 a5! The position is equal. **20.Qe3 Kh8 21.Qe2 g5! 22.Bh2 f4 23.Nfd2 Nxd2 24.Qxd2 Rf6 25.h4 h6 26.Nc1! Bd6 27.Bg4 Bg6 28.Bxe6 Re8 29.Bxd5 Rxe1+ 30.Qxe1 Qxb2 31.Nb3 Ne7 32.Bc4** Strongly threatening Nc5. **32...b6** Inhibits Nc5. **33.h5 Bxh5 34.Rb1 Qc2 35.Nd2 Bf7 36.Bxf4 gxf4**
[36...Rxf4 37.Rxb6 Nc8 38.Rc6 Qxc3 39.g3± *(39.Rxc8+ Kg7=)*]
37.Rxb6 Bxc4
[37...Nd5? 38.Bxd5 *(38.Rxd6 Rxd6 39.Qe5+ Kh7=)* 38...Bxd5

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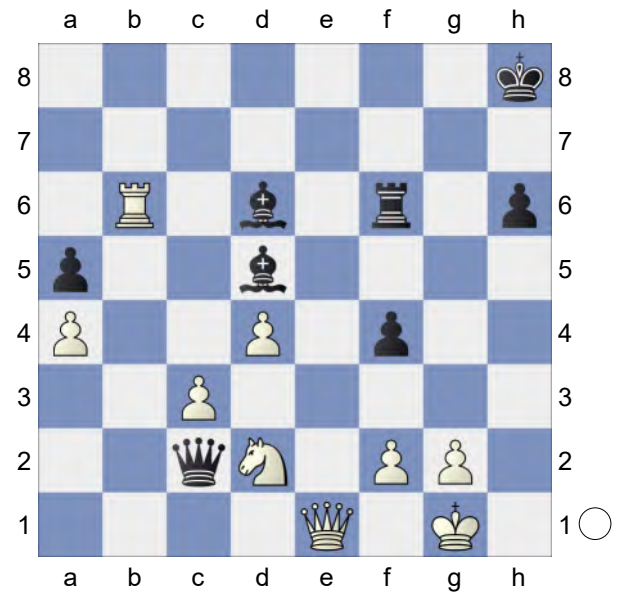
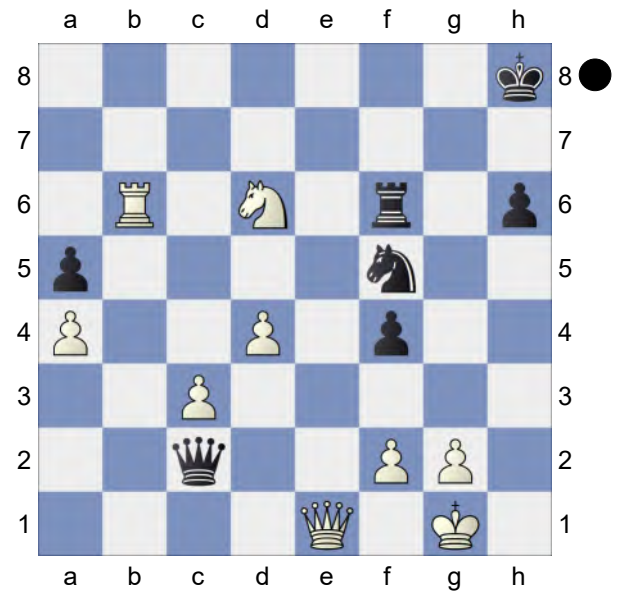


39.Rxd6! Rxd6 40.Qe5+ Kh7 41.Qe7+ *(41.Qxd6 Qxd2 42.Qxd5 Qe1+ 43.Kh2 Qxf2+-)* 41...Kh8 42.Qxd6 Qxd2 43.Qxh6+ *(43.Qxd5 Qe1+ 44.Kh2 Qxf2+-)* 43...Kg8 44.Qg5+ Kf8 45.Qd8+ Kg7 46.Qg5+ Kf8 47.Qd8+ Kg7 48.Qg5+ Kf8+-]

38.Nxc4 Nf5 39.Nxd6



Remove Defender **39...Nxd6**

[39...Rxd6? 40.Qe8+ *(40.Qe5+ Kh7=)* 40...Kg7 41.Rb8+- *(41.Qe5+ Kh7=)*]

40.Qe7 Threatening mate with Rb8+.

40...Qd1+ 41.Kh2 White wants to mate with Rb8+. **41...Qh5+ 42.Kg1** Chess con chili. **42...Qd1+ 43.Kh2** Intending Rb8+ and mate. **43...Qh5+ 44.Kg1 Qd1+** A balanced but interesting game. Weighted Error Value: White=0.01 (flawless) /Black=0.01 (flawless)

½-½

64 **D00**

□ **Raspfish** **2910**

■ **Yobot V2** **2927**

Blitz 31.01.2024

[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.Nc3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.Be2 c6 8.Nc3 c5 9.Ne5 Nb8 10.0-0 Nfd7 11.Nf3 a6** Against Nb5 **12.a3 Nc6 13.dxc5 Bxc5 14.b4 Ba7 15.a4 h6 16.Qd2 Ne7 17.Bd3 f6 18.e4 e5 19.Bxh6 d4 20.Ne2**

[20.Bc4+ Kh7 21.Bg5 dxc3 22.Qxc3 Nb6-+]

20...Qe8 21.c3 gxh6 22.Qxh6 Qf7 Against Bc4. Black wants to play ...dxc3. **23.cxd4 Qh7 24.Qd2 Kg7 25.Rac1 Qh6 26.Qa2 Re8 27.Bc4!**

[27.Rc7 Bb8 28.Rfc1 Bxc7 29.Rxc7 exd4∓]

27...exd4 28.Nfxd4 Ne5

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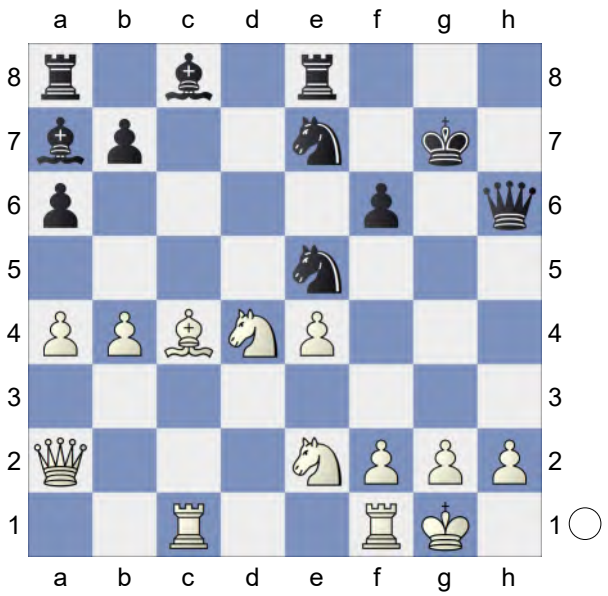
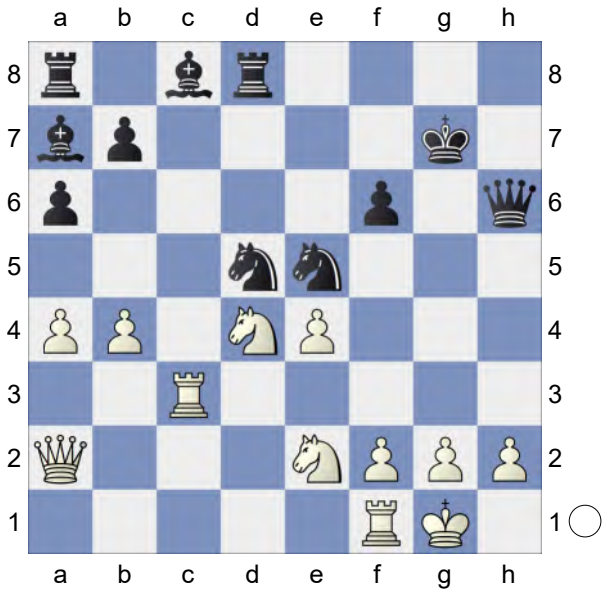


aiming for ...Rh8. **29.Rc3** Be6 is the strong threat.
[29.Be6!?]
29...Rd8! 30.Bd5 Bg4
[30...Nxd5



31.Rxc8! Nf3+ 32.gxf3+- *(32.Nxf3 Raxc8 33.exd5 Bb8±)*]
31.Rg3! Strongly threatening h3.
31...Kh8
[31...Rh8 32.h3 Kf8 33.Bxb7± *(33.Rxg4 Nxg4 34.Bxb7 Bxd4±)*]
32.Be6 f5
[32...Bxd4 33.Bxg4 Nxg4 34.Rh3 Qxh3 35.gxh3±]
33.Bxf5 Nxf5
[33...Bxd4 34.Nxd4 Rxd4 35.Bxg4=]
34.Nxf5 Chess con chili. **34...Bxf5**
[34...Rd2!? 35.Nxh6 Rxa2=]
35.Qa1→ White mounts an attack. The position is equal. **35...Qf6 36.exf5** Threatens to win with Nf4. **36...Rd2**
[But not 36...Qxf5 37.Rf3 Qe4 38.Rh3+ Kg8 39.Ng3±]
37.Qb1 Rad8
[Don't do 37...Rxe2 38.Qd1 Nf3+ 39.Rxf3±]
38.Qe4 Nd3 39.Rh3+ Kg8 Hoping for ...Nxf2. **40.Rg3+ Kh8! 41.Rh3+ Kg8** White must now prevent ...Nxf2. **42.Rg3+ Kh8!** Normal Normal. Weighted Error Value: White=0.01 (flawless) /Black=0.01 (flawless)
½-½

65 **D00**
□ **Athena Pallada** **2896**
■ **Interestinglandscape** **2682**
Blitz 29.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 1-0 (88)*; 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8*

19.Ra3 Nc7 Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig,F (1863) Mainz 1997 EXT 2000 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (57)*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) www.desc-online.de 2000 CBM 166 [Beliavsky, Alexander G] 1-0 (41)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]

3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Bd3 -0.11/23

[⌓6.Nf3 0.21/21]

6...Nc6= 7.Nge2 Nb4 0.07/21

[⌓7...e6 -0.29/19]

8.f3 -0.49/24

[8.a3= 0.07/21 Nxd3+ 9.Qxd3 *(9.cxd3 e6=)*]

8...e6 9.h4 Be7 10.a3 Nxd3+ 11.Qxd3 Bd7 12.g4 -0.86/19

[12.h5∓ -0.52/22]

12...Qb6 0.00/20

[12...0-0!∓ -0.86/19]

13.0-0-0 0-0-0 0.35/19

[13...0-0= -0.07/19 might be stronger.]

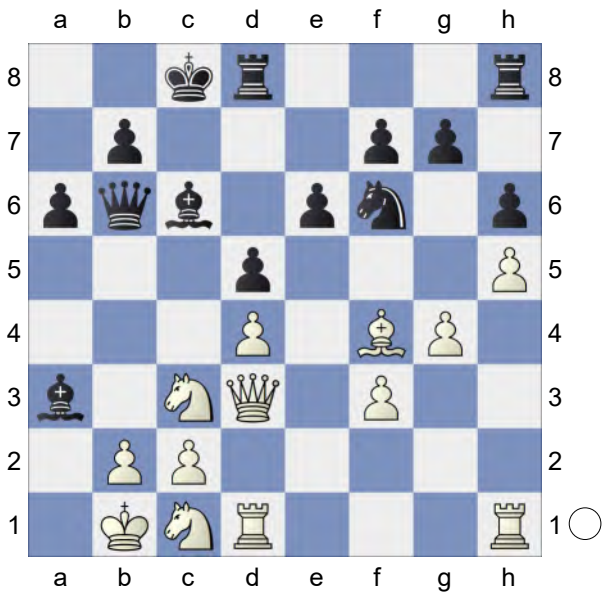
14.h5 0.00/21

[14.Qe3± 0.35/19 deserves consideration.]

14...h6 15.Kb1 Bc6 16.Nc1→ White has some attack. **16...Bxa3** 0.78/20

[16...Ne8!= 0.29/18]

(Diagram)



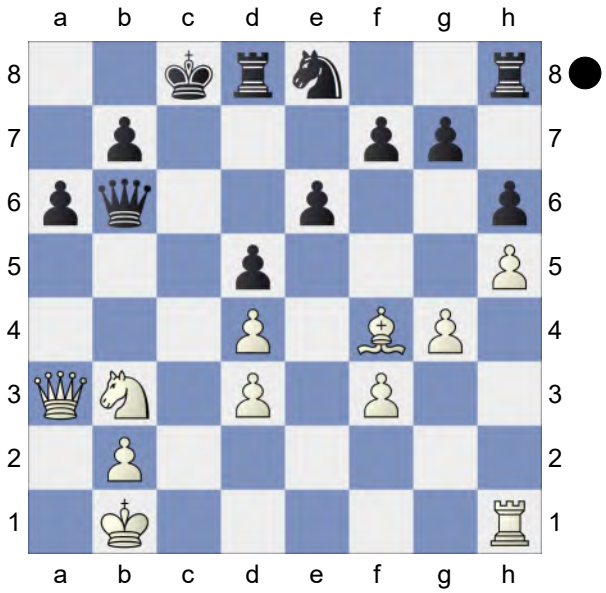
17.Na4!± Bxa4 18.Qxa3 Bb5

[18...Qc6? 19.Nd3+-]

19.Nb3 0.23/19

[Better is 19.Nd3± 0.86/18]

19...Ne8!= 20.Rd3 -0.90/21 **Bxd3∓ 21.cxd3**



Hoping for Rc1+. **21...Nd6** -0.19/22

[21...Rd6!∓ -0.81/22]

22.Nc5 -1.19/23

[22.Rc1+!= -0.19/22 was the only way to keep the balance. Kb8 23.Nc5]

22...Kb8? 3.59/23

[22...Nb5∓ -1.19/23 stays on course.

23.Qb4 Rd6]

23.Na4!+- Qc7 4.74/25

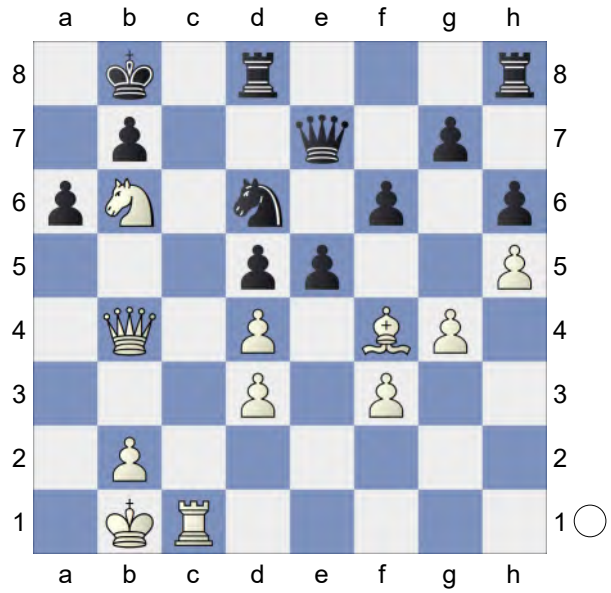
[23...Qc6? 24.Rc1 Qb5 25.Bxd6+ Ka7 26.Bc7+-]

[⌓23...Qxd4 3.14/20 24.Bxd6+ Rxd6 25.Qxd6+ Ka7]

24.Rc1 Qe7 25.Qb4 2.69/19

[⌓25.Nb6 4.80/25 e5 26.Bxe5]

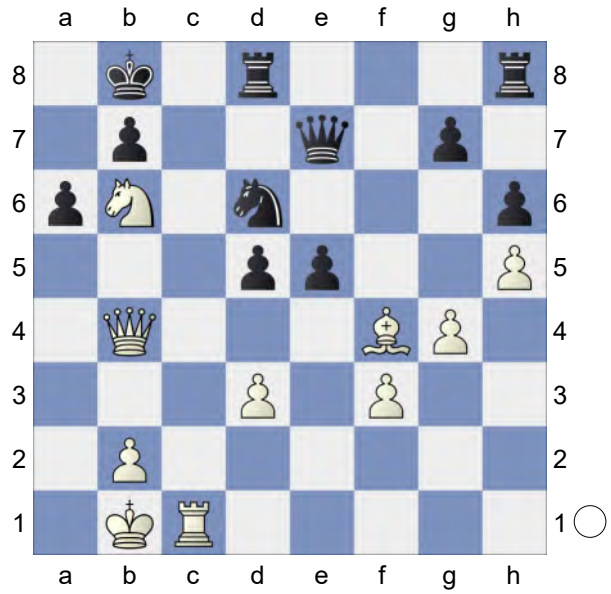
25...f6 26.Nb6 e5



27.dxe5 1.21/21

[27.Nxd5!+- 2.07/25 Qf7 28.Nc7]

27...fxe5±



28.Bh2 0.00/29

0x0.001d6b67c29bdp-1022s more active pieces.

[28.Re1!± 1.17/24 Rhe8 29.Bxe5 Qxe5 30.Rxe5 Rxe5 31.Na4]

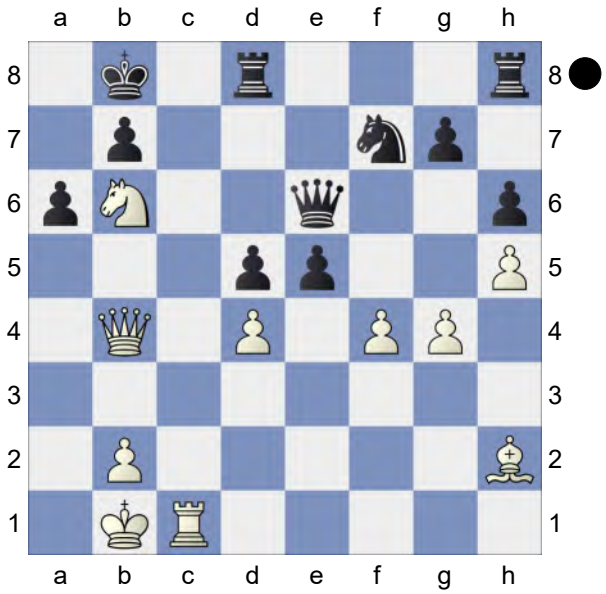
28...Qe6= 29.d4 Nf7 0.97/24

[29...Nb5= 0.00/29 30.Qc5 Ka7 31.Nc8+ Ka8 32.Nb6+ Ka7 33.Nc8+ Ka8 34.Nb6+ Ka7]

30.f4? -1.31/23

[Weaker is 30.Qc5 Qd6 31.dxe5 Qxc5 32.Rxc5 Ka7 33.Nxd5 Ng5∓]

[30.dxe5± 0.97/24 Ng5 31.Na4 *(31.Qc5? Nxf3 32.Bf4 d4-+)*]



30...Qxg4 0.00/21

[30...Qd6!∓ -1.31/23 31.Qxd6+ Rxd6]

31.fxe5 And now e6+ would win. Chess con chili. **31...Qe6 32.Na4!** Strongly threatening Nc5. White has compensation.

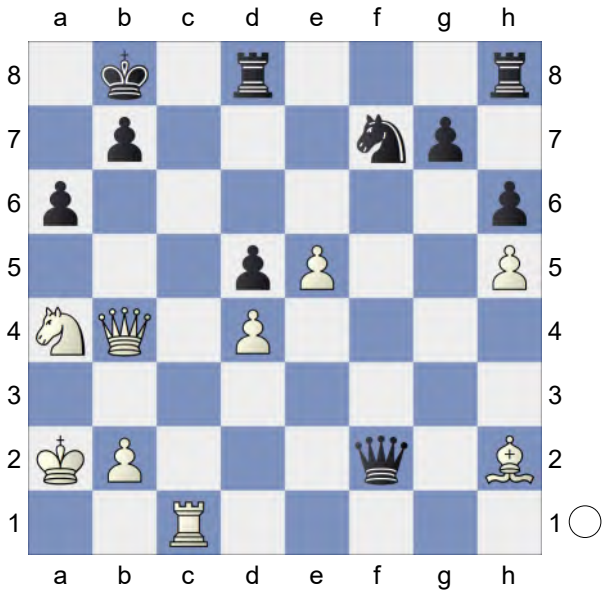
[But not 32.Qc5? Ng5 33.Ka2 Ne4-+]

32...Qf5+? 5.60/19

[32...Rc8!= 0.21/17 and Black stays safe. 33.Nc5 Rxc5 34.Qxc5 Rg8]

33.Ka2+- Intending e6+ and mate.

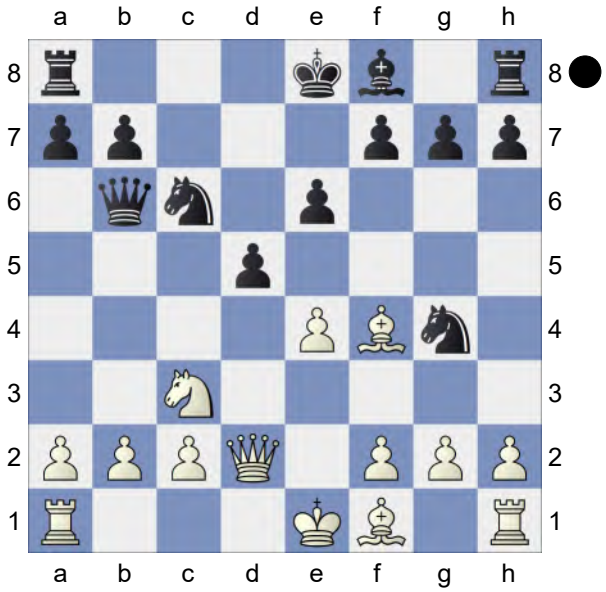
33...Qf2



34.Nc5! Deflection **34...b5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.43/Black=0.82
[34...Rd7 35.Nxd7+]
1-0

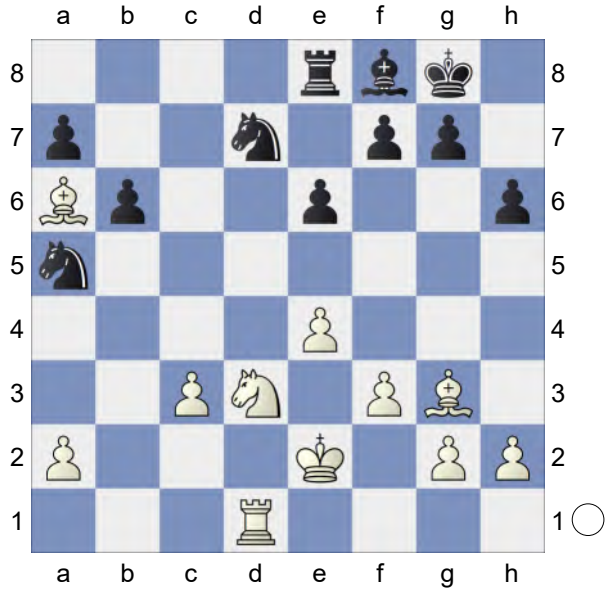
66 **D00**
□ **Rebeccaharris** **2894**
■ **Sindarovgm** **2843**
Blitz 10.02.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 1-0 (88)*; 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7* Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig,F (1863) Mainz 1997 EXT 2000 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (57)*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) www.desc-online.de 2000 CBM 166 [Beliavsky, Alexander G] 1-0 (41)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]
3.Bf4 c5 4.Nf3 cxd4 5.Qxd4 Nc6 6.Qd3 Bg4 -0.12/21
[6...d4∓ -0.44/20 7.Nb5 Nd5]
7.Ne5 e6 8.Nxg4 -0.65/21
[8.e4!± 0.36/20]
8...Nxg4∓ 9.e4 -1.41/18
[9.e3∓ -0.57/21]
9...Qb6∓ 10.Qd2



d4 -0.08/18
[Don't take 10...Qxb2 11.Rb1 Qa3 12.exd5+- *(12.Rxb7 Bb4∓)*]
[Better is 10...dxe4!-+ -1.61/18

Hoping for ...Rd8. 11.Na4 Qb4 12.Qxb4 Bxb4+ 13.c3 Be7]
11.Na4= Qb4 12.Qxb4 Bxb4+ 13.c3 dxc3 14.bxc3 Be7 15.Rb1 b6 16.Bb5 Rc8 17.Ba6 Rd8 18.Bb5 A strong pair of Bishops. **18...Rc8 19.f3 Nf6 20.Ba6 Rd8 21.Bb5 Rc8 22.Ke2 0-0 23.Ba6 Rcd8 24.Rhc1** -0.07/22
[24.Bb5 0.27/20 was preferrable. Nh5 25.Be3]
24...Ba3 0.34/18
[24...Bd6= -0.07/22 25.Bxd6 Rxd6]
25.Rd1± h6 26.Bc7 Rd7 27.Rxd7
[27.Bf4 looks sharper. g5 28.Be3 Rfd8 29.Rxd7 Rxd7 30.Bb5]
27...Nxd7 28.Bb5 Rc8 29.Bg3 Bf8 30.Ba6 Re8 31.Bb5 Rc8 32.Ba6 Re8 33.Rd1 Nf6 0.41/20
[33...Ndb8= 0.07/22 should be considered. 34.Bb5 Rc8]
34.Bb5↑ Black is under pressure.
34...Rc8 35.Ba6 Re8 36.Nb2 Na5 37.Nd3 Nd7? 2.95/17
[37...g5= 0.29/19]

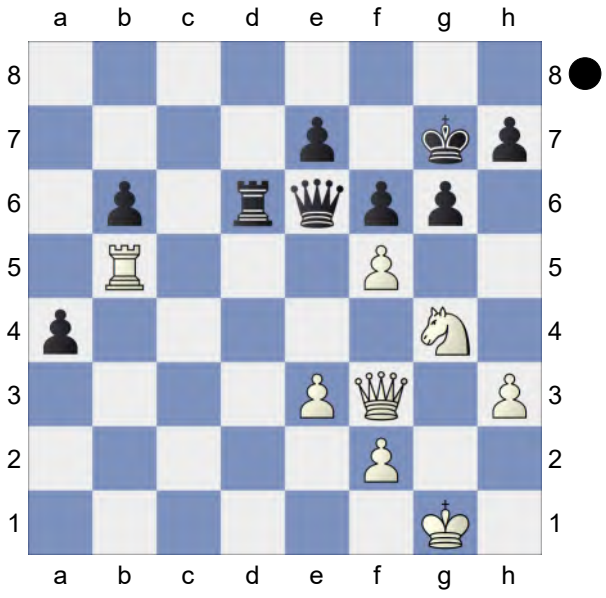


38.Bb5+- Re7 39.Bd6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) / Black=0.30
1-0

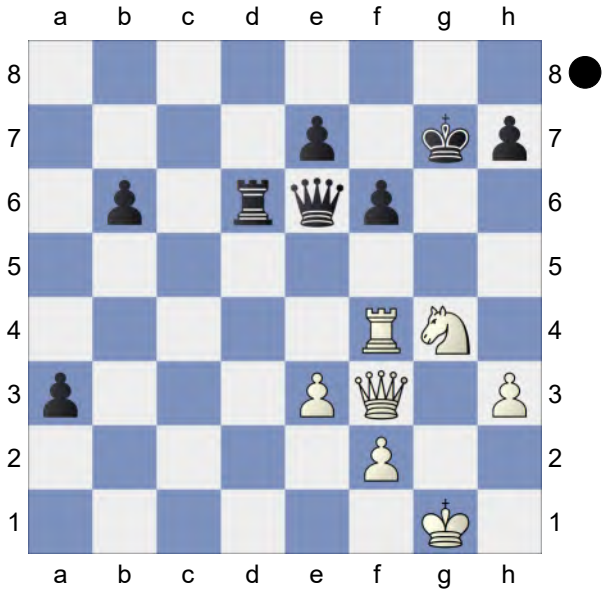
67 **D00**
□ **Rebeccaharris** **2894**
■ **Watneg** **2870**
Blitz 10.02.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 g6 4.e3 Bg7 5.Nb5 Na6 6.h3 0-0 7.Nf3 Ne4 8.Be2** -0.21/19
[8.c3 0.14/19 was preferrable.]
8...c6= 9.Na3 Qb6 10.Rb1 Nb4 0.51/22
[10...Qb4+= 0.00/20 11.c3 Nxc3! 12.bxc3 Qxc3+ 13.Qd2 Qxa3]
11.c3± Nxa2 12.0-0 a5 13.Qc2 0.29/22
[White should play 13.Bd3± 0.83/19]
13...Bf5 1.36/22
[13...a4!= 0.29/22]
14.Bd3 0.59/22
[14.g4± 1.36/22 Nexc3 15.gxf5 Nxb1 16.Qxb1 *(16.Rxb1 Nb4=)*]
14...c5! 15.dxc5 0.30/20
[15.g4± 0.68/18 Bd7 16.Bxe4 dxe4 17.Qxe4]
15...Qxc5= 16.Ra1 Nb4 1.83/20 **17.cxb4+- Qxb4 18.Be5 Rfc8 19.Qe2 Nd2** 3.16/23
[19...Bxe5 2.19/18 is a better defense. 20.Nxe5 f6]
20.Bxg7
[20.Nxd2 Bxd3 21.Qxd3 Bxe5±]
[20.Qxd2 Qxd2 21.Bxf5 *(21.Nxd2 Bxd3 22.Bxg7 Bxf1=)* 21...Qb4 22.Bxc8 Rxc8=]
20...Bxd3 21.Qxd3 Nxf3+ 22.gxf3 Kxg7 23.Qxd5 Qxb2 24.Rfb1 Qf6 25.Nc4
[25.Qxb7 Rab8 26.Qd5 Rxb1+

27.Rxb1 Qc3+-]
25...Ra6 26.Ra4
[26.Nxa5 Rca8=]
26...Rac6 27.Rb5 1.19/21 Prevents Rc5.
[27.Nxa5 Rc5 28.Qd1 *(28.Qxb7 Rc1+ 29.Rxc1 Rxc1+ 30.Kg2 Qg5+ 31.Rg4 Qxa5=)* 28...Rh5 29.Nxb7 *(29.f4 Qf5=)* 29...Rxh3]
[27.Rxb7+- 2.23/18 aiming for f4. h5 28.Qe4 *(28.Nxa5? Rc5-+)*]
27...b6± 28.Qd3? 0.00/23
[28.Nd2!+- 1.61/22]
28...Re6? 2.78/21
[28...Qxf3= 0.00/23 29.Qf1 *(29.Rxb6? Rxb6 30.Qf1 Rb4-+)* 29...Rc5]
29.f4 Rcc6 30.Ne5 Red6 31.Rd4 Rxd4 32.Qxd4 Rd6 33.Qe4 Qe6 34.Qf3 0.14/20
[34.Qc4!+- 2.27/19]
34...f6= 35.Ng4 With the idea e4.
35...a4 Threatens to win with ...a3.
36.f5? -1.72/21
[36.e4= 0.26/21]



36...gxf5!-+
[Stronger than 36...Qd7 37.Rb1∓]
37.Rxf5 -2.48/19
[37.Rb4∓ -1.53/21 might work better. b5 38.Nh2]
37...a3 38.Rf4



a2! 39.Ra4 b5 40.Ra7 -6.86/17
[⌓40.Ra5 -4.51/18 Ra6 41.Rxa2 Rxa2 42.Qb7]
40...Ra6 41.Rxa6 Qxa6 42.Qf4 a1Q+ 43.Kg2 Qc6+ 44.e4 Qac1 45.Qf5 Qg5 (→ ...Qxf5) **46.Qf3 h5 47.Kg3 hxg4 48.hxg4 Qd6+ 49.Kg2 Qdf4 50.Qd3 Qgxg4+** Black mates. **51.Kf1 Qgf3 52.Qc2 Qh1+ 53.Ke2 Qfxe4+ 54.Qxe4 Qxe4+ 55.Kf1 Qf4 56.Kg1 Qxf2+** -19.85/22 Weighted Error Value: White=0.85/Black=0.30
0-1

68 **D00**
□ **Athena Pallada** **2891**
■ **Lovefifi** **2670**
Blitz 27.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3

(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8 Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 1-0 (88)*; 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7* Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig, F (1863) Mainz 1997 EXT 2000 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (57)*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) www.desc-online.de 2000 CBM 166 [Beliavsky, Alexander G] 1-0 (41)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]

3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 h6 5.h3 c5 6.a3 -0.37/21

[6.dxc5= 0.11/19 e6 7.Na4]

6...Nc6 7.Nf3 cxd4 0.08/24

[7...e6∓ -0.31/21]

8.exd4 The position is equal. **8...Bf5! 9.Bd3 Be4 10.0-0** -0.73/22

[10.Bxe4= 0.00/19 dxe4 11.Nd2]

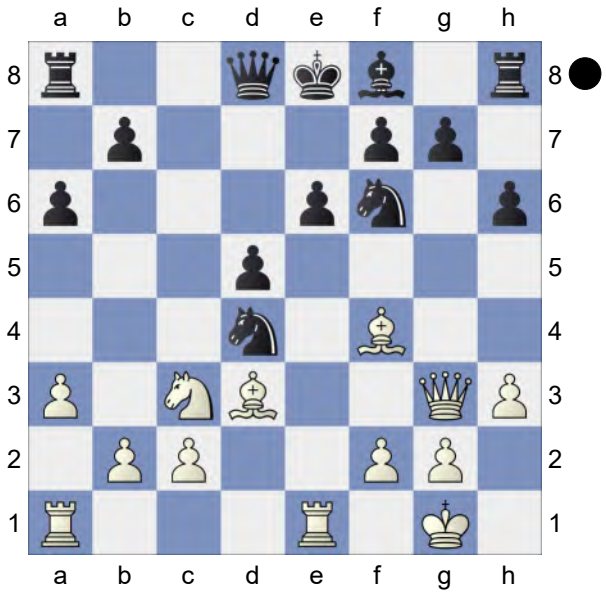
10...e6 -0.04/21

[10...Bxf3∓ -0.73/22 11.gxf3 *(11.Qxf3 Nxd4 12.Qg3 e6∓)* 11...Nxd4]

11.Re1 -1.08/19

[11.Ne5= -0.04/21 remains equal.]

11...Bxf3∓ 12.Qxf3 Nxd4 13.Qg3



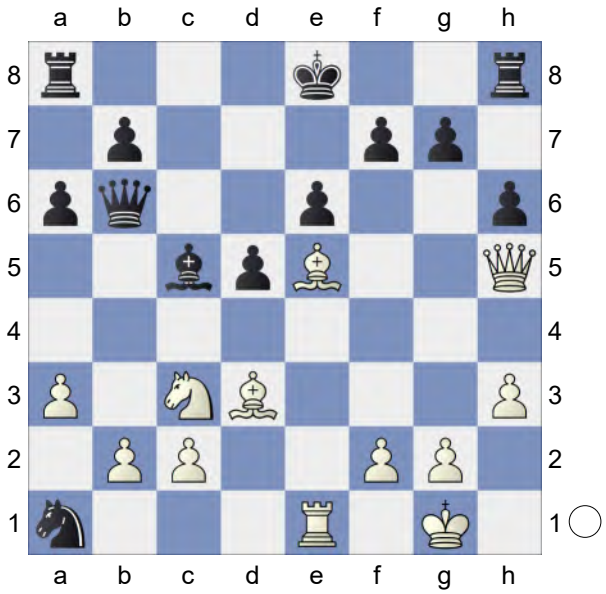
Nh5! Pair of Knights! **14.Qg4** -1.46/20 **Nf6** -1.12/19

[⌓14...Nxf4 -1.46/20 15.Qxf4 Bc5]

15.Qg3 Nh5 ⌓16.Qe3 -1.09/21 **Bc5** 1.08/18

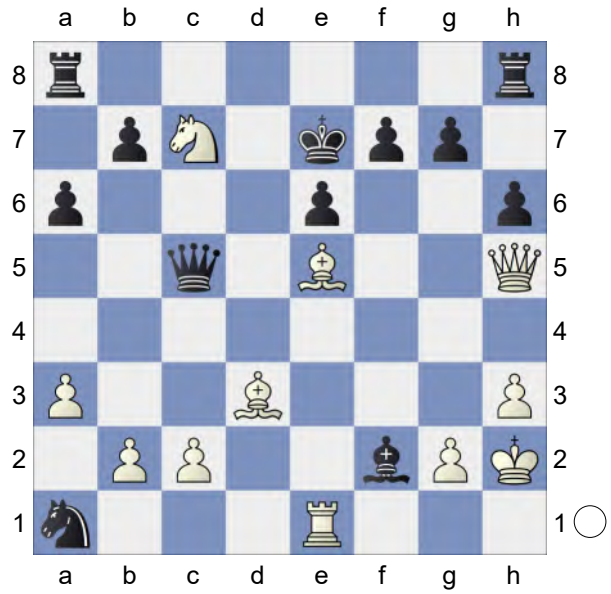
[16...Nc6∓ -1.05/22 keeps the pressure on. And now ...d4 would win. 17.Ne2 Bd6 18.Bxd6 Qxd6]

17.Be5± Nb3 18.Qf3 &Bianco is more active. **18...Nxa1 19.Qxh5 Qb6?** 4.54/17



Loses the game. **20.Nxd5!+- Bxf2+**

21.Kh2 Qc5 22.Nc7+ Ke7

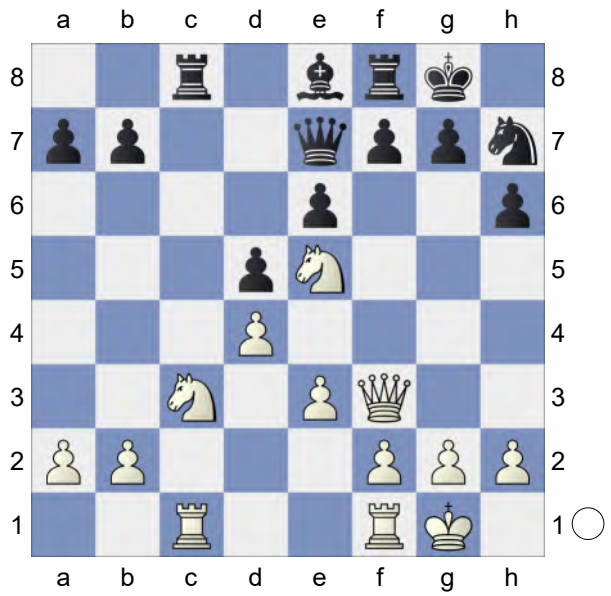


23.b4! Qc6 24.Rf1 Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=0.63
1-0

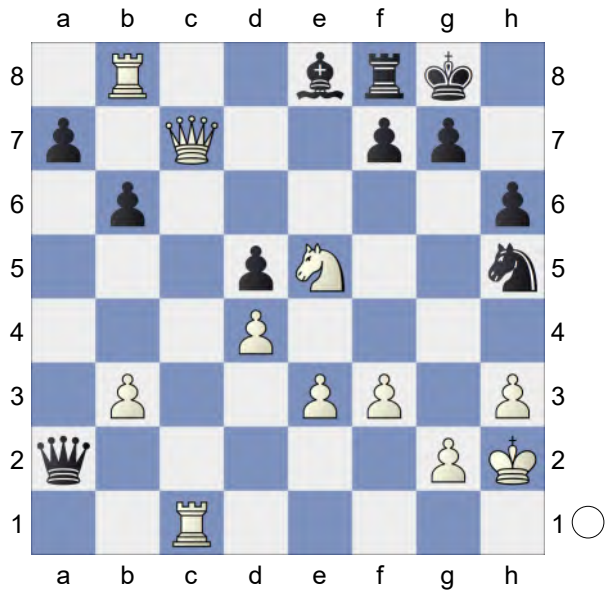
69 **D00**
□ **Rebeccaharris** **2879**
■ **May6Enexttime** **3020**
Blitz 10.02.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 1-0 (88)*; 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7* Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig,F (1863) Mainz 1997 EXT 2000 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (57)*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) www.desc-online.de 2000 CBM 166 [Beliavsky, Alexander G] 1-0 (41)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]
3.Bf4 e6 4.e3 Bb4 5.Bd3 c5! 6.dxc5! Nbd7 7.Nf3 Against e5 **7...Nxc5 8.0-0** Black has an edge. **8...0-0 9.Bg5 h6 10.Bh4 Bd7 11.Ne5 Be8 12.Qf3?** -1.71/24
[12.f4= -0.16/23 and White is okay.]
12...Nxd3? -0.10/21
[12...Bxc3-+ -1.71/24 13.bxc3 g5]
13.cxd3= Be7 14.Rac1 Rc8 15.d4 Nh7? 4.12/21 White leaves nothing to chance now.
[15...g5= -0.06/24 16.Bg3 Bb4]
16.Bxe7+- Qxe7

(Diagram)

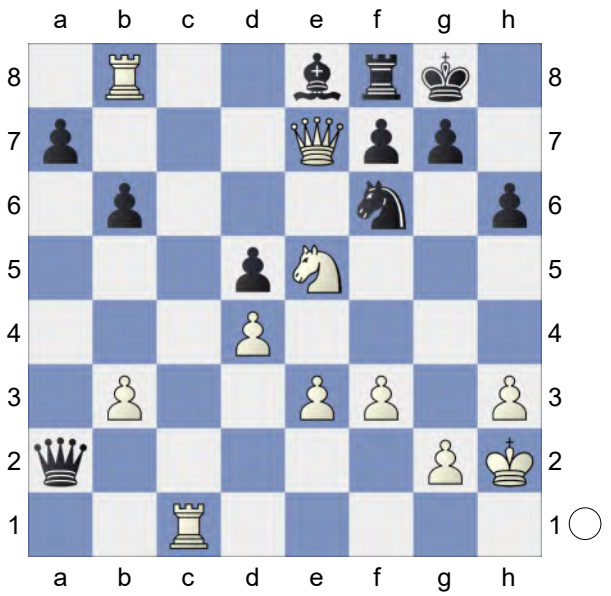


17.Nxd5! exd5 18.Rxc8 Qe6 19.Rfc1 Nf6 20.h3 Qb6 21.b3 Qa5 22.Qe2 Qa3 23.Qc2 Ne4 24.f3 Ng3 25.Kh2 Nh5 26.Rb8 b6 27.Qc7 Qxa2



28.Qe7 16.17/24
[⌓28.Rxe8! #9/17 Kh7 29.Rxf8 Qf2 30.Rh8+!! Kxh8 31.Qc8+ Kh7 32.Qf5+ g6 33.Qxf7+ Ng7 34.Qxg6+ Kh8 35.Nf7+ Kg8 36.Rc8#]
28...Nf6

(Diagram)

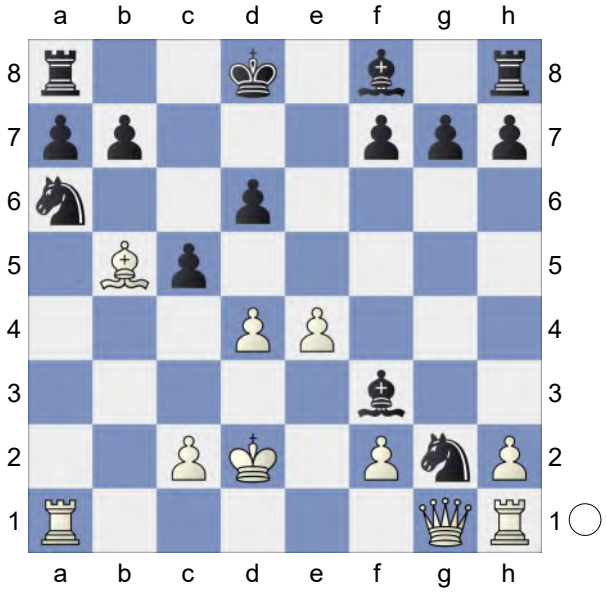


29.Rcc8 12.36/21
[⌓29.Rxe8! #15/22 Nxe8 30.Nd7 Qa6 31.Qxf8+ Kh7 32.Qxe8 Qb7 33.Rc8 a6 34.Nf8+ Kh8 35.Ne6+ Kh7 36.Qh8+ Kg6 37.Qxg7+ Kf5 38.Nf4 Qxc8 39.g4#]
29...Qxb3 30.Ng4 13.15/21 Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/Black=0.79
[⌓30.Rxe8 #22/18 Nxe8 31.Nd7 Qc2 32.Qxf8+ Kh7 33.Rxe8 Qf5 34.Ne5 Qxe5+ 35.dxe5]
1-0

70 **A45**
□ **Hoon** **2872**
■ **Pawn Git** **2747**
Rapid 07.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

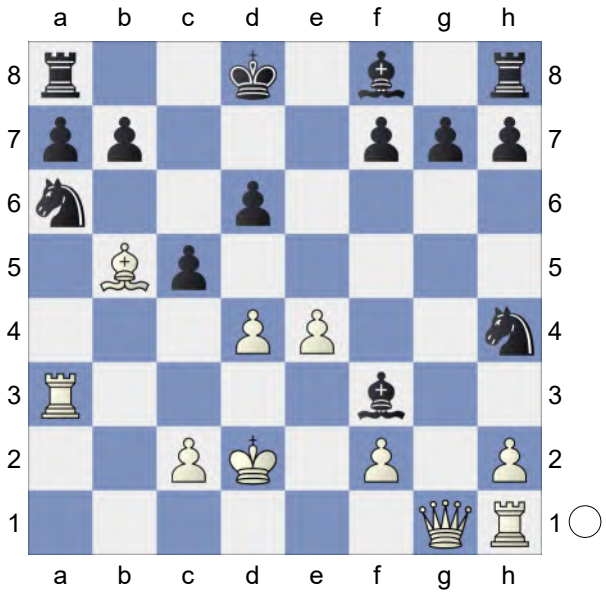
Blitz 10min A45: Trompowsky Attack
1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 c5 3.e3 Qb6 4.Nc3 Qxb2 5.Nb5 Nd5 aiming for ...Qb4+.
6.Rb1 Qxa2 7.Ra1 Qb2 8.Nf3 And now Nd2 would win. The position is equal.
[8.Rb1!? Qa2□ 9.Ra1=]
8...Na6 Strongly threatening ...Nc3.

9.Rb1 White has compensation. **9...Qa2** **10.Ne5** Black must now prevent c3. **10...d6 11.Ra1N Qb2 12.Rb1! Qa2** **13.Nc4** Hoping for Ra1.
[13.Ra1!? Qb2□ 14.Rb1 Qa2=]
13...Qa4 14.e4 Dodges Bf5 **14...Nxf4** 0.78/20
[14...Ndb4± 0.39/21 15.c3 Qxd1+ 16.Rxd1 Nc6 17.d5 Ncb8 18.e5 14) London System 2.Bf4-London System Informational]
15.Ra1!± Bg4 16.Qc1 Dancing on a razor blade. **16...Nxg2+**
[16...Qxb5? 17.Nxd6+ *(17.Qxf4? Qb4+ 18.Nd2 Qxd4-+)* 17...exd6 18.Bxb5+ Bd7 19.Bxd7+ *(19.Bxa6 Nxg2+ 20.Kf1 bxa6+-)* 19...Kxd7 20.Qxf4+-]
17.Kd2! Qxb5 2.63/16 Black cannot hold the game after this.
[17...Qb4+± 1.26/17 18.c3 Qb3 *(18...Qxb5 19.Nxd6+* Discovered Attack *exd6 20.Bxb5+ Kd8 21.Bxa6±)*]
18.Nxd6++- Discovered Attack **18...exd6** **19.Bxb5+ Kd8 20.Qg1 Bf3**



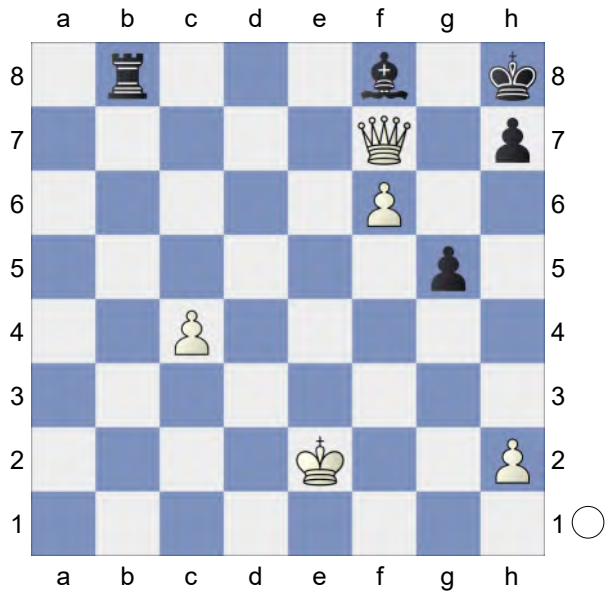
...g6 would now be deadly. **21.Ra3!**
[21.Bf1 Nh4±]

21...Nh4

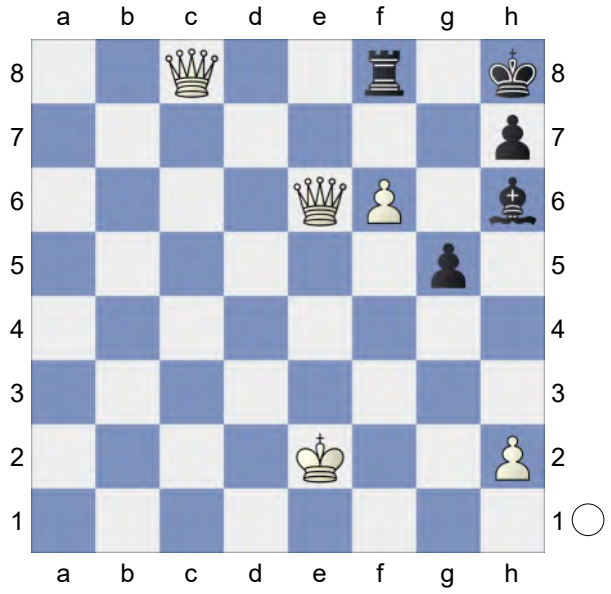


22.Qg3! Bxh1 23.Qxh4+→ White is out for blood. **23...Be7 24.Qg4 Nb8** Wards off Qd7+ **25.dxc5**
[25.Qxg7 Rf8±]
25...Nc6
[25...dxc5? 26.Qxg7 Kc7 *(26...Rf8? 27.Rd3+ Kc8 28.Qe5+-)* 27.Qxh8+-]
26.Bxc6 bxc6 27.Ra1 Bf6
[27...h5 28.Qxg7 Kd7 29.Rxh1+-]
28.Rxh1 Re8 29.Qh5
[29.cxd6 Re6 30.Ke2 Ke8=]
29...Ke7 30.cxd6+
[30.Qxh7 Rad8±]
30...Kf8 31.Qc5
[31.Qxh7 g6 32.Ke3 Re5+-]
31...Rad8 32.Ke3
[32.Qxa7 Rxe4 33.h4 Rxd6+ 34.Kc1 Rd8 *(34...Rxh4 35.Rxh4 Bxh4 36.Qa3=; 34...Bxh4 35.Qc5∓)* 35.Qc5+ Kg8∓]
[32.Qxc6 Re6 33.Ke2 Rdxd6±]
32...Re5 33.Qxc6 Re6 34.Rd1 Be5 **35.Qc7 Rdxd6 36.Rxd6 Rxd6** Endgame. KQ-KRB **37.Qb8+**
[37.Qxa7 Bxh2 38.Qb8+ Ke7+-]
37...Ke7 Threatens to win with ...Rd3+! **38.Qxa7+ Rd7 39.Qc5+ Bd6 40.Qg5+**

Kf8 41.f4 Kg8 42.Qb5 Rd8 43.Qb6 Rd7 44.Qc6 Rd8 45.e5 Bf8 46.f5 g6 47.f6 g5 48.c4 Rb8 49.e6 Rb1 50.Ke2 fxe6 51.Qxe6+ Kh8 52.Qf7 Rb8



53.c5! White mates. **53...Bh6**
[53...g4 54.c6]
54.c6 Rf8 55.Qe7 Kg8 56.Qe6+ Kh8 57.c7 Bg7 58.c8Q Bh6

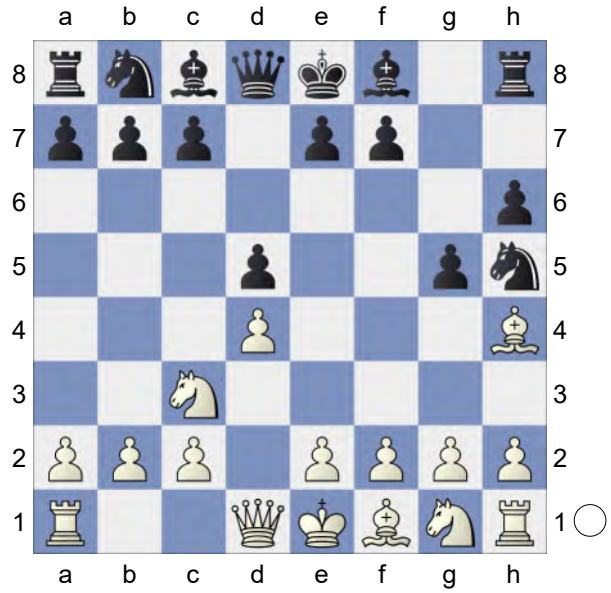


59.Kd3! Bg7
[59...g4 60.Qxg4]
60.fxg7+ Kxg7 61.Qc3+ Rf6 62.Qcxf6# Weighted Error Value: White=0.00 (flawless) /Black=0.32
1-0

71 **D00**
□ **Xiaochess** **2859**
■ **Helloitsdmitri** **2692**
Blitz 29.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

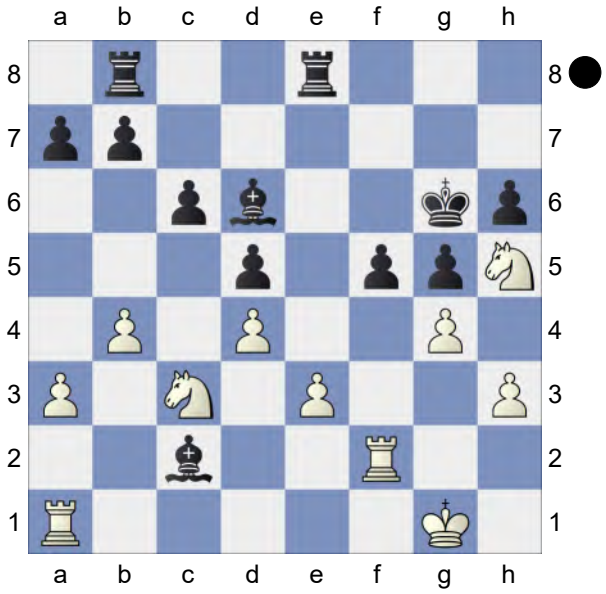
Blitz 3min D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 1-0 (88)*; 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7* Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig, F (1863) Mainz 1997 EXT 2000 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (57)*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) www.desc-online.de 2000 CBM 166 [Beliavsky, Alexander G] 1-0 (41)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]
3.Bf4 Nh5 4.Bg5 h6 5.Bh4 g5

0.67/20
[5...Nf6= 0.27/20]



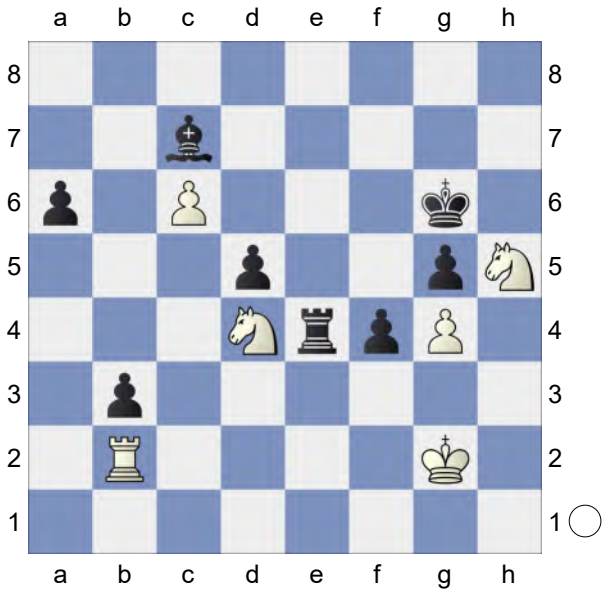
6.e3!± Ng7
[6...Nf6 7.Bg3]
7.Bg3 Nf5 8.Qf3 0.53/22
[8.Be5± 1.02/21 Bg7 9.Bxg7 Nxg7 10.Be2]
8...e6 9.Bd3 0.23/19
[9.Be5± 0.70/20 f6 10.g4]
9...Bb4 1.08/19
[9...Nxg3= 0.23/19 10.hxg3 c5]
10.Nge2!± c6 11.Be5 f6 12.Bxb8 Rxb8 13.Bxf5 0.14/18
[13.0-0-0± 1.06/18]
13...exf5= 14.Ng3 Qd7! 15.a3 -0.25/18
[⌓15.0-0-0 0.06/19]
15...Bd6 16.Nh5 -0.58/18
[16.0-0-0= -0.24/19]
16...Kf7 17.Qe2 Kg6 -0.25/17
[Black should try 17...Qe6∓ -0.70/17]
18.0-0 -0.85/16
[18.h4!= -0.25/17]
18...Re8 19.b4 -1.09/17
[19.Ng3∓ -0.61/19]
19...f4!∓ Hoping for ...Qg4. **20.h3** Inhibits Qg4. **20...Qf5?** 1.02/18
[20...Bc7∓ -1.04/21]

21.Qf3? -2.66/21
[21.g4± 1.02/18 is necessary to keep the advantage. Qe6 22.Qd3+ f5 23.exf4]
21...fxe3-+
[21...Qxc2 22.exf4 gxf4 23.Nxf4+ Kh7 24.Nh5=]
22.Qxf5+ Bxf5 23.g4 -3.27/22
[23.fxe3 -1.93/20 was the only chance. Rf8 24.g4 Bxc2 25.Rac1]
23...Bxc2
[23...e2? 24.gxf5+ Kxh5 25.Rfe1∓]
24.fxe3 f5
[24...Rxe3 25.Rxf6+ Kh7 26.Nxd5! cxd5 27.Rxd6=]
25.Rf2



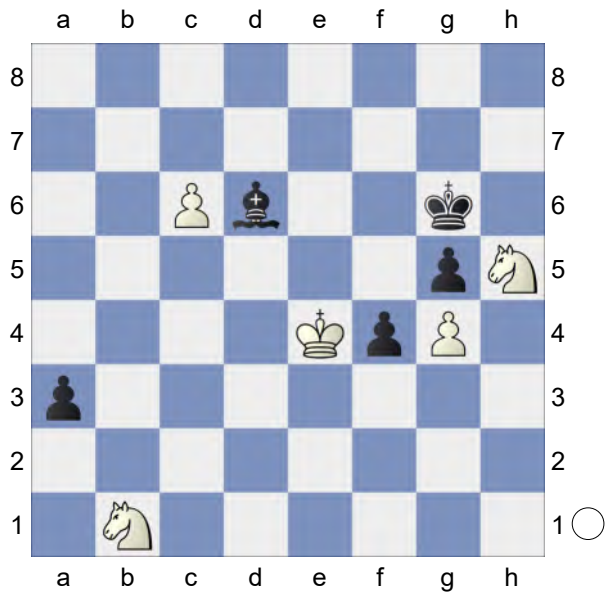
Rxe3! -1.34/19 **26.Rxc2∓ Rbe8** -0.08/25
[26...Rxh3∓ -1.21/25 27.Re1 fxg4 28.Re6+ Kxh5 29.Rxd6 Rf8]
27.Rf1? -2.03/25
[27.Kg2= -0.08/25]
27...f4? 0.29/24
[27...Rxh3-+ -2.03/25 28.Rxf5 Rxh5]
28.Kg2 -0.21/23
[⌓28.b5! 0.29/24]
28...Rd3 0.11/20
[28...a6 -0.21/23

is more appropriate.]
29.Ne2 -0.89/20
[29.Rd1!= 0.11/20 Ree3 30.Rxd3 Rxd3 31.b5]
29...Ree3! 30.Ng1 -1.17/23 Prevents f3+.
[30.Rxf4∓ -0.36/24 Bxf4 31.Nhxf4+ gxf4 32.Nxf4+ Kg5 33.Nxd3 Rxd3 34.Re2]
30...Rxa3 -0.24/21
[30...Rxd4∓ -1.17/23 ...Rdd3 is the strong threat. 31.Re2 Rde4 32.Rxe3 Rxe3]
31.Nf3 -0.80/20
[31.Rb2= -0.24/21]
31...Rab3!
[31...Bxb4?! 32.Ne5+ Kh7 33.h4∓]
32.Ra2 a6
[32...Bxb4?! 33.Rxa7 Re2+ 34.Kh1=]
33.h4 -1.97/23
[33.Re1∓ -1.01/22]
33...Rxb4-+
[Weaker is 33...Bxb4 34.Ne5+ Kh7 35.hxg5 hxg5 36.Rh1=]
34.hxg5 -2.21/18
[34.Rff2∓ -1.46/17]
34...hxg5 35.Rff2 Rbb3 36.Rae2 Rxe2? -0.10/19
[36...a5-+ -2.23/24 Threatens to win with ...a4. 37.Rxe3 Rxe3]
37.Rxe2= Re3 Inhibits Re6+. **38.Rb2** -1.50/22
[38.Rxe3= -0.13/23 fxe3 39.Ng3]
38...b5? 2.63/25
[38...Re7!∓ -1.50/22 keeps the pressure on. aiming for ...a5. 39.Kg1 a5]
39.Rc2+- c5 40.dxc5 1.44/17
[40.Ra2!+- 3.08/20 and the rest is easy. a5 41.Rxa5 Re2+ 42.Kf1]
40...Bc7± 41.Nd4 -0.61/24
[41.Rd2± 0.31/23 b4 42.Rxd5]
41...b4!∓ 42.c6 -1.04/19
[42.Rd2∓ -0.53/18]
42...b3 0.00/23
[Black should play 42...Rd3!∓ -1.04/19 43.Ne6 Rc3! 44.Rxc3 bxc3]
43.Rb2!= Re4? 2.65/27
[43...f3+= 0.00/23 44.Nxf3 a5]

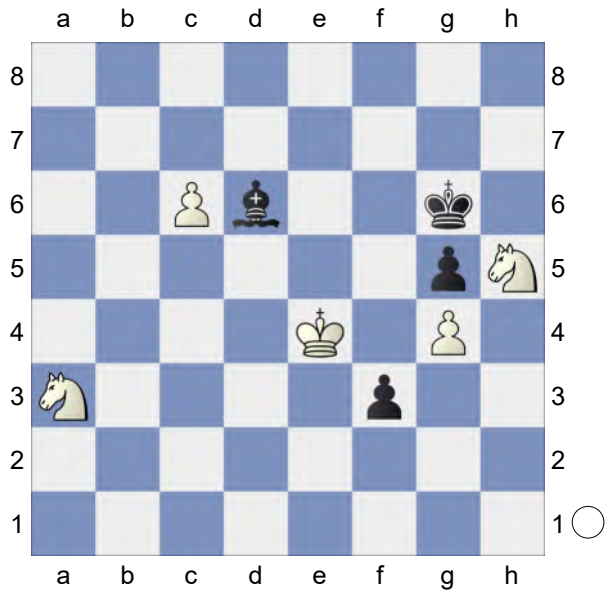


44.Nxb3? -0.02/25 Pair of Knights!
[44.Nf5!+- 2.65/27]
44...Rb4 Prevents Rxb3. **45.Rb1 d4** 1.35/24
[45...a5= -0.02/25]
46.Nd2 0.58/24
[46.Kf3± 1.35/24]
46...Rxb1± 47.Nxb1 a5 1.23/25
[47...Kf7!= 0.26/22 remains equal.]
48.Kf3± Strongly threatening Ke4.
48...d3 49.Ke4 Black must now prevent Nd2. **49...a4?** 4.11/25
[49...Kf7± 0.84/19]
50.Kxd3+- Bd6 5.54/23 Against Na3
[⌓50...Kf7 3.56/22 51.Ke4 Bd6]
51.Ke4 a3 20.75/25
[⌓51...Bb8 4.56/21 52.Na3 *(52.Nc3 a3±)* 52...Bc7]

(Diagram)



52.Nxa3! f3
[52...Kf7 53.Nb5]

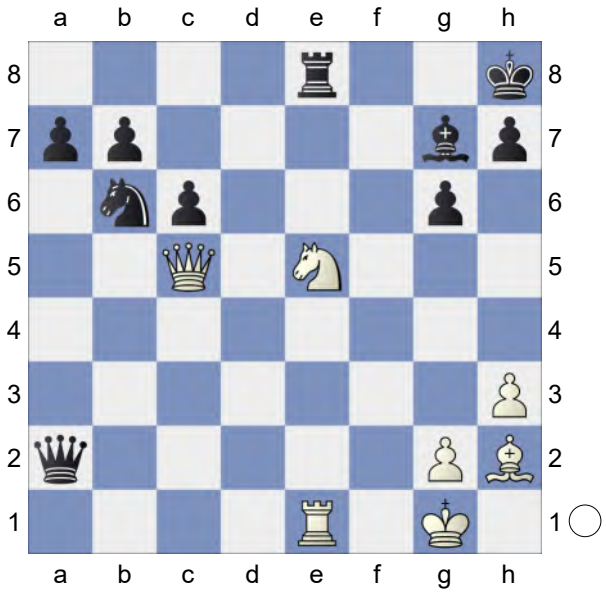


53.Kxf3! Intending Nb5 and mate.
53...Kf7 54.Nb5 A wild game. Weighted Error Value: White=0.68/Black=0.96
1-0

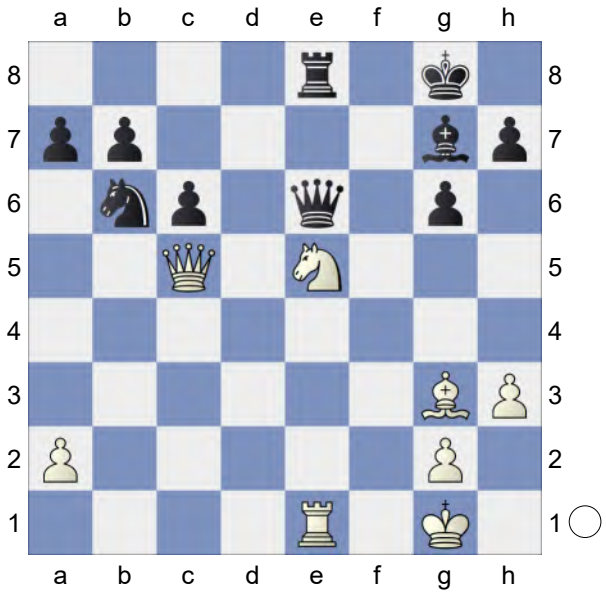
72 **D00**
□ **Banknotehouse** **2844**
■ **Lucifermorning01** **2887**
Blitz 17.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 g6 4.e3 Bg7 5.Nb5 Na6 6.h3 0-0 7.Nf3 c6 8.Nc3 The position is equal. **8...Nc7 9.Bd3 Re8**
[9...c5 10.0-0 b6 11.a4 Bb7 12.Be5 Ne4 13.Ne2 Ne6 14.c3 a6 15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.Qb1 Nd6 17.Nd2 b5 18.b3 Bc6 19.Qa2 Qb6 20.Rfc1 Rfc8 21.Rab1 Qa7 22.Qa1 Kg8 23.h4 Qd7 24.Bc2 Erigaisi,A (2718)-Sethuraman,S (2643) Kolkata 2022 0-1 (83)]
[9...Ne6 10.Be5 Nd7 11.Bh2 c5 12.Be2 cxd4 13.Nxd4 Nxd4 14.exd4 Nb8 15.Nb5 a6 16.Nc7 Ra7 17.Nxd5 Nc6 18.Ne3 Nxd4 19.Bd3 e5 20.0-0 b5 21.c3 Rd7 22.Be4 Ne6 23.Qe1 Nc5 24.Bc2 Tomic,A (2398)-Vukcevic,N (2327) Herceg Novi 2024 ½-½ (35)]
10.0-0 Nd7 11.e4 dxe4N
[11...Ne6 12.Be3 c5 13.exd5 Nxd4 14.Bxd4 cxd4 15.Nb5 Nb6 16.d6 exd6 17.Nbxd4 Bd7 18.c3 d5 19.a4 Nc4 20.Qb3 Qc7 21.Rfd1 a6 22.a5 Rad8 23.Bxc4 dxc4 24.Qa2 Qc5 25.Re1 h5 26.Rxe8+ Sankalp,G (2497)-Mamedov,R (2636) Ankara 2023 ½-½ (53)]
12.Nxe4 Nd5 13.Bh2 e5 14.Nd6 0.01/19
[14.c3± 0.37/17 was preferrable.]
14...Re6= 15.Nxc8 Rxc8 16.Bc4 -1.12/19
[16.Re1= -0.09/18]
16...e4∓ 17.Ne1 N7b6 -0.55/17

[17...Qb6∓ -1.19/19 18.Rb1 Bxd4]
18.Bb3∓ e3 19.fxe3 Nxe3 20.Qf3 -1.17/18
[White should try 20.Bxe6∓ -0.55/20 fxe6 21.Qe2 Nxf1 22.Kxf1]
20...Nxf1∓ Active counter play! Pair of Knights! **21.Bxe6 Qxd4+ 22.Kxf1 fxe6 23.Qe2 Rf8+ 24.Nf3 Qxb2 25.Qxe6+ Kh8 26.Re1 Qxc2** -0.13/19
[Black should play 26...Bd4∓ -0.64/19 27.Qb3 Qxb3 28.axb3 Nd5]
27.Kg1 -0.90/18
[27.Bd6!= -0.13/19]
27...Qc4 28.Qe7 Qf7 29.Qc5 Re8 -0.57/19 Prevents Re7.
[Don't play 29...Qxa2?! 30.Be5 Qg8 31.Bxg7+ Qxg7 32.Re7 Qa1+ 33.Kh2∓]
[29...Kg8∓ -0.91/19 30.Bd6 Rd8]
30.Ne5 -1.03/18
[30.Rxe8+∓ -0.57/19 Qxe8 31.Qa3]
30...Qe6 -0.61/21
[30...Qxa2?



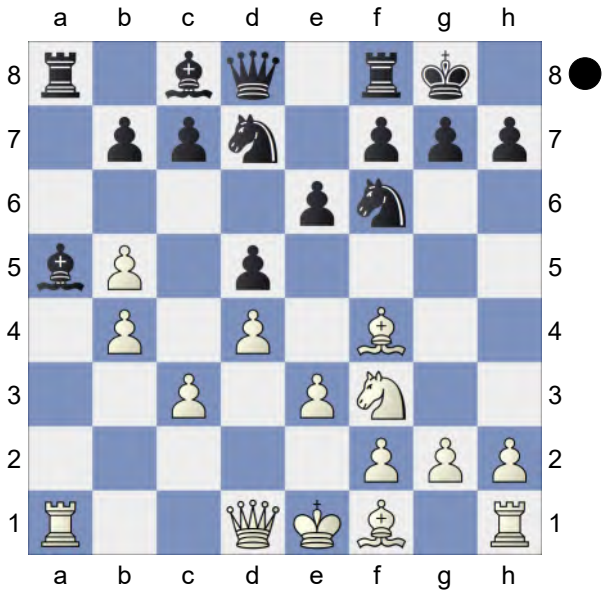
31.Nxg6+! hxg6 32.Rxe8+ Kh7 33.Be5+-]
[30...Qf8∓ -1.03/18 31.Qe3 Bxe5 32.Bxe5+ Kg8]
31.Bg3 Kg8



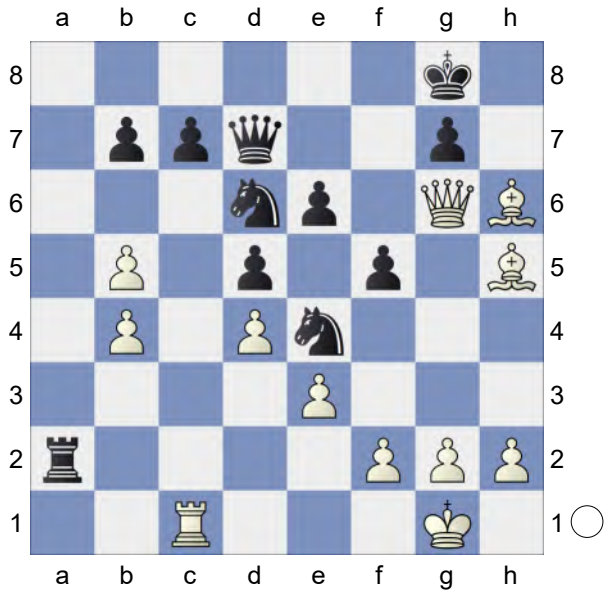
...Qd5 is the strong threat. **32.Nc4?** -3.43/21 **Qf7?** -0.79/22
[32...Qxe1+-+ -3.43/21 is more deadly. 33.Bxe1 Rxe1+ 34.Kf2 Re4]
33.Rxe8+ Qxe8 34.Nxb6 axb6 35.Qxb6 Qd7 Hoping for ...Bd4+.
36.a4? -14.75/24
[36.Qb3+∓ -0.54/18 Kh8 37.a4]
36...Bd4+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.59/Black=0.25 (precise)
0-1

73 **D00**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2839**
■ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2766**
SuperUnited CRO Blitz 2025 (2.1) 5.7.25
[TA]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.Nc3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Bb4+ 5.c3 Ba5 6.e3 0-0 7.Nf3 Nbd7 8.a4 Threatens to win with b4. The position is equal. **8...a6 9.b4 axb5 10.axb5**
[10.bxa5 Rxa5 11.axb5 Rxa1 12.Qxa1 Nb6±]



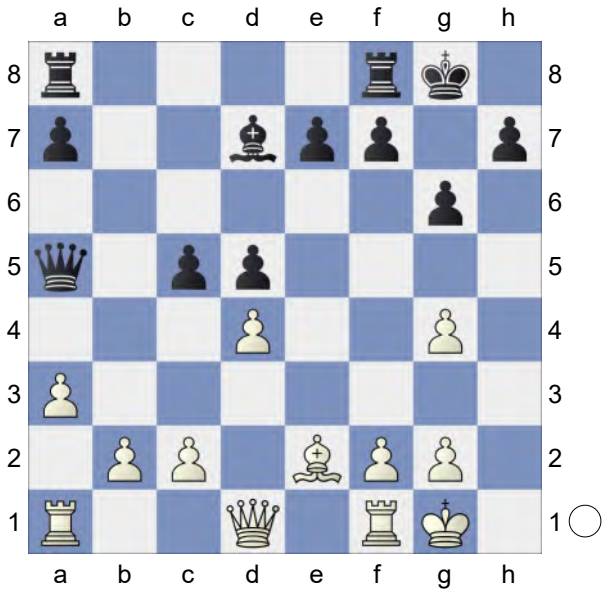
10...Bxb4 11.cxb4
[11.Rxa8?! Bxc3+ 12.Ke2 Ne4±]
11...Rxa1 12.Qxa1 Nb6 13.Bd3 Bd7 14.Ne5 Ne4 15.0-0 Nd6 Excellent horsemanship. **16.Qb1** -0.39/22
[16.Qa7= -0.02/23]
16...h6 17.Nxd7 Qxd7 18.Qd1 -0.63/20
[18.Bxd6!= -0.12/19 cxd6 19.Rc1]
18...Ra8 19.Qg4 f5 -0.27/19
[19...Ra3∓ -0.82/18 20.Be5 *(20.Bxh6? f5-+)* 20...f6 *(20...Rxd3 21.Qxg7#)* 21.Bxd6 Rxd3]
20.Qg6= Ra3
[20...Qf7 simplifies 21.Qxf7+ Kxf7 22.Rc1 Ne8]
21.Be2
[21.Bxd6 simplifies Rxd3 22.Bf4 Qf7 23.Qxf7+ Kxf7 24.Ra1]
21...Ra2
[21...Nxb5? perishes. 22.Bxb5 *(22.Bxh6 Nd6=)* 22...Qxb5 23.Qxe6+ Kh8 24.Bxc7+- *(24.Qxf5 Qd7+-)*]
[21...Qe8 simplifies 22.Qxe8+ Nxe8 23.Rc1 Na4]
22.Bh5 Nbc4 23.Bxh6 Nd2 0.40/23
[23...Qf7= 0.00/21 24.Qxf7+ Nxf7]
24.Rc1± Hoping for b6! **24...N2e4!**



25.b6! Chess con chili. **25...cxb6 26.Bf4** 0.00/22
[26.f3± 0.42/21 Nf6 27.Bg5 Nxh5 28.Qxh5]
26...Nc4= 27.Bg3 Nf6 28.Be5 Nxh5 29.Qxh5 b5 30.h3 Qf7 31.Qg5 Ra4 32.Rb1 Ra8 33.Kh2 Ra2 34.Qg3 Kh7 35.Qh4+ Kg8 36.Rc1 Qg6 37.Qd8+ Kh7 38.Qe7 Kg8 39.Qd8+
[39.Qxb7 Rxf2 40.Bg3 Nxe3-+]
39...Kh7 40.Rg1 Rc2 0.63/21
[40...Nxe5= 0.00/22 41.dxe5 Qh6]
41.Ra1 0.00/20
[White should try 41.Bg3!± 0.63/21]
41...Nxe5?? 5.24/24
[41...Nxe3!= 0.00/20 42.Qh4+ Kg8]
42.dxe5+- And now Ra8 would win. White is clearly winning. **42...Qh6** 8.20/21
[⌓42...Rxf2 5.08/18 43.Qh4+ Qh6 44.Qxf2 g5]
43.Ra8 Rxf2 44.Qg8+ Kg6 45.Qxe6+ Kh5 46.Qxh6+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.23 (precise)
1-0

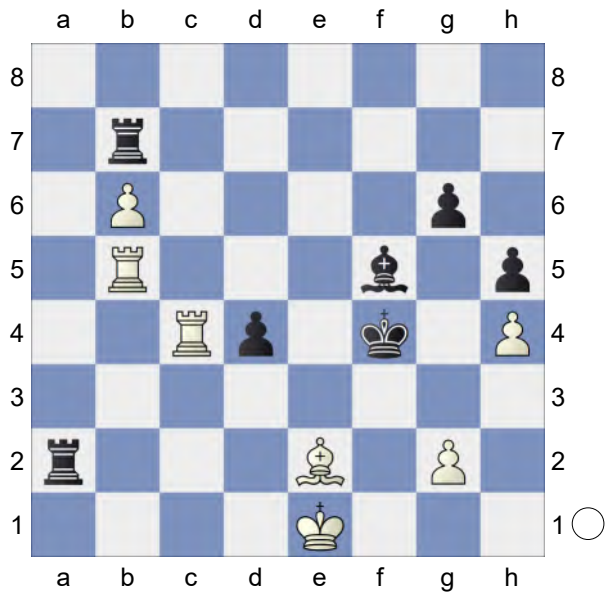
74 **D00**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2839**
■ **Vidit,Santosh Gujrathi** **2716**
chess.com SpeedChess 2023 (1.24)
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.e3 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 c5 7.Ne5 cxd4 8.exd4 Nc6 9.0-0 Bf5 10.Nxc6** 10.Re1 is the modern continuation. 10.Te1 ist die moderne Fortsetzung. 10.Re1 is the modern continuation. 10.Te1 ist die moderne Fortsetzung. **10...bxc6 11.Be5 Qa5 12.a3** The position is equal. **12...Rfe8N**
[Vorgänger: 12...Ne4 13.Nxe4 Black must now prevent Be5xg7. Bxe5 14.Ng3 Bxg3 15.hxg3 c5 0.46/24 *(15...h5=* 0.00/21 *)* 16.g4± Bd7



17.c3 0.00/23 *(White should play 17.dxc5!±* 0.74/22 *Qxc5 18.c4)* 17...c4= 18.Qd2 Rab8 ½-½ Bai,A (2249)-Tiba,V (2309) HUN-chT2 Barcza 1718 2017 (1.1) Bai,A (2249)-Tiba,V (2309) HUN-chT2 Barcza 1718 2017 (1.1) 1/2-1/2]
13.b4 Qd8 14.Na4 Ne4 15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.Re1 a5 17.c3 -0.20/22
[17.f3 0.22/23 deserves consideration. Nf6 18.Nc5]
17...h5 0.23/22
[17...e5 -0.20/22 is superior.]
18.Bf3 Nd6 19.Nc5 Qc7 0.34/22
[19...e6= -0.06/22]
20.h4 Nc4 21.Be2 Nd6 22.Qd2 Ra7 23.Qf4
[23.Rec1 simplifies Nb7 24.Nxb7 Qxb7 25.a4]
23...Rea8
[23...Ne4 simplifies 24.Qxc7 Rxc7 25.Nxe4 Bxe4 26.a4 Ra8]
24.Rac1
[24.Qe5+ simplifies Kg8 25.Qe3 e6 26.Ra2]
24...Ne4 25.Qxc7 Rxc7 26.Nxe4 Bxe4 27.c4 -0.58/24
[27.f3= -0.22/25 Bf5 28.g3]
27...axb4∓ 28.axb4 f2-f3 would now be deadly. **28...Rb7 29.f3 Bf5 30.cxd5 cxd5 31.b5 Bd7** -0.04/28 Black is more active.
[31...Ra2∓ -0.61/25]
32.Rc5= e6 And now ...Ra8-a2 would win. **33.Rb1 Kf6 34.Kf2 Ke7 35.Ke3 Ra3+ 36.Kd2 Kd6 37.Rc3 Ra4 38.Ke3 f6 39.f4 e5 40.fxe5+ fxe5 41.dxe5+ Kxe5 42.Kf2 Ra2 43.Ke1 d4 44.Rc5+ Kd6 45.Rc4 Ke5 46.b6** aiming for Be2-f3. **46...Bf5?** 2.31/22
[46...Bg4!= 0.06/22 47.Bf3 Bxf3 48.gxf3 Kd5]
47.Rb5++- Kf4? 4.09/20
[47...Kf6 2.12/23 48.Rxd4 Ra1+ 49.Rd1 Ra4]

(Diagram)

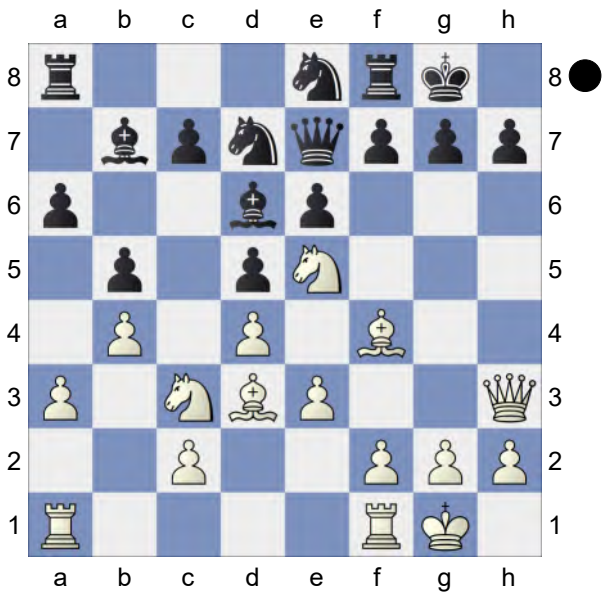


48.g3+?? -2.54/22
[Weaker is 48.Rxd4+ Ke3 49.Bf3 Rxb6 50.Rxb6 Kxd4±]
[48.Kf2!+- 4.09/20 was the only winning move. Ke4 49.Rcc5 Rxe2+ 50.Kxe2]
48...Ke3-+ 49.Re5+ Be4 50.Bd1 -8.55/21
[50.Rxe4+ -2.59/20 Kxe4 51.Rb4]
50...Rxb6 51.Rc8 Rb1 (→ ...Ra2-e2+) **52.Rce8 Re2+** Deflection. Weighted Error Value: White=0.62/Black=0.24 (precise)
0-1

75 **D00**
□ **Aqua Blazing** **2838**
■ **Art Vandelay1998** **2734**
Blitz 26.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

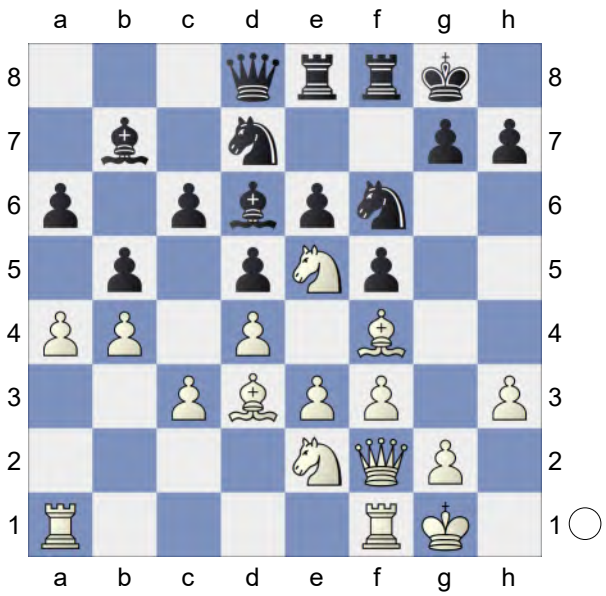
Blitz 3min D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 1-0 (88)*; 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7* Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig, F (1863) Mainz 1997 EXT 2000 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (57)*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) www.desc-online.de 2000 CBM 166 [Beliavsky, Alexander G] 1-0 (41)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]
3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 b5 5.a3 Bb7 6.Nf3 e6 7.b4 Against c5 **7...Nbd7 8.Bd3** The position is equal. **8...Bd6 9.0-0 0-0 10.Ne5 Qe7 11.Qf3 Ne8 12.Qh3**

(Diagram)



f5 13.Qg3 0.24/22
[13.Ne2± 0.55/21 is superior.]
13...Nef6= 14.Qh4 Rae8 0.48/21
[14...Nb6= 0.07/20]
15.f3± Nb8 1.06/21
[15...Nb6± 0.51/19]
16.Ne2± &Bianco is much more active.
16...Qd8 1.42/19
[⌓16...Nc6 1.11/18]
17.h3 0.95/23
[⌓17.a4 1.42/19]
17...Be7 18.Qf2 Nbd7 19.c3 Bd6 1.48/19
[⌓19...Nxe5 0.93/21 20.Bxe5 Nd7]
20.a4 c6 1.97/17
[20...bxa4± 1.52/21 might work better. 21.Rxa4 Bxe5]

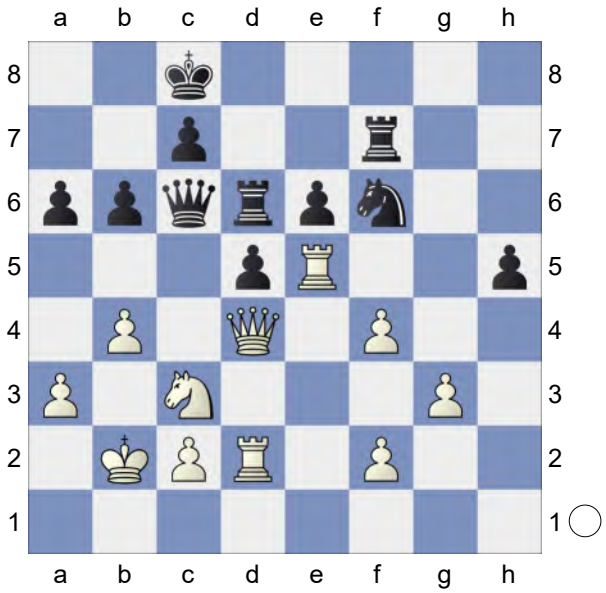
(Diagram)



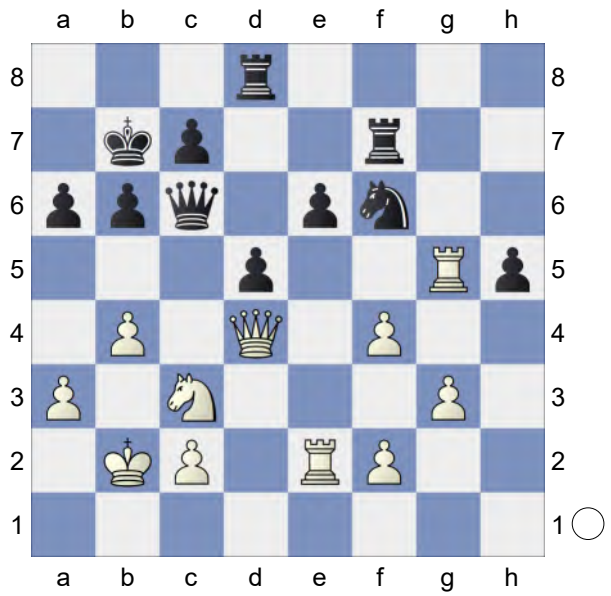
21.Nxc6!+- Bxc6 22.Bxd6 And now axb5 would win. **22...Rf7 23.axb5 Bxb5 24.Bxb5 axb5 25.Nf4** 1.51/17
[White should try 25.Ra6+- 1.93/20]
25...Nb6± 26.Bc5 Nc4 2.24/19
[26...Na4 1.64/18 was worth a try. 27.Qd2 Qc7]
27.Nd3 Nd7 28.Ra6 e5 2.41/20
[28...g5 1.87/17 was necessary. 29.Nb2 Ndb6]
29.dxe5+- Strongly threatening e6.
29...Ndxe5 30.Nxe5 Nxe5 31.Bd4 aiming for Rfa1. **31...Nc4?** 3.82/19
[31...f4 2.13/16 32.Bxe5 Rxe5]
32.Rfa1 Rfe7 33.Ra7 Rxa7 34.Rxa7 Re7 35.Qh4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.29 (precise)
1-0

76 **D00**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2837**
■ **Bacrot,Etienne** **2633**
Titled 5. Apr Late (3) 15.04.2025
[TA]

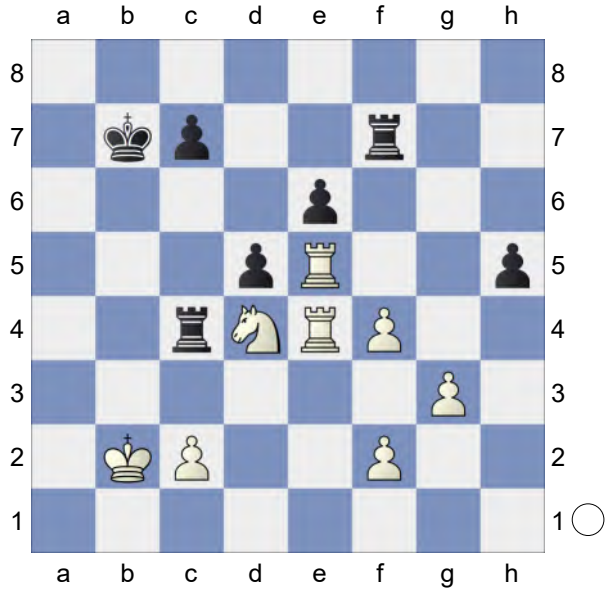
D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N
[2...c5 3.d5 g6 4.e4 d6 5.Bb5+ *(5.Nf3 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.a4 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nbd7 11.Re1 a6 12.Bf1 e5 13.a5 Ne8 14.Bd3 Qh4 15.Qg4 Qxg4 16.hxg4 Rc8 17.b3 Nef6 18.g5 Ne8 19.g3 f6* Sadykov,R (2345)-Skliarov,V (2383) Chess.com INT 2023 0-1 (79)*; 5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) www.desc-online.de 2000 UltraCorr3a [Fritz 5.32 (30s)] ½-½ *)*
5...Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig,F (1863) Mainz 1997 EXT 2000 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (57)]
[2...e6 3.e4 c5 4.d5 d6 5.Bb5+ Bd7 6.a4 e5 7.Nge2 g6 8.0-0 a6 9.Bxd7+ Nbxd7 10.Ng3 Bg7 11.Ra3 0-0 12.a5 h6 13.Qe2 Kh7 14.Nd1 Ne8 15.Ne3 Nc7 16.c4 Rh8 17.Bd2 Obran,H-Renaud,G (2365) Saint Louis 132/(142) 1976 Chess Informant [Dragan Solak] 0-1 (42)]
3.Bf4 Bf5 4.e3 e6 5.Bd3 Bg6 6.h4 Bd6 7.h5 Bxd3 8.Qxd3 The position is equal. **8...Nc6 9.Nf3 Qe7 10.h6 Bxf4 11.hxg7 Rg8 12.exf4 Rxg7 13.g3 0-0-0 14.0-0-0 h5 15.Ne5 Nxe5** 1.17/21
[15...Qe8!= 0.27/20]
16.dxe5± Ng4 17.Rd2
[Not 17.Rxh5? Nxf2 18.Qe3 Nxd1 19.Nxd1 d4-+]
17...Qc5 18.Qf3
[Don't play 18.Rxh5 Nxf2 19.Qe2 Ng4=]
18...Rh8 19.a3 a6 20.b4 0.08/19
[20.Qe2± 0.45/20]
20...Qc6 0.43/21
[20...Qe7= 0.08/19 should be considered.]
21.Kb2 f6 22.exf6 Nxf6 23.Re1 Rd8 24.Qe3 Rd6 25.Qd4 Rf7 26.Re5
[26.Qa7 is more complex. b5 27.Re5 Qb7 28.Qd4]
26...b6 1.10/20
[26...Kb8± 0.69/20 deserves consideration.]



27.Rde2 0.53/22
[White should play 27.b5!± 1.10/20 axb5 28.Qb4]
27...Kb7 28.Rg5 Rd8 1.76/21
[28...Qd7± 0.54/19]



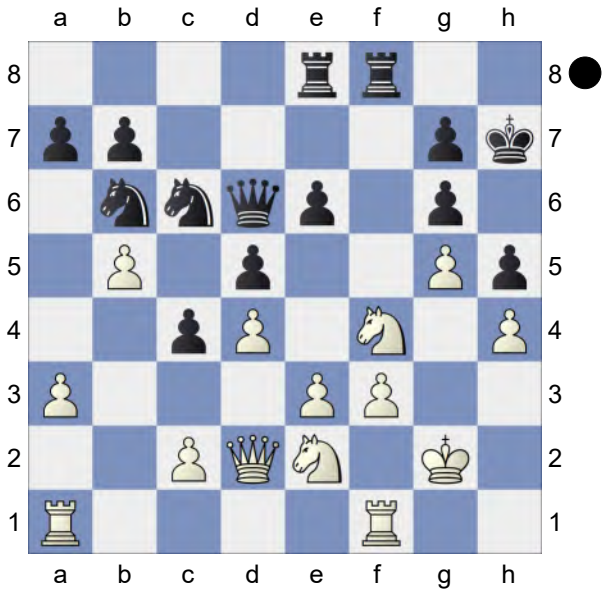
29.Rge5? 0.01/18
[29.Rg6!+- 1.76/21 Rdf8 30.Qe5]
29...Rd6!= 30.a4 b5 1.47/21
[30...Qd7± 0.52/21]
31.axb5± axb5 32.Qc5 &Bianco is more active. **32...Qxc5 33.bxc5 Rc6 34.Nxb5 Rxc5 35.Nd4 Ne4?** 7.84/23
[35...h4± 1.23/21]
36.R2xe4+- White is clearly winning.
36...Rc4



37.Nxe6! Strongly threatening Rxc4.
37...Rxe4 38.Nd8+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.25 (precise)
1-0

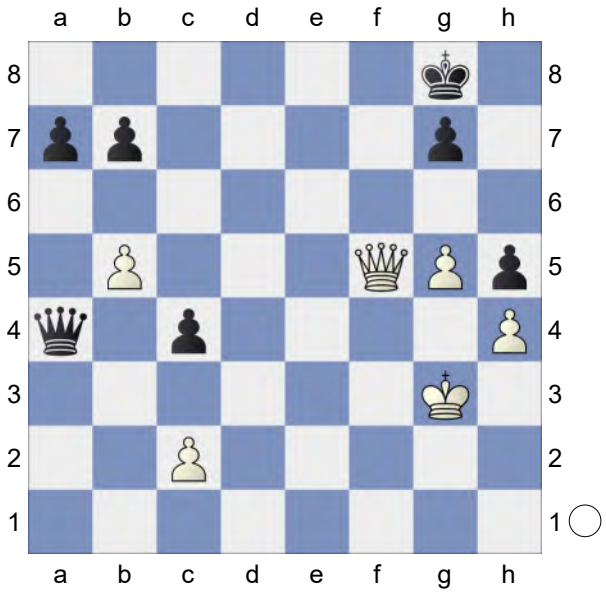
77 **D00**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2837**
■ **Svane,R** **2625**
Titled Tue 8th Apr Late blitz (11) 8.4.25
[TA]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 Bf5 4.f3 Bg6 5.g4 e6 6.h4 Hoping for h5. **6...h5 7.g5 Nfd7 8.e3** The position is equal. **8...Bb4 9.Bd3 0-0 10.Nge2 c5 11.Bxg6 fxg6 12.Qd3 Kh7 13.a3 c4 14.Qd2 Ba5**
[14...Bxc3!? 15.Nxc3 Nc6±]
15.0-0 Nc6 16.b4 Bc7 17.Bxc7 Qxc7 18.Kg2 Rae8 19.Nf4 Qd6 20.Nce2 Nb6 21.b5 -0.74/19
[21.c3= -0.12/18]



21...Ne7!∓ aiming for ...Nf5. **22.Qb4** -1.10/19
[22.Ng3∓ -0.69/18
is more appropriate.]
22...Qd7 23.Ng3 Nf5 24.Nxf5 Rxf5

25.Rae1 Qc7 -0.48/19
[25...e5∓ -0.97/20 26.dxe5 Rfxe5]
26.Ne2∓ Rf7 27.Qc5 -0.81/20
[27.f4∓ -0.41/18]
27...Qb8 -0.50/19
[27...Qxc5∓ -0.81/20 28.dxc5 Na4]
28.e4 -1.26/22
[28.f4∓ -0.50/19]
28...Rc8 -0.83/19
[⌓28...e5 -1.26/22 29.dxe5 *(29.exd5? Rc8-+)* 29...Qxe5]
29.Qb4∓ Rcf8 -0.22/19
[29...c3∓ -1.15/20]
30.Qd2 -1.47/19
[30.e5= -0.22/19 remains equal.]
30...Nc8 -0.48/19
[Black should play 30...dxe4∓ -1.47/19 31.fxe4 c3 32.Qxc3 Rxf1 33.Rxf1 Rxf1 34.Kxf1 Qh2]
31.Qe3 -0.98/20
[31.e5∓ -0.48/19]
31...Ne7 -0.54/20
[31...Nd6∓ -0.98/20]
32.a4∓ Qd6 33.Nc3 -1.89/20
[Better is 33.Rb1∓ -0.59/17]
33...Rf4-+ 34.exd5? -4.69/22
[34.Qd2 -1.85/20 keeps fighting.]
34...Nxd5 -2.68/21
[34...Rxh4 35.Qe5 Qb4 36.d6∓]
[⌓34...Nf5 -4.69/22 35.Qe5 *(35.Qxe6? Nxh4+ 36.Kh1 Qb4-+)* 35...Nxh4+ 36.Kg3 Qa3]
35.Nxd5 Qxd5
[35...Rxh4 36.Qe5 Qxd5 37.Qxd5 exd5 38.Re7=]
36.Kg3 -2.38/21
[⌓36.c3 -1.90/22]
36...Rxd4? -0.40/23
[36...R8f5-+ -2.38/21 Strongly threatening ...Qd6. 37.Qxf4 Rxf4 38.Kxf4 Qxd4+ 39.Re4 Qd2+ 40.Kg3 Qxc2 41.Rxe6 c3]
37.Qxe6∓ Qc5 38.Re4 -0.99/21
Inhibits Rdf4.
[38.Qe7∓ -0.52/21 might be stronger. Qc8 39.Qe6]
38...Rxe4 39.Qxe4∓ Endgame KQR-KQR **39...Qd6+ 40.f4**
[40.Kg2? Rf4 41.Qe1 c3-+]
40...Qa3+ -0.01/21
[40...Rf5∓ -0.60/20]
41.Rf3 -0.61/22
[41.Kg2!= -0.01/21 Qc5 42.c3]
41...Qxa4? 2.90/21
[41...Qc5∓ -0.61/22 keeps the upper hand. 42.Kg2 c3]
42.f5+- gxf5 43.Rxf5 Rxf5 44.Qxf5+ KQ-KQ **44...Kg8** 12.18/22
[⌓44...g6 4.91/27 45.Qf7+ Kh8 46.Qf8+ *(46.Qxg6 Qxb5 47.Qxh5+ Kg7+-; 46.Qxb7 Qxc2 47.Qb8+ Kg7=)* 46...Kh7 47.Qf7+ Kh8 48.Qf8+ *(48.Qxg6 Qxb5 49.Qxh5+ Kg8+-; 48.Qxb7 Qxc2 49.Qb8+ Kh7±)* 48...Kh7 49.Qf7+]

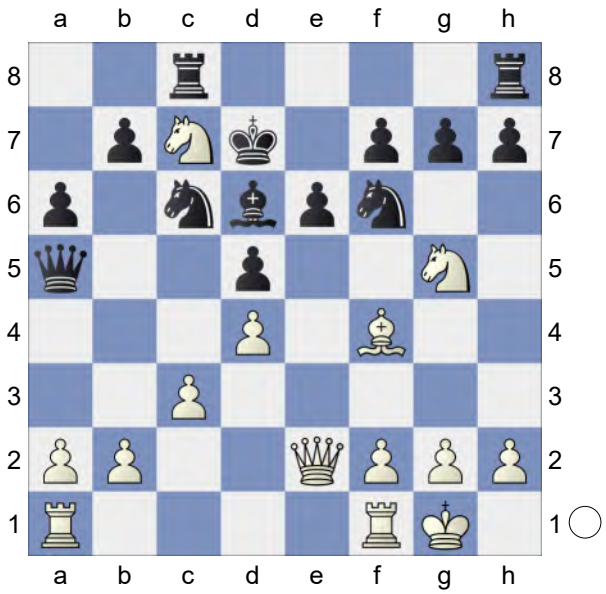


45.g6! Qa3+ 46.Kg2 Threatening mate with Qd5+. **46...Qf8?** #3/8
[46...Qe7+- 3.78/5 47.Qc8+ Qf8 48.Qxc4+ Kh8]
47.Qd5+ White mates. **47...Kh8**

48.Qxh5+ Kg8 49.Qh7# What a bad dream for Black.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.26 (precise) /Black=0.67
1-0

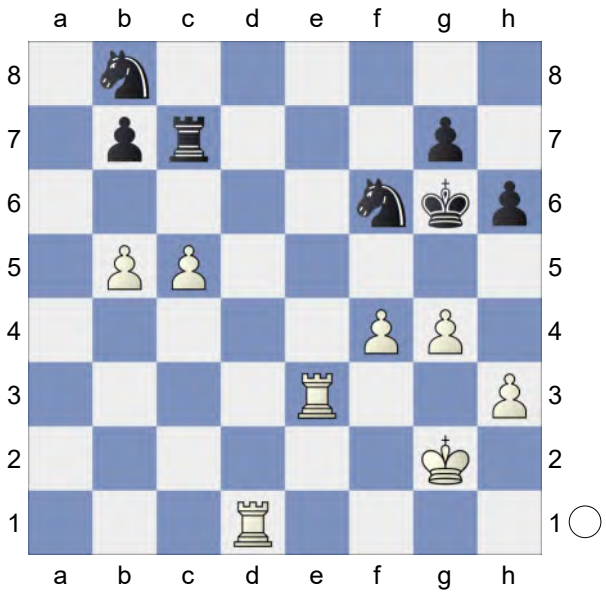
78 **D00**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2837**
■ **Murzin,Volodar** **2658**
Titled 5. Apr Late (5) 15.04.2025
[TA]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N
[2...c5 3.d5 g6 4.e4 d6 5.Bb5+ *(5.Nf3 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.a4 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nbd7 11.Re1 a6 12.Bf1 e5 13.a5 Ne8 14.Bd3 Qh4 15.Qg4 Qxg4 16.hxg4 Rc8 17.b3 Nef6 18.g5 Ne8 19.g3 f6* 0-1 (79) Sadykov,R (2345)-Skliarov,V (2383) Julius Baer Play In rapid 2023 (3.76)*; 5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leis Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 0-1 (57) Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig,F (1863) Rheinhessen-ch H1 op 1997 (2)]
[2...e6 3.e4 c5 4.d5 d6 5.Bb5+ Bd7 6.a4 e5 7.Nge2 g6 8.0-0 a6 9.Bxd7+ Nbxd7 10.Ng3 Bg7 11.Ra3 0-0 12.a5 h6 13.Qe2 Kh7 14.Nd1 Ne8 15.Ne3 Nc7 16.c4 Rh8 17.Bd2 0-1 (42) Obran,H-Renaud,G (2365) Saint Louis 132/(142) 2017 (10)]
3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 Bg4 6.Be2 Bxe2 7.Qxe2 Nc6 0.76/22
[7...a6= -0.04/21]
8.Nb5± White is better. **8...Qa5+** 1.14/22
[⌓8...Kd7 0.71/23]
9.c3 Kd7 10.Nf3 e6 1.88/22
[10...Rc8± 1.02/22]
11.0-0 0.94/22
[11.Ng5!+- 1.88/22]
11...a6 12.Nc7 Rc8 13.Ng5 Some like it hot. White is much more active. **13...Bd6?** 3.02/23
[13...Rxc7± 0.41/23 14.Nxf7 Rg8]



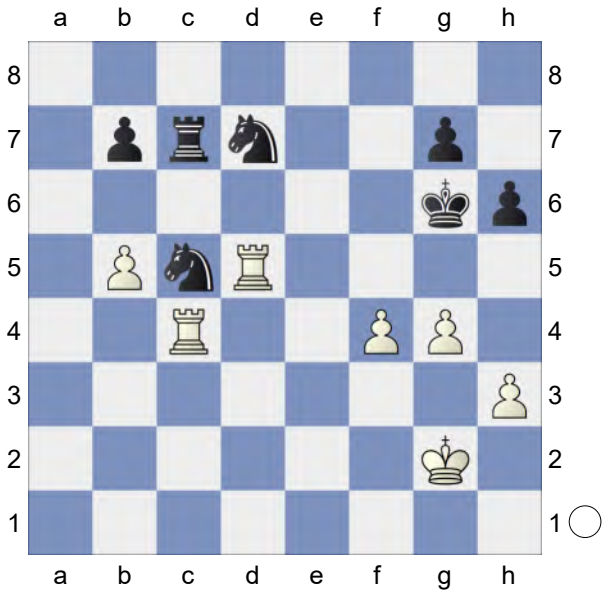
14.Ncxe6!+- Bxd6 would now be deadly.
14...Rhe8 15.Bxd6 Kxd6 5.61/22
[15...fxe6 2.92/21 keeps fighting. 16.Ba3 Qb5]
16.Nxf7+ Kd7 17.Nc5+ -0.01/21
[17.Rfe1+- 5.89/21]
17...Qxc5!= 18.Qxe8+ Kxe8 19.dxc5 Kxf7 20.Rfe1 d4 0.65/25
[20...a5= -0.07/20]
21.cxd4!± Nxd4 22.Rad1 Nc6 23.a3

a5 24.Re3 Rc7 25.h3 h6 26.g4 Nd7 27.Rc3 Nf6 28.Kg2 Re7 29.Rf3 Kg6 30.Re3 Rxe7 is the strong threat.
30...Rc7 31.f4 Nb8 1.69/22
[Black should try 31...a4± 0.53/20]
32.b4+- axb4 33.axb4 aiming for Rd6.
33...Nc6? 2.96/21
[33...Na6± 1.41/21]
34.b5 Nb8 3.44/22
[⌓34...Na5 2.43/22 35.f5+ Kf7]

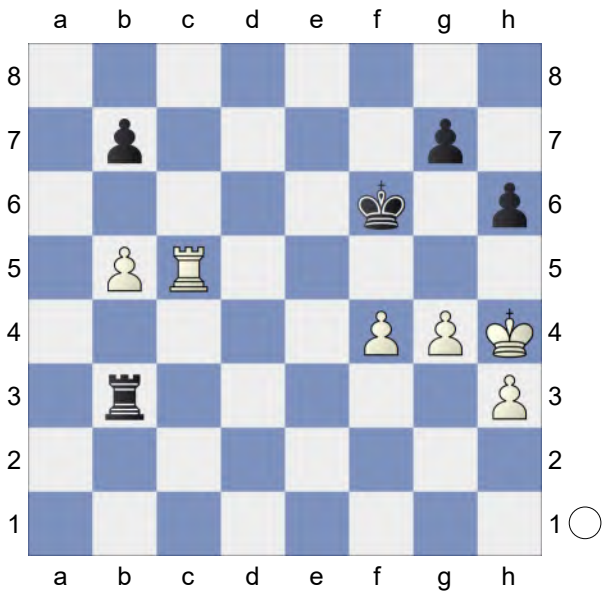


35.Rc3? 1.19/22
[35.Rd6!+- 3.44/22]
35...Ne4± 36.Rc4 Nxc5 37.Rd5 Nbd7

(Diagram)



38.Rxd7! Remove Defender, Deflection
38...Rxd7 39.Rxc5 Endgame. KR-KR
39...Kf6 40.Kg3 0.24/24
[40.h4± 1.34/23]
40...Rd3+= 41.Kh4 And now f5 would win. **41...Rb3** 1.47/26
[41...g6= 0.24/28 remains equal.]



42.Rd5 0.73/27
[⌓42.f5! 1.47/26]
42...Rb4 2.00/27
[42...Ke6± 0.73/27 was worth a try. 43.Re5+ Kf6 44.Rf5+ Ke6]

43.Rd6+ 1.19/28
[43.f5+- 2.00/27 Strongly threatening Kh5. Rb3 44.Rd6+ Ke7 45.Rb6]
43...Ke7? 3.02/27
[43...Kf7± 1.19/28 is a better defense.]
44.Rb6+- Rxf4 45.Kh5? 1.08/26
[45.Rxb7++- 2.72/27 and the rest is easy. Kf6 46.Kh5]
45...Rf3? 5.54/30
[45...Kf7± 1.08/26 is tougher.]
46.h4 Rh3 47.Rxb7+ Kf6 48.Rb6+ Kf7 49.Rb7+? 0.01/24
[Better is 49.Rd6+- 5.05/29 Rb3 50.b6 Rb5+ 51.g5]
49...Kf6= (-> ...g6+) **50.Rb6+ Kf7 51.g5?** 0.88/22
[51.Rc6+- 4.59/26]
51...hxg5± 52.Kxg5 Black must now prevent Rb7+. **52...Rg3+?** 2.77/27
[52...Rd3± 0.88/28]
53.Kf4? 0.01/25
[White should play 53.Kf5+- 2.77/27]
53...Rh3= 54.Kg4 Rb3 55.h5 Hoping for Kf5. **55...Kg8** 0.77/23
[55...Ke7= 0.16/25]
56.Rb8+ Kh7 57.b6 0.01/27
[57.Kf4± 0.71/25]
57...Rb4+ 58.Kf5 Rb5+? 6.97/29 White now steadily converts the win.
[58...Rb3= 0.01/25]
59.Ke6+- Kh6 60.Kd6 Kxh5 61.Kc6 Rb1 62.b7 g5 63.Rh8+ Kg4 64.b8Q
[64.b8B Kf5±]
64...Rxb8 65.Rxb8 Threatening mate with Rf8. KR-KP **65...Kf4 66.Rf8+** 5.77/25
[⌓66.Kd5 #21/23 g4 67.Kd4 Kf3 68.Kd3 Kf4 69.Re8 g3 70.Rg8 Ke5 71.Rxg3]
66...Ke4 67.Rg8 Kf4 68.Kc5 g4 69.Kd4 Kf3 70.Kd3 g3 71.Rf8+ Kg2 72.Ke2 Kg1 73.Kf3 g2 74.Kg3 5.57/5
[⌓74.Rg8 #8/18 Kf1 75.Rxg2 Ke1 76.Re2+ Kd1 77.Ke3 Kc1 78.Kd3 Kd1 79.Re8 Kc1 80.Rb8 Kd1 81.Rb1#]
74...Kh1 75.Rh8+ Kg1 76.Rg8 5.07/5
[⌓76.Rh2 #8/18 Kf1 77.Rxg2 Ke1 78.Kf3 Kd1 79.Ke3 Kc1 80.Kd3 Kb1 81.Kc3 Ka1 82.Kb3 Kb1 83.Rg1#]
76...Kh1 #4/10
[76...Kf1+- 5.07/5 77.Rf8+ *(77.Kh2 Kf2 78.Rg3 g1R 79.Rxg1 Kf3 80.Re1 Kf2 81.Re8 Kf3)* 77...Ke2 78.Kxg2 Ke3 79.Rd8 Ke4 80.Kf2 Ke5 81.Kf3 Ke6]
77.Kf2
Weighted Error Value: White=0.65/ Black=0.60
1-0

79 **D00**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2837**
■ **Gukesh D** **2787**
Chess 2025 | Open (1) 26.05.2025
[TA]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N
[2...c5 3.d5 g6 4.e4 d6 5.Bb5+ *(5.Nf3 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.a4 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nbd7 11.Re1 a6 12.Bf1 e5 13.a5 Ne8 14.Bd3 Qh4 15.Qg4 Qxg4 16.hxg4 Rc8 17.b3 Nef6 18.g5 Ne8 19.g3 f6* 0-1 (79) Sadykov,R (2345)-Skliarov, V (2383) Julius Baer Play In rapid 2023 (3.76)*; 5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leis Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200)

SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000) 5...Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 0-1 (57) Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig,F (1863) Rheinhessen-ch H1 op 1997 (2)]

[2...e6 3.e4 c5 4.d5 d6 5.Bb5+ Bd7 6.a4 e5 7.Nge2 g6 8.0-0 a6 9.Bxd7+ Nbxd7 10.Ng3 Bg7 11.Ra3 0-0 12.a5 h6 13.Qe2 Kh7 14.Nd1 Ne8 15.Ne3 Nc7 16.c4 Rh8 17.Bd2 0-1 (42) Obran,H-Renaud,G (2365) Saint Louis 132/(142) 2017 (10)]

3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 Bg4 5.Be2 Bxe2 6.Ncxe2 Nc6 7.Nf3 e6 8.c3 The position is equal. **8...Be7 9.Ng3 0-0 10.Qe2 h6 11.Rd1 Qa5 12.a3 Rfd8 13.h4 Qa4 14.Ne5 Nxe5 15.Bxe5 Nd7 16.Bf4 Qa6 17.Qf3 Bd6** 0.19/20

[17...Bf8 -0.30/18 feels stronger.]

18.Nh5= Bxf4

[18...cxd4 simplifies 19.exd4 Bxf4 20.Nxf4 Qb6]

19.Qxf4 And now Rh3 would win. **19...e5 20.Qg3** 0.05/20

[20.dxe5± 0.55/22 Qg6 *(20...Qe6 21.Qg3±)* 21.g4]

20...Qg6 21.Qxg6

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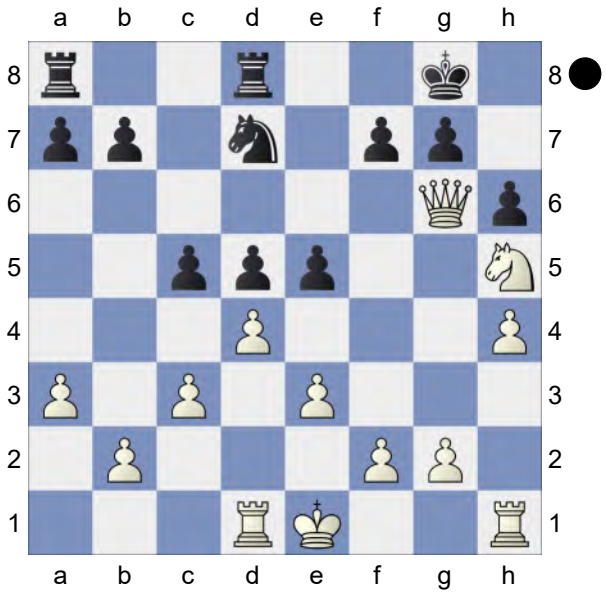


Remove Defender **21...fxg6 22.Ng3 exd4 23.cxd4 c4 24.Ne2 b5 25.Nc3 Nf6 26.Rb1!**

[26.Nxb5 Rab8 27.Nxa7 *(27.a4 a6∓)* 27...Rxb2-+]

26...Rab8 27.f3 a5 28.b4 cxb3 29.Rxb3 b4 30.axb4 Rxb4 31.Ra3 -0.01/22

[31.Rxb4± 0.48/20 axb4 32.Ne2]

31...Re8! 32.Kd2 Rb2+ 33.Kd3 Rxg2 34.Rxa5 Rg3 35.Rf1

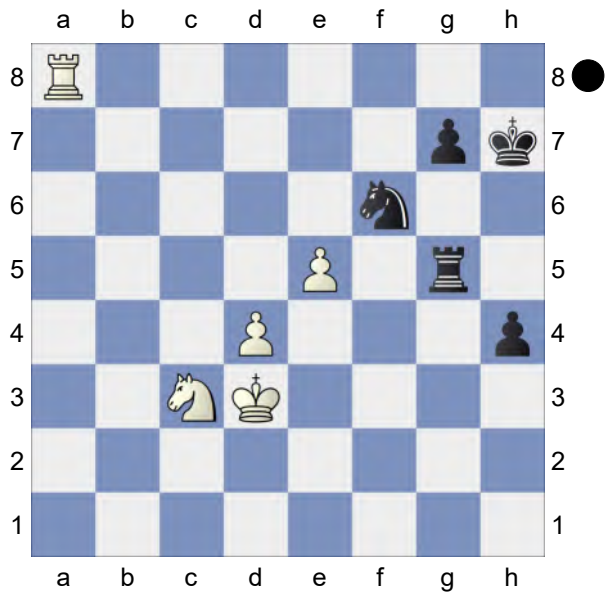
[35.Nxd5 Nxd5 36.Rxd5 Rxf3]

35...g5 36.hxg5 Rxg5 37.Rfa1 h5 38.Ra8 Rxa8 39.Rxa8+ Endgame. KRN-KRN **39...Kh7 40.e4** e5 would now be deadly. **40...dxe4+ 41.fxe4 h4** Hoping for ...h3.

[41...Rg3+ simplifies 42.Kc4 Ng4 43.Ra5 Ne3+]

42.e5

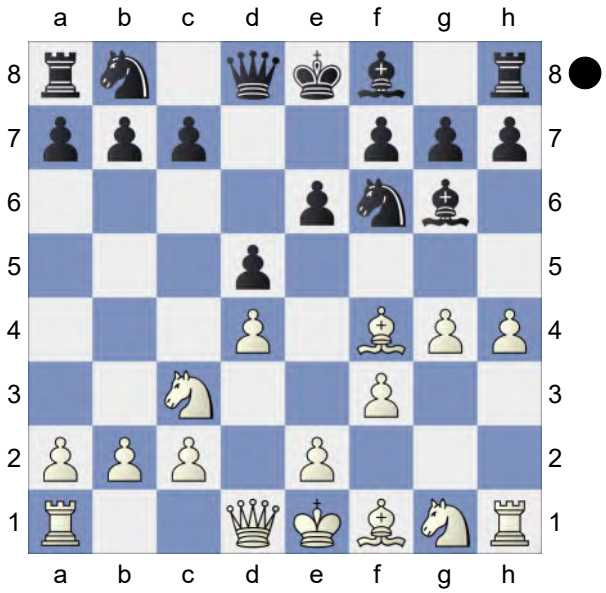
(Diagram)



h3! 43.exf6 KRN-KR **43...h2 44.f7 Rg3+**
[44...h1Q!? 45.f8Q□ *(45.f8R Rg3+ 46.Kd2 Qh6+ 47.Kc2 Rg2+ 48.Kb3 Qb6+ 49.Kc4 Qc6+ 50.Kb3 Rg3 51.Rh8+ Kg6 52.Rhc8 Rxc3+ 53.Ka2 Qg2+ 54.Ka1 Rb3 55.Ra6+ Kh7)* 45...Rg3+ 46.Kd2 *(46.Kc2 Qg2+ 47.Kb1 Qh1+ 48.Ka2 Qg2+ 49.Ka1 Qg1+ 50.Ka2 Qg2+ 51.Ka1 Qg1+ 52.Kb2 Qg2+ 53.Kb1 Qb7+ 54.Ka1 Rxc3=)* 46...Rg2+ 47.Ne2 Qh6+ 48.Kc3 Qe3+ 49.Kb4 Qxe2 50.Qf5+ *(50.Qh8+ Kg6=)* 50...Rg6=]
45.Kd2 h1Q 46.f8Q Prevents Qxa8. White wants to mate with Qh8+. The board is on fire.
[46.f8R Qh6+ 47.Kc2 Rg2+ 48.Kb3 Qb6+ 49.Kc4 Qc6+ 50.Kb3 Rg3 51.Rh8+ Kg6 52.Rhc8 Rxc3+ 53.Kb2 Qxc8 54.Rxc8 Rxc8 55.Kb3 Kf5 56.Kb4 g5 57.d5 g4 58.d6 Ke6 *(58...g3 59.Kb5 g2 60.d7 Rd8 61.Kc4 g1Q 62.Kd3 Qd1+ 63.Kc3 Ke4 64.Kc4 Rb8 65.Kc5 Qd5#)* 59.Kb5 Kxd6 60.Kb6 g3 61.Kb7 g2 *(61...Rc7+ 62.Kb6 g2 63.Ka5 g1Q 64.Kb5 Qb1+ 65.Ka6 Rh7 66.Ka5 Ra7#)* 62.Kxc8 g1Q *(62...g1R 63.Kb7 Rb1+ 64.Ka6 Kc5 65.Ka7 Kc6 66.Ka8 Kc7 67.Ka7 Ra1#)* 63.Kb7 Qb1+ 64.Ka7 Kc7 65.Ka8 Qb8#]
46...Qh6+? 4.79/25
[46...Rg2+= 0.01/22 and Black is okay. 47.Kd3 *(47.Ne2 Qh6+ 48.Kd3 Qh3+ 49.Kd2 Qh6+ 50.Kd3 Qh3+ 51.Kd2 Qh6+=)* 47...Rg3+ 48.Kd2 *(48.Kc2 Qg2+ 49.Kb3 Qd5+ 50.Kb2 Qg2+ 51.Kb1 Qb7+ 52.Kc2 Rg2+=)* 48...Rg2+ 49.Ne2 Qh6+ 50.Kd3 Qh3+ 51.Kd2 Qh6+ 52.Kd1 Qh1+ 53.Kd2 Qh6+]
47.Kc2+- Qg6+ 48.Kb2 Qb6+ 49.Ka2
[49.Kc2 Rg2+ 50.Kd3 Rg3+ 51.Kc2 Rg2+ 52.Kd3 Rg3+ 53.Kc2=]
49...Rg2+
[49...Rxc3? too greedy. 50.Qf5+ *(50.Qh8+ Kg6=)* 50...Qg6 51.Rh8+ Kxh8 52.Qxg6]
50.Ka3 aiming for Qf5+. **50...Qb2+?** 1.27/5
[50...Qxd4 51.Qg8+ Kh6 52.Qe6+ Qf6 53.Qh3+ Kg6 54.Qxg2+ Kf7 55.Qd5+ *(55.Ra7+ Kg8 56.Ra8+ Kf7 57.Qd5+ Kg6 58.Qe4+ Qf5 59.Ra6+ Kg5 60.Qe7+ Kh5)* 55...Kg6 56.Qd3+ Qf5 57.Ra6+ Kg5 58.Qg3+ Kh5 59.Qxg7]
[Better is 50...Qc6+- 4.86/21 51.Qh8+ Kg6 52.Qe8+ Qxe8 53.Rxe8 Kf7]
51.Ka4± Threatening mate with Qh8+.
51...Qxc3 52.Qh8+ Kg6 53.Ra6+ Kf5 54.Qf8+ Ke4 55.Re6+ Kd5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.46
1-0

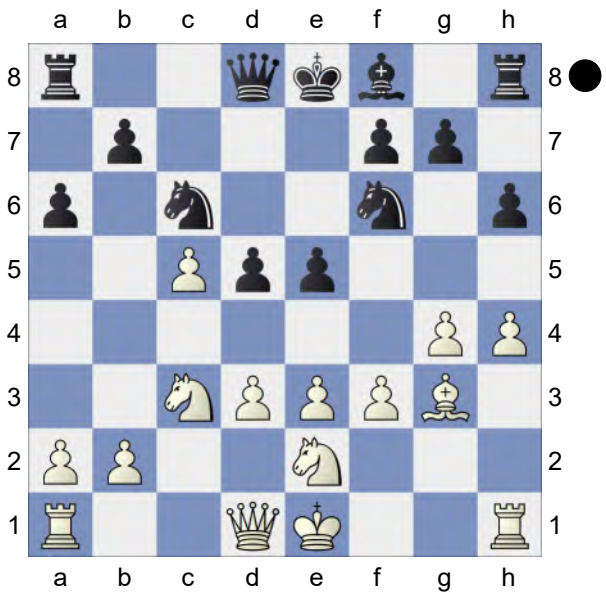
80 **D00**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2837**
■ **Fedoseev,Vladimir** **2739**
Titled Tue 22nd Apr Late blitz (9) 22.4.25
[TA]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 Bf5 4.f3 e6 5.g4 Bg6 6.h4



Black must now prevent h5. **6...h6 7.e3**
[7.h5!? Bh7□ 8.e3=]
7...a6 **8.Bd3** The position is equal.
8...Bxd3 9.cxd3 c5 10.Nge2 Nc6 11.dxc5 e5 12.Bg3

(Diagram)



aiming for d4. **12...Bxc5**
[12...d4!? 13.exd4 exd4=]
13.d4 exd4 14.exd4 Bd6 15.Qd2 Bxg3+ 16.Nxg3 Qb6 0.73/20
[16...Qe7+= 0.28/18 is more appropriate. 17.Kf2 0-0-0]
17.0-0-0± 0-0-0 18.Rhe1 Qc7 19.Nf5 h5 1.90/22 A mistake that costs the game.
[19...Ne8± 0.63/19]
20.Nxg7+- Qg5 is the strong threat.
20...hxg4 21.Qg5 Nh7 22.Qf5+ Kb8 23.fxg4
[And not 23.Nxd5 Qd6 24.Qf4 gxf3=]
23...Nf8 24.h5
[Don't take 24.Nxd5?! Qd6±]
24...Ne6? 4.29/21
[24...Qd6 2.47/19]
25.Nxe6 fxe6 26.Qxe6 Qf4+ 2.70/20
[26...Rhe8 1.98/19 was worth a try. 27.Nxd5 *(27.Qxe8 Rxe8 28.Rxe8+ Ka7=)* 27...Rxe6 28.Nxc7 Rxe1 29.Nxa6+ *(29.Rxe1 Kxc7 30.g5 Rd5=)* 29...bxa6 30.Rxe1 Nxd4]
27.Kb1 Rd6 5.14/22
[27...Rhg8 2.68/21 is a better defense. 28.Nxd5 Qxg4]

28.Nxd5 White is clearly winning. **28...Qg3 29.Qe4 Rhd8 30.Qf4 Qh3 31.Nc3 Ka8 32.d5 Na7 33.Ne4 Rb6 34.Qg3**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.26 (precise) /Black=0.41
1-0

81 **D00**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2837**
■ **Giri,Anish** **2748**
SuperUnited CRO Rapid 2025 (9.3)
[TA]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack
1.Nc3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Bd3 Nc6 7.Nce2 Bg4 8.c3 e6 9.Qd2 Bh5 10.Ng3 Bg6 11.Bxg6 hxg6 12.Nf3 Bd6 13.h3 Nh5 0.12/23
[⌓13...Bxf4 -0.19/19 14.Qxf4 Qb6]
14.Nxh5= Rxh5 15.Bxd6 Qxd6 16.0-0 f6 0.46/22
[16...Rf5= 0.01/19]
17.Rae1± Kf7 18.Re3 Re8 19.Rfe1 e5 20.g4 Rhh8 21.dxe5 Nxe5 22.Qe2 Nxf3+ 23.Qxf3 Rxe3 24.Rxe3= Endgame KQR-KQR **24...b5 25.Rd3 Rd8 26.Rd4 g5 27.Kg2 Qc6 28.Qd3** 0.01/25
[28.Kf1± 0.43/23]
28...Re8! 29.Kf1 Re5
[29...Qe6 30.Rxd5 Ke7 31.Kg2±]
30.Qd1 Qe6 31.a4 Qc6 32.Qb3 Kg6 33.axb5 axb5
[33...Qxb5+ 34.Qxb5 axb5 35.Rb4±]
34.Qd1 Kh7 35.Kg2 Kh6 36.Qh1 g6 37.Qd1
[37.Qa1 is interesting. Kg7 38.Qa7+ Kg8 39.Rd1]
37...Kg7 38.Qa1 Qb7 39.Qa3 Re2 40.Kf1 0.08/25
[40.Kf3± 0.39/27 was preferrable. Re4 41.Qc5]
40...Re4 41.Qd6 Re5 0.72/28
[41...Rxd4= 0.04/26 42.cxd4 Qa7]
42.Kg2± &Bianco is more active.
42...Re2 43.Rd3 Kf7 44.Rf3 Re6 45.Qc5 Kg7 46.Qd4 Qd7 0.92/25
[46...Re5= 0.13/26]
47.Rd3 Re5 48.Rd1 0.30/24
[48.Qc5± 0.88/24]
48...Qc6= 49.Ra1 Kh6 50.Qb4 White wants to mate with Qf8+. **50...Re8** 0.33/24 Prevents Qf8+.
[50...Kg7= 0.01/25 deserves consideration.]
51.Kg1± f5 0.65/25
[⌓51...Qb6 0.31/24]
52.gxf5 gxf5 53.Qd4 aiming for Ra7.
53...Qe6 54.Rd1 0.57/24
[Don't play 54.Ra7 Qe1+ 55.Kh2 *(55.Kg2 Qe4+ 56.Qxe4 dxe4=)* 55...Qe5+ 56.Qxe5 Rxe5=]
[54.Ra5!± 0.91/23]
54...f4 55.Kh2 Qe5 56.Qxe5 0.01/26
[Much weaker is 56.Qxd5 Qxd5 57.Rxd5 Re2=]
[56.Qb6+± 0.51/23 Kh5 57.Qxb5]
56...Rxe5 KR-KR **57.Kg2 Re2 58.b3 Rb2 59.b4 Rc2 60.Rxd5 Rxc3 61.Rxb5 Rb3 62.Rb8 Kg6 63.b5 Kf5** 1.27/25
[63...Kh6!= 0.01/27 remains equal. 64.b6 Kg7]
64.b6± Kg6! 65.b7 Strongly threatening Rg8+. **65...Kg7** 1.37/32 Against Rg8+
[65...Kh7!± 0.51/38 66.Kf1 Rb2]
66.Kf1 1.75/35
[66.f3± 1.37/32]
66...Rb2+- 67.Ke1 Kh7 68.Kd1 Kg7 69.Kc1 Rb6 70.Kc2 Rb5 71.Kc3 Rb1

72.Kc4 Rb2 73.Kd5 Rb1 74.Ke4 1.22/29
[74.Ke5+- 1.68/32]
74...Rb3 1.79/31
[74...Rb5± 1.22/29 75.Kd3 Rb6]
75.Kf5 Rb5+ 76.Kg4 Kh7 77.f3 1.22/32
[⌓77.Rf8 1.57/25 Rxb7 78.Kxg5]
77...Kg7± 78.Kh5 Kh7 79.Rf8 Rxb7 80.Kxg5 Kg7 81.Rxf4 Rb5+ 82.Rf5 Rb1 83.Ra5 Threatens to win with Ra7+. **83...Rg1+ 84.Kf4 Rh1 85.Rg5+ Kh6 86.Rg8 Kh7 87.Rg3 Ra1 88.Kg5 Ra5+ 89.Kg4 Kg6 90.Kf4+ Kh6 91.Rg1 Ra4+ 92.Kg3 Ra2 93.Rb1 Ra4 94.Rb6+ Kh5 95.Rb5+ Kg6 96.Rb1** -0.01/27
[Better is 96.Re5± 1.33/27]
96...Kh6!= 97.f4 0.94/25
[⌓97.Rd1 1.42/26]
97...Ra2 98.Kg4 Rg2+ 99.Kf5 Ra2 100.Rb6+ Kg7 101.Rg6+
[Don't take 101.h4 Rg2 102.Rb7+ Kh6+-]
101...Kh7 102.Rg3 Ra5+ 103.Kg4 Kg6 104.Rb3 Ra1 105.Rb6+ Kg7 106.h4 Rg1+ 107.Kf5 Ra1 108.Rg6+ Kh7 Hoping for ...Ra5+. **109.Re6 Kg7** 1.15/29
[⌓109...Rh1 0.72/30 110.Kg5 Rg1+ 111.Kf6 Rg4]
110.Re7+!± Kh6 111.Re6+ -0.01/27
[111.Kf6± 0.88/28]
111...Kg7= 112.Re3 Ra5+ 1.73/30
[112...Rf1± 0.88/26 113.Rg3+ Kh6]

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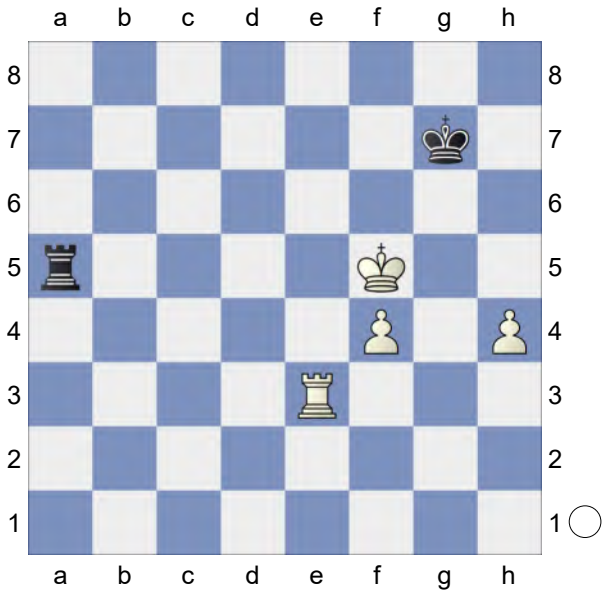
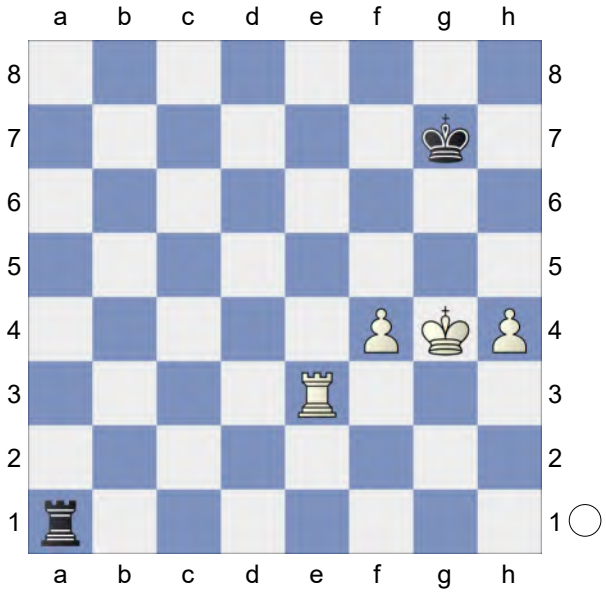


113.Kg4!+- Ra1



114.Rb3 0.79/26
[114.h5!+- 1.75/29 is more deadly.]
114...Kh6± 115.Rb6+ Kg7 116.h5 0.82/30
[White should play 116.Rb5 1.22/24]
116...Rg1+ 117.Kf5 Ra1 118.Rg6+ Kh7 119.Re6 0.51/30
[119.Kg5± 1.07/31]
119...Kg7!± 120.Rg6+ 0.01/27
[120.Re7+± 0.57/28 Kh6 121.Re8]
120...Kh7!= 121.Kf6 f5 is the strong threat. **121...Ra6+?** 6.96/30

[121...Ra5± 0.50/28 122.f5 Ra1]
122.Kg5+- Ra1 123.f5? 1.20/26
[123.Rd6+- 6.06/28 and White stays clearly on top. Rg1+ 124.Kf6]
123...Rg1+± 124.Kf6 Ra1 125.Rg2? 0.01/30
[125.Ke5+- 1.91/27]
125...Kh6= 126.Re2 Black must now prevent Kf7. **126...Ra6+?** 7.07/28
[126...Ra7= 0.01/26]
127.Re6? 0.01/25
[127.Kf7+- 7.07/28 Intending Re6+ and mate. Ra7+ 128.Re7]
127...Ra7 The position is equal. **128.Re7 Ra6+ 129.Kf7 Kg5 130.Kg7 Kxf5 131.Rb7 Kg5 132.Rb5+ Kg4 133.h6 Ra7+**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.09 (flawless)
½-½

82 **D00**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2837**
■ **Pulpan,Jakub** **2401**
Titled 5. Apr Early (5) 15.04.2025
[TA]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (120 (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000) 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ (41) Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 (41) Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 (23) Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]
3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.h3 Bxf3 8.Qxf3 White has an edge. **8...e6 9.0-0-0 Bd6** 0.31/19
[9...b5= -0.06/21 might be stronger.]
10.Be3 -0.18/24
[10.h4± 0.31/19]
10...Nc6 11.g4 Rc8 12.g5 Nd7 13.Kb1 Ne7 0.72/20
[13...Qa5= 0.25/19]
14.Bc1 0.23/20
[14.h4± 0.72/20]
14...Nf5? 2.85/17
[14...Qa5= 0.23/20]

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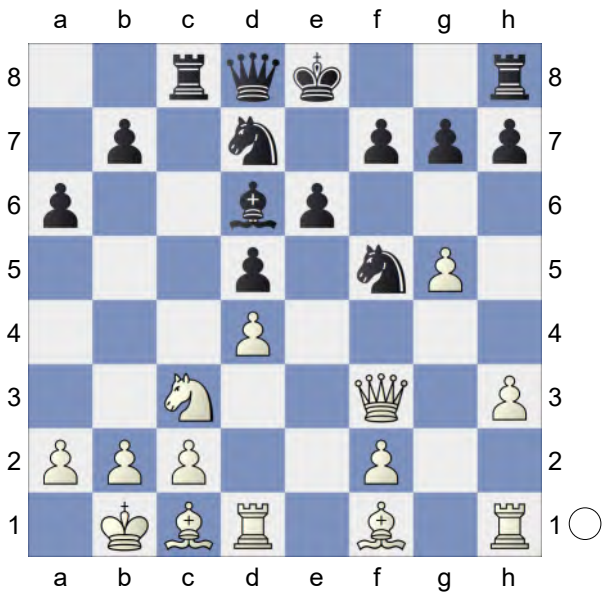
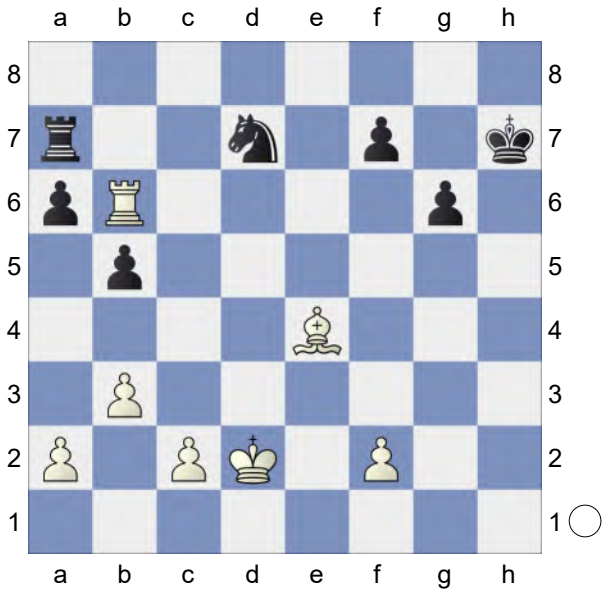


15.Nxd5!+- 0-0 16.Bd3 Nh4 17.Qe4 Ng6 18.Ne3 Qxg5 19.Nc4 Discovered Attack
[19.Qxb7 Rfd8 20.h4 *(20.Qxa6 Bb8±)* 20...Qe7]
19...Bf4 20.h4 1.11/19
[20.Qxb7+- 1.61/22 Qb5 21.Qxb5 axb5 22.Ne3]
20...Qd5± 21.h5 0.66/27
[21.Bxf4 Qxe4 22.Bxe4 Nxf4=]
[White should play 21.Qxd5± 1.24/21 exd5 22.Ne3]
21...Bxc1± 22.hxg6
[22.Kxc1 Qxe4 23.Bxe4 Rxc4=]
22...Qxe4 23.Bxe4 Threatens to win with gxf7+. **23...Rxc4 24.gxh7+**
[24.Kxc1 fxg6 25.Bxb7 Rxf2=]
24...Kh8 25.Kxc1 Rc7 26.d5 exd5 0.84/21
[26...Nf6± 0.48/21 27.d6 Rd7]
27.Bxd5± Nf6 28.Bf3 Nxh7 1.81/25
[28...Re7± 0.98/21]
29.Rd6 0.89/23
[29.Rh3+- 1.81/25 Rdh1 would now be deadly. g6 30.Rdh1]
29...Kg8 30.Rb6 Rb8 31.b3 0.36/23
[31.Rh4± 0.99/18]
31...Nf6± 32.Rd1↑ White has some pressure. **32...Nd7 33.Rbd6 Ne5 34.Rd8+ Rxd8 35.Rxd8+** Endgame. KRB-KRN **35...Kh7 36.Be4+ g6** 1.96/19
[36...Kh6± 1.11/23 might work better.]
37.Rb8!+- b5 1.60/18
[Black should try 37...Nc6 1.24/22 38.Rf8 b5]
38.Rb6 0.45/20
[38.Rb7!± 1.60/18 Nd3+ 39.Kd2 *(39.Bxd3? Rxb7 40.a4 bxa4-+)* 39...Rxb7 40.Bxb7 Nxf2 41.Bxa6]
38...Ra7? 3.32/23
[38...f5± 0.45/20 39.Rb7 Rg7]
39.Kd2 1.80/18
[⌓39.Rb7 3.32/23 Rxb7 40.Bxb7]
39...Nd7? 3.84/20
[39...Kg7 1.80/18 40.Kc3 Rc7+ 41.Kd4 Ng4]



40.Rc6? 0.30/21
[40.Rb7!+- 3.84/20 Rxb7 41.Bxb7]
40...Kg7 41.Ke3 0.15/24
[41.c4± 0.60/18 is superior.]
41...Nf6= 42.Bf3 Re7+ 0.66/25
[42...g5= 0.19/19 deserves consideration.]

43.Kd4 0.24/23
[43.Kd2!± 0.66/25]
43...Rd7+ 0.72/23
[43...g5!= 0.24/23]
44.Kc3± g5 2.04/22
[Better is 44...Nd5+± 0.65/20 45.Bxd5 Rxd5]
45.Rxa6+- g4 46.Bc6 0.81/18
[46.Ba8+- 2.02/20 has better winning chances.]
46...Rc7? 3.69/23
[46...Rd6± 0.81/18 was necessary.]
47.Kb4 Re7 48.Bxb5 0.15/19
[48.Kxb5+- 2.82/21 Re2 49.Bh1]
48...Ne4= 49.c4 Nxf2 50.Rd6 -0.91/20
[50.c5!= 0.27/19 keeps the balance.]
50...g3∓ Black has strong compensation.
51.Bc6 Prevents g2 **51...f5 52.a4 Ne4 53.Rd1** aiming for a5.
[53.Bxe4? Rxe4 54.Rd1 f4-+]
53...Kf6 54.a5 f4? 3.61/24
[54...Ke5= 0.30/21]
55.Rg1? 0.05/26
[55.a6+- 3.61/24]
55...Kf5= 56.a6 Ra7? 1.79/20
[56...Kg4= 0.03/22 and Black stays safe.]
57.Bb7?? -5.17/21
[57.Kb5+- 1.79/20 Rg7 58.Re1 *(58.Kb6 f3=)*]

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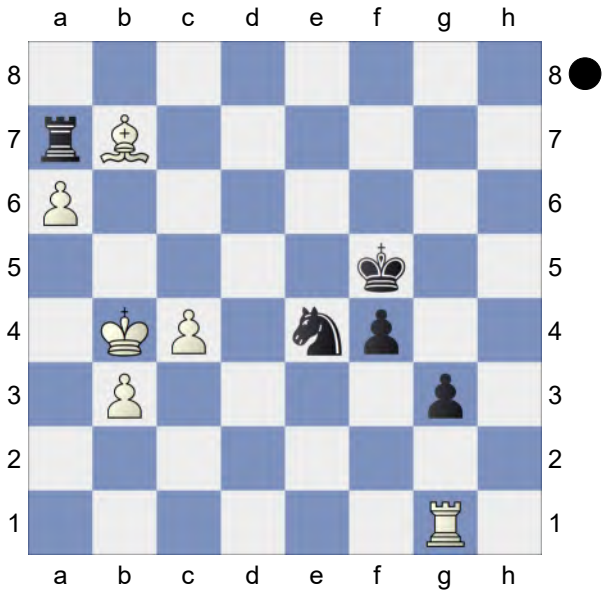
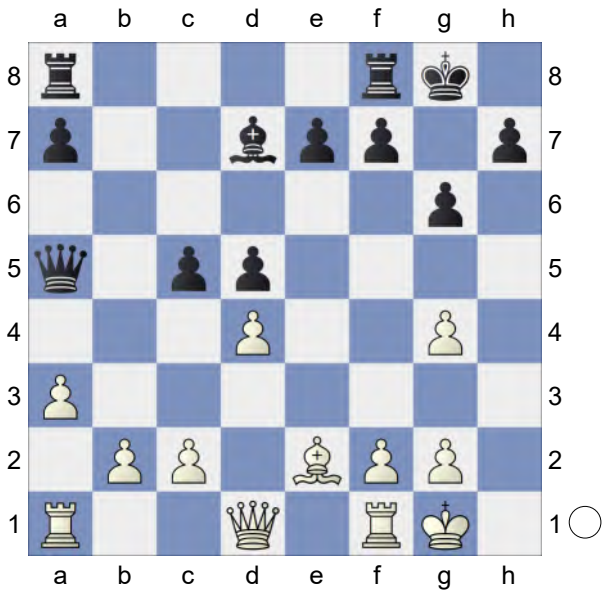


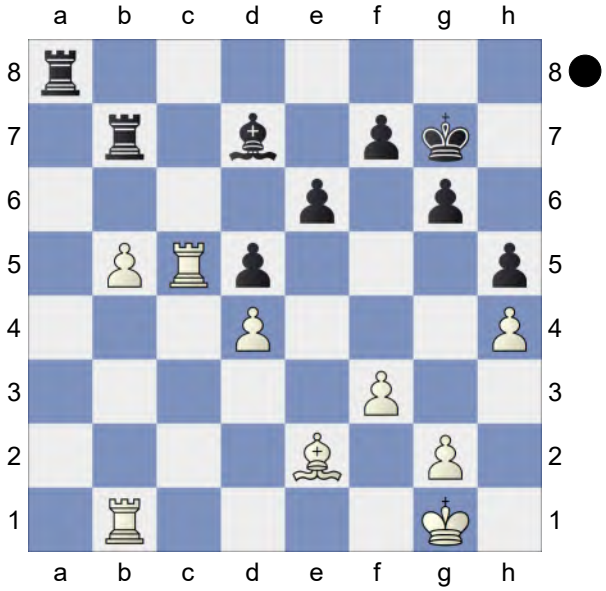
57...f3!-+ Strongly threatening ...f2.
[57...Nd6 58.Bg2 Rxa6 59.c5∓]
58.Bxe4+ -9.45/18
[⌓58.Rxg3 -4.82/19 Nxg3 59.Bxf3 Rxa6 60.Kb5]
58...Kxe4 59.Rxg3 KR-KR **59...f2! 60.Rg4+ Ke5 61.Rg5+ Ke6 62.Rg6+ Kf7?** -0.01/18
[62...Kf5-+ -8.13/19 63.Rc6 f1Q *(63...f1B? 64.Ka5+-)*]
63.Rb6? -10.83/20
[63.Rh6= -0.01/18]
63...f1Q And now ...Qa1 would win.
[63...f1R? perishes. 64.Rb7+ Kg6 65.Rxa7+-]
64.Kb5 Qf5+ 65.c5 Qd3+ 66.Ka5 Qc3+ 67.b4 Qa3+ 68.Kb5 Qd3+ 69.Ka5 Ke8 70.Rd6 Qa3+ 71.Kb6 Rxa6+ Black mates. **72.Kb7 Rxd6 73.cxd6 Qxb4+**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.76/ Black=0.50
0-1

83 **D00**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2835**
■ **Mamedyarov,Shakhriyar** **2817**
Tata Steel-A 81st (6) 18.01.2019
[Fernandez,Daniel Howard]

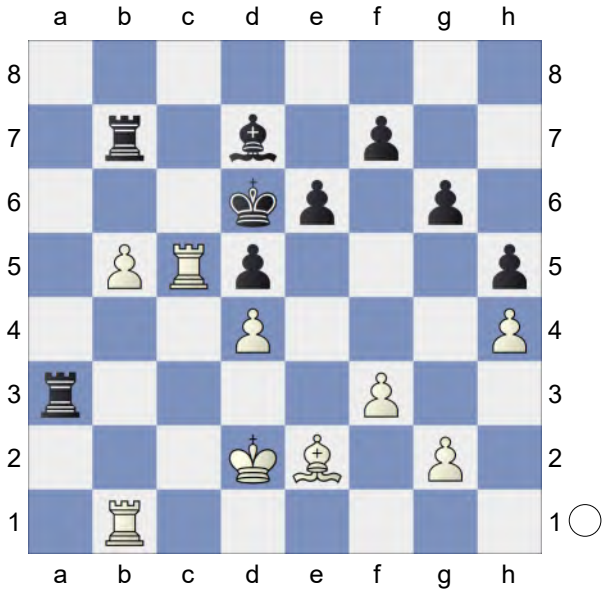
Kitty Kat: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines '
1.d4 Kitty Kat Paunovic,Tomislav **1...d5 2.Bf4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.e3 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 c5 7.Ne5 cxd4 8.exd4 Nc6 9.0-0 Bf5 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.Be5 Qa5 12.a3** Kitty Kat: 'The position is equal.'
12...Rfe8
[12...Ne4 13.Nxe4 Paunovic, Tomislav Bxe5 14.Ng3 Bxg3 15.hxg3 c5-+ 0.53/23 *(15...h5=* -0.01/21 Kitty Kat *)* 16.g4 Paunovic, Tomislav Kitty Kat: '±' Bd7 Kitty Kat: '



' 17.c3 -0.07/23 *(17.dxc5!±* 0.79/20 Kitty Kat *Qxc5 18.c4)* 17...c4! Kitty Kat: '=!' 18.Qd2 Rab8]
13.b4 Qd8 14.Na4 Ne4 15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.Re1 a5 17.c3 h5 18.Bf3 Nd6 19.Nc5 Paunovic,Tomislav: 'N'
19...Qc7 0.47/19
[19...e6= -0.01/19 Kitty Kat]
20.h4 -0.09/20
[20.Qc1± 0.47/19 Kitty Kat]
20...Nc4 21.Be2 Nd6 22.Qd2 Ra7 23.Qf4 Rea8 24.Rac1 -0.51/25
[24.Qe3= 0.01/21 Kitty Kat]
24...Ne4 25.Qxc7 Rxc7 26.Nxe4 Bxe4 27.c4 axb4 28.axb4 Rb7 29.f3 Bf5 30.cxd5 cxd5 31.b5 Bd7 -0.20/24
[31...Ra2∓ -0.87/23 Kitty Kat]
32.Rc5 Kitty Kat: '=' **32...e6 33.Rb1** Paunovic,Tomislav: 'Diagram



' **33...Kf6** Paunovic,Tomislav: '!' **34.Kf2 Ke7 35.Ke3** Kitty Kat: 'Avoiding the 2nd rank pin.' Avoiding the 2nd rank pin.
35...Ra3+ 36.Kd2 Kd6 Kitty Kat: '



Threatens to win with ...Ra3-a4.' **37.Rc3 Ra4!** Kitty Kat: 'Black has recognised that the two knights work together quite well, and chooses to swap one of them off.' Black has recognised that the two knights work together quite well, and chooses to swap one of them off. **38.Ke3 f6 39.f4 e5 40.fxe5+ fxe5 41.dxe5+ Kxe5** Kitty Kat: ' aiming for ...d5-d4+.' **42.Kf2** -0.66/21

[42.Rcb3= -0.28/21 (Kitty Kat) might be stronger.]

42...Ra2 -0.01/22

[42...Rxh4∓ -0.66/21 Kitty Kat 43.b6 Rf4+ 44.Kg1 Ra4]

43.Ke1 -0.40/22

[43.Re3+= -0.01/22 (Kitty Kat) is more appropriate. Kd6 44.Kg3]

43...d4 -0.01/23

[43...Bf5∓ -0.40/22 Kitty Kat 44.Rbb3 Rb6]

44.Rc5+ Kd6?? Kitty Kat: 'Black gets ambitious: the spectre of a back-rank mate was just too tempting. This loses the game after accurate play.' Black gets ambitious: the spectre of a back-rank mate was just too tempting. This loses the game after accurate play. **45.Rc4 Ke5 46.b6** Kitty Kat: ' And now Be2-f3 would win.' **46...Bf5** 1.53/22

[46...Bg4!= 0.13/25 (Kitty Kat) remains equal. 47.Bf3 Bxf3 48.gxf3 Kd5]

47.Rb5+! Kitty Kat: '±!' Kitty Kat: 'An accurate if not especially intuitive move. One of its chief points is that with the rook on a1, Black isn't able to play ...Kd4. ' An accurate if not especially intuitive move. One of its chief points is that with the rook on a1, Black isn't able to play ... Kd4. **47...Kf4** 4.09/23 Kitty Kat: '?'

[47...Kd6± 1.46/24 (Kitty Kat) keeps fighting. 48.Bf3 *(48.Rxd4+ Kc6±)* 48...Re7+ 49.Kd1 Ra1+ 50.Rc1 Rxc1+ 51.Kxc1 Re1+ 52.Kd2 Rb1 53.Rxb1 Bxb1]

48.g3+! -6.50/27 Paunovic,Tomislav: '+-!'

[Not 48.Rxd4+ Kitty Kat Ke3 49.Bf3 Rxb6 50.Rxb6 Kxd4=]

[48.Kf2+- 4.09/23 Kitty Kat Rxe2+ 49.Kxe2]

48...Ke3 Kitty Kat: '-+!' **49.Re5+ Be4 50.Bd1** -13.06/24

[50.Rxe4+ -2.48/24 Kitty Kat Kxe4 51.Rb4]

50...Rxb6 51.Rc8 Kitty Kat: 'Eliminating the ghost of Black's mate-motifs.' Eliminating the ghost of Black's mate-motifs. **51...Rb1** Paunovic,Tomislav Kitty Kat: 'Paunovic,Tomislav. (→ ...Ra2-e2+)' **52.Rce8 Re2+** Paunovic,Tomislav Kitty Kat: 'Paunovic,Tomislav. Deflection. Weighted Error Value: White=0.68/ Black=0.28 (precise) . Loss on time!?' **1-0**

84 **A45**

□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2833**

■ **Jumabayev,Rinat** **2549**

Titled Tue 4th Mar Early blitz (6) 4.3.25

[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 g6 4.e3 Bg7 5.h4 h5 6.Nf3 0-0 7.Be2 c5 8.dxc5** The position is equal.

[8.Ne5 Nc6 9.Qd2 cxd4 10.exd4 Qb6 11.0-0-0 Bf5 12.f3 Nb4 13.Nd3 Qxd4 14.Be3 Qc4 15.Nxb4 Qxb4 16.a3 Qd6 17.Bh6 Rac8 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.g4 Be6 20.Qd4 Kh7 21.Qxa7 Qf4+ 22.Kb1 Rc7 Livaic,L (2557)-Ambartsumova,K (2418) Chess.com INT 2024 Mega2024 Update 13 [Kitty Kat] 1-0

(50)]
8...Qa5 9.Nd4N -0.22/20
[9.0-0 0.10/19 feels stronger. Qxc5 10.Nb5 a6 *(10...Na6 11.Rc1 Bd7 12.Nbd4 Qb6 13.Ne5 Nc5 14.b3 e6 15.c4 Rac8 16.Nxd7 Ncxd7 17.Nf3 Ne4 18.cxd5 Nc3 19.Qd2 Nxd5 20.Bg3 N7f6 21.Ng5 Rcd8 22.Qe1 Rd7 23.Bf3 Nb4 24.Qe2 Nd3 25.Rcd1* Shuvalova,P (2487)-Bodnaruk,A (2333) FIDE Online Arena INT 2024 Mega2024 Update 41 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (56)*)* 11.Nc7 Ra7 12.a3 Bf5 *(12...b6 13.b4 Qc6 14.Nb5 axb5 15.Bxb8* #4 Theory-Theory 6: 3... g6*)* 13.Nd4 Bg4 14.f3 Bd7 15.Nb3 Qc6 16.Nd4 Qb6 3.Bf4 g6 4.e3 Bg7 #5 33. Veresov]
9...Qxc5 10.Nb3 Qc6 11.0-0 a6 12.a4 Nbd7 13.Bf3 e6 14.a5 b5 15.axb6! Nxb6 16.Na5 Qc5 17.Qd4 Qxd4 18.exd4 Bd7 19.Bc7
[19.Bd6!?]
19...Nc8 20.Na4 Ra7 21.Bf4 Bb5 22.Rfd1 Ne7 23.Bd6 Rc8 24.Bc5 Rac7 With the idea ...Nf5. **25.Nb6** -0.60/21
[25.Bd6= -0.01/19]
25...Rd8 0.01/20
[25...Rxc5∓ -0.60/21 26.dxc5 Rxc5]
26.b3= Ne4 0.86/22
[26...Nf5= 0.22/19 keeps the balance.]
27.Bxe4± dxe4 28.Nbc4 -0.22/21 Pair of Knights!
[28.c4± 1.02/22 Be8 29.b4]
28...Nd5= 29.Nd6 -1.26/22
[29.Re1∓ -0.31/21]
29...Rxc5?? 1.90/23 This move loses the game for Black. **30.dxc5+- Bxa1 31.Rxa1**

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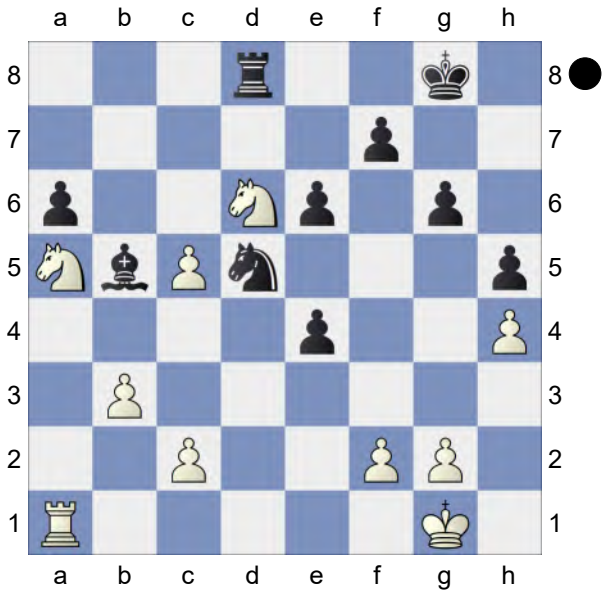


Threatens to win with c4. **31...Nc3 32.b4 Kf8 33.Ra3 Ne2+ 34.Kh2 Nd4 35.c4 Be8 36.Nab7 Ra8 37.b5 a5** 8.12/21
[⌓37...Bd7 4.04/21 38.c6 *(38.bxa6 Nc2±)* 38...Bxc6 39.bxc6 Nxc6 40.Nxe4 a5]
38.Rxa5 White is clearly winning.
38...Rxa5 39.Nxa5 Endgame KBN-KNN
39...Ke7 40.b6 Bc6 41.b7 Bxb7 42.Ndxb7 Kd7 43.Nd6 f5 44.Nb5 e5 45.Nxd4 exd4 46.Nb3 d3 47.g3 Ke6 48.Kg2 Ke5 49.Kf1 Weighted Error Value: White=0.31/Black=0.37
1-0

85 **D00**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2833**
■ **Bacrot,Etienne** **2637**
Titled Tue 4th Mar Late blitz (4) 04.03.25
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 Bf5 4.f3 e6 5.g4 Bg6 6.h4 h5 7.g5 Nfd7 8.Nb5** -0.34/18
[8.e3= 0.15/16 a6 9.Bd3 Bxd3

10.cxd3 Nc6 11.g6 fxg6 12.Bg5 Be7 13.f4 Nf6 14.Qb3 Qd7 15.Nf3 Ng4 16.Ke2 Bf6 17.Rac1 b6 18.Rc2 Ne7 19.Rhc1 0-0 20.Qa4 Qd8 21.Nd1 Ra7 22.Nf2 Nh6 23.Rg1 Jobava,B (2699)-Nakamura,H (2799) Khanty Mansiysk 2015 CBM 167 [Sumets,Andrey] 0-1 (80)]

8...Na6 9.e3N

[9.a3 Nb6 10.e3 c6 11.Nc3 Nc7 12.Qd2 Bd6 13.Nh3 Bf5 14.Bxd6 Qxd6 15.Qh2 Qxh2 16.Rxh2 0-0-0 17.0-0-0 Ne8 18.e4 dxe4 19.fxe4 Bg4 20.Be2 Bxe2 21.Rxe2 g6 22.e5 Ng7 23.Ng1 Nf5 Csiba,T (1552)-Santhosh,V (1730) Budapest 2023 ½-½ (61) 24.Nf3 Nd5 25.Nxd5 cxd5 26.b4 Kd7 27.Rd3 Rc8 28.Kb2 Rc4 29.Rc3 Nxd4 30.Nxd4 Rxd4 31.Rf2 Rf8 32.Rcf3 Ke7 33.Rf4 Rxf4 34.Rxf4 Rc8 35.Kb3 b5 36.c3 Rc7 37.Rd4 Kd8 38.Rd3 Kc8 Csiki,E (2396)-Medina,W (2373) Budapest 2023 ½-½ (61) 39.Rd4 Kb7 40.Kb2 Kb6 41.Kb3 Rc4 42.Kb2 a5 43.Kb3 Ka6 44.Kb2 axb4 45.axb4 Kb6 46.Kc2 Rc7 47.Kb2 Kc6 48.Kc2 Kd7 49.Rf4 Ke8 50.Kb2 Rd7 51.Rd4 Ra7 52.Rf4 Rc7 53.Rd4 Ke7 Matusiak,P (1552)-Crice,H (1730) Tallinn 2023 The Week in Chess 404 [John Watson] ½-½ (61)]

9...Be7 10.Bd3 0-0 11.Bxg6 fxg6 12.Ne2 c6 13.Nbc3 Qb6 14.Qd3 Rf5

[14...Qxb2? 15.Rb1 Qa3 16.Rb3+- *(16.Rxb7 Rxf4 17.exf4 Ndc5+-)*]

15.a3 -0.23/20

[⌓15.0-0-0 0.16/18]

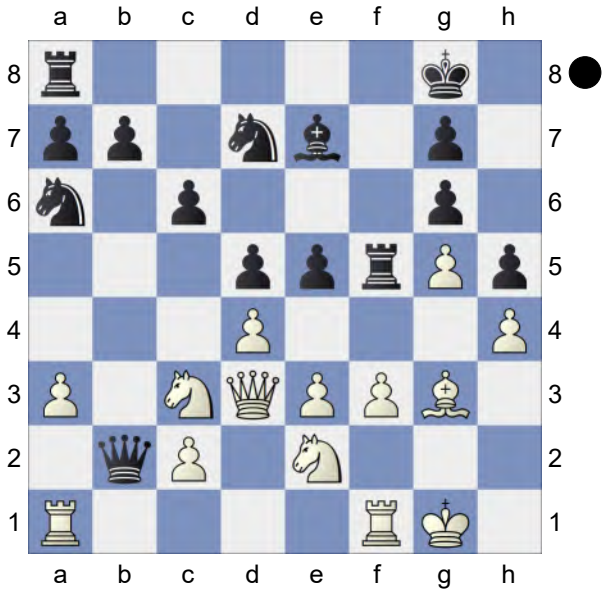
15...e5= 16.Bg3 Qxb2 0.20/19

[16...Rxf3? 17.Qxg6 Nc7 18.Qxh5±]

[16...Raf8 -0.19/19 was preferrable.]

17.0-0!

[17.Rb1 Qxa3 18.0-0 *(18.Rxb7? Ndc5-+)* 18...Nb4∓]



Rfb1 is the strong threat. **17...Qb6**

[17...Bxa3? 18.Rab1 Nb4 19.Rxb2 Nxd3 20.Rxb7 exd4 21.exd4+- *(21.cxd3 Nc5=; 21.Rxd7 Nc5±)*]

18.Rab1↑ White has the initiative.

18...Qc7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Nxe4 And now Qb3+ would win. **20...Kh7**

21.Bh2 -0.27/17

[⌓21.Qc3 0.24/18]

21...Rd8 22.Qb3 -0.39/19

[22.Qc3= 0.00/17]

22...Qa5 0.43/19

[22...b5∓ -0.39/19]

23.Qe6± Bf8 0.89/21

[23...Nc7!± 0.40/21 24.Qxe7 Nd5]

24.Rxb7 0.55/20 0x0.0010f922457fdp-1022s more active pieces.

[24.N4g3± 0.89/21 Nc7 25.Qb3]

24...exd4? 2.98/21

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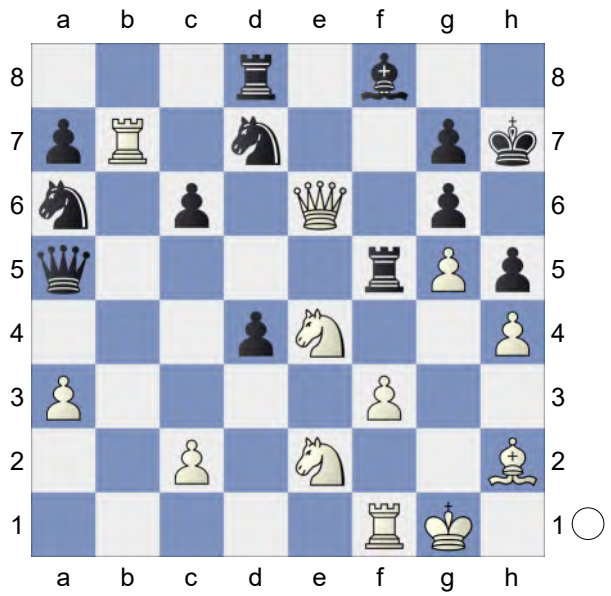
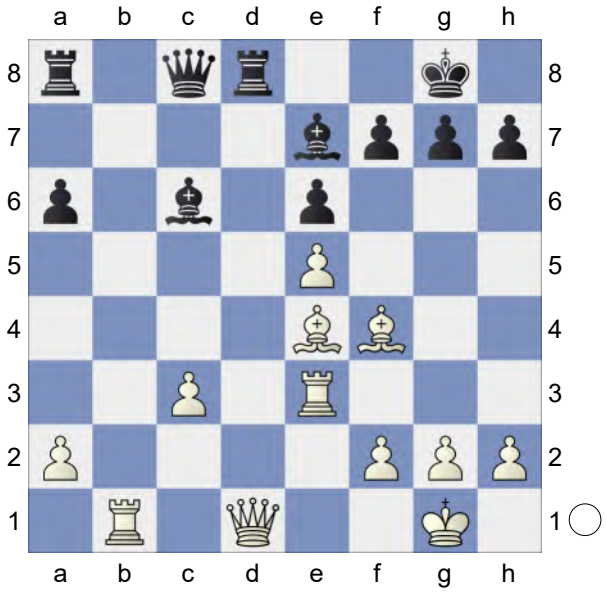


A mistake that costs the game.
25.Rxd7+- Dancing on a razor blade.
25...Rxd7 26.Qxd7 Nc5 27.Qxd4 Nxe4 28.Qxe4
[Inferior is 28.fxe4 Bc5 29.exf5 Bxd4+ 30.Nxd4 gxf5=]
28...Qxa3 29.Kg2 Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) / Black=0.32
1-0

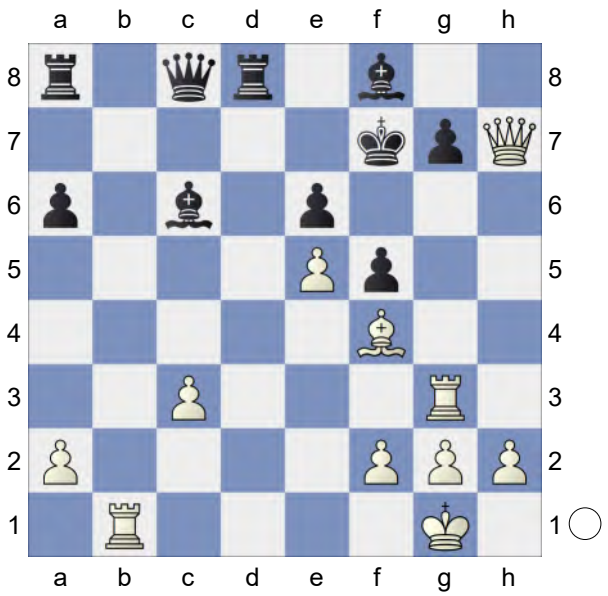
86 **D00**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2833**
■ **Duda,Jan Krzysztof** **2739**
Titled Tue 4th Mar Late blitz (11) 4.3.25
[Kitty Kat]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Ne5 Bd7 8.Ne2** The position is equal. **8...e6 9.c3 Be7 10.Ng3 b5 11.Bd3 b4 12.0-0 bxc3 13.bxc3 0-0 14.Rb1 Qc8** 0.64/17
[14...Nxe5= 0.21/18 should be considered. 15.dxe5 Ne8]
15.Re1 0.29/18
[15.Qe2± 0.64/17]
15...Rd8 0.65/19
[15...Nxe5= 0.29/18 16.dxe5 Ne8]
16.Re3 &Bianco is much more active.
16...Nxe5 17.dxe5
[17.Bxe5!? g6 18.Rf3=]
17...Ne4 0.80/20
[17...Ne8= 0.09/21 keeps the balance.]
18.Nxe4± dxe4 19.Bxe4 Bc6? 2.70/22
[19...Rb8± 0.72/22 keeps fighting.]

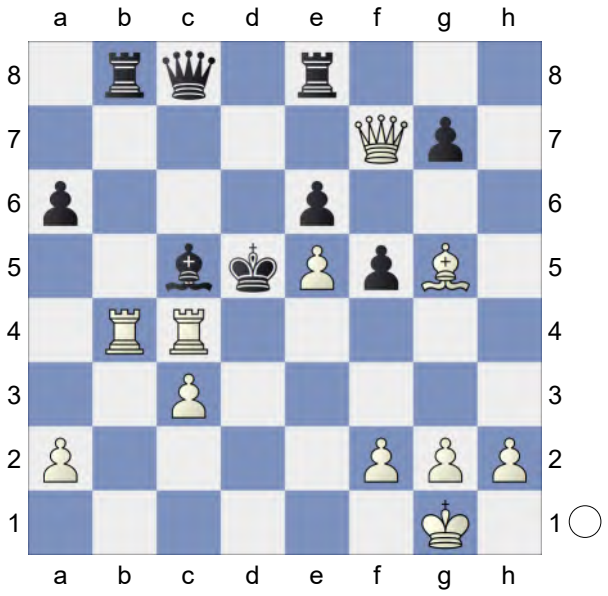


20.Bxh7+!+- Kxh7 21.Qh5+ 1.16/5
[21.Rh3++- 3.34/28 Kg8 22.Qh5]
21...Kg8± 22.Rh3 f5 23.Qh7+
[23.exf6 Bxf6 24.Qh8+ *(24.Rb6? Rd5-+)* 24...Kf7 25.Qh5+ Kg8 26.Qh8+ *(26.Rb6? Rd5-+)* 26...Kf7 27.Qh5+ Kf8∓]
23...Kf7 ...Rh8 is the strong threat.
24.Rg3 Bf8

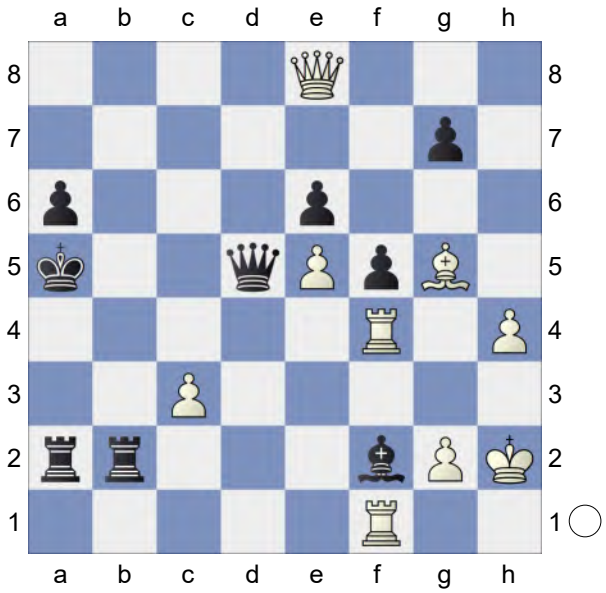
(Diagram)



25.Bh6! Ke8? 8.93/24
[25...Be4 2.91/22]
26.Qg6+ Kd7 White must now prevent ... Be4. **27.Qf7+ Be7 28.Bg5 Re8 29.Rd3+ Bd5 30.Rxd5+**
[30.Rb6 Kc7 31.Rd6 Rb8+-]
30...Kc6 31.Rd4 Bc5 32.Rc4 Be3 would kill now. **32...Rb8 33.Rd1** 4.74/21
[⌓33.Rbb4 9.93/23 Intending Be3 and mate. Kd5



34.Rxc5+! *(34.Be3 Rxb4 35.Rxb4 Bxb4=)* 34...Kxc5 35.Qa7+ Kc6 36.Rc4+ Kb5 37.Rxc8 Rexc8 38.Be7]
33...Kb5+- 34.Rf4 Ka5 35.h4
[Weaker is 35.Qxg7 Rg8 36.Qh6 Rh8=]
35...Rb2 36.Qh5 Qc6 37.Rf1 1.91/20
[⌓37.Rd8 3.27/22 Rb1+ 38.Kh2 Rxd8 39.Bxd8+ Bb6 40.Bxb6+ Rxb6 41.Qd1]
37...Reb8 38.Kh2 Rxa2 2.83/20
[⌓38...Qd5 1.67/19]
39.Rc4? -0.01/23
[White should try 39.Qd1+- 2.83/20]
39...Qd5= Inhibits Bd8+. **40.Rf4 Rbb2?** 1.56/21
[Don't play 40...Qxe5 41.Qf7±]
[40...Qc6!= 0.01/18]
41.Qe8± And now Re1 would win.
41...Bxf2 13.18/23
[41...Bb6± 1.35/19]



42.R1xf2! Rxf2
[42...Kb6 43.Qb8+]
43.Bd8+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.62/Black=0.53
1-0

87 **A45**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2833**
■ **Tabatabaei,Mohammad Amin** **2666**
Titled Tue 4th Feb Late blitz (11) 4.2.25
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.g4 b5 6.g5 Nfd7 7.h4 c5 8.Nf3** The position is equal. **8...Nc6 9.h5**
[9.a3 Nb6 10.b3 cxd4 11.exd4 Bd6 12.Qd2 Ra7 13.Bd3 Bxf4 14.Qxf4 Qc7 15.Ne2 Qxf4 16.Nxf4 Bd7 17.Kd2 Ke7 18.h5 Kd6 19.Rae1 Raa8 20.h6 g6 21.c3 Rhc8 22.Nh2 Be8 23.Ng4 Nd7 Darkalekhine (2696)-Ciderdrinker (2746) Blitz 2024 [Kitty Kat] 0-1 (37)]
9...Bb7 10.Bg2N
[10.Bh3 cxd4 11.exd4 Bb4 12.Qe2 Qe7 13.Kf1 0-0 14.Nxd5 Qd8 15.Nxb4 Nxb4 16.c3 Nd5 17.Bd2 Re8 18.g6 h6 19.gxf7+ Kxf7 20.Rg1 Qf6 21.Rg6 Qe7 22.Re1 Nf8 23.Rg3 Nd7 24.Qd3 Kf8 Hong,A (2542)-Duda,J (2731) Chess.com INT 2024 Mega2024 Update 23 [Kitty Kat] 1-0]
10...Rc8 11.Ne2 Be7 12.c3 b4 13.0-0 a5 14.Ng3 0-0 15.Rc1 Ba6 16.Re1 Qb6 17.h6 g6 18.e4 Black must now prevent exd5. **18...Rfe8** 1.69/19
[18...bxc3= 0.19/18 and Black is okay. 19.bxc3 Bc4]
19.exd5+- exd5 20.Bh3 Rcd8 2.62/21
[20...Qa7± 1.28/19]
21.cxb4? 0.99/20
[21.Bxd7+- 2.62/21 Rxd7 22.dxc5]
21...cxb4 2.01/21
[21...c4± 0.99/20]

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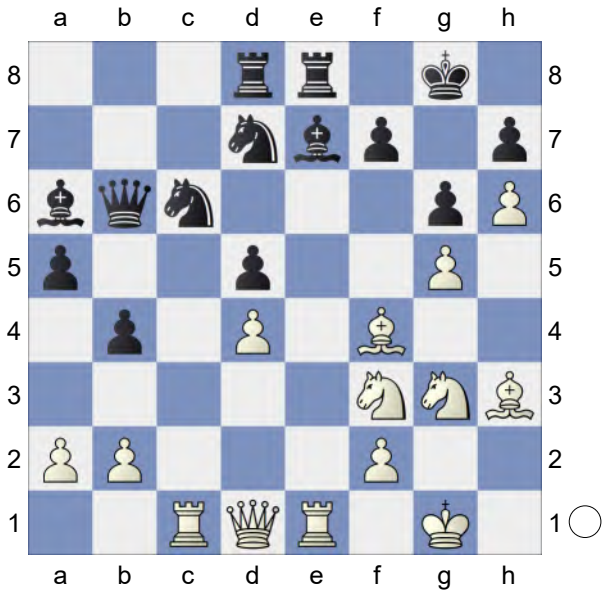
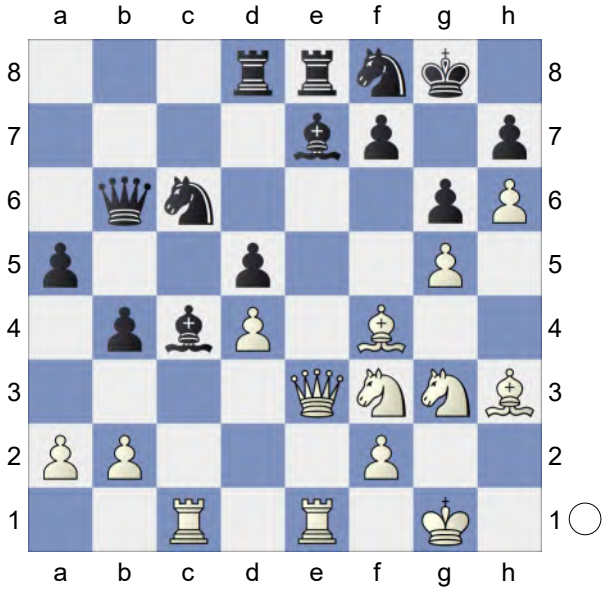
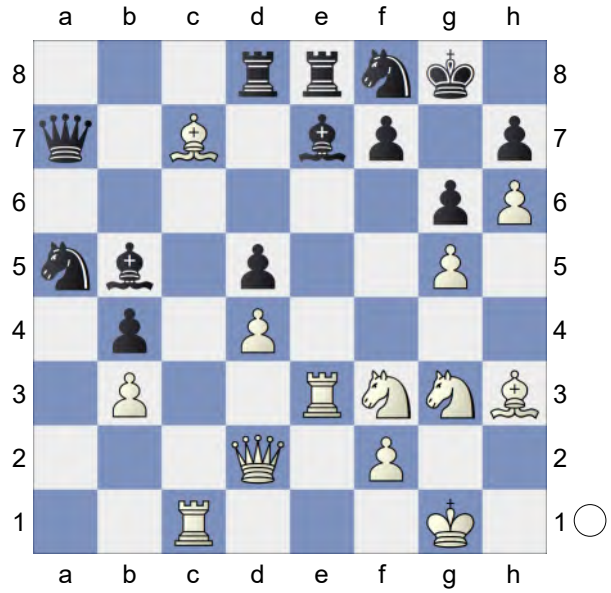


22.Qb3 0.51/18
[22.Bd6!+- 2.01/21]
22...Bc4? 2.57/23
[22...Nf8± 0.51/18]
23.Qe3 1.48/20
[23.Rxc4+- 2.57/23 dxc4 24.Qxc4]
23...Nf8

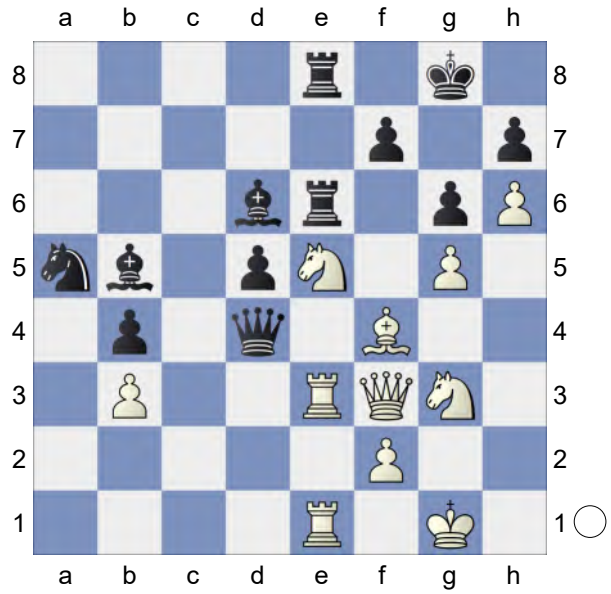


24.b3! Bb5 25.Qd2 a4 26.Re3 &Bianco is much more active.
[Don't play 26.bxa4 Bxa4 27.Qb2 Nd7±]
26...axb3 27.axb3 Na5? 5.59/21
[27...Ra8± 0.79/19]

28.Rce1? 1.28/21
[28.Bc7+- 5.59/21 is more deadly. Qa7



29.Rxe7!]
28...Bd6± 29.Ne5 0.80/19
[⌓29.Be5 1.21/19]
29...Ne6 30.Bxe6 Rxe6 31.Qd1 Rde8 32.Qf3 aiming for Ng4. **32...Qxd4?** 2.65/23
[32...Nc6± 0.90/21 keeps fighting.]



33.Rd1!+- Qa7 3.75/21
[33...Bxe5? 34.Rxd4 Bxd4 35.Qxd5 Bxe3 36.fxe3+-]
[33...Qb2 1.98/21 might work better.]
[33...Qb6 34.Rxd5]
34.Ng4 Be7 35.Qxd5 Bc6 36.Qd2 Rxe3 37.Bxe3 Qc7 38.Qd4 Rd8? #1/6
[38...f6+- 3.98/20 39.gxf6 Bd8 40.f7+ Qxf7 41.Qxd8 Qf3 42.Nf6+ Kf7 43.Rd7+ Bxd7 44.Nxe8 Bxe8]
39.Qg7# Weighted Error Value: White=0.46/Black=0.80
1-0

88 **A45**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2833**
■ **Esipenko,Andrey** **2695**
Chessable Masters Winners rapid (1.1)
[Kitty Kat]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack TCEC games are a completely different level, with players having a rating of 3400+ and in some cases like this game 3800+. Professional players keep a tab on these games to fish for new ideas and see the trend. We will now look at a game played between Stockfish NNUE with a 3801 rating against AllieStein, who has a modest 3781 rating : **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Ne5 Bd7 8.Ne2** The position is equal. **8...e6 9.c3**
[9.Nc1 Nxe5 10.Bxe5 Ba4 11.Nb3 Nd7 12.Bf4 Qf6 13.Qd2 Bb5 14.Bxb5 axb5 15.0-0 Nb6 16.Na5 b4 17.Bg5 Qf5 18.Nxb7 Nc4 19.Qc1 f6 20.Be3 h5 21.c3 h4 22.h3 g5 23.b3 Na3 Torombot (2999)-Flaxen Uci (2965) Rapid 2024 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (43)]
9...Nxe5 10.dxe5N
[10.Bxe5 Qb6 11.Qb3 Qc6 12.Nc1

Ne4 13.Nd3 f6 14.Bf4 h5 15.Be3 h4 16.Be2 g5 17.0-0-0 0-0-0 18.Kb1 Qc7 19.f3 Nd6 20.f4 Nc4 21.Bc1 gxf4 22.Nxf4 Bd6 23.Rdf1 Rdg8 24.Qd1 Kb8 24) Model Games-Stockfishnnue Stockf (69)]

10...Ne4 11.f3 Nc5 12.Nd4 Qb6 13.Qd2

[13.b4 Na4 14.Rc1 Rc8∓]

13...Rc8 14.Rc1 Be7 15.Be2 0-0 16.0-0 f6 17.Rc2 -0.07/19

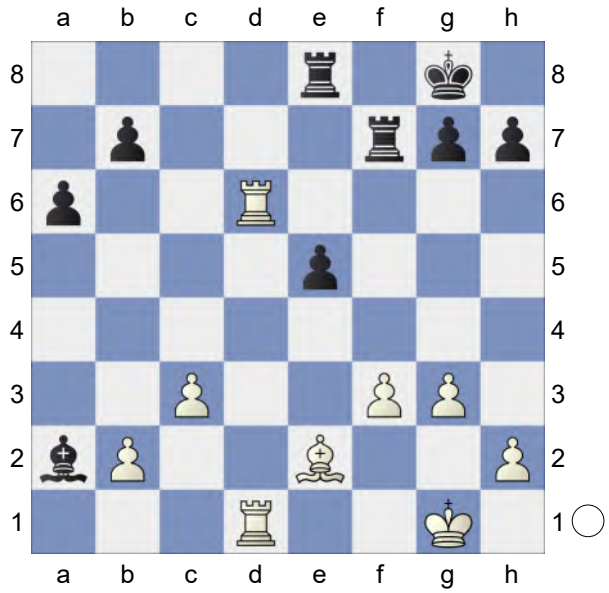
[17.b4 0.29/19 deserves consideration. Na4 18.a3]

17...Be8= 18.Qe3 Bg6 Strongly threatening ...fxe5. **19.Rd2 fxe5! 20.Bxe5 Rce8 21.Nb3 Qc6 22.Nxc5 Bxc5 23.Bd4 Bxd4 24.Qxd4 Qc7 25.g3 e5** 0.51/19

[25...Bf7= 0.03/18]

26.Qxd5+± Bf7 27.Qd6 Qxd6 28.Rxd6 Bxa2 29.Rfd1 Rf7 1.55/22

[29...e4± 0.63/19]



30.Kf2 0.73/20

[⌓30.Rb6! 1.55/22]

30...Kf8 1.21/21

[⌓30...Bb3 0.73/20]

31.Ke3 Bb3 32.R1d2 Ba4 1.48/24

[⌓32...Rf6 1.15/20]

33.Bd3 Bc6 34.Be4

[Reject 34.Bxh7 Rxf3+ 35.Ke2 e4∓]

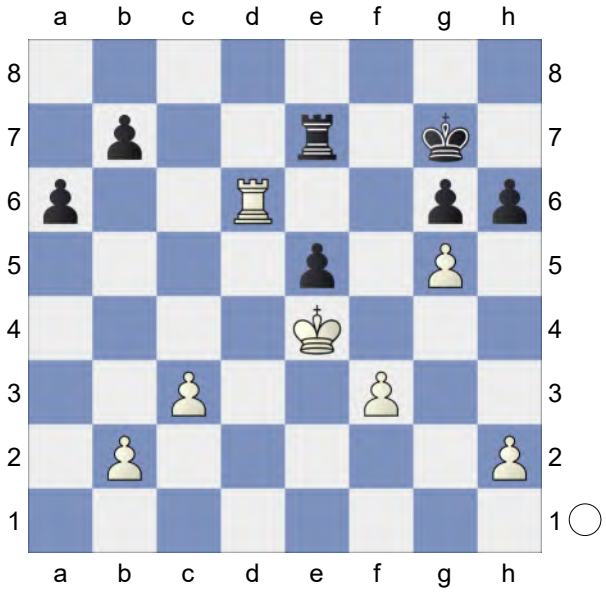
34...Bxe4 35.Kxe4± Endgame KRR-KRR

[Don't do 35.fxe4?! Rf6±]

35...g6 36.Rd7 Ree7 37.Rxe7 &Bianco is more active. **37...Rxe7** KR-KR **38.Rd6 Kf7 39.g4 Kg7** 2.39/23

[39...Ke8 1.87/19 is a better defense. 40.Rd5 Kf7]

40.g5+- h6



41.h4 hxg5 42.hxg5 Rf7 43.Rb6 Re7 5.17/26

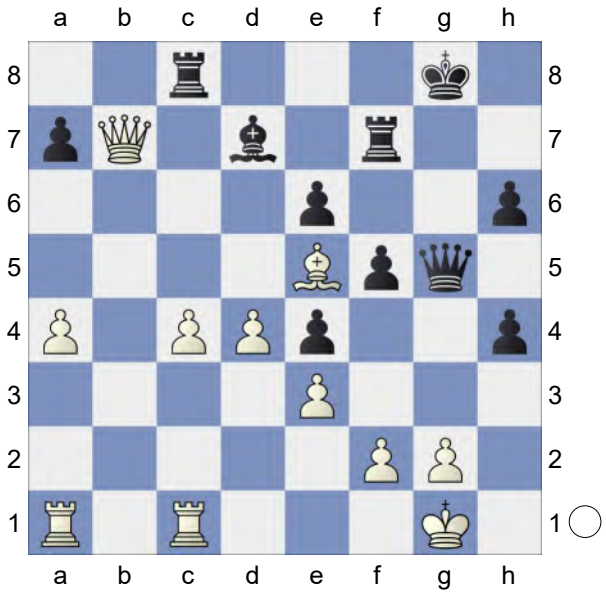
[⌓43...Rf5 3.54/22 44.Rxb7+ Kf8]

44.c4 White is clearly winning. **44...Kf7 45.c5 Rc7 46.Kd5 Re7 47.b4 Kg7 48.Re6 Rf7 49.Kxe5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.20 (precise)

1-0

89 **A45**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2833**
■ **Erigaisi,Arjun Kumar** **2801**
Titled Tue 25th Feb Late blitz (9) 25.2.25
[Kitty Kat]

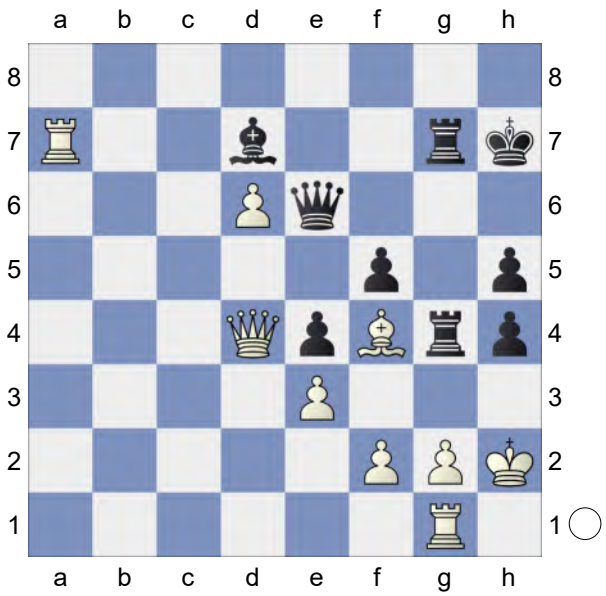
D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 Be7 6.h4 0-0 7.Nf3 c6 8.Nc3** The position is equal. **8...Qa5**
[8...Qb6 9.Rb1 *(9.a3 c5 10.h5 h6 11.Ne5 Bd7 12.Nxd7 Nxd7 13.Bb5 Nf6 14.a4 Qa5 15.Kf1 Nb8 16.dxc5 a6 17.Bd3 Qxc5 18.g4 Nh7 19.Qf3 Nc6 20.Qg3 f6 21.e4 d4 22.Ne2 Ng5 23.Bd2 e5* Hoeffer,D (2322)-Bargsten,J (2238) Verden an der Aller 2025 0-1 (48)*)* 9...c5 10.a3 Bd7 11.Bd3 c4 12.Be2 Qd8 13.Ne5 Be8 14.g4 Nd7 15.Nf3 Nc7 16.g5 b5 17.h5 Nb6 18.Ra1 a5 19.Qc1 Nc8 20.Nb1 Nd6 21.Nbd2 b4 22.h6 g6 23.axb4 Raspfish (2959)-Torombot (2984) Blitz 2024 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (60)]
9.Bd3 Nb4 10.Be2N
[10.h5 h6 11.Ne5 Nxd3+ 12.cxd3 Nd7 13.g4 Nxe5 14.Bxe5 f6 15.Bg3 Bd7 16.a3 Rae8 17.b4 Qd8 18.Kd2 Bc8 19.Qe2 Rf7 20.Rhg1 Bf8 21.f4 a5 22.Rgb1 Bd6 23.b5 e5 24.dxe5 fxe5 Papayan,O (2183)-Fiskaaen,M (2264) Chess,com INT 2024 0-1 (36)]
10...Ne4 0.23/20
[⌓10...c5 -0.08/18]
11.0-0= c5 12.Ng5 Nf6 13.Nb5 White wants to play c3. **13...Bd7 14.a4 c4 15.c3 Nc6 16.b3 cxb3 17.Qxb3 h6 18.Nf3 Ne4** Prevents Nd6. **19.Rfc1** -0.31/20
[19.c4= 0.12/20 might be stronger.]
19...Rac8 0.40/20
[19...Rfc8!∓ -0.31/20]
20.Bd3 Qd8 21.Bxe4 dxe4 22.Nd2 f5 23.Nc4 Na5 1.08/22
[23...Bxh4 24.Nbd6±]
[23...b6± 0.64/19]
24.Nxa5± Qxa5 25.Nd6 Bxd6 26.Bxd6 Rf7 27.c4 Qd8 28.Bg3 0.87/20
[⌓28.Qxb7 1.18/19 Bc6 29.Qb4 *(29.Qa6? Bb7∓)*]
28...g5 1.37/20
[⌓28...Qb6 0.87/20 29.Qxb6 axb6]
29.Be5 gxh4 30.Qxb7 Qg5 2.78/22
[30...h3± 1.37/19]



31.Kh2!+-
[Weaker is 31.Qxa7 h3 32.g3 Qh5∓]
31...Kh7 32.Rg1
[Don't take 32.Bf4?! Qh5 33.c5 *(33.Qxa7 Qe2±)* 33...Rg8+-]
32...Rg8 33.Rab1 Qh5 34.Qb2 Against Qe2 **34...Bxa4 35.Qd2 Be8 36.Bf4** 1.21/20
[36.Qa2+- 1.62/23]
36...Qg6 2.08/19
[36...Rfg7± 1.21/20 was called for. 37.Be5 Re7]
37.Be5? -0.01/16
[37.Qa2+- 2.08/19]

37...Qh5!= 38.d5 exd5 39.cxd5 1.13/20
[39.Qxd5+- 1.63/22 Qg6 40.Rb7]
39...Qg5 1.53/20
[⌓39...Rd7 1.13/20]
40.d6± White has strong compensation.
40...Bd7 41.Bf4 1.24/19
[⌓41.Rb7 1.59/20]
41...Qf6 42.Qd4 0.52/23
[White should play 42.Qa5± 1.36/21]
42...Qe6 1.84/20
[42...Qxd4± 0.52/23 43.exd4 Rg4]
43.Rb7 0.67/21
[43.Qxa7+- 1.84/20 Rc8 44.Rgc1]
43...Rfg7 1.85/23
[Better is 43...a5!± 0.67/21]
44.Be5 0.91/21
[44.Qxa7+- 1.85/23 Bb5 45.Rc7]
44...Rf7 1.66/22
[44...a5± 0.91/21]
45.Bf4? -0.01/18
[White should try 45.Rxa7+- 1.66/22 Black must now prevent Qc3. Re8 46.Bf4]
45...Rfg7!= 46.Be5? 0.01/20
[46.Rxa7+- 1.68/20 Qd1 is the strong threat. Rf7 47.Qa1]
46...Rg4? 2.14/22
[46...Rf7= 0.01/20 and Black stays safe.]
47.Rxa7+- h5 48.Bf4 R8g7

(Diagram)



49.Be5 -0.01/20 &Bianco is much more active.
[49.Qa1!± 1.14/22]
49...Rg8!= 50.Rc7 Kh6 51.Bf4+ Kh7 52.Qe5 Intending Qxe6 and mate. Chess con chili. **52...R8g7?** 4.18/20
[52...Qf7 2.07/21 53.Qd4 Qe6]
53.Qxe6+- Bxe6 54.Re7? 1.61/23
[54.Kh3 4.14/24]
54...Rf7? 10.50/25
[54...Bd7 1.61/23 55.Kh3 Rxe7 56.dxe7 Be8]
55.Rxe6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.44/Black=0.32
1-0

90 **D00**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2833**
■ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2802**
Chessable Masters Winners rapid (4.1)
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 h6 5.h4**
[5.Nf3 e6 6.Bd3 c5 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.e4 Nc6 9.0-0 Nh5 10.Bd2 Nf6 11.h3 0-0 12.Bf4 b5 13.exd5 exd5

14.Re1 Be6 15.Qd2 Re8 16.a3 Rc8 17.Rad1 Bf8 18.Be3 Qd7 19.Nd4 Ne5 Torombot (3050)-Expositor (2831) Rapid 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (77)]

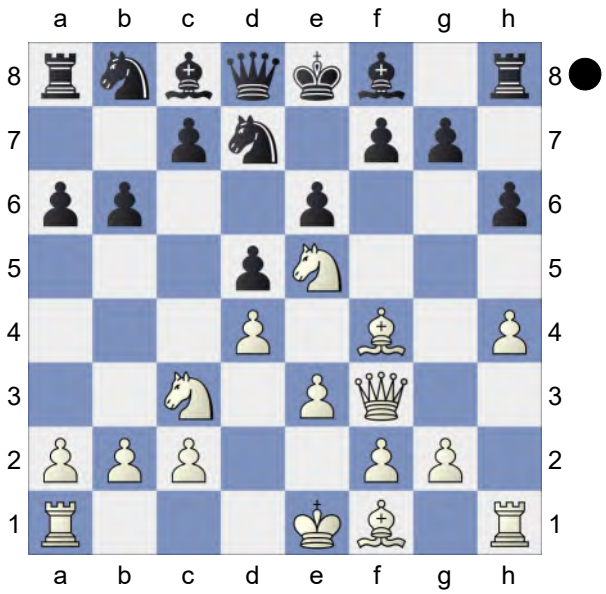
5...e6N

[5...c5 6.dxc5 Nc6 7.Nf3 Bg4 8.Be2 Bxf3 9.Bxf3 e5 10.Bg3 e4 11.Be2 Bxc5 12.Qd2 Qa5 13.0-0 d4 14.exd4 Bxd4 15.Rad1 Rd8 16.Qf4 Bxc3 17.Rxd8+ Qxd8 18.bxc3 0-0 19.Rb1 b5 20.Qe3 Niemann,H (2611)-Vidit,S (2657) Universal Chess Tour Stadium Events | S 2024 [Tactical Analysis 5.2 (4s)] 0-1 (34)]

6.Nf3 b6 0.17/17

[6...c5 -0.15/15 deserves consideration.]

7.Ne5= Nfd7 8.Qf3

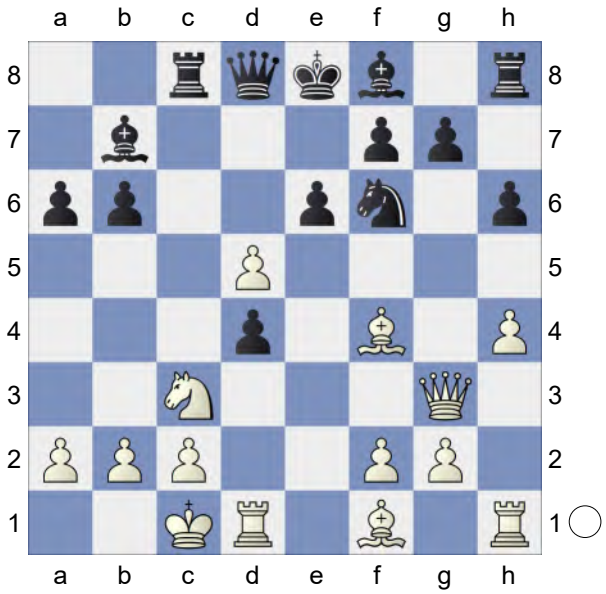


Hoping for Nxf7! The position is equal.

8...Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Nd7 10.Bf4 c5 11.Qg3 Bb7 12.0-0-0 Rc8 13.e4 aiming for exd5. **13...cxd4 14.exd5 Nf6?** 2.12/21

[14...dxc3? 15.dxe6 cxb2+ 16.Kb1+-]

[14...Qf6= 0.10/19 15.dxe6 fxe6]



This costs Black the game. **15.dxe6!+-**

[15.Rxd4 Nh5 16.Qf3 Bc5±]

15...Nh5 16.Qg4 Nxf4 3.37/23

[⌓16...Nf6 2.09/19 17.Qh3 Bb4]

17.exf7+

[Weaker is 17.Qxf4 fxe6 18.Bd3 *(18.Rxd4 Qf6±; 18.Qxd4 Qxd4 19.Rxd4 Bc5=)* 18...Qf6 19.Qxd4 Qxd4±]

17...Kxf7 Strongly threatening ...Qf6.

18.Qxf4+ Qf6 19.Rxd4 Qxf4+ 20.Rxf4+ Ke8 21.Bd3 Rc7 22.Re1+ Kd8 23.Be4 Bc8 4.09/20

[23...Bxe4 2.77/18 was necessary. 24.Rfxe4 Bc5]

24.Bf5

[Not 24.Rd1+ Rd7 25.Rf7 Rxd1+ 26.Kxd1 Bc5+-]

24...Bxf5 25.Rxf5 Bc5 26.Ne4 Be7 27.g3 Kc8 28.Re5 Rd8 29.Rd1 Rf8 30.c3 g5 31.hxg5 hxg5 32.Rd2 g4 33.Re6 Kb7 34.Rg6 b5 35.Rxg4 b4 36.Kc2 bxc3 37.bxc3 Rf5 38.a4 Ra5 39.Kb3 White is clearly winning.

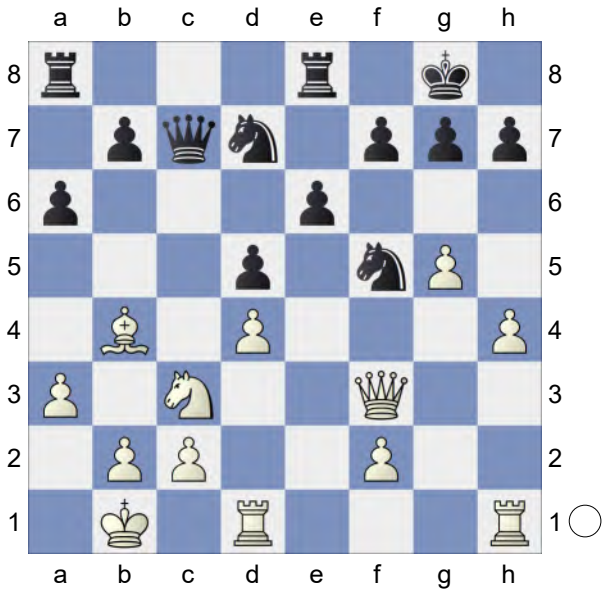
39...Ka7 40.Rd4 Rb7+ 41.Kc2 Ba3 42.Kd3 Rh5 43.Rg6 Rh1 44.Ke2 Ra1 45.Rc4 Re7 46.Kf3 Bb2 9.31/22

[⌓46...a5 5.16/19 47.Rg5 Ka6]

47.Nc5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.35
1-0

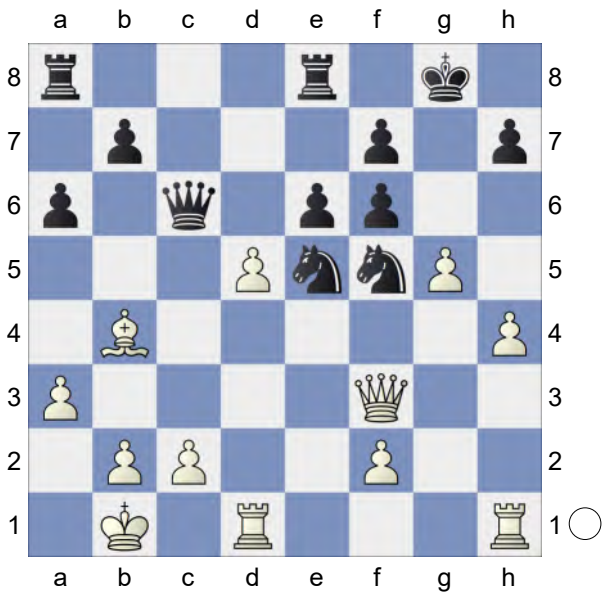
91 **A45**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2833**
■ **Ibarra Jerez,Jose Carlos** **2559**
Titled Tue 4th Mar Early blitz (4) 4.3.25
[Kitty Kat]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack Richard Palliser,MH: 'B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack ' **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 Bg4 6.Be2**
[6.f3 Bd7 7.g4 Nc6 8.Qd2 e6 9.Bb5 Rc8 10.Nge2 a6 11.Bxc6 Bxc6 12.h4 Bb5 13.Nxb5 axb5 14.c3 Be7 15.h5 Nd7 16.a3 Nb6 17.b3 h6 18.Qd3 Qd7 19.Kf2 Qc6 20.Rhg1 Nd7 Mamedyarov,S (2747)-Harikrishna,P (2717) Aimchess Rapid 2022 [Richard Palliser] 1-0 (32)]
6...Bxe2 7.Qxe2 a6 Against Nb5
8.0-0-0N The position is equal.
[8.g4 Nc6 9.0-0-0 *(9.g5 Ne4 10.Nxe4 Nxd4 11.Qd3 dxe4 12.Qxe4 Qa5+ 13.c3 Nc6 14.Nf3 Rd8* 15.b3 g6 16.♗b2_21333-Vogt,F ICCF 2023 09 3... Bb4 [John Watson] *)* 9...e6 10.g5 Ng8 13.Qc2 Chess Informant 141 [Pap, Misa]]
8...e6 9.g4 Bb4 10.Qf3 0.05/19
[10.g5± 0.50/20 feels stronger. Ng8 11.Qe5]
10...Qa5 0.41/21
[10...Bxc3= 0.05/19 11.Qxc3 Nxg4]
11.Nge2 Nc6 12.Kb1 Ne7 0.86/20
[12...Rc8± 0.46/17 is superior.]
13.a3 0.34/20
[13.Be5± 0.86/20]
13...Bxc3± 14.Nxc3 0-0 1.40/21
[14...Rc8= 0.21/20]
15.Bd6 0.46/19
[15.Bg5± 1.40/21]
15...Rfe8 16.g5 Nd7 17.h4 Nf5
18.Bb4 &Bianco is more active. **18...Qc7**

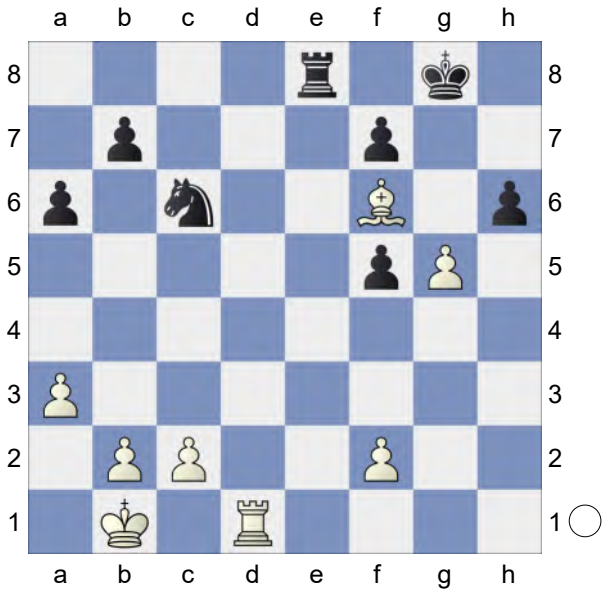


aiming for ...a5. **19.Nxd5!** **Qc6** Pin
20.Nf6+ gxf6 -0.01/20
[20...Nxf6± 0.80/21 21.Qxc6 bxc6 22.gxf6 a5]
21.d5= Ne5 1.99/20
[21...Qc4± 0.36/19]

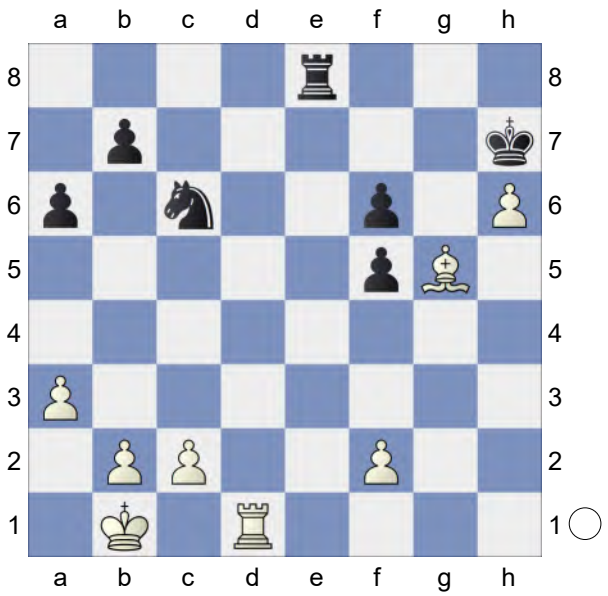
(Diagram)



22.Qxf5!+- exf5 23.dxc6 Nxc6 24.Bc3 Rhg1 is the strong threat. **24...fxg5 25.hxg5 Rad8** Prevents Rd6. **26.Bf6 Rxd1+ 27.Rxd1±** Endgame KRB-KRN **27...h6?** 5.28/21
[27...Re2± 1.09/22]



28.gxh6? 1.48/22
[28.Rh1!+- 5.28/21 and the rest is easy. Ne5 29.gxh6]
28...Kh7 29.Bg5 f6? 3.34/21
[29...Ne5± 1.47/21 30.Rd6 Re6]



30.Rd7+!+-
[Not 30.Bxf6 Kxh6 31.Rg1 Re6±]
30...Re7 31.Rxe7+ Nxe7 32.Bxf6 KB-KN **32...Ng8** 6.08/28
[32...Ng6 3.16/23 33.a4 Nf4]
33.Bg5 Nxh6 34.Bxh6 Kxh6 KP-KP **35.Kc1 Kg5 36.Kd2 Kf4 37.Ke2 Ke4 38.f3+ Kf4 39.c4 b5 40.c5** White wants to mate with c6. **40...Ke5 41.f4+ Kd5 42.b4** Threatening mate with Kd3. **42...a5 43.Kf3** 19.34/26
[⌓43.Ke3 #18/26 axb4 44.axb4 Ke6 45.Kd4 Kd7 46.Ke5 Kd8 47.Ke6 Kc7 48.Kxf5]
43...a4 44.Ke3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.42/Black=1.05
1-0

92 **A45**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2833**
■ **Mahdavi,Reza** **2436**
Titled Tue 18th Mar Late blitz (8) 18.3.25
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines 'Inf 50/(397) Summerscale & Johnsen : 'RR: 'Inf 50/(397)''' This chapter will demonstrate

play in the middlegames and endgames you can expect to see arise from our openings. It's fairly similar to the Model Games chapter, but here we will start commentary a ways into some of my games, so I can provide first-hand analysis of how a strong player thinks in these situations. The opening will be presented so you know how we got there. Then I'll give you a taste of how to press! Along with wriggling out of nasty positions, one of my talents is winning level endings. It's obviously very tough against experienced over-2000s and Masters, but I've had great success against mid-range players (1600-2000) . This chapter is the nucleus of this course - it's about more than just openings! **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 g6 4.e3 Bg7 5.Nf3 c6 6.h3N**

[6.Be2 Qa5 *(6...Qb6 7.a3 Bg4 8.b4 Nbd7 9.0-0 Nh5 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bh4 g5 12.h3 Be6 13.Nd2 Nf4 14.Bg3 Nxe2+ 15.Qxe2 f5 16.Nb3 Qd8 17.Na5 Qc8 18.Na4 b6 19.Nb3 0-0 20.Rac1 Bf7 21.f4* Hodgson,J (2555)-Wolff,P (2540) New York 1990 A Killer Chess Opening R [Summerscale & Johnsen] 1-0 (45)*; 6...Nbd7 7.Ne5 0-0 8.h4 h5 9.Qd2 Nxe5 10.Bxe5 Ne4 11.Nxe4 dxe4 12.Bxg7 Kxg7 13.0-0-0 Qd5 14.c4 Qf5 15.f3 exf3 16.gxf3 e5 17.e4 Qf6 18.dxe5 Qxe5 19.Rhg1 Be6 20.Rg5 Qh2 21.Rdg1* 6.♗g5 ♘bd7 7.♖c1 c6 (2241)-10. ♗f6 gf6 11.♕h6_13997 (2032) Jugoslavija 46/(431) 2023 CBM 068 ext [John Watson] ½-½ (75) *)* 7.Qd2 Bf5 8.h4 h5 9.Ne5 Nbd7 10.f3 Nxe5 11.Bxe5 Qd8 12.0-0-0 a6 13.g4 hxg4 14.fxg4 Be4 15.Rh2 Rh7 16.g5 Nh5 17.Bxh5 Bxe5 18.dxe5 Rxh5 19.Nxe4 dxe4 20.Qb4 Qc7 Taalaibekov,T (2291)-Aw,O (1880) Batumi 2018 playchess.com [TA] 1-0 (51)]

[6.h4 Bg4 7.Qd2 Bxf3 8.gxf3 Nbd7 9.e4 e6 10.0-0-0 Nb6 11.Be2 Rc8 12.Bh6 Nh5 13.Bxg7 Nxg7 14.Qh6 Qf6 15.h5 Kd7 16.f4 Rcg8 17.Qg5 Ne8 18.h6 Kc7 19.e5 Qd8 20.Bg4 Nc8 Introduction and Middlegame/E-London Vs,D]

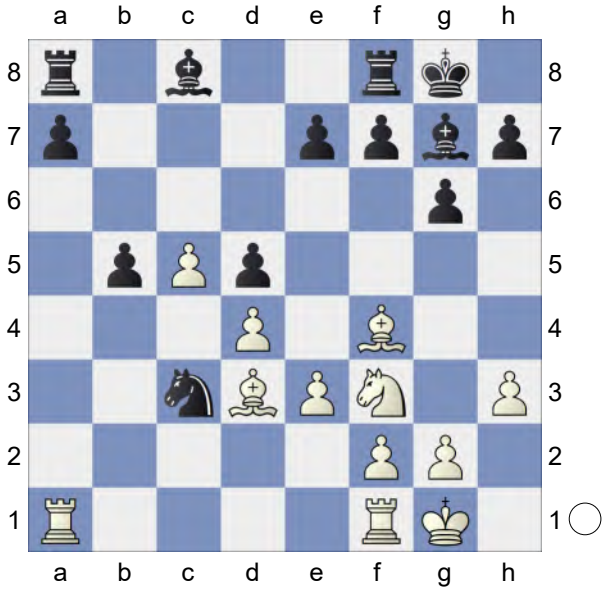
6...0-0 7.Bd3 Nbd7 8.0-0 Qb6 9.Na4 Qa5 10.c3! White is slightly better. **10...b5 11.Nc5 Nxc5 12.b4 Qa3 13.bxc5 Ne4! 14.Qb3↑** White has the initiative. **14...Qa5** 1.25/20

[14...Qxb3= 0.16/22 remains equal. 15.axb3 Nxc3]

15.a4 0.79/22

[⌓15.Rfc1 1.25/20]

15...Qxc3± 16.Qxc3 Nxc3 17.axb5 cxb5



18.Ra5 0.48/23 &Bianco is more active.

[18.Rfc1!± 0.91/21 b4 19.Bc7]

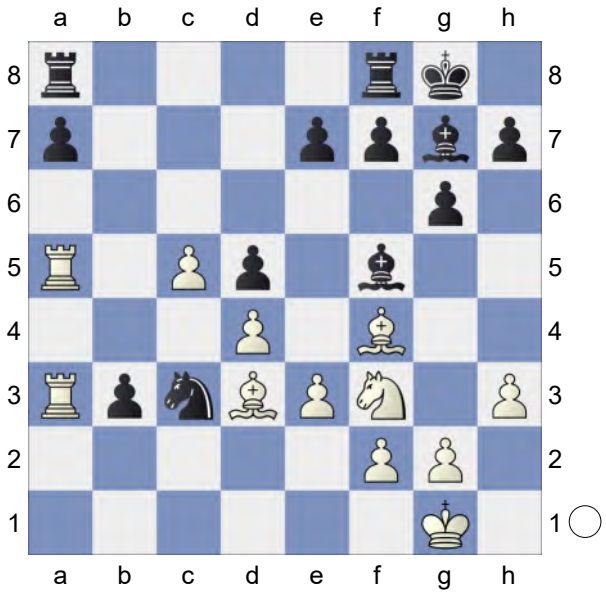
18...b4 19.Rfa1 b3 2.02/23

[19...a6± 0.60/20]

20.R1a3+-

[20.Rxa7 Rxa7 21.Rxa7 b2=]

20...Bf5

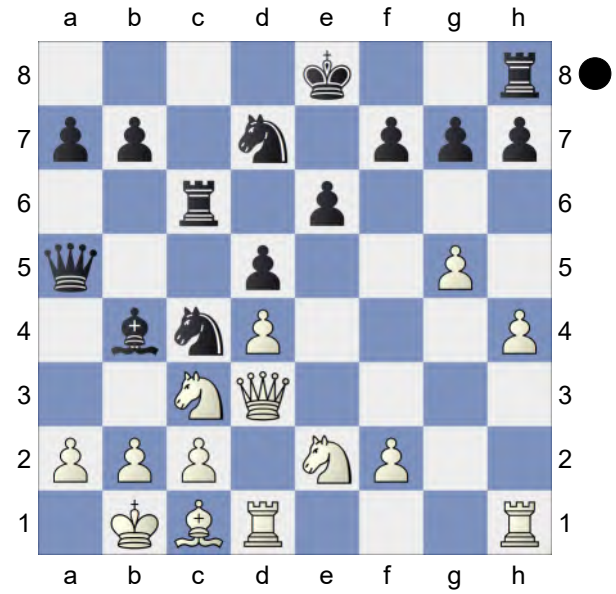


21.Rxb3! Bxd3 22.Rxc3 Be2 23.c6 e6 24.c7 Threatens to win with Rxa7! **24...Rfc8 25.Rb3 e5 26.Bxe5** 1.23/20
[White should try 26.Nxe5+- 2.45/23 Rxc7 27.Rb2 *(27.Rxd5 Rc1+ 28.Kh2 f6±)* 27...Rc1+ 28.Kh2]
26...Bxe5± Remove Defender **27.Nxe5**
[Don't take 27.dxe5 Rxc7 28.Nd4 *(28.Rxd5 Bc4±)* 28...Bc4]
27...Rxc7 28.Rxd5 Black must now prevent Rb2. **28...a5 29.Ra3 a4 30.Rd7 Rc1+ 31.Kh2 f6 32.Ng4 Rc6** 2.66/22
[⌓32...Bxg4 1.74/19 33.hxg4 Rc6]
33.Nh6++- Kh8 34.f3 f5 35.e4 Rb6 2.57/22
[⌓35...Rc2 1.68/21]
36.Rc3 Bb5 37.Re7 White wants to mate with Rcc7. **37...Rc6**
[37...a3? is a self mate. 38.Rcc7]
38.Ra3 fxe4 39.fxe4 Bc4 5.30/22
[39...Rca6 2.09/20 40.Nf7+ Kg8 41.Nh6+ Kh8]
40.d5 Rf6 41.Rc3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) / Black=0.40
1-0

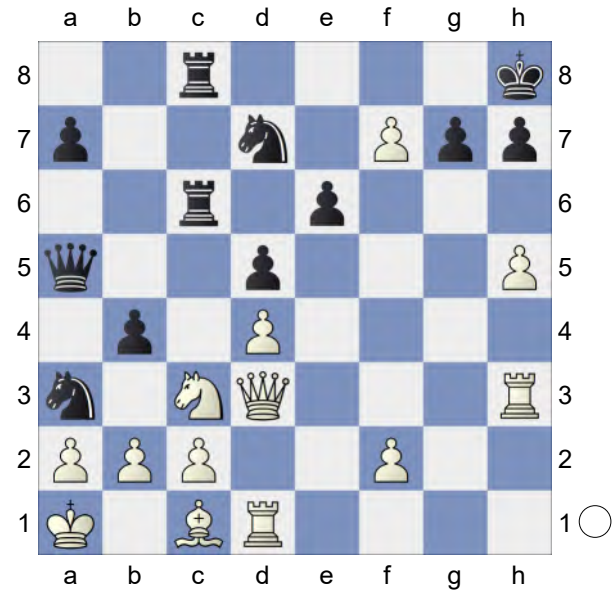
93 **A45**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2833**
■ **Yoo,Christopher Woojin** **2588**
Titled Tue 25th Feb Early blitz (11)
[Kitty Kat]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack Richard Palliser,MH: 'B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack ' **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 Bg4 6.Be2**
[6.f3 Bd7 7.g4 Nc6 8.Qd2 e6 9.Bb5 Rc8 10.Nge2 a6 11.Bxc6 Bxc6 12.h4 Bb5 13.Nxb5 axb5 14.c3 Be7 15.h5 Nd7 16.a3 Nb6 17.b3 h6 18.Qd3 Qd7 19.Kf2 Qc6 20.Rhg1 Nd7 Mamedyarov,S (2747)-Harikrishna,P (2717) Aimchess Rapid 2022 [Richard Palliser] 1-0 (32)]
6...Bxe2 7.Qxe2 Nb5 is the strong threat. **7...Nc6N**
[7...a6 8.g4 Nc6 9.0-0-0 *(9.g5 Ne4 10.Nxe4 Nxd4 11.Qd3 dxe4 12.Qxe4 Qa5+ 13.c3 Nc6 14.Nf3 Rd8* 15.b3 g6 16.♗b2_21333-Vogt,F ICCF 2023 09 3... Bb4 [John Watson] *)* 9...e6 10.g5 Ng8 13.Qc2 Chess Informant 141 [Pap, Misa]]
8.0-0-0 -0.29/18
[⌓8.Nb5 0.23/18 Kd7 9.Nf3]
8...e6= 9.g4 Bb4 10.Qe3 -0.73/19
[10.Nb5∓ -0.35/19 0-0 11.a3]
10...Rc8 11.Nge2 Na5 12.Kb1 -1.08/20
[12.Qf3= -0.26/18]
12...Nc4∓
[12...Nxg4 13.Qg3 Nf6 14.Be5 *(14.Qxg7 Rg8∓)*]
13.Qd3 Qa5 -0.64/22
[13...Qb6∓ -0.97/20 aiming for ... Nxb2! 14.Bc1 Nxg4]

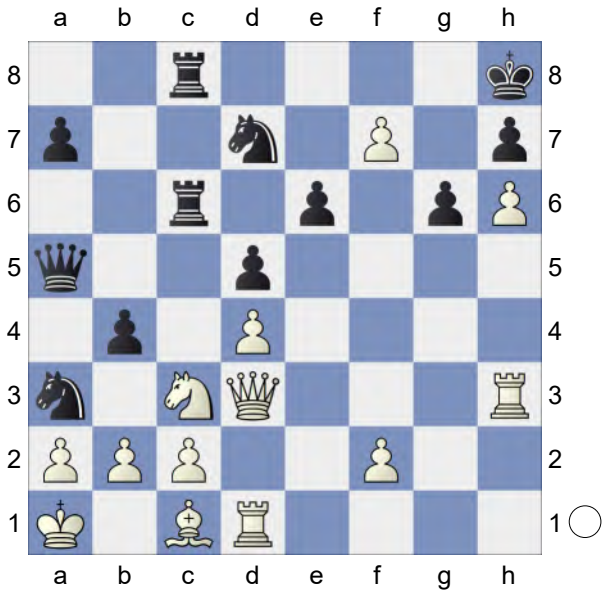
14.Bc1∓ Rc6 15.g5 Nd7 16.h4



0-0 -0.01/18
[16...Na3+!∓ -0.35/20 17.Ka1 Nb6!]
17.h5!= Rfc8 White should prevent ... Nxb2! **18.Rh3 Na3+ 19.Ka1 Bxc3 20.Nxc3 b5** 1.58/22 **21.g6± b4?** 4.86/21 **22.gxf7++- Kh8** 7.06/19
[⌓22...Kf8 4.32/18 23.Rg1 *(23.h6 g6∓)* 23...Nxc2+ 24.Qxc2 Ke7 25.Bg5+ Kd6 26.Bf4+ Ke7 27.Bg5+ Kd6]



23.h6! 2.68/21 **g6**



24.Rf3! bxc3
[24...Nc4 25.Na4]
25.bxa3 Qb6? 4.91/21
[25...Rf8 2.97/23 26.Re1 Rb6 27.Qxc3 Qxc3+ 28.Rxc3 Rxf7]
26.Qe3 2.48/22
[⌓26.a4 4.91/21]
26...Rf8
[26...Rb8? 27.Qe5+!! Nxe5 28.f8Q+ Rxf8 29.Rxf8#]
27.Rd3
[27.Qf4? Qb5 28.Rxc3 *(28.a4? Qxa4 29.Rxc3 Rxc3-+)* 28...Rxc3-+]
27...e5 And now ...e4 would win.
[27...Rb8? 28.Qe5+!! Nxe5 29.f8Q+ Rxf8 30.Rxf8#]
28.dxe5 0.01/22
[28.Rxc3+- 2.44/23 e4 29.Rf4]
28...Nc5? #8/18
[28...Rb8= 0.01/22 29.Qxb6 Rcxb6]
29.Qd4? 0.54/23
[29.e6 #8/18 mates Nb3+ 30.axb3 Rxe6 31.Rxc3! Rf6 32.Rc8!! Qd8 33.Rxd8 Rxd8 34.Qe8+ Rxe8 35.fxe8Q+ Rf8 36.Rxf8#]
29...Nxd3± 30.Rxd3 -1.13/24 Really sharp!
[30.Qxd3± 1.57/26 is necessary to

keep the advantage. g5 31.e6 *(31.Qxd5 Rxh6 32.Rxc3 Qe6±)* 31...Rxe6 32.Qxc3+ d4 33.Bb2]

30...Qxd4∓

[30...Rxf7?! 31.Qxd5 Rf8 32.Qb3= *(32.Qd7 Rc7∓)*]

31.Rxd4 Rxf7 32.Rxd5± Endgame KRR-KRB **32...Kg8 33.Be3 Rb7 34.a4 Kf7** -0.49/23

[Black should play 34...a6∓ -1.29/22 35.Rd8+ Kf7]

35.a3 -1.52/21

[35.Rb5∓ -0.49/23 Rd7 36.a3]

35...Ke6 -0.32/23

[35...a6∓ -1.52/21 Hoping for ...Rb2. 36.Rd3 Ke6]

36.Rb5∓ Rxb5 37.axb5= KR-KB

37...Rc7⇄ Black is not holding back

38.Ka2! Kxe5 0.66/27

[Better is 38...Rb7!= 0.01/28 39.a4 Kxe5]

39.Kb3± Ke4 40.a4 White has compensation. **40...Kf3?** 4.67/26

[40...Kd5± 0.84/25 is tougher.]

41.a5+- g5? 5.05/25

[41...Ke4 2.92/24 42.Kb4 Rf7]

42.Kb4 g4 43.b6 axb6 44.axb6 Rc8 White must now prevent ...g3. **45.Bc5 Ke2 46.Bd4**

[46.b7? Rb8 47.Kxc3 Rxb7-+]

46...Kd2 47.Kb3

[Avoid the trap 47.b7? Rb8 48.Bxc3+ Kxc2-+]

47...Ke2 48.Be3?? -10.11/27

[Wrong is 48.b7? Rb8 49.Kxc3 Rxb7-+]

[48.Bxc3+- 4.57/23 Kf3 49.Be5]

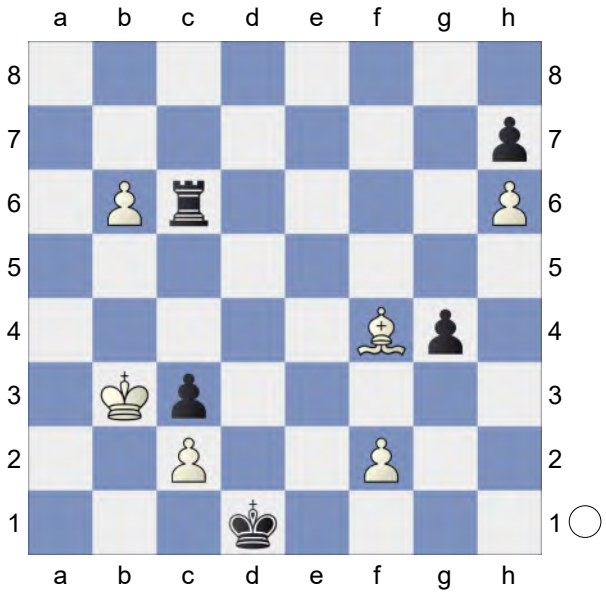
48...Kd1?? 5.80/27

[48...g3-+ -10.11/27 and life is good for Black. 49.b7 Rb8]

49.Bf4

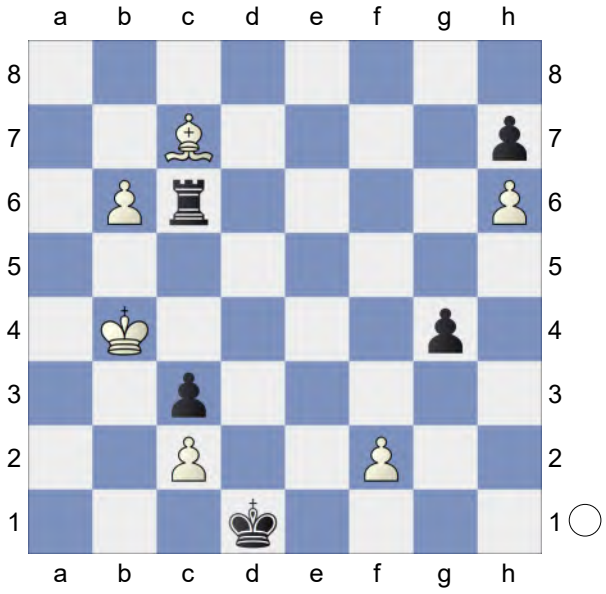
[But not 49.b7? Rb8 50.Kxc3 Ke2-+]

49...Rc6



50.Bc7 Threatens to win with b7.

50...Rc5 51.Kb4 Rc6



52.b7! Rxc7

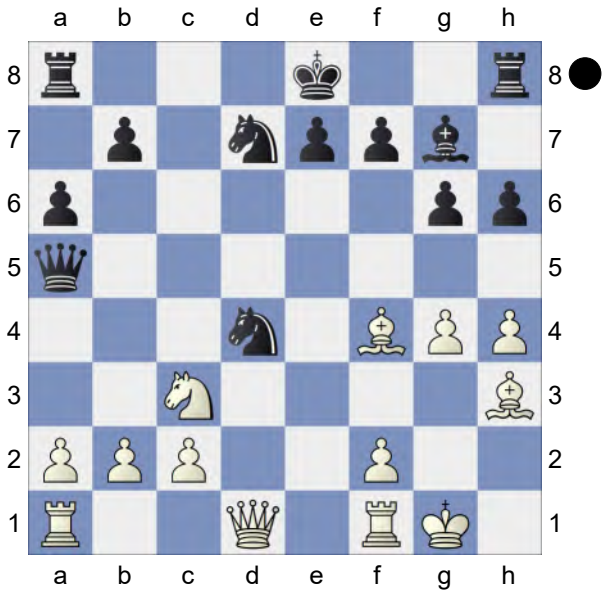
[52...Rxh6 53.b8Q]

53.b8Q Rf7 54.Kb3 White threatens Qd8+ and mate. **54...Rxf2 55.Qg3 Rxc2 56.Qg1+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.80/Black=0.95

1-0

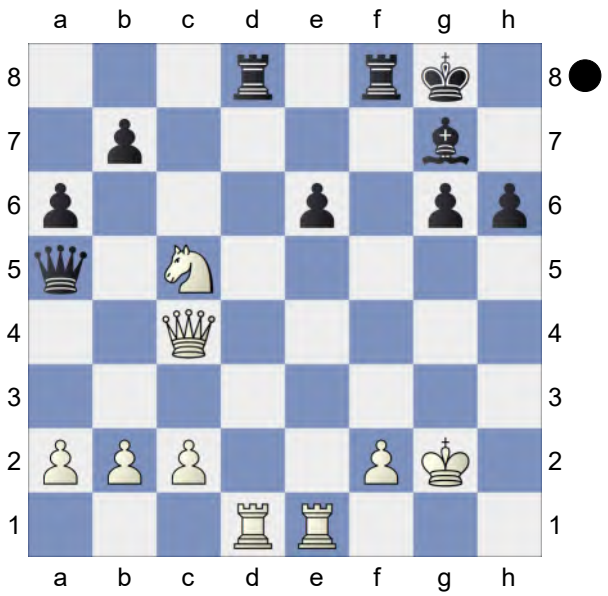
94 **A45**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2833**
■ **Esipenko,Andrey** **2695**
Chessable Masters Winners rapid (1.3)
[Kitty Kat]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Ne5 Bd7 8.g4 h6**
[8...e6 9.g5 Ng8 10.Bg2 Nxe5 11.dxe5 Ne7 12.0-0 Ng6 13.Bg3 Qxg5 14.f4 Qf5 15.Ne2 Bc5+ 16.Kh1 h5 17.Bf2 Bxf2 18.Rxf2 Ne7 19.Nd4 Qg6 20.Qd2 h4 21.Rg1 Qh6 22.Bh3 g6 23.c3 Dr Xstranger (2710)-Satunnainen (2761) Blitz 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (35)]
9.h4 g6N 0.39/17
[9...e6= -0.05/18 should be considered. 10.Bg2 *(10.Qd2 Bb4 11.f3 Qa5 12.a3 Rc8 13.Rb1 Be7 14.Be2 Qb6 15.Be3 0-0 16.g5* 6) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5-7.Ne5 Bd7 8.g4 h6 #1 London 2023 https://www.chessable.co [MH]*)* 10...Qb6 #4 2) 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 The Jobava-3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4]
[9...Qb6 10.Nxd7 Nxd7 11.Nxd5 Qa5+ 12.Nc3 0-0-0 13.a3 e5 14.b4 Qb6 15.Nd5 6) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5-7.Ne5 Bd7 8.g4 h6 #2 London 2023 https://www.chessable.co [MH]]
10.Bh3 Bg7 11.Nxd7 -0.21/20
[11.Qd2± 0.31/18]
11...Nxd7= 12.Nxd5 -0.93/19
[12.Be3= -0.19/18]
12...Qa5+∓ 13.Nc3 Nxd4 -0.61/20
[13...Rd8∓ -1.09/21 14.Bg2 Bxd4]
14.0-0 -1.09/21
[14.Be3!∓ -0.61/20 was preferrable. Nb5 15.0-0 *(15.g5? Bxc3+ 16.bxc3 Ne5-+)*]

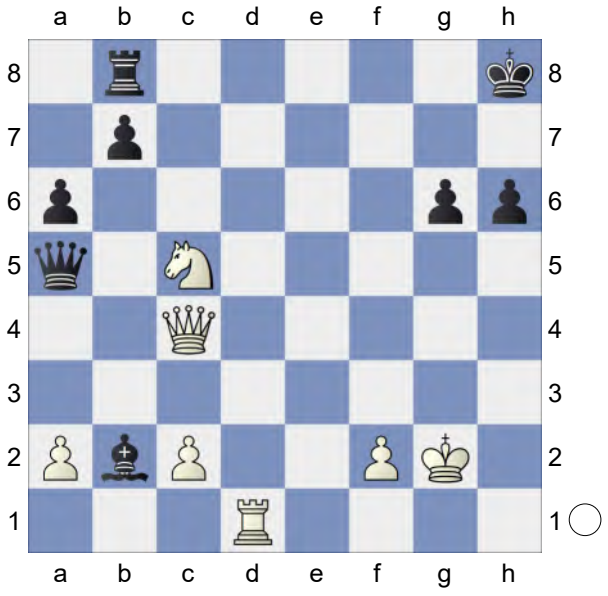


14...Ne5! 15.Bg2 Prevents Nef3+.
[15.Bxe5 Bxe5]
15...Rd8 Inhibits Nd5. aiming for ... Ndf3+! **16.Bxe5 Bxe5 17.Re1**
[17.Bxb7? Qb6 18.Be4 Qxb2-+]
17...0-0 -0.79/20
[⌓17...e6 -1.12/20 18.Bxb7 h5]
18.Qd3 -1.13/19
[⌓18.Rb1 -0.79/20]
18...e6 19.Rad1 Bg7 20.Ne4 f5 21.gxf5 Nxf5 -0.42/21
[21...exf5?! 22.Nc3=]
[21...gxf5∓ -0.79/21 22.Nd2 *(22.Nc3 e5∓)* 22...Qxa2]
22.Qc4∓ Nxh4 23.Nc5 Black must now prevent b4. **23...Nxg2**
[23...Bxb2? 24.Nxe6 *(24.Qxh4 Rxd1 25.Rxd1 Qxc5∓)* 24...Nf3+ 25.Bxf3+-]
24.Kxg2

(Diagram)



Rxd1 -0.01/19
[Don't do 24...Bxb2 25.Rxd8 Rxd8 26.Rxe6±]
[24...Rd4!∓ -0.72/22 25.Qxe6+ *(25.Rxd4 Qxe1)* 25...Kh7]
25.Rxd1= The position is equal.
25...Qc7
[25...Bxb2? 26.Nxe6 Rb8 27.Nc5+ *(27.Nf4+ Kh8+-)* 27...Kh8



28.Qf4! Qxc5 29.Qxb8+ Kh7 30.Qxb7+ Bg7 31.Qe4+-]
26.Qxe6+ Kh7 27.Ne4 Threatens to win with Rd7. Active counter play!
27...Qxc2 28.Rd6 Qxb2 29.Qxg6+ Kh8 30.Rd7 b6 31.Rb7 a5 32.a4⇄ White is not holding back **32...Qd4 33.Re7 Qb2 34.Rb7 Qd4 35.Re7 Qb2 36.Re6 Qd4 37.Re7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) / Black=0.12 (very precise)
½-½

95 **A45**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2833**
■ **Sindarov,Javokhir** **2707**
Titled Tue 4th Mar Late blitz (6) 04.03.25
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 g6 4.h4 Bg7 5.e3 h5 6.Nf3 0-0 7.Be2 c5 8.dxc5** The position is equal.
[8.Ne5 Nc6 9.Qd2 cxd4 10.exd4 Qb6 11.0-0-0 Bf5 12.f3 Nb4 13.Nd3 Qxd4 14.Be3 Qc4 15.Nxb4 Qxb4 16.a3 Qd6 17.Bh6 Rac8 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.g4 Be6 20.Qd4 Kh7 21.Qxa7 Qf4+ 22.Kb1 Rc7 Livaic,L (2557)-Ambartsumova,K (2418) Chess.com INT 2024 Mega2024 Update 13 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (50)]
8...Qa5 9.Nd2N
[9.0-0 Qxc5 10.Nb5 a6 *(10...Na6 11.Rc1 Bd7 12.Nbd4 Qb6 13.Ne5 Nc5 14.b3 e6 15.c4 Rac8 16.Nxd7 Ncxd7 17.Nf3 Ne4 18.cxd5 Nc3 19.Qd2 Nxd5 20.Bg3 N7f6 21.Ng5 Rcd8 22.Qe1 Rd7 23.Bf3 Nb4 24.Qe2 Nd3 25.Rcd1* Shuvalova,P (2487)-Bodnaruk,A (2333) FIDE Online Arena INT 2024 Mega2024 Update 41 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (56)*)* 11.Nc7 Ra7 12.a3 b6 *(12...Bf5 13.Nd4 Bg4 14.f3 Bd7 15.Nb3 Qc6 16.Nd4 Qb6*

3.Bf4 g6 4.e3 Bg7 #5-N,N 33. Veresov) 13.b4 Qc6 14.Nb5 axb5 15.Bxb8 Theory 6: 3... g6 #4 Theory 6 (3... g6)]

9...Qxc5 10.Nb3 Qb6 11.a4 Nc6 12.0-0 Qd8 13.a5 a6 14.Bf3 Bf5 15.Nd4 -0.36/20

[15.Nxd5= 0.24/19 Nxd5 16.Bxd5]

15...Nxd4 16.exd4 Rc8 17.Qd2 e6 18.Rfe1 Qe7 19.Ra4 Qd7 aiming for ... Rxc3! **20.Rb4 Rfe8 21.Be5 Rc6 22.Ra1** -0.37/21

[22.Qf4= -0.05/21 should be considered.]

22...Rec8 23.Ra3 Ne8

[23...Bf8? 24.Bxf6! e5 25.Bxe5 *(25.Nxd5 e4±)* 25...Bxb4 26.Qh6+-]

24.Bxg7 Kxg7 25.Qf4 -1.28/20

[25.g3∓ -0.56/19]

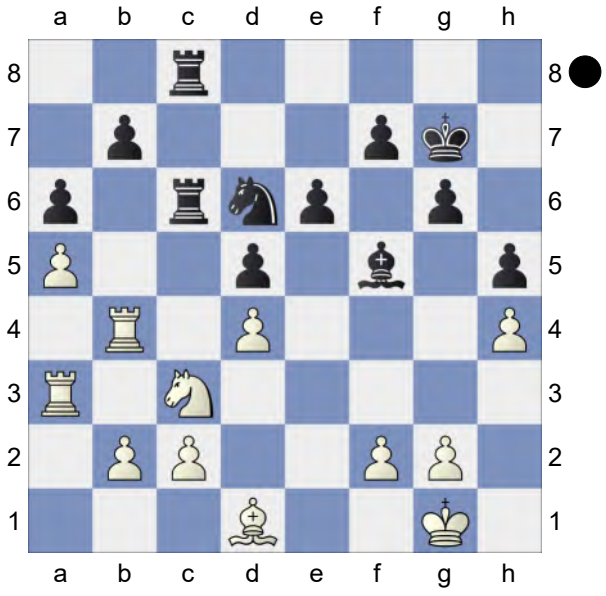
25...Qd6 -0.26/22

[25...Bxc2∓ -1.28/20 26.Ra1 Nd6]

26.Qxd6 -1.31/22

[26.Qe5+= -0.26/22 Qxe5 27.dxe5]

26...Nxd6∓ 27.Bd1



R8c7 -0.87/21

[⌓27...Nc4! -1.40/24 28.Raa4

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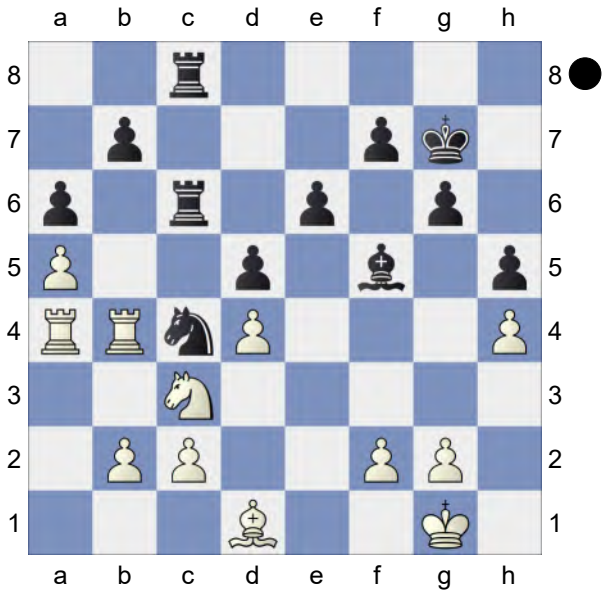


Nxb2! 29.Rxb2 Rxc3 30.Rxb7 Bxc2 31.Bxc2 Rxc2]

28.f3 -1.31/23

[White should try 28.Ra2 -0.87/21]

28...Nc4↑ Black is really pushing.

29.Ra2 -1.93/23

[29.Ra1∓ -1.39/25]

29...Nxb2 30.Rbxb2 -2.11/20

[30.Raxb2 -1.69/25 was called for. Rxc3 31.Rxb7]

30...Rxc3-+ 31.Kf2 Kf6 32.Ke2 g5 33.hxg5+ Kxg5 34.Kd2 -3.02/24

[⌓34.g3 -1.93/22]

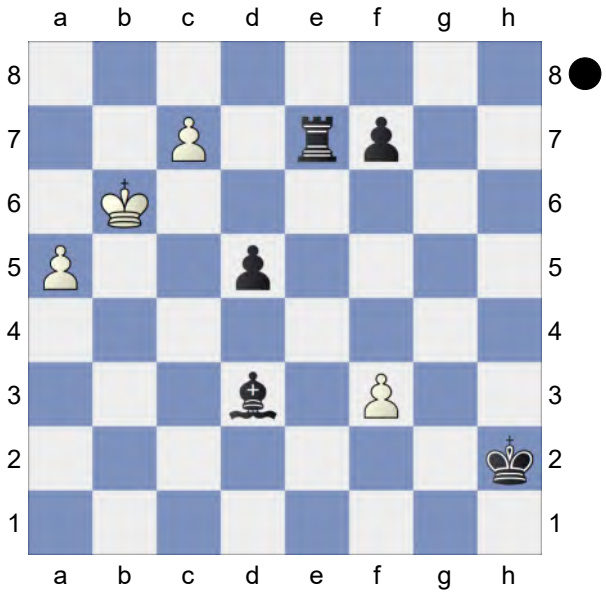
34...h4 ...Kf4 is the strong threat.

35.Be2? -5.04/25

[35.Rxb7 -2.48/24 Rxc2+ 36.Bxc2 Rxb7 37.Ke3]

35...Kf4 Black is clearly winning. **36.Bd1 Kg3 37.Rxb7 Rxb7 38.Kxc3 Kxg2** Endgame And now ...Rb1 would win. KRB-KRB **39.Be2 h3 40.Bxa6 Rc7+ 41.Kb4 h2 42.c4+ Kg3 43.Rxh2 Kxh2 44.c5 e5 45.Kb5 exd4 46.Kb6 Re7 47.c6 d3 48.Bxd3 Bxd3 49.c7**

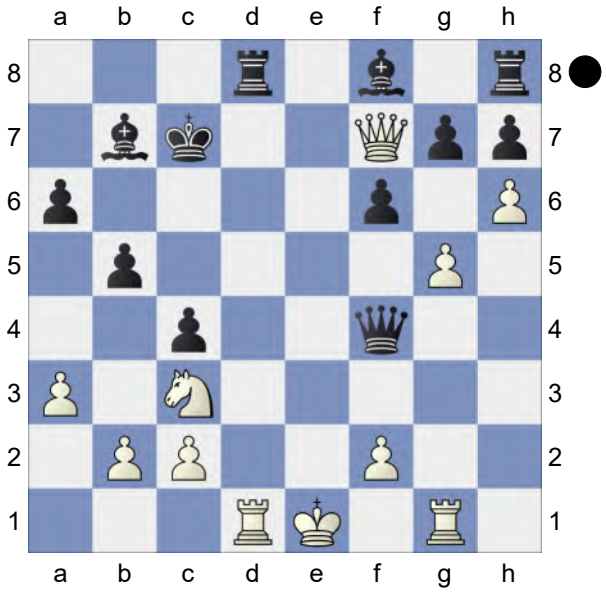
(Diagram)



Ba6! Weighted Error Value: White=0.74/Black=0.39
0-1

96 **D00**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2832**
■ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2808**
5th Norway Blitz 2017 (8.1) 05.06.2017
[Kitty Kat]

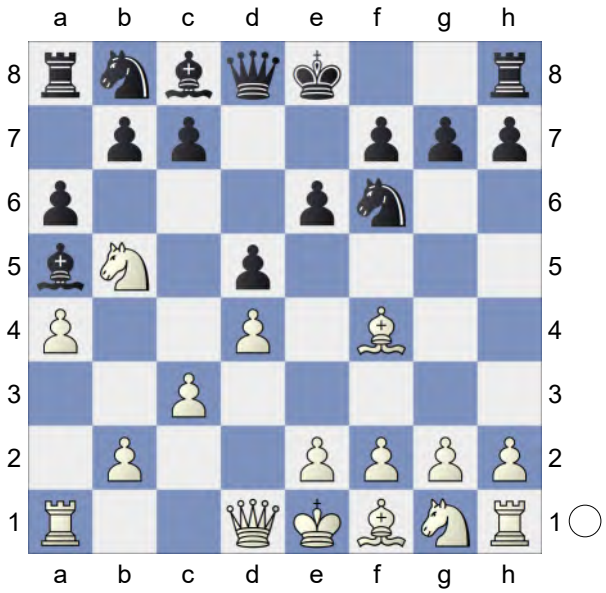
D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 d5 3.Nc3 a6 4.e3 e6 5.g4 c5 6.g5 Nfd7 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.a3** The position is equal. **8...b5 9.h4 Bb7 10.h5 Nb6 11.Ne5N** -0.39/18
[11.Rg1± 0.43/17]
[11.Qd2 Be7 12.dxc5 Bxc5 13.0-0-0 b4 14.h6 bxc3 15.Qxc3 Bd6 16.hxg7 Rg8 17.Rxh7 Theory-Theory 5: 3... a6 #18 - 4...]
11...Nxe5∓ 12.Bxe5 Nc4 0.13/20
[Better is 12...Qxg5∓ -0.43/17 13.Bf4 Qd8]
13.Bxc4= dxc4 14.Rg1 f6 0.92/20
[14...h6± 0.34/19]
15.Bf4 Qd7 1.11/19
[⌓15...cxd4 0.74/17 16.exd4 Qb6]
16.h6 0.17/21
[White should play 16.gxf6± 1.11/19 gxf6 17.Qg4]
16...0-0-0 17.Qe2 White wants to play 0-0-0. **17...cxd4 18.exd4→** White attacks. **18...Qxd4 19.Rd1** -1.32/22
[19.gxf6= 0.01/19 gxf6 *(19...Qxf4 20.hxg7 Bc5 21.gxh8R±; 19...Qxf6 20.Qe3±)* 20.Qxe6+ Qd7 21.Qxd7+ Rxd7 22.Rd1]
19...Qxf4∓ 20.Qxe6+ Kc7 21.Qf7+



Be7? 8.11/22 This move loses the game for Black. **22.Qxe7++-** White is clearly winning. **22...Kc8 23.hxg7**
[23.Qxg7? loses. Rhe8+ 24.Kf1 Rxd1+ 25.Nxd1 Qc1-+]
23...Rxd1+ 24.Nxd1 Rg8 25.Qf8+ Kc7 26.Qxg8 Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=1.30
1-0

97 **D00**
□ **Aqua Blazing** **2827**
■ **Kaka66** **2810**
Blitz 28.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6N**
[3...c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 e6 6.Nb5 Na6 7.h4 Bd7 8.c3 Be7 9.a4 0-0 10.Bd3 Bc6 11.Nf3 Ne4 12.Qe2 f5 13.g3 Bf6 14.Ng5 Qd7 15.f3 Nac5 16.Bc2 a6 17.dxc5 axb5 18.fxe4 6) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5-5.exd4 e6 6.Nb5 Na6 #8 The Meanest Jobava London 2023 https://www.chessable.co [MH]]
4.Nb5 Bb4+ 5.c3 Ba5! 6.a4
Black should prevent b4. **6...a6**



7.b4!

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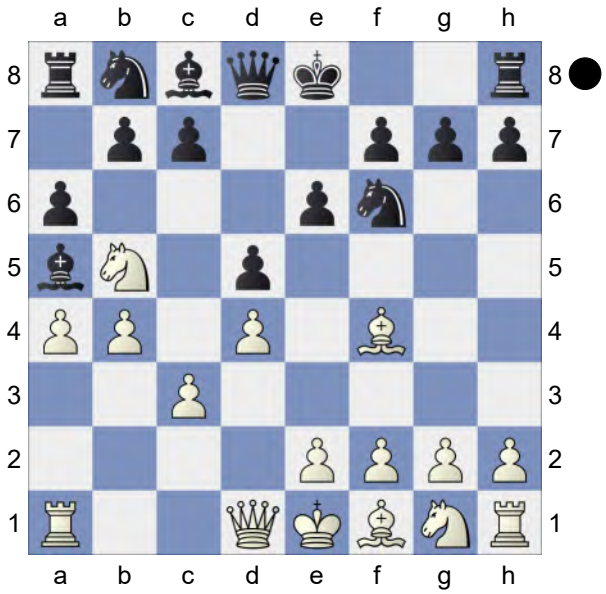
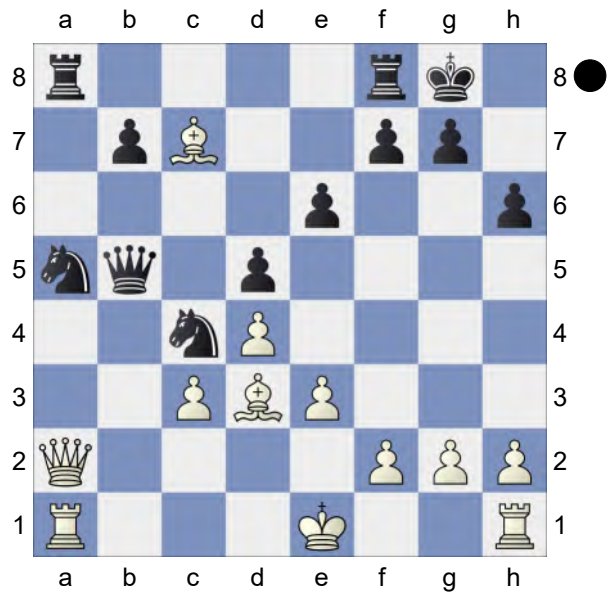
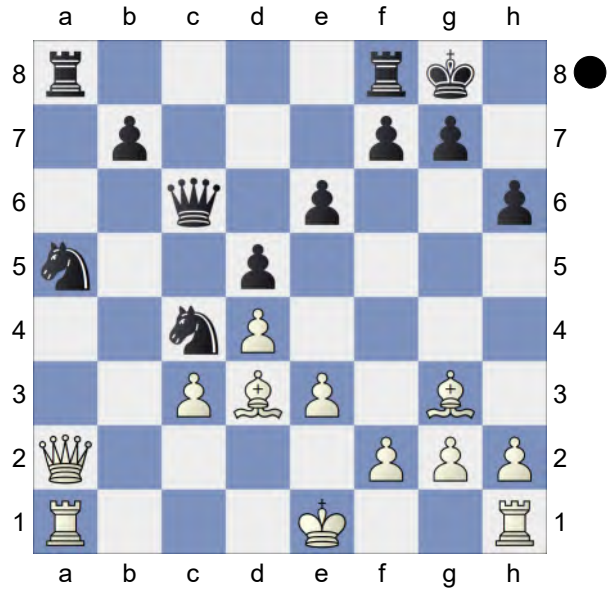


Nc6 aiming for ...Nxb4. **8.bxa5**
The position is equal. **8...axb5 9.axb5 Nxa5 10.e3 0-0 11.Nf3 Bd7 12.Ne5**
Against Nc4 **12...Ne4 13.Qc2** -0.70/21
[13.f3= 0.02/22 Nd6 14.Qb1]
13...Nd6 0.17/22
[13...Nc4∓ -0.70/21 14.Rd1 *(14.Rxa8? Qxa8 15.Qc1 Qa2-+)* 14...Na3]
14.Nxd7 -0.19/20
[⌓14.b6 0.17/22]
14...Qxd7= 15.Bd3 h6 16.Qa4 Ndc4
Pair of Knights! **17.Qa2** -0.95/18
Inhibits Nb2.
[17.Qc2∓ -0.31/20]
17...Qxb5∓ 18.Bxc7

(Diagram)



Qc6! 19.Bg3 -1.64/22
[19.Bxa5∓ -1.10/25 Rxa5 20.Qb1]

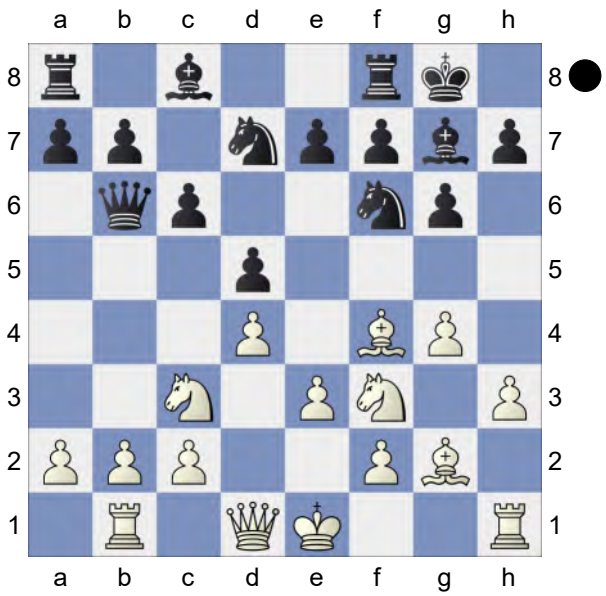


19...b5? 0.00/23
[Black should play 19...Ne5!-+ -1.64/22 20.Qc2 *(20.Bxe5 Qxc3+ 21.Ke2 Nb3∓)* 20...Nxd3+ 21.Qxd3 Rfc8]
20.0-0= Rfc8 21.h3 g6 0.63/21
[21...Nb6= -0.23/22]
22.Qc2 Bxg6! is the strong threat.
22...Kg7 23.e4 Nb7 0.76/20
[23...Nb6!= 0.28/20]
24.exd5 exd5 25.Rae1 Re8! Inhibits Re7. **26.h4 Nbd6 27.h5 Ne4 28.hxg6 Nxg3** 1.19/30
[28...fxg6± 0.50/19 29.Bxe4 dxe4]
29.Rxe8 0.00/27
[Only move: 29.fxg3± 1.19/30 fxg6 30.Qf2]
29...Rxe8 30.gxf7 Chess con chili. **30...Rf8 31.fxg3 Ne3 32.Qe2 Nxf1 33.Bxb5 Qf6 34.Qxf1 Qxf1+ 35.Kxf1 Rxf7+** Endgame KR-KB **36.Ke2 Ra7 37.c4 dxc4 38.Bxc4 Kf6 39.Bd3 Ra3 40.Ke3 Kg5 41.Ke4 Kg4 42.d5 Kxg3 43.d6 Kxg2 44.d7 Ra8 45.Ke5** White wants to mate with Be4+. **45...h5?** #8/20
[45...Kf2= 0.00/47]
46.Be4+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.38
1-0

98 **D00**
□ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2825**
■ **Nepomniachtchi,Ian** **2811**
Chessable Masters 2024 | Division 1 (53..
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.Nc3 Nf6 2.d4 d5 3.Bf4 c6 4.e3 Nbd7 5.g4 Qb6** Hoping for ...Nxg4! **6.Rb1! g6! 7.Bg2 Bg7! 8.h3** Black is slightly better. Black is slightly better. Black has an edge. **8...0-0 9.Nf3** -0.73/18
[9.Nge2∓ -0.34/21]

(Diagram)



9...Qa6 0.27/21
[Black should play 9...h5!∓ -0.53/20]
10.Qd3 b6 0.62/19
[10...b5= 0.21/18]
11.Ne5 0.08/20 White is more active.
[11.b4± 0.57/20 should be considered.]
11...Nxe5= 12.Bxe5 Ne8 0.44/21
[12...Rd8= 0.06/22]
13.b4 e6 0.54/22
[13...Qb7= 0.14/22]
14.g5 0.12/23
[14.a4± 0.54/22 should be considered. was preferrable. should be considered.]
14...Bxe5 15.dxe5 Nc7 0.59/20
[15...Qb7= 0.12/21 was preferrable.]
[15...Ng7= 0.26/20]
16.h4 &Bianco is more active. **16...Qxd3 17.cxd3 a5** Black is weak on the dark squares **18.h5 Bd7 19.bxa5 b5 20.Rb4** Rb4-h4 is the strong threat.

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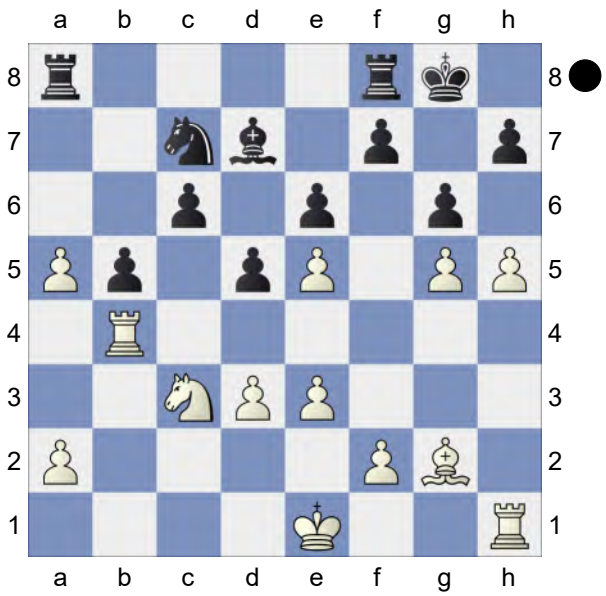
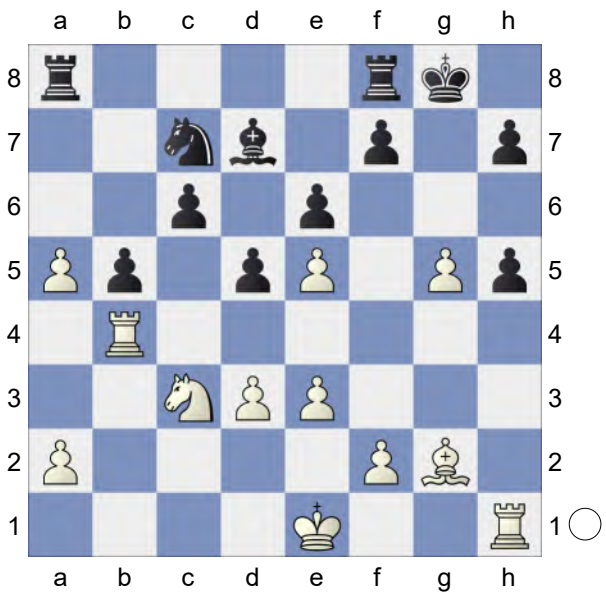


aiming for Rbh4. Rb4-h4 is the strong threat. **20...gxh5** 0.46/20
[20...Rfc8= 0.00/20]



21.Rxh5 0.17/20 &Bianco is more active. Black must now prevent Rbh4.
[21.Ne2!± 1.00/23]
21...Kg7!
[21...Rxa5 22.Rbh4 b4 23.Ne4 *(23.Rxb4 Ra3=)* 23...dxe4 24.Bxe4 Rxe5 *(24...Rxa2 25.Rxh7 Ra1+ 26.Ke2 Ra2+ 27.Kf1 f6 28.gxf6)* 25.Rxh7 Rxe4 *(25...Rxg5? 26.f4+-;*

25...b3 26.Rh8+ Kg7 27.R4h7#) 26.dxe4+-]

22.Ne2 With the idea Rh6. **22...Rxa5**

23.Ng3 0.00/23

[23.Rbh4!?± 0.48/23 Rh8 24.Nf4 *(24.Nc1=)*]

23...Rxa2 0.36/24 Strongly threatening ... c5.

[23...c5= 0.00/23 24.Rf4 *(24.Rh6 cxb4 25.Nh5+ Kh8)* 24...Rg8 *(24...Rxa2 25.Rh6=)*]

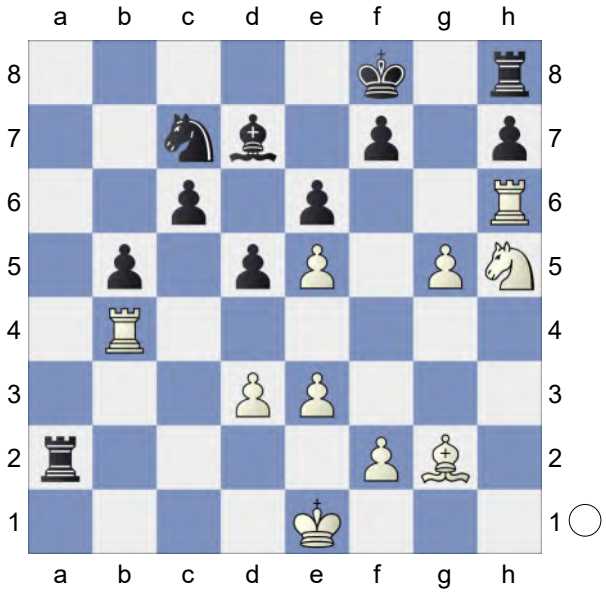
24.Rh6 0.00/23

[24.Rh3± 0.36/24 deserves consideration.]

24...Rh8 0.39/23

[24...Rg8!= 0.00/23 25.Nh5+ Kf8]

25.Nh5+± Kf8



White must now prevent ...c6-c5. [#] aiming for ...c5. Strongly threatening ... c5. [#] White must now prevent ...c6-c5.

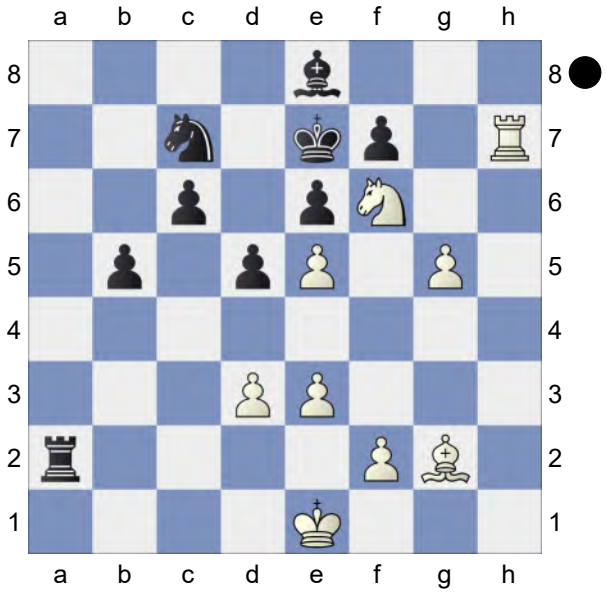
26.Nf6 Ke7 27.Rbh4! g5-g6! would now be deadly. Chess con chili. Dancing on a razor blade. g5-g6! would now be deadly. **27...Be8 28.Rxh7** 0.00/55

[28.Nxh7 c5 *(28...Ra1+ 29.Ke2=)* 29.Nf6 Rf8=]

[28.Bf3± 0.38/22 feels stronger. Ra1+ 29.Bd1]

28...Rxh7= The position is equal.

29.Rxh7



aiming for Nf6xe8. And now g6 would win. Hoping for g6. [#] aiming for Nf6xe8.

29...b4! Strongly threatening ...b4-b3. And now ...b3 would win. Strongly threatening ...b4-b3. **30.Nxe8**

[30.g6? b3 31.gxf7 *(31.Nxe8? b2-+)* 31...Bxf7-+]

30...b3 Hoping for ...b3-b2. Threatens to win with ...b2. (→ ...b2) Hoping for ...b3-b2. **31.Nd6**

[But not Wrong is 31.Nxc7? b2 32.Ke2 b1Q+ *(32...b1R+? 33.Kf3+-)* 33.Kf3 Qg1 *(33...Qxd3-+* leads to mate. *34.Rh2 Qf5+ 35.Kg3 Qxg5+ 36.Kf3 Qf5+ 37.Kg3 Qxf2+ 38.Kg4 Qxe3 39.Kh5 Qg3 40.Nxe6 Qxh2+ 41.Bh3 Qxh3+ 42.Kg5 Qg3+ 43.Kh6 Rh2#)* 34.Nxd5+ cxd5 35.Rh3 Rxf2+ 36.Kg4 Rxg2+ *(36...Qxg2+ 37.Rg3 Qf1 38.g6 Qxd3 39.Rf3 Qxg6+ 40.Kh4 Rxf3 41.e4 Rg3 42.exd5 Qg5#)* 37.Kh5 Rxg5+ 38.Kh6 Rg8 *(38...Rxe5?* is a self mate. is a self mate. *39.Kh7 Kf8 40.Kh8 Qg8#; 38...Rxe5?* is a self mate. *39.Kh7 Kf8 40.Kh8 Qg8#)*]

31...b2 32.Rxf7+=
[32.Nxf7? b1Q#]
32...Kd8 33.Rf8+ Kd7 34.Rf7+ Kd8 35.Rf8+ Kd7 36.Rf7+ Kd8=
Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.14 (very precise)
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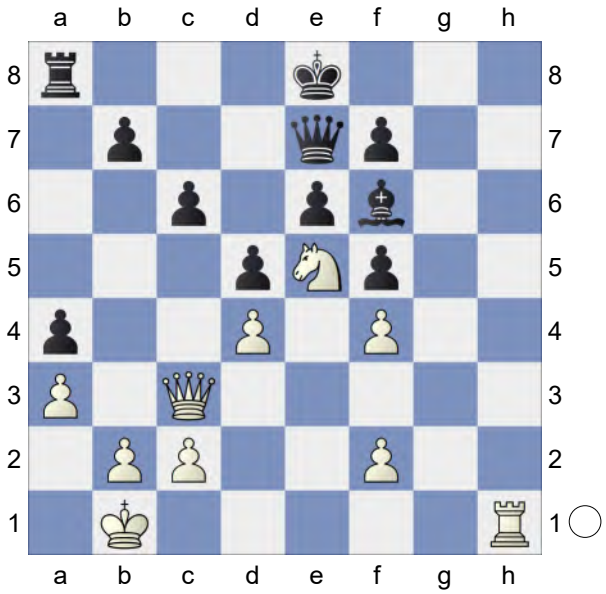
99 **D00**
□ **Deslandes,Pascal** **2823**
■ **Grube,Joerg** **2764**
Alekhine casual (8.5) 24.01.2021
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 g6 4.e3 Bg7 5.Be2**
[5.Nb5 Na6 6.h3 0-0 7.Nf3 c6 8.Nc3 Nc7 9.Bd3 Re8 10.0-0 Nd7 11.e4 dxe4 12.Nxe4 Nd5 13.Bh2 e5 14.Nd6 Re6 15.Nxc8 Rxc8 16.Bc4 e4 17.Ne1 N7b6 18.Bb3 e3 19.fxe3 Nxe3 0-1 Banknotehouse (2844)-Lucifermorning01 (2887) Blitz 2024]
5...c6
[5...0-0 6.h4 h5 7.f3 c5 8.g4 Nc6 9.dxc5 Qa5 10.Qd2 Qxc5 11.0-0-0 e5 12.Bg5 d4 13.exd4 exd4 14.Ne4 Nxe4 15.fxe4 Bxg4 16.Bxg4 hxg4 17.h5 d3 18.c3 Nb4 19.Kb1 Nc2 20.Bh6 0-1 Urbani,G (2107)-Ambartsumova,K (2404) Titled Tuesday intern op 17th Sep Early blitz 2024 (8)]
6.Qd2N
[6.h4 h5 7.Nf3 Bg4 8.Ne5 Bxe2 9.Qxe2 Nbd7 10.0-0-0 Theory 3: 3... c6 #3 - 4... g The Jobava System]
6...a5 7.Nf3 Bg4 8.Ne5 Bxe2 9.Qxe2 a4 10.a3 Nh5 11.h4 Nxf4 12.exf4 h5 13.0-0-0 Nd7 14.g4 hxg4 15.Qxg4 Nf6 16.Qf3 e6 17.Kb1 Nh5 18.Ne2 Bf6 19.Ng3 Qc7 20.Qe3 Qe7 21.Rde1 Ng7 22.Qd2 Rxh4 0.57/24
[Black should try 22...Nh5= -0.01/20]
23.Rxh4± Bxh4 24.Rh1 Nf5 25.Nxf5 gxf5
[25...exf5? too greedy. 26.Nf3 Kf8 *(26...Bf6? 27.Re1+- Pin)* 27.Nxh4+- *(27.Rxh4 Kg7+-)*]
26.Qc3 Bf6



27.Nxc6! Qc7

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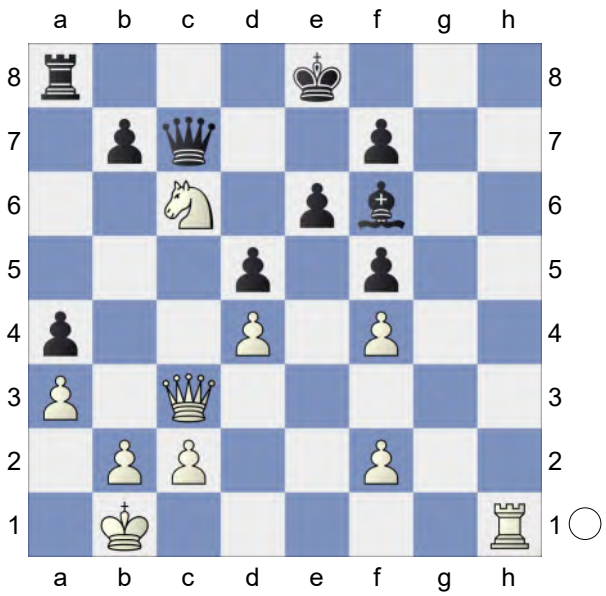


28.Qg3! Kd7 29.Ne5+ Bxe5 30.fxe5 Endgame KQR-KQR **30...Rd8 31.Qg7 Kc8 32.Rh8** Black must now prevent Rh8xd8+. **32...Qe7 33.Rxd8+** 0.22/24 [33.Ka2± 0.63/22] **33...Kxd8** KQ-KQ. The position is equal. **34.Qg8+ Kc7! 35.Ka2 f6 36.exf6 Qxf6 37.Qg3+ f4 38.Qc3+ Kb8! 39.f3 Qg6 40.b3 axb3+ 41.Kxb3 Qg1 42.Kb2 Qf1 43.a4 Qa6 44.Qb4 Ka7 45.Kb3 Qf1 46.Qa5+ Kb8 47.Qd8+ Ka7** ...Qf1-c4+ is the strong threat. **48.Qa5+ Kb8** Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.06 (flawless)
½-½

100 **A45**
□ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2823**
■ **Giri,Anish** **2764**
83rd Tata Steel Masters (8.5) 24.01.2021
[Richard Palliser]

1.d4 GM Ivan Cheparinov **1...Nf6 2.Nc3!? d5 3.Bf4 g6**
[I've always thought that Jobava-Prie practitioners are likely to enjoy facing this, but Giri presumably disagrees or has an easy path to equality prepared. One decent alternative is I've always thought that Jobava-Prie practitioners are likely to enjoy facing this, but Giri presumably disagrees or has an easy path to equality prepared. One decent alternative is 3...c5 , which was also seen at Wijk - check out Esipenko-van Foreest below. , which was also seen at Wijk - check out Esipenko-van Foreest below.]
4.e3 Bg7 5.Be2 GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'This was a recent choice of Fabiano Caruana, although I believe that immediately 5.h4 is a more accurate choice. Sometimes Be2 move can be ommitted in this case and White can go Nf3-e5 in one go, so the bishop can sometimes be developed to d3 instead. Still, the advantage of Be2 is that it is a more flexible move, since White may not necessarily attack with h4, depending on what Black plays now.' GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'This was a recent choice of Fabiano Caruana, although I believe that immediately 5.h4 is a more accurate choice. Sometimes Be2 move can be ommitted in this case and White can go Nf3-e5 in one go, so the bishop can sometimes be developed to d3 instead. Still, the advantage of Be2 is that it is a more flexible move, since White may not necessarily attack with h4, depending on what Black plays now.'
[Holding back on Harry for now, but Holding back on Harry for now, but 5.h4 is, of course, very much White's main line when it would be interesting to know if Giri was intending is, of course, very much White's main line when it would be interesting to know if Giri was intending c6 in any case.]

5...c6 GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'This is a cautious move, postponing castling for a moment.' GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'This is a cautious move, postponing castling for a moment.'

[Still, I believe that Black has nothing to fear and GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'Still, I believe that Black has nothing to fear and' 5...0-0! may even be the best. 6.h4

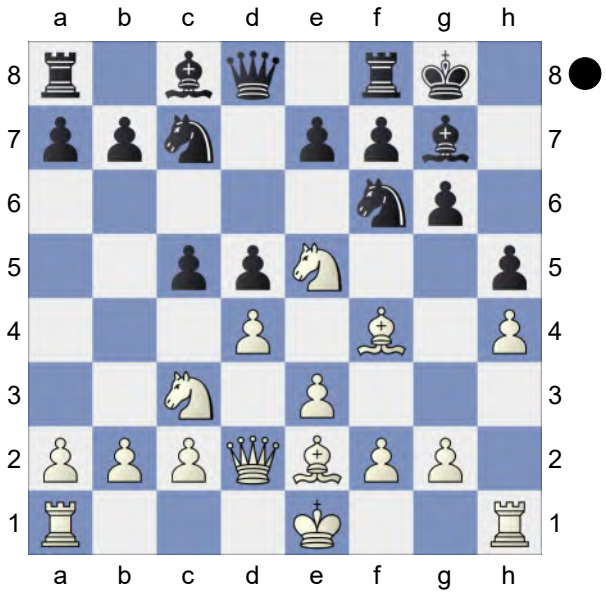
A) 6...c5!? 7.h5 Nc6

A1) 8.hxg6 hxg6 9.Nf3 *(9.Qd2 Bf5 10.Rd1 Rc8⇄)* 9...Ne4 10.Kf1 Bf5 11.g3 e6 12.Kg1 *(12.Kg2 g5)* 12...Re8∓ 0-1 (36) Ponomariov,R (2631) - Kuzubov,Y (2643) chess.com INT 2020 GM Ivan Cheparinov: '0-1 (36) Ponomariov,R (2631) - Kuzubov,Y (2643) chess.com INT 2020';

A2) 8.h6!? Bh8 9.Nf3 Ne4 10.0-0 Bg4 11.Re1 Rc8 *(11...Nxc3 12.bxc3 Qa5 13.Qd2 Rac8 14.Reb1±)* 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Ne5 Bxe2 14.Qxe2 cxd4 15.exd4 Qxd4 16.c3 Qd5 17.Nxc6 Rxc6 18.Qxe4 Qxe4 19.Rxe4 e5 20.Bg5 f6 21.Be3 f5 22.Rb4 b6 23.f3=;

B) 6...h5

B1) Another typical plan for White is GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'Another typical plan for White is' 7.Nb5 Na6 8.Nf3 c6 *(8...Ne4* is not so good hear as in a similar position without h4 h5. The reason is that ...f6,...e5 plan does not work well because Black has already weakened his kingside. GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'is not so good hear as in a similar position without h4 h5. The reason is that ...f6,...e5 plan does not work well because Black has already weakened his kingside.' *)* 9.Nc3 *(9.Na3 Qb6 10.Qc1 Bg4=)* 9...Nc7 10.Ne5 White is getting ready for kingside attack, so Black needs to find counterplay. GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'White is getting ready for kingside attack, so Black needs to find counterplay.' c5 11.Qd2 *(11.dxc5 Ne6* is the point. *)*



White would like to castle queenside and then attack with f3, g4 etc. GM Ivan Cheparinov: '[#] White would like to castle queenside and then attack with f3, g4 etc.' 11...Bf5! This is the best way to create counter-chances. The bishop is fairly safe here. It is important to put pressure along the c-file, especially against the c2-pawn. GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'This is the best way to create counter-chances. The bishop is fairly safe

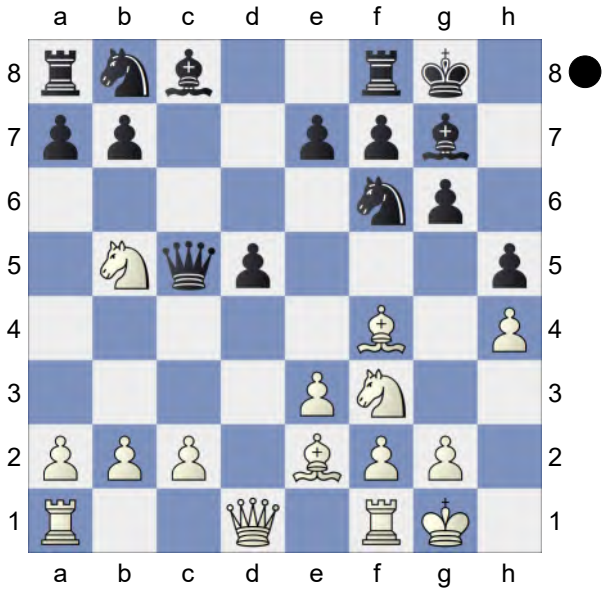
here. It is important to put pressure along the c-file, especially against the c2-pawn.' *(11...Ne6 12.Bh2)* 12.f3 Ne6 13.0-0-0 Rc8⇄ 14.Kb1 *(14.g4* runs into *hxg4 15.fxg4 Ne4 16.Nxe4 Bxe4∓)* 14...cxd4 15.exd4 b5!→ 16.Bxb5?! Qb6;

B2) 7.Qd2 c5 8.0-0-0 Nc6 9.dxc5 Qa5⇄;

B3) 7.Nf3 c5 8.dxc5 *(8.0-0* is harmless in the view of *cxd4 9.exd4 Nc6 10.Ne5 Bf5=* Inclusion of h4 and h5 does not seem to be in White's favor.*)* 8...Qa5

B3a) Black does not seem to have any problems after 9.Nd2 Qxc5 10.Nb3 Qb6 11.0-0 *(11.Nxd5 Nxd5 12.Qxd5 Bxb2; 11.a4 Nc6 12.a5 Qd8)* 11...Nc6 12.a4 Bf5 13.a5 Qd8=;

B3b) 9.0-0 Qxc5 10.Nb5



This is an interesting idea. Black has some options, but the best way to continue is GM Ivan Cheparinov: '[#] This is an interesting idea. Black has some options, but the best way to continue is' a6= GM Ivan Cheparinov: '=' '=' '=' 11.Nc7 Ra7

B3b1) White was happy with a draw 12.Nb5 , but Carlsen tried to make it a game with axb5 *(12...Ra8=)* 13.Bxb8 Ra8 14.Be5 b4= 1/2-1/2 (42) Naiditsch,A (2702)-Carlsen, M (2838) Karlsruhe/Baden-Baden 2017 GM Ivan Cheparinov: '1/2-1/2 (42) Naiditsch,A (2702)-Carlsen, M (2838) Karlsruhe/Baden-Baden 2017';

B3b2) 12.a3 This is an interesting alternative, preparing 13.b4. GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'This is an interesting alternative, preparing 13.b4.'

B3b21)

Another interesting line is 12...b6 13.b4 Qc3 14.Nxd5 Nxd5 15.Qxd5 Be6 16.Qg5 Qxc2 *(16...Nc6 17.Bd3)* 17.Rae1 Nc6 18.Rc1 Qxe2 19.Rxc6 Qb5 20.Rfc1 Bd5 21.Rc8 Bxf3 22.Rxf8+ Bxf8 23.gxf3 Bg7 24.Qxb5 axb5 25.Rc6=;

B3b22) 12...Bf5 attacking on c2 and preparing ...b5 13.Nd4 *(13.b4 Qxc2 14.Rc1 Qxd1 15.Rfxd1 Nc6⇄)* 13...Bg4 14.f3 Bd7 The knight on c7 is in

danger of being trapped, so White should probably just force a repetition with GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'The knight on c7 is in danger of being trapped, so White should probably just force a repetition with' 15.Nb3 Qc6 16.Nd4 Qc5=]

6.Qd2!? GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'Another waiting move.'

[A new move for us, as Caruana continues to develop and keep his options open. Here we've only seen A new move for us, as Caruana continues to develop and keep his options open. Here we've only seen 6.h4 before when GM Ivan Cheparinov: '!?' '!?' '!?' h6 *(6...h5* is also quite possible, of course, and then is also quite possible, of course, and then *7.Nf3* GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'is a transposition into the main line (game 4)' *Nbd7 8.Ne5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5* was Abasov-Valsecchi, European Club Cup, Antalya 2017, as can be seen in the Archive was Abasov-Valsecchi, European Club Cup, Antalya 2017, as can be seen in the Archive *)* 7.Nf3 Qa5 8.Qd2 Bg4 9.Ne5 Bxe2 10.Qxe2 Qa6 was another elite encounter, Eljanov-Radjabov, Gashimov Memorial, Shamkir 2016, which you'll also find in the Archive. was another elite encounter, Eljanov-Radjabov, Gashimov Memorial, Shamkir 2016, which you'll also find in the Archive.]

6...a5!? GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'An unusual move, but Black anticipates White's 0-0-0.'

[And this was definitely a novelty. Giri waits for White to commit and possibly didn't feel entirely confident about his king position after And this was definitely a novelty. Giri waits for White to commit and possibly didn't feel entirely confident about his king position after 6...0-0 7.h4 h5 8.Nf3 followed by Ne5.]

7.Nf3 GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'Caruana still does not play h4.' GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'Caruana still does not play h4.'

[Taking play into definite Barry waters. There was, of course, also Taking play into definite Barry waters. There was, of course, also 7.h4 GM Ivan Cheparinov: '!?' GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'would be similar to the game.' h5 8.Nf3 when perhaps Giri was intending b5!? to avoid castling into it. Then *(8...Bg4 9.Ne5 Bxe2 10.Qxe2)* 9.Ne5 Qb6 10.f3 Nbd7 11.Bd3 would be thematic, but is probably only about equal. Tests are required! would be thematic, but is probably only about equal. Tests are required!]

[7.0-0-0 b5⇄]

7...Bg4 Continuing to wait with the king and hoping to exchange off a potentially problematic piece for Black. GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'As in Grischuk's game, Black is happy to exchange the light-squared bishop.' Continuing to wait with the king and hoping to exchange off a potentially problematic piece for Black. GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'As in Grischuk's game, Black is happy to exchange the light-squared bishop.'

[7...b5 would be premature since after GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'would be premature since after' 8.Ne5± White can castle kingside. This was the whole point of postponing h2-h4,

Caruana wanted to be as flexible as possible with his options. GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'White can castle kingside. This was the whole point of postponing h2-h4, Caruana wanted to be as flexible as possible with his options.']

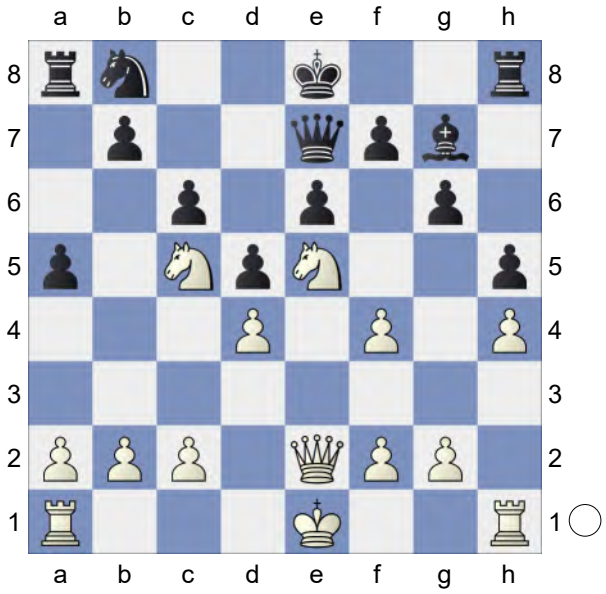
8.Ne5

[This must be critical. This must be critical. 8.0-0 Nbd7 9.h3 *(*or *9.Ne5 Bxe2 10.Qxe2 Nh5!* , which echoes the game , which echoes the game*)* 9...Bxf3 10.Bxf3 0-0 would just be fine for Black. He is very solid and ... a5 hardly stands out in such a position indeed, it's a fairly common move in such a structure, followed by ...a4, possibly ...Qa5 and ...Nb6. would just be fine for Black. He is very solid and ...a5 hardly stands out in such a position indeed, it's a fairly common move in such a structure, followed by ...a4, possibly ...Qa5 and ...Nb6.]

8...Bxe2 9.Qxe2 GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'This is an unclear position. White has many options, like f3-e4 or f3-g4, but Black can hold his own with precise play. ' GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'This is an unclear position. White has many options, like f3-e4 or f3-g4, but Black can hold his own with precise play.'

9...a4 Hoping to get in a disruptive ...a3 and ...Qa5. Caruana sensibly prevents such a policy only for Giri to switch flank and focus. Hoping to get in a disruptive ...a3 and ...Qa5. Caruana sensibly prevents such a policy only for Giri to switch flank and focus.

[Other possibilities are 9...Nh5 This is similar to the game. 10.h4! Nxf4 11.exf4 h5 Black is very solid. White may have just a slight plus after GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'Black is very solid. White may have just a slight plus after' 12.Na4!? *(12.0-0-0 Nd7 13.Kb1 e6=)* 12...e6 13.Nc5 Qe7



14.Rh3!± a nice plan - lifting the rook to the third rank to prepare ideas like Re3 and Nxg6 or Rb3. GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'a nice plan - lifting the rook to the third rank to prepare ideas like Re3 and Nxg6 or Rb3.']

[and 9...b5 which might be a bit inaccurate. GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'which might be a bit inaccurate.' 10.h4 h5 11.0-0-0 *(11.f3)* 11...a4?!

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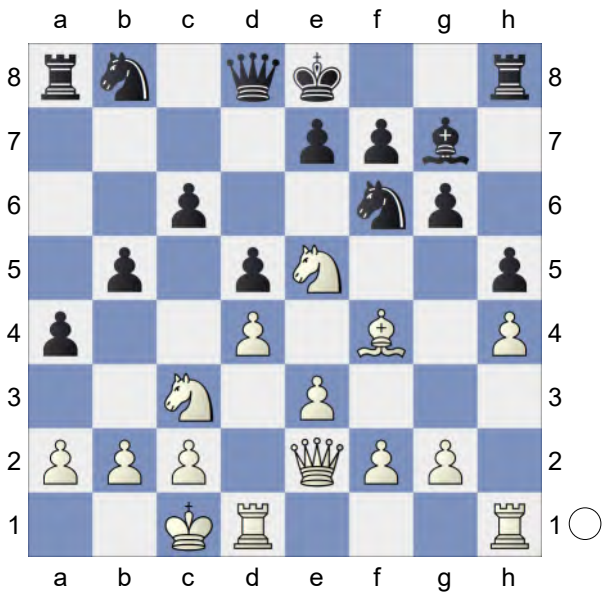
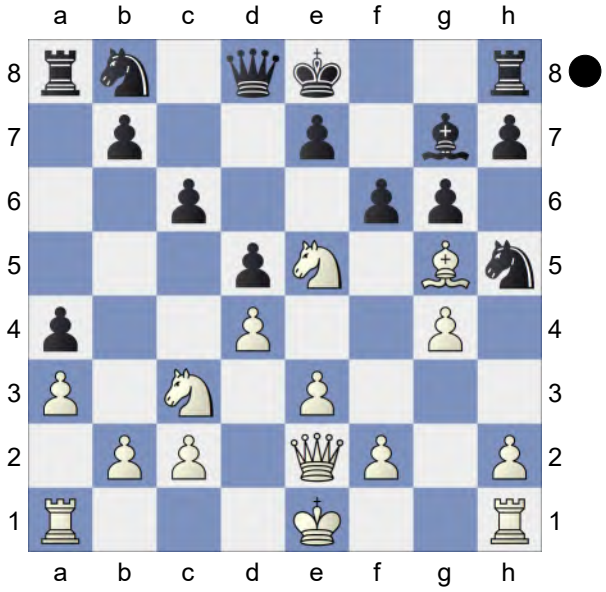


12.a3! This prophylactic move shuts down Black's attack. GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'This prophylactic move shuts down Black's attack.' Qb6 13.Na2! Na6 14.c3 c5 15.Kb1 Rc8 16.Ka1 0-0 17.f3→ b4?! 18.dxc5 Nxc5 19.Nxb4]

10.a3 Nh5! Black exploits the presence of the knight on e5 (clearly 11 Bg5 isn't possible), and the lack of h4, or even just h3, to bag the bishop-pair. Black exploits the presence of the knight on e5 (clearly 11 Bg5 isn't possible), and the lack of h4, or even just h3, to bag the bishop-pair. Black exploits the presence of the knight on e5 (clearly 11 Bg5 isn't possible), and the lack of h4, or even just h3, to bag the bishop-pair.

11.h4!? Only now. The engines think White is fine here, but for my money Black has had slightly the better of the early exchanges. So how should White improve? A good question, but the text does rather suggest that h4 should have been played somewhat earlier. GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'White had some other options, too.' Only now. The engines think White is fine here, but for my money Black has had slightly the better of the early exchanges. So how should White improve? A good question, but the text does rather suggest that h4 should have been played somewhat earlier.

[A sharp alternative was 11.Bg5 f6 12.g4



but now the right continuation is fxg5 13.gxh5 Bxe5! 14.dxe5 Nd7 15.e6 Nf6 and Black is solid enough. For example: 16.hxg6 hxg6 17.Qd3 Rh6 18.0-0-0 Qd6 19.Rhg1 0-0-0 20.Rxg5 Rxh2 21.Rxg6 Qxe6=]

[11.0-0-0 Nxf4 12.exf4 e6 13.Kb1 Nd7∞ but maybe White can take advantage of Black playing ...a4 with GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'but maybe White can take advantage of Black playing ...a4 with' 14.Na2!? improving the knight from c3 to b4-d3, etc.]

11...Nxf4 12.exf4 h5! Keeping lines closed. Black is very comfortably, but White does have a dominant, central knight, a piece around which Caruana now bases his attempt to drum up some play. GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'Now 13.Na4 is not possible, which might be the

reason why Giri played 9...a4 before Nh5. ' Keeping lines closed. Black is very comfortably, but White does have a dominant, central knight, a piece around which Caruana now bases his attempt to drum up some play. GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'Now 13.Na4 is not possible, which might be the reason why Giri played 9...a4 before Nh5.' **13.0-0-0 Nd7 14.g4!**

[Structurally committal, but how else to obtain any play? Actually, White might have waited with, say, Structurally committal, but how else to obtain any play? Actually, White might have waited with, say, 14.Kb1 Qc7 15.Rh3 , but Black would, of course, be both solid and fine after e6 , *(*if not *15...b5?!* when *16.Na2!* would begin to probe those weakened queenside dark squares. would begin to probe those weakened queenside dark squares. *)*]

[A different direction for White is 14.Na2!? e6 15.Nb4 White controls more space than Black and I prefer his chances slightly, although Black is extremely solid. GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'White controls more space than Black and I prefer his chances slightly, although Black is extremely solid.']

14...hxg4 15.Qxg4 Nf6 16.Qf3 e6 I remember switching on the coverage and seeing this position. My suspicion was that while Black was very comfortable, it wasn't at all easy for him to increase the pressure due to White's bind. Analysing now, rough equality still sees like a fair assessment. I remember switching on the coverage and seeing this position. My suspicion was that while Black was very comfortable, it wasn't at all easy for him to increase the pressure due to White's bind. Analysing now, rough equality still sees like a fair assessment. **17.Kb1** GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'Black has a very solid structure, but his problem is the king on e8. It is not possible to castle on either side of the board, so he needs to play carefully.' GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'Black has a very solid structure, but his problem is the king on e8. It is not possible to castle on either side of the board, so he needs to play carefully.' **17...Nh5 18.Ne2!** The knight was doing little on c3, so might as well venture round to challenge on the kingside. The knight was doing little on c3, so might as well venture round to challenge on the kingside. **18...Bf6** GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'The most logical move.' **19.Ng3**

[Engine suggestion 19.Rc1!? Bxh4 20.c4 is difficult to appreciate because it is still not clear how much compensation White gets for a pawn. Nevertheless, it is logical to try to open the position with black king on e8. GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'is difficult to appreciate because it is still not clear how much compensation White gets for a pawn. Nevertheless, it is logical to try to open the position with black king on e8.']

19...Qc7 20.Qe3!

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20...Qe7! Overprotecting e6 and reminding White that h4 is vulnerable. Overprotecting e6 and reminding White that h4 is vulnerable.

[Black could also play 20...0-0-0!? and after 21.Nxg6 fxg6 22.Nxh5 Rxh5 23.Qxe6+ Kb8 24.Qxf6 Qd6 25.Qxd6+ Rxd6 we have a drawish rook endgame. 26.Rdg1 Rf6 27.Rg4 Rhf5 28.Rhg1 Rxf4 29.Rxg6 Rxg6 30.Rxg6 Rxh4 31.c3 Rf4 32.Rg2 Ka7!= 33.Kc2 Kb6 34.Kd3 Kb5 35.Ke3 Re4+ 36.Kd2 Rf4 37.Ke2 Re4+ 38.Kf1 Kc4 39.f3 Rf4 40.Ke2 Rf6 41.Rf2 Re6+ 42.Kd2 Kb3 43.Kd3 b5 44.f4 Rh6 45.f5 Rh3+ 46.Kd2 Kxb2 47.f6 Rh8]

21.Rde1 GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'Caruana gives up the h-pawn but retains the initiative.' GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'Caruana gives up the h-pawn but retains the initiative.' **21...Ng7**

[Giri is determined to win a pawn, but not with 21...Bxh4? due to 22.f5! , which would suddenly have left Black in some trouble, as shown by , which would suddenly have left Black in some trouble, as shown by Bxg3 *(* the knight-pair should be too strong in conjunction with the white queen after the knight-pair should be too strong in conjunction with the white queen after *22...gxf5 23.Rxh4! Qxh4 24.Rh1 Qe7 25.Rxh5 Rxh5 26.Nxh5 0-0-0 27.Nf4 ,;* while *22...exf5?* fails to *23.Rxh4)* 23.fxg3 gxf5 *(* or *23...exf5 24.Qd2* and Nxg6 *)* 24.Qe2 Qg5 25.g4! fxg4 26.Nxf7! , with a winning attack after Kxf7 27.Qxe6+ Kg7 28.Re5 Qf4 29.Rf5 .]

22.Qd2! Remaining calm and preparing to meet ...0-0-0 with Qa5. Remaining calm and preparing to meet ...0-0-0 with Qa5. **22...Rxh4!?**

[Giri snaffles and without walking into the awkward pin which 22...Bxh4?! 23.Rh3 would have done.]

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23.Rxh4 Bxh4 24.Rh1 Nf5!

[Fairly necessary in view of 24...0-0-0? 25.Nxf7! *(*or even just *25.Qa5 .)*]

25.Nxf5 gxf5 26.Qc3 GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'A strong idea, preparing Nxc6 and Qh3. Still, Giri held the balance with' GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'A strong idea, preparing Nxc6 and Qh3. Still, Giri held the balance with' **26...Bf6!** Further good defence from Giri, returning the pawn to maintain the rough balance. Interestingly, Stockfish is initially a little sceptical about the pawn grab, but soon enough comes round to Giri's follow-up. Further good defence from Giri, returning the pawn to maintain the rough balance. Interestingly, Stockfish is initially a little sceptical about the pawn grab, but soon enough comes round to Giri's follow-up.

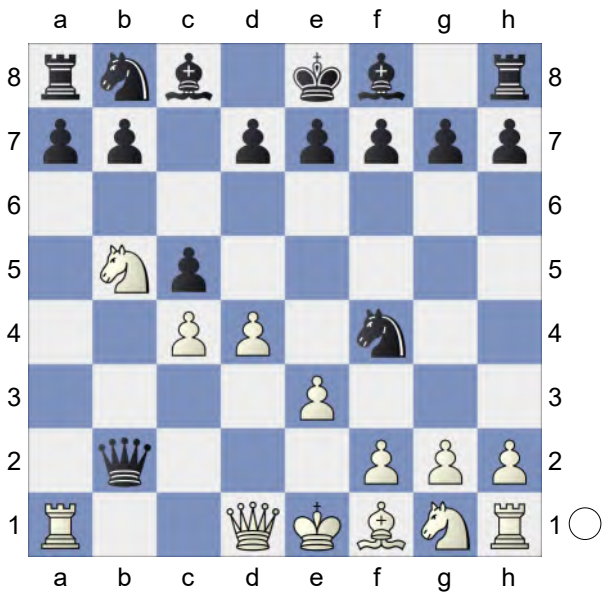
[26...Kd8!? 27.Nxf7+ Qxf7 28.Rxh4 Kc7±]

27.Nxc6 Qc7 28.Qg3! Naturally White wants to keep the queens on and play against Black's back rank, but it's not so hard to spot how Black should defend here. Naturally White wants to keep the

queens on and play against Black's back rank, but it's not so hard to spot how Black should defend here. **28...Kd7!** **29.Ne5+**
[29.Rh6 Qxc6 30.Rxf6 Rf8 31.Qg7 Ke8 also feels very likely to land up as a draw, with ...Qc4-f1+ already on the cards. also feels very likely to land up as a draw, with ...Qc4-f1+ already on the cards.]
29...Bxe5 30.fxe5 And so White's pawns have been ironed out, while Black's have suffered, but Giri was never going to lose such a solid position. And so White's pawns have been ironed out, while Black's have suffered, but Giri was never going to lose such a solid position. **30...Rd8 31.Qg7 Kc8 32.Rh8**
[32.Rh7 Qc4!]
32...Qe7 GM Ivan Cheparinov: 'White was pushing a bit, but Black drew fairly comfortably.' **33.Rxd8+**
[33.Rh7!? Rf8 34.c4! dxc4 35.d5! exd5 *(35...c3 36.d6)* 36.e6! Kd8! 37.exf7 Kd7=]
33...Kxd8 I'm not entirely sure why these two of the then joint-leaders didn't just agree to a draw here, but in any case the assessment of the position never really changes much between now and the end of the game. I'm not entirely sure why these two of the then joint-leaders didn't just agree to a draw here, but in any case the assessment of the position never really changes much between now and the end of the game. **34.Qg8+**
[The immediate 34.Ka2!? Qe8 35.b3 would have deployed White's queenside majority without allowing ...f6, but even so after would have deployed White's queenside majority without allowing ...f6, but even so after axb3+ 36.cxb3 Kc7 37.Kb2 Kb6 38.a4 Ka7 it's very hard to imagine Black drifting into trouble. it's very hard to imagine Black drifting into trouble.]
34...Kc7 35.Ka2
[35.Qa8 Qh4=]
35...f6! 36.exf6 Qxf6 37.Qg3+ f4 38.Qc3+ Kb8 39.f3 Qg6 40.b3 axb3+ 41.Kxb3 Qg1 42.Kb2 Qf1 43.a4 Qa6 44.Qb4 Ka7 45.Kb3 Qf1 46.Qa5+ Kb8 47.Qd8+ Ka7 48.Qa5+ Kb8
½-½

101 **A45**
□ **Necp** **2820**
■ **Caminero85** **2717**
Blitz 18.10.2023
[Kitty Kat]

A45: Trompowsky Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 c5 3.e3 Qb6 4.Nc3 Qxb2 5.Nb5 Nd5 6.Rb1**
[6.a3 a6 7.Rb1 Qa2 8.Qc1 axb5 9.Ra1 Qxa1 10.Qxa1 Nc6 11.Bxb5 cxd4 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.Qxd4 f6 Neo London System-1...Nf6 2 Bf4 c5 d-Pawn Specials 2024]
6...Qxa2 ...Qa5+ would now be deadly.
7.c4N -0.70/29
[7.Ra1= 0.00/23 Qb2 8.Rb1 *(8.Nf3 Na6 9.Rb1 Qa2 10.Ne5 d6 11.Nc4 Qa4 12.e4 Ndb4 13.c3 Qxd1+ 14.Rxd1 Nc6 15.d5 Ncb8 16.e5* 14) London System 2.Bf4-London System Informational *)*]
7...Nxf4 0.00/26
[7...Qa5+∓ -0.70/29 8.Qd2 Qxd2+ 9.Kxd2 Nxf4 10.Nc7+ Kd8 11.Nxa8 Ng6]
8.Ra1!= The position is equal. **8...Qb2**
(Diagram)



Hoping for ...Qb4+. **9.Rb1 Qa2** White must now prevent ...Qa5+. **10.Nc7+** -0.50/5
[10.Ra1!= 0.00/26 Qb2 *(10...Nxg2+ 11.Bxg2 Qxc4 12.Nc7+ Kd8 13.Nxa8±)* 11.Rb1 Qa2]
10...Kd8∓ 11.Nxa8 Qa5+→ Black mounts an attack. **12.Qd2 Qxd2+ 13.Kxd2 Ne6 14.d5 Nc7 15.Nxc7 Kxc7 16.Nf3 f6** Dodges Ng5 **17.Bd3 e6 18.dxe6** -1.02/17
[18.e4∓ -0.37/19]
18...dxe6∓ 19.Be4 -1.52/19
[⌓19.g4 -0.85/20]
19...Nc6 -0.85/22
[⌓19...f5 -1.52/19 20.Bc2 Be7]
20.Bxc6 Kxc6 21.Ra1 a6 22.Rhb1 Bd6 23.Ke2 -1.45/20
[⌓23.Kc2 -1.04/19]
23...Rd8 24.h3 Bc7 25.Ra2 b5 26.cxb5+ -2.48/19
[26.Nd2∓ -1.30/19]
26...axb5-+ 27.Ne1 e5 28.f3 -4.02/19
[28.Rd1 -2.77/16 is a better defense.]
28...Be6 29.Ra7 Bc4+ 30.Kf2 Kb6 31.Rba1

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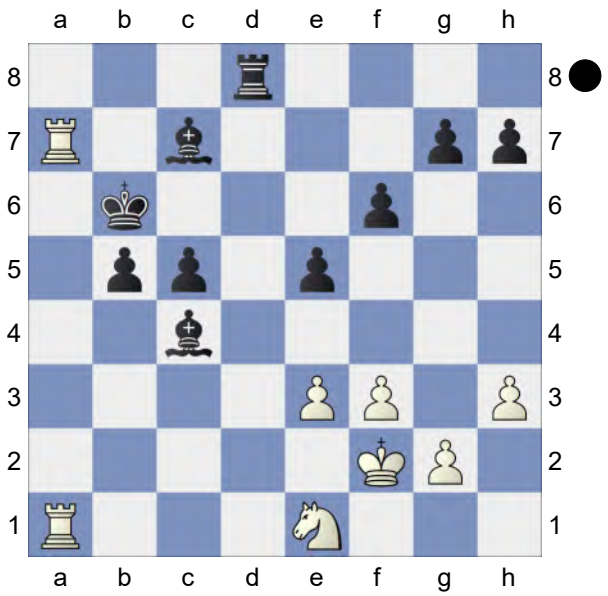

b4 32.Ra8 Bb8 33.Kg1 b3 34.R8a4 Bb5 Black is clearly winning. **35.R4a3 c4 36.Rc1 Bd6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.46/Black=0.21 (precise)
0-1

102 **D00**
□ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2820**
■ **Mamedyarov,Shakhriyar** **2770**
Bucharest Superbet Classic 1st (7)
[Stohl,Igor]

Stohl,Igor, MH: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines ' **1.d4** Stohl,Igor, MH Giri,Anish **1...Nf6 2.Nc3**
[2.Nf3 g6 3.Nc3 d5! 4.Bf4 Bg7 5.e3 c6 6.Qd2 a5∓ and h4 wins the piece back with a continuing attack. After 7.Be2]
2...d5 Stohl,Igor, MH: 'N'
[2...c5 Stohl,Igor, MH 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7*

½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000) 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]

3.Bf4 g6 Stohl,Igor, MH: 'Giri,Anish: 'The Berlin is a very rare guest in the practice of Shakhriyar. I thought he has never played it before, but upon checking the database, was reminded that in fact he did, a few years back in the World Cup against Karjak as well as Hou Yifan. Still, Fabiano was certainly taken aback with this.'' Giri,Anish: 'The Berlin is a very rare guest in the practice of Shakhriyar. I thought he has never played it before, but upon checking the database, was reminded that in fact he did, a few years back in the World Cup against Karjak as well as Hou Yifan. Still, Fabiano was certainly taken aback with this.'

[3...c5]

4.e3 Stohl,Igor, MH: 'In case there is still someone who didn't get the message, the Berlin is here to stay. Most of the attempts to at least put it under pressure (outright refutation is impossible) are mostly practical tries, that are of mainly temporary value and are gradually resolved by further analysis. Giri, Anish: 'Against me, Fabiano tried 4. 0-0 Nxe4 5.d4 Nd6 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.dxe5 Nf5 8. Qe2!?, but against a well prepared opponent, it is no wonder that Fabiano decided not to repeat that and try something else.'' In case there is still someone who didn't get the message, the Berlin is here to stay. Most of the attempts to at least put it under pressure (outright refutation is impossible) are mostly practical tries, that are of mainly temporary value and are gradually resolved by further analysis. Giri,Anish: 'Against me, Fabiano tried 4. 0-0 Nxe4 5.d4 Nd6 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.dxe5 Nf5 8.Qe2!?, but against a well prepared opponent, it is no wonder that Fabiano decided not to repeat that and try something else.' **4...Bg7 5.Be2** Stohl,Igor, MH: 'A rare continuation, after which the game can leave the Berlin/Antiberlin territory and enter the 4 Knights game (this explains the unusual C48 index). Giri,Anish: 'A relatively rare move that Fabiano played a few times before. By this point, I don't think there is a variation against the Berlin that Fabiano hasn't tried.'' A rare continuation, after which the game can leave the Berlin/Antiberlin territory and enter the 4 Knights game (this explains the unusual C48 index). Giri,Anish: 'A relatively rare move that Fabiano played a few times before. By this point, I don't think there is a variation against the Berlin that

Fabiano hasn't tried.'

[5.h4 Stohl,Igor, MH: 'also gives Black strong pressure, e.g.,' also gives Black strong pressure, e.g., c6]

5...c6 Stohl,Igor, MH: 'The Rubinstein-like move is not the most popular reaction, but perhaps unjustly so. Giri, Anish: 'Shakhriyar responds quickly and energetically." The Rubinstein-like move is not the most popular reaction, but perhaps unjustly so. Giri,Anish: 'Shakhriyar responds quickly and energetically.' **6.Qd2** Stohl,Igor, MH: 'Now we are definitely in the 4 Knights - this position arises, if after 4.Bb5 Nd4 5. Ba4 Bc5 White instead of the principled 6.Nxe5 plays the more tame 6.d3. Giri, Anish: 'White has a few options here, but this one is not the most critical. Fabiano probably wanted to get Shakh out of book and not test him in the complications after 6.Nxe5." Now we are definitely in the 4 Knights - this position arises, if after 4. ♗b5 ♘d4 5. ♗a4 ♗c5 White instead of the principled 6.♘xe5 plays the more tame 6.d3. Giri, Anish: 'White has a few options here, but this one is not the most critical. Fabiano probably wanted to get Shakh out of book and not test him in the complications after 6.Nxe5.'

[6.h4∓ /⇄ h6 Giri,Anish: '!?' Stohl,Igor, MH: 'Giri,Anish: '!?' Giri, Anish: 'would offer better saving chances, as the move in the game meets a mighty reply." Giri,Anish: 'would offer better saving chances, as the move in the game meets a mighty reply.' *(6...h5 7.Nf3 Nbd7∓* Stohl,Igor, MH: 'and the ✕e5 falls:' and the ✕e5 falls: *8.Ne5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5)* 7.Nf3 Qa5 8.Qd2 Bg4 9.Ne5 Bxe2 10.Qxe2∓ Qa6]

6...a5 Stohl,Igor, MH: 'Shakh postpones castling, we'll soon see, what's on his mind...' Shakh postpones castling, we'll soon see, what's on his mind...

[6...0-0 Stohl,Igor, MH: 'and White's R is placed better than in the game -' and White's ♖ is placed better than in the game - 7.h4 h5 8.Nf3]

7.Nf3

[7.h4 h5 8.Nf3 b5 9.Ne5 Qb6∓ Stohl,Igor, MH: 'Although Black is 2 pawns up, the central pawns are doubled and he must still show good technique to convert his advantage.' Although Black is 2 pawns up, the central pawns are doubled and he must still show good technique to convert his advantage. 10.f3 Nbd7 11.Bd3]

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8.Ne5

[8.0-0 Nbd7 9.h3∓ Stohl,Igor, MH: 'is already not enough.' is already not enough. *(9.Ne5 Bxe2!? 10.Qxe2 Nh5)* Stohl,Igor, MH: 'More resilient was' More resilient was 9...Bxf3!? 10.Bxf3 0-0]

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[14.Kb1 Qc7!?∓ Stohl,Igor, MH: 'Black retains a better minor piece, healthy extra pawn and excellent winning chances.' Black retains a better minor piece, healthy extra pawn

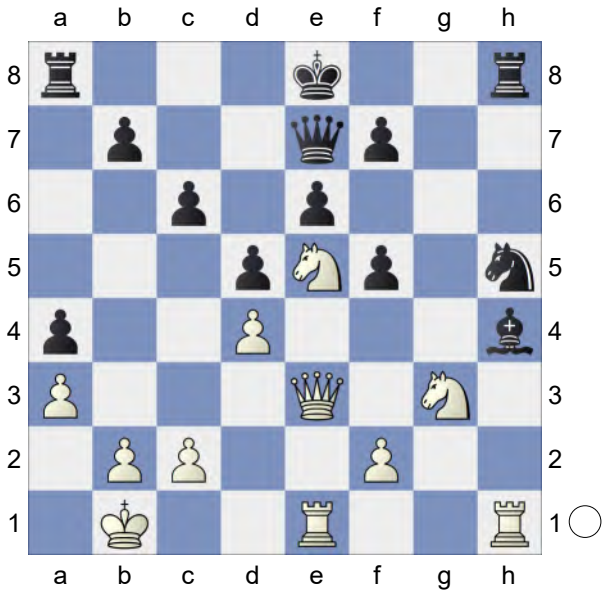
and excellent winning chances. 15.Rh3 e6 *(15...b5* 0.46/22 Stohl,Igor, MH: '15...e7-e6 -0.01' *16.Na2-+)*] **14...hxg4 15.Qxg4 Nf6 16.Qf3 e6** Giri,Anish: '!' Stohl,Igor, MH: 'Giri,Anish: '!' Giri,Anish: 'In the endgame too, the g-file is an issue for White.'' Giri,Anish: 'In the endgame too, the g-file is an issue for White.' **17.Kb1 Nh5! 18.Ne2** Stohl,Igor, MH: 'Giri,Anish: 'Fabiano must have missed or underestimated Shakh's next move.'' Giri,Anish: 'Fabiano must have missed or underestimated Shakh's next move.' **18...Bf6!** Stohl,Igor, MH: 'Very flexible - the a7-g1 ⇗ is closed, so the B finds new vistas and objects to attack. Giri,Anish: 'Brilliant. As soon as I saw it, it was clear that Fabiano is in a serious trouble. It is key to prevent Bg5 and stabilize the dark squares on the kingside. Now White can only do at a cost of a pawn, if not two.'' Very flexible - the a7-g1 ⇗ is closed, so the ♗ finds new vistas and objects to attack. Giri,Anish: 'Brilliant. As soon as I saw it, it was clear that Fabiano is in a serious trouble. It is key to prevent Bg5 and stabilize the dark squares on the kingside. Now White can only do at a cost of a pawn, if not two.' **19.Ng3 Qc7 20.Qe3** Giri,Anish: '?' Stohl,Igor, MH: 'Giri,Anish: '?' Giri,Anish: 'After a long think Fabiano comes up with what looks like a very good attempt at trying to settle for some worse but defendable position, but as Shakh continues with perfect moves, this just leads to a lost position. It is hard to suggest something, as White is clearly worse everywhere, but something else should have been played.'' Giri,Anish: 'After a long think Fabiano comes up with what looks like a very good attempt at trying to settle for some worse but defendable position, but as Shakh continues with perfect moves, this just leads to a lost position. It is hard to suggest something, as White is clearly worse everywhere, but something else should have been played.'

[20.c4 -0.61/21 Stohl,Igor, MH: '20. Qf3-e3 0.01 complicates matters, so Black simply takes, giving up hopes of breaking through via the ⇔g.' complicates matters, so Black simply takes, giving up hopes of breaking through via the ⇔g. dxc4 21.Ne4 is not much better, after Bg7]

[20.Rc1 Qb6 21.c3]

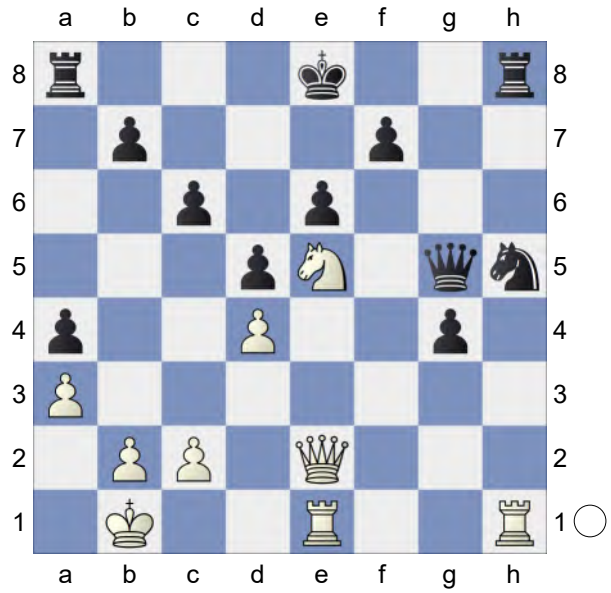
20...Qe7! Stohl,Igor, MH: 'Justified greed, Black wants to win material.' Justified greed, Black wants to win material. **21.Rde1 Ng7**

[21...Bxh4 1.95/24 Stohl,Igor, MH: '?' Stohl,Igor, MH: '21...0-0-0 -0.06' 22.f5 Stohl,Igor, MH: '!' Bxg3 4.23/24 Stohl,Igor, MH: '?' *(22...gxf5* 1.90/26 Stohl,Igor, MH: '



' Stohl,Igor, MH: ' was called for.' *23.Rxh4* Stohl,Igor, MH: '!' Stohl,Igor,

MH: ' Clearance' *Qxh4 24.Rh1-+ Qe7!?-+* Stohl,Igor, MH: ' White must now prevent ...f5-f4.' *25.Rxh5* Giri,Anish *Rxh5 26.Nxh5 0-0-0 27.Nf4; 22...exf5* 5.00/23 Stohl,Igor, MH: '?' Stohl,Igor, MH: '22...g6xf5 1. 77 provoking c4, which would be a weakness. Black should convert such a position, slowly but surely.' provoking c4, which would be a weakness. Black should convert such a position, slowly but surely. *23.Rxh4)* 23.fxg3 Stohl,Igor, MH: '+-' gxf5 *(Δ 23...exf5 24.Qd2!* Stohl,Igor, MH: 'Giri, Anish: 'simplifying into a technically won endgame." Giri,Anish: 'simplifying into a technically won endgame.'*)* 24.Qe2 Qg5 25.g4 also wins, Black has a mating attack. Stohl,Igor, MH: 'also wins, Black has a mating attack.' fxg4?! Stohl,Igor, MH: '



Threatens to win with ...Rh8-h7.' 26.Nxf7 Stohl,Igor, MH: '!' Stohl,Igor, MH: 'only makes life more difficult for Black. Somewhat more resilient was' only makes life more difficult for Black. Somewhat more resilient was Kxf7 Stohl,Igor, MH: 'Giri,Anish: 'was a little tougher, but it is still losing, obviously.'' Giri,Anish: 'was a little tougher, but it is still losing, obviously.' 27.Qxe6+ Kg7 Stohl,Igor, MH: ', but after the energetic. ...Nh5-f6 would now be deadly.' , but after the energetic 28.Re5 Qf4 29.Rf5!? Giri,Anish: '!' Stohl,Igor, MH: 'Giri, Anish: '!' Black should win anyway: Giri,Anish: 'This is a pretty clean solution.'. Prevents Nh5-f6.' Black should win anyway: Giri,Anish: 'This is a pretty clean solution.']

22.Qd2 Rxh4 0.52/25 Giri,Anish: '!' Stohl,Igor, MH: 'Giri,Anish: '!' Giri,Anish: 'The g5 pawn is doomed and there is no rush picking it up. Bd7 and Rag8 are inevitable. '' Giri,Anish: 'The g5 pawn is doomed and there is no rush picking it up. Bd7 and Rag8 are inevitable.'

[22...Bxh4 0.60/23 Stohl,Igor, MH: '22...Qe7-f8 -0.01' 23.Rh3-+ Rg8 Stohl,Igor, MH 24.Reh1 Bxg3 *(24...Rh8? 25.Nf3+-)* 25.fxg3+-]

[22...Qc7]

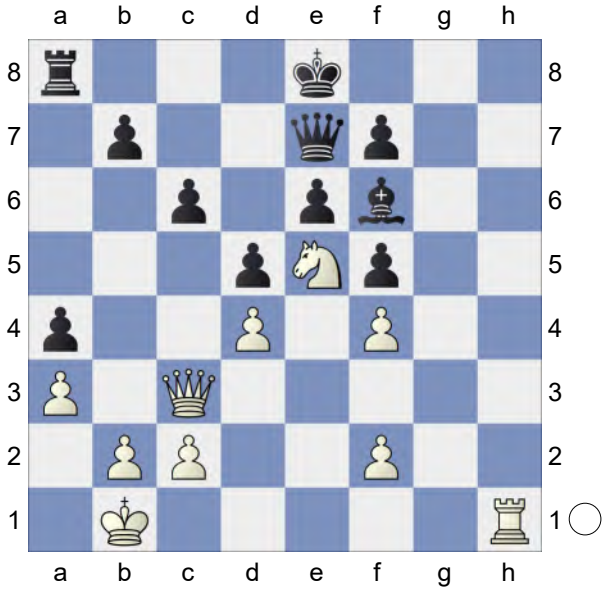
[22...Nh5= -0.01/23 Stohl,Igor, MH]

23.Rxh4 Stohl,Igor, MH: ' ± ' **23...Bxh4!** Stohl,Igor, MH: 'Black has finished his development and is ready to attack White's weak pawns.' Black has finished his development and is ready to attack White's weak pawns. **24.Rh1** Stohl,Igor, MH: 'Giri,Anish: 'out of desperation Fabiano is trying to setup some last line of defense, but this doesn't help.'' Giri,Anish: 'out of desperation Fabiano is trying to setup some last line of defense, but this doesn't help.' **24...Nf5**

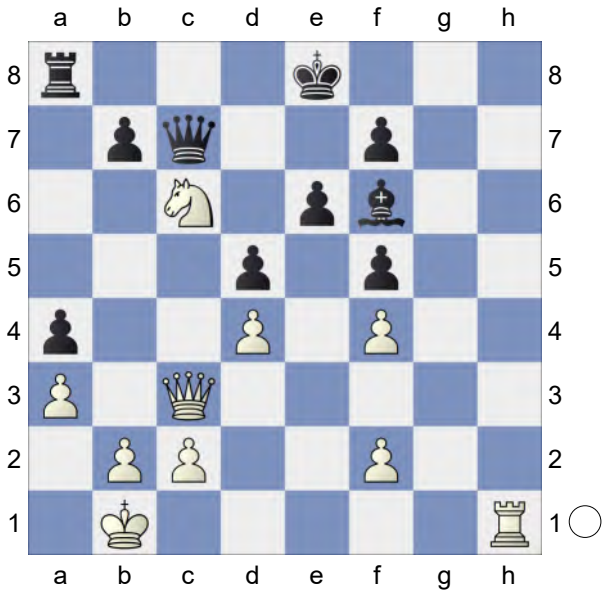
[24...0-0-0 0.80/24 Stohl,Igor, MH: '24...Ng7-f5 0.37' 25.Nxf7 *(25.Qa5)*]

25.Nxf5 Stohl,Igor, MH: 'Caruna jettisons material in a hope for a blockade...'

Caruna jettisons material in a hope for a blockade... **25...gxf5**
[25...exf5? (Stohl,Igor, MH) loses. 26.Nf3+-]
26.Qc3 Stohl,Igor, MH: 'Giri,Anish: 'I thought the point was to bring the knight to e3 and hope for some sort of a fortress, but with the rooks on the board, being two pawns down, this is unrealistic. Fabiano tries to regain the e4 pawn, threatening Nc5 and Nd2, but it doesn't work either.'. And now Ne5xc6! would win.' Giri,Anish: 'I thought the point was to bring the knight to e3 and hope for some sort of a fortress, but with the rooks on the board, being two pawns down, this is unrealistic. Fabiano tries to regain the e4 pawn, threatening Nc5 and Nd2, but it doesn't work either.' **26...Bf6** Stohl,Igor, MH: '



Giri,Anish: 'the bishop comes to the rescue with Bf5! and turns out the b7 pawn is not hanging because of Rb8-xb2 in the end.'' Giri,Anish: 'the bishop comes to the rescue with Bf5! and turns out the b7 pawn is not hanging because of Rb8-xb2 in the end.' **27.Nxc6** Stohl,Igor, MH: '!' **27...Qc7** Giri,Anish: '!' Stohl,Igor, MH: '



Giri,Anish: '!' Giri,Anish: 'cutting the path back. The b7 pawn is not hanging, once again, because of Rb8-xb2.'' Giri, Anish: 'cutting the path back. The b7 pawn is not hanging, once again, because of Rb8-xb2.' **28.Qg3** Stohl,Igor, MH: '!' **28...Kd7-+** Stohl,Igor, MH: '-+!' Stohl,Igor, MH: 'Mamedyarov can already afford to be patient, White can't prevent the gradual activation of Black's forces. Giri,Anish: 'The rest is easy.'' Mamedyarov can already afford to be patient, White can't prevent the gradual activation of Black's forces. Giri, Anish: 'The rest is easy.' **29.Ne5+**
[29.Rh6 Qxc6 30.Rxf6 Rf8 31.Qg7 Ke8]
29...Bxe5 **30.fxe5** Stohl,Igor, MH: '±' Stohl,Igor, MH: 'Endgame. KQR-KQR' **30...Rd8** **31.Qg7?!** Giri,Anish: '?' Stohl, Igor, MH: 'Giri, Anish: '?' Giri,Anish: 'This loses without much resistance.'' Giri,Anish: 'This loses without much resistance.' **31...Kc8** Stohl,Igor, MH: 'Retaining the two extra pawns, while getting rid of the central doubled P - Black achieves a technically won

position. Giri,Anish: 'The c3 pawn will fall on the next move and the knight on a5 is completely out of play.'' Retaining the two extra pawns, while getting rid of the central doubled ♙ - Black achieves a technically won position. Giri,Anish: 'The c3 pawn will fall on the next move and the knight on a5 is completely out of play. ' **32.Rh8** Stohl,Igor, MH: ' aiming for Rh8xd8+.' **32...Qe7**

[Much worse is 32...Rxh8?! Stohl,Igor, MH 33.Qxh8+ Kd7 34.Qf8±]

33.Rxd8+ 0.01/24

[33.Ka2± 0.47/22 Stohl,Igor, MH]

33...Kxd8 Stohl,Igor, MH: 'Giri,Anish: 'this allows some sort of a tactical trick, but in the end Shakh converts it cleanly and with some margin as well.'. KQ-KQ. The position is equal.' Giri,Anish: 'this allows some sort of a tactical trick, but in the end Shakh converts it cleanly and with some margin as well.' **34.Qg8+!?** Stohl,Igor, MH: 'Giri,Anish: 'It doesn't quite work. White is still a pawn down, even if he wins the piece back, but also Black will have some time to do some more damage. '' Giri,Anish: 'It doesn't quite work. White is still a pawn down, even if he wins the piece back, but also Black will have some time to do some more damage.'

[34.Ka2 Stohl,Igor, MH: 'is the quickest win, but Black already doesn't have to play with Tablebase accuracy - White's K is cut off too far away.' is the quickest win, but Black already doesn't have to play with Tablebase accuracy - White's ♔ is cut off too far away. Qe8 35.b3! axb3+ 36.cxb3-+ Kc7 37.Kb2 Kb6 38.a4 Ka7]

34...Kc7 Stohl,Igor, MH: '!' **35.Ka2** Although the piece sacrifice is ingenious and only temporary, White still won't be able to save the game. Stohl,Igor, MH: 'Although the piece sacrifice is ingenious and only temporary, White still won't be able to save the game.' **35...f6 36.exf6 Qxf6** Stohl,Igor, MH: 'Giri,Anish: 'There are many ways to force a won rook endgame and what Shakh does wins as well.'' Giri,Anish: 'There are many ways to force a won rook endgame and what Shakh does wins as well.' **37.Qg3+ f4 38.Qc3+ Kb8** Stohl,Igor, MH: '!' **39.f3** Stohl,Igor, MH: 'Giri,Anish: 'From the body language it seemed as though Shakh has briefly missed something, but after recomposing himself, he found a clean solution.'' Giri,Anish: 'From the body language it seemed as though Shakh has briefly missed something, but after recomposing himself, he found a clean solution.' **39...Qg6 40.b3 axb3+!** Stohl,Igor, MH: 'Giri,Anish: 'This forces a won rook endgame. White gets back one pawn in the end, but the king is cut off way too far.'' Giri,Anish: 'This forces a won rook endgame. White gets back one pawn in the end, but the king is cut off way too far.' **41.Kxb3 Qg1 42.Kb2 Qf1 43.a4 Qa6** Stohl,Igor, MH: 'Giri, Anish: 'The rook endgame is hopeless and Black is threatening to gobble up the queenside pawns eventually.'' Giri, Anish: 'The rook endgame is hopeless and Black is threatening to gobble up the queenside pawns eventually.' **44.Qb4 Ka7 45.Kb3 Qf1 46.Qa5+ Kb8 47.Qd8+ Ka7** Stohl,Igor, MH: 'Giri, Anish: 'With the king on h1, this is not even close.'' Giri,Anish: 'With the king on h1, this is not even close.' **48.Qa5+ Kb8** Stohl,Igor, MH: 'Giri,Anish: 'The

king is cut off too far away and Black will push his b-pawn. The winning idea here is that Black will get b5, then play Kc5, white will have to start giving checks Rc1+ Kd4 Rb1 Kc3 Rc1+ Kb2 and b4 next.'. Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.06 (flawless) . Sensor Board Error (Ke4/e5)?' Giri, Anish: 'The king is cut off too far away and Black will push his b-pawn. The winning idea here is that Black will get b5, then play Kc5, white will have to start giving checks Rc1+ Kd4 Rb1 Kc3 Rc1+ Kb2 and b4 next.'
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103 **D00**
□ **Okriak** **2818**
■ **le1** **2713**
Blitz 15.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 Bf4
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 1-0 (88)*; 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7* Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig,F (1863) Mainz 1997 EXT 2000 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (57)*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) www.desc-online.de 2000 CBM 166 [Beliavsky, Alexander G] 1-0 (41)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]
3.Bf4 Bf5 4.e3 e6 5.Nf3 Bd6 6.Ne5 Nbd7 7.h4 h6 8.f3 White has an edge.
8...Nh5 0.93/19
[8...Bh7± 0.33/20]
9.g4!± Nxf4 10.exf4 -0.55/20
[10.gxf5± 0.63/22 Nh5 11.fxe6 Nxe5 12.f4]
10...Bh7!∓ 11.h5 -1.03/17
[White should play 11.Bd3∓ -0.50/20]
11...Qf6 -0.11/19
[11...f6∓ -1.03/17 12.Nxd7 Qxd7]
12.Qd2= a6 Strongly threatening ...c5.
13.0-0-0! c5 0.49/18
[13...Nb6= -0.15/18]
14.g5± hxg5 15.fxg5 Qe7 And now ... cxd4 would win. **16.g6** -0.71/18
[16.Nxd7!± 0.60/18 Qxd7 17.dxc5 Bxc5 18.Kb1]
16...Bxg6? 1.29/21

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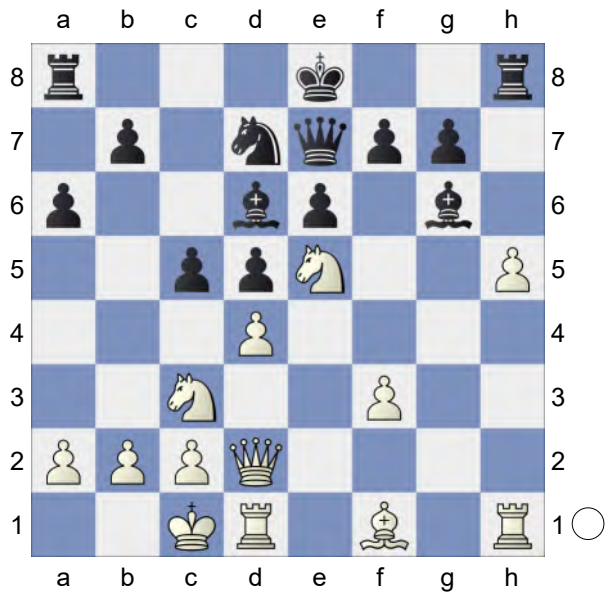
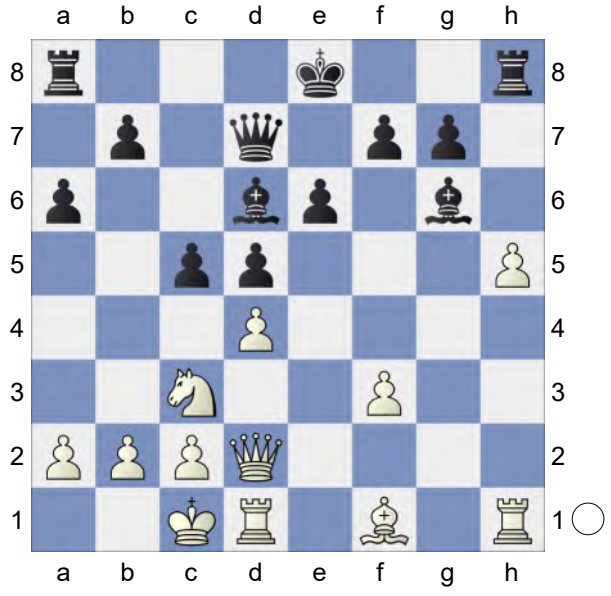
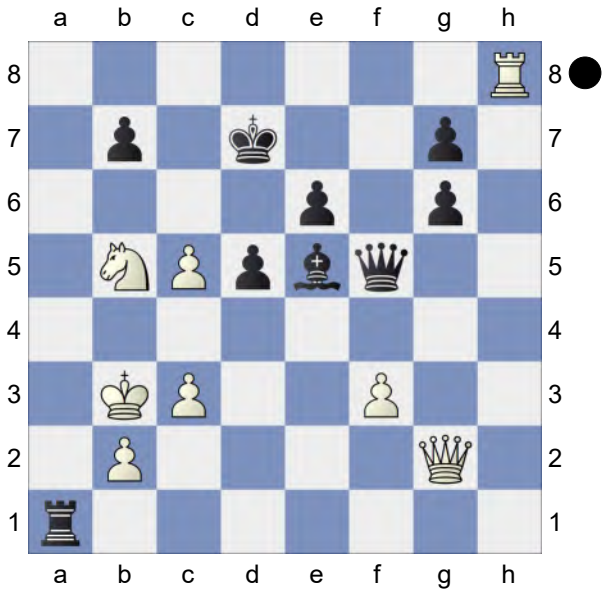


17.Nxd7 0.42/20 &Bianco is more active.
[17.hxg6 Rxh1 18.gxf7+ Kd8 19.Nxd7 Kxd7 20.dxc5 Be5 21.Bb5+ axb5∓]
[17.Nxd5!± 1.29/21 exd5 18.Nxg6 fxg6 19.Re1]
17...Qxd7



18.Bxa6! Rxa6
[18...Rxh5? 19.Bb5 Rf5 20.Kb1+-]
19.hxg6 Rxh1 0.91/16
[19...Rf8!± 0.46/19 might be stronger.]
20.Rxh1± Black must now prevent Rh8+. **20...fxg6 21.Qg2?** -1.88/17
[21.dxc5± 0.81/18 Bc7 22.Kb1]
21...Qf7? -0.02/24
[21...cxd4-+ -1.88/17 22.Qxg6+ Qf7 23.Rh8+ Ke7 24.Qg5+ Qf6 25.Qxf6+ Kxf6]
22.dxc5= Be5 0.24/21
[⌓22...Bxc5 -0.11/22 23.Rh8+ Ke7]
23.Rh8+ Kd7 24.Nb5? -4.86/20
[24.Kb1= 0.04/21]
24...Rxa2 -2.86/18
[⌓24...Qf4+ -4.86/20 25.Kb1 Qb4]
25.c3? -#14/19
[25.Qg4-+ -2.86/18]
25...Ra1+ -4.82/18
[⌓25...Qf5 -#14/19 26.Rd8+ Kxd8 27.Qg5+ Qxg5+ 28.Kb1 Ra5 29.Kc2 Qg2+ 30.Kb1 Rxb5 31.b3 Bxc3 32.Kc1 Rxb3 33.f4 Qd2#]
26.Kc2-+ Qf5+? -1.78/20
[26...Qf4! -5.05/20 (→ ...Rc1+) 27.Nd4 Bxd4]
27.Kb3



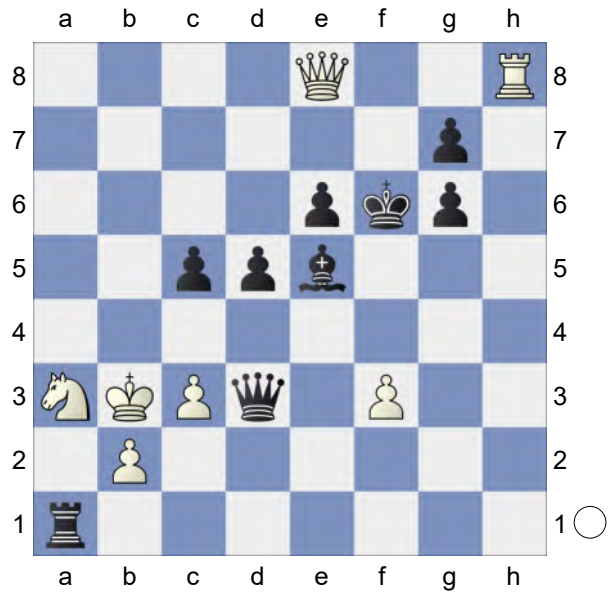
Qd3? -0.24/18
[Black should try 27...Ra5!-+ -1.88/20 28.Na3 Rxc5]
28.Na3= b6 29.Qg4 -0.48/22
[29.Qg5!= 0.00/24 is superior. Bf6

30.c6+ Kxc6 31.Qg4]

29...bxc5? 6.49/16

[29...Qd1+∓ -0.48/22 30.Nc2 bxc5 31.Qxg6 Kd6]

30.Qa4++- Ke7 31.Qe8+ Kf6



32.Rf8+! Kg5 33.Qxe6 Qg4+ would kill now. The board is on fire.

[Not 33.f4+? Bxf4 34.Qe7+ Kg4 35.Qxe6+ Kg3 36.Rxf4 Kxf4-+]

33...Bf6 34.Qg4+ Kh6 35.Rh8#

Weighted Error Value: White=0.87/ Black=1.33

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104 **D00**

□ **Aqua Blazing** **2815**

■ **Der Kaufmann** **2816**

Blitz 26.04.2024

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N

[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 1-0 (88)*; 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7* Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig, F (1863) Mainz 1997 EXT 2000 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (57)*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) www.desc-online.de 2000 CBM 166 [Beliavsky, Alexander G] 1-0 (41)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]

3.Bf4 c5 4.e4 dxe4 5.dxc5 Nbd7 6.b4

[6.Bb5 seems wilder. e5 7.Bxe5 Bxc5 8.Bd6]

6...e5 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bxf6 White is slightly better. **8...Nxf6 9.Qxd8+** 0.07/5

[9.Bb5+± 0.38/21 Bd7 10.Nge2]

9...Kxd8= 10.0-0-0+ Kc7 11.Nb5+ Kc6 Black wants to play ...a5. **12.Nd6 Be6** next ...a5 is good for Black. **13.Bb5+** -0.68/5

[13.Bc4= -0.23/20 is more appropriate.]

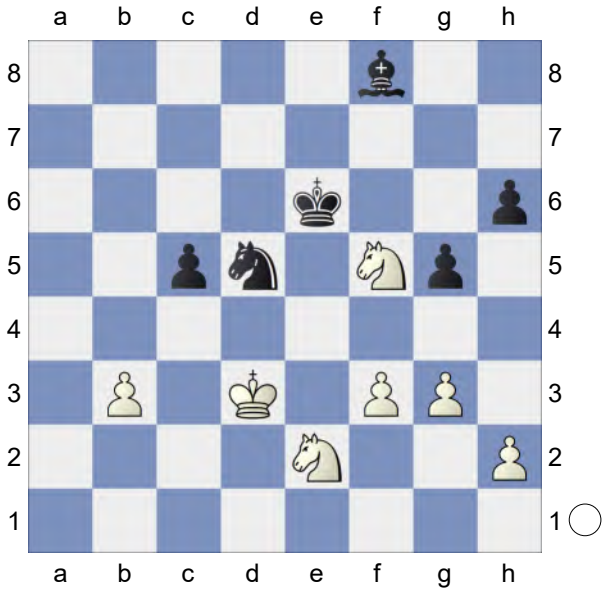
13...Kc7∓ 14.Ba4 -1.36/23

[⌓14.Ne2 -0.73/22]

14...a5

[14...Bxa2 15.Ne2 Bxd6 16.cxd6+ Kb6 17.Kb2∓]

15.b5 Black must now prevent b6+.
15...b6 -0.38/21
[15...Bxa2 16.b6+ *(16.Kb2 Be6±)* 16...Kb8 17.Nxf7! Bxc5 18.Nxh8+-]
[Better is 15...Bxd6∓ -1.33/20 16.b6+ Kd8]
16.Bb3! Bxb3 17.axb3 bxc5? 1.72/19
[17...Bxd6∓ -0.35/21 keeps the upper hand. 18.Rxd6 bxc5 19.Rc6+ Kb7]
18.Nxf7+- Pair of Knights! **18...Rg8 19.Nxe5 a4 20.Kb2** &Bianco is more active. **20...axb3 21.cxb3** 0.11/19
[21.Kxb3± 1.38/22 Rb8 22.c4]
21...g5= And now ...Bg7 would win.
22.Nc4? -2.56/21
[22.Ne2= 0.14/21]
22...Bg7 -1.27/21
[22...Ng4!-+ -2.56/21 has better winning chances. 23.Nh3 Bg7+ 24.Kc1 Ra1+ 25.Kd2 *(25.Kc2? Ra2+ 26.Kc1 Bd4-+)* 25...Ra2+ 26.Kc1 Bd4-+]
23.b6+∓ Kb7 0.00/23
[23...Kb8!∓ -1.46/20 24.Kb1 Ng4]
24.Kb1= e3 ...Ne4 is the strong threat.
[24...Ng4!? 25.Rd7+ Kb8∓]
25.f3 Against Ne4
[Wrong is 25.Nxe3? Ne4 26.Nf3 Ra1+ 27.Kc2 Ra2+ 28.Kc1 Bb2+ 29.Kb1 Nc3+ 30.Kc2 Nxd1 31.Rxd1 Bd4+ 32.Kb1 Rxf2 33.Nxd4 cxd4 34.Rxd4 Re8-+]
25...Rgd8 26.Rxd8 Dancing on a razor blade. **26...Rxd8 27.Ne2** -1.24/25
[27.Nxe3= 0.00/22 was the only way to keep the balance. Rd2 28.Kc1]
27...Rd5? 1.23/23
[27...Nd5∓ -1.24/25 stays on course. Threatens to win with ...Nb4. 28.h4 Nb4]
28.Kc2 Strongly threatening Ra1.
[Weaker is 28.Nxe3 Re5 29.Ng3 Rxe3∓]
28...Nd7 29.Rd1 Rxd1 30.Kxd1 Nxb6 31.Nxe3± Endgame KBN-KNN **31...Kc6 32.Nf5** 0.41/23
[32.Kc2± 1.27/22]
32...Bf8!± 33.Kc2 0.16/24
[33.Ne3!± 0.50/25]
33...Nd5 1.41/23
[33...c4!= 0.16/24 keeps the balance.]
34.Kd3!± Kd7 35.g3 Ke6



36.Ne3 Nb6 37.Nc4 0.91/24
[⌓37.Ke4 1.54/28]
37...Nd7 1.53/20
[⌓37...Nd5 0.91/24]

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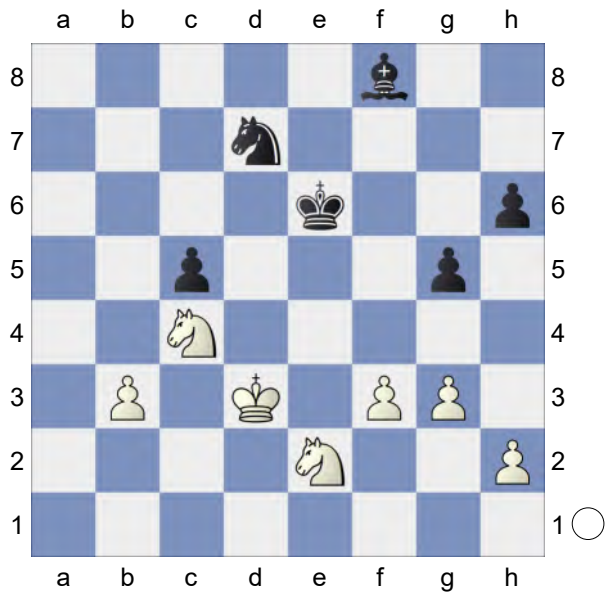

38.f4! Bg7 39.Ke4 Nf6+ 40.Kf3 Kd5 41.g4 Ne4? 6.25/21 Prevents Nc3+.
[41...Ng8± 1.33/25 42.Ne3+ Ke6]
42.Ne3+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.29 (precise) /Black=0.57
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105 **D00**
□ **Gordima** **2810**
■ **Dmitrymaximov** **2711**
Blitz 05.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 1-0 (88)*; 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7* Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig,F (1863) Mainz 1997 EXT 2000 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (57)*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) www.desc-online.de 2000 CBM 166 [Beliavsky, Alexander G] 1-0 (41)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]
3.Bf4 c6 4.e3 Bf5 5.Nf3 h6 6.Bd3 Qc8 7.Ne5 g5 1.08/19
[7...Bxd3± 0.37/21 8.Nxd3 *(8.cxd3 e6±)* 8...Nbd7]
8.Bg3± White is better. **8...Bg7 9.0-0 h5** Hoping for ...h4. **10.h4** 0.36/18
[White should play 10.f4± 0.81/19 g4 11.Bh4]
10...gxh4± 11.Bxh4 Na6 1.13/18
[11...Ne4!± 0.40/21]
12.Ne2 0.43/20
[12.Bxa6± 1.13/18 And now Bd3 would win. bxa6 13.Qe2]
12...Nc7 0.78/19
[12...Bxd3!± 0.43/20 might be stronger. 13.Qxd3 Ne4]
13.Nf4 0.30/22
[White should try 13.c4± 0.78/19]
13...Bxd3 14.Qxd3 Ne6 15.Rfe1 Bh6? 2.33/20
[15...Ng8± 0.75/20]

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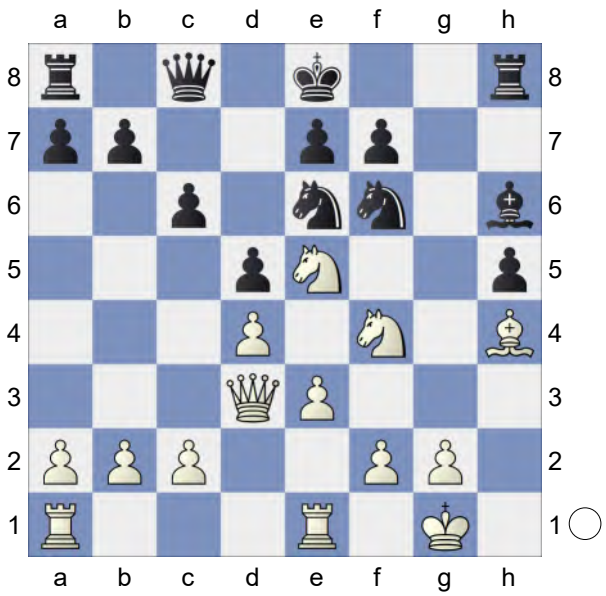
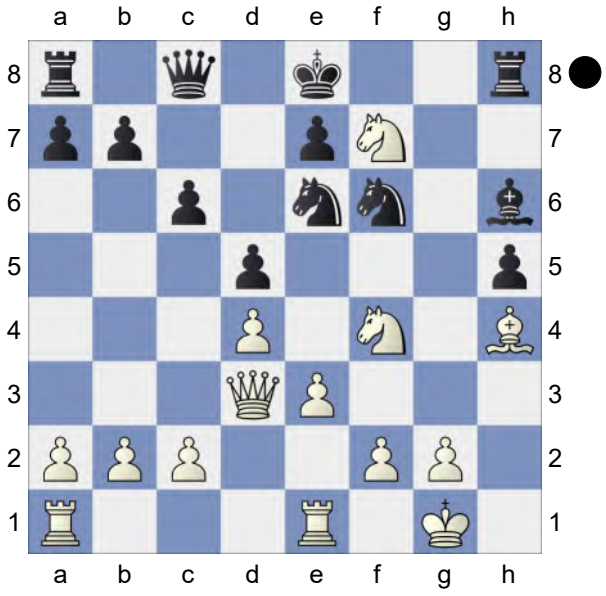
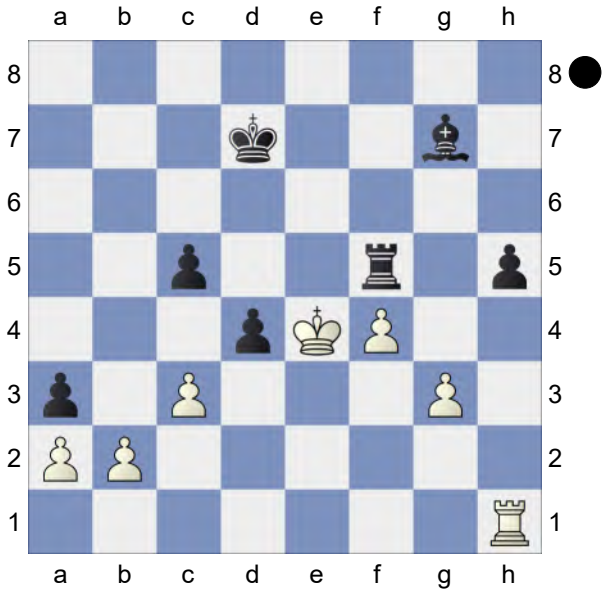


16.Nxf7? -0.74/19



Nxf4!∓ 17.exf4 Kxf7 18.Rxe7+ Kxe7 19.Qg6 Qe6 White must now prevent ... Raf8. **20.Bxf6+??** -3.37/24 Black converts the advantage convincingly.
[20.f5!= 0.00/23 Qg8 21.Qxf6+ Kd7 22.Qe7+ Kc8 23.Re1]
20...Kd7-+ Threatens to win with ...Raf8. **21.f5 Qg8 22.Bxh8 Qxg6 23.fxg6 Rxh8** Endgame KRB-KR **24.Re1 Bg7 25.c3 Rh6 26.Re3 Rxg6 27.Rh3 Rg5 28.g3 a5 29.f4 Rf5 30.Kf2 a4 31.Kf3 b6 32.Rh1 c5 33.dxc5 bxc5 34.Ke3 d4+ 35.Kd3 a3 36.Ke4** -8.36/20
[⌓36.Rb1 -5.16/21 Rf6 37.cxd4]



36...axb2! 37.cxd4
[37.c4 Rf6]
37...Rf8 ...c4 is the strong threat. **38.dxc5 Ra8 39.Kd3 Rxa2** (→ ...Ra1) **40.Kc2 b1Q+** Weighted Error Value: White=1.02/Black=0.20 (precise)
0-1

106 **D00**
□ **Aqua Blazing** **2805**
■ **Kouchich** **2568**
Blitz 26.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 c6 4.e3 b5 5.Nf3 Bf5 6.Ne5 e6 1.23/18
[6...Nfd7± 0.57/20]

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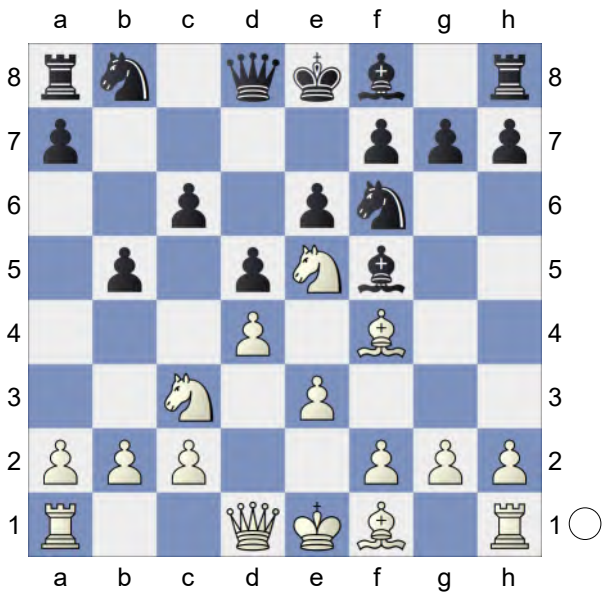
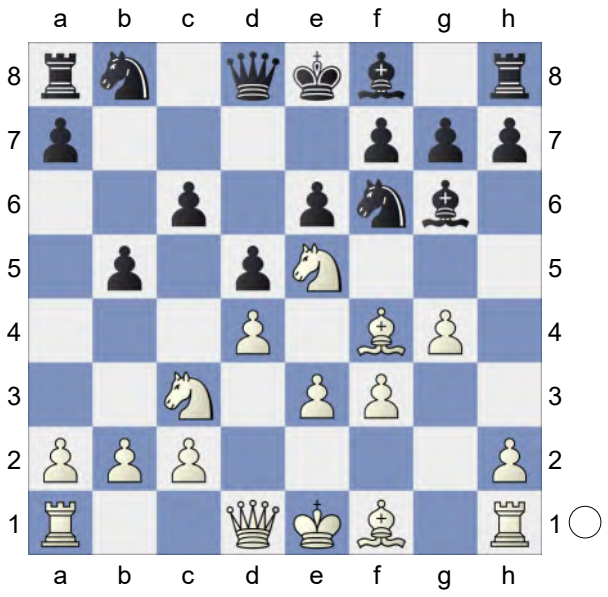


7.g4!± &Bianco is more active. **7...Be4** 2.20/19
[7...Nxg4± 1.17/19 8.Nxg4 h5]
8.f3+- White is clearly better. **8...Bg6**

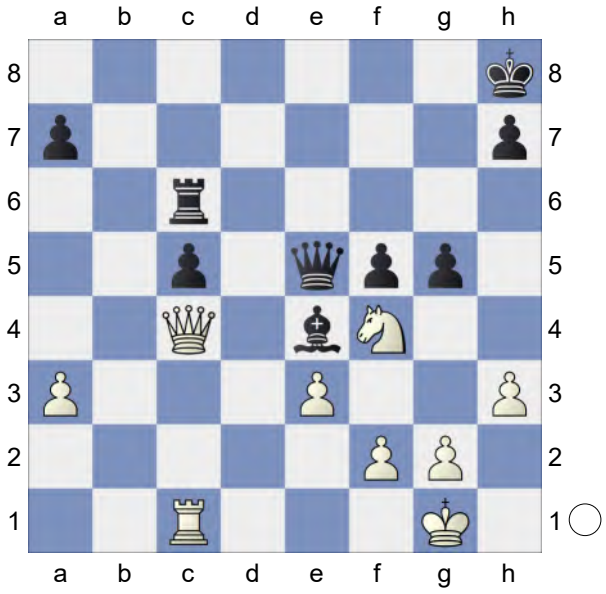


9.h4! h5 10.Nxg6 fxg6 11.g5 Nfd7 2.83/19
[⌓11...Ng8 1.95/19 12.Qd3 Kf7]
12.Bd3 Kf7 13.Ne2 Be7 14.c3 Re8 15.Qc2 Nf8 16.0-0 Nbd7 17.Bg3 e5 18.Bxe5 1.02/19
[18.dxe5+- 3.16/18 Bxg5 19.hxg5 Nxe5 20.Bf4]
18...Nxe5 2.44/20
[18...Bxg5± 1.02/19 might work better. 19.f4 *(19.hxg5 Nxe5 20.dxe5 Qxg5+ 21.Kh1 Qh4+ 22.Kg1 Qg5+ 23.Kh2 Qh4+ 24.Kg1 Qg5+=)* 19...Bxh4]
19.dxe5 Bc5 20.Nd4 Rxe5 21.Nxc6 Qd6 22.Nxe5+ Qxe5 23.Kg2 Prevents Qg3+. **23...Bxe3 24.f4 Qd6 25.Rae1 d4** 6.57/21
[25...Bb6 3.83/18 26.Re5 Rd8 27.Bxb5 Bc7]
26.Qb3+ White is clearly winning. **26...Qe6 27.cxd4 Qxb3 28.axb3 Bxd4 29.Bxb5 Kg8 30.Bc4+ Kh7 31.Re7 Bxb2** 6.79/24
[⌓31...Bc5 4.73/20 32.Rf7 Rc8]
32.Rd1 Black must now prevent Rde1. **32...a5 33.Bd5 Rc8 34.Rb7 Rc2+ 35.Kf3 Rc3+ 36.Ke4 Rh3** 7.62/23
[⌓36...Rc8 4.61/19 37.Bf7 Kh8]
37.Rf7 Black got outplayed after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.26 (precise) /Black=0.60
1-0

107 **D00**
□ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2804**
■ **Lagarde,Maxime** **2642**
Titled Tue 16th Jan Late blitz (5) 16.1.24
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.Nc3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Bb4+ 5.c3 Ba5! 6.e3 0-0 7.Nf3 c6 8.Na3** White has an edge. **8...Nbd7 9.Bd3 Ne4** 0.44/21
[9...Bc7= 0.00/23]
10.0-0± f5 11.c4 -0.19/20
[11.Nc2± 0.46/19]
11...Bc7 1.04/22
[11...g5= -0.19/20 remains equal. 12.Bg3 Nxg3 13.fxg3 g4]

12.Bxc7 Qxc7 13.Nb1 b6 14.Nc3 Bb7 15.Rc1 Qd6 16.Ne2 Rad8 17.a3 Kh8 0.93/24
[17...c5± 0.56/20]
18.b4 dxc4 19.Bxc4 Qe7 1.33/20
[Black should play 19...e5 1.02/18]
20.Nf4 Rf6 21.Qe2 0.81/20
[⌓21.h4 1.14/19]
21...e5 22.dxe5 Nxe5 23.Nxe5 Qxe5 24.Rfd1 Rfd6 And now ...Nc3 would win. **25.Rxd6 Rxd6 26.h3** 0.57/19
[White should try 26.Bb3± 0.90/19]
26...g6 0.92/18
[26...Rd2? 27.Qh5 Rd6 28.Qf7+-]
[26...Bc8± 0.57/19]
27.Bd3 c5 2.29/18
[27...Nf6± 0.80/17]
28.Bxe4+- Bxe4 29.bxc5 bxc5 30.Qb5 Rc6 31.Qc4 1.64/18
[⌓31.Rd1 3.17/19 Rf6 32.Qd7 *(32.Rd8+ Kg7±)*]
31...g5 2.38/19
[⌓31...Kg7 1.64/18]



32.Nh5! Bd5

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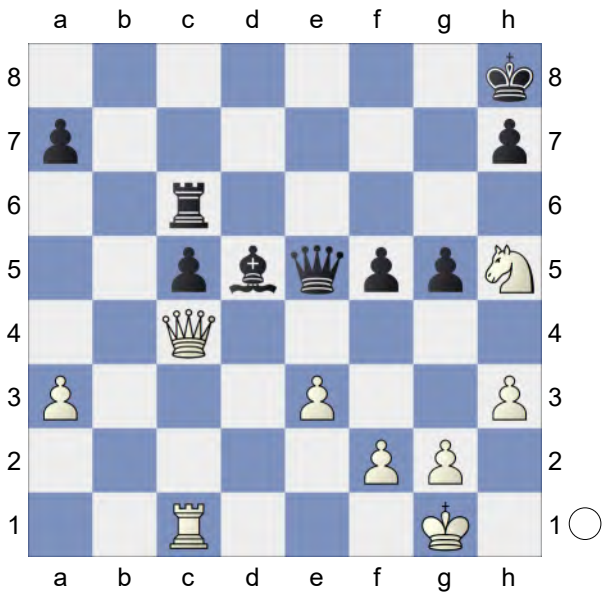
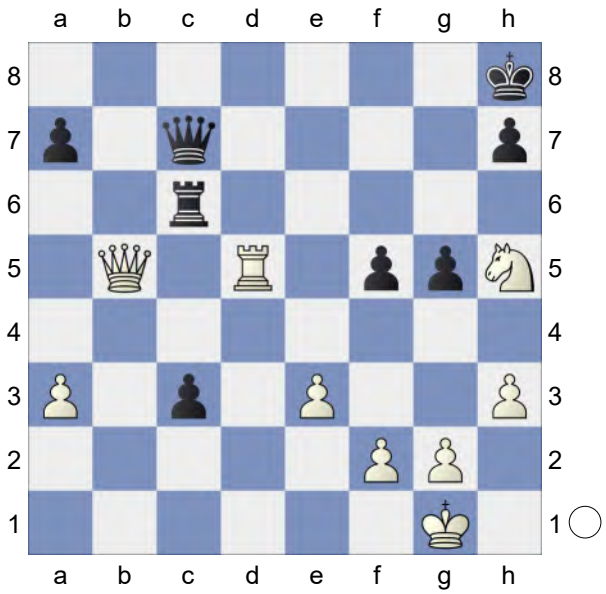


33.Qb5 c4 7.16/20
[33...a6± 1.28/19 34.Qb7 Rd6 35.Qc8+ Bg8]
34.Rd1 c3 35.Rxd5 Qc7



36.Qxc6! Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.60
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108 **D00**
□ **Dmdonch** **2804**
■ **Olachikita** **2741**
Blitz 18.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]

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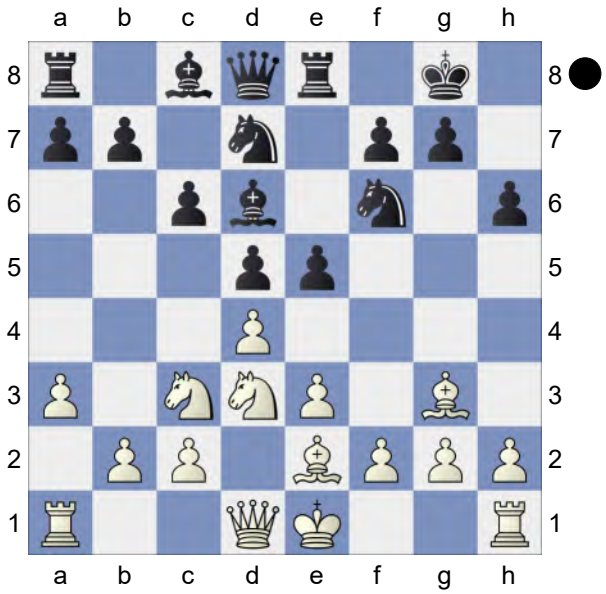
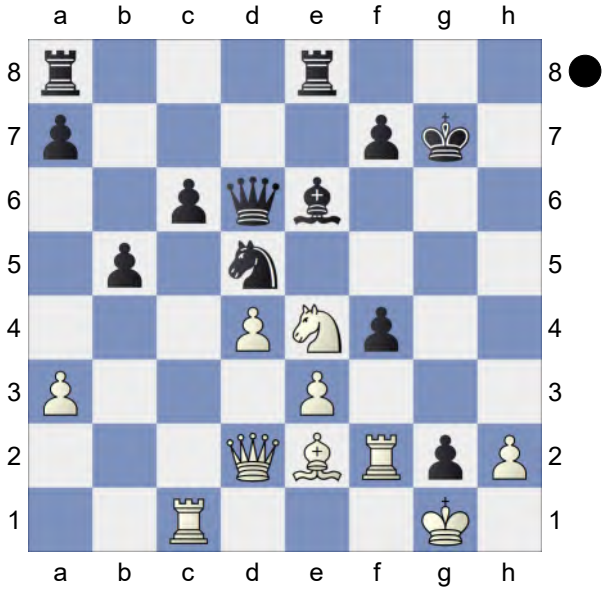
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 1-0 (88)*; 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7* Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig, F (1863) Mainz 1997 EXT 2000 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (57)*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) www.desc-online.de 2000 CBM 166 [Beliavsky, Alexander G] 1-0 (41)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]
3.Bf4 e6 4.e3 Bb4 5.Nge2 Nbd7 0.14/18
[5...0-0∓ -0.31/16]
6.a3= Bd6 7.Bg5 -0.57/17
[7.Bxd6± 0.34/19 cxd6 8.Ng3]
7...h6 -0.19/19
[7...Be7∓ -0.57/17]
8.Bh4 -0.56/18
[8.Bf4= -0.19/19]
8...c6 -0.21/17
[8...Be7∓ -0.56/18 is more appropriate.]
9.Nc1 -0.82/19
[9.e4!= -0.21/17]
9...e5∓ 10.Be2 0-0 11.Bg3 Re8 12.Nd3 -1.67/18
[12.0-0∓ -0.76/17]

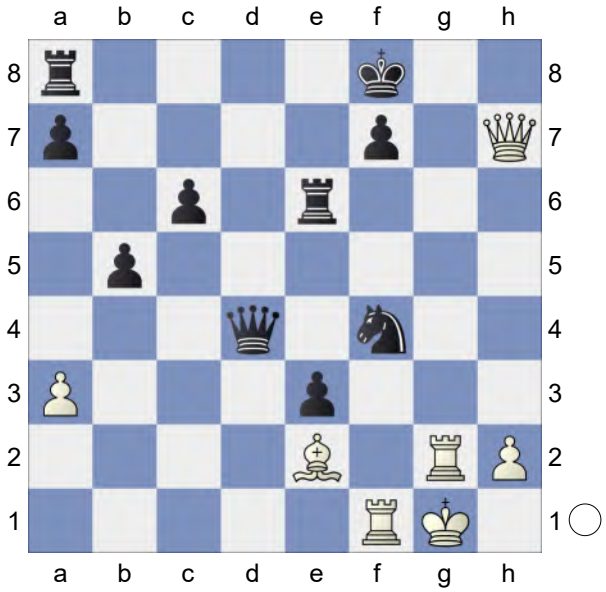


12...Qe7 -0.53/23
[12...exd4!-+ -1.67/18 ...Bxg3 is the strong threat. 13.exd4 *(13.Bxd6 dxc3 14.0-0 cxb2∓)* 13...Bxg3 14.hxg3 Qb6]
13.0-0 e4 14.Bxd6 Qxd6 15.Nf4 g5 16.Nh5 Nxh5 17.Bxh5 Nf6 White must now prevent ...g4. **18.Be2 Kg7 19.Na4** -1.56/18
[⌓19.Qd2 -0.81/17]
19...h5! 20.c4 dxc4 -1.27/18
[⌓20...Ng4 -1.59/20 21.g3 dxc4]
21.Rc1 -1.58/17
[White should play 21.Qd2 -1.27/18]
21...Be6 -0.61/16

[21...Ng4∓ -1.58/17 22.g3 f5]
22.Nc5∓ b5 -0.38/27
[22...Bc8∓ -0.73/23]
23.b3 cxb3 24.Nxb3 -1.28/23
[24.Nxe6+∓ -0.70/22 Qxe6 25.Rc5]
24...h4 -0.66/21
[24...Bd5∓ -1.28/23 25.Nc5 a5]
25.Nc5 h3 aiming for ...hxg2. **26.f4?** -2.23/22
[Better is 26.Nxe6+∓ -0.69/21 Qxe6 27.g3]
26...hxg2 27.Rf2 Nd5 -0.75/20
[⌓27...Bh3! -1.56/23 28.fxg5 Nd5 29.Bxb5 Re7]
28.Qd2? -2.31/21
[28.Rxg2∓ -0.75/20 Nxe3 29.Rxg5+ Kf8 30.Qd2]
28...gxf4-+
[Not 28...Bh3? 29.fxg5 Re7 30.Bd1]
29.Nxe4



fxe3! 30.Rxg2+ Kf8 -1.04/23
[⌓30...Kh8 -1.52/24 31.Qe1 Qf4]
31.Qc2 Qf4 4.44/24
[31...Qxa3∓ -0.92/20 and life is bright. And now ...Nf4 would win. 32.Rf1 Ke7]
32.Rf1 Qh4 33.Ng5! Qxd4 10.49/22
[⌓33...Ke7 4.80/20 34.Nxe6 Kd7 35.Rxf7+ Re7 36.Nf8+ Rxf8 37.Rxf8 Qe1+ 38.Bf1 e2 39.Rxe2 Rxe2 40.Qxe2 Qxe2 41.Bxe2 a5]
34.Qh7? 0.00/31
[34.Nxe6++- 10.49/22 Rxe6 35.Rxf7+!! *(35.Qh7 Ke7=)* 35...Kxf7 36.Qh7+ Qg7 37.Qxg7+ Ke8 38.Qb7 Ne7 39.Bh5+ Kd8 40.Bg4]
34...Nf4= 35.Qh6+? -3.98/22
[35.Nxe6+= 0.00/31 and White stays safe. Rxe6



36.Rxf4! Qxf4 37.Qh8+ Ke7 38.Qxa8]
35...Ke7-+ 36.Nxe6 Nxe6 37.Qh7 Rf8 38.Kh1 Qh8 39.Qe4 Qh5?? 9.01/19
Both players deserved the win here. Weighted Error Value: White=0.62/ Black=0.46
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109 **D00**
□ **Night King96** **2803**
■ **Watneg** **2853**
Blitz 10.02.2024
[Kitty Kat]

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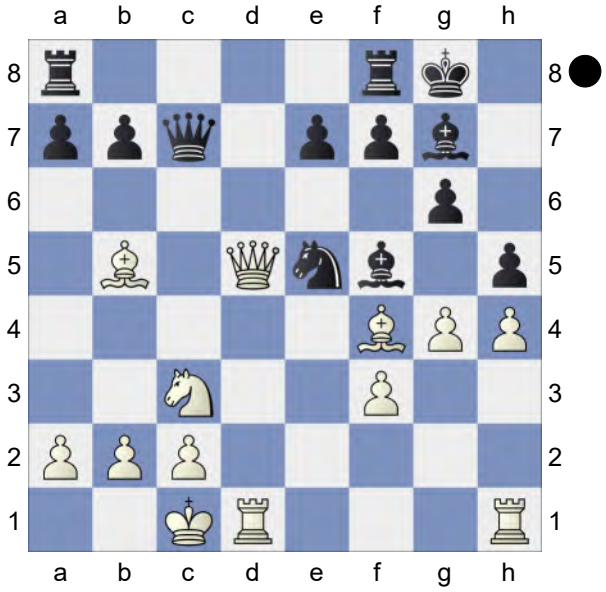
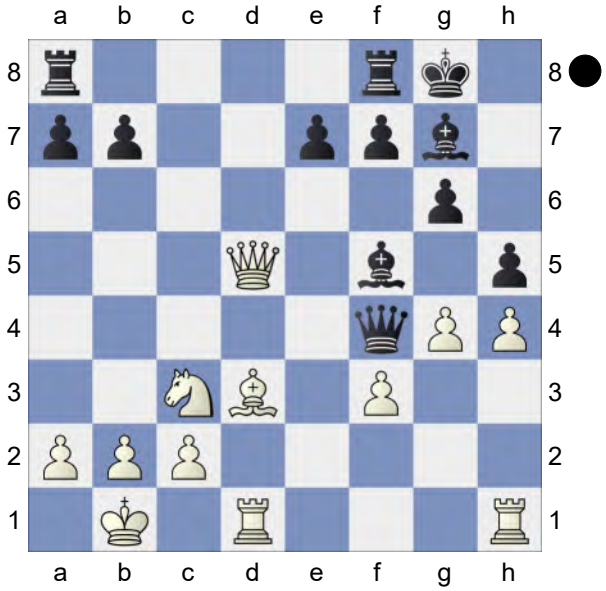
3.Bf4 g6 4.e3 Bg7 5.h4 h5 6.Nf3 0-0 7.Qd2 c5 8.Ne5 The position is equal. **8...Nc6 9.f3 cxd4 10.exd4 Bf5 11.Bb5 Nxe5 12.dxe5 Nd7 13.0-0-0 Nxe5** aiming for ...d4! **14.Qxd5** -1.13/21
[14.Qe3= -0.10/21 Qc7 15.Rhe1 *(15.Rxd5 Nc4∓)*]
14...Qc7∓ 15.g4 -2.33/18
[15.Kb1∓ -0.95/18 is a better defense.]

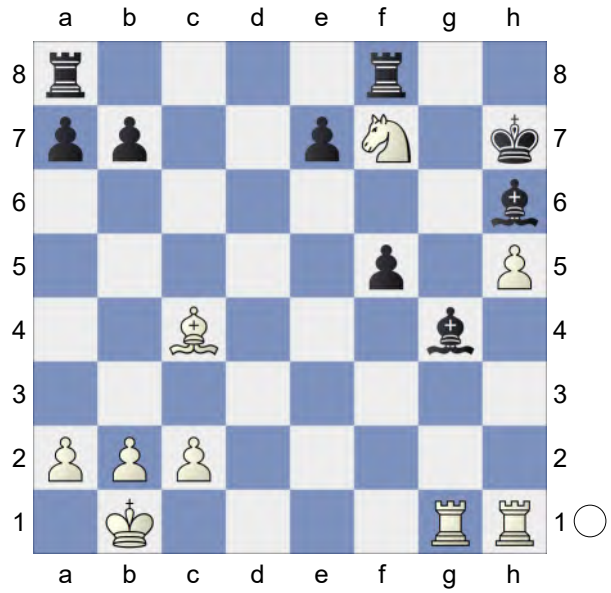


15...Nd3+!-+ 16.Bxd3 Qxf4+ 17.Kb1



Be6 -0.38/20
[17...hxg4 18.Bxf5 gxf5 19.fxg4∓]
[17...Rad8!-+ -2.21/20 18.Qa5 *(18.Qxb7? Bxd3 19.cxd3 Bxc3-+; 18.Qb5 a6)* 18...Bxd3 19.cxd3 Qxf3 20.gxh5 Rxd3]

18.Qe4∓ Qxe4 19.Nxe4
[But not 19.Bxe4 hxg4 20.fxg4 Bxg4∓]
19...hxg4 And now ...Rad8 would win.
20.fxg4 -1.77/20
[20.h5!∓ -0.40/20]
20...Bxg4-+ This bishop pair is nice.
21.Rdg1 f5 22.Bc4+ Kh8 -0.98/19
[Better is 22...Kh7!-+ -1.93/22 Hoping for ...Rac8. 23.Ng5+ Kh6]
23.h5∓ g5 0.00/25
[Much less strong is 23...gxh5 24.Rxg4! fxg4 25.Rxh5+ Bh6 26.Rxh6+ Kg7 27.Re6±]
[Black should play 23...Bd4!∓ -0.97/19 24.hxg6+ Kg7]
24.Nxg5= Bh6 0.46/21
[24...Rac8= 0.00/25 25.Bd5 Bf6]
25.Nf7+± Kh7 1.72/21
[25...Rxf7!± 0.36/22 26.Bxf7 e5]



26.Ne5!+- Be3 27.Re1 0.43/22
[White must play 27.Rg2+- 2.03/23]
27...Bg5 1.52/20
[27...Bf2!± 0.43/22]
28.Bd3 0.87/21 &Bianco is more active.
[⌓28.h6! 1.52/20]
28...Kh6± 29.Reg1 Rg8? 3.42/23
[29...Rad8± 0.93/21]
30.Nf7+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.39/Black=0.56
[Not 30.Nxg4+ fxg4 31.Rxg4 e5±]
1-0

110 **D01**
□ **So,Wesley** **2803**
■ **Corrales Jimenez,Fidel** **2527**
FIDE World Rapid and Blitz Championsh..
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6**
2.Nc3 d5N
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 1-0 (88)*; 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7* Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig, F (1863) Mainz 1997 EXT 2000 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (57)*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) www.desc-online.de 2000 CBM 166 [Beliavsky, Alexander G] 1-0 (41)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5

16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]

3.Bf4 g6 4.e3 Bg7 5.h4 c6 6.Be2 h5 7.Nf3 Bf5 8.Ne5 White has an edge. **8...Nbd7 9.f3 Rc8 10.Qd2 a6 11.0-0-0 b5 12.Nxd7 Nxd7 13.e4 Be6 14.Be3** -0.51/20

[14.Rhe1= 0.11/19]

14...Qa5 0.02/22

[14...b4∓ -0.51/20 15.Na4 Qa5]

15.a3= Nb6 16.Kb1 Nc4 17.Bxc4 bxc4 18.Rhe1 Rb8 19.Ka1 Rb7 20.exd5 cxd5 21.Bf4 0-0 -0.03/20

[21...Qb6∓ -0.41/22 22.Qc1 Qc6]

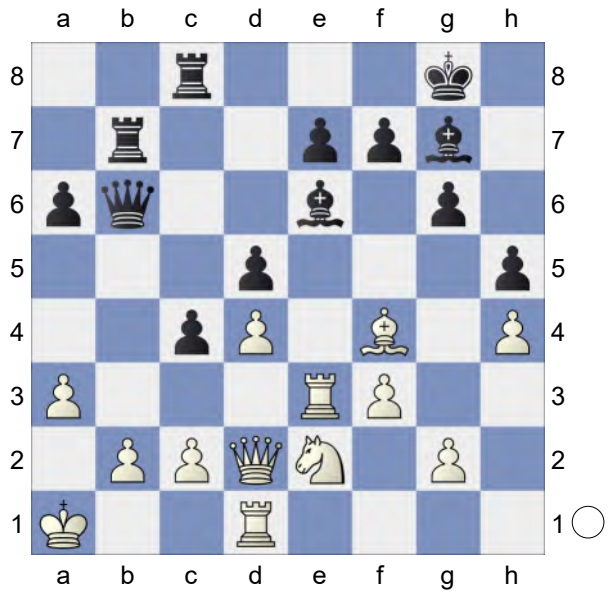
22.Re3 -1.03/22

[22.Be5= -0.03/20]

22...Rc8 -0.58/20

[22...Qb6∓ -1.03/22 23.Na4 Qb5]

23.Ne2 Qb6



24.Qc3 f6 -0.53/20

[24...Rc6∓ -0.95/21]

25.Re1 Bf7 26.g4 hxg4 -0.13/21

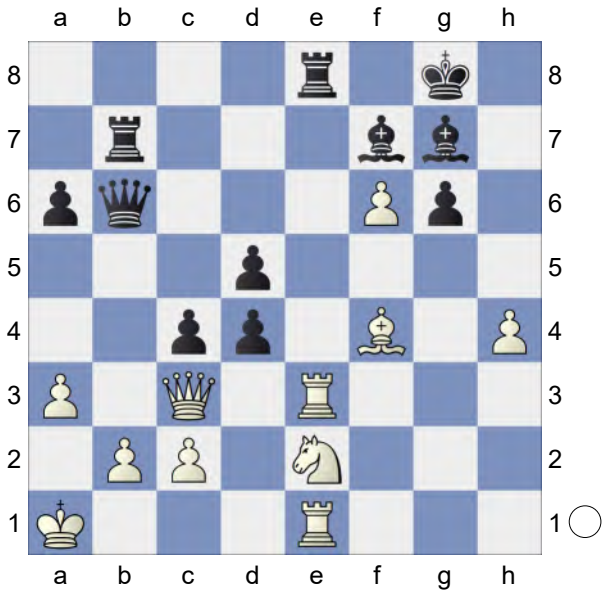
[26...a5∓ -0.61/21]

27.fxg4 Re8 28.g5 e5 1.18/23

[28...Kh7= 0.01/18]

29.gxf6± exd4 3.80/24

(Diagram)



Black cannot hold the game after this.

30.Rxe8++- Bxe8 31.Nxd4 Qxf6 32.Be5

[Weaker is 32.Rxe8+ Kf7 33.Re4 dxe4 34.Qxc4+ Ke8+-]

32...Qf7 7.35/22

[32...Qxe5 3.45/21 33.Rxe5 Bxe5]

33.Bxg7 Kxg7 34.Nf5+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) / Black=0.33

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111 **D00**

□ **Yoseph2013** **2801**

■ **Chess Network** **2688**

Blitz 17.06.2024

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 5min D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 a6N**

[3...c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 e6 6.Nb5 Na6 7.h4 Bd7 8.c3 Be7 9.a4 0-0 10.Bd3 Bc6 11.Nf3 Ne4 12.Qe2 f5 13.g3 Bf6 14.Ng5 Qd7 15.f3 Nac5 16.Bc2 a6 17.dxc5 axb5 18.fxe4

6) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5-5.exd4 e6 6.Nb5 Na6 #8 The Meanest Jobava London 2023 https://www.chessable.co [MH]]

4.e3 Nbd7 5.Nf3 c5 6.h3 b5 0.27/22
[⌓6...e6 -0.21/19]

7.a3 -0.40/22
[7.dxc5= 0.27/22 Nxc5 8.a4]

7...Bb7 0.18/21
[7...e6∓ -0.40/22]

8.Bd3 -0.45/26
[8.dxc5= 0.18/21 Nxc5 9.Be2]

8...e6∓ 9.0-0 Be7 -0.25/23
[9...c4∓ -0.59/22 10.Be2 Be7]

10.Ne5 c4 11.Be2 0-0 12.Nxd7 Qxd7 13.Bf3 a5 14.Ne2 b4 15.a4 -1.43/20
[15.c3∓ -0.67/21]

15...Bc6∓ 16.b3 c3 -0.99/20
[⌓16...Bb7 -1.46/20 17.Ng3 Rac8]

17.Nc1 -1.37/17
[Better is 17.Ng3 -0.99/20]

17...Ne4 18.Nd3 f6 Against Ne5

19.Bxe4 -2.37/19
[19.Bh2∓ -1.25/20]

19...dxe4-+ 20.Nc5 Qd5 Hoping for ...e5. **21.Bg3 e5 22.Qe2 exd4 23.exd4 f5**
[Inferior is 23...Qxd4 24.Ne6 Qd2 25.Qxd2 cxd2 26.Nxf8 Bxf8 27.Rad1±]

24.Bf4 g5
[Weaker is 24...Qxd4 25.Ne6 Qd5 26.Nxf8 Kxf8 27.Rad1±]

25.Bh2 -4.10/19
[25.Bc7 -2.35/17 is the only way for White.]

25...f4 26.Rfe1 Bxc5 27.dxc5 Rae8 28.Rad1 Qxc5 29.Qg4 Qf5 30.Qh5 -4.71/20
[⌓30.Rd6 -3.18/20 Ba8 31.Qxf5 Rxf5 32.Kf1]

30...Re6 Threatens to win with ...e3.

31.h4? -6.54/21
[31.Re2 -3.93/19]

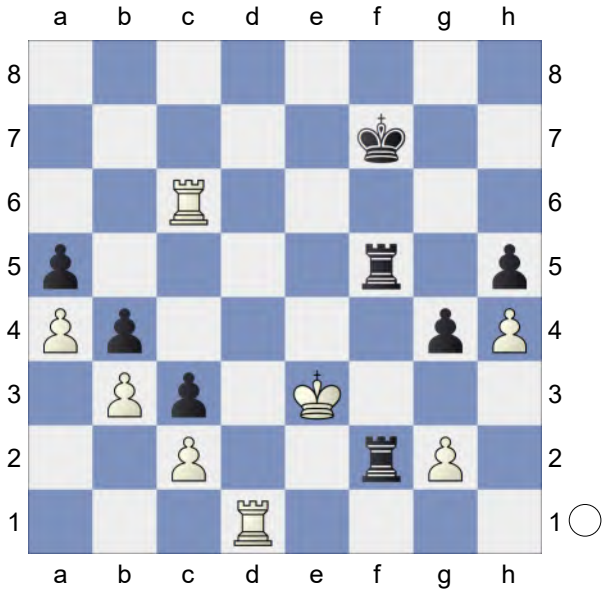
31...g4 32.Qxf5 Rxf5 33.Rd4 h5 34.Red1 Kf7 35.Rc4 Rd5 -2.95/21
[⌓35...Ref6 -6.08/20 36.Rdd4 Kg6 37.Rxc6 Rxc6 38.Rxe4 Rcf6]

36.Re1? -5.83/23
[36.Rxd5 -2.95/21 was forced. Bxd5 37.Rc7+ Kg6 38.Bxf4]

36...Rf5 37.Rd1 e3 38.Bxf4 exf2+ 39.Kxf2 Re4? 0.00/26 **40.Rxc6= Rexf4+** 0.36/24
[40...Rfxf4+= 0.00/26 41.Kg3 Rf5]

41.Ke3!± Strongly threatening Rd7+.

41...Rf2? 4.78/31
[41...Rf6= 0.12/20 and Black is okay.]



42.Rd7+!+- Ke8 43.Ra7 Weighted Error Value: White=0.51/Black=0.57

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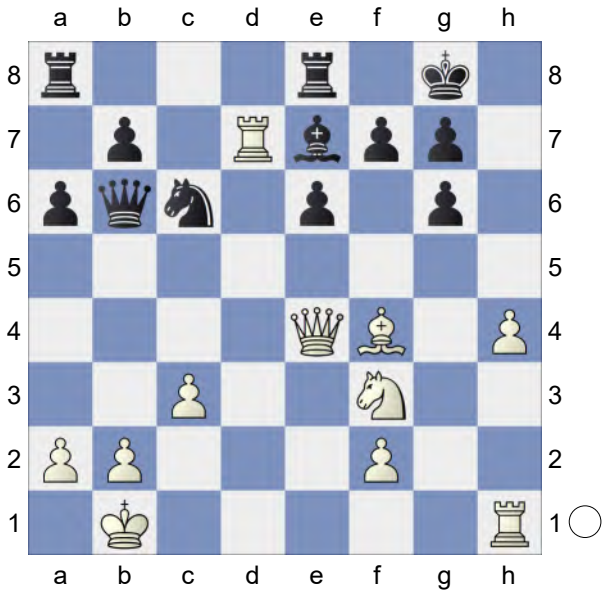
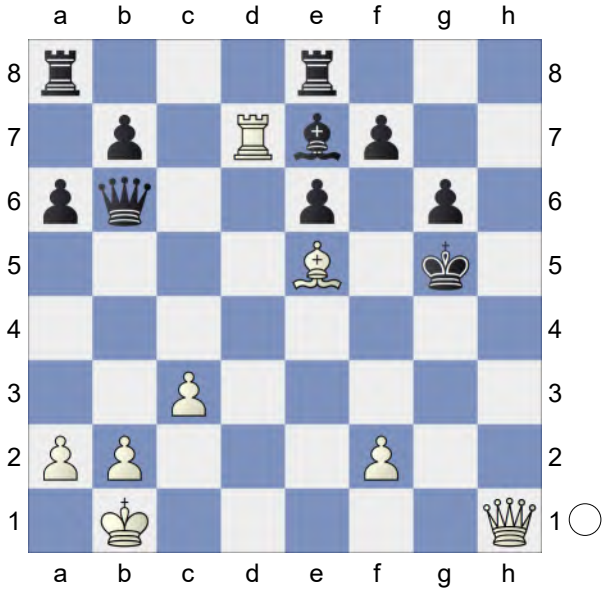
112 **A45**
□ **Erigaisi,Arjun Kumar** **2801**
■ **Ibrahimli,Murad** **2423**
Titled Tue 25th Feb Early blitz (9)
[Kitty Kat]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 Bg4 6.Be2 Bxe2 7.Qxe2** Nb5 is the strong threat. **7...a6** Inhibits Nb5. **8.g4** The position is equal. **8...Nc6 9.g5 Ne4**
[9...Nxd4 10.Qd2 Ne6 11.gxf6±]
10.Nxe4 Nxd4 11.Qd3 dxe4 12.Qxe4 Threatens to win with 0-0-0. **12...Qa5+**
[12...f5 13.gxf6 Qa5+ 14.c3±]
13.c3 Nc6 14.Nf3 e6N
[14...Rd8]
15.0-0-0 -0.35/21
[15.0-0= 0.23/19]
15...Be7 0.35/21
[15...Qxa2∓ -0.35/21 16.Ne5 *(16.Qd3 Rd8∓)* 16...Na5]
16.Kb1± 0-0 0.98/21
[16...Rd8± 0.44/20]
17.Rd7± Qb6 18.h4 &Bianco is more active. **18...Rfe8** 2.19/22
[18...Ba3± 0.99/19 19.Qe2 e5]
19.g6!+- hxg6

(Diagram)



20.h5! gxh5 9.35/22
[20...Qc5 2.38/20]
21.Rxh5 Threatening mate with Qh7+.
21...g6 22.Rh6 Kg7 23.Ne5 Rxg6+! would kill now. **23...Nxe5**
24.Bxe5+ Kxh6 25.Qh1+? 3.69/5
[25.Qf4+ #7/16 mates Kh5 26.Qf3+ Kh4 27.Bg3+ Kh3 28.Bf4+ Kh4 29.Qg3+ Kh5 30.Qh3+ Bh4 31.Qf3#]
25...Kg5

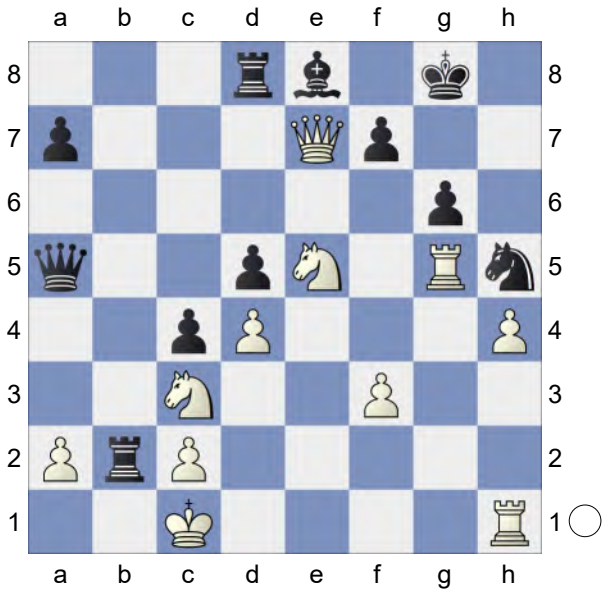


26.f4+ Kg4 27.Qg2+ Kf5 28.Qh3+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.29

(precise) /Black=0.43
1-0

113 **A45**
□ **Erigaisi,Arjun Kumar** **2801**
■ **Theodorou,Nikolas** **2611**
Titled Tue 25th Feb Late blitz (11)
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 g6 4.e3 Bg7 5.h4 h5 6.Nf3 0-0 7.Ne5 c5 8.Qd2** The position is equal. **8...cxd4 9.exd4 Nc6 10.Bb5N**
[10.f3 Bf5 11.0-0-0 *(11.Bb5 Na5 12.g4 Be6 13.0-0-0 Rc8 14.Kb1 Qb6 15.Be2 Nc4 16.Bxc4 dxc4 17.Bh6 Rfd8 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.gxh5 Nxh5 20.Rhg1 Rh8 21.Rg5 Nf6 22.d5 Rcd8 23.Nxc4 Qc7 24.Qd4 Qh2 25.Ne3 Rxh4* Sevian,S (2689)-Robson,R (2693) Saint Louis USA 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (54); *11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.0-0-0 c5 13.Be5 Rc8 14.Ba6 cxd4 15.Qxd4 Rc6 16.Bb7 Re6 17.Bxd5 Rxe5 18.Qxe5 Nxd5 19.Qxd5 Qc7* 3.Bf4 g6 4.e3 Bg7,# 33. Veresov *)* 11...Rc8 12.g4 hxg4 13.h5 Nxe5 14.Bxe5 Nxh5 15.fxg4 Bxg4 16.Be2 Bxe2 17.Qxe2 f6 3.Bf4 g6 4.e3 Bg7,# 33. Veresov]
10...Bd7 0.38/19
[10...Nxe5= -0.24/19 11.Bxe5 *(11.dxe5 Ne4=)* 11...Ne4 12.Nxe4 Bxe5]
11.Bxc6
[11.Nxd7 Nxd7 12.Be3 *(12.Nxd5 Nxd4 13.Bc4 Rc8∓)* 12...a6∓]
11...bxc6 12.f3 Qa5 Against Na4 **13.g4** Black must now prevent g5.
[Of course not 13.Nxd7 Nxd7 14.Ne2 Qa6∓]
13...Rfd8 14.Bh6 c5 And now ...cxd4 would win.
[14...hxg4? 15.h5 Nxh5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.Rxh5!+-]
15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.0-0-0 Hoping for gxh5. **16...c4?** 3.49/21
[Black should play 16...Rac8± 0.32/18]
17.Rdg1? 1.17/21
[17.gxh5+- 3.49/21 Nxh5 18.Qg5]
17...Rab8? 5.96/21
[17...Rh8± 1.17/21]
18.gxh5+- Nxh5 19.Qg5 Be8 20.Qxe7? 1.73/23
[20.Qxh5 4.90/22 Rxb2 21.Nxc4! *(21.Kxb2 Rb8+ 22.Kc1 Qxc3∓)* 21...Qxc3 22.Qe5+ Kg8 23.Nxb2]
20...Kg8 21.Rg5→ White has strong attack. Really sharp! &Bianco is much more active. **21...Rxb2?** 9.30/21
[21...Qb6 22.Rxh5! Qxb2+ 23.Kd2+-]
[21...Qb4 2.15/21 22.Qxb4 Rxb4]



22.Nxg6! fxg6

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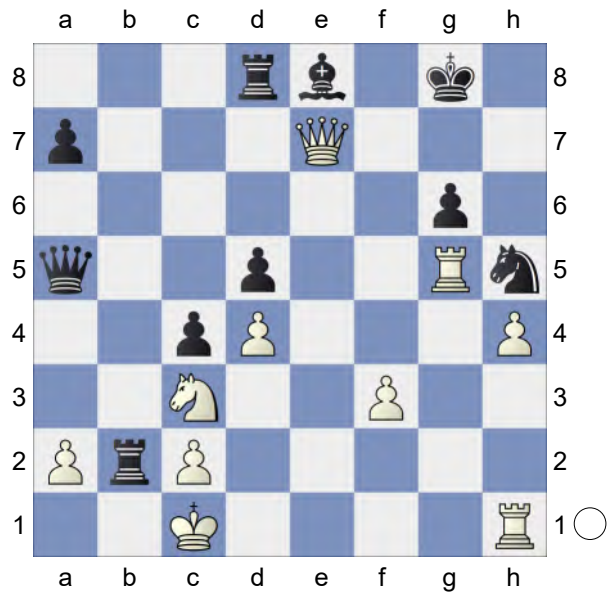
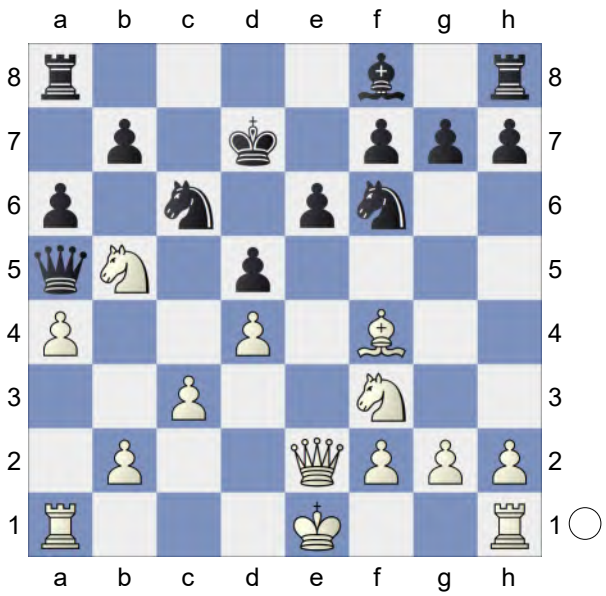


23.Rxh5! White wants to mate with Qf6! **23...Qxc3**
[23...Bf7 24.Rg1]
24.Qh7+ Kf8 25.Qh8+ White mates. **25...Ke7 26.Qe5+ Kd7 27.Rh7+** Skewer **27...Kc6 28.Qc7+ Kb5 29.Qc5+ Ka4 30.Rxa7+ Qa5 31.Rxa5#** Weighted Error Value: White=0.45/Black=1.02
1-0

114 **A45**
□ **Erigaisi,Arjun Kumar** **2801**
■ **Kollars,Dmitrij** **2643**
Titled Tue 25th Feb Late blitz (8) 25.2.25
[Kitty Kat]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack Richard Palliser,MH: 'B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack ' **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 Bg4 6.Be2**
[6.f3 Bd7 7.g4 Nc6 8.Qd2 e6 9.Bb5 Rc8 10.Nge2 a6 11.Bxc6 Bxc6 12.h4 Bb5 13.Nxb5 axb5 14.c3 Be7 15.h5 Nd7 16.a3 Nb6 17.b3 h6 18.Qd3 Qd7 19.Kf2 Qc6 20.Rhg1 Nd7 Mamedyarov,S (2747)-Harikrishna,P (2717) Aimchess Rapid 2022 [Richard Palliser] 1-0 (32)]
6...Bxe2 7.Qxe2 Black must now prevent Nb5. **7...Nc6N**
[7...a6 8.g4 Nc6 9.0-0-0 *(9.g5 Ne4 10.Nxe4 Nxd4 11.Qd3 dxe4 12.Qxe4 Qa5+ 13.c3 Nc6 14.Nf3 Rd8* 15.b3 g6 16.♗b2_21333-Vogt,F ICCF 2023 09 3... Bb4 [John Watson] *)* 9...e6 10.g5 Ng8 13.Qc2 Chess Informant 141 [Pap, Misa]]
8.Nb5 The position is equal. **8...Qa5+** 0.78/21
[8...Kd7± 0.34/21]
9.c3± Strongly threatening b4. **9...Kd7!**
10.a4 -0.01/22
[Better is 10.Nf3± 0.61/20 Rc8 11.a4]
10...e6 0.90/20
[10...a6= -0.01/22 11.Na3 Nxd4]
11.Nf3 a6 1.15/21
[⌓11...Rc8 0.77/19]



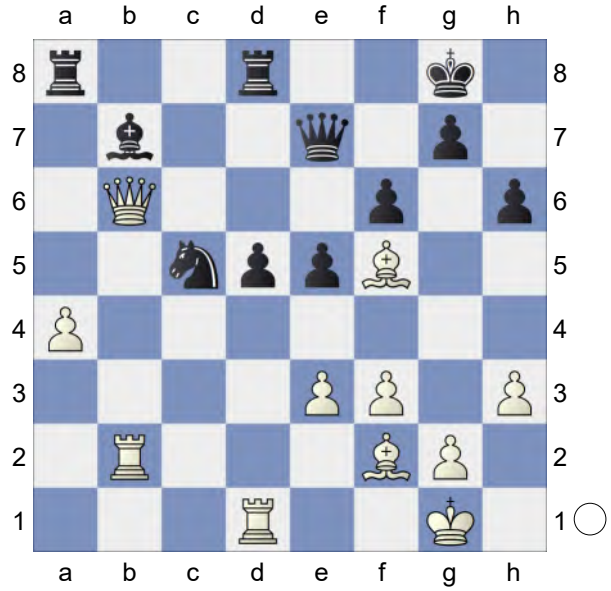
12.b4!↑ White is in control. **12...Qd8**

13.Nc7 Ng5 is the strong threat. The board is on fire. &Bianco is much more active. The black rooks are badly placed.
13...Nh5 1.75/22
[13...Rc8± 1.43/22 is a better defense.]
14.Ne5++-
[Weaker is 14.Nxa8 Nxf4 15.Qd2 Bd6∓]
14...Kxc7 15.Qxh5 Nxe5 16.Bxe5+ Bd6 17.Qxf7+ Qd7 18.Bxd6+
[Much less strong is 18.Qxg7?! Qxg7 19.Bxg7 Rhg8±]
18...Kxd6 19.Qf4+ Kc6 20.0-0 Raf8 2.26/20
[20...Kb6± 1.56/20 was necessary. 21.Rfe1 Rac8]
21.Qe3 Kb6 22.c4 Ka7 23.b5 dxc4 4.15/21
[23...Rc8 2.70/17 was worth a try. 24.c5 Rhe8]
24.d5+ Ka8 25.dxe6 Qd3 26.bxa6 Qxe3 27.axb7+
[But not 27.fxe3?! Rxf1+ 28.Rxf1 Re8±]
27...Kxb7 28.fxe3 Endgame KRR-KRR **28...Kc6 29.a5** Hoping for a6. **29...Re8 30.Rfc1 Kb5** 3.12/21
[⌓30...Rxe6 2.05/22 31.Rxc4+ Kb7 32.Rb1+ Ka6]
31.Rab1+ Kc5 32.Rb6 Ra8 33.Rb7 Rhc8 34.Rxg7 Rxa5 35.Rxh7 Raa8 36.Rh4 Kb4 37.e7 1.52/21
[37.Rb1++- 3.37/20 is more deadly. Kc5 38.Rc1]
37...Kb3? 3.94/23 Loses the game.
[37...Rc7± 1.52/21 keeps fighting. 38.Re4 Re8]
38.e8Q Rxe8 39.Rhxc4 Rxe3 40.Rc7 Kb2 41.R1c6 Rb3 4.01/21
[⌓41...Re1+ 2.77/19 42.Kf2 Rh1 43.Rc2+ Kb3 44.R2c3+ Kb4 45.R7c4+ Kb5]
42.h3 Rg8 43.Kh2 Ka2? 6.00/20
[43...Rd8 3.50/18 44.Rc2+ Kb1]
44.Rc2+ White is clearly winning.
44...Kb1 45.Rc1+ Ka2 46.R7c2+ Ka3 47.Rc3 Rxc3 48.Rxc3+ Kb4 49.Rc1 Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) /Black=0.36
1-0

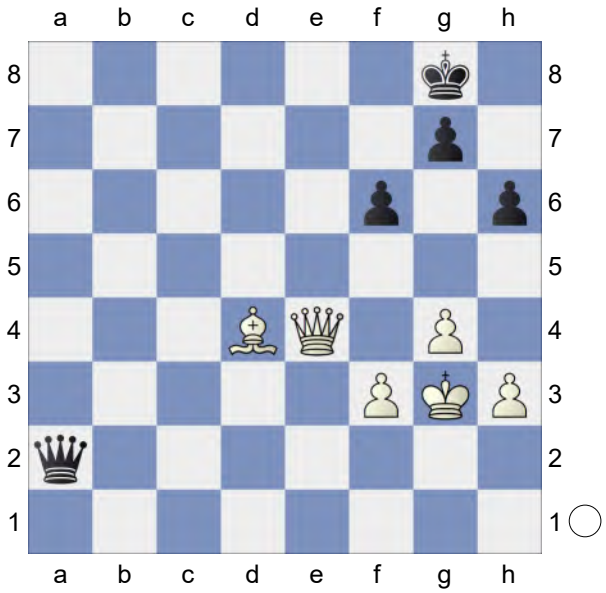
115 **D00**
□ **Erigaisi,Arjun Kumar** **2801**
■ **Rustemov,Alexander** **2525**
Titled Tue 25th Feb Late blitz (6) 25.2.25
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 a6 5.dxc5 e6 6.Na4 Bxc5** Decoy **7.Nxc5** Hoping for c3. **7...Qa5+ 8.c3** Qa4+ is the strong threat. The position is equal. **8...Qxc5 9.Bd3N**
[9.Nf3 Nc6 10.Bd3 3... c5,4 S&S The Jobava London]
9...Nbd7 10.Nf3 0-0 11.0-0 b6 12.a4 Bb7 13.Qe2 h6 14.Ne5 Rfe8 15.h3 Qe7 16.Rfd1 Nxe5 17.Bxe5 Nd7 18.Bg3 Nc5 19.Bc2 e5 20.f3 0.06/18
[20.Qg4± 0.48/19]
20...Rac8
[20...e4!?]
21.Rd2 f6 0.66/20
[21...Qf6= 0.01/17]
22.Bf2 0.25/17
[22.c4± 0.66/20]
22...Red8 23.Rad1 a5 24.b4 axb4 25.cxb4 Na6 1.20/21
[⌓25...Ba6 0.73/20 26.Qe1 Ne6]
26.Bf5 0.79/20
[⌓26.Qd3 1.20/21]
26...Ra8± 27.Rb2 Nxb4 1.15/22
[Black should try 27...Bc8 0.77/19 28.Bb1 Be6]

28.Qb5 Na6 29.Qxb6 0.78/21 0x0.0010f922457fdp-1022s more active pieces.
[⌓29.a5 1.39/21]
29...Nc5? 3.15/21
[29...Bc8± 0.78/21 30.Bxc8 Rdxc8]



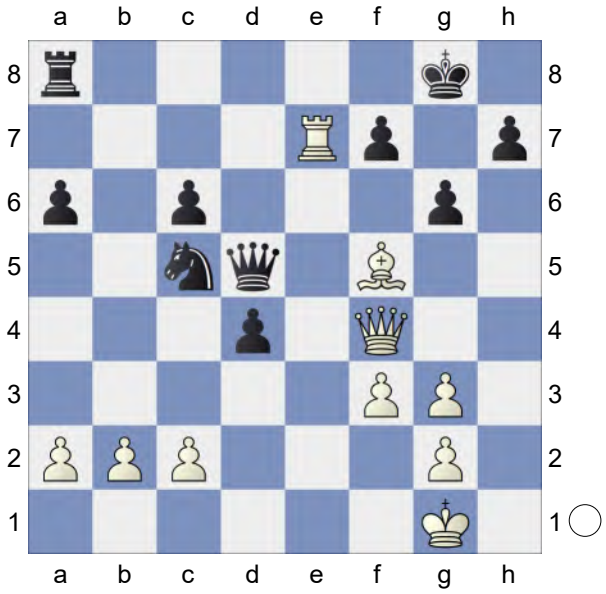
30.Rc1? 0.56/23
[30.e4!+- 3.15/21 d4 31.Rc1]
30...Bc8± 31.Bxc8!
[31.Rxc5 Bxf5 32.Rc7 Qa3=]
31...Raxc8
[31...Rdxc8? 32.Rbc2+-]
32.Qb5 d4 1.58/20 White stays focused until the end.
[32...Rb8!= 0.27/23 33.Qxb8 Rxb8 34.Rxb8+ Kh7]
33.exd4± exd4 34.Rbc2 d3? 4.22/21
[34...Rd5± 1.53/22]
35.Rxc5+- Rxc5 36.Qxc5
[Much less strong is 36.Bxc5 Qe2+-]
36...d2 Threatens to win with ...Qxc5.
37.Rd1
[Weaker is 37.Qxe7 dxc1Q+ 38.Kh2 Qc8∓]
[But not 37.Qc4+ Kh8+-]
37...Qe2 38.Qc2 Kh8 39.a5 Rd6 40.a6 Qxa6 41.Rxd2 Rxd2 42.Qxd2 Qe6 43.Qd8+ Kh7 44.Qd3+ Kg8 45.Qe4 Qa2 46.g4 Kh8 47.Kg2 Kg8 48.Kg3 Kh8 5.10/27
[48...Qf7 3.61/22 keeps fighting. 49.h4 Kh8]
49.Bd4 Kg8? 12.88/29
[49...Qf7 3.62/23 50.h4 Qc7+ 51.Kg2 Qd8]



50.Bxf6! gxf6 Endgame KQ-KQ **51.Qg6+ Kf8 52.Qxf6+ Ke8 53.Qxh6 Qa1 54.Qe3+ Kf7 55.h4 Qh1 56.h5 Kf6 57.Qf4+ Ke7 58.Qe5+ Kf7 59.Kf4** Threatening mate with Kg5. **59...Qh2+ 60.Kf5 Qc2+ 61.Kg5** White wants to mate with Qf5+. **61...Qd2+ 62.Qf4+ Qxf4+ 63.Kxf4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.40
1-0

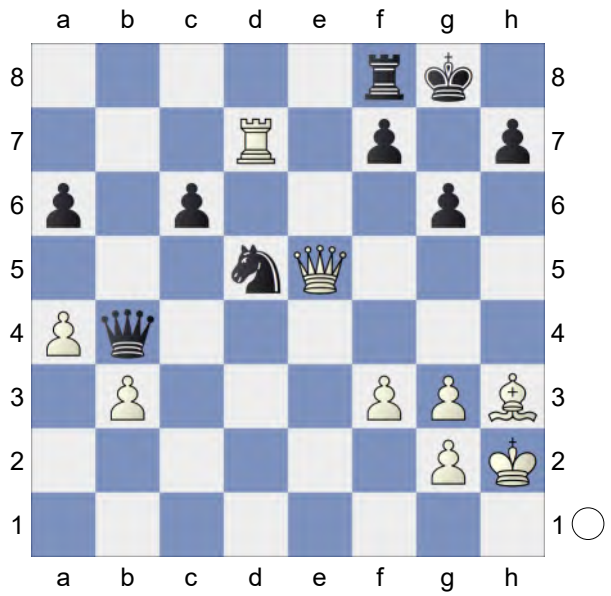
116 **D00**
□ **Erigaisi,Arjun Kumar** **2801**
■ **Harsh,Suresh** **2389**
Titled Tue 25th Feb Early blitz (4)
[Kitty Kat]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Ne5 e6 8.Nxc6** The position is equal. **8...bxc6 9.Na4** Against c5 **9...Bd6 10.Bg3**
[10.Bxd6 Qxd6 11.Bd3 a5 12.0-0 Ba6 13.Re1 0-0 14.Rc1 Bxd3 15.Qxd3 Rfe8 16.h3 e5 17.dxe5 Rxe5 18.Rxe5 Qxe5 19.Rd1 Re8 20.Nc3 h6 21.a3 Re6 22.b4 axb4 23.axb4 Ne4 24.Nxe4 Qxe4 Van Foreest,L (2512)-Budisavljevic,L (2483) Saint Louis 2024 Mega2024 Update 25 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (33)]
10...0-0 11.Bd3 Re8N
[11...Qe7 12.0-0 a5 13.b3 Bxg3 14.hxg3 Ba6 15.Bxa6 Rxa6 16.Nc5 Raa8 17.Re1 6) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5-5.exd4 a6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Ne5 e6 London 2023 https://www.chessable.co [MH]]
12.0-0! Bxg3 13.hxg3 e5 14.dxe5 Rxe5 15.Re1 Bg4 16.Qd2 Qd6 17.Rxe5 Qxe5 18.Re1 Qh5 1.82/22
[18...Qc7± 0.52/18]
19.f3+- Bd7 20.Nc5 d4 1.96/22
[20...a5 1.62/22 is a better defense. 21.g4 Bxg4]
21.Nxd7 1.54/20
[21.Nxa6+- 1.96/22 Qd5 22.a4]
21...Nxd7± 22.Qf4! Qd5 23.Re7 Nc5 3.23/23
[23...Nf6 1.85/22 was called for. 24.Ra7 Re8]
24.Bf5 Strongly threatening Re5. **24...g6** 2.99/20
[⌓24...Rf8 2.01/23 25.Re5 Qc4]

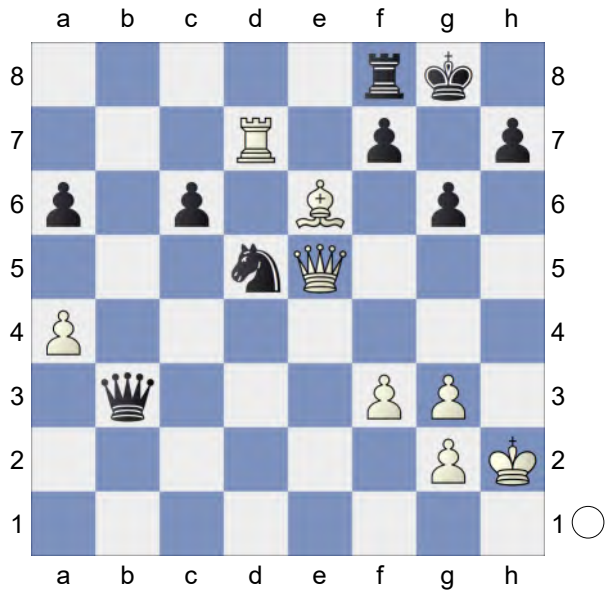


25.Bh3? 0.52/22
[White has to play 25.Be6!+- 2.99/20 Qxe6 26.Rxe6 Nxe6 27.Qd6]
25...d3? 3.40/23
[25...Rf8± 0.52/22]
26.cxd3?→ 0.21/24 White is up to no good.
[Not 26.Be6 Qxe6 27.Rxe6 Nxe6+-]
[26.c4+- 3.40/23 d2 27.cxd5 d1Q+ 28.Kh2 Qxd5 29.b4]
26...Nxd3= 27.Qf6 Rf8 28.Kh2 Qb5 29.b3 Nb4 aiming for ...Nd5. **30.a4 Qc5 31.Rd7 Nd5 32.Qe5** And now f4 would win. **32...Qb4** 1.60/23
[32...Qf2= 0.26/25]

(Diagram)



33.Be6!± &Bianco is more active.
33...Nb6? 9.40/25
[33...Qxb3?

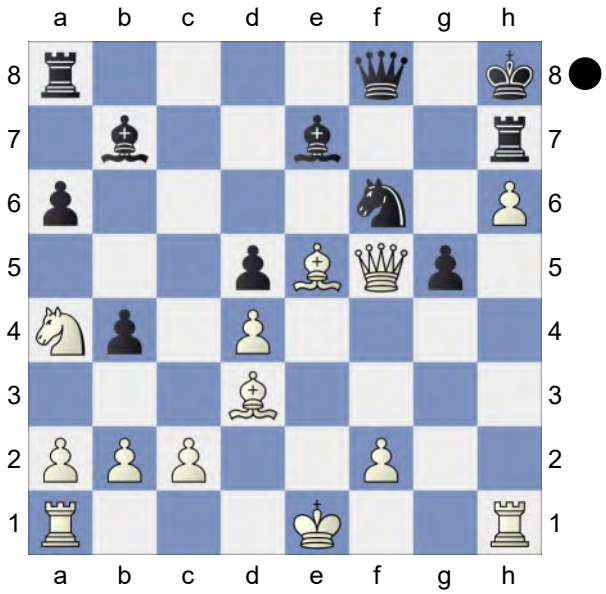


34.Bxf7+! Rxf7 35.Qe6+-]
[33...Qc5 1.70/24]
34.Rb7+- White threatens Qf6 and mate.
34...a5 35.Qf6 Qc5 36.Bxf7+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.36/ Black=0.72
1-0

117 **A45**
□ **Erigaisi,Arjun Kumar** **2801**
■ **Novik,Ma** **2392**
Titled Tue 25th Feb Late blitz (2) 25.2.25
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines Richard Palliser,MH: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines ' **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 b5 5.h4 Bb7N**
[5...e6 6.g4 b4 7.Na4 Bd6 8.g5 Ne4 9.Bd3 Bd7 10.c4 Bxf4 11.exf4 Bc6 12.Nf3 dxc4 13.Bxc4 Qd6 14.Ne5 Nc3 15.bxc3 Bxh1 16.f3 f6 17.Nc5 fxe5 18.Kf2 bxc3 19.Nxe6 exd4 20.Bd5 Torombot (3043)-Expositor (2839) Rapid 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (45)]
[5...h5 6.Nf3 e6 7.Bd3 Bb7 8.Ne2 c5 9.c3 Nbd7 10.Ng5 Qb6 11.a4 c4 12.Bc2 Bd6 13.0-0 Ne4 14.Bxe4 dxe4 15.Ng3 Be7 16.Qc2 Qc6 17.Qxe4 Nb6 18.axb5 axb5 19.Qxc6+ Bxc6 20.e4 Erigaisi,A (2722)-Carlsen,M (2859) World Rapid Championship, Almaty 2022 [Richard Palliser] ½-½ (44)]
[5...c5 6.dxc5 Nc6 7.Nf3 e6 8.Nd4 Bb7 9.Nxc6 Bxc6 10.b4 #1/3 5) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 a6-3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 b5]
6.g4 e6 7.g5 Nfd7 8.Qf3 White has an edge. **8...c5 9.h5 Nc6 10.Nge2 b4 11.Na4 Be7** 0.58/18
[11...c4= 0.16/15]
12.g6± aiming for h6. **12...f5** 1.00/18
[12...0-0± 0.60/18]
13.gxh7 &Bianco is more active.
13...Rxh7 14.Qg3 0.85/21
[⌓14.Qg2 1.24/19 Black must now prevent Qg6+. Nf8 15.Nxc5 Bxc5 16.dxc5]
14...Kf8 1.94/20

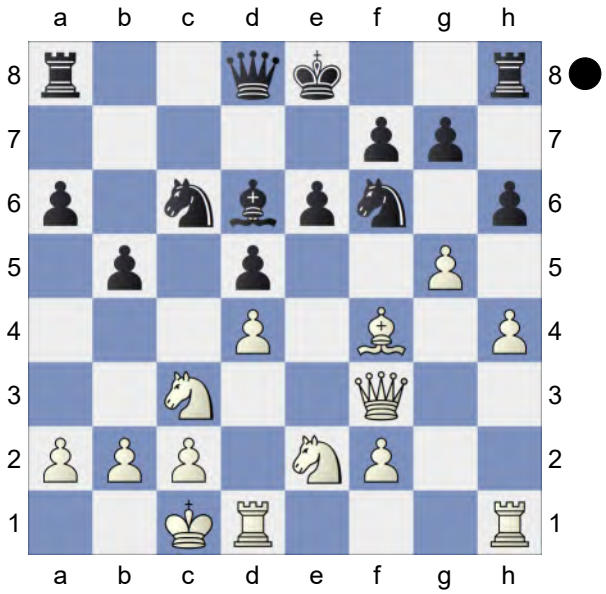
[14...g5± 0.85/21 is a better defense.]
15.Qg6+- Kg8 2.84/21
[⌓15...Nf6 1.98/21]
16.Qxe6+ Kh8 17.Qxf5 cxd4 18.Nxd4 Nxd4 19.exd4 Bd3 is the strong threat.
19...Nf6 3.94/20
[⌓19...Qf8 2.65/19 20.Qxd7 Qxf4 21.Qxe7 *(21.Qxb7? Qe4+ 22.Kd1 Rf8-+)* 21...Bc6]
20.Bd3 Qf8 21.h6 g5 8.18/21
[⌓21...g6 4.05/20 22.Qxg6 Bd6]
22.Be5



White is clearly winning. **22...Qf7 23.0-0-0** Threatens to win with Rdg1. **23...Rc8 24.Nc5 Bc6 25.Qxc8+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.45
1-0

118 **A45**
□ **Erigaisi,Arjun Kumar** **2801**
■ **Sorensen,Hampus** **2430**
Titled Tue 25th Feb Early blitz (2)
[Kitty Kat]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 Bg4 6.Be2 Bxe2 7.Qxe2 a6** Prevents Nb5. **8.g4** The position is equal. **8...h6**
[8...Nc6 9.g5 Ne4 10.Nxe4 Nxd4 11.Qd3 dxe4 12.Qxe4 Qa5+ 13.c3 Nc6 14.Nf3 Rd8 15.b3 g6 16.♗b2_21333-Vogt,F ICCF 2023 09 3... Bb4 [John Watson]]
9.0-0-0 e6 10.Qf3N
[10.h4 b5 11.Qf3 b4 12.Na4 Nc6 13.Ne2 Rc8 #11 17) Jobava London-2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3]
10...Bd6 11.h4 Nc6 0.54/20
[11...Bxf4+= 0.13/19 is superior. 12.Qxf4 Nc6]
12.Nge2± b5 13.g5



Black must now prevent Bxd6. **13...b4** 1.56/21 **14.gxf6± bxc3 15.Qxc3 Rc8** 2.65/24

[15...Bxf4+ 1.82/23 was called for. 16.Nxf4 Qd6]

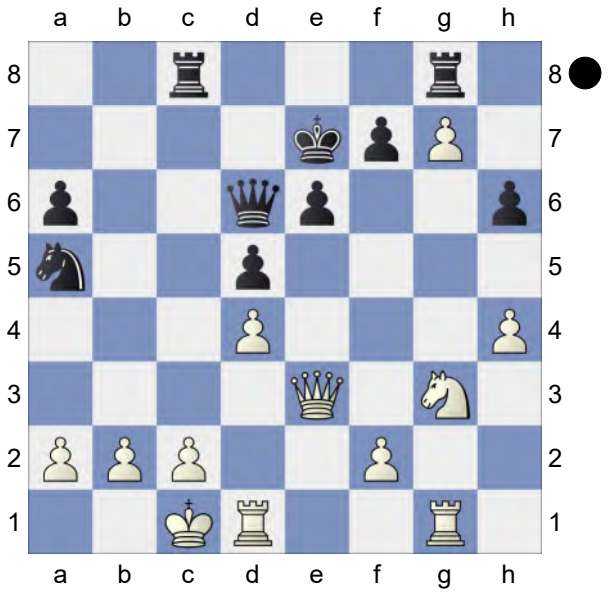
16.fxg7 Rg8 17.Bxd6

[17.Bxh6 Nb4 18.Qf3 Qa5]

17...Qxd6 18.Rhg1 Ke7 4.29/18

[18...Ne7 2.82/19 was necessary. 19.Qd2 Qh2]

19.Qe3+- Na5 20.Ng3



Threatens to win with Nf5+. **20...Kd8?** 5.14/19

[20...Qc7 2.71/19 21.Qa3+ *(21.c3 Nc4±)* 21...Ke8 22.Qa4+ Ke7]

21.Nh5 Nc4 22.Qc3

[Worse is 22.Qxh6 Qb4 23.Rd3 *(23.Qg5+ f6=)* 23...Qxb2+ 24.Kd1 Qb1+ 25.Qc1 Nb2+ 26.Kd2 Qxc1+ 27.Rxc1 Nxd3 28.Kxd3 *(28.cxd3 Rxc1 29.Kxc1 Ke7∓)* 28...Ke7=]

22...Rb8 23.b3 Na3 5.26/20

[23...Qa3+ 2.85/19 24.Kb1 Ke7]

24.Qc5 White is clearly winning.

24...Qxc5 25.dxc5 Ke7 26.Rge1 Rbc8 27.Rxd5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) /Black=0.57

1-0

119 **A45**

□ **Erigaisi,Arjun Kumar** **2801**

■ **Duda,Jan Krzysztof** **2739**

Titled Tue 25th Feb Early blitz (7)

[Kitty Kat]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Ne5 Bd7 8.g4 e6 9.g5 Nxe5**

[9...Ng8 10.Bg2 *(10.Nxc6 Bxc6 11.Qf3 Bd6 12.0-0-0 Ne7 13.Bd3 Qc7 14.Bxd6 Qxd6 15.h4 g6 16.Rde1 Rf8 17.h5 0-0-0 18.Kb1 Nf5 19.Bxf5 exf5 20.hxg6 hxg6 21.a3 Rde8 22.Rxe8+ Rxe8 23.Rh7 Re7 24.Kc1 Kb8* Erigaisi,A (2710)-Amin,B (2694) Biel 2023 Mega2023 Update 38 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (51) *)* 10...Nxe5 11.dxe5 Ne7 12.0-0 Ng6 13.Bg3 Qxg5 14.f4 Qf5 15.Ne2 Bc5+ 16.Kh1 h5 17.Bf2 Bxf2 18.Rxf2 Ne7 19.Nd4 Qg6 20.Qd2 h4 21.Rg1 Qh6 22.Bh3 g6 23.c3 Nc6 24.Qe3 Dr Xstranger (2710)-Satunnainen (2761) Blitz 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (35)]

10.Bxe5 Ng8 11.h4 Ne7N

[11...h6 12.Qh5 Ne7 13.Bd3 Nc6 14.0-0-0 Nxe5 15.dxe5 Bb4 16.Ne2 Bb5 *(16...Qe7)* 17.Qg4 Bc5 18.gxh6 Rxh6 19.Qxg7 Rxh4 20.Qg3 Bxd3 21.cxd3 Rxh1 22.Rxh1 Qc7 23.Kb1 Kd7 24.Rc1 Qb6 25.Qf4 Be7 26.Qa4+ Orr,M (2495)-Ambrosewicz, C (2317) ICCF 2023 CT-0832 [John Watson] 1-0 (43) Qb5 27.Qc2 Qc6 28.Qb3 Qb5 29.Qc3 Qc6 30.Qa5 b6 31.Qd2 Qb5 32.Nd4 Qb4 33.Qc2 Qc5 34.Qa4+ b5 35.Qa5 Qa7 36.Nc6 Qxf2 37.Nxe7 Kxe7 38.Qb4+ Ke8 39.Rh1 f5 40.Rh8+

Kf7 41.Rxa8 Nagy,G (2495)-Mahajan, R (2317) Los Angeles 2023 1-0 (43)]

12.Qd2 h6 13.gxh6 Rxh6 14.0-0-0 -0.10/19

[14.h5± 0.35/19 feels stronger.]

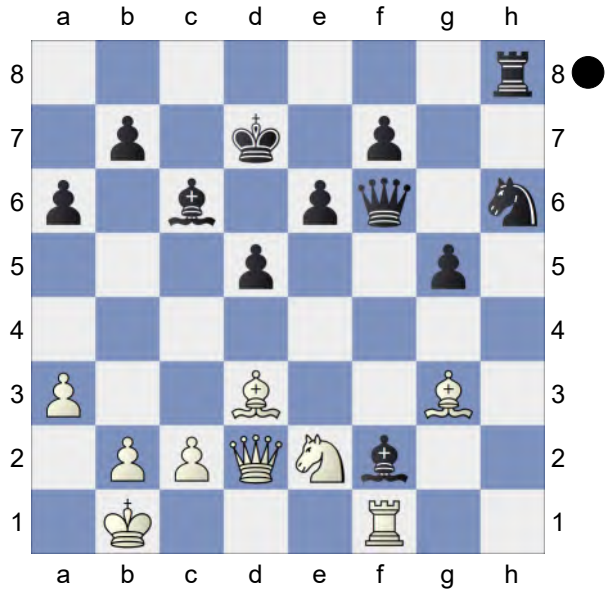
14...Ng6!= 15.Bg3 Nxh4 16.Bd3 Be7 17.Qe2 White has compensation.

17...Bc6 18.Rdg1 Kd7 19.Kb1 Bf6 20.Qg4 Qe7 21.Qf4 g5 22.Qg4 Rah8 23.a3 -1.28/21

[⌓23.Ne2 -0.75/21]

23...Nf5!∓ 24.Rxh6 Nxh6 25.Qe2 Bxd4 26.Qd2 Qf6 27.Ne2 Bxf2 28.Rf1 -2.59/22

[⌓28.Bxf2 -1.62/23 Qxf2 29.Rxg5]



28...Be3!-+ 29.Qe1 Qg7 -1.27/21

[29...Nf5-+ -2.47/22 30.Ka1 Rh6]

30.Nc3? -3.29/20

[30.Nc1∓ -1.27/21 was worth a try. Bf4 31.Bxf4 gxf4 32.Rxf4]

30...d4 Threatens to win with ...f5.

31.Ne4 f5 32.Nc5+ Kc8 -0.31/21

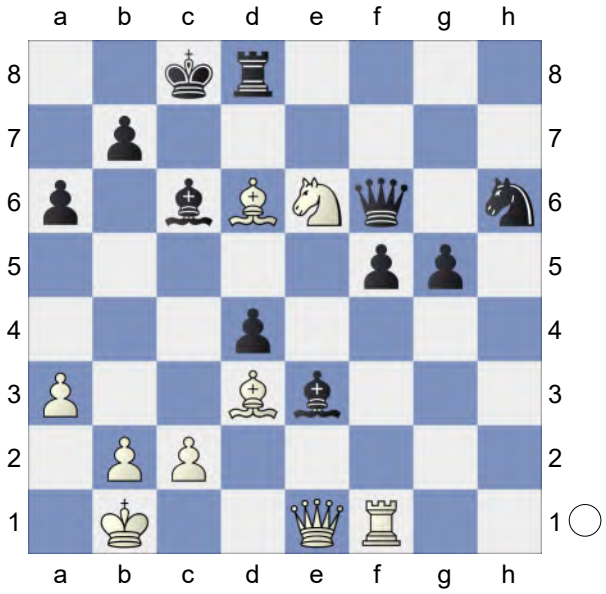
[32...Ke7!∓ -1.36/19 White must now prevent ...f4. 33.Qa5 f4]

33.Bd6∓ Rd8? 0.83/20

[33...Qf6!∓ -1.12/18 aiming for ...Nf7. 34.Qb4 Rh7]

34.Nxe6± Qf6 2.81/24

[34...Qd7± 0.76/26 is a better defense. 35.Nxd8 Qxd8]



35.Nxd8? 0.80/23

[35.Qa5!+- 2.81/24 and White stays clearly on top. Rd7 36.Bxf5!]

35...Kxd8 1.60/22

[⌓35...Qxd8 0.80/23 36.Qb4 f4]

36.Qa5+→ White goes for the king.

36...Ke8 37.Qc7 -0.74/23 &Bianco is more active.

[37.Bb4± 1.49/21 And now Qc7 would win. Bf4 38.Re1+ Kd7 39.Be7 Qxe7 40.Rxe7+ Kxe7 41.Qb6]

37...Qd8∓ 38.Qg7? -3.42/22 **Qxd6-+**

39.Bxf5 Nxf5

[Not 39...Kd8 40.Bg6 Bf4 41.Rd1± *(41.Qxh6 Be8=)*]

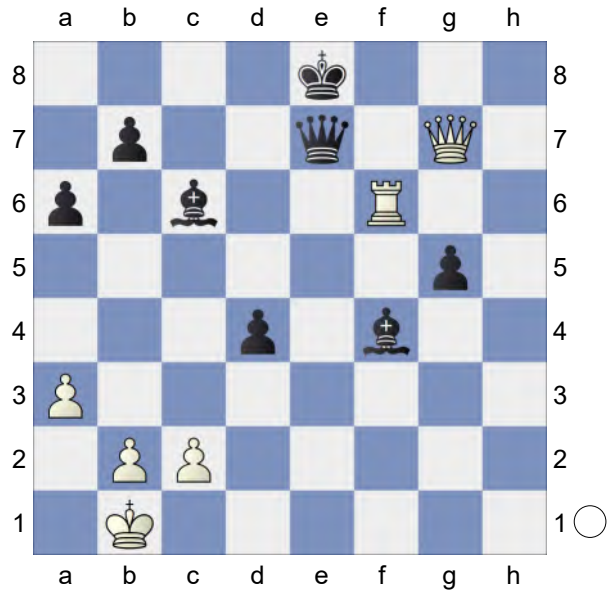
40.Rxf5 Bf4?? 3.18/29

[Worse is 40...Kd8 41.Rf6 Qe7 42.Rf7=]

[40...Bd5-+ -3.13/22 and all is fine. Strongly threatening ...Bf4. 41.Qe5+ Qxe5 42.Rxe5+ Kf7 43.Rxd5 g4 44.Rf5+ *(44.Rd7+? Kf6-+)* 44...Ke7 45.Re5+ Kf6]

41.Rf6 Really sharp! White stays

focused until the end. **41...Qe7**



42.Qg8+ Kd7 43.Rf7 Qxf7 44.Qxf7+ Kd6 45.Qf5 Bd5 46.Qf6+ Kc7 47.Qxd4 Bc6 48.c4 Kc8 49.b4 Bc7 50.Qg4+ Bd7 51.Qxg5 b5 52.c5 Bc6 53.Qg6 Kb7 54.Kc2 Bd5 55.Kd3 Bc6 56.Kd4 Bb8 57.Qf7+ Bc7 58.Qe7 Bf3 59.Ke3 Bc6 60.Qf6 Bb8 61.Qe6 Bc7 62.Kd4 Bb8 63.Qe7+ Bc7 64.Qf7 Kb8 65.Qe6 Kb7 66.Qg6? 0.01/31
[66.Kc3+- 5.60/34]
66...Bb8= This bishop pair is nice.
67.Ke3 Bc7 68.Qh7 Kb8 69.Kd3 Kb7 70.Kd4 Kb8 71.Qh6 Kb7 72.Qh5 Bb8 73.Qe2 Bc7 74.Qe7? 0.01/31
[74.Qd3+- 5.61/28]
74...Kb8? 5.59/29
[74...Bf3!= 0.01/31 and Black is okay. 75.Qf7 Bc6 76.Qe7]
75.Qe1 Kb7 76.Qf1 Bb8 77.Kc3 Be5+ 78.Kd3 Bc7 79.Qf6 Bb8 80.Ke3 Bc7 81.Qe7 Kb8 82.Kd4? 0.01/26
[82.Kd2+- 5.41/34]
82...Kb7 83.Qe3 Bb8 84.Qd3 Bc7 85.Qh7? -0.01/25
[85.Qf5+- 5.51/32]
85...Kb8! 86.Qf7? 0.01/31
[86.Qf5+- 4.70/34]
86...Kb7 87.Qf1? 0.01/31 Against Bg2
[87.Kd3+- 4.61/31]
87...Bb8! 88.Qe2? -0.01/29
[88.Qf8+- 4.61/33]
88...Bc7! 89.a4 bxa4 90.Kc3 Bb8 91.Qe7+ Bc7 92.Kb2 Kb8 93.Ka3 Kb7 94.Qf7 Kb8 95.Qc4 Kb7 96.Qe2 Bb8 97.Qe7+? -0.01/31
[97.Qf1+- 4.24/32]
97...Bc7 98.Qe2? 0.01/30
[White should play 98.Qg7+- 4.23/28]
98...Bb8! 99.Qc4? -0.01/30
[99.Qd3+- 4.27/31]
99...Bc7! 100.Qf7? -0.01/31
[Better is 100.Qd3+- 4.21/28]
100...Kb8! 101.Qe7? 0.01/33
[101.Qh7+- 4.21/27]
101...Kb7! Weighted Error Value: White=0.41/Black=0.45. An unexpected result.
½-½

120 **A45**
□ **Erigaisi,Arjun Kumar** **2801**
■ **Bartel,Mat** **2629**
Titled Tue 25th Feb Late blitz (4) 25.2.25
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines Richard Palliser,MH: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines ' **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 Bf5 4.e3 e6 5.Bd3 Bg6 6.h4 Bd6 7.h5 Bxd3 8.Qxd3** The position is equal. **8...Nc6N**
[8...Bxf4 9.exf4 Nbd7 *(9...0-0 10.Nf3 c5 11.dxc5 Na6 12.0-0-0 Rc8 13.h6 g6 14.Ne5 Qe7 15.a3 Qxc5 16.f3 Nb8 17.g4 Nc6 18.Qe2 d4 19.Ne4 Nxe4 20.Qxe4 Rfd8 21.Rd2 Rd5 22.Re1 b5 23.Nxf7 e5 24.Nxe5* Erigaisi,A (2681)-Sjugirov,S (2696) Chess.com Week 17 Rapid 2022 [Richard Palliser] 1-0*)* 10.h6 g6

11.Nf3 Qe7 12.Kf1 0-0 13.g3 Rac8 14.Kg2 c5 15.Rae1 Rfd8 16.Nd1 Qd6 17.c3 cxd4 18.Qxd4 a5 19.Qd2 a4 20.Ne3 Qb6 21.Rb1 Ne4 22.Qe2 Qa6 23.Qd1 Torombot (2993)-Expositor (2790) Rapid 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (44)]

[8...h6 9.0-0-0 Nc6 10.Kb1 a6 11.Nge2 Qe7 12.f3 Bxf4 13.exf4 0-0-0 14.Nc1 Rhe8 15.N3e2 Nd7 16.g4 f6 17.Rhe1 Kb8 18.Qc3 Qd6 19.Nd3 Re7 20.Ng3 a5 21.a3 a4 22.Nf1 Nb6 23.Qc5 Torombot (3002)-Expositor (2776) Rapid 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (78)]

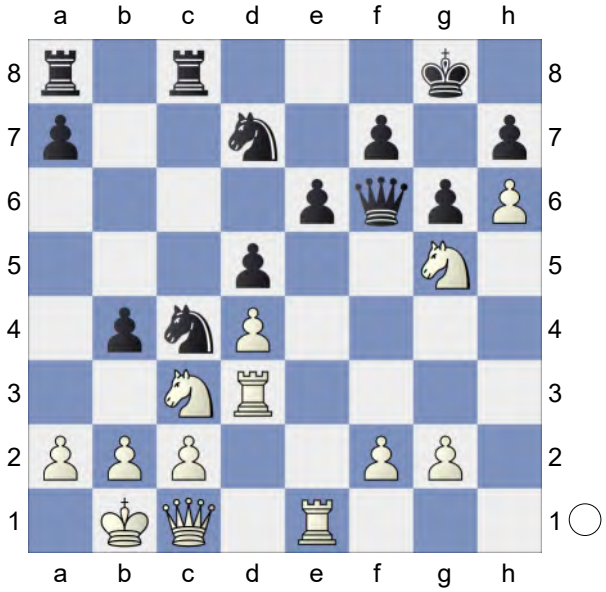
9.h6 g6 10.Nf3 Nd7 11.0-0-0 Qe7 12.Bxd6 cxd6 13.e4 dxe4 14.Qxe4 d5 15.Qf4 0-0 16.Rhe1 Qf6 17.Qe3 Rfc8 18.Kb1 Na5 19.Rd3 0.05/21

[White should play 19.b3± 0.58/20]

19...Nc4= 20.Qc1 b5 21.Ng5 Rf3 is the strong threat. **21...b4?** 2.94/22

[21...Qxf2? 22.Rf1 Qxf1 23.Qxf1+-]

[21...Nd6= -0.01/20]



22.Na4? -0.32/20

[22.Nxd5!+- 2.94/22 exd5 23.Rf3 Qxd4 24.Rxf7]

22...Rab8 -0.01/21

[22...Qxf2? 23.Rf1 Nd2+ 24.Rxd2+-]

[22...Qe7∓ -0.32/20]

23.Ka1 Threatens to win with Rf3.

23...Nd6

[23...Qxf2? 24.Rf1 Qxg2 25.Rxf7+-]

24.Nf3 -0.82/20

[24.Qd2= -0.18/20]

24...Ne4 25.Re2 Rc7 26.Qe3 Rbc8 27.Kb1 Qf5 &Nero is more active.

28.Rd1 Nd6 29.Ne1 Nc4 30.Qf3 Qg5 31.Nd3 Qxh6 32.Nac5 -1.37/19

[32.Nxb4∓ -0.50/20 Rb7 33.c3]

32...Qg7 -0.96/22

[⌓32...Nxc5 -1.37/19 33.Nxc5 a5]

33.Nxd7∓ Rxd7 34.Qg4 Rdc7 -0.38/21

[34...a5∓ -1.16/20 Strongly threatening ...a4. 35.f3 h5]

35.g3 -1.24/21

[Better is 35.Nxb4∓ -0.38/21 h5 36.Qf4]

35...h5 -0.70/23

[35...a5∓ -1.24/21 36.Ne5 a4 37.Nxc4 Rxc4]

36.Qf4∓ Prevents Qf6. **36...Nb6** 0.00/21

[36...a5∓ -1.17/22 37.Rg1 Rb7]

37.Ne5 -0.70/20

[37.g4= 0.00/21]

37...Nd7↑ White is under pressure.

38.Nf3 -1.71/22 Black converts the advantage convincingly.

[38.Nxd7∓ -0.61/22 Rxd7 39.g4]

38...Qf6-+ 39.Qe3 Nb6 White must now prevent ...Nc4. **40.Ne5 Nc4 41.Qc1** -2.37/21

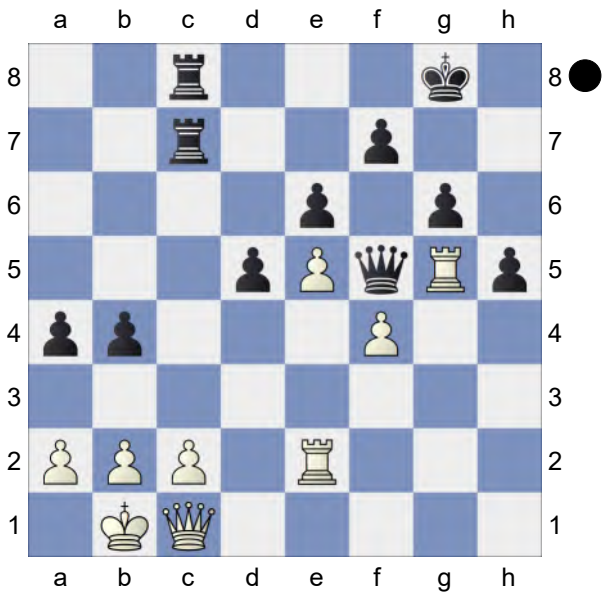
[⌓41.Nxc4 -1.92/20 Rxc4 42.f4]

41...Nxe5 42.dxe5 Qf3 43.Rde1 a5 44.g4? -4.47/22

[44.Qg5 -2.23/21]

44...Qxg4 45.f4 Qf5 46.Rg1 a4 47.Rg5

(Diagram)



Qd3 48.Rd2 Qe4 49.f5 exf5 50.e6 Qxe6 51.b3 axb3 52.axb3 Qf6 53.Rxd5 Ra8 -19.51/26 Weighted Error Value: White=0.85/Black=0.48

[⌓53...Rxc2 -#18/21 54.Qxc2 Rxc2 55.Kxc2 Qc6+ 56.Kb1 Qxd5 57.Rg1 Qxb3+ 58.Ka1 Qc3+ 59.Kb1 Qd2 60.Rc1 b3 61.Rc8+ Kg7 62.Rc4 f4 63.Rc3 Qa2+ 64.Kc1 b2+ 65.Kd1 b1Q+ 66.Rc1 Qac2+ 67.Ke1 Qbxc1#]

0-1

121 **A45**

□ **Erigaisi,Arjun Kumar** **2801**

■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2680**

Titled Tue 25th Feb Early blitz (11)

[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines I was facing one of Canada's top players in this game: the talented GM Razvan Preotu. I have no doubt that Preotu is a highly skilled player, but, at least in my encounters with him, he plays in a provocative and perhaps "greedy" manner that has not boded well for him. When this game was played, I had been an IM for about a year, and he had a similar tenure as a GM. --- **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 h6 5.Nf3 e6 6.Bd3 c5 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.0-0** The position is equal. **8...Nc6 9.e4 d4**

[9...0-0 keeps more tension. 10.a3 Nh5 11.Bd2 Nf6]

[9...Nh5 10.Bd2 Nf6 11.h3 0-0 12.Bf4 *(12.Re1 Re8 13.e5 Nd7 14.Bf4 Qb6 15.Qd2 Bf8 16.Ne2 Qxb2 17.Rab1 Qa3 18.Ned4 Nc5 19.Nxc6 bxc6 20.Nh2 h5 21.Nf1 h4 22.Nh2 a5 23.Ng4 Nxd3 24.cxd3 Bb4 25.Qe3 Bxe1 26.Bh6 Bxf2+* Torombot (3006)-Bitbybyte (2835) Rapid 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (61)*)* 12...b5 13.exd5 exd5 14.Re1 Be6 15.Qd2 Re8 16.a3 Rc8 17.Rad1 Bf8 18.Be3 Qd7 19.Nd4 Ne5 20.Bf4 Nxd3 21.Qxd3 Qb7 22.Re2 Bd7 23.Qf3 Rxe2 24.Ndxe2 Torombot (3050)-Expositor (2831) Rapid 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (77)]

10.Ne2 Nh5N

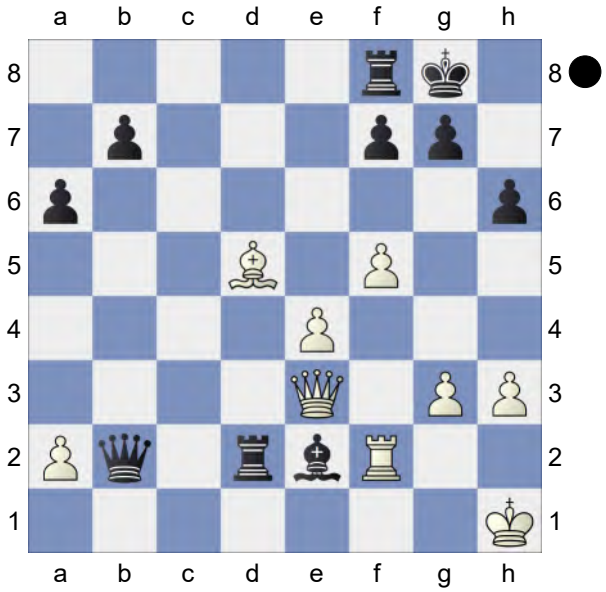
[10...g5 11.Bg3 Nh5 12.Be5 Nxe5 13.Nxe5 0-0 14.Ng3 Nxg3 15.fxg3 f6 16.Qh5 fxe5 17.Qg6+ Kh8 18.Qxh6+ Kg8 19.Qg6+ Kh8 20.Rxf8+ Bxf8 21.Rf1 Bg7 22.Rf7 Qg8 23.Re7 1-0 (23) Sheng,J-Preotu,R 11: Dallas 2017 Mastering Chess Logic [Joshua Sheng & Guannan Song]]

11.Bd2 e5 12.h3 Be6 13.c3 dxc3! 14.Bxc3 Qf6 15.Kh2 -0.78/20

[15.b4∓ -0.39/18 is more appropriate. Bxb4 16.Bxb4 Nxb4 17.Qa4+ Nc6 18.Rab1]

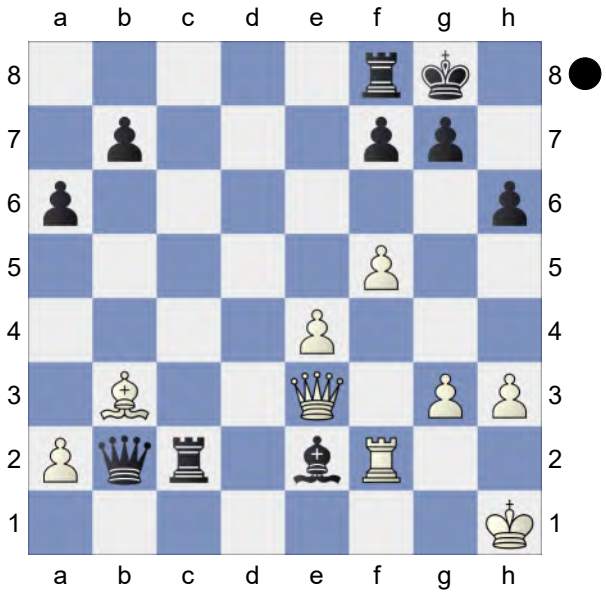
15...Rd8∓ 16.Ne1 0-0 17.Qc2 Nf4 18.Nxf4 Qxf4+ 19.g3 Qf6 0x0. 0010f9224561dp-1022s more active pieces. The white rooks are badly

placed. **20.f4 Bd4 21.f5 Bc8 22.Nf3 Bxc3 23.Qxc3 Nd4 24.Bc4 Bd7 25.Bd5?** -2.19/23 This costs White the game.
[25.Nxd4∓ -0.68/20 exd4 26.Qb3]
25...Rc8-+ 26.Qa5 Rc2+ 27.Kh1 Bb5 28.Nxd4 exd4 29.Rf4? -6.93/20
[29.Rac1 -3.86/19 Rfc8 30.Rxc2 Rxc2 31.Re1]
29...d3 30.Qa3 d2 31.Rd1 Be2 32.Rxd2 Rxd2 33.Qe3 Qxb2 (→ ...Rc8) **34.Rf2**



Rc2 -8.58/22
[⌓34...Bf3+! -#7/16 35.Qxf3 Rxf2 36.Kg1 Rxf3 37.e5 Rxg3+ 38.Kf1 Rc3 39.Bxf7+ Rxf7 40.h4 Rc1#]
35.Bb3

(Diagram)

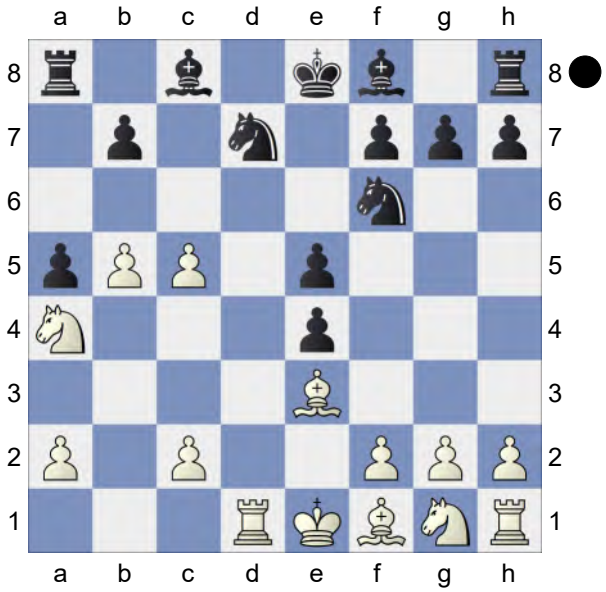


Qc1+ -9.41/22
[⌓35...Bf3+! -#7/16 36.Qxf3 Rxf2 37.Bd1 Rxf3 38.Bxf3 Rc8 39.Bg2 Qf2 40.Kh2 Rc2 41.h4 Qxg2#]
36.Qxc1 Rxc1+ 37.Kg2 Bc4
Weighted Error Value: White=1.02/ Black=0.65
0-1

122 **D00**
□ **Sushila1** **2798**
■ **Shinzouwosasageyo** **2663**
Blitz 29.06.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e4N**
[4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 e6 6.Nb5 Na6 7.h4 Bd7 8.c3 Be7 9.a4 0-0 10.Bd3 Bc6 11.Nf3 Ne4 12.Qe2 f5 13.g3 Bf6 14.Ng5 Qd7 15.f3 Nac5 16.Bc2 a6 17.dxc5 axb5 18.fxe4 6) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5-5.exd4 e6 6.Nb5 Na6 #8 The Meanest Jobava London 2023 https://www.chessable.co [MH]]

4...dxe4 5.dxc5 Qxd1+ 0.81/18
[5...Bd7= 0.27/23]
6.Rxd1± a6 Prevents Nb5. **7.Na4** 0.42/19 &Bianco is much more active.
[White should play 7.a3± 0.80/21]
7...Nbd7!± 8.b4 White is slightly better.
8...e5 0.66/22
[8...a5= 0.21/21]
9.Be3 0.19/20
[9.Bd2!± 0.66/22]
9...a5= 10.b5



Black must now prevent c6. **10...Ng4 11.c6↑** White has the initiative.
11...Nxe3? 2.16/21 This costs Black the game.
[11...bxc6= 0.14/20 and Black stays safe. 12.bxc6 Nxe3 13.fxe3 Nc5]
12.cxd7++- Bxd7 13.fxe3 Hoping for Rxd7! **13...Rc8 14.c4 Bb4+ 15.Kf2 Be6 16.Nb6 Rc7 17.Be2 0-0 18.Nh3 h6 19.a4 Bc5 20.Nd5 Rcc8 21.Ke1 f5 22.Nf2 Rfe8** 3.49/19
[22...Rfd8 2.10/19 was necessary. 23.g4 g6 24.gxf5 gxf5 25.Rg1+ Kh7]
23.g4 f4 24.Nxe4 Bxd5 25.Rxd5 White is clearly winning.
[Much less strong is 25.cxd5 Rf8 26.Nxc5 Rxc5+-]
25...Bb4+ 26.Kf2 Rf8 27.Rf1 fxe3+ 28.Kxe3 Rxf1 29.Bxf1 Rf8 30.Be2 Rf4 31.c5 g5 32.c6 bxc6 33.bxc6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.48
1-0

123 **D00**
□ **Peradetlic83** **2795**
■ **Revan** **2694**
Blitz 09.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 1-0 (88)*; 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7* Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig,F (1863) Mainz 1997 EXT 2000 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (57)*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) www.desc-online.de 2000 CBM 166 [Beliavsky, Alexander G] 1-0 (41)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6

11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]

3.Bf4 g6 4.e3 Bg7 5.Nb5 Na6 6.h3 c6 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Bxa6 White is slightly better. **8...bxa6 9.Nf3 c5 10.dxc5** And now Be5 would win. **10...Qa5 11.Nd4** -1.08/25

[11.Be5± 0.38/27]

11...Qxc5 0.12/25

[11...Ne4∓ -1.08/25 White must now prevent ...e5. 12.Bg3 Nxc3]

12.Be5= Bb7 13.0-0 Rac8 0.51/20

[13...e6= 0.02/25]

14.Nb3 0.04/21

[14.Na4!± 0.51/20 Qa5 15.Nc3]

14...Qc6 15.Qd4 Qb6 Inhibits Na5. **16.Na4 Qxd4 17.Nxd4** -0.39/25 Pair of Knights!

[17.exd4= 0.04/24 Rxc2 18.Rfc1]

17...Rc4 -0.08/22

[17...Ne4∓ -0.39/25 was preferrable. 18.Bxg7 Kxg7]

18.b3 Rcc8 19.c3 Ne4 20.Bxg7 Kxg7 21.Rfc1 Rc7 22.b4 Rfc8 23.Nb3 -0.61/24

[23.f3= -0.21/28 Nd2 24.Nc5]

23...Nxc3∓ 24.Nxc3 Rxc3 25.Nc5 Rxc1+ 26.Rxc1 Endgame KRB-KRN **26...a5 27.b5 e5** -0.44/29

[Better is 27...Kf8∓ -0.77/28]

28.f3 d4 -0.33/26

[28...Kf6∓ -0.74/23]

29.exd4 exd4 Strongly threatening ... Bd5. **30.Kf2 a4** next ...a3 is good for Black. **31.Ke2 a3** 0.31/32

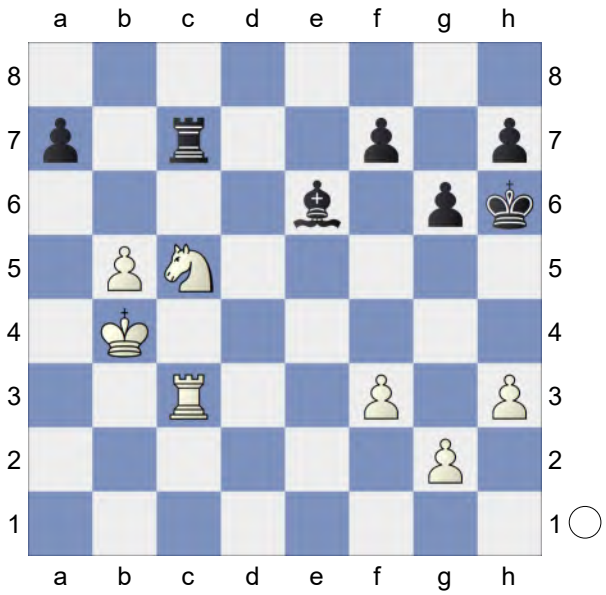
[31...Bd5= -0.19/28]

32.Kd3± Bd5 33.Kxd4 Rd8 34.Kc3 Hoping for Rd1. **34...Bxa2 35.Ra1 Bd5** Threatens to win with ...a2. **36.Rxa3 Rc8 37.Kb4 Rc7 38.Rd3 Be6 39.Rc3** 0.25/18

[39.Nxe6+± 0.71/22 fxe6 40.Rd6]

39...Kh6? 4.46/19

[39...Re7!= 0.25/18 and Black is okay.]



A mistake that costs the game. **40.Nxe6+-** White is clearly winning. **40...Rxc3 41.Kxc3 fxe6 42.Kb4 Kg5 43.Ka5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.41

1-0

124 **D00**

□ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2795**

■ **Xiong,Jeffery** **2681**

Saint Louis Blitz 2023 (3.5) 17.11.2023

[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.h4!** 7.h4 is the recent fashion. 7.h4 ist aktuell in Mode. 7.h4 is the recent fashion. 7.h4 ist aktuell in Mode. 7.h4 is the recent fashion. 7.h4 ist aktuell in Mode. **7...c6 8.Nc3** The position is equal. **8...c5 9.a3** -0.12/20 Wards off Na6-b4 Against Nb4

Wards off Na6-b4
[⌓9.h5± 0.33/21 was preferrable.]
9...Bd7= 10.Bd3 Nb8N 0.04/18
[Vorgänger: 10...Rc8 11.h5 -0.42/23 *(11.Ne5= -0.09/20)* 11...Qa5 0.61/21 *(11...c4∓ -0.48/23 12.Be2 h6; 11...h6∓ -0.42/23)*
A) 12.h6!± 0.61/21 g6 13.Kf1 *(13.0-0)*;
B) 12.g4 -0.48/21
B1) 12...cxd4!∓ -0.48/21 13.exd4 *(13.Nxd4 Qb6)* 13...Nxg4;
B2) 12...Ne4 0.41/18
B2a) 13.Bxe4± 0.41/18 dxe4 14.Ne5 *(14.Nd2)* 14...cxd4 15.exd4;
B2b) 13.Ne5 -0.46/20 13...Be8? 1.61/18 *(13...Nxc3∓* -0.46/20 stays ahead. keeps the upper hand. stays ahead. *14.Qd2* Pin *Ba4 15.bxc3 c4)* 14.Bxe4+- dxe4 15.d5! Hoping for g4-g5. exd5 1.74/19 *(15...Nb8± 1.36/21)* 16.Qxd5+- Hoping for 0-0-0. Bf6 McDonald,I (1826)-Chesters,T BCF-chT1 S4 (4NCL) online 2021 (3.41) 1-0 1-0 McDonald,I (1826)-Chesters,T BCF-chT1 S4 (4NCL) online 2021 (3.41) McDonald,I (1826)-Chesters,T BCF-chT1 S4 (4NCL) online 2021 (3.41) 1-0]
[10...Be8∓ -0.31/24]
11.h5 -0.45/23
[11.dxc5= 0.00/18 should be considered. Bxc5 12.0-0]
11...h6 -0.04/21
[11...c4∓ -0.45/23 12.Be2 h6]
12.dxc5!= Bxc5 13.Qe2 Nc6 14.e4 -0.53/21
[14.Ne5= -0.21/22]
14...Ng4 -0.21/20
[14...Rc8∓ -0.53/21]
15.Bg3 Rc8 16.0-0 Nf6
[16...Re8 feels hotter. 17.Rfe1 a6 18.exd5 exd5 19.Qd2 Be6]
17.Bh4! Threatens to win with e4-e5.
17...Be7! 18.Bxf6
[18.exd5 looks sharper. exd5 19.Nxd5 Nxd5 20.Qe4]
18...Bxf6 19.Rad1 -0.80/22
[19.exd5= -0.12/21 exd5 20.Nxd5 Bxb2 21.Rab1]
19...Re8 0.34/23
[19...Bxc3∓ -0.80/22 20.bxc3 Qa5]
20.Nb5 -0.32/23
[20.e5± 0.34/23 Be7 21.Na2 *(21.Nb1)*]
20...Be7 0.20/23
[20...Qb6!∓ -0.32/23]
[20...Bxb2 21.Rb1 Qf6 22.Nd6±]
21.c4 0.02/20
[21.e5!± 0.35/24 feels stronger.]
21...dxc4! 22.Bxc4 Na5 0.33/22
[22...a6= 0.00/24 with more complications. was preferrable. with more complications. 23.Rxd7 *(23.Nd6 Bxd6 24.Rxd6 Na5)* 23...Qxd7 24.Rd1 Qxd1+ 25.Qxd1 Red8]
23.Bd3± Black must now prevent e4-e5.
[23.Ne5 Nxc4 24.Nxc4 *(24.Rxd7? Qa5-+)* 24...Bxb5!=]
23...a6! 24.Nc3 0.00/23
[24.Na7!± 0.39/20 Ra8 25.b4 Rxa7 26.bxa5]
24...Bc6 0.62/23
[24...Bxa3?! 25.e5±]
[Black should play 24...Qc7!= 0.00/23]

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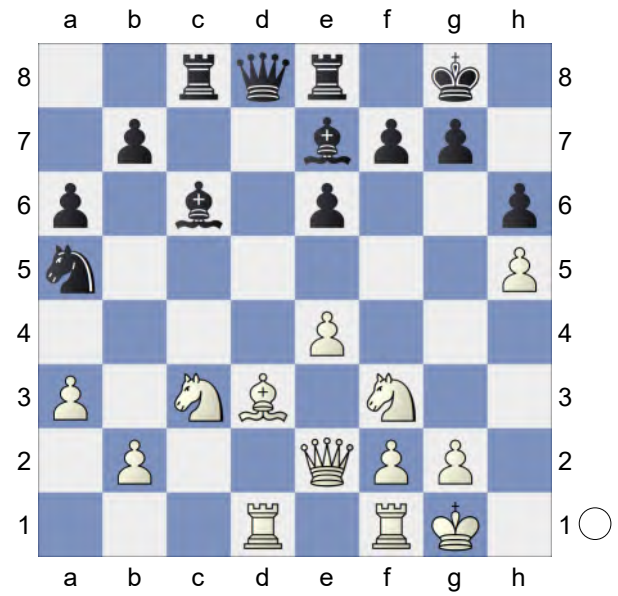
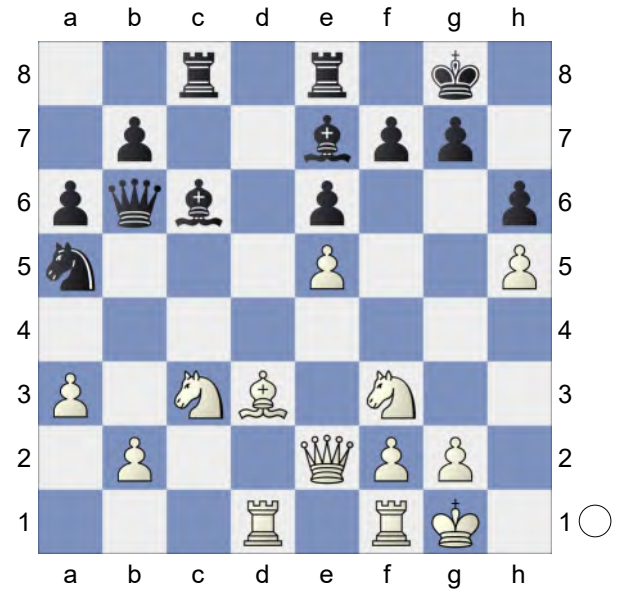
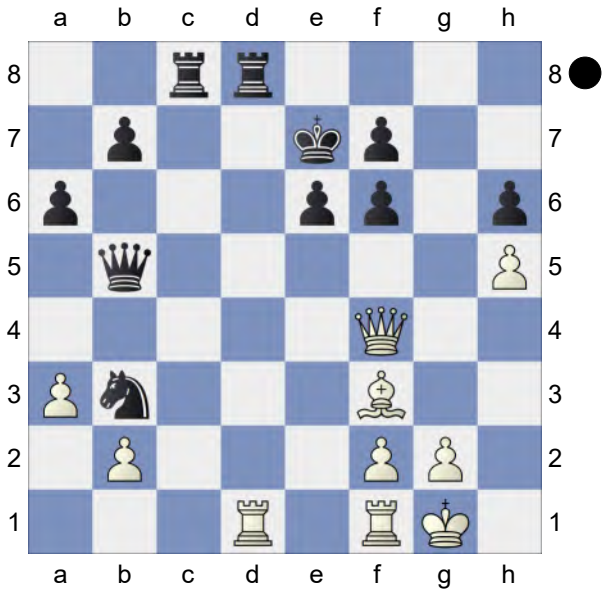


25.e5 -0.23/21
[25.Bxa6!± 0.62/23 Qb6 26.Bb5]
25...Qb6 0.97/22
[25...Qc7!= -0.23/21 keeps the balance.]



26.Nd4 0.00/21 **Red8**
[26...Qxd4? 27.Bh7+! Kxh7 28.Rxd4+-]
27.Nxc6 Qxc6
[27...Nxc6 28.Qe4 Rxd3 29.Rxd3±]
28.Ne4 Nb3 29.Qg4 -0.38/18
[29.Qe3= 0.00/22]
[29.Bb1= 0.00/22]
29...Kf8 30.Nf6? -1.82/19 **Bxf6?** -0.25/24
[30...gxf6-+ -1.82/19 31.Bh7 Ke8 *(31...fxe5 32.Qg8#)* 32.Qg8+ Bf8]
[30...Rd4∓ -1.29/21 31.Be4 Qc7 32.Rxd4 Nxd4]
31.exf6= gxf6 32.Qf4
[32.Bh7 Qc5 33.Qf3 Nd4∓]
32...Ke7 ...Rd8-d4 would now be deadly.
33.Be4 -0.91/24
[33.Be2= -0.29/21]
33...Qb5 -0.30/21 ...Nb3-d4 is the strong threat.
[33...Qc4∓ -0.91/24 Threatens to win with ...Rd4. 34.Qe3 Nd4]
34.Bf3 -1.32/24
[34.Qxh6 Nd4 35.g3 Rh8∓ *(35...Qxb2 36.Rb1±)*]
[34.Qe3!= -0.27/22 keeps the balance.]



34...Qe5 0.02/23
[Black should try 34...Rc4!∓ -1.32/24 35.Qxh6 Nd4]
35.Qb4+
[35.Qxh6 Nd4 36.Qe3 *(36.Bxb7? Ne2+ 37.Kh1 Rh8-+)* 36...Qxe3

37.fxe3 Nxf3+ 38.gxf3 Rg8+ 39.Kh1 Rc5∓]

35...Nc5 36.Rxd8→ White is up to no good.

[36.Rfe1 is interesting. a5 37.Qb5 Rxd1 38.Rxd1 a4 39.Rc1]

36...Rxd8 37.Rc1↑ White is pushing.

[37.Bxb7 a5 *(37...Qxh5 38.Bxa6 Kf8 39.Rc1±)* 38.Qb6 Rb8-+ *(38...Qxh5 39.Bf3±)*]

37...Rc8 38.Qd2

[38.Bxb7!? a5□ 39.Qc3=]

38...Qd6? 2.57/23

[38...Qg5? 39.Qxg5 fxg5 40.b4+-]

39.Qxh6 Rd8 2.45/21

[39...Rb8 1.84/22 might work better. 40.Rd1 Qc7]

[39...Rg8 1.84/21 was worth a try. 40.Rd1 Qe5]

40.Qe3 b6 2.35/23

[⌓40...Nd7 1.68/22 keeps fighting. 41.Rd1 *(41.Bxb7 Ne5±)* 41...Qc7]

41.b4 Nd7 42.Rd1 Qc7 43.Qd3 1.20/23

[White should play 43.h6+- 2.35/21]

43...a5 1.57/23

[⌓43...Rc8 1.20/21]

44.bxa5± bxa5 45.a4 0.89/20

[White should try 45.h6± 1.48/22]

45...Rh8? 3.75/22

[Better is 45...Rc8!± 0.89/20]

46.Qa3++- Nc5 47.Rc1 Rc8 48.h6 Kf8 49.Qc3 1.55/23

[49.Bb7+- 2.66/23 Qxb7 50.Rxc5 Rxc5 51.Qxc5+ Kg8 52.Qxa5]

49...Qe5? 4.22/25

[49...Qf4± 1.55/23]

50.Qxa5 Kg8 51.Qb5 Qg5? 4.48/22

[51...Kh7 3.08/20 was called for. 52.Bc6 *(52.g3 Kxh6)* 52...Rd8]

52.Rc2 Qe5 53.a5 2.04/19

[⌓53.g3 4.20/21]

53...Rb8 54.Qf1 Active counter play!

[Inferior is 54.Qxc5 Rb1+ 55.Rc1 Qxc5∓]

[Weaker is 54.h7+ Kxh7 55.Qf1 *(55.Qxc5 Rb1+ 56.Rc1 Qxc5∓)* 55...Kg7=]

54...Rb3 2.38/20

[⌓54...Kh7 1.81/19 55.Re2 *(55.Qd1 f5)* 55...Qc3]

55.Ra2 And now a5-a6 would win.

55...Rc3? 3.40/24

[⌓55...Qg5± 1.51/19 was worth a try.]

56.a6 Nxa6 57.Rxa6 Qf4 58.Ra1 Prevents Rc3-c1. Inhibits Rc1. Prevents Rc3-c1.

[Resist 58.Ra8+ Kh7 59.Rd8 Kxh6+-]

58...Qxh6 59.Qe2 Inhibits Qh6-d2. Strongly threatening Qe2-b2. Against Qd2. g3 is the strong threat. Inhibits Qh6-d2. Strongly threatening Qe2-b2.

59...Rc1+? 4.47/21

[59...Qf4 2.63/20 is a better defense. 60.Qd1 Kg7]

60.Rxc1 Qxc1+ 61.Qf1 Qf4 62.Qd1 f5 63.g3 Qe5 6.73/27

[⌓63...Qb8 4.47/27 64.Qd7 Qf8]

64.Kg2 Kg7 65.Qd7 Qf6? 7.08/28

[⌓65...Qc5 2.97/26 66.Bh5 Qf8 67.Qd4+ Kg8]

66.Bh5 Kf8 67.Qb7 Kg7 68.Be2 3.06/27 **Kf8?** 5.75/29 **69.Bf3 Kg7 70.Qb4** 2.61/26 Strongly threatening Qh4.

[⌓70.Bh5 4.91/24 Kg8 71.Qb8+ Kg7 ⌓72.Qc7 6.20/27 e5 73.Qd7]

70...Qe5? 6.14/25

[70...Qd8 2.61/26 71.Qc3+ Kg8 *(71...Qf6)*]

71.Qe7 aiming for Bh5. **71...Kg6** Prevents Bh5+. **72.Qf8** aiming for Qf8-g8+. **72...Qf6 73.Qg8+ Kh6 74.Bc6 Qe7 75.Qh8+ Kg6 76.Bf3** Bh5+ would

kill now. **76...Qg5** Against Bf3-h5+ Inhibits Bh5+. Against Bf3-h5+ **77.Qg8+ Kf6 78.Qxg5+ Kxg5** Endgame. KB-K3P Endgame KB-K3P Endgame. KB-K3P **79.Bd1 f4 80.g4 Kh4 81.Kf3 Kg5 82.Ke4 f6 83.f3** 12.98/22
[⌓83.Bb3 26.49/27 e5 84.f3 Kg6 85.Bc4 Kg5 86.Bf7 Kh6 87.Kf5 Kg7 88.Be6]
83...e5 84.Ba4 15.23/25
[⌓84.Bc2 #26/32 Kg6 85.Kd5+ Kf7 86.Kd6 Kf8 87.Ke6 e4 88.Bxe4 Kg7 89.Ke7]
84...Kh4 85.Kf5 White wants to mate with Ba4-c6! Threatening mate with Bc2. White wants to mate with Ba4-c6! **85...Kg3 86.Bc6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.42/Black=0.58 Weighted Error Value: White=0.41/Black=0.58 Weighted Error Value: White=0.42/Black=0.58
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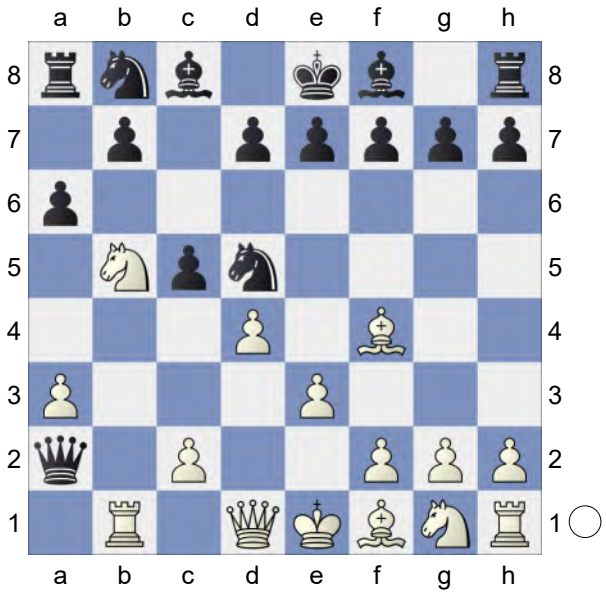
125 **A45**
□ **Hungry Dragon** **2795**
■ **Alex Muezersky** **2640**
Blitz 07.06.2023
[Kitty Kat]

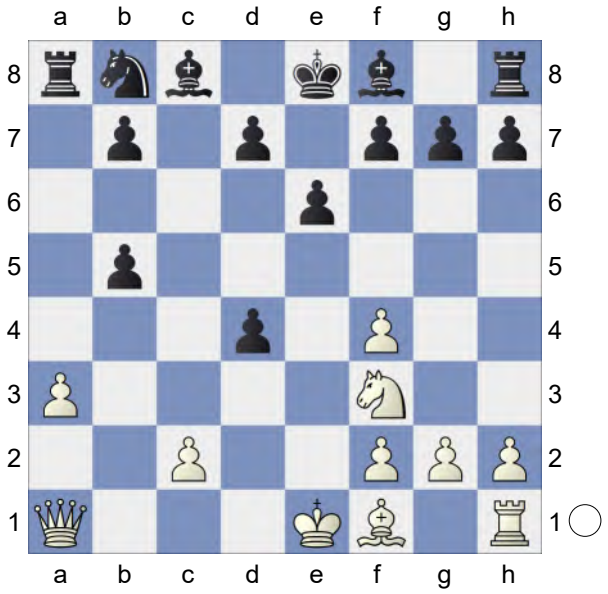
A45: Trompowsky Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 c5 3.e3 Qb6 4.Nc3 Qxb2 5.Nb5 Nd5 6.a3** -0.37/25 Repels Qb4+
[6.Rb1= 0.00/21 Qxa2 7.Ra1]
6...a6 0.14/21
[Better is 6...Nc3!∓ -0.37/25 7.Nc7+ Kd8]
7.Rb1= White has compensation.
7...Qa2 8.Ra1N White has an edge.
[8.Qc1!? axb5 9.Ra1 Qxa1 10.Qxa1 Nxf4 11.exf4=]
8...Qb2 9.Rb1 Qa2
(Diagram)



10.Qc1! axb5 11.Ra1 Qxa1 12.Qxa1 Nxf4
[12...Nc6 13.Bxb5 cxd4 14.Bxc6 bxc6 15.Qxd4 Rxa3 *(15...f6)* 16.Nf3 e6 17.0-0 Benoni-A6,N]
[12...e5 13.Bxe5 *(13.dxe5 Nxf4 14.exf4 c4 15.Be2 Rxa3 16.Qb2 Nc6 17.Nf3 Bb4+ 18.Kf1 0-0 19.g3 d5 20.Kg2 d4 21.Nxd4 c3 22.Qb1 Nxd4 23.Qxb4 Ra4* The Combative Qxb2-Agadmator'S Anti London Goth Agadmator's Anti-London System 2022*)* 13...c4 14.Qb2 *(14.Bxb8 Bb4+ 15.Ke2 Rxa3 16.Qb2 Ra2 17.Qc1 b6 18.f3 Ba3 19.Qd2 Nb4 20.Bd6 Rxc2 21.Bxb4 Rxd2+ 22.Bxd2 b4* The Combative Qxb2-Agadmator'S Anti London Goth Agadmator's Anti-London System 2022*)* 14...Ra5 15.Bxb8 Bxa3 16.Qb1 Nc3 17.Qa1 Bb4 18.Qb2 Nd5+ 19.Ke2 0-0 20.Kf3 d6 21.Ne2 Be6 22.g4 Rxb8 23.Bg2 Ba3 24.Qb1 Nc7 25.Nf4 d5 26.g5 Bf5 27.Kg3 0-1 12.♕e3 ♕e7 (2361)-Preußner,M (2394) 118/98 Dortmund 2013]
13.exf4 cxd4 0.89/21

[13...c4!± 0.48/19]

14.Nf3 e6



White must now prevent ...Bb4+.

15.Bxb5 Rxa3 1.68/19

[15...Bb4+± 0.76/20 16.Ke2 *(16.axb4?* too greedy. *Rxa1+ 17.Ke2 Rxh1-+)* 16...Bc3]

16.Qxd4+- f6 17.0-0 And now Qb6 would win. **17...Be7 18.f5 0-0** 2.26/22

[⌓18...Nc6 1.75/21 19.Qb2 0-0]

19.h3 Nc6 20.Qg4 1.17/20

[⌓20.Qd2 1.54/21]

20...Na7 2.18/21

[20...Rd8± 1.17/20]

21.fxe6 dxe6 2.23/21

[21...f5± 1.58/25 22.Qc4 *(22.exd7? fxg4 23.Bc4+ Kh8-+)* 22...dxe6]

22.Bc4 f5 23.Qh5 Rc3 24.Bb3 Nc6 25.Re1→ White wants a kill. **25...Rxb3** 2.78/25 A mistake that costs the game.

[25...h6± 1.38/22 26.Bxe6+ Bxe6]

26.cxb3 Bd7 Threatens to win with ... Be8. **27.Ng5 Bxg5 28.Qxg5 h6 29.Qd2 Rd8 30.Rd1** Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.35

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126 **A45**

□ **Renier07** **2794**

■ **Attila76** **2651**

Blitz 25.11.2021

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min A45: Trompowsky Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 c5 3.e3 Qb6 4.Nc3 Qxb2 5.Nb5 Na6?** 1.65/21

[5...Nd5= 0.00/17 6.a3 a6 7.Rb1 Qa2 8.Qc1 axb5 9.Ra1 Qxa1 10.Qxa1 Nc6 11.Bxb5 cxd4 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.Qxd4 f6 Neo London System-1...Nf6 2 Bf4 c5 d-Pawn Specials 2024]

6.Nf3N 0.16/19

[6.a3!+- 1.65/21 Nd5 7.Rb1 Qa2 8.Rb3 d6 9.Ne2 Bf5 10.Nbc3 Nxc3 11.Nxc3 Qxc2 12.Qxc2 Bxc2 13.Rxb7 Nb8 14.dxc5 Benoni-Qb6, N]

6...cxd4? 2.31/21

[6...Nd5!= 0.16/19]

7.exd4 1.10/19

[7.Rb1 Qxa2 8.Ra1 *(8.Nbxd4? Nd5∓; 8.exd4 d6=)* 8...Qb2±]

[7.a3!+- 2.31/21 Be5 would now be deadly. d6 *(7...dxe3? 8.Bxe3 g6 9.Bd4+-)* 8.Bc4 *(8.exd4 Bf5±; 8.Nfxd4 Ne4±; 8.Rb1 Qa2=)*]

7...e6 2.30/20

[7...Qb4+± 1.10/19 8.c3 Qa5]

8.Bd3 0.82/20

[8.a3+- 2.30/20 is the precise move to win.]

8...Nd5± 9.Nd6+? -0.93/18

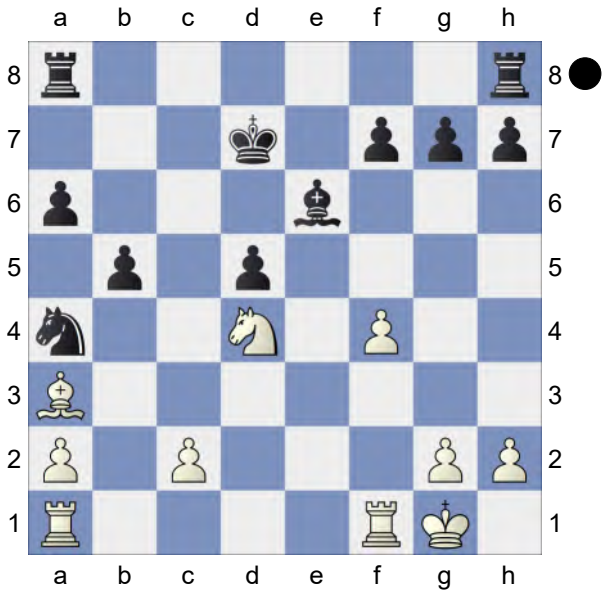
[9.Rb1!± 0.96/21 stays on course. Qxa2 10.Bd2]

9...Bxd6∓ 10.Bxd6 Nab4 11.0-0 Nxd3 12.Qxd3 Black must now prevent c4.

12...Qc3 13.Qe2 Qc6 14.Ba3 Nc3 0.27/19

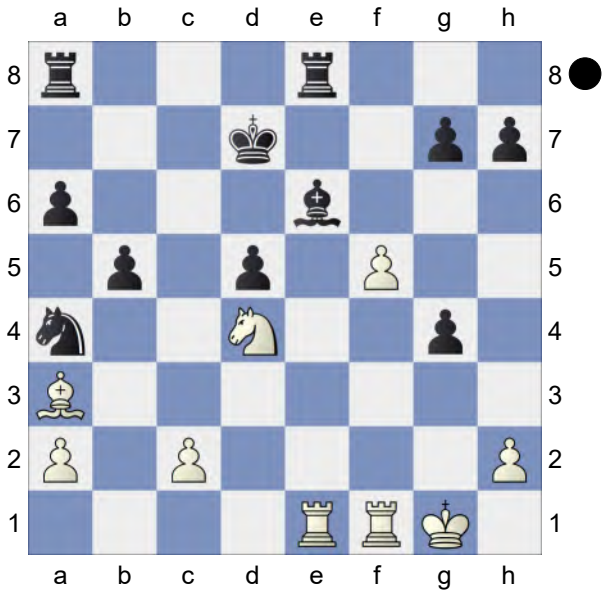
[Better is 14...Qc3∓ -0.64/22 15.Bd6

Qc6]
15.Qd3 -0.62/21
[15.Qe5= 0.27/19 f6 16.Qh5+ g6 17.Qh4]
15...d6 0.27/21
[15...f6!∓ -0.62/21 16.Nd2 b5]
16.Bb2 -0.61/20
[16.Rfe1!= 0.27/21]
16...Na4∓ 17.Ba3 b5↑ Keeping White busy. **18.d5 Qxd5 19.Qxd5 exd5 20.Bxd6 Be6 21.Nd4 Kd7 22.Ba3**
[22.Nxb5? a6 23.Nc7 Kxd6-+]
22...a6 23.f4



f5? 0.12/23
[23...g6!∓ -1.48/19 aiming for ...Rhc8. 24.Rab1 Rhc8]
24.Rae1 Rhe8 25.g4 -0.61/22 **fxg4 26.f5**

(Diagram)



Bf7 -0.34/19
[26...Bg8!∓ -0.84/24 Strongly threatening ...Nc3. 27.Bb4 Re4 28.Rxe4 dxe4]
27.Rd1? -2.59/22
[27.f6!∓ -0.34/19 gxf6 28.Rxe8 Bxe8 *(28...Rxe8 29.Rxf6 Bg6 30.Rxa6=)* 29.Rxf6]
27...Re3 28.Bc1 -2.73/21
[⌓28.Nb3 -1.95/21]
28...Re4-+ 29.f6 g6 30.Rd3 Rc8 31.Ba3 Rc3 32.Rxc3 Nxc3 33.Nb3 Kc6
[33...Nxa2 34.Nc5+ Kc7 35.Nxe4 dxe4 36.Re1±]
34.Be7 Ra4
[34...Nxa2 35.Ra1±]
35.Re1 d4? -0.37/23
[35...Rxa2 36.Nd4+ Kc7 37.Re5-+]
[35...Nxa2 36.Nc5 Nc3 37.Nxa4 bxa4 38.Ba3±]
[35...Re4-+ -2.65/22 36.Rf1 h5 *(36...Nxa2 37.Ra1=)*]
36.Nc5 Rxa2 37.Nd3 Nd5? 2.76/19
[37...Rxc2? 38.Nb4+ Kd7 39.Nxc2+-]
[37...Kc7!∓ -0.93/21 38.Bc5 Nd5 *(38...Rxc2 39.Re7+ Kc6 40.Rxf7+-)*]

38.Ne5++- Kb6 Hoping for ...Nxe7. **39.Nxf7 Rxc2 40.Ne5 Nxf6 41.Bxf6 b4 42.Nd3** Discovered Attack **42...Rc4** 3.54/18
[⌓42...Kb5 2.12/19 43.Re4 *(43.Bxd4 Rd2±)* 43...h5 44.Bxd4 *(44.Rxd4 a5+-)* 44...a5]
43.Re4 a5 44.Rxd4 Rxd4 5.50/18
[44...Rc2 3.23/19 might work better. 45.Rxg4 Kb5]
45.Bxd4+ Kb5 46.Kf2 Kc4 47.Ke3 a4 48.Bf6 a3 49.Kd2 b3 50.Ne5+ Kd5 51.Kc3 2.52/28
[⌓51.Nxg4 4.82/21 g5 52.Ne3+ *(52.Bxg5 Ke6+-)* 52...Ke4 53.Bxg5]
51...Ke6 52.Bg7
[52.Nxg4 b2 53.Kc2 Kf5= *(53...h5? 54.Bg7+-)*]
52...a2 53.Kb2
[53.Nxg4? a1Q+ *(53...a1B+? 54.Kxb3 Bxg7 55.Kc4-+)* 54.Kxb3 Qxg7-+]
53...Kf5 54.Nd3
[54.Kxb3? a1Q *(54...a1B? 55.Nxg4 Bxg7 56.Nf2-+)* 55.Nxg4 Qb1+ *(55...Qxg7? 56.Ne3+ Ke4 57.Nc4-+)* 56.Kc4 Kxg4-+]
54...h5 55.Bc3? 0.00/24
[55.Kxb3+- 2.25/22 h4 56.Kxa2]
55...Ke4? 2.40/24
[55...h4= 0.00/24 and Black is okay.]
56.Ne5 g5 57.Nf7
[57.Kxb3 Kf5 58.Kxa2 h4+-]
57...Kf5 58.Bd2
[58.Kxb3 h4=]
58...h4? 4.33/23
[58...g3 2.08/20 59.hxg3 *(59.Nxg5? gxh2 60.Nf3 h1Q-+)* 59...h4 60.Nxg5 *(60.Kxb3? a1Q-+)* 60...hxg3]
59.Nxg5 White is clearly winning.
[59.Bxg5 g3 60.h3 *(60.Kxb3? a1Q-+; 60.Bxh4 gxh2 61.Nd6+ Kg6)* 60...g2=]
59...g3 6.29/26
[⌓59...Kg6 4.33/26 60.Ne6 *(60.Kxb3? a1Q-+)* 60...Kf5]
60.hxg3
[60.Kxb3 gxh2 *(60...a1B 61.h3=; 60...a1N+? 61.Ka2-+; 60...a1Q? 61.hxg3 hxg3 62.Nf7-+)* 61.Kxa2 h1Q *(61...h1R 62.Kb2∓)* 62.Kb3 Qg2 63.Kc3 Qxg5 64.Bxg5 Kxg5 65.Kd2 h3 66.Ke3 h2 67.Kd4 h1Q *(67...h1R 68.Ke4 Re1+ 69.Kd4 Kf5 70.Kc5 Ke5 71.Kc4 Rd1 72.Kc3 Rd4 73.Kc2 Ke4 74.Kc3 Ke3 75.Kc2 Rd3 76.Kc1 Rd2 77.Kb1 Kd3 78.Kc1 Kc3 79.Kb1 Rd1+ 80.Ka2 Rh1 81.Ka3 Ra1#)* 68.Kc5 Qc1+ 69.Kd4 Kf5 70.Kd5 Qc3 71.Kd6 Qc4 72.Kd7 Qc5 73.Ke8 Qc7 74.Kf8 Kf6 75.Kg8 Qg7#]
60...hxg3 6.86/31
[⌓60...a1Q+ 4.33/30 61.Kxa1 hxg3]
61.Nh3
[61.Kxb3 a1Q *(61...a1B 62.Kc4=)* 62.Nf7 g2 63.Be3 Ke4 *(63...g1R 64.Bxg1 Qxg1 65.Nd6+ Ke5 66.Nb5 Qc5 67.Na3 Kd5 68.Nc2 Qc4+ 69.Kb2 Ke4 70.Ne1 Qb4+ 71.Kc1 Qxe1+ 72.Kc2 Qb4 73.Kd1 Kd3 74.Kc1 Qb8 75.Kd1 Qb1#)* 64.Bf2 Qd1+ *(64...g1R 65.Bxg1 Qxg1 66.Kc4 Qf1+ 67.Kc5 Qxf7 68.Kd6 Kd4 69.Kc6 Qf6+ 70.Kd7 Kc5 71.Ke8 Qg7 72.Kd8 Kd6 73.Ke8 Qg8#)* 65.Kb4 Qd2+ *(65...g1R 66.Bxg1 Qxg1 67.Nd6+ Kd5 68.Nb7 Qb6+ 69.Kc3 Qxb7 70.Kd3 Qe7 71.Kc3 Qe3+ 72.Kb4 Qd2+ 73.Kb3 Kc5 74.Ka3 Kc4 75.Ka4 Qb4#)* 66.Kc4 Qc2+ *(66...Qxf2 67.Ng5+ Ke5 68.Nh3 Qh4+ 69.Kc5 Qxh3 70.Kc4 g1Q 71.Kb5 Qd7+ 72.Kc4 Qgd4+ 73.Kb3 Q7a4#)* 67.Kb5 Qxf2 68.Ng5+ Kd5]

61...Kg4 62.Ng1 Kf5 63.Be3
[63.Kxb3 a1Q *(63...a1B 64.Bc3=)* 64.Be3 Ke4 65.Ne2 Qd1+ *(65...Kxe3 66.Nxg3 Qa8 67.Kb4 Qc6 68.Nh5 Kd4 69.Ng3 Qc4+ 70.Ka3 Kc3 71.Ne4+ Qxe4 72.Ka2 Qg2+ 73.Kb1 Qb2#)* 66.Kb4 Qxe2 *(66...Kxe3 67.Nxg3 Qd5 68.Ka4 Kd3 69.Kb4 Qc6 70.Ne4 Kxe4 71.Kb3 Kd3 72.Kb4 Qb6+ 73.Ka4 Kc4 74.Ka3 Qb3#)* 67.Bg1 Qe1+ *(67...Qf3 68.Bc5 Qd3 69.Bg1 Kd5 70.Ba7 Qc4+ 71.Ka3 Qc3+ 72.Ka2 Qc2+ 73.Ka1 Kc4 74.Be3 Kb3 75.Bh6 Qb2#)* 68.Kc4 Qxg1 69.Kb5 g2 70.Kc6 Qa7 *(70...Qc1+ 71.Kd7 g1Q 72.Ke8 Qc8+ 73.Kf7 Qgg8+ 74.Kf6 Qcf8#)* 71.Kb5 g1Q *(71...g1R 72.Kc4 Rb1 73.Kc3 Qg7+ 74.Kd2 Qb2#)* 72.Kc4 Qgd4+ 73.Kb5 Qdc5#]
63...Ke4 64.Ba7 g2 6.78/30
[⌓64...Kd3 4.33/27 65.Bb8 *(65.Kxb3 a1Q 66.Nf3 Qc3+ 67.Ka2 Kc4 68.Nd4 g2 69.Ne2 Qc2+ 70.Ka1 Qxe2)* 65...g2]
65.Nh3 Ng1! is the strong threat.
[65.Kxb3 a1Q *(65...a1B 66.Kc2=)* 66.Bf2 Kd3 67.Nf3 Qc3+ 68.Ka2 Qc2+ 69.Ka3 Qxf2 70.Ne5+ Kc3 71.Nc6 Qb2+ *(71...g1R? 72.Ka4 Qb2 73.Ne7 Qb4#)* 72.Ka4 g1Q 73.Ne7 Qb4#]
65...Kf3 66.Ng1+
[66.Kxb3 a1Q *(66...a1B 67.Kc4=)* 67.Bc5 Ke4 68.Kc2 Qa2+ *(68...Qf1 69.Ng5+ Kd5 70.Bb6 Qf5+ 71.Kd1 Qxg5 72.Bg1 Qf4 73.Ke1 Qf1+ 74.Kd2 Qxg1 75.Kc2 Qc5+ 76.Kd3 g1Q 77.Kd2 Qh2+ 78.Ke1 Qcg1#)* 69.Kc3 Qb1 *(69...Qa1+ 70.Kc2 Kd5 71.Bg1 Kc4 72.Bb6 Qc3+ 73.Kd1 Qxh3 74.Ke2 Qg4+ 75.Kd2 Qg6 76.Bg1 Qd3+ 77.Ke1 Qc2 78.Bh2 Kd3 79.Bg3 g1Q#)* 70.Nf2+ Kd5 71.Nd3 Qxd3+ Remove Defender, Promotion *(71...g1B 72.Be7 Bd4+ 73.Kd2 Ke4 74.Ne1 Qb2+ 75.Kd1 Be3 76.Bb4 Qb1+ 77.Ke2 Qxb4 78.Kf1 Qd2 79.Nd3 Kd4 80.Ne1 Qf2#)* 72.Kxd3 Kxc5 73.Ke4 g1Q *(73...g1R 74.Kf4 Kd4 75.Kf5 Kd5 76.Kf4 Re1 77.Kg4 Ke4 78.Kg5 Ke5 79.Kg4 Re3 80.Kg5 Rg3+ 81.Kh4 Kf4 82.Kh5 Rg2 83.Kh6 Kf5 84.Kh7 Kf6 85.Kh8 Kf7 86.Kh7 Rh2#)* 74.Kf5 Kd5 75.Kf4 Qf2+ 76.Kg5 Ke5 77.Kg6 Qf6+ 78.Kh5 Qg7 79.Kh4 Kf4 80.Kh5 Qh7#]
66...Kg4 6.74/31
[⌓66...Kg3 4.33/30 67.Bc5 *(67.Kxb3? a1Q-+)* 67...Kg4]
67.Ne2 Threatens to win with Bg1!
[67.Kxb3 a1Q *(67...a1B 68.Kc2=)* 68.Bc5 Qd1+ 69.Kb4 Kg3 70.Kb5 Kh2 71.Kc6 Qxg1 72.Bd6+ Kh3 73.Bc5 Qxc5+ 74.Kxc5 g1Q+ *(74...g1B+ 75.Kd6=)* 75.Kd6 Qd4+ 76.Kc7 Qc5+ 77.Kb8 Kg3 78.Ka8 Kf4 79.Kb8 Qb5+ 80.Kc7 Ke5 81.Kd8 Kd6 82.Kc8 Qb4 83.Kd8 Qb8#]
67...Kf3 68.Ng1+ Kg4 6.73/31 Weighted Error Value: White=0.52/ Black=0.69. Sensor Board Error (Ke4/ e5)?
[⌓68...Ke4 4.33/26 69.Ne2 *(69.Kxb3 a1Q 70.Bf2 Kd3 71.Kb4 Qb2+ 72.Ka5 Qxf2 73.Nh3 Qb2 74.Ka6 Kc4 75.Ka7 Kd5 76.Ng1 Kc6 77.Nh3 Qb7#)* 69...Kf3]
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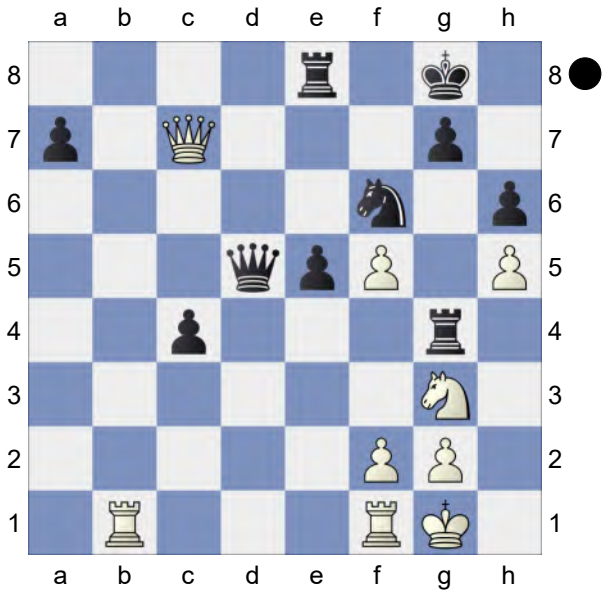
127 **D00**
□ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2788**
■ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2763**
CCT Final Playoff 2023 rapid (3.1)
[Kitty Kat]

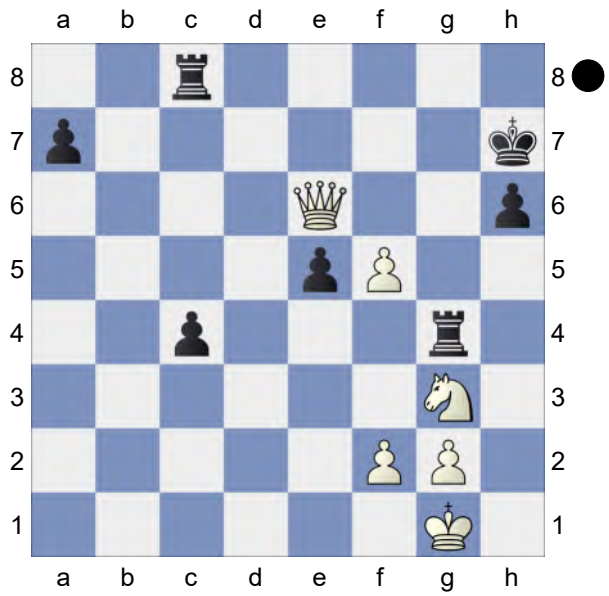
D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 Bf5 4.e3 e6 5.Bd3 Bxd3 6.cxd3 Nc6 7.Qb3 Rb8 8.Nf3** The position is equal. **8...Bd6 9.Bg5 h6 10.Bh4 0-0**
[10...g5!? 11.Bg3□ Nh5=]
11.Rc1 Be7 12.a3 Nh5 13.Bxe7 Nxe7 14.Ne2 Nf6 15.Ne5 c6 16.0-0 Nd7 17.Qd1 f6 18.Nf3 Ng6 19.h4 e5 20.h5 Ne7 21.Ng3 Qc7 22.dxe5 fxe5 23.e4 Rf4 24.Re1 Rbf8 25.Rc2 Qd6 26.Rd2 c5 27.Nh2 -0.34/20
[27.Qb3= 0.05/22 feels stronger.]
27...Nc6 28.Ng4 Nd4 29.Ne3 dxe4 30.dxe4 Nf6 31.Nef5 Qe6 32.b4 b6 33.bxc5 bxc5 34.Rb2 -0.10/21
[⌓34.Qc1 0.27/21]
34...Nxf5= 35.exf5 Qe7 36.Qe2
[36.Rc2 simplifies c4 37.Qe2 Rc8 38.Qxe5 Qxe5 39.Rxe5 Rd4 40.f3]
36...Re8 37.Qa6 c4 38.Qc6
[38.Ne2 simplifies Rg4 39.Rc1 Nxh5 40.Rxc4 Rxc4 41.Qxc4+ Kh8 42.Qa4]
38...Qxa3 39.Rb7 Qa5 40.Rf1 -0.73/22
[40.Reb1= 0.01/24 remains equal. Rf8 41.Qe6+ Kh8 42.Ne2]
40...Qd5 41.Qc7 -1.05/24
[41.Qxd5+∓ -0.61/23 Nxd5 42.Ra1]
41...Rg4∓
[41...Qd7 simplifies 42.Qxd7 Nxd7 43.Rxd7 a5]
42.Rbb1

(Diagram)



Nxh5 -0.41/23 **43.Rfd1∓ Qa8 44.Rb7 Nf6** 4.37/24 Black cannot hold the game after this.
[44...Nxg3= -0.26/23 45.f6 Nf5 *(45...Ne2+ 46.Kf1=)* 46.f7+ *(46.Rxa7? Qxg2#)* 46...Kh7]
45.Rd6!+- Qc8 #10/22
[45...Rf8+- 4.41/22 46.Rxf6 Discovered Attack Rxf6]
46.Qf7+
[Stronger than 46.Rxa7 Qxc7 47.Rxc7 h5=]
46...Kh8 47.Rxf6
[Weaker is 47.Rxa7 Rf8 48.Qe7 Re8=]
47...Qxb7 48.Qxb7 7.03/21
[⌓48.Qxe8+ #8/18 Kh7 49.Rf8 Qb1+ 50.Nf1 Rxg2+ Decoy 51.Kxg2 Qe4+ 52.f3 Qe2+ 53.Kg1 Qxf1+ 54.Kxf1 g5 55.Qg6#]
48...gxf6 White is clearly winning.
49.Qf7 Rc8 50.Qxf6+ Kh7 51.Qe6

(Diagram)



White wants to mate with Qe6-d7+.
51...Rgg8 52.Ne4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) / Black=0.35
1-0

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□ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2788**
■ **Abdusattorov,Nodirbek** **2727**
CCT Final Playoff 2023 rapid (5.2)
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 Nf6 3.Nc3 e6N**
[3...c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 e6 6.Nb5 Na6 7.h4 Bd7 8.c3 Be7 9.a4 0-0 10.Bd3 Bc6 11.Nf3 Ne4 12.Qe2 f5 13.g3 Bf6 14.Ng5 Qd7 15.f3 Nac5 16.Bc2 a6 17.dxc5 axb5 18.fxe4 6) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5-5.exd4 e6 6.Nb5 Na6 #8 The Meanest Jobava London 2023 https://www.chessable.co [MH]]
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[7...c6!? 8.Nc3 c5=]
8.Ne5 The position is equal. **8...c6N** 0.25/24
[Vorgänger: 8...Be8 9.Nc3 Nb8 10.Qf3 c5 11.g4 -0.71/20 *(11.Bd3=* -0.24/18*; 11.0-0-0=* 0.00/19 *)* 11...cxd4 12.exd4 Nc6 13.0-0-0 Nxe5 14.Bxe5 Nd7 0.00/20 Bortnyk,O (2598)-Holt,C (2549) Chess.com Bullet op1 blitz 2020 (6) 0-1 ;0-1 Bortnyk,O (2598)-Holt,C (2549) Chess.com Bullet op1 blitz 2020 (6) Bortnyk,O (2598)-Holt, C (2549) Chess.com Bullet op1 blitz 2020 (6) 0-1 *(14...Rc8∓* -0.38/21 feels stronger. *)*]
[8...c5∓ -0.33/21 9.Nxd7 Qxd7]
9.Nxd7 Nxd7
[9...Qxd7!? 10.Nc3 Bd6=]
10.Nc3 -0.22/17
[10.Nd6 0.13/21 is more appropriate.]
10...Nc7 11.Be2 f5 12.Nb1 Ne8 13.h3 Bd6 14.Nd2 Bxf4 15.exf4 Qb6 16.Nb3 Nd6 17.0-0 Rf6 18.a4 a5 19.c3 Ne4 20.Bd3 Rh6 21.Re1 -0.43/22
[21.Nc1= 0.02/21]
21...Qc7 22.Bxe4 -0.36/26
[22.Qc1= -0.03/20]
22...fxe4∓
[22...dxe4 feels hotter. 23.f3 Qxf4 24.fxe4 Rxh3 25.gxh3 Qg3+]
23.f3! Nf6 -0.12/21
[23...Qxf4 24.fxe4 dxe4 25.Qg4±]
[23...exf3!∓ -0.56/24 is more appropriate. 24.Qxf3 Rf8]
24.fxe4!= Nh5 0.63/24
[24...dxe4= -0.12/23 25.Qd2 b6]
[24...Qxf4= -0.22/20 keeps the

balance. 25.exd5 *(25.Qd2 Qh4=)* 25...Rxh3 26.gxh3 Qg3+ 27.Kh1 Qxh3+ 28.Kg1 Qg3+ 29.Kh1 Qh3+ 30.Kg1 Qg3+ 31.Kh1 Qh3+]

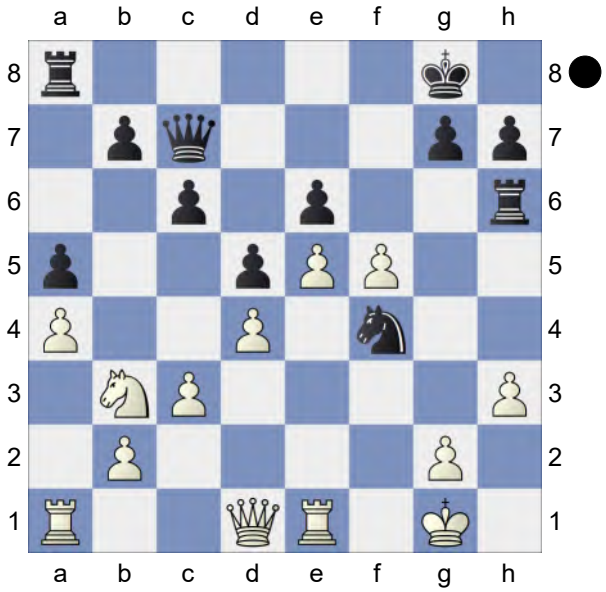
25.f5± Nf4 1.60/19

[25...exf5± 0.63/25 26.exf5 Qg3]

[⌓25...dxe4 0.74/22 26.Rxe4 exf5]

26.e5? -0.73/21

[26.Qg4± 1.60/19 and life is bright.]



26...Rf8!∓ Black is more active.

[26...exf5?! 27.Rf1 g5 28.Nc5±]

27.Re3

[27.f6 Rg6 *(27...gxf6? 28.Qg4+ Ng6 29.Qxe6+ Kh8 30.Qd6+-)* 28.Kh1 gxf6-+]

27...Rxf5 28.Rg3 Inhibits Rg5. **28...Qf7** -0.03/21 aiming for ...Nxg2!

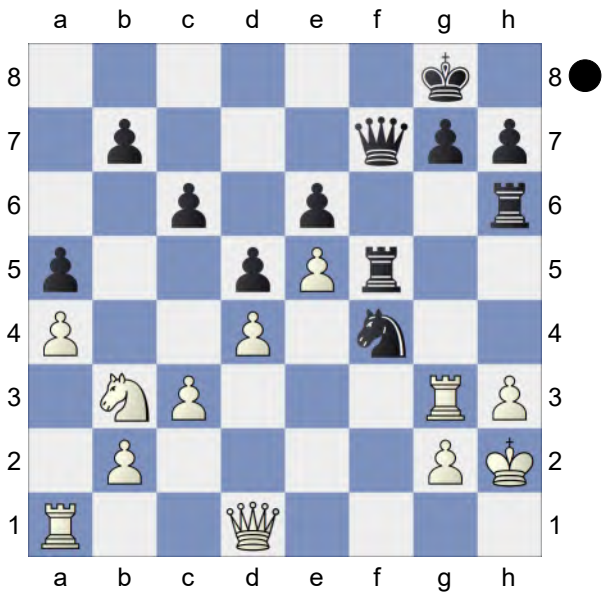
[Black should play 28...b6∓ -0.68/21]

29.Kh2? -3.74/24

[29.Nxa5= -0.03/21 and White has nothing to worry. c5 30.Kh1]

[29.Nc5= -0.27/23 and White stays safe.]

(Diagram)

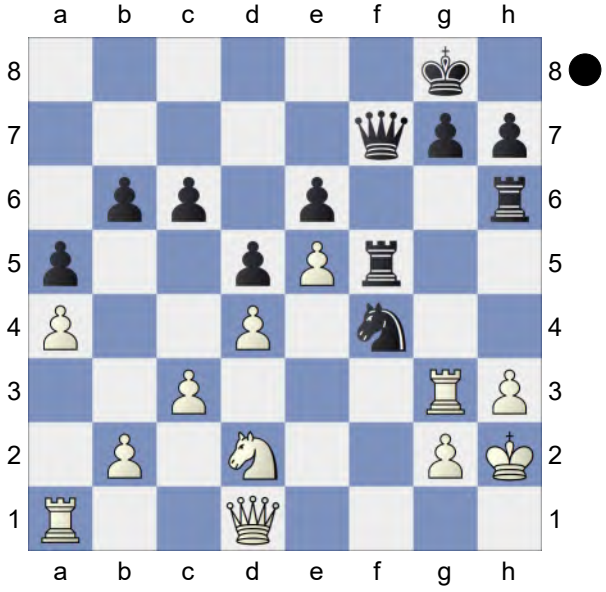


29...b6? -0.69/23

[29...Nxh3-+ -3.74/24 (→ ...Nh3-f2+) (→ ...Nh3-f2+) 30.Rxh3 *(30.gxh3? Rf2+ 31.Kg1 Rxb2-+)* 30...Rxh3+ 31.Kxh3 Rh5+ 32.Kg3 Qg6+ 33.Kf2 *(33.Qg4? Rg5-+)* 33...Rg5]

30.Nd2? -2.22/22

[30.Qd2!∓ -0.69/23]



30...Rg6? -0.18/22

[Better is Black should try Better is 30...Nxg2!-+ -2.22/22 31.Kxg2 *(31.Rxg2? Rfh5-+)* 31...Rf2+ 32.Kg1

(32.Kh1 Qf5) 32...Qf4]

31.Rxg6!= Qxg6 32.Qg4 Qh6 0.01/26

[32...Qxg4∓ -0.44/22 should be considered. 33.hxg4 Rf7]

33.Rf1= g6 Hoping for ...Nf4xh3! ... Nxh3! is the strong threat. Hoping for ... Nf4xh3! **34.Qd1! Nd3↑** Black fights for an advantage. Strongly threatening ... Rxf1. Black fights for an advantage. **35.Rxf5 gxf5** Endgame. KQN-KQN Endgame. KQN-KQN

[35...exf5!? 36.Qe2□ Nf4∓ *(36...Nxb2 37.e6±; 36...Nc1=)*]

36.Nf3? -2.64/25 Black keeps a firm grip on the game. Black converts the advantage convincingly. Black keeps a firm grip on the game.

[36.Qe2!= 0.00/23 and White has nothing to worry. Qf4+ *(36...Nxb2 37.Qa6=)* 37.Kg1 *(37.g3 Nc1=)* 37...Nxb2 38.Nf1 Nxa4 39.Qa6 Nxc3 40.Qc8+ Kf7 41.Qd7+ Kf8 42.Qd8+ Kg7 43.Qf6+ Kg8 44.Qd8+ *(44.Qxe6+ Kf8=)* 44...Kg7 *(44...Kf7 45.Qf6+ Ke8 46.Qxe6+ Kf8 47.Qf6+ Kg8 48.Qe6+ Kh8 49.Qe8+ Kg7 50.Qe7+ Kg8 51.Qd8+ Kg7 52.Qd7+ Kf8 53.Qd8+ Kf7 54.Qc7+ Kf8 55.Qd6+ Kg7 56.Qd7+ Kh8 57.Qd8+ Kg7 58.Qd7+=)* 45.Qf6+ Kg8 46.Qd8+ *(46.Qxe6+ Kh8=)* 46...Kf7 47.Qf6+ Ke8 48.Qxe6+ Kf8= 49.Qd6+ Kf7 50.Qc7+ *(50.Qxc6? Ne2+* Deflection, Double Attack *51.Kh1 Qxf1+ 52.Kh2 Qg1#; 50.e6+? Kg6-+)* 50...Kg8 51.Qd8+ Kg7 52.Qe7+ Kg8 53.Qe6+ Kg7 54.Qd7+ Kf8 55.Qd6+ Kg7 56.Qf6+ Kg8 57.Qe6+ Kh8= 58.Qe8+ Kg7 59.Qd7+ Kh8 60.Qc8+ Kg7 61.Qd7+=]

36...Qf4+ 37.Kg1? -4.21/24

[37.g3∓ -1.61/26 only move. Qe3 *(37...Nxb2 38.Qe2=)* 38.Nh4]

37...Qe3+-+

[Wrong is 37...Nxb2? 38.Qe1-+ *(38.Qe2 Nc4 39.Qe1-+)*]

38.Kh2 Nxb2 39.Qf1 Nc4

[Not 39...Nxa4 40.Qa6 Qf4+ *(40...Qxc3 41.Qc8+ Kg7 42.Qd7+ Kh6 43.Qxe6+ Kg7 44.Ng5)* 41.Kh1 Qc1+ *(41...Nxc3? 42.Qc8+ Kf7 43.Qd7+* Skewer *Kf8 44.Qd8+ Kf7 45.Ng5++-)* 42.Ng1±]

40.Kh1 Kg7 41.g4? -5.31/25

[41.Qb1 -3.12/24]

41...fxg4 42.Nh2∓ Qe4+

[42...Qxh3? 43.Qf6+ Kg8 44.Qxe6+ Kf8 45.Qf6+ Kg8 *(45...Ke8? 46.Qxc6+ Kf8 47.Qf6+ Ke8 48.e6+-)* 46.e6+- *(46.Qxc6 Ne3=)*]

43.Kg1 Qf5 Against Qf6+ **44.Qe1 gxh3** (→ ...Qg5+) **45.Qh4** Against Qg5+ **45...Ne3** ...Kg7-g6 is the strong threat. **46.Qe7+ Kg6** Threatens to win with ... Qf5-g5+. White must now prevent ...Ng4. Threatens to win with ...Qf5-g5+. **47.Qe8+ Kh6** Strongly threatening ... Ne3-d1. Threatens to win with ...Nd1. Strongly threatening ...Ne3-d1. **48.Qxc6 Nd1** Black mates. **49.Nf3 Qg4+ 50.Kf1 Qxf3+ 51.Ke1 Qxc3+** -14.44/19 Weighted Error Value: White=0.88/ Black=0.31 Weighted Error Value: White=0.72/Black=0.22 (precise) Weighted Error Value: White=0.88/ Black=0.31

[⌓51...Nxc3 -#18/19 52.Qxe6+ Kh5 53.Qe8+ Kg4 54.Qg8+ Kf4 55.Qf7+ Ke4 *(55...Ke3* gets mated. *56.Qxf3+ Kxf3 57.Kd2 Na2 58.e6 h2 59.e7 h1Q 60.Kc2 Nb4+ 61.Kb2 Qh2+ 62.Kb3 Qc2+ 63.Ka3 Qc3#)* 56.Qxf3+ Kxf3 57.Kd2 Na2 *(57...Nxa4* leads to mate. *58.e6 Nb2 59.e7 Nc4+ 60.Kd3 Nd6 61.Kc2 h2*

62.e8N Nxe8 63.Kc3 h1Q 64.Kb2 Qe1 65.Ka2 Qb4 66.Ka1 Nd6 67.Ka2 Nc4 68.Ka1 Qb2#; 57...h2 is a self mate. *58.Kxc3 h1Q 59.e6 Qe1+ 60.Kc2 Qxe6 61.Kc3 Qe1+ 62.Kc2 Qb4 63.Kd3 Qc4+* Deflection *64.Kd2 Kf2 65.Kd1 Ke3 66.Ke1 Qe2#)* 58.Kd3 h2 59.Kc2 h1Q *(59...h1B 60.e6 Nb4+ 61.Kd2 Nc6 62.Ke1 Bg2 63.Kd1 h5 64.Kc2 h4 65.Kd2 h3 66.Kd3 h2 67.Kd2 h1Q 68.e7 Nxe7 69.Kc2 Kg3 70.Kd2 Be4 71.Kc3 Qc1+ 72.Kb3 Bd3 73.Ka2 Bc4#)* 60.Kb2 Qg2+ *(60...Qc1+ 61.Kxa2 Qc2+ 62.Ka3 Ke3 63.e6 Kxd4 64.e7 Kc3 65.e8Q Qb3#)* 61.Kb1 Qd2 *(61...Nc3+? 62.Kc1 Ke3 63.e6 Qd2#)* 62.Ka1 Nc3 63.e6 Qc1#]

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□ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2785**

■ **Kravtsiv,Martyn** **2598**

ChessKid Cup Play In blitz (3) 01.05.23

[Kitty Kat]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**

[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* 1-0 Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 2013*; 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7* 0-1 Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig,F (1863) Rheinhessen-ch H1 op 1997 (2)*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* 1-0 Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) V0048 www.desc-online.de 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]

3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Ne5!? An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante. An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante. **7...e6 8.g3** The position is equal. **8...Bd6N 9.Bg2 0-0 10.0-0 Qc7 11.Re1 b5**

[11...Bd7 12.Nb1 h6 13.c3 Ne7 1-0 Lavrov,M (2401)-Svane,R (2613) Titled Arena Mar 6th blitz 2021 1-0 Lavrov,M (2401)-Svane,R (2613) Titled Arena Mar 6th blitz 2021 14.Nd2 Be8 15.a4 Nc6 16.Qe2 Rc8 17.Ng6 Bxf4 18.Nxf4]

12.a4 b4 13.Na2 Bb7 14.Qd2 -0.67/21

[14.Rc1= -0.18/20]

14...a5 15.Nc1 -0.98/21

[15.c3∓ -0.37/21]

15...Ne7 -0.29/22

[15...Ne4∓ -0.98/21 16.Qd1 Nxe5 17.dxe5 Bc5 *(17...Bxe5 18.Bxe5 Qxe5 19.f3∓)*]

16.Nb3= Ne4 17.Qe3 -1.54/24

[17.Qd1= -0.27/20 keeps the balance.]

17...f6∓

[17...Qxc2? 18.Bxe4 dxe4 19.Rec1 Qxb2 20.Nc4 Bxf4 21.gxf4+- *(21.Nxb2? Bxe3 22.fxe3 Bd5-+; 21.Nxb2? Bxe3 22.fxe3 Nd5-+)*]

18.Nd3 Nf5 -0.09/21

[18...e5∓ -1.54/23 19.dxe5 fxe5 20.Bxe5 Bxe5 21.Nxe5 Nf5 *(21...Qxe5? 22.f3∓)*]

19.Qc1 -0.73/20

[19.Bxd6= -0.09/21 remains equal. Qxc2

A) 20.Qc1 Qxb3 21.Bxf8 Qxd3 22.Qc7 Rxf8 23.Bxe4 *(23.Qxb7 Nxd4 24.Bxe4 dxe4=)* 23...dxe4 24.Qxb7 Nxd4= 25.Qxe4 Nf3+ 26.Kh1 Nxe1 27.Qxe6+ Kh8 28.Rxe1=;

B) 20.Qf4 Nfxd6 21.Nbc5]

19...Rac8? 0.82/23

[19...e5∓ -0.73/20 and life is bright. 20.Be3 Nxe3 21.Qxe3 Rae8 *(21...Qxc2? 22.Ndc5-+)*]

20.Bxd6± Nexd6 1.48/22

[20...Nfxd6 21.f3±]

[⌓20...Qxd6 0.74/22 21.f3 *(21.Nxa5 Ba6±)* 21...Ng5 *(21...Nexg3? 22.hxg3 Qxg3 23.Qf4+-)*]

21.Ndc5

[21.Rxe6 Ne4±]

21...Nxd4 2.37/23

[⌓21...Rf7 1.72/21 22.Nxe6 *(22.Rxe6 Nxd4* Remove Defender *23.Nxd4 Qxc5±)* 22...Qb6]

22.Nxd4+- Qxc5 23.Nxe6 Qb6 24.Nxf8 Rxf8 25.Qf4 Re7 is the strong threat. **25...Nc4?** 5.50/25

[25...Ne4 2.31/20 is tougher. 26.c4 bxc3]

26.b3 Ne5 27.Rad1 Rc8 28.Rxe5 fxe5 29.Qxe5 h6 30.Bxd5+ Bxd5 31.Qxd5+ Endgame. KQR-KQR

[31.Rxd5 Rxc2 32.Qe8+ *(32.Rxa5? Qxf2+ 33.Kh1 Qxh2#)* 32...Kh7 33.Qe4+ Qg6 34.Qxg6+ Kxg6±]

31...Kh8 32.Qf5 Qc6 4.50/24

[32...Rd8 2.34/26 was called for. 33.Re1 Qb7]

33.Rd5 Re8 34.Re5 0.78/27

[34.Rxa5? Re1#]

[34.h3+- 2.62/24 has better winning chances.]

34...Rd8? 2.66/26

[34...Rxe5± 0.78/27 35.Qxe5 Qxc2]

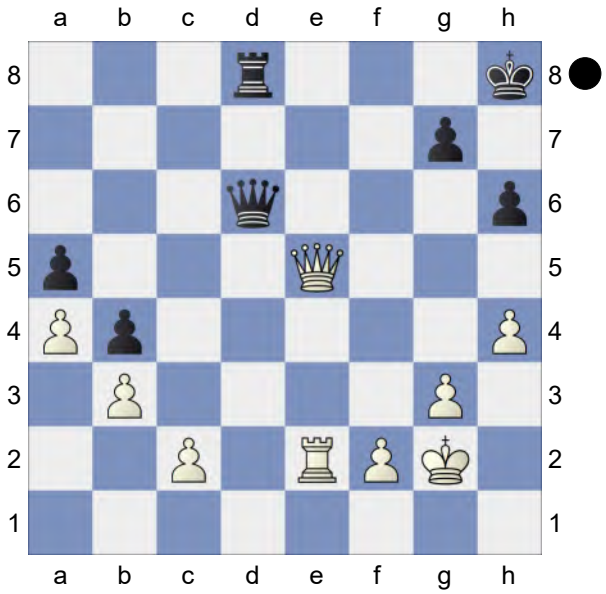
35.Re1

[35.Rxa5? Rd1#]

35...Qc3 36.Kf1 Qc6 37.Qe4

[37.Qxa5 is a self mate. Qh1+ 38.Ke2 Re8+ *(38...Qxh2 39.Qxd8+ Kh7 40.Qh4 Qg2 41.Qh1 Qxh1 42.Rxh1 Kg6 43.a5)* 39.Kd3 Qxe1 *(39...Rxe1? 40.Qd8+ Kh7 41.Kc4-+)* 40.Kc4 Qe4+ *(40...Qxf2? 41.Qd5-+)* 41.Kb5 Re5+ *(41...Qxc2? 42.Qb6-+)* 42.Kb6 Qg6+ 43.Kb7 Rxa5 44.f4 Qxc2 45.g4 Qc5 *(45...Qxb3* gets mated. *46.h4 Qd5+ 47.Kc7 Qc5+ 48.Kb8 Qc6 49.h5 Ra8#)* 46.h4 Ra7+ 47.Kb8 Qc7#]

37...Qc5 38.h4 Rf8 39.Re2 Qd6 40.Kg2 Rd8 41.Qe5



aiming for Qxd6. **41...Qc6+ 42.Qe4?**

0.01/22
[42.Kh2+- 1.87/22]
42...Qd6!= 43.Qf3 Rf8 44.Qd3 Qc6+ 45.Qe4 Qd6 46.Re3 Rd8 47.Rd3 Qf8 48.Rf3 Qd6 49.Rd3? -0.01/20
[White should play 49.Rf5+- 3.04/23 Qb6 50.g4]
49...Qf8! 50.Rxd8 2.33/24
[⌓50.Rd5 4.07/21 Rxd5 51.Qxd5]
50...Qxd8+- KQ-KQ **51.Qc6 Qd2?** 12.18/26
[51...Kh7 2.34/24 52.Qf3 Qc8 53.Qe4+ Kh8]
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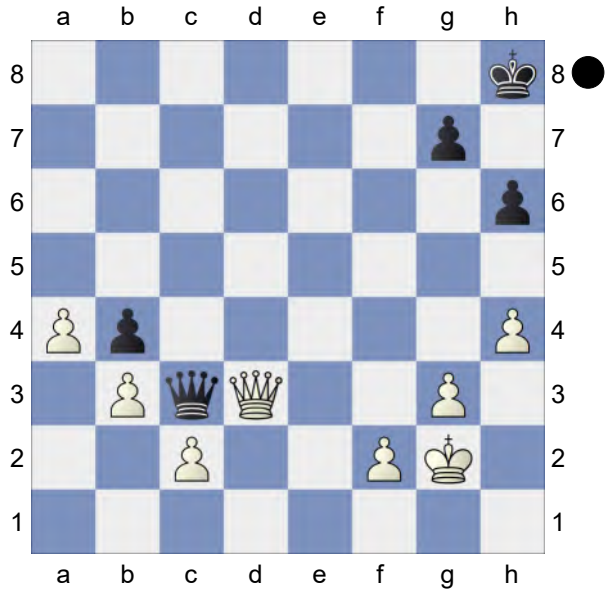

Intending Qxc3 and mate. **55...Qc6+ 56.Qf3 Qc3 57.Qxc3 bxc3 58.a5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.58/ Black=0.55
1-0

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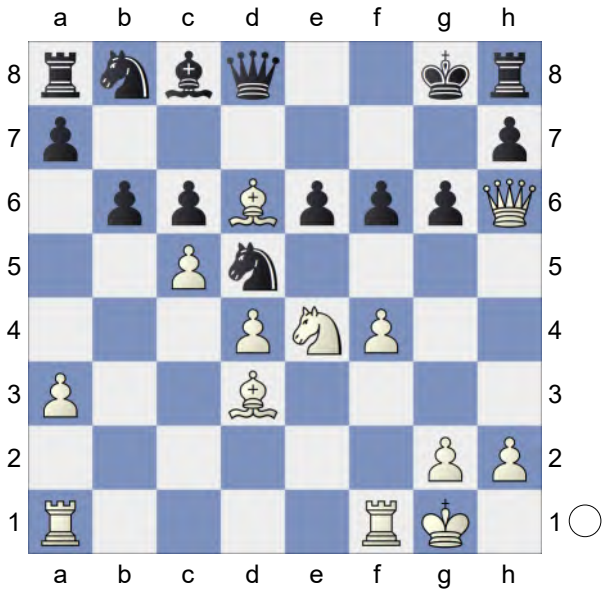
□ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2785**
■ **Gaehwiler,G** **2404**
Titled Tue 18th Apr Late blitz (3) 18.4.23
[Kitty Kat]

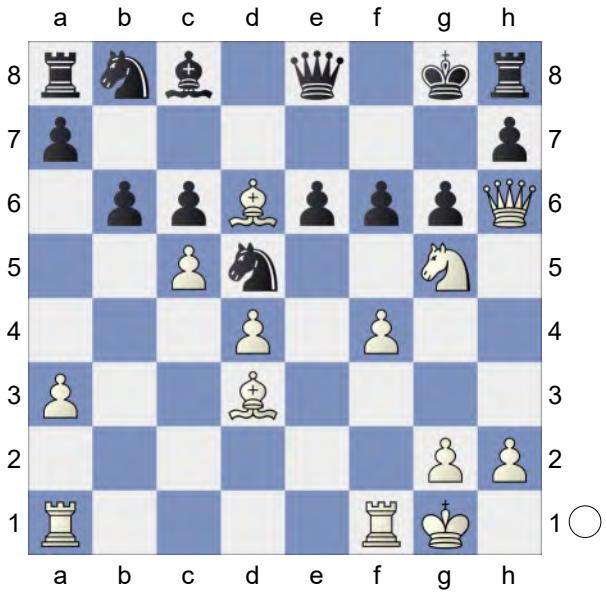
D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 c6 6.Nc3 Nb8**
[6...Qb6 7.a3 Be7 8.Nf3 c5 9.Rb1 Bd7 10.Ne5 cxd4 11.Qxd4 Qxd4 12.exd4 Nb8 13.Nb5 Bxb5 14.Bxb5+ Nfd7 15.0-0 a6 16.Bd3 Nxe5 17.Bxe5 0-0 18.c3 Nd7 19.Bf4 Rfc8 20.a4 Nb6 21.Ra1 ½-½ Oparin,G (2671)-Sevian,S (2697) American Cup Elim rapid 2024 (1.2)]
7.Nf3 Nbd7N
[7...a6 8.Ne5 c5 9.Qf3 Nc6 10.0-0-0 Bd6 11.h4 Qc7 12.Bb5 0-0 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.h5 Nd7 15.h6 Bxe5 16.hxg7 Bxf4 17.gxf8Q+ Nxf8 18.Qxf4 Qxf4 19.exf4 cxd4 20.Na4 Rb8 21.Rxd4 a5 22.b3 1-0 Taylor,A (2626)-20.Kxb2 (2441) Tournament of Peace 2018 (5.1)]
[7...Bd6 8.Ne5 Qc7 9.Qf3 Nbd7 10.Nxd7 Bxd7 11.Bg5 Be7 12.Bd3 c5 13.dxc5 Qxc5 14.0-0 Bc6 15.Qg3 h6 16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.e4 Bxc3 18.exd5 Bxd5 19.bxc3 0-0 20.Rab1 b6 21.a4 Rac8 22.Rb4 1-0 Schnaider,I (2392)-Hoang,T (2183) Titled Tuesday intern op 07th Jan Early blitz 2025 (4)]
8.Bd3 The position is equal. **8...Bb4 9.a3 Bxc3+ 10.bxc3 Qa5 11.Bd6** -0.17/21
[White should play 11.Qd2± 0.53/19]
11...Qxc3+ 12.Nd2 Qa5 0.89/21
[12...c5= 0.01/22 remains equal.]
13.0-0± White has strong compensation.
13...Qd8 14.c4 White has more active

pieces. The black rooks are passive. **14...Nb8?** 2.42/19 This move loses the game for Black.
[Better is 14...dxc4!± 0.61/20 15.Nxc4 Nb6]
15.c5+- Black is weak on the dark squares **15...b6 16.e4 dxe4** 2.91/20
[⌓16...Ba6 1.64/16]
17.Nxe4 Nd5 18.Qf3 Strongly threatening Qf3-g3. **18...f6?** 5.40/21
[18...f5 2.37/18 is tougher. 19.Nd2 Qg5]
19.Qh5+ g6 20.Qh6 Kf7 Repels Qh6-g7+ **21.f4** 2.54/18
[⌓21.Bxb8 4.83/21 Rxb8 22.Nd6+ Kg8 23.Bxg6 Demolition]
21...Kg8? 5.39/19
[21...Qg8 2.54/18 22.Rae1 bxc5 23.dxc5 Qg7 24.Ng5+ Kg8 25.Qxg7+ *(25.Nxe6? too greedy. Qxh6 26.Bc4 Bxe6-+)* 25...Kxg7 26.Nxe6+ Bxe6]

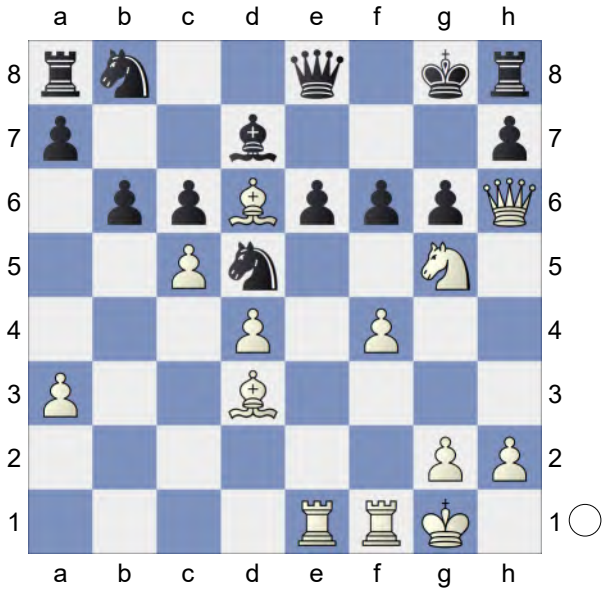


22.Ng5! White threatens Bd3xg6! and mate. **22...Qe8**
[22...Ne3 23.Bxg6]

(Diagram)



23.Rae1! Bd7
[23...Na6 24.f5]



24.Nxe6! Deflection **24...Bxe6**
[24...Qf7 25.f5]

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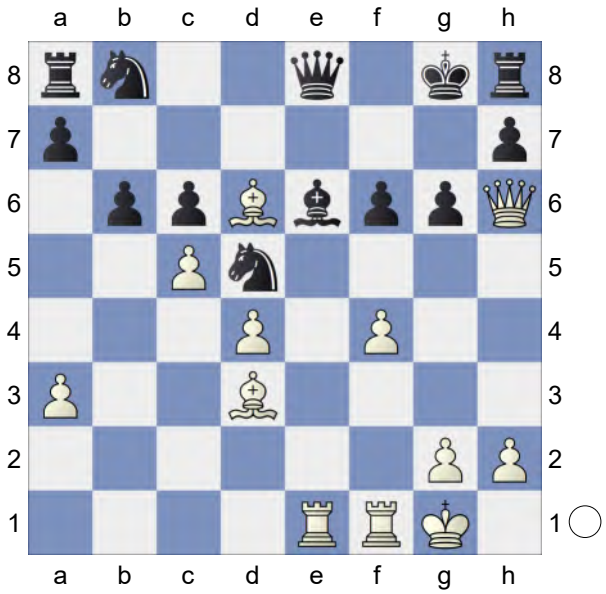


25.Rxe6! Back Rank **25...Qxe6**
[25...Qf7 26.Rfe1]
26.Qf8# Weighted Error Value: White=0.66/Black=1.30
1-0

131 **D00**
□ **Gazi,Miroslav** **2785**
■ **Goldenberg,R** **2404**
(ol) 50/217 Novi Sad (3) 18.04.2023
[John Watson]

Kitty Kat: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines '
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 Kitty Kat: 'N' Monko: 'N' 'N'
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*; 5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* 1-0 Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 2013*; 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7* 0-1 Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig,F (1863) Rheinhessen-ch H1 op 1997 (2) *)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) Monko: '1-0 Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) V0048 www.desc-online.de 2000 (7)' *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston Monko: 'Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston']
3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 c6 6.Nc3 Nb8 7.Nf3 Nbd7 8.Bd3 Kitty Kat: 'The position is equal.' **8...Bb4 9.a3 Bxc3+ 10.bxc3 Qa5** 0.59/21
[10...c5 0.17/20 Kitty Kat: '=' Kitty Kat: ' feels stronger.' 11.c4 0-0 12.Bd6 Re8 13.dxc5 e5 14.Bf5 Nxc5

15.Bxh7+ Kxh7 16.Bxc5 Qc7 17.Bb4 a5 18.Bc3 d4]

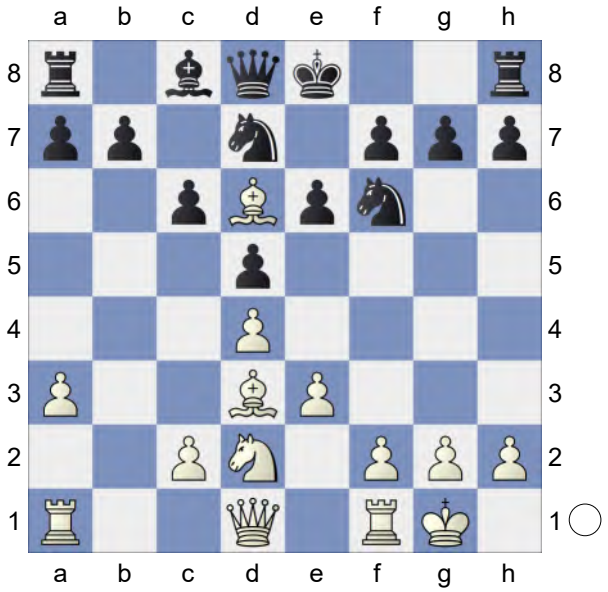
11.Bd6 -0.18/23

[White should try 11.0-0± 0.59/21]

11...Qxc3+ 12.Nd2 Qa5 0.98/22

[12...c5= 0.16/22 keeps the balance.]

13.0-0 Kitty Kat: '±' Kitty Kat: ' White has strong compensation.' Monko: 'White has compensation.' **13...Qd8** Kitty Kat: '



' **14.c4** 0.42/21 Kitty Kat: ' White has more active pieces. The black rooks are passive.'

[14.a4!± 0.97/20]

14...Nb8 2.39/20 Kitty Kat: '?' Kitty Kat: ' Black cannot hold the game after this.'

[Monko: 'Black should try' 14...dxc4!± 0.42/21 15.Nxc4 Nb6 16.Nxb6 axb6]

15.c5 Kitty Kat: '+-' Kitty Kat: ' Black is weak on the dark squares' Monko: ' ±' '±' **15...b6 16.e4** Kitty Kat: ' Ra1-c1 is the strong threat.' Monko: 'White has more active pieces.' **16...dxe4** 3.00/21

[⌓16...Ba6 1.75/19 Monko: '±' '±']

17.Nxe4 Monko: '+-' '+-' **17...Nd5 18.Qf3** Kitty Kat: ' Qf3-g3 would now be deadly.' Monko: 'Black must now prevent Qg3.'

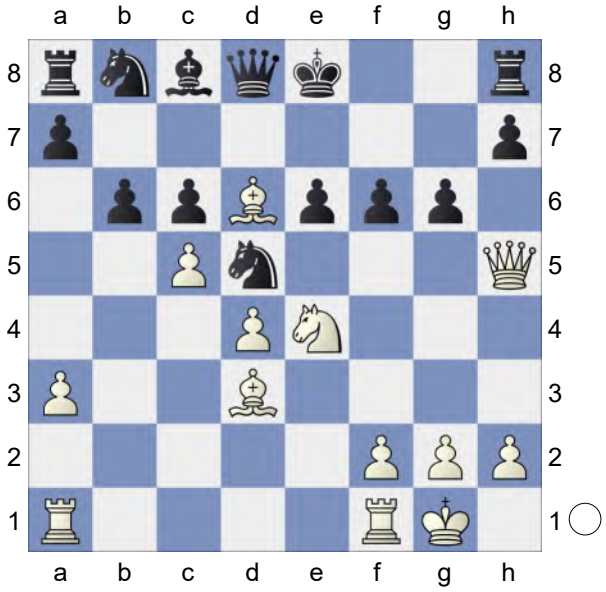
18...f6 5.42/21 Kitty Kat: '?' Monko: '?' '?'

[18...f5 2.51/20 was called for. Monko: 'was necessary.' 19.Nd2 Qg5]

19.Qh5+

[Resist 19.Qg3 Qd7 20.Bxb8 0-0]

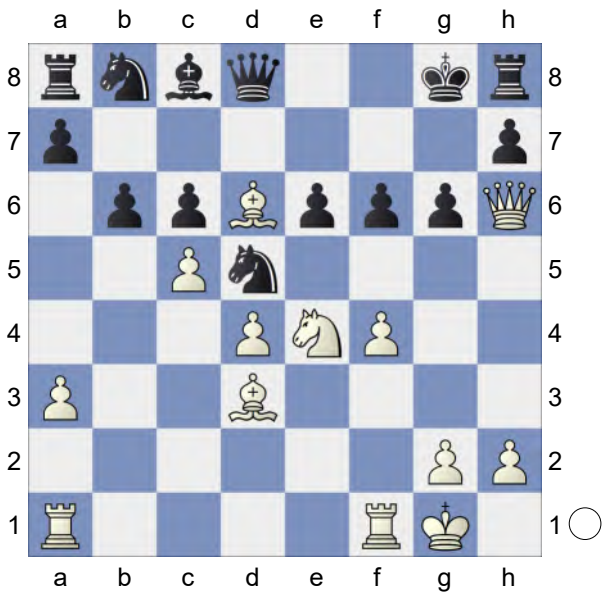
19...g6 Monko: '



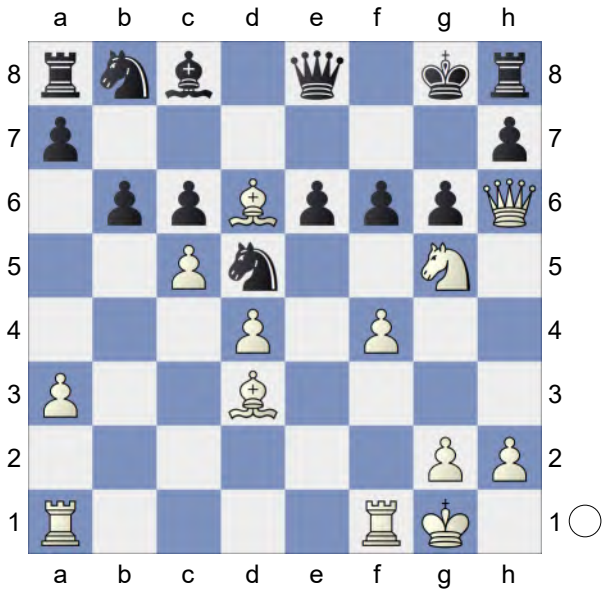
' **20.Qh6 Kf7** Kitty Kat: ' Against Qh6-g7+' Monko: 'Dodges Qg7+' **21.f4** Kitty Kat: ' Black must now prevent Ne4-g5+!' Monko: 'Threatens to win with Ng5+!' **21...Kg8** 5.78/18 Kitty Kat: '?' Kitty Kat: '

[21...Qg8 3.49/20 22.Ng5+ Ke8]

(Diagram)



' Monko: '?' '?' **22.Ng5** Kitty Kat: '!' Kitty Kat: ' Threatening mate with Bd3xg6!' Monko: '!' '!' Monko: 'Bxg6! would kill now. ' **22...Qe8** Kitty Kat: '
[22...f5 23.Rae1]



' **23.Rae1** Kitty Kat: '!' Monko: '!' '!' **23...Bd7** Kitty Kat: '
[23...Na6 24.f5]

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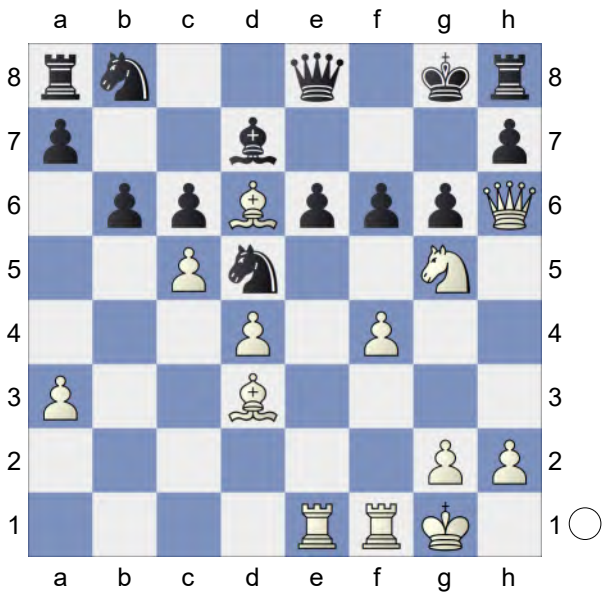
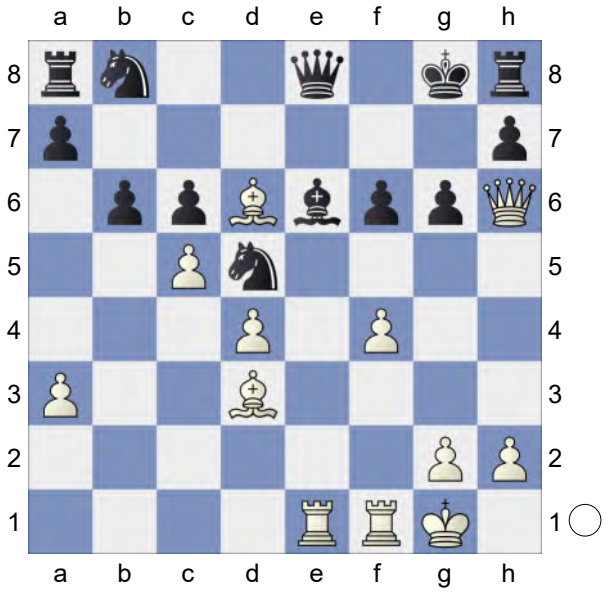


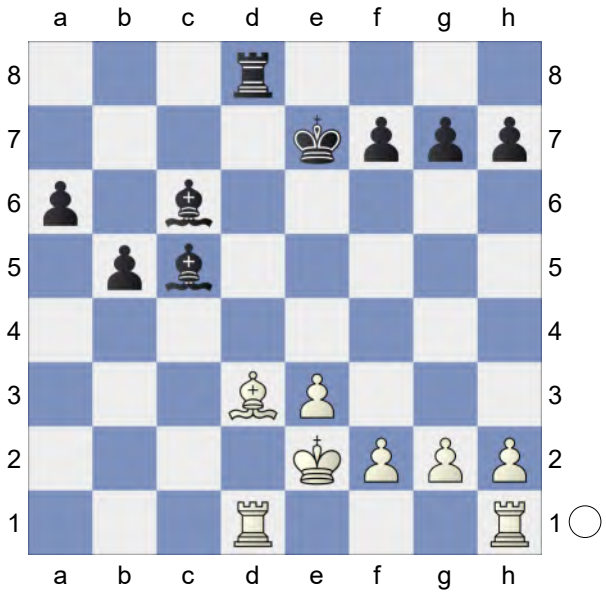
' **24.Nxe6** Kitty Kat: '!' Kitty Kat: ' Deflection' Monko: '!' '!' **24...Bxe6** Kitty Kat: '



' **25.Rxe6** Kitty Kat: '!' Kitty Kat: ' Back Rank' Monko: '!' '!' **25...Qxe6**
[25...Qf7 26.Bc4]
26.Qf8# Kitty Kat: ' Weighted Error Value: White=0.42/Black=1.06' Monko: 'Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.91'
1-0

132 **A45**
□ **Chadaev,N** **2781**
■ **Tandilensis** **2658**
Blitz 26.08.2021
[Kitty Kat]

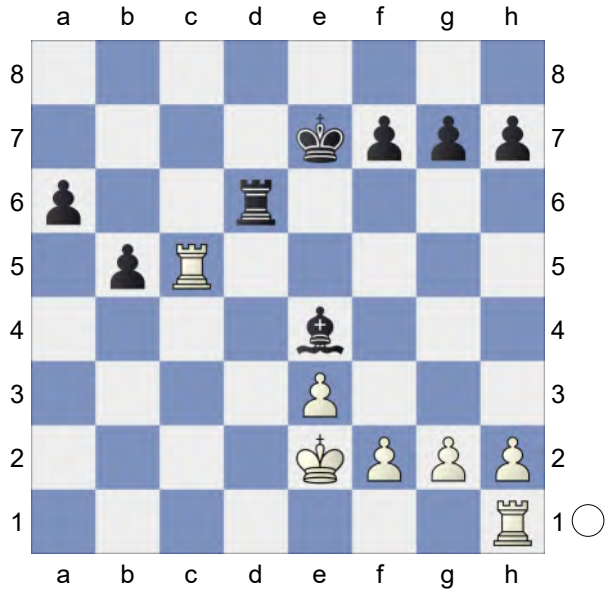
Blitz 3min A45: Trompowsky Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 c5 3.e3 Qb6 4.Nc3 Qxb2 5.Nb5 Nd5 6.Rb1**
[6.a3 a6 7.Rb1 Qa2 8.Qc1 axb5 9.Ra1 Qxa1 10.Qxa1 Nc6 11.Bxb5 cxd4 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.Qxd4 f6 Neo London System-1...Nf6 2 Bf4 c5 d-Pawn Specials 2024]
6...Qxa2 Threatens to win with ...Qa5+.
7.Ra1 Qb2 8.c3N Deflection. The position is equal.
[8.Nf3 Na6 9.Rb1 Qa2 10.Ne5 d6 11.Nc4 Qa4 12.e4 Ndb4 13.c3 Qxd1+ 14.Rxd1 Nc6 15.d5 Ncb8 16.e5 14) London System 2.Bf4-London System Informational]
[8.Rb1]
8...Nxc3 9.Nc7+ Kd8 10.Qc1 Qb4 11.Qa3? -1.56/23
[11.Qd2= 0.21/23 e5 12.Bxe5 *(12.Nxa8? exf4 13.Ne2 cxd4-+)*]
11...Nd5+? 0.19/18
[11...Qxa3 12.Rxa3 cxd4 13.Nxa8=]
[11...e5!∓ -1.56/23 12.Bxe5 *(12.Nxa8? exf4 13.Qxb4 cxb4-+)* 12...d6 *(12...Qxa3 13.Rxa3 cxd4* Discovered Attack *14.Rxc3=)* 13.dxc5 Qxa3 *(13...Kxc7? 14.Qxb4 dxe5 15.Qa5+ Kc6 16.Nf3+-)* 14.Rxa3 Kxc7 15.cxd6+ Bxd6 16.Rxc3+ *(16.Bxd6+ Kxd6 17.Rxc3 Be6-+)* 16...Nc6 17.Bxd6+ Kxd6]
12.Qxb4= Nxb4 13.Nxa8 e5! 14.Bxe5
[14.Bg5+ f6 15.Rxa7 fxg5=]
14...d6! ...Nc2+ would now be deadly.
15.dxc5 -0.79/19
[15.Rxa7± 0.31/20 N8c6 16.Bxg7 Bxg7 17.Ra4]
15...dxe5∓ 16.Rd1+ -2.26/23
[16.Rxa7∓ -0.97/19 Bxc5 17.Ra5 Nd3+ 18.Bxd3 *(18.Ke2 Nc6∓)* 18...Bb4+ 19.Ke2 Bxa5 20.Nf3]
16...Nd7 -1.05/23
[16...Bd7!-+ -2.26/23 17.Bb5 *(17.Nf3? f6-+)* 17...Kc8 *(17...Bxc5? 18.Kf1-+)*]
17.Nf3 Bxc5 White must now prevent ... f6. **18.Nxe5 Ke7 19.Nxd7** -2.71/25
[19.Nf3∓ -1.16/21]
19...Bxd7-+ 20.Nc7 Nc2+? -0.27/18
[20...Rc8-+ -2.66/20 21.Nd5+ Nxd5 22.Rxd5 Bb4+ 23.Kd1 Ba4+ 24.Ke2 Rc2+ 25.Kd3 Rxf2]
21.Kd2= Nb4 Prevents Nd5+. **22.Bc4 Rd8** Hoping for ...Bg4+. **23.Ke2 a6 24.Nd5+ Nxd5 25.Bxd5** -0.21/21
[⌓25.Rxd5 0.16/21 Bd6 26.Rd4]
25...b6 26.Bc4 b5 27.Bd3 -0.55/21
[27.Rd5= 0.00/22 Bd6 28.Bd3]
27...Bc6? 3.11/20
[27...a5!∓ -0.55/21 28.Be4 b4]



28.Rc1!+- Rd5 29.Be4
[And not 29.Bxh7 g6=]
29...Rd6 30.Rxc5

[Not 30.Bxh7 Bb6±]

30...Bxe4 Endgame.



KRR-KRB **31.Re5+! Re6 32.Rxe6+ Kxe6** KR-KB **33.Ra1 Bb7 34.Kd3 Kd6 35.Kc3?** 0.00/28

[Better is 35.e4+- 2.04/22]

35...Kc5= 36.Ra5 -0.36/23

[36.f3= 0.00/28]

36...Bxg2? 1.42/22

[36...Kb6!∓ -0.36/23 37.Ra1 g6]

37.Rxa6± And now Ra7 would win.

37...b4+ 38.Kd2 0.82/20

[⌓38.Kc2 1.40/24]

38...b3? 3.11/25

[38...Bd5± 0.82/20 keeps fighting.]

39.Kc3 Never resign too early!

Weighted Error Value: White=0.40/ Black=0.69

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133 **D00**

□ **Sudgen,J N** **2780**

■ **Ronneland,D** **2529**

(ol) 55/626 Manila (1.3) 07.07.2018

[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines Sagar, Shah: 'Sagar,Shah, MH: 'It was the first time that Praggnanandhaa was facing a world class GM in a serious rapid game. Pragg had just become a GM 15 days ago at the age of 12 years 10 months and 13 days. So the pressure of achieving that title was off his shoulders. But at the same time I think this was another pressure situation because people wanted to know how would he fare against one of the best rapid players in the business. That being said, even Wesley So would have faced the pressure because he was up against such a young boy, who was not even a teenager. Full credit to organisers in Leon for organizing this exciting four game rapid match with a time control of 20 minutes + 10 seconds increment per move. D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines ' It was the first time that Praggnanandhaa was facing a world class GM in a serious rapid game. Pragg had just become a GM 15 days ago at the age of 12 years 10 months and 13 days. So the pressure of achieving that title was off his shoulders. But at the same time I think this was another pressure situation because people wanted to know how would he fare against one of the best rapid players in the business. That being said, even Wesley So would have faced the pressure because he was up against such a young boy, who was not even a teenager. Full credit to organisers in Leon for organizing this

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[4.e3 e6 5.Bd3 Bxd3 6.cxd3 Bd6 7.Bg5 Nbd7 8.Nf3 c6 9.e4 Be7 10.0-0 Nh5 11.Be3 0-0 12.Re1 Qc7 13.e5 a6 14.g4 f5 15.gxh5 f4 16.Bd2 Qd8 17.Kh1 Qe8 18.h6 g5 1-0 Dom Perignon (2738)-Mmsanchezchess (2678) Blitz 2024]

4...Na6 5.e3 e6 6.c4

[6.Nf3 Be7 7.Ne5 0-0 8.g4 Bg6 9.h4 h5 10.Nxg6 fxg6 11.g5 Nd7 12.c4 c5 13.cxd5 cxd4 14.Qxd4 e5 15.Bxe5 Nxe5 16.Qxe5 Bb4+ 17.Nc3 Rc8 18.Bd3 Re8 19.Qd4 Qd6 20.Ke2 Bxc3 1-0 Wallywally (2754)-No Signs Of,V (2582) Blitz 2024]

6...c6N

[6...Be7 7.a3 0-0 8.c5 Ne8 9.b4 c6 10.Nc3 Nb8 11.g4 Bg6 12.Nf3 Nf6 13.Ne5 Nfd7 14.Nxg6 fxg6 15.Bg3 g5 16.Bd3 Bf6 17.h4 gxh4 18.Bd6 e5 19.g5 Bxg5 20.Qh5 e4 21.Nxe4 0-1 So,W (2780)-Praggnanandhaa,R (2529) Leon 31st 2018 (1.1) dxe4 22.Bc4+ Kh8 23.Bxf8 g6 24.Qg4 Nxf8 25.Qxe4 Qe7 26.Qxe7 Bxe7 27.Ke2 g5 28.Rab1 a6 29.d5 cxd5 30.Bxd5 Nc6 31.Rhd1 Rb8 32.Be4 Kg7 33.b5 axb5 34.Rxb5 Na7 35.Rxb7 Rxb7 36.Bxb7 0-1 Sudgen,J (2780)-Ronneland,D (2529) (ol) 55/626 Manila 1992 (1.1)]

7.Nc3 Nb4 8.Rc1 Repels Nb4-c2+. Black is slightly better. **8...Qa5 9.Qd2 dxc4**

[9...Nxa2 10.Ra1±]

10.Bxc4 Nbd5 0.07/20

[10...Ne4∓ -0.48/21 11.Nxe4 Bxe4]

11.Be5 -0.47/20

[11.Nxd5!= 0.07/20 Qxd2+ 12.Kxd2 Nxd5 13.Bxd5 Bb4+ 14.Ke2 exd5 15.f3]

11...Nxc3∓ 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.bxc3 Rg8 14.g3 Ba3 15.Rd1 Rd8 0.16/19

[Better is 15...Bd6∓ -0.54/18]

16.f3 -0.30/20

[16.Bd3 0.16/19]

16...b5 17.Bd3 -0.60/21

[17.Bb3= -0.18/21 should be considered.]

17...b4!↑ Black has some pressure.

18.Bxf5? -2.24/22

[18.Qc2∓ -0.69/21]

18...bxc3-+ 19.Qc2

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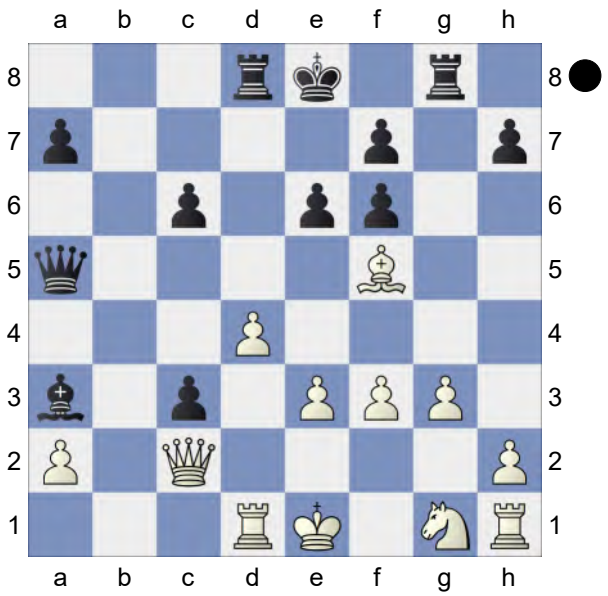
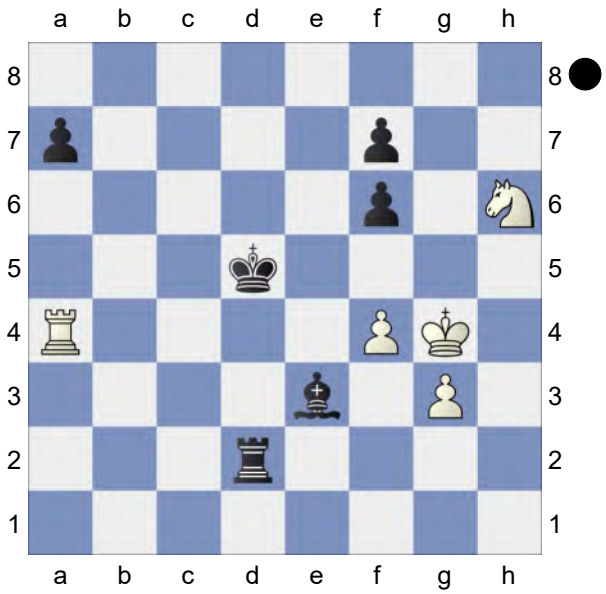


Rb8!
[19...Qxf5 20.Qxc3 Bd6 21.Qxc6+ Ke7 22.Kf2±]
[19...exf5 20.Ne2=]
20.Be4
[20.Bxh7 Rb2 21.Ne2 f5-+ *(21...Rxc2? 22.Bxc2 Rg5 23.Rb1-+)*]
20...Rb2 21.Bxc6+ Ke7
[21...Kf8 22.Qa4 *(22.Qxh7 c2+* Discovered Attack (Check) *23.Rd2 c1Q+ 24.Kf2 Qaxd2+)* 22...Qxa4 23.Bxa4∓]
22.Qa4
[22.Qxh7 c2+ 23.Rd2 c1Q+ *(23...c1R+? 24.Kf2 Qxd2+ 25.Ne2 Qxe2#)* 24.Kf2 Qaxd2+]
22...Qxa4 23.Bxa4 c2 24.Bxc2
[24.Rc1? Rb1 *(24...Rxa2 25.Rxc2 Bb4+ 26.Kf2∓)* 25.Ne2 Bxc1 26.Bxc2 Bd2+ *(26...Bxe3+? 27.Bxb1 Rb8 28.Bd3+-)* 27.Kxd2 Rxh1-+]
24...Rxc2 25.Nh3 Bb4+
[25...Rxa2 26.0-0 Rc8 27.Ra1 Rxa1 28.Rxa1 Rc1+ *(28...Rc3 29.Kf2∓)* 29.Rxc1 Bxc1 30.Kf2]
26.Kf1 Rgc8 27.Rg1 Rxh2 28.Nf2 Rc2 29.Rg2 Rxg2 30.Kxg2 Endgame KRB-KRN **30...Bd2**
[30...Rxa2 31.f4∓]
31.Kh3 Bxe3 32.Ng4 Bc1 33.d5 exd5 -0.86/23
[⌓33...Ba3 -1.30/24 34.Nh6 f5 *(34...Rxa2 35.Ng8+ Kd6 36.Nxf6∓)*]
34.Rxd5∓ Rxa2 35.Rc5 h5 -0.01/24
36.Rxh5 -0.75/24
[36.Rc7+= -0.01/24 Kf8 37.Nxf6]
36...Bb2 37.Rc5 Bd4 38.Rc4 Rd2 39.Nh6 Ke6 Prevents Nh6-f5 **40.Kg4 Kd5** -0.12/22
[40...a5∓ -0.86/22]
41.Ra4 -1.06/24
[41.Rc7= -0.12/22 remains equal.]
41...Be3 -0.39/24
[41...Kc6∓ -1.06/24 and ...Kc6-b5 should not be overlooked 42.Rc4+ Kb5]
42.f4



Bb6 -0.01/24
[42...Kc6!∓ -0.71/23]
43.Kf5= Rd3 44.g4 Rd4 45.Ra6 Bc7 46.Kxf6 Threatens to win with f4-f5.
46...Rxf4+ 47.Kg7 Bb6 48.g5! Ke6 49.Ra2 Rf3 50.Re2+ Re3 51.Rg2 Rf3 52.Re2+ Re3 53.Rg2 Rf3 Black had all chances to win. Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.20

(precise)
½-½

134 **D00**
□ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2780**
■ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2839**
AI Cup Division 1 (rapid) (1.2) 25.09.23
[Richard Palliser]

Richard Pallise,MHr: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines ' **1.d4** Richard Pallise,MHr **1...d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 c5 4.e4!?** The trendy choice, although thus far Black's resources have been looking sufficient here. Richard Pallise,MHr: 'The trendy choice, although thus far Black's resources have been looking sufficient here.' **4...Nxe4 5.Nb5!?**

[A new move for us and a very rare choice. Instead, Richard Pallise,MHr: 'A new move for us and a very rare choice. Instead,' 5.Nxe4 dxe4 6.dxc5 appears a bit in the Archive and here Richard Pallise,MHr: 'appears a bit in the Archive and here' Qxd1+ *(*there's also *6...Nd7!? 7.b4 e5* , as in Bortnyk-Rosen, Titled Tuesday Blitz 2023, where *8.Bg3 Be7 9.Bc4!? 0-0 10.Ne2 Kh8 11.0-0 f5* left Black doing pretty well,*;* while we considered Richard Pallise,MHr: 'while we considered' *6...Qa5+ 7.c3 Qxc5 8.Qa4+ Nc6 9.Qxe4* in Madaminov-Deac, Titled Tuesday Blitz 2022, noting there that Richard Pallise,MHr: 'in Madaminov-Deac, Titled Tuesday Blitz 2022, noting there that' *g6!?* is possible and this has now had a test Naroditsky-Zierk, Titled Tuesday Blitz 2023, continued Richard Pallise, MHr: 'is possible and this has now had a test Naroditsky-Zierk, Titled Tuesday Blitz 2023, continued' *10.Nf3 Bf5 11.Qe3 Qxe3+ 12.Bxe3 Bg7 13.Be2* when simply *0-0* would surely have been fine for Black Richard Pallise,MHr: 'would surely have been fine for Black'*)* 7.Rxd1 Nc6 8.Bb5 *(8.f3!?* is probably the critical move, as we've noted before Richard Pallise, MHr: 'is probably the critical move, as we've noted before'*)* 8...f6! 9.Ne2 e5 10.Be3 Be6 looked at least OK for Black in Madaminov-Crevatin, Titled Tuesday Blitz 2023. Richard Pallise,MHr: 'looked at least OK for Black in Madaminov-Crevatin, Titled Tuesday Blitz 2023.']

[Another possibility for White is 5.Bb5+!? when Black must go Nc6 , *(*since *5...Bd7? 6.Nxd5!* was just an extra pawn for White in Fiorito-Krzywda, Titled Tuesday Blitz 2023. Richard Pallise,MHr: 'was just an extra pawn for White in Fiorito-Krzywda, Titled Tuesday Blitz 2023.' *)*]

5...Na6 Naturally Black covers c7 and it should be said that the engines aren't too impressed by White's play. Richard Pallise,MHr: 'Naturally Black covers c7 and it should be said that the engines aren't too impressed by White's play.' **6.f3** Richard Pallise,MHr: '!' Richard Pallise,MHr: ' Active counter play!' **6...Nd6**

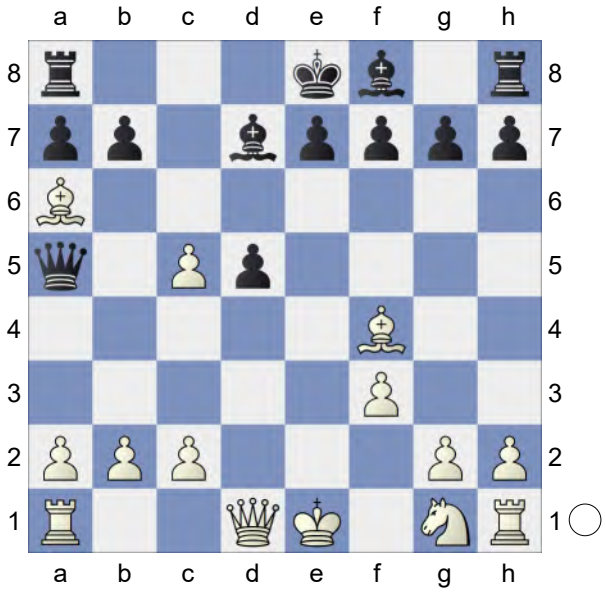
[Now White is OK in the eyes of the AI and silicon worlds. Instead, Richard Pallise,MHr: 'Now White is OK in the eyes of the AI and silicon worlds. Instead,' 6...Nf6!? Richard Pallise, MHr: '!' Richard Pallise,MHr: ' White must now prevent ...e7-e6.' 7.dxc5 is probably the critical line when g6! *(* attempting to improve over the *7...Nh5* -0.12/20 of Boguszlavszkij-

Vincze, Zalakaros 2011, where Richard Pallise,MHr: '7...g7-g6 -0.64 of Boguszlavszkij-Vincze, Zalakaros 2011, where' *8.Bg5!* *f6* Richard Pallise,MHr: '!' *9.Bd2* *e5* *10.b4* would just have been extremely murky Richard Pallise,MHr: 'would just have been extremely murky' *)*

A) 8.Be5 -0.84/21 also tries to disrupt before Black completes kingside development and advances powerfully with ...e5, but after Richard Pallise,MHr: '8. Qd1-d4 -0.42 also tries to disrupt before Black completes kingside development and advances powerfully with ...e5, but after' Bg7 Richard Pallise,MHr: '!' 9.Nc3 Black has at least Nxc5 -0.38/21 *(9...Nb4∓* -0.85/24 Richard Pallise, MHr *10.Bb5+* *Bd7)* 10.Nxd5 Richard Pallise,MHr: ' ∓!' 0-0! 11.Nc7 Ncd7 12.Nxa8 Nxe5 13.Qxd8 Rxd8 when White's position looks quite precarious to me, extra exchange or not;

B) 8.Qd4 Bg7 9.Nc3 Nb8! favours Black according to the engines and I can't say that I'm surprised considering the rather loose nature of White's play and position. Richard Pallise,MHr: 'favours Black according to the engines and I can't say that I'm surprised considering the rather loose nature of White's play and position.']

7.dxc5 Nxb5 8.Bxb5+ Unlike in our previous variation, White doesn't have a potentially misplaced knight on b5 to worry about and so should be OK. Richard Pallise,MHr: 'Unlike in our previous variation, White doesn't have a potentially misplaced knight on b5 to worry about and so should be OK. The position is equal.' **8...Bd7 9.Bxa6!** White needs to force the pace so considering the weakness of c5 and Black's powerful centre. Richard Pallise, MHr: 'White needs to force the pace so considering the weakness of c5 and Black's powerful centre.' **9...Qa5+** Richard Pallise,MHr: '



' **10.b4!**

[Improving over 10.c3 Qxa6 11.Qxd5 e6 12.Qd4 f6! 13.Bd6 0-0-0 , which gave Black promising play for the pawn in the earlier Bortnyk-Nasuta, Titled Tuesday Blitz 2023.]

10...Qxa6 11.Qxd5 Nakamura plays this part of the game powerfully, suggesting everything was prepared, but what did he have in store for 6...Nf6? Maybe one day we'll find out. Richard Pallise,MHr: 'Nakamura plays this part of the game powerfully, suggesting everything was prepared, but what did he have in store for 6...Nf6? Maybe one day we'll find out. ' **11...e6 12.Qb3 Be7 13.a4** -0.38/19 White's queenside majority is not to be sniffed at and one of the c-pawns is an

extra pawn, but Black cannot be doing too badly either with his bishops and extra centre pawn. Richard Pallise,MHr: 'White's queenside majority is not to be sniffed at and one of the c-pawns is an extra pawn, but Black cannot be doing too badly either with his bishops and extra centre pawn.'

[13.Ne2!± 0.44/19 Richard Pallise, MHr]

13...0-0 0.34/20

[13...Bf6∓ -0.38/19 Richard Pallise, MHr 14.Bd2 0-0 *(14...Bxa1? 15.b5+-)*]

14.Be5 Richard Pallise,MHr: '±!'

14...Qc6?!

[The black queen still has a5 available in the event of b4-b5, so Richard Pallise,MHr: 'The black queen still has a5 available in the event of b4-b5, so' 14...f6! was possible when 15.Bc3 Qc6 Richard Pallise,MHr: '!' 16.Ne2 a5! now turns out well enough for Black, 17.Nd4 Qc8 being roughly equal, since here White importantly doesn't have c2-c3 available. Richard Pallise,MHr: 'being roughly equal, since here White importantly doesn't have c2-c3 available.']

15.Ne2 Richard Pallise,MHr: ' Black is weak on the dark squares' **15...a5**

16.c3?!

[Missing the chance to take control with 16.Nd4 Qc8 Richard Pallise, MHr: ' ...a5xb4 is the strong threat.' 17.c3 when Qe8 18.0-0 axb4 19.Qxb4!? Rxa4 20.Rxa4 Bxa4 21.Bd6 maintains an edge, albeit with Black still pretty solidly placed after Richard Pallise,MHr: 'maintains an edge, albeit with Black still pretty solidly placed after' Bc6 .]

16...axb4 **17.cxb4** **Rxa4** With tempo. The position would now be about equal after a double exchange on a4, but instead Nakamura was to push the boat out a little too far. Richard Pallise,MHr: 'With tempo. The position would now be about equal after a double exchange on a4, but instead Nakamura was to push the boat out a little too far.' **18.Rd1?** -0.99/21

[18.Rxa4= 0.00/26 (Richard Pallise, MHr) remains equal. Qxa4 19.Qxa4 Bxa4 20.Kf2]

18...Qb5 Hitting b4 and preventing White from castling. Richard Pallise,MHr: ' ↑!' Richard Pallise,MHr: 'Hitting b4 and preventing White from castling. Black is on the roll.' **19.Rb1** **Qa6!** It's possible this sneaky retreat - a backwards queen move needless to say - is what Nakamura may have missed when he went Rd1. Richard Pallise,MHr: 'It's possible this sneaky retreat - a backwards queen move needless to say - is what Nakamura may have missed when he went Rd1.' **20.Bb2?** -2.23/20 Richard Pallise,MHr: ' Repels Ra4-a3'

[This could have made matters even worse. Richard Pallise,MHr: 'This could have made matters even worse.' 20.Nc3? -1.33/21 Richard Pallise,MHr: '20.Ke1-f2 -0.65' Ra3 21.Qb2 Ra8 leaves White under heavy pressure, Richard Pallise,MHr: 'leaves White under heavy pressure,']

[but 20.Kf2! -0.99/20 Richard Pallise, MHr: ' ∓' Richard Pallise,MHr: ' might work better.' Ra3 *(or 20...Ra8* -0.23/22 Richard Pallise,MHr: '20... Ra4-a3 -0.98' *21.Ra1)* 21.Qc2! would have restricted Black to just a pull. Richard Pallise,MHr: 'would have restricted Black to just a pull.']

20...b6? -0.79/19

[Undermining the advanced white queenside pawns, but bringing the rook to c8 or d8 would have been pretty strong, i.e. Richard Pallise,MHr: 'Undermining the advanced white queenside pawns, but bringing the rook to c8 or d8 would have been pretty strong, i.e.' 20...Rd8 -2.23/20 Richard Pallise,MHr: '-+' ' Hoping for ...Bd7-b5.' Richard Pallise,MHr: ' has better winning chances.' 21.Kf2 *(21.Nc3?* -2.38/21 Richard Pallise,MHr: '21.Ke1-f2 -1.82' *Qd3* is one important point*;* and *21.Rd1 Qb5* Richard Pallise,MHr: '!' *22.Bc3 Bxc5* another *)* 21...Bb5 *(21...b6* Richard Pallise,MHr*)* 22.Rhe1 -3.08/23 *(⌓22.Qc3* -1.69/20 Richard Pallise,MHr *Bh4+ 23.Ng3)* 22...Bxe2! 23.Rxe2 Rd3 and White's queenside pawns would have begun to fall. Richard Pallise,MHr: '!']

21.Nc3! Nakamura finds the only move to stay afloat. Richard Pallise,MHr: 'Nakamura finds the only move to stay afloat. Against Bd7-b5' **21...bxc5!?** 0.07/22

[The point of Carlsen's play. Black has some definite practical chances after this, but objectively speaking Richard Pallise,MHr: 'The point of Carlsen's play. Black has some definite practical chances after this, but objectively speaking' 21...Qd3! -0.41/26 Richard Pallise,MHr: '∓' 22.Qd1! Qe3+ was correct when *(22...Qxd1+* Richard Pallise,MHr *23.Rxd1 Ra7 24.cxb6 Rb7)* 23.Qe2 Richard Pallise,MHr: '!' Qxe2+ 24.Kxe2 Rxb4 25.cxb6 Richard Pallise,MHr: '!' Rxb6 26.Ba3 Richard Pallise,MHr: '!' Rxb1 27.Nxb1 Bxa3 28.Nxa3 Ra8 would have allowed Black to grind away all day, favourite to draw though White would have been, Richard Pallise,MHr: 'would have allowed Black to grind away all day, favourite to draw though White would have been,']

22.Nxa4 Richard Pallise,MHr: '='

22...Bxa4 23.Qc3 -0.85/21

[23.b5!? 0.02/24 Richard Pallise,MHr: '=!' '!' Richard Pallise,MHr: ' keeps the balance.' Bxb5 Richard Pallise,MHr: ' Strongly threatening ...Bb5-d3.' *(23...Qxb5* Richard Pallise,MHr *24.Qxb5 Bxb5 25.Bxg7=)* 24.Bxg7 was another way of doing things when after Richard Pallise,MHr: '!' Richard Pallise,MHr: 'was another way of doing things when after' Bd3 25.Bxf8 Bxf8 Black's bishops are pretty dangerous and anything might have happened, '0.00' though the engines may proclaim. Richard Pallise,MHr: 'Black's bishops are pretty dangerous and anything might have happened, '0.00' though the engines may proclaim. ']

23...Bf6 -0.22/24

[23...Bh4+!? -0.85/21 Richard Pallise,MHr: ' ∓' 24.g3 Bf6 followed by ...Rd8 was also well worth consideration. Richard Pallise,MHr: 'followed by ...Rd8 was also well worth consideration. ']

[23...cxb4 Richard Pallise,MHr 24.Qxg7#]

24.Qe3 Bh4+ Continuing to probe. This position cannot have been especially pleasant for Nakamura, well though he handles it. Richard Pallise,MHr: 'Continuing to probe. This position cannot have been especially pleasant for Nakamura, well though he handles it. This pair of bishops is nice.'

[24...cxb4?! Richard Pallise,MHr 25.Bxf6 gxf6 26.Rxb4±]

25.g3 Be7 26.bxc5 Rb8? 0.53/25

[Allowing White the chance to untangle and 26...Rd8!? -0.44/25 Richard Pallise,MHr: ' ∓' ' ...Rd8-d3 would now be deadly.' 27.Be5 h6 *(27...h5* Richard Pallise,MHr*)* 28.Bd6 Richard Pallise,MHr: '!' Bb5! , threatening a nasty checking sequence, is how the engines prefer Black to maintain perhaps an edge from a practical viewpoint. Richard Pallise,MHr: ', threatening a nasty checking sequence, is how the engines prefer Black to maintain perhaps an edge from a practical viewpoint.']

27.Kf2! Richard Pallise,MHr: '±!'

27...Qc4? 2.65/22

[Carlsen has lost the thread and by now seemingly didn't have anything better than fishing in a worse position with Richard Pallise,MHr: 'Carlsen has lost the thread and by now seemingly didn't have anything better than fishing in a worse position with' 27...Rd8 0.48/21 Richard Pallise,MHr: '±!' ' Threatens to win with ...Rd8-d3.' 28.Rhc1 *(28.Be5* Richard Pallise,MHr *h6)* 28...h5!? .]

28.Rhc1 Richard Pallise,MHr: '+-'

28...Bc2

[This should have lost, but by now, with White's king out of the centre, Richard Pallise,MHr: 'This should have lost, but by now, with White's king out of the centre,' 28...Qd5 29.Qd4 Rxb2+ 30.Qxb2 Bxc5+ 4.27/21 *(⌓30...Bc6* 2.89/19 Richard Pallise,MHr*)* 31.Kg2 would also have been winning for White.]

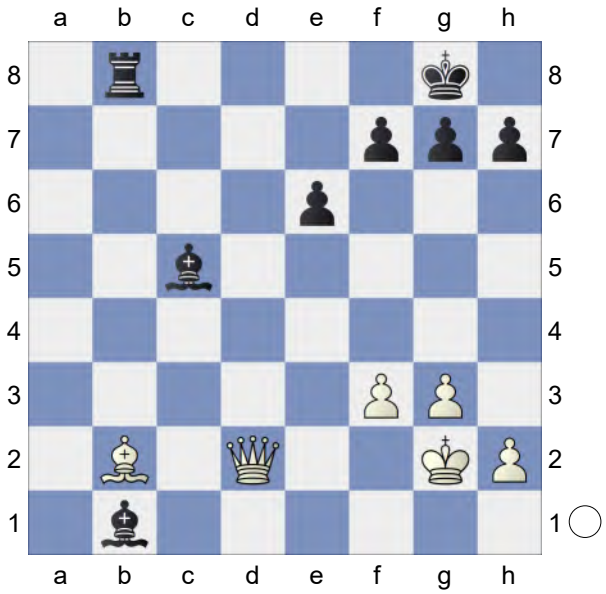
29.Qd2 Richard Pallise,MHr: '!'

29...Qxc5+ 30.Kg2 2.69/22

[30.Bd4! 4.62/23 was the cleaner win and you'd normally expect Nakamura to spot that and Richard Pallise,MHr: '⌓' Rd8 31.Rb8! . *(31.Rxc2* Richard Pallise,MHr *Rxd4 32.Kf1 Qd6±; 31.Qxc2* Richard Pallise,MHr *Qxd4+ 32.Kg2 g6±)* 31...Rxb8 Richard Pallise,MHr 32.Bxc5 Bxc5+ 33.Kg2]

30...Bxb1 31.Rxc5 Bxc5

Richard Pallise,MHr: '



' **32.Be5?** 1.05/21

[It's White's turn to drift. Black would have been a fair way from setting up a fortress after Richard Pallise,MHr: 'It's White's turn to drift. Black would have been a fair way from setting up a fortress after' 32.Bxg7! 2.52/28 Richard Pallise,MHr: '+-!' Richard Pallise,MHr: ' and the rest is easy.' Kxg7 3.64/22 *(⌓32...Be7* 2.50/22 Richard Pallise,MHr*)* 33.Qg5+ Richard Pallise,MHr: '+-' Kf8 Richard Pallise,MHr: ' aiming for ... Bc5-d4.' 34.Qxc5+ Kg8 35.h4! .]

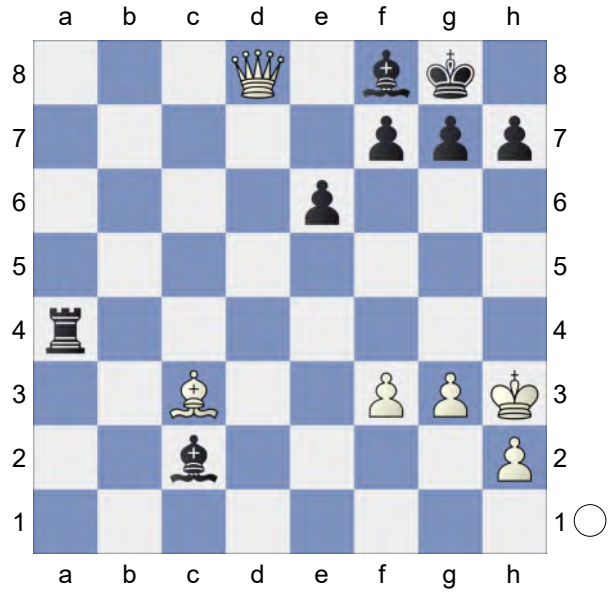
32...Ra8! In contrast, Carlsen seizes his

chance and finds the only way to stay afloat. Richard Pallise,MHr: ' ±!' **33.Qc1 Ra2+ 34.Kh3 Bc2**

[But not 34...Bf5+? Richard Pallise, MHr 35.g4 Bc2 36.Qg5+-]

35.Bb2

[35.Qg5 0.44/25 Richard Pallise,MHr: '35.Be5-b2 1.03' Bf8 Richard Pallise, MHr: '!' 36.Qd8 Richard Pallise,MHr: ' P r e v e n t s B c 2 - d 3 ' Ra6! Richard Pallise,MHr: ' Prevents Be5-d6' 37.Bc3 0.96/20 *(37.Qc8± 0.44/25* Richard Pallise,MHr *Bd3 38.g4)* 37...Ra4! Richard Pallise,MHr: '±!' Richard Pallise,MHr: '



' 38.Bd4 Richard Pallise,MHr: '!' Rxd4! 39.Qxd4 Bg6 is similar.]

35...Rxb2! Richard Pallise,MHr: 'White is clearly better.'

[Not 35...Bf5+? Richard Pallise,MHr 36.g4 Bxg4+ 37.Kxg4+- *(37.fxg4 Bf8+-)*]

36.Qxb2 Bg6 Black's bishops are just too good and he can now obtain a fairly comfortable fortress-type hold. Richard Pallise,MHr: 'Black's bishops are just too good and he can now obtain a fairly comfortable fortress-type hold.' **37.Qb8+ Bf8 38.Kg2** 1.06/23 Richard Pallise, MHr: ' Weighted Error Value: White=0.29 (precise) /Black=0.32'

[There's just no real way to break through after, for example, Richard Pallise,MHr: 'There's just no real way to break through after, for example,' 38.Kg2 f6 1.62/29 *(38...Bd3±* 1.16/24 (Richard Pallise,MHr) keeps fighting. *39.Qc7 Ba6)* 39.Qc8 Bf7 40.h4 g6 41.g4 h6 42.Qc3 Bg7 . Talk about a pawn shield!]

[White should try 38.g4 1.47/26 Richard Pallise,MHr]

½-½

135 **D00**

□ **So,Wesley** **2780**

■ **Praggnanandhaa,Rameshbabu**

Leon 31st (1.3) 07.07.2018

[Sagar,Shah]

Sagar,Shah, MH: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines ' **1.d4** Sagar,Shah, MH **1...Nf6 2.Bf4**

[2.a3 Sagar,Shah, MH g6 3.Bf4 d6 4.e3 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 b6 7.0-0 Bb7 8.h3 Nbd7 9.c4 Ne4 10.Bh2 e5 11.d5 a5 12.b3 f5 13.Nfd2 Ndc5 14.Nxe4 Nxe4 15.Ra2 Bc8 16.f3 Nc5 1-0 Carlsen,M (2850)-Fressinet,L (2702) Wch Blitz 9th 2015 (4)]

2...d5 Sagar,Shah, MH: 'N'

[2...c5 Sagar,Shah, MH 3.d5 g6 4.Nc3 d6 5.e4 Bg7 6.Nf3 0-0

A) 7.a4 Na6 *(7...Bg4 8.Be2 Nbd7 9.0-0 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Ne5 11.Be2* 3 Benoni Setups-3...d6 Variation *)* 8.Be2 Nc7 9.0-0 Bg4 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Nd7 12.Qd2 a6 13.Be2 Rb8 14.a5 b5 15.axb6 Rxb6 16.Nd1 #2 13) Benoni and

Benko Defense-3...d6 with 4...g6; **B)** 7.Be2 b5 8.Bxb5 Nxe4 9.Nxe4 Qa5+ 10.Nc3 Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 Qxb5 Barsov-Garcia Castro Mondariz 2007]

3.Nc3 Bf5 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 e6 6.c4 -0.50/20 Sagar,Shah, MH: 'We have reached the same position as in the first game of the match. In the brief few minutes that they get between the games, Pragg's coach Ramesh asked him to play ...c6 in this position instead of ...Be7. Pragg followed the recommendation.' We have reached the same position as in the first game of the match. In the brief few minutes that they get between the games, Pragg's coach Ramesh asked him to play ...c6 in this position instead of ... ♗e7. Pragg followed the recommendation.

[6.a3= -0.03/19 Sagar,Shah, MH]

6...c6 Sagar,Shah, MH: ' ∓' **7.Nc3 Nb4 8.Rc1** Sagar,Shah, MH: ' Inhibits Nb4-c2+. Black is slightly better.' **8...Qa5 9.Qd2** Sagar,Shah, MH: 'Until here was all preparation. At this point Pragg had an option of playing ...Nxa2 and ...dxc4 as he played in the game.' Until here was all preparation. At this point Pragg had an option of playing ... ♘xa2 and ... dxc4 as he played in the game. **9...dxc4** Sagar,Shah, MH: 'This looks pretty simple and strong.' This looks pretty simple and strong.

[9...Nxa2 0.74/21 Sagar,Shah, MH: '?!' '9...d5xc4 -0.45 might seem like a mistake but we must continue this line. ' might seem like a mistake but we must continue this line. 10.Ra1 Sagar,Shah, MH: ' ±' Nxc3 1.63/22 *(10...Bb4± 0.90/23 Sagar,Shah, MH 11.f3 dxc4)* 11.Rxa5 Sagar,Shah, MH: '+-' Nce4 2.12/22 *(11...Nb1±* 1.25/22 Sagar,Shah, MH *12.Qd1 Bb4+ 13.Ke2 Bxa5)* 12.Qd1 Sagar,Shah, MH: '+-' Bb4+ 13.Ke2 Bxa5 Sagar,Shah, MH: 'Black has a pawn and a piece and a rook for a queen. Materially this seems fine, but positionally it is not enough because' Black has a pawn and a piece and a rook for a queen. Materially this seems fine, but positionally it is not enough because 14.Qa4!

A) 14...Bb6 15.c5 1.19/20 *(15.f3+- 2.25/21 Sagar,Shah, MH)*;

B) 14...Bd8 15.f3+- Sagar,Shah, MH: 'and the knight is somehow trapped on e4.' and the knight is somehow trapped on e4.]

10.Bxc4 Nbd5 0.00/22

[10...Ne4∓ -0.57/20 Sagar,Shah, MH 11.Nxe4 Bxe4]

11.Be5 -0.75/21

[11.Nxd5 0.00/22 Sagar,Shah, MH: '=!' Qxd2+ 12.Kxd2 exd5= Sagar,Shah, MH: 'looks absolutely fine for Black.' looks absolutely fine for Black. *(12...Nxd5* Sagar,Shah, MH *13.Bg3)*]

11...Nxc3 Sagar,Shah, MH: '∓!' **12.Bxf6**

[12.bxc3 -2.75/22 Sagar,Shah, MH: '?' Sagar,Shah, MH: '12.Be5xf6 -0.53' Ne4-+ Sagar,Shah, MH: '-+!']

12...gxf6 13.bxc3 Rg8! Sagar,Shah, MH: 'Why not develop with tempo!' Why not develop with tempo! **14.g3 Ba3 15.Rd1 Rd8** 0.19/19

[15...Bd6∓ -0.61/20 Sagar,Shah, MH]

16.f3 -0.23/21 Sagar,Shah, MH: 'Wesley follows the highly ambitious strategy of playing e4 when he would have a strong centre. But he is behind in development and Pragg takes full advantage of the same.' Wesley follows the highly ambitious strategy of playing e4 when

he would have a strong centre. But he is behind in development and Pragg takes full advantage of the same.
[⩲16.Bd3 0.19/19 Sagar,Shah, MH]
16...b5
[16...c5 17.Ne2 cxd4 18.exd4 Ke7= Sagar,Shah, MH: 'Black somehow looks very comfortable.' Black somehow looks very comfortable.]
17.Bd3 -0.80/21
[17.Bb3 -0.04/23 Sagar,Shah, MH: '=' b4 0.96/20 *(17...Ke7=* -0.09/20 Sagar,Shah, MH *)* 18.c4±]
17...b4! Sagar,Shah, MH: '↑!' Sagar, Shah, MH: ' White is under pressure.'
18.Bxf5 -2.50/23 Sagar,Shah, MH: '?' Sagar,Shah, MH: 'And I think this is where Wesley was surprised.' And I think this is where Wesley was surprised.
[18.c4 -2.79/21 Sagar,Shah, MH: '?' Sagar,Shah, MH: '18.Ng1-e2 -0.71' Bxd3 19.Qxd3 b3+∓]
[White should try 18.Ne2∓ -0.50/23 Sagar,Shah, MH]
18...bxc3! Sagar,Shah, MH: '-+!' Sagar, Shah, MH: 'Not missing his chance.' Not missing his chance. **19.Qc2 Rb8!!** Sagar,Shah, MH: '!' Sagar,Shah, MH: 'Perhaps the most brilliant move of the entire match. The rook is coming down to b2 and Wesley is just completely busted.' Perhaps the most brilliant move of the entire match. The rook is coming down to b2 and Wesley is just completely busted.
[19...exf5 0.01/23 Sagar,Shah, MH: '?' Sagar,Shah, MH: '19...Rd8-b8 -2.69' 20.Ne2± Sagar,Shah, MH: '=' 'gives White a good position.' gives White a good position.]
[19...Qxf5 Sagar,Shah, MH 20.Qxc3 Bd6 21.Kf2= *(21.Qxc6+ Ke7±)*]
20.Be4
[20.Kf1 -2.84/23 Sagar,Shah, MH: '20.Bf5-e4 -1.95' Rb2 21.Qe4 -4.78/23 Sagar,Shah, MH: '?' *(21.Qd3* -2.26/20 Sagar,Shah, MH *exf5 22.Ne2)* 21...Qb5+ Sagar,Shah, MH: '-+' 22.Qd3 *(22.Ke1 Qxf5 23.Qxc6+ Kf8-+)* 22...c2 23.Rc1 exf5 24.Qxb5 cxb5 25.Ne2 Rb1-+]
[20.Bxh7 Sagar,Shah, MH Rb2 21.Ra1 Rxc2 22.Bxc2 Ke7-+]
20...Rb2 Sagar,Shah, MH: ' And now ... Ke8-e7 would win.' **21.Bxc6+ Ke7** Sagar,Shah, MH: '!'
[21...Kf8 Sagar,Shah, MH 22.Qa4 *(22.Qxh7 c2+* Discovered Attack (Check) *23.Rd2 c1Q+ 24.Kf2 Qaxd2+)* 22...Qxa4 *(22...c2+? 23.Qxa5 Bb4+ 24.Qxb4+ Rxb4 25.Rc1+-)* 23.Bxa4∓]
22.Qa4
[22.Qxh7 Sagar,Shah, MH c2+ 23.Rd2 c1Q+ *(23...c1R+? 24.Kf2 Qxd2+ 25.Ne2 Qxe2#)* 24.Kf2 Qaxd2+]
22...Qxa4
[22...c2+? Sagar,Shah, MH 23.Qxa5 Bb4+ 24.Qxb4+ Rxb4 25.Rc1+-]
23.Bxa4 c2 Sagar,Shah, MH: '!'
24.Bxc2
[Wrong is 24.Rc1? Sagar,Shah, MH Rb1 *(24...Rxa2 25.Rxc2 Bb4+ 26.Kf2=)* 25.Ne2 Bxc1 26.Bxc2 Bd2+ *(26...Bxe3+? 27.Bxb1 Rb8 28.Bc2+-)* 27.Kxd2 Rxh1-+]
24...Rxc2 Sagar,Shah, MH: 'Although the material is just even (Black is even a pawn down!) White is just losing the game because none of his pieces are playing.' Although the material is just even (Black is even a pawn down!) White is just losing the game because none of his pieces are playing. **25.Nh3**

Bb4+! Sagar,Shah, MH: 'A smart move forcing White to lose his castling rights.' A smart move forcing White to lose his castling rights.

[25...Rb8 -1.30/23 Sagar,Shah, MH: '?' Sagar,Shah, MH: '25...Ba3-c1 -3.36' 26.0-0 Rbb2 27.Rf2 Sagar,Shah, MH: 'is still better for Black but White has been able to limit the damage.' is still better for Black but White has been able to limit the damage.]

[Less strong is 25...Rxa2 Sagar,Shah, MH 26.0-0 Rc8 27.Rf2∓]

26.Kf1 Rgc8 27.Rg1 Rxh2

[27...Rxa2 28.Rg2 Rxg2 29.Kxg2 Rc2+-+ Sagar,Shah, MH: 'was also very strong. But perhaps Pragg wanted to take the h2-pawn, as the one on a2 is weak and will fall anyway. ' was also very strong. But perhaps Pragg wanted to take the h2-pawn, as the one on a2 is weak and will fall anyway.]

28.Nf2 Rc2 29.Rg2 Rxg2 30.Kxg2 Sagar,Shah, MH: 'Endgame. KRB-KRN' **30...Bd2 31.Kh3** -2.68/24

[31.e4 -6.36/22 Sagar,Shah, MH: '?' Sagar,Shah, MH: '31.Kg2-f1 -1.66' Be3 32.Rf1 Rxa2 33.d5 a5-+]

[31.Kf1 -1.73/24 (Sagar,Shah, MH) keeps fighting.]

31...Bxe3 -1.60/24

[31...Rxa2 -2.68/24 Sagar,Shah, MH: '-+' 'might be more accurate.' Sagar, Shah, MH: ' White must now prevent ... a7-a5!' might be more accurate. 32.e4 a5∓ Sagar,Shah, MH: 'and Black is just better.' and Black is just better.]

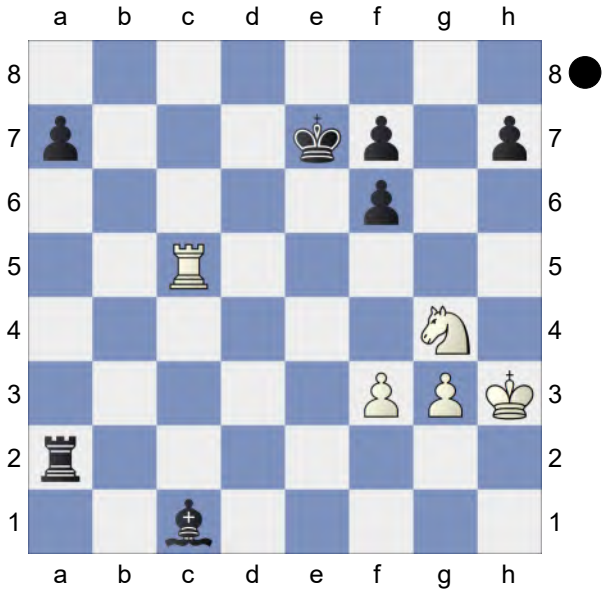
32.Ng4 Sagar,Shah, MH: ' ∓' **32...Bc1** -1.32/25

[32...Bd2 -1.78/25 Sagar,Shah, MH: '-+' 'This seemed logical because now d5 is not possible, but I think Praggnanandhaa was afraid of Rb1.' Sagar,Shah, MH: ' Threatens to win with ...h7-h5!' This seemed logical because now d5 is not possible, but I think Praggnanandhaa was afraid of ♖b1. 33.Rb1 Ba5 *(33...Rxa2* Sagar,Shah, MH *34.Rb7+ Kf8 35.Nxf6=)* 34.Rb7+ -2.73/25 *(34.Ne3∓* -1.55/22 Sagar,Shah, MH *Rc3 35.Rb7+ Rc7 36.Rb3)* 34...Rc7-+ Sagar,Shah, MH: 'with excellent winning chances.' with excellent winning chances.]

33.d5! Sagar,Shah, MH: 'I think Wesley might have heaved a sigh of relief after making this move. Although Black is clearly doing really well, after this move White's pieces start to get some activity. ' I think Wesley might have heaved a sigh of relief after making this move. Although Black is clearly doing really well, after this move White's pieces start to get some activity. **33...exd5?!**

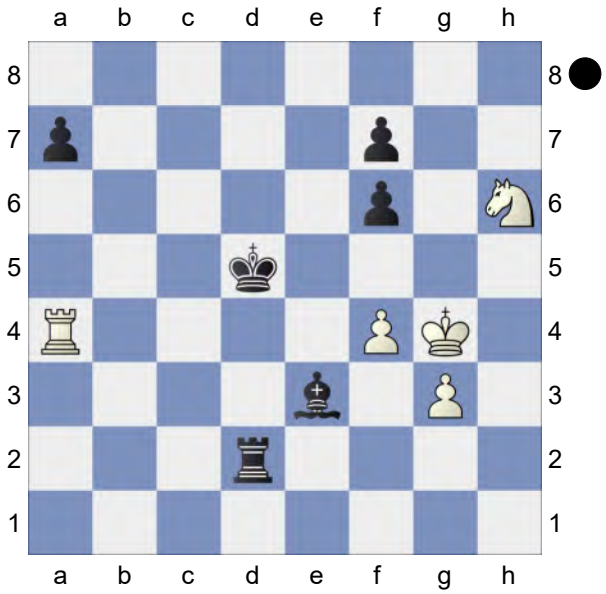
[33...Ba3!∓ Sagar,Shah, MH: 'would have kept control.' would have kept control.]

34.Rxd5 Rxa2 35.Rc5 Sagar,Shah, MH: '



' **35...h5** -0.01/25
[35...Bg5 36.f4⇄]
[35...Bd2 36.Rc7+ Kd6 37.Rxf7 h5 38.Nf2 Ke6 39.Rh7∓]
36.Rxh5 -0.80/23
[36.Rxc1 -0.01/25 Sagar,Shah, MH: '=' ' Rc1-e1+ would now be deadly.' Sagar,Shah, MH: ' remains equal.' hxg4+ 37.Kxg4 Sagar,Shah, MH: 'was perhaps the easier way to draw.' was perhaps the easier way to draw.]
36...Bb2 37.Rc5 Bd4 38.Rc4 Rd2 39.Nh6 Ke6 Sagar,Shah, MH: ' Against Nh6-f5' **40.Kg4 Kd5** -0.13/22
[Better is 40...a5∓ -0.89/23 Sagar,Shah, MH]
41.Ra4 -1.54/23
[41.Rc7!= -0.13/22 (Sagar,Shah, MH) keeps the balance.]
41...Be3 -0.38/24
[41...Kc6∓ -1.54/23 Sagar,Shah, MH 42.Nf5 Bb6]
42.f4 -0.84/24 Sagar,Shah, MH: '
[42.Nxf7 -9.71/24 Sagar,Shah, MH: '?' Sagar,Shah, MH: '42.Kg4-f5 -0.35' Rd4+! 43.Rxd4+ Bxd4-+]
[42.Kf5!∓ -0.38/24 (Sagar,Shah, MH) might be stronger.]

(Diagram)

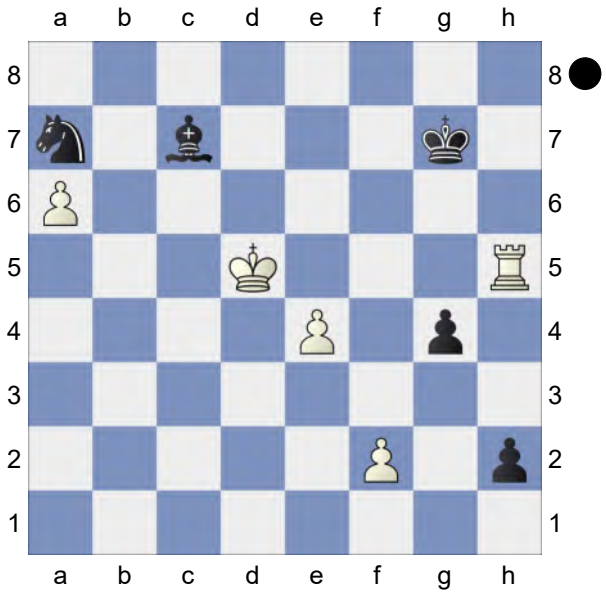


' **42...Bb6** -0.08/21
[Black should play 42...Kc6!∓ -0.84/24 (Sagar,Shah, MH) Strongly threatening ...Kc6-b5. 43.Nxf7 Kb5]
43.Kf5 Sagar,Shah, MH: '=' **43...Rd3 44.g4 Rd4 45.Ra6 Bc7 46.Kxf6** Sagar,Shah, MH: ' aiming for f4-f5.' **46...Rxf4+ 47.Kg7 Bb6 48.g5** Sagar,Shah, MH: '!' **48...Ke6 49.Ra2 Rf3 50.Re2+ Re3 51.Rg2 Rf3 52.Re2+ Re3 53.Rg2 Rf3** Sagar,Shah, MH: 'A fighting draw, one where Pragg played really well and should have won the game. But Wesley hung on and was rewarded with the half point. White happily takes the draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.30/Black=0.26 (precise) ' A fighting draw, one where Pragg played really well and should have won the game. But Wesley hung on and was rewarded with the half point.
½-½

136 **D00**
□ **Sudgen,J N** **2780**
■ **Ronneland,D** **2529**
(ol) 55/626 Manila (1.1) 07.07.2018
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines Sagar, Shah: 'Sagar,Shah, MH: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines '' Kitty Kat: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack' **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 Bf5 4.Nb5**
[4.e3 e6 5.Bd3 Bxd3 6.cxd3 Bd6 7.Bg5 Nbd7 8.Nf3 c6 9.e4 Be7 10.0-0 Nh5 11.Be3 0-0 12.Re1 Qc7 13.e5 a6 14.g4 f5 15.gxh5 f4 16.Bd2 Qd8 17.Kh1 Qe8 18.h6 g5 1-0 Dom Perignon (2738)-Mmsanchezchess (2678) Blitz 2024]
4...Na6 5.e3 e6 6.c4
[6.Nf3 Be7 7.Ne5 0-0 8.g4 Bg6 9.h4 h5 10.Nxg6 fxg6 11.g5 Nd7 12.c4 c5 13.cxd5 cxd4 14.Qxd4 e5 15.Bxe5 Nxe5 16.Qxe5 Bb4+ 17.Nc3 Rc8 18.Bd3 Re8 19.Qd4 Qd6 20.Ke2 Bxc3 1-0 Wallywally (2754)-No Signs Of,V (2582) Blitz 2024]
6...Be7N
[6...c6 7.Nc3 Nb4 8.Rc1 Qa5 9.Qd2 dxc4 10.Bxc4 Nbd5 11.Be5 Nxc3 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.bxc3 Rg8 14.g3 Ba3 15.Rd1 Rd8 16.f3 b5 17.Bd3 b4 18.Bxf5 bxc3 19.Qc2 Rb8 20.Be4 Rb2 21.Bxc6+ ½-½ So,W (2780)-Praggnanandhaa,R (2529) Leon 31st 2018 (1.3) Ke7 22.Qa4 Qxa4 23.Bxa4 c2 24.Bxc2 Rxc2 25.Nh3 Bb4+ 26.Kf1 Rgc8 27.Rg1 Rxh2 28.Nf2 Rc2 29.Rg2 Rxg2 30.Kxg2 Bd2 31.Kh3 Bxe3 32.Ng4 Bc1 33.d5 exd5 34.Rxd5 Rxa2 35.Rc5 h5 36.Rxh5 ½-½ Sudgen,J (2780)-Ronneland,D (2529) (ol) 55/626 Manila 1992 (1.3)]
7.a3 0-0 8.c5 The position is equal.
8...Ne8 0.71/18
[8...c6= 0.12/18 9.Nc3 Nb8]
9.b4 c6 10.Nc3 Nb8 11.g4 Bg6 12.Nf3 Nf6 13.Ne5 Nfd7 14.Nxg6 fxg6 1.34/18
[⌓14...hxg6 0.83/19 15.Bg2 f5]
15.Bg3 g5 16.Bd3 Bf6 17.h4 0.84/19
[⌓17.Qb3 1.60/17]
17...gxh4± 18.Bd6 e5? 2.35/20
19.g5+- Bxg5 20.Qh5 1.06/20
[20.dxe5+- 2.36/19 Qe8 21.f4]
20...e4± 21.Nxe4 -0.26/21
[21.f4!± 0.68/20 Bf6 22.Bc2]
21...dxe4= 22.Bc4+ A strong pair of Bishops. **22...Kh8 23.Bxf8 g6** Really sharp! **24.Qg4 Nxf8 25.Qxe4 Qe7** 0.43/19
[25...Nbd7∓ -0.63/18]
26.Qxe7± Bxe7 27.Ke2 g5 28.Rab1 a6 29.d5 -0.77/19
[29.a4= -0.26/18 remains equal.]
29...cxd5 30.Bxd5 Nc6 31.Rhd1 Rb8 0.28/20
[31...Kg7∓ -0.96/18 32.a4 Kh6]
32.Be4 -0.55/18
[32.b5= 0.28/20 axb5 33.Rxb5]
32...Kg7 0.39/18
[32...Rc8∓ -0.55/18]
33.b5! axb5 34.Rxb5 Na7 35.Rxb7 Rxb7 36.Bxb7 Bxc5 37.a4 Against Na7-b5 **37...Kf6 38.Be4** White has compensation. **38...h6 39.Rd5 Ne6 40.Rf5+ Ke7 41.Bd5 Bd6 42.a5 h3 43.Kf3** 0.01/20
[43.Kf1± 0.52/21]
43...h5? 1.62/21
[43...Nc7= 0.01/20 and Black is okay.]
44.Bxe6+- Endgame KRB-KBN **44...g4+**

45.Ke4 0.24/26
[Better is 45.Ke2± 1.38/23 and Be6-d5 should not be overlooked Kxe6 46.Rxh5]
45...Kxe6 46.Rxh5 h2 47.Rh6+ Ke7 0.36/23
[47...Kd7= 0.00/26]
48.Kd5 Bc7 49.a6 Kf7 50.e4 -0.01/29
[50.Ke4± 0.61/24]
50...Kg7= 51.Rh5 -5.25/27
[51.Rh4!= -0.01/25 Kf6 52.e5+ Bxe5 53.Ke4]



51...Kg6!-+ 52.Rh8

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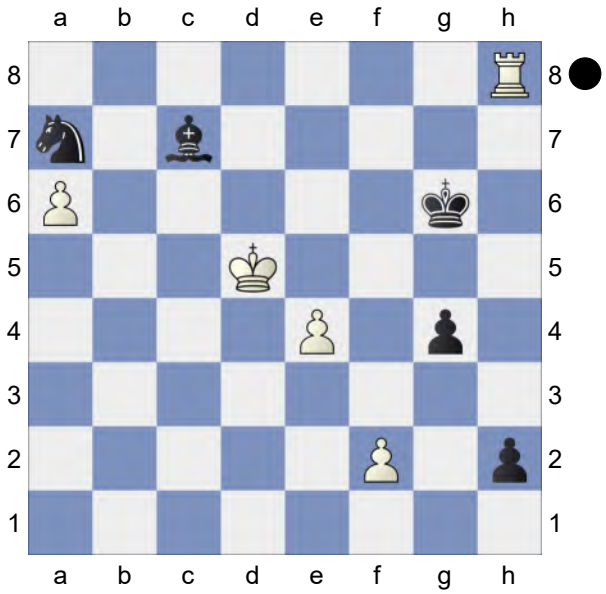

Kf6 -0.01/25
[52...Bf4!-+ -4.75/26 53.Rh4 Kg5]
53.Kc5? -4.94/23
[53.e5+= -0.01/25 Bxe5 54.Ke4]
53...Kg5 54.Kd4? -5.05/22
[54.Kd5 -3.05/19 was the only chance. g3 55.fxg3 Bxg3 56.Ke6]
54...Bb6+? 0.01/23
[54...g3-+ -5.05/22 55.fxg3 Bxg3 56.Rg8+ Kh5 57.Rh8+ Kg4 58.Rxh2 Bxh2]
55.Kd5 Bxf2 56.Rxh2 g3 57.Rh8 Nb5 58.Rg8+ Kf4 aiming for ...Nb5-c7+.
59.Rf8+ Ke3 60.e5 g2 61.Rg8 Kf3
[61...g1B? 62.e6+-]
62.Kc6? -11.28/23
[62.Rxg2= 0.00/23 Kxg2 63.e6]
62...Bg3 -5.45/19
[62...g1R 63.Rxg1 *(63.Rf8+ Ke4∓)* 63...Na7+ 64.Kd7 Bxg1 65.e6=]
[62...g1Q 63.Rxg1 Na7+ 64.Kb7 Bxg1 65.e6=]
[⌓62...Na7+ -11.28/23 63.Kb7 Bg3 *(63...g1R 64.Rxg1 Bxg1 65.e6=; 63...g1B? 64.e6+-)* 64.Rf8+ Ke2 *(64...Ke4 65.e6=)*]
63.e6 g1Q (→ ...Nb5-a7+)
[63...g1R 64.Kxb5 Rb1+ 65.Kc4

Rc1+ 66.Kd3+-]
[Stronger than 63...Nd4+ 64.Kd7 Nb5 *(64...g1R? loses. 65.e7+-; 64...g1Q 65.a7=)* 65.a7 *(65.Rf8+ Ke2∓)* 65...Nxa7 *(65...g1R? 66.a8Q+ Ke3 67.Qd5+-)* 66.Rxg3+ Kxg3 67.e7=]

64.e7 Nc7 Both players deserved the win here. Weighted Error Value: White=0.63/Black=0.52

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137 **D00**
□ **So,Wesley** **2780**
■ **Praggnanandhaa,Rameshbabu**
Leon 31st (1.1) 07.07.2018
[Sagar,Shah]

Sagar,Shah, MH: 'It was the first time that Praggnanandhaa was facing a world class GM in a serious rapid game. Pragg had just become a GM 15 days ago at the age of 12 years 10 months and 13 days. So the pressure of achieving that title was off his shoulders. But at the same time I think this was another pressure situation because people wanted to know how would he fare against one of the best rapid players in the business. That being said, even Wesley So would have faced the pressure because he was up against such a young boy, who was not even a teenager. Full credit to organisers in Leon for organizing this exciting four game rapid match with a time control of 20 minutes + 10 seconds increment per move. D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines ' It was the first time that Praggnanandhaa was facing a world class GM in a serious rapid game. Pragg had just become a GM 15 days ago at the age of 12 years 10 months and 13 days. So the pressure of achieving that title was off his shoulders. But at the same time I think this was another pressure situation because people wanted to know how would he fare against one of the best rapid players in the business. That being said, even Wesley So would have faced the pressure because he was up against such a young boy, who was not even a teenager. Full credit to organisers in Leon for organizing this exciting four game rapid match with a time control of 20 minutes + 10 seconds increment per move. **1.d4** Monko Monko Monko Sagar, Shah, MH **1...Nf6 2.Nc3** Sagar,Shah, MH: 'Wesley just wants to play something original and not check Pragg's opening preparation.' Wesley just wants to play something original and not check Pragg's opening preparation. Wesley just wants to play something original and not check Pragg's opening preparation. **2...d5**

Sagar,Shah, MH: 'N' Monko: 'N' 'N' 'N'
[2...c5 Sagar,Shah, MH 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*; 5.Bg5* Monko *Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* 1-0 Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 2013*; 5.Bb5+* Monko *Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7* 0-1 Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig,F (1863) Rheinhessen-ch H1 op 1997 (2) *)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) Monko: '1-0 Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) V0048 www.desc-online.de 2000 (7)' *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston Monko: 'Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston']

3.Bf4 Sagar,Shah, MH: 'Baadur Jobava can be credited with popularising this opening, but now it has been used by just about every top player in elite chess. ' Baadur Jobava can be credited with popularising this opening, but now it has been used by just about every top player in elite chess. Baadur Jobava can be credited with popularising this opening, but now it has been used by just about every top player in elite chess. **3...Bf5 4.Nb5** Sagar,Shah, MH: 'With this move White frees his c-pawn to advance to c4 at an appropriate moment.' With this move White frees his c-pawn to advance to c4 at an appropriate moment. With this move White frees his c-pawn to advance to c4 at an appropriate moment. **4...Na6 5.e3 e6**
[5...c6 6.Nc3 Sagar,Shah, MH: 'is also possible, and now Black has to decide whether he wants to allow the doubling on his pawns on a6 or just wants to move his knight to c7.' is also possible, and now Black has to decide whether he wants to allow the doubling on his pawns on a6 or just wants to move his knight to c7. is also possible, and now Black has to decide whether he wants to allow the doubling on his pawns on a6 or just wants to move his knight to c7.]

6.c4 -0.45/19
[6.a3= 0.00/19 Sagar,Shah, MH]

6...Be7 0.19/20
[Sagar,Shah, MH: 'In the third rapid

game of the match, Pragg improved with ...c6.' In the third rapid game of the match, Pragg improved with ...c6. 6...c6 7.Nc3 Nb4 8.Rc1 Sagar,Shah, MH: ' Against Nb4-c2+' Qa5 Sagar,Shah, MH: 'Wesley So - Praggnanandhaa, game 3, Leon Match 2018.' Wesley So - Praggnanandhaa, game 3, Leon Match 2018. Wesley So - Praggnanandhaa, game 3, Leon Match 2018.]

[6...dxc4∓ -0.45/19 Sagar,Shah, MH Monko: 'might be stronger.' 7.Bxc4 c6]

7.a3 0-0 8.c5 Sagar,Shah, MH: 'This seemed like an ambitious move by Wesley, but he is asking Pragg that if you think this is overextending and I am neglecting my development, then try to punish! It's true, there is no easy way for Black to punish White for the liberties he has taken. The position is equal.' This seemed like an ambitious move by Wesley, but he is asking Pragg that if you think this is overextending and I am neglecting my development, then try to punish! It's true, there is no easy way for Black to punish White for the liberties he has taken. This seemed like an ambitious move by Wesley, but he is asking Pragg that if you think this is overextending and I am neglecting my development, then try to punish! It's true, there is no easy way for Black to punish White for the liberties he has taken. **8...Ne8** 0.63/21 Sagar,Shah, MH: 'This was a tad too passive.' This was a tad too passive.

[8...c6 0.01/21 Sagar,Shah, MH: '=' Monko: '=' '=' '=' Monko: 'should be considered.' 9.Nd6 *(9.Nc3 Nb8* Sagar,Shah, MH: 'and Black has a superior position to what happened in the game because he hasn't lost time with ....Ne8.' and Black has a superior position to what happened in the game because he hasn't lost time with .... ♘e8. and Black has a superior position to what happened in the game because he hasn't lost time with .... ♘e8. *)* 9...Bxd6! 10.Bxd6 *(10.cxd6 Ne4∓)* 10...Ne4! Sagar,Shah, MH: ' Hoping for ...Qd8-a5+.' 11.Bxf8 -3.08/23 Sagar,Shah, MH: '?' *(11.Bxa6!∓* -0.38/21 Sagar,Shah, MH *Nxd6 12.Bf1)* 11...Qa5+ Sagar,Shah, MH: '-+!' 12.Ke2 Sagar,Shah, MH: ' And now f2-f3! would win.' *(12.b4* -5.44/21 Sagar,Shah, MH: '?' Sagar,Shah, MH: '12.Ke1-e2 -2.47' *Nxb4 13.axb4 Qxb4+ 14.Ke2 Qb2+ 15.Kf3 Qxf2#)* 12...Qb5+ 13.Ke1 -4.04/26 Sagar,Shah, MH: '?' *(13.Kf3* -2.39/23 Sagar,Shah, MH *Qxb2 14.Qe1)* 13...Qxb2-+]

9.b4 c6 10.Nc3 Nb8 Sagar,Shah, MH: 'Pragg realizes that he has to play ...Nd7 and try for a ...e5 break, but this looks a bit too slow.' Pragg realizes that he has to play ... ♘d7 and try for a ...e5 break, but this looks a bit too slow. Pragg realizes that he has to play ... ♘d7 and try for a ...e5 break, but this looks a bit too slow. **11.g4!** Sagar,Shah, MH: 'I must say that this was an ambitious choice by Wesley.' I must say that this was an ambitious choice by Wesley. I must say that this was an ambitious choice by Wesley.

[11.Nf3 Nd7 12.Be2± Sagar,Shah, MH: 'And I felt that White had a risk free edge because ...e5 for Black is not so easy to engineer and meanwhile White has good control of

the position.' And I felt that White had a risk free edge because ...e5 for Black is not so easy to engineer and meanwhile White has good control of the position. And I felt that White had a risk free edge because ...e5 for Black is not so easy to engineer and meanwhile White has good control of the position.]

11...Bg6 **12.Nf3** Sagar,Shah, MH: 'Now h4 followed by h5 was a big threat.' Now h4 followed by h5 was a big threat. Now h4 followed by h5 was a big threat.

12...Nf6 Sagar,Shah, MH: 'Not seeing any real way to fight against h4-h5, Pragg gets his knight back on f6.' Not seeing any real way to fight against h4-h5, Pragg gets his knight back on f6. Not seeing any real way to fight against h4-h5, Pragg gets his knight back on f6.

[12...h5 1.21/21 Sagar,Shah, MH: '12...Nb8-d7 0.54' 13.Ne5+-]

13.Ne5 Sagar,Shah, MH: 'Wesley is not thinking about moving backwards!' Wesley is not thinking about moving backwards!

[13.g5 -0.06/21 Sagar,Shah, MH: '13. Nf3-e5 0.78' Nh5 Sagar,Shah, MH: 'Looks fine for Black.' Looks fine for Black. Looks fine for Black.]

13...Nfd7

[13...Nbd7

A) 14.h4?! -0.59/21 Sagar,Shah, MH: '14.Ne5xg6 0.88' Nxe5 15.dxe5 -1.47/22 *(15.Bxe5∓* -0.50/22 Sagar,Shah, MH *Ne4 16.Nxe4 Bxe4 17.f3 Bxh4+ 18.Kd2)* 15...Ne4 Sagar,Shah, MH: '∓' 16.Nxe4 Bxe4 Sagar,Shah, MH: 'And Black is fine here because f3 will be met with an intermediate Bxh4+' And Black is fine here because f3 will be met with an intermediate ♗xh4+ And Black is fine here because f3 will be met with an intermediate ♗xh4+ 17.f3 -1.79/21 *(17.Rg1∓* -1.34/20 (Sagar,Shah, MH) might work better. *)* 17...Bxh4+ Sagar,Shah, MH: '-+' 18.Ke2 -2.07/21 *(18.Kd2∓* -1.47/21 (Sagar,Shah, MH) was necessary. *Bg6 19.Qc1)* 18...Bg6-+ Sagar,Shah, MH: 'and now there is no h-pawn to trap the bishop.' and now there is no h-pawn to trap the bishop. and now there is no h-pawn to trap the bishop.;

B) 14.Nxg6 fxg6 1.33/19 *(⌓14...hxg6* 0.76/21 Sagar,Shah, MH *15.Bg2 a5)* 15.h4± Sagar,Shah, MH: 'White is better.' White is better.]

14.Nxg6 **fxg6!** 1.35/18

[⌓14...hxg6 0.86/22 Sagar,Shah, MH Monko: '±' '±' '±' 15.Bg2 f5]

15.Bg3 Sagar,Shah, MH: 'White's plan is now simple. Either to play h4-h5 and start an attack. Or just play f4 and clamp down on the e5 square.' White's plan is now simple. Either to play h4-h5 and start an attack. Or just play f4 and clamp down on the e5 square. White's plan is now simple. Either to play h4-h5 and start an attack. Or just play f4 and clamp down on the e5 square. **15...g5** 1.66/19 Sagar,Shah, MH: 'Pragg stops both f4 and h4 with this move.' Pragg stops both f4 and h4 with this move. Pragg stops both f4 and h4 with this move.

[15...Bh4± 1.17/20 Sagar,Shah, MH]

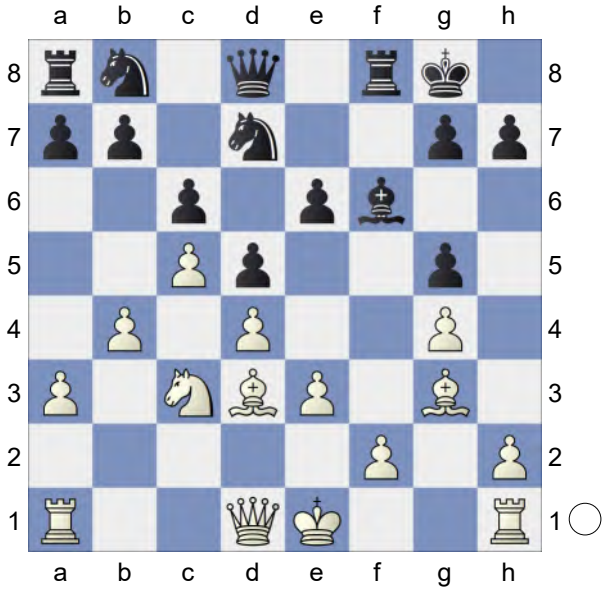
[⌓15...a5 0.76/20 Monko]

16.Bd3

[16.f4 0.34/21 Sagar,Shah, MH: '16. Bf1-g2 1.73 Trying to clamp the e5 square would not be so great as after' Trying to clamp the e5 square would

not be so great as after Trying to clamp the e5 square would not be so great as after gxf4 17.exf4 g5! Sagar,Shah, MH: 'Black gets some good counterplay.' Black gets some good counterplay.]

16...Bf6 Sagar,Shah, MH: '



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[17.Qb3 Kh8 *(17...e5 18.Nxd5+-)* 18.Rd1 e5 19.Nxd5 cxd5 20.Qxd5 was a much more accurate way to play. was a much more accurate way to play. Nc6 21.Bf5±]

17...gxh4 Sagar,Shah, MH: '±' Monko: '⩲' '⩲' '⩲' **18.Bd6** 0.47/19

[18.g5± 0.84/20 Sagar,Shah, MH Monko: '!?' '!?' '!?' Bxg5 19.Qh5 Monko: '=' '=' '=']

18...e5! 2.41/22 Sagar,Shah, MH: 'I am not sure how this move fares theoretically. But I think practically it is a great decision. Black gives up an exchange to finally get the break that he was aiming for right from the opening.' I am not sure how this move fares theoretically. But I think practically it is a great decision. Black gives up an exchange to finally get the break that he was aiming for right from the opening. I am not sure how this move fares theoretically. But I think practically it is a great decision. Black gives up an exchange to finally get the break that he was aiming for right from the opening. **19.g5!** Sagar,Shah, MH: '+-!' Sagar,Shah, MH: 'Wesley is alert and spots his chance.' Monko: ' ±' '±' '±' Wesley is alert and spots his chance.

[19.Bxf8 Qxf8⩱ Sagar,Shah, MH: 'seems like decent compensation.' seems like decent compensation.]

19...Bxg5 20.Qh5? 0.41/21 Sagar,Shah, MH: 'With this move So gives up all his advantage in the position.' With this move So gives up all his advantage in the position. With this move So gives up all his advantage in the position.

[20.dxe5!+- 2.26/21 Sagar,Shah, MH: '+-' 'After this Black is left struggling because Qh5 is still a threat, so is f4 and the rook is still hanging on f8:' Sagar,Shah, MH: ' Strongly threatening Qd1-h5!' After this Black is left struggling because ♕h5 is still a threat, so is f4 and the rook is still hanging on f8: Monko: '+-' '+-' '+-' Monko: 'Black must now prevent Qh5!' After this Black is left struggling

because ♕h5 is still a threat, so is f4 and the rook is still hanging on f8: Re8 3.71/20 *(⌓20...g6* 2.40/20 Sagar,Shah, MH *21.f4 Nxe5 22.Bxe5* Sagar,Shah, MH*; 20...Nxe5* Monko *21.Bxe5)* 21.Qh5 Sagar,Shah, MH: '+-' g6 11.23/24 Sagar,Shah, MH: '?' *(21...Nf8* 3.65/19 Sagar,Shah, MH *22.Bxf8 Kxf8)* 22.Bxg6 Sagar,Shah, MH: '+-' hxg6 23.Qxg6+ Kh8 24.Qh5+ Kg8 25.Rg1+-]

20...e4 Sagar,Shah, MH: '±' Monko: '=' '=' '=' **21.Nxe4** -0.65/21

[21.f4!? 0.37/22 Sagar,Shah, MH: '±' Monko: '=' '=' '=' Bf6∞ Sagar,Shah, MH: ' ∞!' *(21...exd3* Sagar,Shah, MH *22.fxg5 Qe8 23.Qxe8±* Pin *)* 22.Bc2 Sagar,Shah, MH]

21...dxe4 Sagar,Shah, MH: '∓' Monko: '∓' '∓ ' ' ∓ ' **22.Bc4+** Sagar,Shah, MH: ' This pair of bishops is nice.'

[22.Bxe4 -2.84/20 Sagar,Shah, MH: '?' Sagar,Shah, MH: '22.Bd3-c4+ -0.43' Nf6 23.Qxg5 Nxe4-+]

22...Kh8 23.Bxf8 Sagar,Shah, MH: 'And here perhaps Wesley was thinking that Pragg would take on f8 with the knight and that he could go Qf7, but the little boy surprised him with a nice intermezzo. ' And here perhaps Wesley was thinking that Pragg would take on f8 with the knight and that he could go ♕f7, but the little boy surprised him with a nice intermezzo. Monko: '

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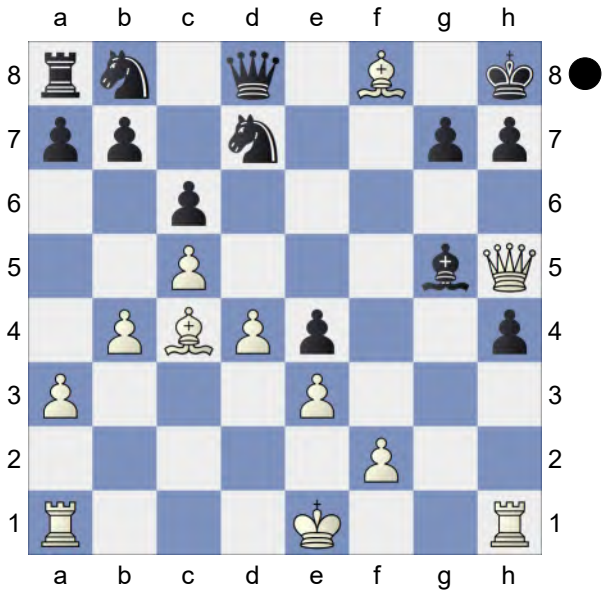


' And here perhaps Wesley was thinking that Pragg would take on f8 with the knight and that he could go ♕f7, but the little boy surprised him with a nice intermezzo. **23...g6!?** Sagar,Shah, MH: ' The board is on fire.'

[23...Nxf8 0.01/22 Sagar,Shah, MH: '23...g7-g6 -0.39' 24.Qf7 Nfd7∞ Sagar,Shah, MH: ' ∞!' Sagar,Shah, MH: 'and although Black is clumsily placed with his knights jumping on each other's toes, it is still a fine position for Black.' and although Black is clumsily placed with his knights jumping on each other's toes, it is still a fine position for Black. and although Black is clumsily placed with his knights jumping on each other's toes, it is still a fine position for Black. *(24...Ng6* 0.87/21 Sagar,Shah, MH: '24...Nf8-d7 0.00' *25.Qxb7±)* 25.Rg1= Sagar,Shah, MH]

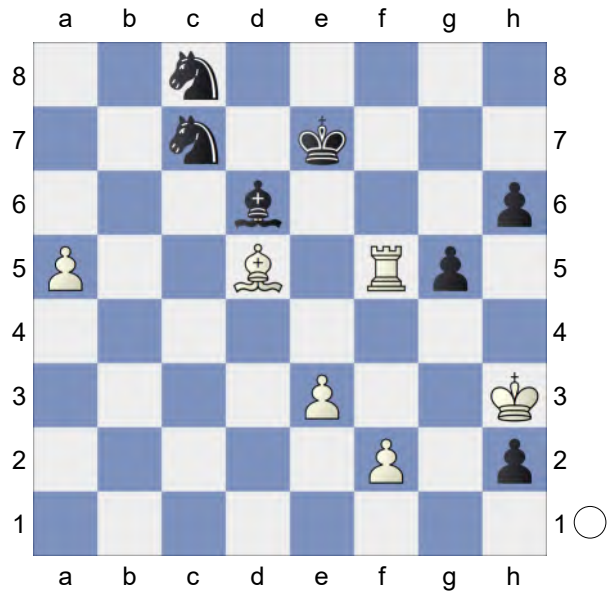
24.Qg4 Nxf8 25.Qxe4 Qe7 0.19/20

[25...Nbd7∓ -0.58/20 Sagar,Shah, MH Monko: '∓' '∓' '∓']

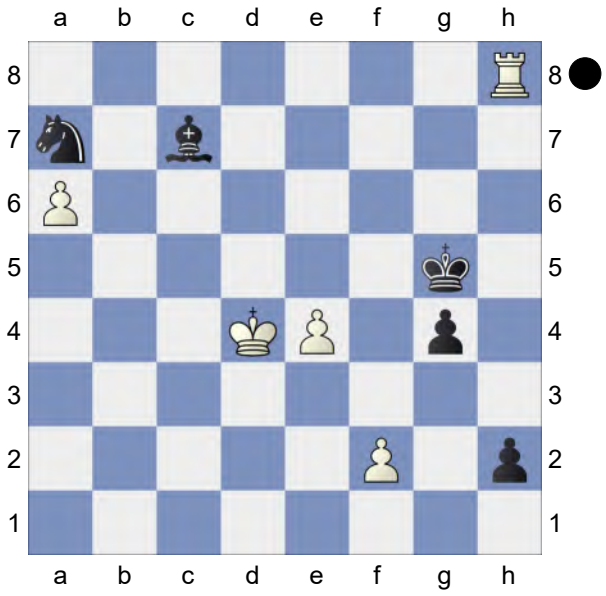
26.Qxe7 Sagar,Shah, MH: '=' Monko: '∓' '∓ ' ' ∓ ' **26...Bxe7** Sagar,Shah, MH: 'somewhere around this point I started

to feel that the game might end in a draw. The main reason being that materially Black is doing really well. On the other hand White's coordination is good so he might be able to recover a pawn or two until Black fully develops.' somewhere around this point I started to feel that the game might end in a draw. The main reason being that materially Black is doing really well. On the other hand White's coordination is good so he might be able to recover a pawn or two until Black fully develops. somewhere around this point I started to feel that the game might end in a draw. The main reason being that materially Black is doing really well. On the other hand White's coordination is good so he might be able to recover a pawn or two until Black fully develops. **27.Ke2** -0.95/19
[27.a4∓ -0.58/21 Monko]
27...g5 28.Rab1 -1.22/19
[White should try 28.a4∓ -0.64/18 Monko]
28...a6 Monko: '∓' '∓' '∓' **29.d5** -0.85/20
[29.a4!= -0.12/20 (Sagar,Shah, MH) remains equal.]
29...cxd5 -0.48/22
[29...Nbd7∓ -0.85/20 Sagar,Shah, MH 30.d6 Bf6]
30.Bxd5 Sagar,Shah, MH: ' ∓' **30...Nc6**
31.Rhd1 -0.93/21
[31.a4∓ -0.57/19 Sagar,Shah, MH]
31...Rb8?! 0.25/20
[31...Kg7= -0.93/21 Sagar,Shah, MH: '∓' Monko: ' ∓' '∓' '∓' Monko: '...g4 would now be deadly.' 32.a4 Sagar,Shah, MH *(32.Be4* Monko *h5)* 32...Rc8]
32.Be4 -0.38/20
[32.b5!= 0.25/20 Sagar,Shah, MH Monko: '∓' '∓' '∓' axb5 33.Rxb5]
32...Kg7 0.42/20
[32...Rc8∓ -0.38/20 Sagar,Shah, MH]
[32...Nd8∓ -0.99/19 Monko]
33.b5 Sagar,Shah, MH: '±!' Monko: '=!' '=!' '=!' **33...axb5 34.Rxb5 Na7 35.Rxb7 Rxb7 36.Bxb7 Bxc5** Sagar,Shah, MH: 'The a-pawn is scary, but Pragg does well to get all his pieces working together. Judging by the fact that he had just 10 seconds left on his clock, it was a great feat by young Pragg. ' The a-pawn is scary, but Pragg does well to get all his pieces working together. Judging by the fact that he had just 10 seconds left on his clock, it was a great feat by young Pragg. The a-pawn is scary, but Pragg does well to get all his pieces working together. Judging by the fact that he had just 10 seconds left on his clock, it was a great feat by young Pragg. **37.a4** Sagar,Shah, MH: ' Inhibits Na7-b5.' Monko: 'Dodges Nb5' **37...Kf6 38.Be4** Sagar,Shah, MH: ' White has compensation.' **38...h6 39.Rd5 Ne6 40.Rf5+ Ke7 41.Bd5** Monko: 'Threatens to win with Bxe6.' **41...Bd6 42.a5 h3 43.Kf3** 0.16/24
[43.Kf1!± 0.56/24 Sagar,Shah, MH]
43...h5?! 1.28/22 Sagar,Shah, MH: 'Perhaps it became a bit too much for Pragg to just wait around. White was threatening to get his king to the kingside with Kg4 and so on and hence Pragg went for something more concrete. ' Perhaps it became a bit too much for Pragg to just wait around. White was threatening to get his king to the kingside with ♔g4 and so on and hence Pragg went for something more concrete. Perhaps it became a bit too much for Pragg to just wait around. White was threatening to get his king to the kingside with ♔g4 and so on and hence Pragg went for something more

concrete.
[43...Nc8= 44.Kg4 h2 45.Kh3 Nc7 0.72/24 Sagar,Shah, MH: ' *(45...Bb4=* 0.26/23 (Sagar,Shah, MH) should be considered. *)*



' 46.Kg2 Sagar,Shah, MH: '±!' Sagar, Shah, MH: ' Rf5-f7+ would now be deadly.' Nxd5 47.Rxd5 Kd7=]
[43...Nc7= 0.16/24 Sagar,Shah, MH]
44.Bxe6 Sagar,Shah, MH: '±' Sagar, Shah, MH: 'Endgame. KRB-KBN' Monko: '±' '±' '±' Monko: 'Endgame. KRB-KBN'
44...g4+ 45.Ke4 0.01/27
[White should try Monko: 'White should play' 45.Ke2± 1.43/25 (Sagar,Shah, MH) Black must now prevent Be6-d5. Kxe6 46.Rxh5]
45...Kxe6 46.Rxh5 h2 Sagar,Shah, MH: '!' Sagar,Shah, MH: 'The h-pawn now forces the rook to stay passive.' The h-pawn now forces the rook to stay passive. **47.Rh6+ Ke7** 0.46/25
[47...Kd7!= 0.00/28 (Sagar,Shah, MH) might be stronger.]
48.Kd5 0.01/28
[48.f4± 0.46/25 (Sagar,Shah, MH) is more appropriate. gxf3 49.Kxf3]
48...Bc7 Sagar,Shah, MH: '=' **49.a6 Kf7 50.e4** -0.14/29 Sagar,Shah, MH: 'Now e5 is a threat, but Pragg has it all figured out.' Now e5 is a threat, but Pragg has it all figured out. Now e5 is a threat, but Pragg has it all figured out.
[50.Ke4± 0.61/26 Sagar,Shah, MH Monko: '=' '=' '=' Monko: 'remains equal.']
50...Kg7 -1.75/30 **51.Rh5** -5.26/25
[51.Rh4!= -0.09/27 Sagar,Shah, MH Kf6 52.e5+ Bxe5 53.Ke4]
51...Kg6 Sagar,Shah, MH: '-+' Monko: '-+' '-+' '-+' **52.Rh8** Monko: 'Strongly threatening e5.' **52...Kf6** -0.01/27 Sagar,Shah, MH: 'stopping ...e5.' stopping ...e5.
[Better is 52...Bf4-+ -5.35/26 Sagar,Shah, MH 53.Rh4 *(53.e5? Bh6-+)* 53...Kg5]
53.Kc5 -5.35/24 Sagar,Shah, MH: '?' Monko: '?' '?' '?'
[53.Rh5= -0.01/27 (Sagar,Shah, MH) and White has nothing to worry.]
[53.e5+ -1.62/24 (Monko) is more resistant. Bxe5 54.Ke4]
53...Kg5 54.Kd4 Monko: '



' **54...Bb6+!?** 0.00/26 Monko: '?' '?' '?'
[Monko: 'Better is' 54...g3! -6.07/23

Sagar,Shah, MH: '-+' 'was winning the game as after' Monko: '-+!' '-+!' '-+!' was winning the game as after 55.fxg3 Bxg3 Sagar,Shah, MH: 'The threat is ... Bh4.' The threat is ... ♗h4. The threat is ... ♗h4. 56.Rg8+ Kf4 57.Rf8+ Kg4 58.Rf1 Bf2+! 59.Kd5 Bg1-+]

55.Kd5 Sagar,Shah, MH: '=' Monko: '=' '=' '=' **55...Bxf2** Sagar,Shah, MH: 'I liked this idea of giving up the h-pawn, but putting all the money on the g-pawn instead. Of course, ...g3 was winning, but it was not easy to find it with just a few seconds left on the clock.' I liked this idea of giving up the h-pawn, but putting all the money on the g-pawn instead. Of course, ...g3 was winning, but it was not easy to find it with just a few seconds left on the clock. I liked this idea of giving up the h-pawn, but putting all the money on the g-pawn instead. Of course, ...g3 was winning, but it was not easy to find it with just a few seconds left on the clock. **56.Rxh2 g3 57.Rh8 Nb5** Sagar,Shah, MH: ' aiming for ...Nb5-c7+.' Monko: 'aiming for ...Nc7+.' **58.Rg8+ Kf4** Monko: '...Nc7+ is the strong threat.' **59.Rf8+ Ke3** Monko: 'Hoping for ...Nc7+.' **60.e5**

[60.Rg8=]

60...g2 61.Rg8 Kf3 Monko: 'And now ... Bg3 would win.'

[61...g1B Monko 62.e6 *(62.a7 Nxa7 63.e6 Nb5=)* 62...Bh4 63.Kc4+- *(63.Rxg1 Nc7+ 64.Kd6 Nxa6±)*]

62.Kc6? -15.40/24 Sagar,Shah, MH: 'A moment of temporary blindness for Wesley.' A moment of temporary blindness for Wesley.

[62.Rxg2 0.00/26 Sagar,Shah, MH: '=' 'and the game would have ended in a draw.' and the game would have ended in a draw. Monko: '=' '=' '=' and the game would have ended in a draw. Kxg2 63.e6 Nc7+ 64.Kd6 Nxa6 65.e7 Bc5+ 66.Kd7 Bxe7 67.Kxe7=]

62...Bg3! Sagar,Shah, MH: 'The g-pawn is queening and there is no one that can stop it.' The g-pawn is queening and there is no one that can stop it. Monko: '-+' '-+' '-+' Monko: 'Black is clearly winning.' The g-pawn is queening and there is no one that can stop it.

[And not 62...g1R Sagar,Shah, MH 63.Rxg1 *(63.Rf8+ Ke4=)* 63...Na7+ 64.Kd7 Bxg1 65.e6=]

63.e6 g1Q Sagar,Shah, MH: ' (→ ... Nb5-d4+)' Monko: '(→ ...Na7+)'

[63...g1R? (Sagar,Shah, MH) is the wrong capture. Monko: 'perishes.' 64.Kxb5 Rb1+ *(64...Re1* Monko *65.Rf8+ Bf4 66.a7 Re5+ 67.Kc4 Re4+ 68.Kd5 Re5+ 69.Kd6 Rf5+ 70.Ke7+-)* 65.Kc4+-]

64.e7 Nc7 Sagar,Shah, MH: 'The e-pawn is stopped and Wesley resigned. What a win for Praggnanandhaa. He fought against Wesley who was rated 2852 in the rapid rating list on equal terms and came out strong! A wild game. Weighted Error Value: White=0.69/Black=0.54' The e-pawn is stopped and Wesley resigned. What a win for Praggnanandhaa. He fought against Wesley who was rated 2852 in the rapid rating list on equal terms and came out strong! Monko: 'What a fight! Weighted Error Value: White=0.59/Black=0.31' The e-pawn is stopped and Wesley resigned. What a win for Praggnanandhaa. He fought against Wesley who was rated 2852 in the rapid rating list on equal terms and came out strong!

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□ **Erigaisi,Arjun Kumar** **2777**
■ **Levitskiy,Andrey** **2274**
Titled Tue 4th Mar Early blitz (3) 4.3.25
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines Richard Palliser,MH: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines ' **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 b5 5.h4 h5 6.Nf3 e6 7.Bd3 Bb7 8.Ne2** The position is equal. **8...Nbd7 9.c3 c5 10.Ng5 Qb6 11.a4 c4 12.Bc2 Bd6 13.Rh3N** 0.00/15
[13.Bxd6± 0.31/16 Qxd6 14.axb5]
[13.0-0 Ne4 14.Bxe4 dxe4 15.Ng3 Be7 16.Qc2 Qc6 17.Qxe4 Nb6 18.axb5 axb5 19.Qxc6+ Bxc6 20.e4 0-0 21.Nxh5 Bxg5 22.hxg5 Bxe4 23.Be5 Rxa1 24.Rxa1 Ra8 25.Rxa8+ Bxa8 26.Bd6 Kh7 27.Nf4 Be4 Erigaisi,A (2722)-Carlsen,M (2859) World Rapid Championship, Almaty 2022 [Richard Palliser] ½-½ (44)]
13...Qc7 14.Kf1 Ne4 0.63/18
[14...Bc6= 0.16/15 was preferrable.]
15.Nxe4± dxe4 16.Rg3! g6 17.Rg5 0-0 18.Bxd6
[18.axb5 axb5 19.Bxd6 *(19.Rxb5 Bc6±)* 19...Qxd6±]
18...Qxd6 19.Ng3 aiming for Qxh5.
19...Nf6

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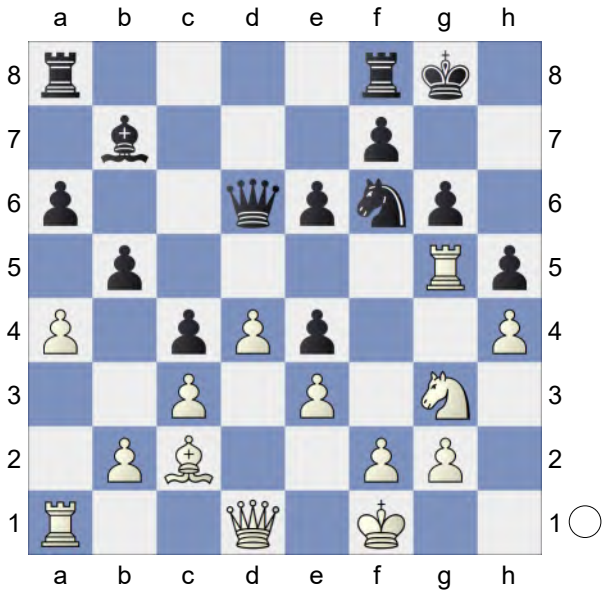

20.Nxh5! Nxh5
[20...Nh7 21.Rg3]
21.Qxh5 Qh2 22.Ke2 Kg7 1.80/20
[22...bxa4± 1.14/19 was necessary. 23.Qg4 *(23.Rxa4 Bd5±; 23.Bxa4 Rab8±)* 23...Rab8]
23.Qg4+-
[23.axb5 Rh8 24.Qg4 Rxh4=]
23...Rh8 24.axb5? -0.82/22
[24.Bxe4± 1.44/20 stays on course. Bxe4 25.Qxe4 bxa4 26.g3 *(26.Rxa4 Rab8±)*]
24...Rxh4∓ 25.Qg3 axb5 0.34/26
[25...Qxg3∓ -0.79/25 26.Rxg3 *(26.fxg3? Rh2∓)* 26...axb5 27.Rxa8 Bxa8]
26.Rxa8 Chess con chili. **26...Bxa8 27.Rxb5** 0.07/23
[27.Qxh2!± 0.52/24 feels stronger. Rxh2 28.Rxb5]
27...Qh1? #15/22
[27...Qxg3= 0.07/23 28.fxg3 Rh2]
28.Qe5+ f6 29.Qc7+ Kh6 30.Rb8? 1.08/23
[30.Qd8+- 17.53/22 Bd5 31.Qxf6 Rh3

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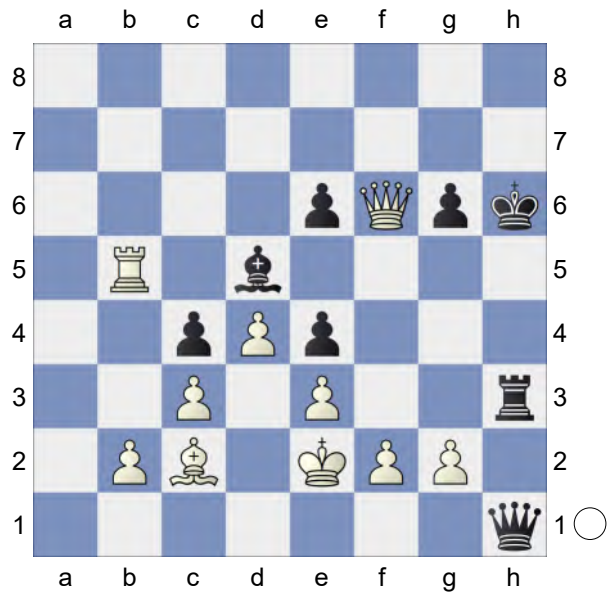

32.Bxe4! Rxe3+ 33.fxe3 Qh5+ 34.Kf2 e5 35.Rb8!]

30...Bd5? 11.27/26

[30...Qxg2± 1.08/23 31.Rh8+ *(31.Rxa8? Qf3+ 32.Kd2 Qxf2+ 33.Kc1 Rh1+ 34.Bd1 Qxe3+ 35.Kb1 Rxd1+ 36.Ka2 Qf3-+)* 31...Kg5 32.Rxh4 *(32.Rxa8? Qf3+ 33.Kd2 Qxf2+ 34.Kc1 Rh1+ 35.Bd1 Qxe3+ 36.Kb1 Qd3+ 37.Ka2 Qxd1-+)* 32...Kxh4]

31.Rh8++- Kg5 32.Qg3+ Kf5 33.Rxh4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.41/ Black=0.69

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139 **B13**

□ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2777**

■ **Ghosh,Diptayan** **2577**

Julius Baer Play In rapid (2.33) 24.07.23

[Kitty Kat]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**

[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]

3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Ne5 e6 8.g3 The position is equal. **8...Bd6 9.Bg2 0-0 10.0-0!?** A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante. **10...Qc7 11.Re1 b5**

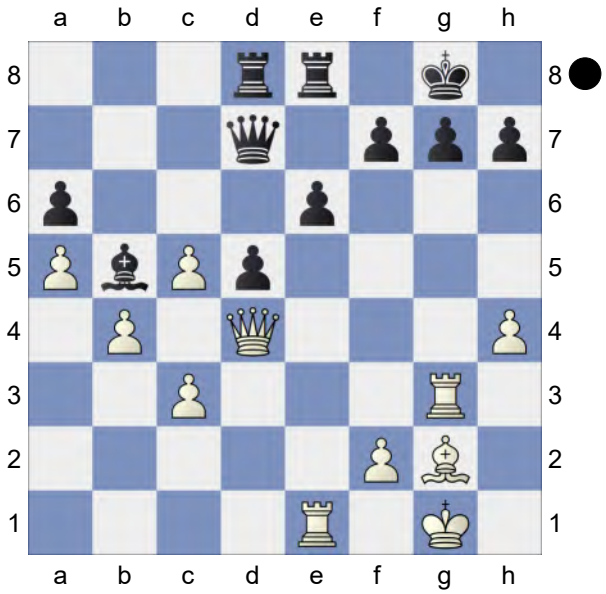
[11...Bd7 12.Nb1 h6 13.c3 Ne7 14.Nd2 Be8 15.a4 Nc6 16.Qe2 Rc8 0-1 Movsesian,S (2723)-Karjakin,S (2727) Moscow Tal Memorial Blitz 2008 (31) 17.Ng6 Bxf4 18.Nxf4]

12.a4 b4 13.Na2 Bb7 14.Nxc6 Bxc6 0.69/22

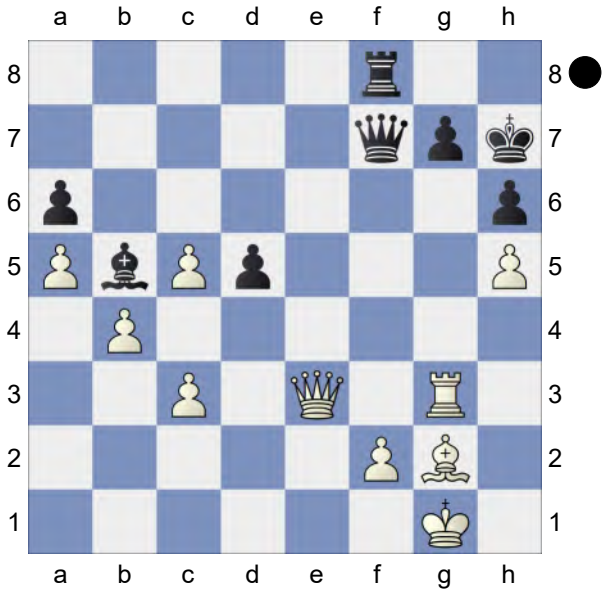
[14...Qxc6= -0.13/22 15.Bxd6 Qxd6]

15.Nxb4± **Bxf4** **16.gxf4N** **Rab8?** 3.53/20
[16...a5± 0.61/19 17.Nd3 Rab8]
17.c3? 1.16/20
[17.Nxa6+- 3.53/20 is the precise move to win. Qxf4 18.Nxb8 Qxb8 19.Qd3]
17...Bb7 **18.Nd3** **Ne4** **19.a5** **Bc6** **20.b4** -0.16/23
[20.Qc1± 1.18/20]
20...Bb5 0.81/22
[20...Nxc3= -0.16/23 21.Qc2 Bb5]
21.Nc5 0.01/23
[Better is 21.Rc1± 0.81/22]
21...Nxc5 0.84/23
[21...Nxc3= 0.01/23 22.Qf3 Ne4]
22.dxc5± Strongly threatening Qd1-d4.
22...Qxf4 **23.Qd4** 0.01/23
[23.Qh5± 0.89/22]
23...Qc7 1.24/22
[23...Qxd4!= 0.01/23 keeps the balance. 24.cxd4 Rb7]
24.Re3 White stays focused until the end. **24...Rfe8** **25.Rae1** **Rbd8** **26.h4** 1.00/22
[⌓26.f4 1.42/22]
26...Qd7 2.36/25
[26...h6± 1.00/22]
27.Rg3→

(Diagram)



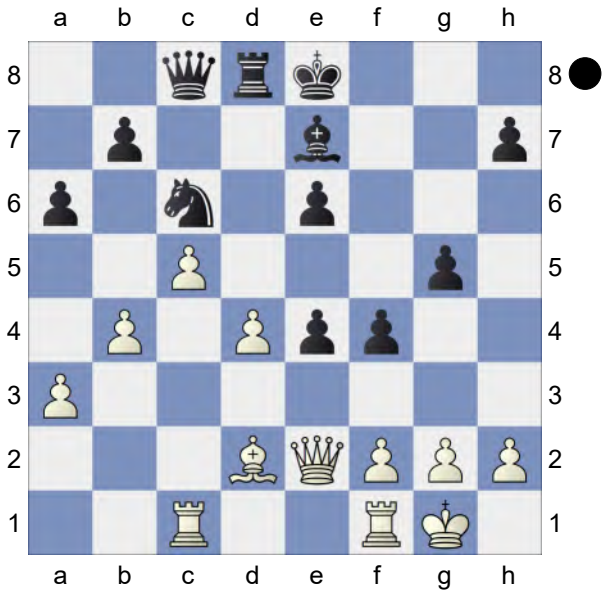
White goes for the king. **27...f6?** 3.76/22
[27...g6 2.09/22 28.h5 Qe7]
28.Qxf6 **Kh8** Black is weak on the dark squares **29.Qe5** **Qf7** **30.h5** Hoping for h5-h6. **30...h6** **31.Rg6** **Kh7** **32.Re3** **Rf8** 6.48/22
[⌓32...Re7 4.48/21 33.Rf3 *(33.Rxe6 Rxe6 34.Qxe6 Qxh5+-)* 33...Qg8]
33.Rf3
[33.Rxe6? loses. Qxf2+ 34.Kh1 Rf5-+]
33...Qd7 **34.Qxe6** **Qc7** **35.Rxf8** **Rxf8** **36.Qe3** **Qf7** **37.Rg3**



Rg3-f3 would now be deadly. **37...Qxh5 38.Bf3 Qf7 39.Kg2 Re8** 4.62/23
[⌓39...Kh8 3.15/21 40.Qd4 Bc4]
40.Qd4 Rf8? 6.75/24
[40...Rd8 3.91/21 41.Bg4 *(41.Bh5 Qe7±)* 41...Rg8]
41.Qxd5 Qf6 42.Qd4 Qf7 43.Qd5? -0.01/20
[White should try 43.Be4++- 8.71/22 Kh8 44.Rg6]
43...Qf6= 44.c4 White is clearly winning. **44...Be8 45.c6 Bf7 46.Qe4+ Kh8 47.c7 Be6 48.b5 Bf5** Repels Rg3-g6 **49.Qc6** Predecessor: **49...Qe5 50.bxa6 Bc8 51.a7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.87/Black=0.81
1-0

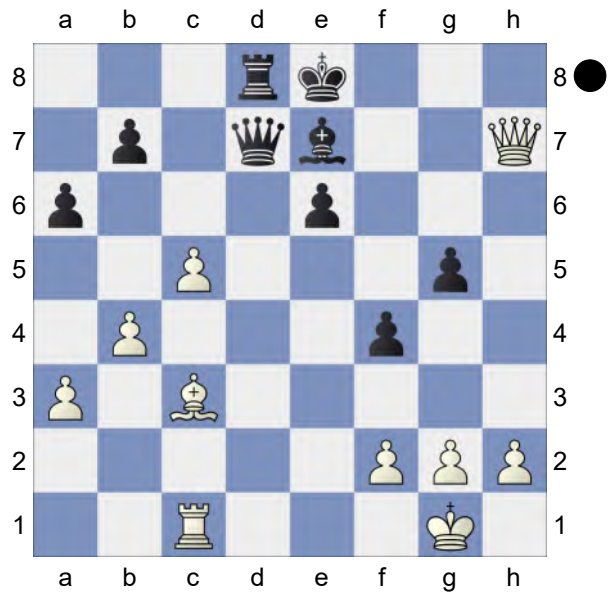
140 **A45**
□ **Erigaisi,Arjun Kumar** **2777**
■ **George,Kevin** **2288**
Titled Tue 18th Mar Late blitz (2) 18.3.25
[Kitty Kat]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack Richard Palliser,MH: 'B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack ' **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 Bg4 6.Be2**
[6.f3 Bd7 7.g4 Nc6 8.Qd2 e6 9.Bb5 Rc8 10.Nge2 a6 11.Bxc6 Bxc6 12.h4 Bb5 13.Nxb5 axb5 14.c3 Be7 15.h5 Nd7 16.a3 Nb6 17.b3 h6 18.Qd3 Qd7 19.Kf2 Qc6 20.Rhg1 Nd7 Mamedyarov,S (2747)-Harikrishna,P (2717) Aimchess Rapid 2022 [Richard Palliser] 1-0 (32)]
6...Bxe2 7.Qxe2 Nc6N
[7...a6 8.g4 Nc6 9.0-0-0 *(9.g5 Ne4 10.Nxe4 Nxd4 11.Qd3 dxe4 12.Qxe4 Qa5+ 13.c3 Nc6 14.Nf3 Rd8* 15.b3 g6 16.♗b2_21333-Vogt,F ICCF 2023 09 3... Bb4 [John Watson] *)* 9...e6 10.g5 Ng8 13.Qc2 Chess Informant 141 [Pap, Misa]]
8.Nb5! White is slightly better. **8...Rc8?** 1.84/21
[8...Kd7!= 0.28/20]
9.Nd6+!+- Kd7 10.Nxc8 Qxc8 11.Nf3 e6 12.0-0 Be7 13.Rac1 Rd8 14.c4 Ke8 15.c5 Ne4 16.a3 g5 17.Be3 f5 18.b4 a6 19.Nd2 f4 20.Nxe4 dxe4 21.Bd2



Strongly threatening Bc3. **21...Nxd4 22.Qxe4** Hoping for Bc3. **22...Nb3** 2.63/23
[⌓22...Qc6 1.74/22 23.Rce1 *(23.Qxh7 Ne2+ 24.Kh1 f3=)* 23...Qxe4 24.Rxe4 Kf7]
23.Bc3 Nxc1 24.Rxc1 Qd7 3.66/23
[24...Rd5 2.41/24 was necessary. 25.Qxh7 Kd7]
25.Re1
[Wrong is 25.Qxh7?

(Diagram)



Qd1+!! 26.Be1 Qxc1-+]

25...Qd5 26.Qxh7 f3 27.gxf3 Kd7 8.23/24

[⌓27...a5 4.36/21 28.b5 g4 29.fxg4 Bxc5]

28.Qe4? 2.94/22

[28.Bf6 8.23/24 Re8 29.Qf7]

28...Rf8 29.Kg2 a5 3.96/23

[29...Rf7 2.81/22 was worth a try. 30.Kg3 Qxe4 31.Rxe4 *(31.fxe4 Kc6+-)* 31...Bd8]

30.Re3 Threatens to win with Rd3.

30...Qxe4 31.Rxe4 axb4 32.axb4 Endgame KRB-KRB **32...Ra8 33.f4 Ra3 34.Bd4 Rb3 35.Be3 gxf4 36.Rxf4 Kc6 37.h4** Against Bg5. h5 is the strong threat. **37...e5?** 7.29/25

[37...Kb5 3.93/22 38.h5 Bg5]

38.Rg4 And now h5 would win. **38...Kb5 39.h5 Rxb4 40.Rg7 Bxc5 41.Rxb7+ Kc4 42.Rc7 Rb5 43.h6** 9.70/21

[⌓43.Rxc5+ #15/23 Rxc5 44.Bxc5 Kxc5 45.h6 Kd5 46.h7 Kd4 47.h8Q Kd5 48.Qf6]

43...Kd5 44.Rxc5+ White mates. **44...Rxc5 45.Bxc5 Kxc5 46.h7** Black got outplayed after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.30/ Black=0.87

1-0

141 **A45**

□ **Hungry Dragon** **2777**

■ **Niper13** **2642**

Blitz 14.02.2022

[Kitty Kat]

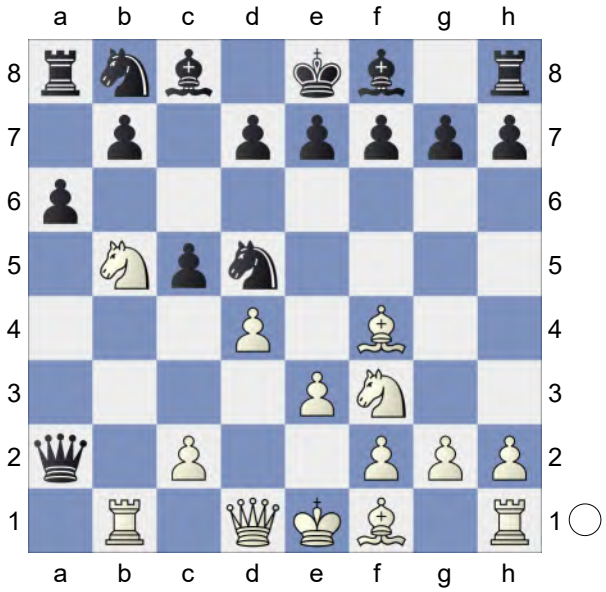
Blitz 3min A45: Trompowsky Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 c5 3.e3 Qb6 4.Nc3 Qxb2 5.Nb5 Nd5** ...Qb4+ is the strong threat. **6.Rb1 Qxa2** Threatens to win with ... Qa5+. **7.Ra1 Qb2 8.Rb1** The position is equal. **8...Qa2 9.Nf3N** -1.26/24

[9.Ra1= 0.00/23 remains equal. Qb2 10.Rb1 Qa2]

9...a6? 1.13/21

[9...Qa5+∓ -1.26/24 and life is bright. 10.Qd2 Qxd2+ 11.Kxd2 Na6]

10.Ra1!± White has strong compensation. **10...Qb2** ...Nc3 would now be deadly. **11.Rb1 Qa2**



12.Ra1!↑ Keeping Black busy. **12...Qb2**

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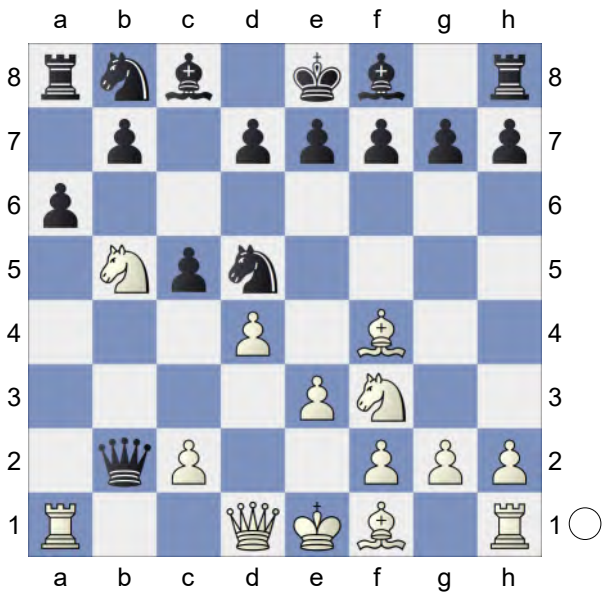

13.Bc4 0.12/17
[13.c4!± 1.15/19 Nxf4 *(13...Qb4+ 14.Qd2±)* 14.Rb1 *(14.Nc7+ Kd8±)* 14...Qxb1 15.Nc7+ *(15.Qxb1 axb5 16.exf4 g6=)* 15...Kd8 16.Qxb1 Kxc7 17.exf4 *(17.dxc5 Nc6=)*]
13...Qb4+ 1.59/19
[13...Nc3!= 0.12/17 14.Nc7+ Kd8]
14.Nd2 Strongly threatening Qf3. White is more active. **14...Nxf4** 2.07/21
[14...Nc6± 1.43/19 is a better defense.]
15.exf4+- Kd8 2.53/18 Dodges Nc7
[15...cxd4± 1.50/19 was worth a try. 16.Nc7+ Kd8]
16.c3
[16.Bxf7? Qxb5 17.Bc4 Qb6 18.dxc5 Qxc5-+]
16...Qb2 17.Rb1
[17.Bxf7? Qxb5 18.Rb1 Qd3-+]
[17.dxc5?! axb5 18.Rxa8 bxc4+-]
17...Qxb1 18.Qxb1 axb5 19.Bxf7
[19.Bxb5 e6 20.0-0 cxd4±]
19...e6 20.Bh5 cxd4 21.cxd4 Nc6 22.0-0
[Don't play 22.d5 exd5 23.0-0 *(23.Qxb5 Ra1+ 24.Bd1 Bc5±)* 23...Bb4+-]
22...Nxd4 23.Nb3 Nc6 24.f5 g6 25.fxg6 hxg6 26.Qxg6 And now Qf6+ would win. **26...Bd6?** 4.72/21
[26...Kc7 2.02/23 27.Qf6 Rxh5 28.Qxf8 b6 29.Qf4+ Kb7]
27.Qf6+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=0.70
1-0

142 **A45**
□ **Erigaisi,Arjun Kumar** **2777**
■ **Zhigalko,Sergei** **2572**
Titled Tue 4th Mar Late blitz (5) 04.03.25
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.g4 c5 6.g5 Nfd7 7.h4**
[7.Qg4 b5 8.Qg3 Bb7 9.Nf3 b4 10.Ne2 Nc6 11.h4 Rc8 12.Bh3 Nb6 13.h5 Nc4 14.g6 hxg6 15.hxg6 f6 16.Rh2 f5 17.Ng5 Nxb2 18.Nxe6 Qf6 19.Nxf8 Rxf8 20.Bg5 Qxg6 21.dxc5 Qe6 Puztel (3027)-Bot Adario (2651) Blitz 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (55)]
7...Qb6N
[7...Nc6 8.Nf3 *(8.Nge2 b5 9.Bg2 Qa5 10.a3 cxd4 11.exd4 Bb7 12.h5 h6 13.g6 Nf6 14.Ng3 fxg6 15.hxg6 Qb6 16.0-0 Qxd4 17.Qe2 Qxf4 18.Qxe6+ Be7 19.Rfe1 Kd8 20.Nf5 Bc5 21.Re3 Re8 22.Qf7 Rxe3* Olachikita (2672)-Nadigraj (2706) Blitz 2024 [Kitty Kat] 0-1*)* 8...Qa5 *(8...b5 9.Ne2 Bb7 10.Bg2 Be7 11.c3 f5 12.Nc1 c4 13.Ne2 0-0 14.0-0 a5 15.Kh1 b4 16.Rg1 a4 17.a3 bxa3 18.bxa3 Na5 19.Ne5 Nb3 20.Ra2 Ra6 21.Nxd7 Qxd7 22.Be5 Bd6 23.Bxd6* Alekseenko,K (2687)-Sunilduth Lyna,N (2673) Chess.com

INT 2022 0-1 (81) *Qxd6 24.Nf4 Rb6 25.Bf3 Bc6 26.Qf1 Rfb8 27.Bd1 Na5 28.Bc2 Rb2 29.Qa1 Rxa2 30.Qxa2 Bd7 31.Rb1 Nb3 32.Bd1 Rb6 33.Kg1 Qb8 34.Qb2 Rb5 35.Qa2 Qb6 36.Bc2 Qd6 37.Rd1 Kf8 38.f3* Alekseenko,K (2687)-Narayanan,S (2673) Chess.com INT 2022 Mega2023 Update 02 [Kitty Kat] 0-1 (81) *)* 9.a3 b5 10.Be2 b4 11.axb4 Qxb4 12.Ra2 cxd4 13.exd4 Bb7 14.0-0 Bc5 15.Nb5 axb5 16.c3 Rxa2 17.cxb4 Bxb4 18.Bxb5 Ra5 19.Bxc6 Bxc6 20.Bd2 Bxd2 21.Qxd2 Ra6 22.Qb4 Holstein,F (2427)-Caposciutti,M (2245) Wijk aan Zee 2019 200 Traps In The Opening [Pilnik,H/Primel,D] 1-0 (33)]

8.a3 White has an edge. **8...Nc6**

[8...Qxb2? 9.Na4 Qxa1 10.Qxa1+-]

9.Nf3 Qa7 0.58/18

[9...Qxb2? 10.Na4 Qxa1 11.Qxa1+-]

[9...Be7= 0.26/17 is superior.]

10.h5± b5 11.Bg2 Nb6 12.g6

[12.h6 is more complex. gxh6 13.e4 hxg5 14.Nxg5 Nxd4 15.exd5 Bb7 16.Qh5]

12...hxg6 13.hxg6 Rxh1+ 14.Bxh1 f5 1.89/20

[14...f6± 0.79/19]

15.dxc5!+- Bxc5

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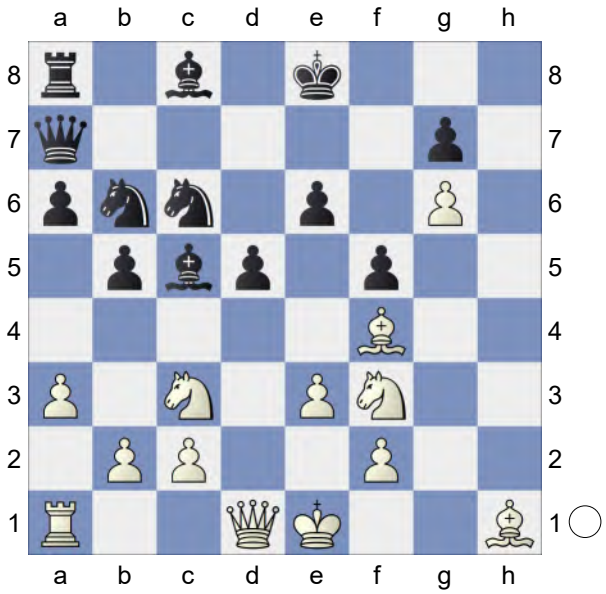
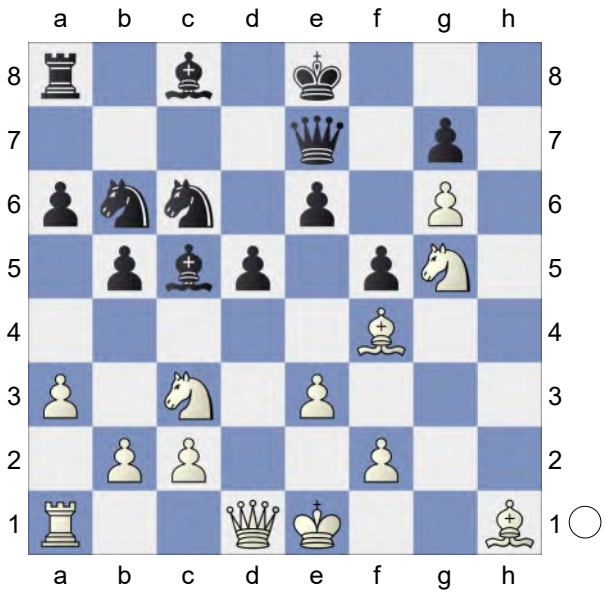


16.Ng5! Black must now prevent Nxd5!

16...Qe7 2.28/23

[⌓16...Bf8 1.67/18]



17.Qh5 1.00/19

[17.Bxd5!+- 2.28/23 has better winning chances. exd5 *(17...Nxd5 18.Nxd5)* 18.Nxd5 Nxd5 19.Qxd5]

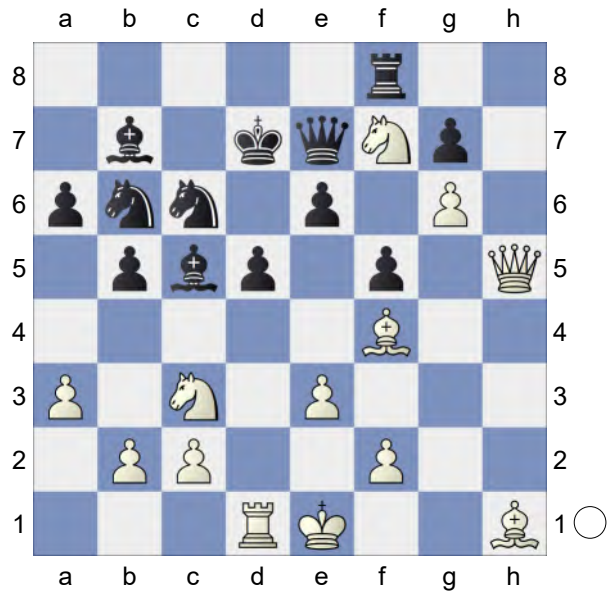
17...Bb7 1.50/16

[⌓17...b4 1.00/19 18.axb4 Bxb4]

18.Nf7 &Bianco is more active. **18...Kd7** 2.15/19

[18...Qf8± 1.52/18]

19.Rd1 Rf8? 5.51/23
[19...Nd8± 1.53/18 is tougher.]

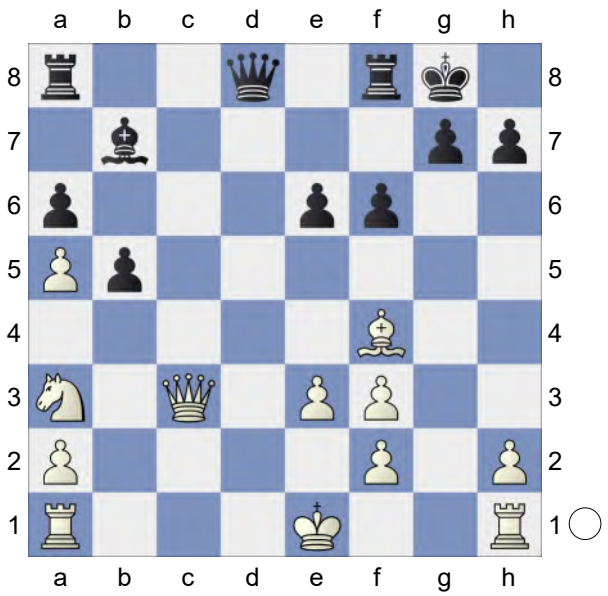


This move loses the game for Black.
20.Bxd5! exd5
[20...Kc8 21.Bxc6]
21.Nxd5 Nxd5 22.Rxd5+ Ke8 23.Bd6 Bxd6 24.Nxd6+ Kd8 25.Nxf5+ Discovered Attack **25...Kc8 26.Nxe7+ Nxe7 27.Qg4+ Kb8 28.Rd7** Intending Qg3+ and mate. **28...Bc8 29.Qg3+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=1.04
1-0

143 **A45**
□ **Erigaisi,Arjun Kumar** **2777**
■ **Salimiyan,Behzad** **2233**
Titled Tue 18th Mar Late blitz (6) 18.3.25
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines Richard Palliser,MH: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines ' **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Bb4+ 5.c3 Ba5 6.e3 a6 7.Na3 0-0 8.Nf3** The position is equal. **8...Nbd7**
[8...c5 9.dxc5 Bc7 10.b4 Bxf4 11.exf4 Nc6 12.Nc2 Ne4 13.Ncd4 Qf6 14.Qc1 a5 15.Nxc6 bxc6 16.a4 Rd8 17.Ne5 d4 18.cxd4 axb4 19.Qe3 Nc3 20.Nxc6 Rd5 21.Bc4 Bd7 22.Ne5 Bb5 23.Bxd5 Torombot (3080)-Patriciabot (2864) Rapid 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (56)]
9.Be2
[9.Nb1 c6 10.Nbd2 Bc7 11.Bd3 c5 12.Ne5 Re8 13.h4 Nxe5 14.dxe5 Nd7 15.Nf3 Nf8 16.h5 b5 17.h6 g6 18.Nh2 f5 19.Nf3 Bb7 20.Qe2 Qd7 21.Rg1 Kh8 22.g4 Rac8 23.Rd1 Bd8 Banzea,A (2394)-Szpar,M (2491) chess.com INT 2024 The Week in Chess 1522 [Mon Hokmome] 0-1 (40)]
9...c5N
[9...Ne4 10.Nb1 g5 11.Bg3 h5 12.Bd3 Qe7 13.Bxe4 dxe4 14.Nfd2 h4 15.Bxh4 f5 16.Bg3 b5 17.h4 f4 18.Bh2 e5 19.hxg5 Qxg5 20.Qb3+ Rf7 21.exf4 exf4 22.Nxe4 Qg6 23.Nbd2 Bb7 24.f3 Niemann,H (2642)-Anton Guijarro,D (2694) Charity Cup (rapid) 2022 [Richard Palliser] 1-0]
[9...Qe7]
10.dxc5 Nxc5 11.b4 Nce4 1.23/20
[11...Nfe4± 0.39/20]
12.bxa5± Nxc3 13.Qb3 Nfe4 14.Qb4 b5 2.02/21
[14...Nxe2± 1.18/18 keeps fighting. 15.Kxe2 f6]
15.Bd3 f6 16.Bxe4 1.06/22
[16.0-0+- 1.64/19]
16...dxe4 17.Qxc3 exf3 18.gxf3 Bb7

(Diagram)



19.Rd1 0.72/21
[⌓19.e4! 1.26/22]
19...Qe8 1.67/21
[19...Qxd1+± 0.72/21 is a better defense. 20.Kxd1 Bxf3+ 21.Ke1 Bxh1]
20.e4+- Qh5 2.43/21
[20...Qg6± 1.51/18 might work better. 21.Bd6 Rf7]
21.Rd7 Rac8 22.Qb3 Bc6 23.Re7
[23.Qxe6+?! Kh8 24.Rg1 *(24.Rd3 b4±)* 24...Bxd7 25.Qxd7 Qf7 26.Qxf7 Rxf7±]
23...Kh8? 4.44/20
[23...Be8 2.03/21 24.0-0 *(24.Qxe6+ Bf7±)* 24...Bf7]
24.Rg1 e5 25.Bd2 Rg8 26.Nc2 2.00/21
[⌓26.Qe6 4.28/22 Rce8 27.Qf7 Qxf7 28.Rxf7]
26...Qxh2

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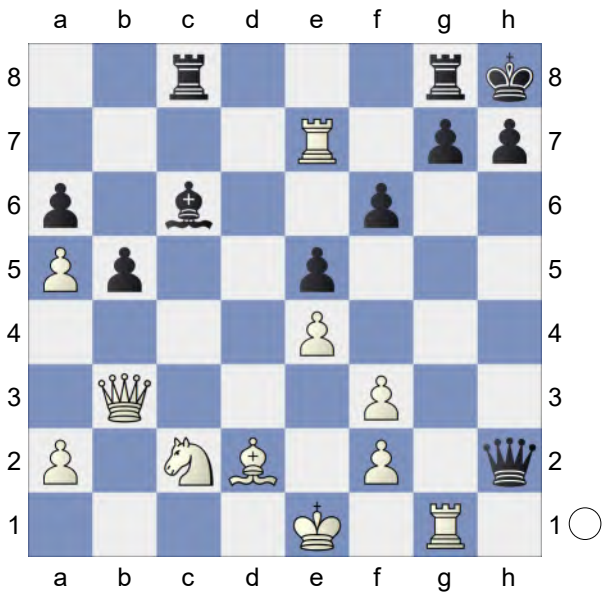


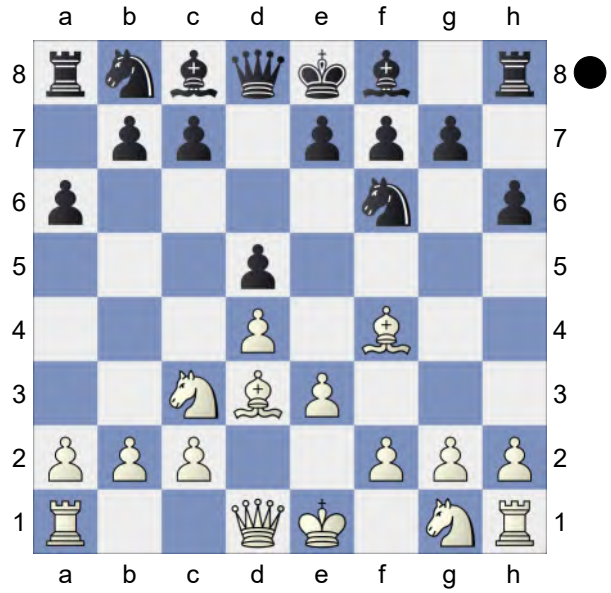
27.Rg3 aiming for Nb4. **27...Qh1+**
28.Ke2 Strongly threatening Nb4.
28...b4 Hoping for ...Bb5+. **29.a4** Inhibits Bb5+.
[Don't blunder 29.Nxb4? Bb5+ 30.Nd3 Rcd8-+]
29...bxa3 30.Nxa3 Rb8 31.Qf7?? -4.37/26 Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.38. Loss on time!?
[31.Qc4+- 2.63/22 and all is fine. Rb1 32.Nxb1 *(32.Qxc6? Qf1+ 33.Ke3 Rb3+ 34.Qc3 Rxc3+ 35.Bxc3 Rd8-+)*]
1-0

144 **A45**
□ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2777**
■ **Szpar,Milosz** **2495**
Titled Tue 24th Jun Early blitz (10)
[TA]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6*

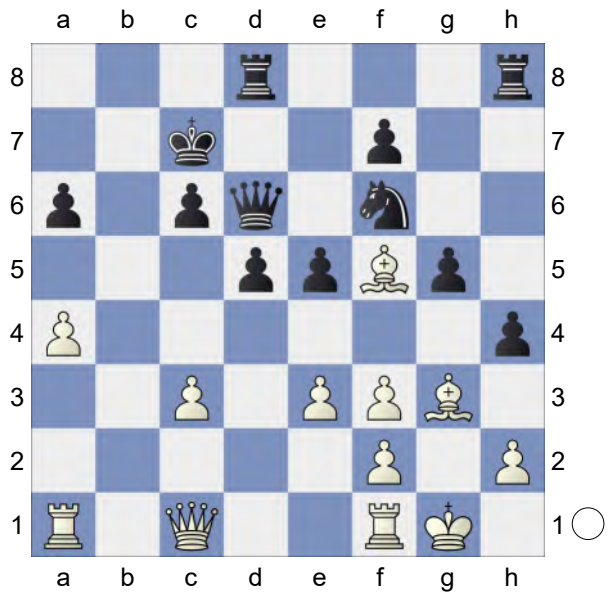
14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7 ½-½ Leisebein,P (120 (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ (41) Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 (41) Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 (23) Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]

3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 h6 5.Bd3



c5! 6.dxc5 Nc6 7.Bg3 -0.42/19
[7.Nf3= 0.00/23]
7...e5∓ 8.Na4 Black is slightly better.
8...Bxc5 Decoy **9.Nxc5 Qa5+ 10.c3 Qxc5 11.Bc2 Be6** -0.16/19
[11...Bg4∓ -0.58/21 should be considered. 12.Ne2 Ne4]
12.Nf3= Bg4 ...e4 is the strong threat.
13.Qc1 Bxf3 0.01/17
[13...Qe7∓ -0.39/17]
14.gxf3 0-0-0 0.48/21
[14...e4= -0.09/19]
15.0-0 g5 1.12/20
[15...h5± 0.42/20 16.Bh4 g5 17.Bxg5 Rdg8]
16.b4!± Qd6 17.a4 0.46/19
[17.b5!± 1.26/18 axb5 18.a4]
17...h5!± 18.b5 h4 0.88/20
[18...Na5!= -0.19/18 remains equal. 19.h4 gxh4 20.Bf5+ Kb8 21.Bxh4 Nb3]
19.bxc6± Black must now prevent Rb1!
19...bxc6 1.66/19
[19...hxg3± 0.79/19 20.cxb7+ Kxb7 *(20...Kb8 21.fxg3 Qc6 22.Rb1+-)* 21.hxg3 *(21.fxg3 Ka7±)* 21...Ka7]
20.Bf5++- Kc7 1.89/20
[20...Kb8± 1.34/19]

(Diagram)



21.Kg2? -0.58/18 **hxg3∓** **22.hxg3** -1.05/20
[22.fxg3∓ -0.45/20 e4 23.Kg1]
22...Rb8? 1.01/24
[22...e4∓ -1.05/20 23.Rh1 Qe5]
23.c4 aiming for cxd5. **23...d4** 1.86/20
[23...e4± 1.05/21 24.Qc3 exf3+ 25.Kxf3 c5]
24.c5+- **Qd5** 3.75/19
[⌓24...Qf8 2.28/18 25.Qd2 *(25.exd4 Qh6=)* 25...Qxc5]
25.e4 **Qd8** **26.Qxg5** Strongly threatening Qd2. **26...Nd7** **27.Qxd8+** 0.53/22
[White should play 27.Qc1+- 2.19/22]
27...Kxd8 1.24/20
[27...Rhxd8± 0.53/22 28.Rfc1 Rb3]
28.Rab1↑ Rxb8+ would now be deadly. Keeping Black busy. **28...Kc7**

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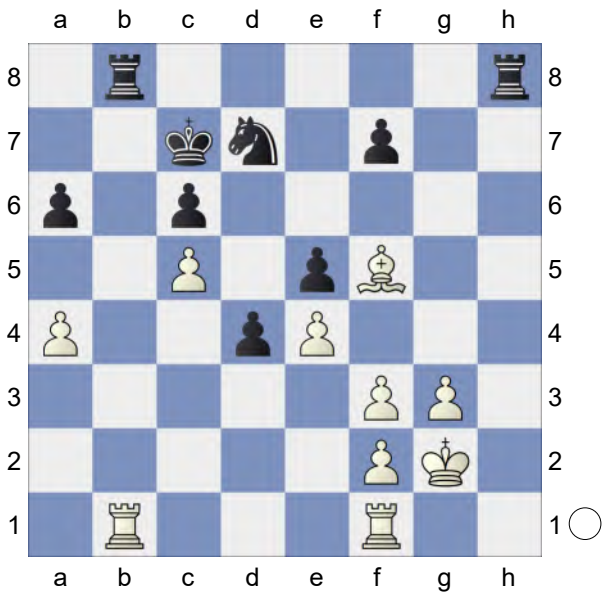
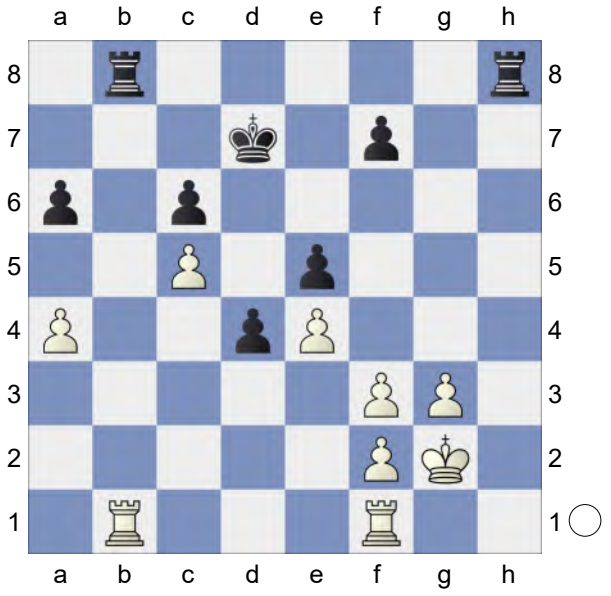


29.Bxd7 **Kxd7** Endgame.



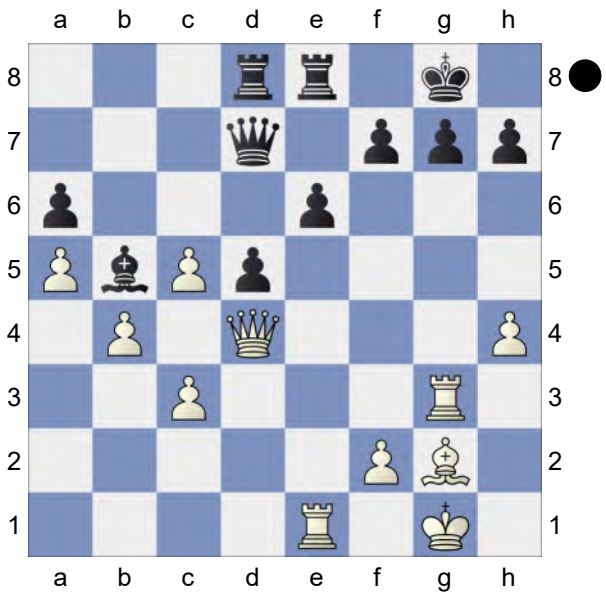
KRR-KRR **30.f4** 0.49/19
[30.g4!± 1.54/22]
30...f6? 2.85/24
[Better is 30...exf4± 0.49/19 31.gxf4 Rbg8+ 32.Kf3 Rh3+ 33.Ke2 Rg4]
31.Kf3 **a5** 3.01/26
[⌓31...exf4 1.97/21 32.Kxf4 Ke6]
32.Kg4 **Rb4** 4.29/22
[32...Ke6 2.10/21 might work better. 33.f5+ Kf7]
33.Kf5 **Ke7?** 4.77/24
[33...exf4 2.86/17 was worth a try.

34.gxf4 *(34.Kxf6 fxg3 35.fxg3 Rf8+ 36.Ke5 Rxf1∓)* 34...Ke7]
34.Rh1
[34.fxe5 Rh5+ 35.Kf4 Rxe5±]
34...Rxh1 35.Rxh1+- KR-KR **35...d3?** 5.62/22
[35...exf4 2.43/21 is tougher. 36.Rh7+ *(36.Kxf4 Ke6=; 36.gxf4 d3=)* 36...Kd8]
36.fxe5 fxe5 37.Rd1
[37.Kxe5 Rxa4 38.Rd1 Rc4 39.Rxd3 Rxc5+ 40.Kd4 Rb5+-]
37...Rxa4 38.Rxd3 Rc4 39.Kxe5 Rxc5+ 40.Kd4 Rb5 41.f4 a4 42.e5 Rb4+ 43.Kc5 Rb3 44.Rd4 0.10/19
[44.Kc4+- 5.68/19 Rb2 45.Ra3]
44...a3= 45.Ra4 Rc3+? 6.21/21
[45...Ke6± 0.42/23]
46.Kb6? 0.00/31
[White must play 46.Kd4+- 6.21/21 Rc1 47.Rxa3]
46...Rxg3 47.Kxc6 Ke6 48.Kc5 Kf5 49.Kd5 Rd3+ 50.Kc6 Rf3 51.Kd6 Rd3+ 52.Ke7 Hoping for e6. **52...Rf3?** 5.67/23
[52...Rb3= 0.05/23 and Black stays safe.]
53.Kf7? 0.05/23
[Only move: 53.e6+- 5.67/23]
53...Rd3? 9.65/23
[53...Rxf4= 0.05/23 54.Rxf4+ Kxf4]
54.e6+- Threatens to win with e7. White is clearly winning. **54...Re3 55.Ra5+** 15.02/20
[⌓55.e7 138.93/26 a2 56.e8Q *(56.e8B Re4±)* 56...Rxe8 57.Kxe8 Kg4 58.Kf7 *(58.Rxa2 Kxf4 59.Re2 Kf3 60.Re6 Kf4 61.Kf7 Kf5 62.Re1 Kg5)* 58...Kf5 59.Rxa2 Kxf4 60.Re2]
55...Kxf4 56.e7
Weighted Error Value: White=0.63/ Black=0.67
1-0

145 **B13**
□ **Gazi,Miroslav** **2777**
■ **Behrmann** **2553**
British Championship, Great Yarmouth (..
[Kitty Kat]

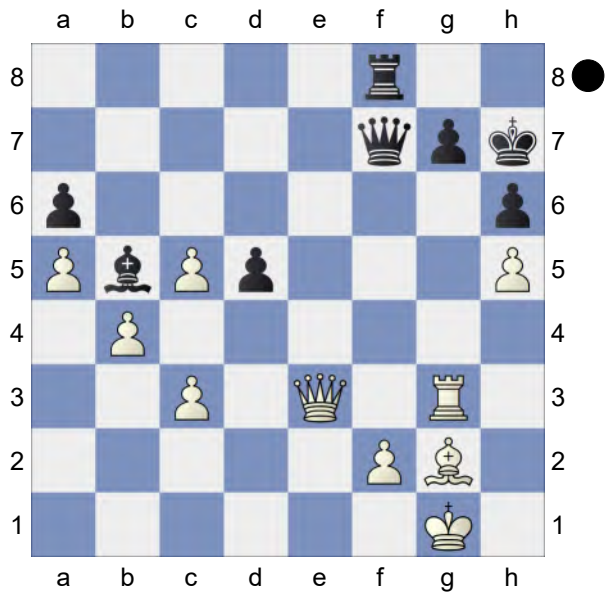
Kitty Kat: 'B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack '
1.d4 Kitty Kat **1...Nf6 2.Nc3 d5** Kitty Kat: 'N'
[2...c5 Kitty Kat 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7 ½-½* Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www. desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8 ½-½* Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]
3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Ne5 e6 8.g3 Kitty Kat: 'The

position is equal.' **8...Bd6 9.Bg2 0-0 10.0-0 Qc7 11.Re1 b5**
[11...Bd7 12.Nb1 h6 13.c3 Ne7 14.Nd2 Be8 15.a4 Nc6 16.Qe2 Rc8 17.Ng6 Bxf4 18.Nxf4]
12.a4 b4 13.Na2 Bb7 14.Nxc6 Bxc6 0.63/21
[14...Qxc6= -0.24/22 Kitty Kat 15.Be5 Rfc8]
15.Nxb4 Kitty Kat: ' ±' **15...Bxf4 16.gxf4 Rab8** 3.73/19 Kitty Kat: '?'
[16...a5± 0.55/19 Kitty Kat 17.Nd3 Rab8]
17.c3 1.12/18 Kitty Kat: '?'
[17.Nxa6+- 3.73/19 Kitty Kat Qxf4 18.Nxb8 Rxb8 19.Qd3]
17...Bb7 18.Nd3 Ne4 19.a5 1.02/18
[⌓19.Rc1 1.38/18 Kitty Kat]
19...Bc6 20.b4 -0.07/21
[20.Qc1± 1.11/18 Kitty Kat]
20...Bb5 0.91/21
[20...Nxc3= -0.07/21 Kitty Kat 21.Qg4 Bb5]
21.Nc5 0.02/22
[21.Rc1± 0.91/21 Kitty Kat]
21...Nxc5 0.88/22
[21...Nxc3= 0.02/22 Kitty Kat 22.Qf3 Ne4]
22.dxc5 Kitty Kat: '±' Kitty Kat: ' Black must now prevent Qd1-d4.' **22...Qxf4 23.Qd4** -0.01/22
[White should try 23.Qc1± 0.86/20 Kitty Kat Qxc1 24.Raxc1 *(24.Rexc1 g6+-)*]
23...Qc7 1.19/22
[23...Qxd4!= -0.01/22 (Kitty Kat) keeps the balance. 24.cxd4 Rb7]
24.Re3 Kitty Kat: ' White leaves nothing to chance now.' **24...Rfe8 25.Rae1 Rbd8 26.h4 Qd7** 2.30/23
[26...Kh8± 1.15/22 (Kitty Kat) was worth a try. 27.Re5 Re7]
27.Rg3 Kitty Kat: '→' Kitty Kat: '



Black is in trouble.' **27...f6** 3.40/20
[27...g6 2.05/21 (Kitty Kat) was called for. 28.h5 Qc7]
28.Qxf6 Kh8 Kitty Kat: ' Black is weak on the dark squares' **29.Qe5 Qf7 30.h5** Kitty Kat: ' Threatens to win with h5-h6.' **30...h6 31.Rg6 Kh7 32.Re3 Rf8** 6.57/23
[⌓32...Re7 4.31/21 Kitty Kat 33.Rxe6 Rxe6 34.Qxe6 Qxh5]
33.Rf3
[33.Rxe6? (Kitty Kat) loses. Qxf2+ 34.Kh1 Rf5-+]
33...Qd7 34.Qxe6 Qc7 35.Rxf8 Rxf8 36.Qe3 Qf7 37.Rg3 Kitty Kat: '

(Diagram)



Strongly threatening Rg3-f3.' **37...Qxh5 38.Bf3 Qf7 39.Kg2 Re8** 4.19/22
[⌓39...Kh8 2.97/21 Kitty Kat 40.Qe5 Bc4]
40.Qd4 Rf8 6.65/23 Kitty Kat: '?'
[40...Rd8 3.46/20 Kitty Kat 41.Bg4 *(41.Bh5 Qe7+-)* 41...Rg8]
41.Qxd5 Qf6 42.Qd4 Qf7 43.Qd5 -0.01/18 Kitty Kat: '?'
[43.Be4++- 9.38/21 Kitty Kat Kh8 44.Rg6]
43...Qf6 Kitty Kat: '=' **44.c4** Kitty Kat: 'White is clearly winning.' **44...Be8 45.c6 Bf7 46.Qe4+ Kh8 47.c7** Kitty Kat: ' Hoping for b4-b5.' **47...Be6 48.b5 Bf5 49.Qc6 Qe5 50.bxa6** Kitty Kat: ' a6-a7 is the strong threat.' **50...Bc8 51.a7** Kitty Kat: ' Weighted Error Value: White=0.83/Black=0.86'
1-0

146 **A45**
□ **Erigaisi,Arjun Kumar** **2777**
■ **Kosakowski,Jakub** **2515**
Titled Tue 4th Mar Late blitz (8) 04.03.25
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 Bf5 5.Bd3**
[5.f3 e6 6.g4 Bg6 7.h4 h5 8.g5 Nfd7 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 c5 11.g6 f6 12.0-0-0 Nc6 13.Nh3 Qa5 14.Kb1 0-0-0 15.Bh2 c4 16.Qd2 Bb4 17.Nf4 Rde8 18.e4 Nb6 19.exd5 exd5 Schmagendorfspieler (2710)-Occhess (2845) Blitz 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (40)]
5...Bxd3N
[5...Bg6 6.Nf3 e6 7.Ne5 c5 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.0-0 Nbd7 10.Qf3 Nxe5 11.Bxe5 Bd6 3. Veresov & Jobava Attack-Jobava Attack 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3]
6.cxd3 e6 7.Qb3 b6 8.Nf3 The position is equal. **8...Bd6 9.Ne5** -0.06/18
[9.Bxd6± 0.31/17 was preferrable. cxd6 10.0-0]
9...0-0= 10.Bg5 Be7 11.Rc1 Nfd7 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.Nf3 c5 14.dxc5 Nxc5 15.Qd1 Ncd7 16.0-0 Nf6 17.Ne2 Nbd7 18.Qa4 Nc5 19.Qa3 Hoping for d4. **19...Qb7! 20.Rc2 Rfc8 21.Rfc1 h6 22.Ned4 Ncd7 23.Nc6 Nc5 24.Nfe5** aiming for b4. **24...Re8?** 1.93/23
[24...Rxc6± 0.40/22 25.Nxc6 Qxc6]

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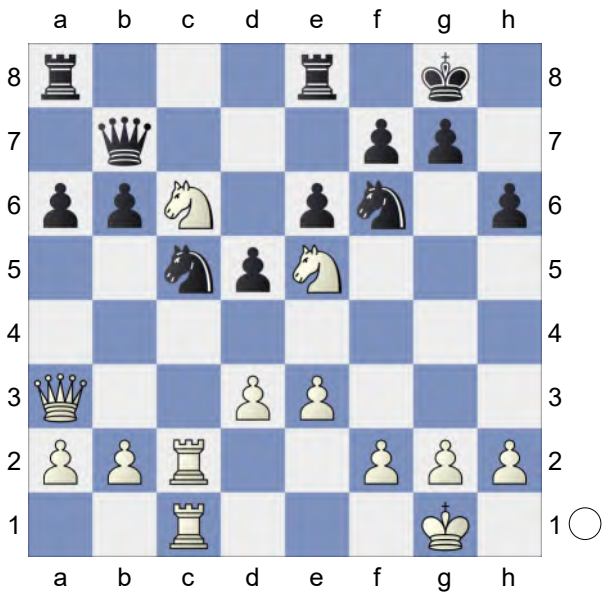
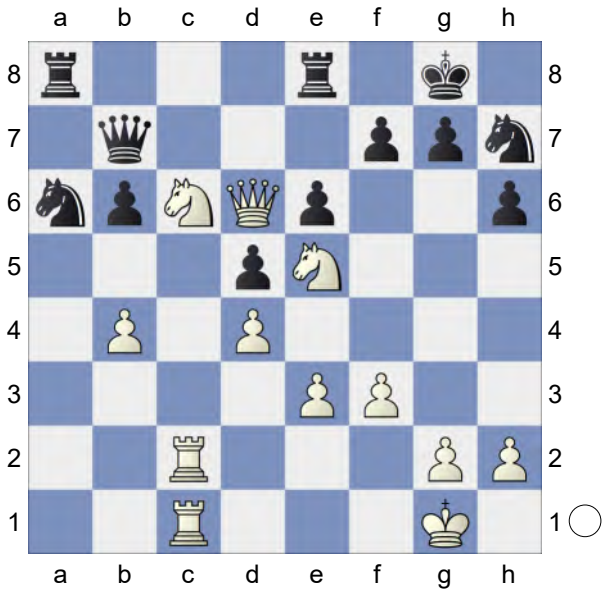


25.f3 1.41/22
[25.d4+- 1.93/23 Nce4 26.f3]
25...a5± 26.d4 Na6 27.Qd6 Kh8 28.a3 Kg8 29.b4 &Bianco is much more active. **29...axb4 30.axb4 Nh7?** 3.65/21
[30...b5± 1.39/21 31.Ra1 Kh7]

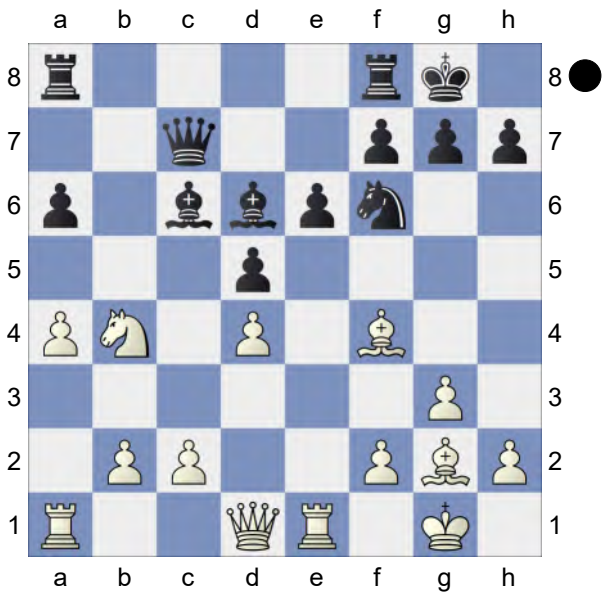


31.b5 Nb8 7.38/23
[31...Qc7 2.19/21 32.Nxf7 Qxf7]
32.Nd8 Qe7 33.Ndxf7 Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) / Black=0.26 (precise)
1-0

147 **A45**
□ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2777**
■ **Lazavik,Denis** **2553**
Bullet Chess Winners 2023 blitz (1.5)
[Kitty Kat]

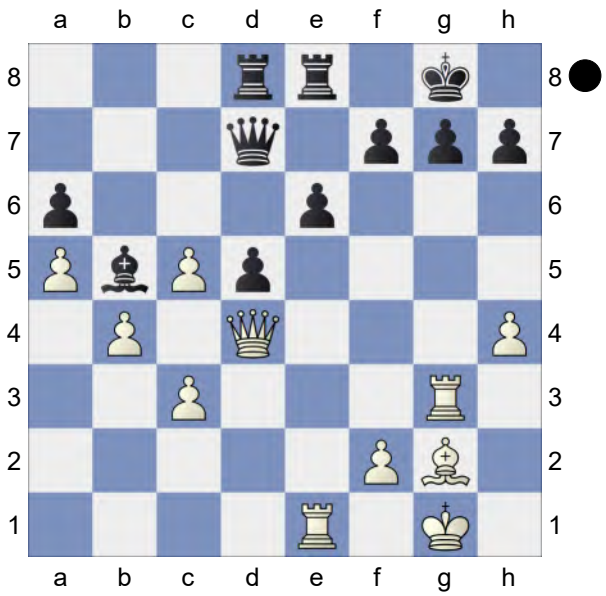
B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Ne5 e6 8.g3** The position is equal. **8...Bd6 9.Bg2 0-0 10.0-0 Qc7 11.Re1 b5 12.a4**
[12.a3 Bb7 13.h4 Rac8 14.Na2 Bxe5 15.dxe5 Nd7 16.Qh5 Ne7 17.c3 d4 18.Bxb7 Qxb7 19.Rad1 Nf5 20.cxd4 Nb6 21.Nc3 Rfd8 22.Ne4 Nxd4 23.Rd3 Nf5 24.Qf3 Qa8 25.Bg5 Rxd3 26.Qxd3 Qd5 0-1 Firouzja,A (2767)-Carlsen,M (2832) Chess.com SpeedChess Final blitz 2024 (2.18)]
12...b4 13.Na2 Bb7 14.Nxc6N
[14.Qd2 a5 15.Nc1 Ne7 16.Nb3 Ne4 17.Qe3 f6 18.Nd3 Nf5 19.Qc1 Rac8 20.Bxd6 Nexd6 21.Ndc5 Nxd4 22.Nxd4 Qxc5 23.Nxe6 Qb6 24.Nxf8 Rxf8 25.Qf4 Nc4 26.b3 Ne5 27.Rad1 Rc8 28.Rxe5 fxe5 1-0 Firouzja,A (2785)-Kravtsiv,M (2598) ChessKid Cup Play In blitz 2023 (3)]
14...Bxc6 0.65/21
[14...Qxc6= -0.01/21 15.Bd2 Qb6 *(15...Qxa4 16.Nxb4 Qb5 17.Nd3=)*]
15.Nxb4±

(Diagram)



Pin **15...Bxf4 16.gxf4 Rab8?** 3.48/19
[16...a5± 0.64/17 17.Nxc6 Qxc6]
17.c3? 1.16/18
[17.Nxa6+- 3.48/19 is more deadly. Qxf4 18.Nxb8 Rxb8 19.Qc1 Qxd4 20.b3]
17...Bb7 18.Nd3 Ne4 19.a5 Bc6 20.b4 -0.07/21
[White should try 20.Qc1± 1.12/17]
20...Bb5 0.81/20
[20...Nxc3= -0.07/21 21.Qc2 Nb5]
21.Nc5 0.19/21
[21.Rc1± 0.81/20]
21...Nxc5 0.85/22
[21...Nxc3= 0.19/21 22.Qf3 Ne4]
22.dxc5± Qxf4 23.Qd4 0.01/22
[23.Qh5± 0.82/19]
23...Qc7 1.15/20
[23...Qxd4= 0.01/22 keeps the balance. 24.cxd4 Rb7]
24.Re3 Black is on the road to losing.
24...Rfe8 25.Rae1 Rbd8 26.h4 Qd7 2.42/23
[26...h6± 1.03/19 27.Re5 Qd7]
27.Rg3→

(Diagram)

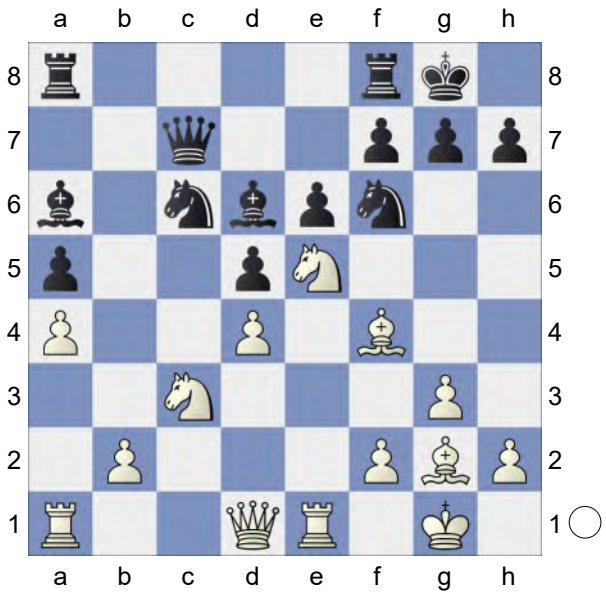


White is out for blood. **27...f6** 3.46/19
[27...g6 2.03/20 is a better defense. 28.h5 Qc7 29.hxg6 fxg6]
28.Qxf6 Kh8 Black is weak on the dark squares **29.Qe5 Qf7 30.h5 h6 31.Rg6 Kh7 32.Re3 Rf8** 6.32/23
[⌓32...Re7 4.51/20 33.Reg3 *(33.Rxe6 Rxe6 34.Qxe6 Qxh5+-)* 33...Rf8]
33.Rf3
[33.Rxe6 Qxf2+ 34.Kh2 Rf5-+]
33...Qd7 34.Qxe6 Qc7 35.Rxf8 Rxf8 36.Qe3 Qf7 37.Rg3 Qxh5 38.Bf3 Qf7 39.Kg2 Re8 40.Qd4 Rf8? 7.01/22
[40...Rd8 3.09/19 41.Bg4 *(41.Bh5 Qc7±)* 41...Rg8]
41.Qxd5 Qf6 42.Qd4 Qf7 43.Qd5? 0.01/18
[43.Be4++- 8.57/21 Kh8 44.Rg6]
43...Qf6= 44.c4 White is clearly winning.
44...Be8 45.c6 Bf7 46.Qe4+ Kh8 47.c7 And now b4-b5 would win.
47...Be6 48.b5 Bf5 49.Qc6 Qe5 50.bxa6 Bc8 51.a7 Weighted Error Value: White=0.85/Black=0.97
1-0

148 **B13**
□ **Gazi,Miroslav** **2777**
■ **Behrmann** **2553**
British Championship, Great Yarmouth (..
[Kitty Kat]

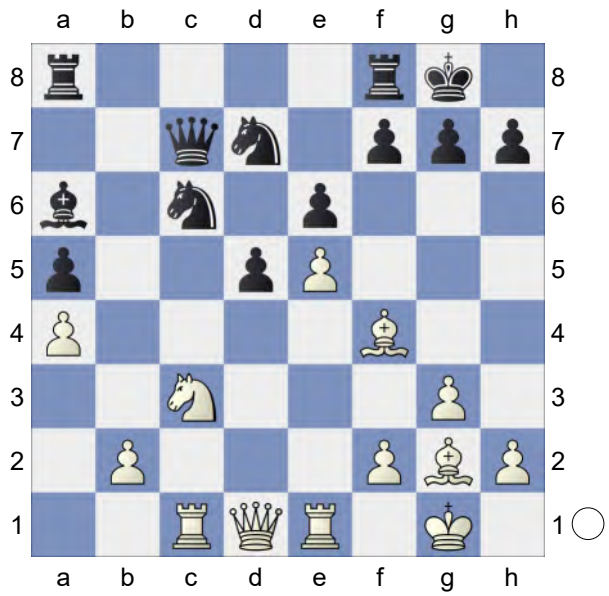
B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 Nc6 6.Nf3** -0.35/19 White is more active.
[6.Nb5± 1.02/18 Nb5-c7+ would now be deadly. e5 7.Bxe5 *(7.dxe5 a6±)* 7...Nxe5 8.dxe5]
6...a6 0.08/18
[6...Bg4∓ -0.35/19]
7.Ne5= e6 8.g3 Bd6 The position is equal. **9.Bg2 0-0 10.0-0 Qc7 11.Re1 b5**
[11...Bd7 12.Nb1 h6 13.c3 Ne7 14.Nd2 Be8 15.a4 Nc6 0.57/18 *(15...Nf5=* 0.14/18 *)* 16.Qe2 Rc8 17.Ng6 Bxf4 18.Nxf4]
12.a4
[12.a3 Bb7 13.h4 Rac8 14.Na2 Bxe5 15.dxe5 Nd7 16.Qh5 Ne7 17.c3 d4 18.Bxb7 Qxb7 19.Rad1 Nf5 20.cxd4 Nb6 21.Nc3 Rfd8 22.Ne4 Nxd4 23.Rd3 Nf5 24.Qf3 Qa8 25.Bg5 Rxd3 26.Qxd3 Qd5 0-1 Firouzja,A (2767)-Carlsen,M (2832) Chess.com SpeedChess Final blitz 2024 (2.18)]
12...b4 13.Na2 a5N
[13...Bb7 14.Qd2 a5 15.Nc1 Ne7 16.Nb3 Ne4 17.Qe3 f6 18.Nd3 Nf5 19.Qc1 Rac8 20.Bxd6 Nexd6 21.Ndc5 Nxd4 22.Nxd4 Qxc5 23.Nxe6 Qb6 24.Nxf8 Rxf8 25.Qf4 Nc4 26.b3 Ne5 27.Rad1 Rc8 28.Rxe5 1-0 Gazi,M (2777)-Behrmann (2553) British Championship, Great Yarmouth 2007 (1.3)]

14.c3 bxc3 0.57/20
[14...Bb7= 0.21/19 feels stronger.]
15.Nxc3± Ba6 2.33/20
[15...Qb7± 0.62/18]



Black cannot hold the game after this.
16.Rc1!+-
[16.Nb5 Bxb5 17.axb5 Nb4=]
16...Bxe5 4.11/21
[⌓16...Nb4 2.65/18 17.Nxd5 Discovered Attack exd5]
17.dxe5 Nd7 5.55/19
[17...Ne4 3.82/19 is a better defense. 18.Nxd5 exd5 19.Qxd5 Nb4]

(Diagram)



18.Nxd5! White is clearly winning.
18...exd5 19.e6 Qb7 20.Bxd5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.59
1-0

149 **A45**
□ **Erigaisi,Arjun Kumar** **2777**
■ **Povshednyi,Ivan** **2291**
Titled Tue 18th Mar Late blitz (8) 18.3.25
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines Richard Palliser,MH: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines ' **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 b5 5.h4 e6**
[5...h5 6.Nf3 e6 7.Bd3 Bb7 8.Ne2 c5 9.c3 Nbd7 10.Ng5 Qb6 11.a4 c4 12.Bc2 Bd6 13.0-0 Ne4 14.Bxe4 dxe4 15.Ng3 Be7 16.Qc2 Qc6 17.Qxe4 Nb6 18.axb5 axb5 19.Qxc6+ Bxc6 20.e4 Erigaisi,A (2722)-Carlsen,M (2859) World Rapid Championship, Almaty 2022 [Richard Palliser] ½-½ (44)]
6.g4 Bb4N
[6...b4 7.Na4 Bd7 *(7...Bd6 8.g5 Ne4 9.Bd3 Bd7 10.c4 Bxf4 11.exf4 Bc6 12.Nf3 dxc4 13.Bxc4 Qd6 14.Ne5 Nc3 15.bxc3 Bxh1 16.f3 f6 17.Nc5 fxe5 18.Kf2 bxc3 19.Nxe6 exd4 20.Bd5 Nc6 21.Qa4 Rb8 22.Bxc6+* Torombot (3043)-Expositor (2839) Rapid 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (45) *)* 8.c4 *(8.Nc5 Bxc5 9.dxc5 Nc6 10.Bg2 Ne4 11.Bxe4 dxe4 12.Bg3 Qf6 13.Rb1 e5 14.f3 exf3 15.Qxf3 Qg6 16.Bxe5 Bxg4 17.Qg2 0-0-0 18.h5 Qe6 19.Bf4 Rd5 20.Ne2 Rhd8 21.Rg1 f5 22.e4 Rxc5* Kazarian,A (2207)-Pranav,V (2604) 3rd Sunway Formentera Open 2024 [Richard Palliser] 0-1*)* 8...dxc4 9.Bxc4 Bd6 10.g5 Nd5 11.Bxd5 exd5 12.Ne2 Bb5 13.Nc5 #3/3 5) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 a6-3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 b5]
7.g5 Ne4 8.Nge2 The position is equal.
8...c5 9.Bg2 Bb7 10.Bxe4 dxe4 11.dxc5 0.14/20
[11.a3± 0.57/19 feels stronger. Bxc3+ 12.Nxc3]
11...Qxd1+= 12.Rxd1 Bxc5 13.Ng3 Bb4 14.Be5 Nd7 1.16/23
[14...Rg8= 0.16/20 keeps the balance.]
15.Bxg7± &Bianco is more active.
15...Rg8 16.Nh5 Ke7 2.13/22
[16...Be7± 0.99/18]
17.a3 1.25/21
[17.Bf6++- 2.13/22 Nxf6 18.Nxf6]
17...Ba5 2.19/22
[17...Rxg7± 1.25/21 18.Nxg7 Bxc3+ 19.bxc3 Rc8]
18.b4 Bc7 1.98/21
[18...Rxg7± 1.35/23 19.Nxg7 Bc7]
19.Nf6 Rgd8 3.48/20
[⌓19...Nxf6 2.09/23 20.Bxf6+ Ke8]
20.Nfxe4 Pair of Knights!
[20.Ncxe4 Be5±]
20...Rg8 21.Bd4 e5 22.Bc5+ Nxc5

23.bxc5 Ba5 24.Ke2 0.66/24
[24.0-0+- 1.75/23]
24...Bxc3± 25.Nxc3 Threatens to win with Nd5+. Really sharp! **25...Bxh1 26.Rxh1** Endgame Hoping for Nd5+. KRR-KRN **26...Ke6** Inhibits Nd5.
27.Ne4 Rac8 28.Rh3 0.55/19
[28.a4± 1.09/19]
28...h6 29.Rf3 Strongly threatening Rf6+.
[Reject 29.gxh6 Rh8∓]
29...hxg5! 30.hxg5 Rg6! 31.Rh3! Prevents Rh8. **31...Rc7** 0.87/24
[31...Kd5± 0.46/21 is superior. 32.Kf3 Rgc6]
32.Rh8 0.01/24
[32.Rh5± 0.87/24]
32...Kd5 1.00/23
[32...Kf5!= 0.01/24 33.f3 Rxg5]
33.Kd3 Kc6 1.85/23
[33...Rgc6± 1.27/23 is a better defense.]
34.Rb8 1.31/20
[34.Kc3+- 1.85/23]
34...Re6 1.68/23
[34...Kd5± 1.31/20]
35.Rb6+ 0.95/26
[35.Kc3+- 1.68/23]
35...Kd7? 3.44/21
[35...Kd5± 0.95/26 was called for.]
36.Nf6++- Kd8 37.Rxe6? 0.46/23
[37.g6+- 4.39/24 e4+ 38.Ke2 *(38.Nxe4 Rxg6 39.Nd6 Rg5=)* 38...Rxb6 39.cxb6 *(39.g7 Rxf6 40.g8Q+ Kd7±)* 39...Rxc2+ 40.Kd1 Rxf2

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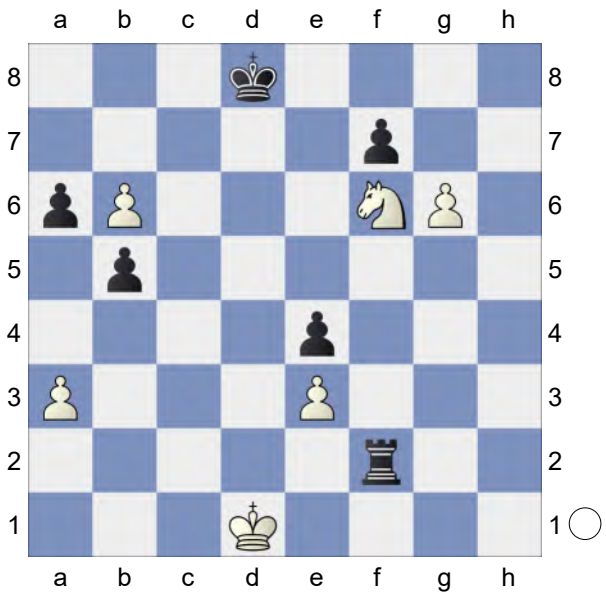
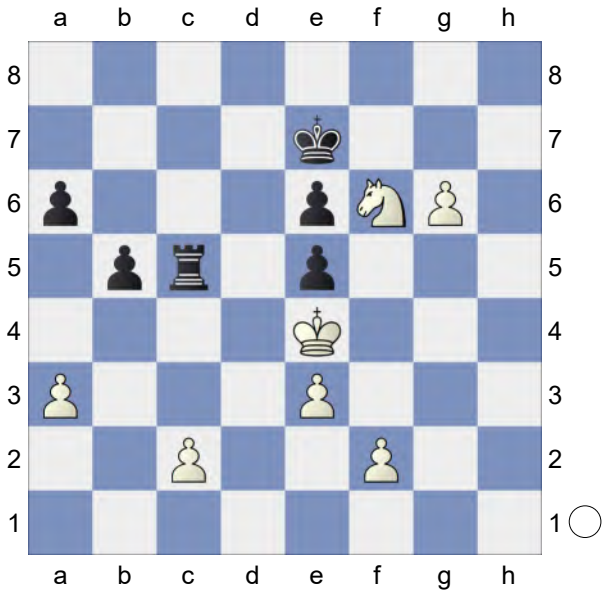


41.g7!]
37...fxe6 KR-KN **38.Ke4?** -1.76/24
[38.Ne4!± 0.38/24 keeps the upper hand.]
38...Rxc5? 0.46/23
[38...Ke7-+ -1.76/24 39.Ng8+ Kf8]
39.g6± And now g7 would win. **39...Ke7?** 7.82/24
[39...Rc7± 0.47/23]

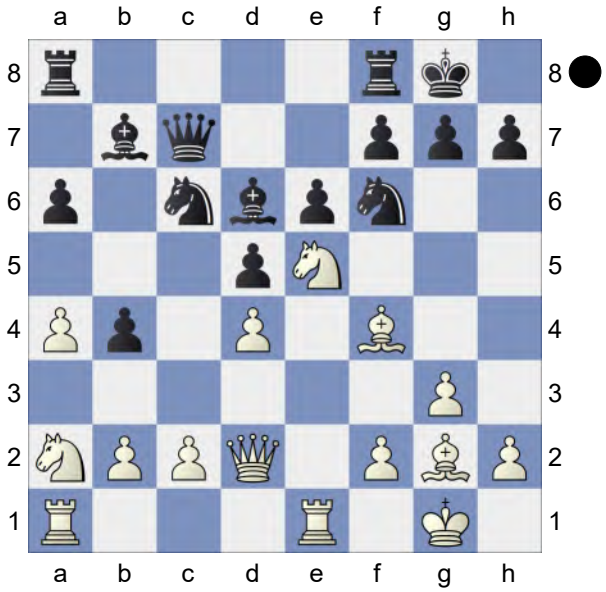


40.g7!+- Rc4+ 41.Kxe5 Rc5+ 42.Ke4 Kxf6 43.g8Q Intending Qf8+ and mate. KQ-KR **43...Re5+ 44.Kd3** aiming for

Qh8+. **44...Rd5+ 45.Ke2 Ke7 46.Qa8 Rd6 47.f4 e5 48.fxe5 Rh6 49.Kf3** Threatening mate with Qb7+. **49...Rh3+ 50.Ke4** Qb7+ would kill now. **50...Rh8 51.Qxh8** Weighted Error Value: White=0.67/Black=0.76
1-0

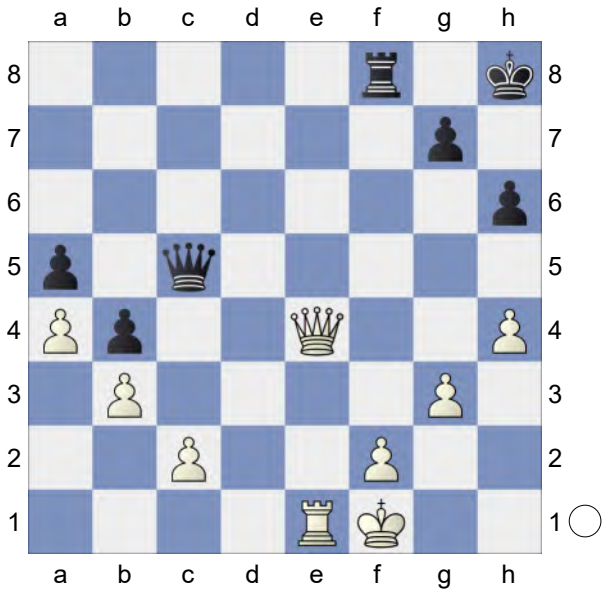
150 **B13**
□ **Gazi,Miroslav** **2777**
■ **Behrmann** **2553**
British Championship, Great Yarmouth (..
[Kitty Kat]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack John Watson: 'Kitty Kat: 'B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack '' **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Ne5 e6 8.g3** The position is equal. **8...Bd6 9.Bg2 0-0 10.0-0 Qc7 11.Re1 b5 12.a4** -0.22/19
[⌓12.Nxc6 0.18/18 Qxc6 13.Bg5]
[12.a3 Bb7 13.h4 Rac8 14.Na2 Bxe5 15.dxe5 Nd7 16.Qh5 Ne7 17.c3 d4 18.Bxb7 Qxb7 19.Rad1 Nf5 20.cxd4 Nb6 21.Nc3 Rfd8 22.Ne4 Nxd4 23.Rd3 Nf5 24.Qf3 Qa8 25.Bg5 Rxd3 26.Qxd3 Qd5 0-1 Firouzja,A (2767)-Carlsen,M (2832) Chess.com SpeedChess Final blitz 2024 (2.18)]
12...b4= 13.Na2 Bb7 14.Qd2N -1.11/21
[14.Nxc6= -0.01/18 keeps the balance. Qxc6 *(14...Bxc6 15.Nxb4 Bxf4 16.gxf4 Rab8 17.c3 Bb7 18.Nd3 Ne4 19.a5 Bc6 20.b4 Bb5 21.Nc5 Nxc5 22.dxc5 Qxf4 23.Qd4 Qc7 24.Re3 Rfe8 25.Rae1 Rbd8 26.h4 Qd7 27.Rg3 f6 28.Qxf6 Kh8 29.Qe5* 1-0 Firouzja,A (2777)-Lazavik, D (2553) Bullet Chess Winners blitz 2023 (1.5) *Qf7 30.h5 h6 31.Rg6 Kh7 32.Re3 Rf8 33.Rf3 Qd7 34.Qxe6 Qc7 35.Rxf8 Rxf8 36.Qe3 Qf7 37.Rg3 Qxh5 38.Bf3 Qf7 39.Kg2 Re8 40.Qd4 Rf8 41.Qxd5 Qf6 42.Qd4 Qf7 43.Qd5 Qf6 44.c4* 1-0 Gazi,M (2777)-Behrmann (2553) British Championship, Great Yarmouth 2007 (1.5) *)* 15.Be5]



14...a5 -0.44/19
[14...Ne4!∓ -1.11/21 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Nxc6 Bxf4 17.Qxf4 Qxc6 18.Nxb4 Qc4]
15.Nc1 -1.32/19
[15.c3!∓ -0.44/19]
15...Ne7 -0.32/19
[15...Ne4∓ -1.32/19 16.Bxe4 dxe4]
16.Nb3∓ Ne4 17.Qe3 -2.44/20
[17.Qd1∓ -0.39/18]
17...f6
[17...Qxc2 18.Bxe4 dxe4 19.Rec1 Qxb2 20.Nc4 Bxf4 21.gxf4± *(21.Nxb2? Bxe3 22.fxe3 Nd5-+)*]
18.Nd3 -2.21/20
[18.Nf3∓ -1.56/19 Bxf4 *(18...Qxc2 19.Bh3∓)* 19.Qxf4 Qxc2 20.Nfd2]

18...Nf5? 0.01/19
[18...Qxc2 19.Bh3 *(19.Bxd6 Nf5=)* 19...Bxf4 20.Nxf4 Qxb2 21.Bxe6+ Kh8 22.Rac1±]
[Black should try 18...e5-+ -2.21/20 And now ...Ne7-f5 would win. 19.Bxe5 fxe5 20.dxe5 Bxe5 21.Nxe5 Nf5 *(21...Qxe5? 22.f3-+)*]
19.Qc1 -0.93/19
[19.Bxd6= 0.01/19 was the only way to keep the balance. Qxc2 20.Qf4 Nfxd6 21.Nbc5]
19...Rac8? 1.14/20
[19...e5∓ -0.93/19 20.Be3 Nxe3 21.Rxe3 Qb6 22.dxe5 fxe5]
20.Bxd6± Nexd6 1.92/19
[20...Qxd6± 1.13/19 21.f3 *(21.Nxa5 Ba6=)* 21...Ng5 *(21...Nexg3 22.hxg3 Qxg3 23.Qf4+-)*]
21.Ndc5+-
[21.Rxe6?! Ne4±]
21...Nxd4 3.06/21
[⌓21...Rfe8 1.75/19]
22.Nxd4 Qxc5 23.Nxe6 Qb6 24.Nxf8 Rxf8 25.Qf4 Nc4 5.25/20
[25...Ne4 3.53/18 26.c3 bxc3]
26.b3 Ne5 27.Rad1 Rc8 28.Rxe5 fxe5 29.Qxe5 h6 30.Bxd5+ Bxd5 31.Qxd5+ Endgame KQR-KQR. White is two pawns up.
[31.Rxd5 Rxc2 32.Qe8+ *(32.Rxa5? Qxf2+ 33.Kh1 Qxh2#)* 32...Kh7 33.Qe4+ Qg6 34.Qxg6+ Kxg6±]
31...Kh8 32.Qf5 Qc6 5.44/23
[32...Rd8 3.24/25 was worth a try. 33.Re1 Qb7]
33.Rd5 Re8 34.Re5 0.98/26
[34.Rxa5? Re1#]
[34.h4+- 4.07/24]
34...Rd8? 4.06/26
[34...Rxe5± 0.98/26 is tougher. 35.Qxe5 Qxc2]
35.Re1
[35.Rxa5? Rd1#]
35...Qc3 36.Kf1 Qc6 37.Qe4
[37.Qxa5? Qh1+ 38.Ke2 Re8+ *(38...Qxh2?* loses. *39.Qxd8+ Kh7 40.Qh4+-)* 39.Kd3 Qxe1-+ *(39...Rxe1? 40.Qd8+ Kh7 41.Kc4-+)*]
37...Qc5 38.h4 Rf8



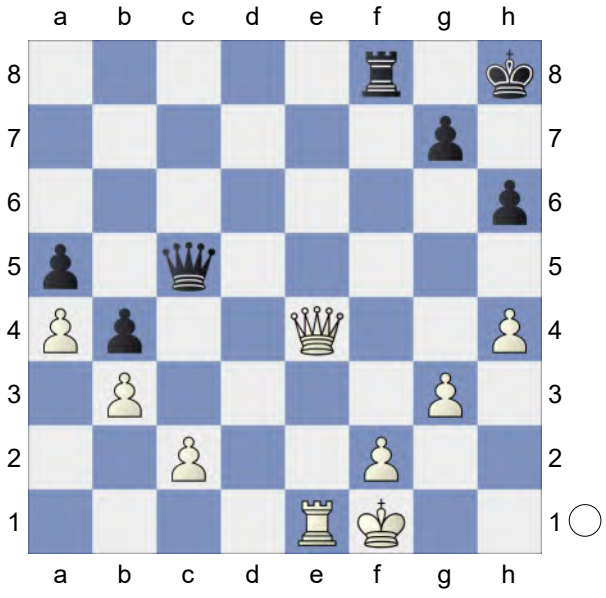
39.Re2 Qd6 40.Kg2 Rd8 41.Qe5 Qc6+ 42.Qe4? 0.01/24
[White should try 42.f3+- 3.01/25]
42...Qd6!= 43.Qf3 Rf8 44.Qd3 Qc6+ 45.Qe4 Qd6 46.Re3 Rd8 47.Rd3 Qf8 48.Rf3 Qd6 49.Rd3? 0.01/20
[49.Rf5+- 4.37/23]
49...Qf8! 50.Rxd8 Qxd8+- KQ-KQ. White is two pawns up. **51.Qc6 Qd2?** 7.16/24
[51...Qg8 2.98/26 52.Qd7 Qa8+ 53.Kg1 Qg8]
52.Qa8+ Kh7 53.Qxa5 Qc3 54.Qf5+ Kh8 55.Qd3 Threatening mate with Qd3xc3. **55...Qc6+ 56.Qf3 Qc3 57.Qxc3 bxc3 58.a5** 27.36/22 Weighted Error Value: White=0.70/ Black=0.71
[⌓58.b4 #13/21 g5 59.a5 Kg7 60.b5 Kg6 61.b6 gxh4 62.gxh4 Kh5

63.a6 *(63.b7 Kxh4 64.a6 h5 65.b8Q Kg5 66.Qd6 Kf5 67.a7 h4 68.Kh3 Kg5 69.a8Q Kh5 70.Qad5#)*]
1-0

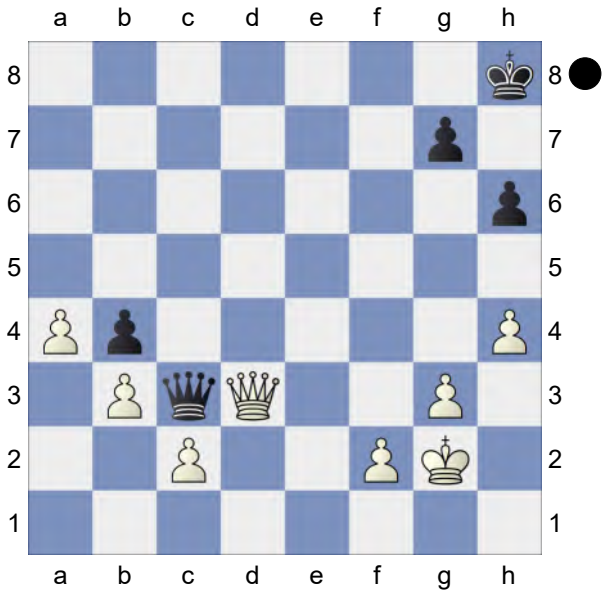
151 **A45**
□ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2777**
■ **Lazavik,Denis** **2553**
Bullet Chess Winners 2023 blitz (1.3)
[Kitty Kat]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Ne5 e6 8.g3!?** The position is equal. An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante. **8...Bd6 9.Bg2 0-0 10.0-0 Qc7 11.Re1**
[11.Nxc6!? Bxf4 12.Nb4∓]
11...b5N Repels Nc3-a4
[Predecessor: 11...Bd7 12.Nb1 h6 13.c3 Ne7 14.Nd2 Be8 15.a4 Nc6 16.Qe2 Rc8 17.Ng6 Bxf4 18.Nxf4 ½-½ Mary,P (2114)-Kuhne,D (2312) SM-2011-0-00168]
12.a4
[12.a3 Bb7 13.h4 Rac8 14.Na2 Bxe5 15.dxe5 Nd7 16.Qh5 Ne7 17.c3 d4 18.Bxb7 Qxb7 19.Rad1 Nf5 20.cxd4 Nb6 21.Nc3 Rfd8 22.Ne4 Nxd4 23.Rd3 Nf5 24.Qf3 Qa8 25.Bg5 Rxd3 26.Qxd3 Qd5 0-1 Firouzja,A (2767)-Carlsen,M (2832) Chess.com SpeedChess Final blitz 2024 (2.18)]
12...b4 13.Na2 Bb7 14.Qd2N -1.18/23
[14.Nxc6= -0.15/18 remains equal. Qxc6 *(14...Bxc6 15.Nxb4 Bxf4 16.gxf4 Rab8 17.c3 Bb7 18.Nd3 Ne4 19.a5 Bc6 20.b4 Bb5 21.Nc5 Nxc5 22.dxc5 Qxf4 23.Qd4 Qc7 24.Re3 Rfe8 25.Rae1 Rbd8 26.h4 Qd7 27.Rg3 f6 28.Qxf6 Kh8 29.Qe5* 1-0 Firouzja,A (2777)-Lazavik,D (2553) Bullet Chess Winners blitz 2023 (1.5) *)* 15.Bxd6 Qxd6 16.Nc1]
14...a5 -0.59/22
[14...Ne4∓ -1.18/23 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Nxc6 e3 17.fxe3 *(17.Rxe3 Qxc6 18.d5 exd5∓)* 17...Bxf4 *(17...Qxc6 18.d5∓)* 18.Naxb4 *(18.Ncxb4 Bxg3* Demolition *19.hxg3 Qxg3+ 20.Kf1 Bf3∓)* 18...Bg5]
15.Nc1 -1.35/20
[15.c3∓ -0.59/22]
15...Ne7 -0.45/21
[15...Ne4∓ -1.35/20 16.Bxe4 dxe4 17.Nxc6 Qxc6]
16.Nb3∓ Ne4 17.Qe3 -2.19/21
[17.Qd1∓ -0.39/20]
17...f6
[17...Qxc2 18.Bxe4 dxe4 19.Rec1 Qxb2 20.Nc4 Bxf4 21.gxf4± *(21.Nxb2? Bxe3 22.fxe3 Nd5-+)*]
18.Nd3 Nf5 0.32/21
[18...Qxc2 19.Bh3 *(19.Bxd6 Nf5=)* 19...Bxf4 20.Bxe6+ Kh8 21.Nxf4 Qxb2 22.Rac1±]
[18...e5-+ -1.72/22 19.Bxe5 fxe5 20.dxe5 Bxe5 21.Nxe5 Nf5 *(21...Qxe5 22.f3∓)*]
19.Qc1 -0.93/21
[19.Bxd6± 0.32/21 keeps the upper hand. Qxc2 20.Qc1 Qxb3 21.Bxf8 Qxd3 22.Bc5]
19...Rac8? 1.22/22
[19...e5∓ -0.93/21 keeps the pressure on. 20.Be3 Rae8]
20.Bxd6± Nexd6 1.98/22
[20...Nfxd6± 1.26/21 21.f3 Ng5]
21.Ndc5+-
[21.Rxe6?! Ne4±]
21...Nxd4 3.23/22
[21...Rfe8 1.63/20]

22.Nxd4 Qxc5 23.Nxe6 Qb6 24.Nxf8 Rxf8 25.Qf4 Nc4 5.21/21
[⌓25...Ne4 3.40/20 26.c4 bxc3]
26.b3 Ne5 27.Rad1 Rc8 28.Rxe5 fxe5 29.Qxe5 h6 30.Bxd5+ Bxd5 31.Qxd5+ Endgame KQR-KQR. White is two pawns up.
[31.Rxd5 Rxc2 32.Qe8+ *(32.Rxa5? Qxf2+ 33.Kh1 Qxh2#)* 32...Kh7 33.Qe4+ Qg6 34.Qxg6+ Kxg6 35.Rxa5 Rb2±]
31...Kh8 32.Qf5 Qc6 5.49/25
[32...Rd8 3.30/26 33.Re1 Qa6]
33.Rd5 Re8 34.Re5 1.07/26
[34.Rxa5? Re1#]
[34.h4+- 4.14/25 and White stays clearly on top.]
34...Rd8? 4.06/24
[34...Rxe5± 1.07/26 35.Qxe5 Qxc2]
35.Re1
[35.Rxa5? Rd1#]
35...Qc3 36.Kf1 Qc6 37.Qe4
[37.Qxa5? Qh1+ 38.Ke2 Re8+ *(38...Qxh2? too greedy. 39.Qxd8+ Kh7 40.Qh4+-)* 39.Kd3 Qxe1-+ *(39...Rxe1? 40.Qd8+ Kh7 41.Kc4-+)*]
37...Qc5 38.h4 Rf8



39.Re2 Qd6 40.Kg2 Rd8 41.Qe5 Qc6+ 42.Qe4? 0.01/24
[42.Kh2+- 3.07/26]
42...Qd6!= 43.Qf3 Rf8 44.Qd3 Qc6+ 45.Qe4 Qd6 46.Re3 Rd8 47.Rd3 Qf8 48.Rf3 Qd6 49.Rd3? -0.01/21
[Better is 49.Rf5+- 4.39/23]
49...Qf8! 50.Rxd8 Qxd8+- KQ-KQ. White is two pawns up. **51.Qc6 Qd2?** 7.44/25
[51...Kh7 2.99/27 52.Qe4+ Kh8]
52.Qa8+ Kh7 53.Qxa5 Qc3 54.Qf5+ Kh8 55.Qd3



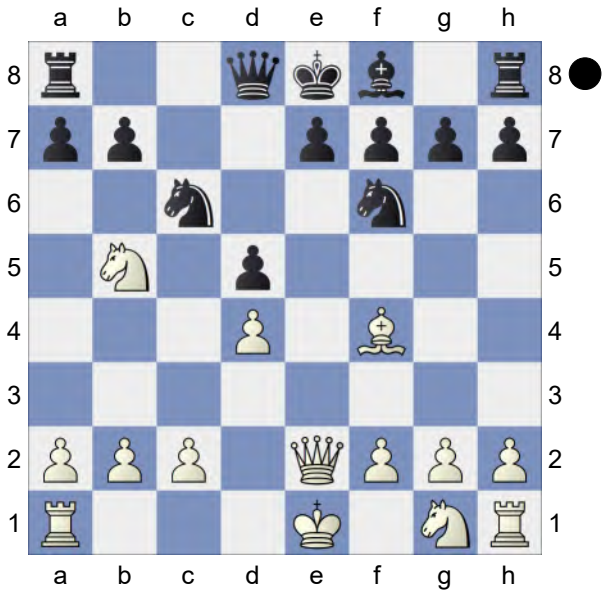
White wants to mate with Qd3xc3.
55...Qc6+ 56.Qf3 Qc3 57.Qxc3 bxc3 58.a5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.73/ Black=0.70
1-0

152 **A45**
□ **Erigaisi,Arjun Kumar** **2777**
■ **Pichot,A** **2613**
Titled Tue 1st Apr Early blitz (4) 1.4.25
[TA]

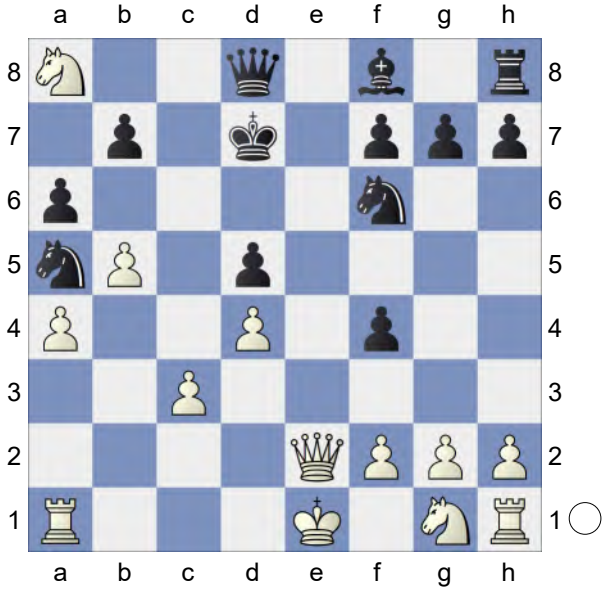
B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (120 (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ (41) Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 (41) Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 (23) Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]
3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 Bg4 6.Be2 Bxe2 7.Qxe2 Nc6 1.34/21
[7...a6= -0.07/21]
8.Nb5±

(Diagram)



Nd6+ would now be deadly. White is clearly better. **8...Qa5+ 9.c3** And now Nc7+ would win. **9...Kd7 10.a4 a6** 0.31/19
[10...Rc8± 1.24/22]
11.b4!± Qd8 1.48/19 Black is on the road to losing.
[⌓11...Nxb4 1.02/22 12.cxb4 Qxb4+ 13.Bd2 Qb2]
12.Nc7± White is more active. **12...e5** 1.89/21 **13.Nxa8+-**
[13.Bxe5 Nxe5 14.Nxa8 Nc4∓]
13...exf4 14.b5! Na5

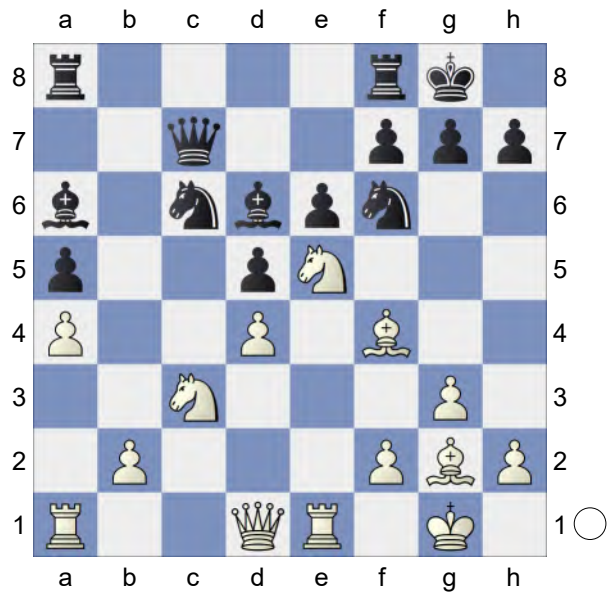


Hoping for ...Bd6. **15.bxa6! Qxa8**
[15...Nc4 16.axb7]
16.Qb5+ Nc6 17.axb7
[17.Qxb7+ Qxb7 18.axb7 Kc7∓]
17...Qa7 18.Nf3 Black must now prevent Ne5+. **18...Bd6 19.Ne5+ Bxe5 20.dxe5 Re8 21.0-0 Rxe5 22.Rfb1 Re8 23.a5 Kc7 24.a6 Ne4** 6.20/19
[⌓24...Ng4 4.12/16]
25.Qe2 Kb8 26.Rb2 Qb5 is the strong threat. **26...Re6** 4.53/21
[26...Qc5 3.08/19 keeps fighting. 27.a7+ Nxa7]
27.Qg4 g5 5.20/20
[27...Qc5 3.25/18 is a better defense. 28.Qxf4+ *(28.Qxg7 Nd6+-)* 28...Nd6]
28.Qf5 Nd6 29.Qxg5 f3 30.Qg8+
[30.gxf3? Rg6-+]
30...Re8 31.Qg3
[Don't play 31.Qxh7 Qc5 32.Qh3 *(32.gxf3 Qxc3 33.Rab1 Ka7±)* 32...Qxc3+-]
31...Ne5? 5.15/19
[31...Qc5 3.06/18 32.Qxf3 *(32.gxf3 Ka7+-)* 32...Ka7]
32.gxf3 White is clearly winning. **32...f6 33.Kh1 Ndc4 34.Re2**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.51/Black=0.79
1-0

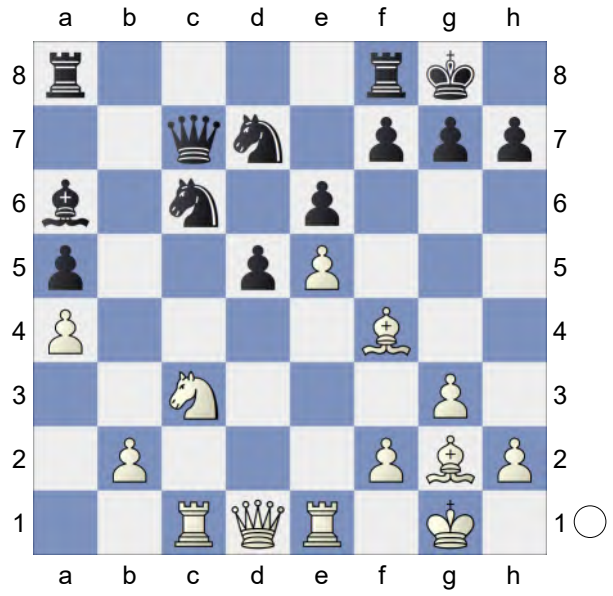
153 **A45**
□ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2777**
■ **Lazavik,Denis** **2553**
Bullet Chess Winners 2023 blitz (1.9)
[Kitty Kat]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 Nc6 6.Nf3** -0.31/18 White is more active.
[6.Nb5± 1.11/19 And now Nb5-c7+ would win. e5 7.dxe5 *(7.Bxe5 Nxe5 8.dxe5 Ng4±)*]
6...a6 7.Ne5 e6 8.g3!? Leaves trodden paths. Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade.
8...Bd6 The position is equal. **9.Bg2 0-0 10.0-0 Qc7 11.Re1 b5N**
[Predecessor: 11...Bd7 12.Nb1 h6 13.c3 Ne7 14.Nd2 Be8 15.a4 Nc6 0.53/17 *(15...Nf5=* 0.12/18 deserves consideration.*)* 16.Qe2 Rc8 17.Ng6 Bxf4 18.Nxf4 ½-½ Mary,P (2114)-Kuhne,D (2312) SM-2011-0-00168]
12.a4
[12.a3 Bb7 13.h4 Rac8 14.Na2 Bxe5 15.dxe5 Nd7 16.Qh5 Ne7 17.c3 d4 18.Bxb7 Qxb7 19.Rad1 Nf5 20.cxd4 Nb6 21.Nc3 Rfd8 22.Ne4 Nxd4 23.Rd3 Nf5 24.Qf3 Qa8 25.Bg5 Rxd3 26.Qxd3 Qd5 0-1 Firouzja,A (2767)-Carlsen,M (2832) Chess.com SpeedChess Final blitz 2024 (2.18)]
12...b4 13.Na2 a5N 0.27/19
[⌓13...Bd7 -0.11/19]
[13...Bb7 14.Qd2 a5 15.Nc1 Ne7 16.Nb3 Ne4 17.Qe3 f6 18.Nd3 Nf5 19.Qc1 Rac8 20.Bxd6 Nexd6 21.Ndc5 Nxd4 22.Nxd4 Qxc5 23.Nxe6 Qb6 24.Nxf8 Rxf8 25.Qf4 Nc4 26.b3 Ne5 27.Rad1 Rc8 28.Rxe5 1-0 Gazi,M (2777)-Behrmann (2553) British Championship, Great Yarmouth 2007 (1.3)]
14.c3= bxc3 15.Nxc3 Ba6 2.82/20
[15...Qb7± 0.55/19]

(Diagram)



A mistake that costs the game.
16.Rc1!+-
[16.Nb5 Bxb5 17.axb5 Nb4=]
16...Bxe5 3.74/20
[⌓16...Nb4 2.53/19 17.Nxd5 Discovered Attack Nfxd5]
17.dxe5 Nd7 5.80/20
[17...Nh5 3.59/19 was called for. 18.Qxh5 Qb6]



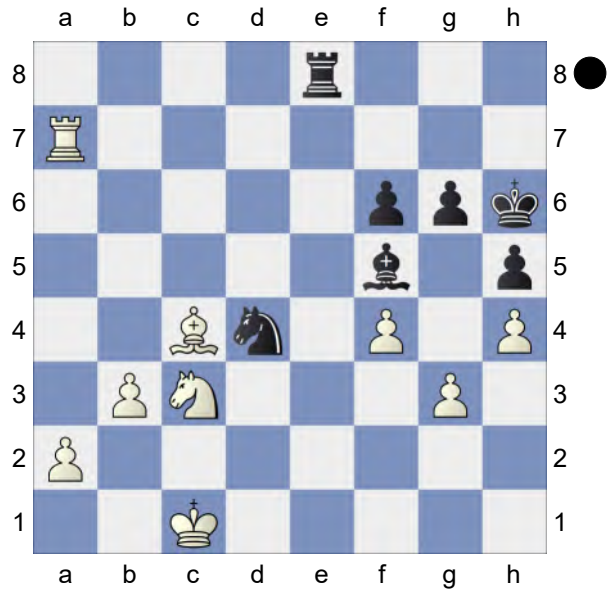
18.Nxd5! White is clearly winning.
18...exd5 19.e6 Discovered Attack
19...Qb7 20.Bxd5 Weighted Error

Value: White=0.19 (very precise) / Black=0.66
1-0

154 **A45**
□ **Erigaisi,Arjun Kumar** **2777**
■ **Theodorou,Nikolas** **2611**
Titled Tue 11th Mar Late blitz (6) 11.3.25
[Kitty Kat]

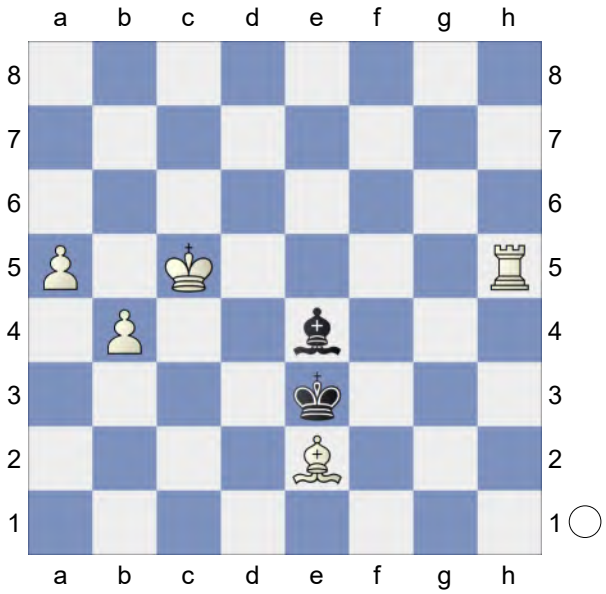
D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 g6 4.e3 Bg7 5.h4 h5 6.Nf3 0-0 7.Ne5 c5 8.Qd2** The position is equal. **8...Nc6 9.f3 cxd4 10.exd4 Bf5 11.Bb5 Nxe5 12.dxe5 Nd7 13.0-0-0 Nxe5 14.Bh6N** -0.73/20
[14.Rhe1= -0.08/20 Nc6
A) 15.Bh6 e5 *(15...Bxh6 16.Qxh6 e6 17.g4 hxg4 18.fxg4 Bxg4 19.Ne4 Qe7 20.Ng5 f6 21.Nxe6 Bxe6 22.Rxe6 Qxe6 23.Qxg6+ Kh8 24.Qh5+ Kg7 25.Rg1+* Jobava London - 3...g6 [BortnykChess]*)* 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.Nxd5 Rc8 18.Ne3 Qxd2+ 19.Rxd2 Be6 20.b3 Unit G6-Erigaisi Line [GM Pier Luigi Basso];
B) 15.Qxd5]
[14.Qxd5 Qc7 15.g4 Nd3+ 16.Bxd3 Qxf4+ 17.Kb1 Be6 18.Qe4 Qxe4 19.Nxe4 hxg4 20.fxg4 Bxg4 21.Rdg1 f5 22.Bc4+ Kh8 23.h5 g5 24.Nxg5 Bh6 25.Nf7+ Kh7 26.Ne5 Be3 27.Re1 Bg5 28.Bd3 Kh6 Night King96 (2803)-Watneg (2853) Blitz 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0]
14...Rc8 -0.10/22
[Black should play 14...Bxh6∓ -0.73/20 15.Qxh6 e6]
15.Bxg7= Kxg7 16.Rhe1 -0.42/22
[16.Qe2= -0.08/21 f6 17.Rxd5]

16...f6!∓ 17.Qxd5 Qxd5 -0.01/23
[17...Qc7∓ -0.52/22]
18.Rxd5= Rfd8 0.42/20
[18...a6= -0.07/19 19.Be2 Rc7]
19.Rxd8± Rxd8 20.f4 Ng4 1.76/22
This costs Black the game.
[20...a6± 0.36/23]
21.Rxe7++- Kh6 22.Rxb7 Ne3 23.g3 Nxc2 24.Rxa7 Nd4 25.Bc4 Re8 26.b3



Nd5 is the strong threat. **26...Re3?** 4.39/24
[26...Re1+ 2.48/22 27.Kb2 Rg1]
27.Nd5! Re6 7.91/23
[⌓27...Re1+ 4.94/24 28.Kb2 Nc6]
28.Ne7 Re1+ 29.Kd2 Nf3+ 30.Kc3 Re3+ 31.Kb4 Rxe7 32.Rxe7 Endgame KRB-KBN **32...g5 33.fxg5+ fxg5 34.hxg5+ Kxg5 35.a4 Nd4 36.Kc5 Nf3 37.a5 Kg4 38.Rg7+ Ng5 39.Be2+ Kxg3 40.Rxg5+ Kf4 41.Rxh5 Be4 42.b4 Ke3**

(Diagram)



43.Re5! Kf4 44.Re7 Bg2 45.b5 Bh1 46.a6 Bg2 47.b6 Bh1 48.b7 Kg5 49.a7 Be4 50.Rxe4 23.00/5
[⌓50.b8Q #4/10 Bc2 51.Qe5+ Bf5 52.Rh7 Kg6 53.Qg7#]
50...Kh6 51.a8Q White mates. **51...Kg7 52.Re7+ Kh6 53.Qf8+ Kg5 54.Rg7+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.39
1-0

155 **D00**
□ **Erigaisi,Arjun Kumar** **2777**
■ **Svane,R** **2627**
Titled Tue 11th Mar Early blitz (7)
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 c6 4.e3 Bf5 5.f3 h5**
[5...e6 6.g4 Bg6 7.h4 h5 *(7...h6 8.Bd3 Bxd3 9.Qxd3 Bd6 10.Nge2 Qc7 11.Kf2 Nbd7 12.g5 Nh5 13.Bxd6 Qxd6 14.f4 0-0-0 15.Na4 Kb8 16.a3 c5 17.dxc5 Nxc5 18.Nxc5 Qxc5 19.b4 Qc7 20.Nc3 d4 21.Nb5 dxe3+ 22.Qxe3* Moeller,T (1370)-Schuett,N (1770)

Velden 2023 ½-½ (43)) 8.g5 Nfd7 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Na6 11.0-0-0 b5 12.g6 f6 13.e4 Nb6 14.Nxb5 Nb4 15.Nc7+ Kd7 16.Qe2 Na4 17.exd5 Nxa2+ 18.Kd2 e5 19.Nxa8 Qa5+ 20.Ke3 Siger,C (2291)-12.c3 ♗g7 13. ♕h5 00 14.e (2454) Leon 2023 Inf11 [John Watson] 0-1]

6.Bd3 e6N

[6...Bxd3 7.Qxd3 e6 *(7...Na6 8.Nge2 e6 9.a3 Bd6 10.e4 Bxf4 11.Nxf4 Qb6 12.exd5 Nxd5 13.Ncxd5 cxd5 14.0-0 0-0-0 15.b4 Kb8 16.Kh1 Rc8 17.b5 Nc7 18.a4 Qd6 19.Qd2 Na8 20.a5 Rc4 21.b6 axb6 22.axb6* Naoum,S (2352)-Skembris,S (2381) Athens, Greece 2022 [www.rules-chess-strategies.com] 0-1 (42)) 8.Nge2 h4 *(8...Be7 9.e4 0-0 10.g4 dxe4 11.fxe4 hxg4 12.h3 g3 13.Qf3* Theory-Theory 3: 3... c6 #5 - 4…*)* 9.0-0-0 Nbd7 10.Kb1 Qb6 11.e4 Be7 12.e5 Nh5 13.Be3 g5 14.g4 hxg3 15.hxg3 0-0-0 16.g4 Ng7 17.Nc1 c5 18.dxc5 Nxc5 19.Qd4 Qc6 20.Nb3 Nxb3 21.axb3 Theory 3 (3... c6): Model Gam-Model Game #10: Jobava,B (40)]

7.Bxf5 exf5 8.Qd3 The position is equal. **8...g6 9.Nge2 Bd6** 0.27/19

[⌓9...Bg7 -0.12/16]

10.Bg5 Be7 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.e4 fxe4 13.fxe4 dxe4 14.Nxe4 0-0 15.0-0-0 Bg7 16.g4 h4 0.33/20

[16...hxg4= 0.01/20 17.h3 g3]

17.g5± Qa5 18.a3 Nd7 19.Rdf1 0.00/20

[White should try 19.Qh3± 0.95/19 f5 20.gxf6 Nxf6 21.Nc5 *(21.Qxh4 Nxe4 22.Qxe4 Rae8±)*]

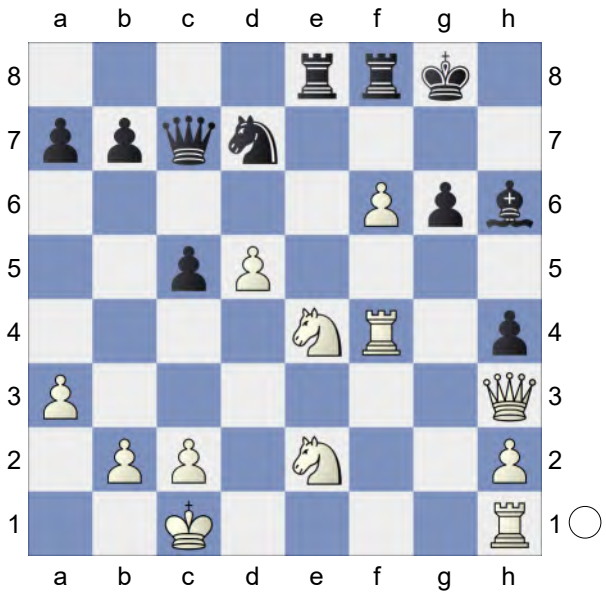
19...Rae8 0.34/19

[19...c5= 0.00/20 feels stronger.]

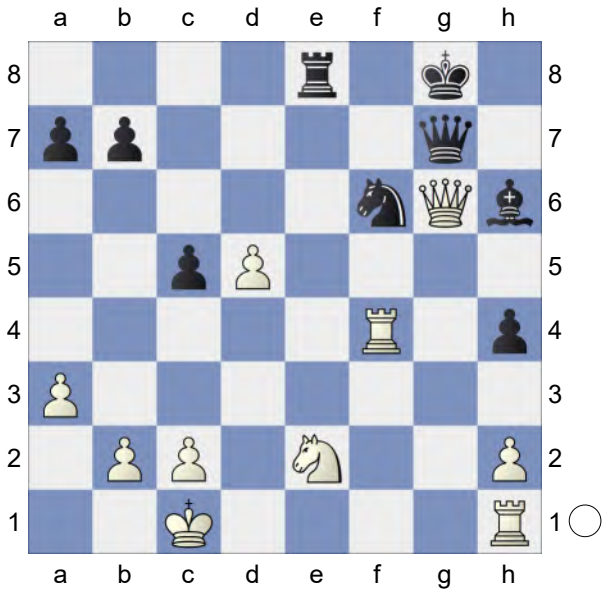
20.Rf4 c5 21.Qh3 Qc7 22.d5 f5

23.gxf6! Bh6 1.13/23

[23...Nxf6= 0.01/21 remains equal. 24.Qxh4 *(24.d6 Qc6=)* 24...g5 25.Nxf6+ Bxf6]



24.Qg4!± 0x0.0010f922457fdp-1022s more active pieces. **24...Rxf6 25.Nxf6+ Nxf6 26.Qxg6+ Qg7**



27.Rg1! Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.18 (very precise)

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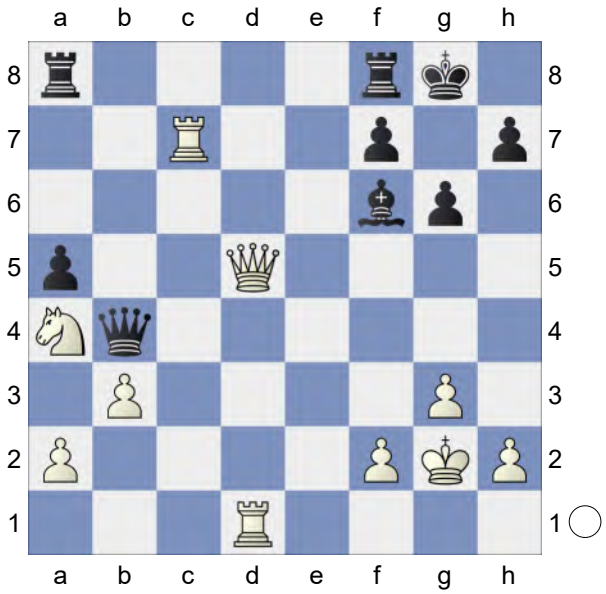
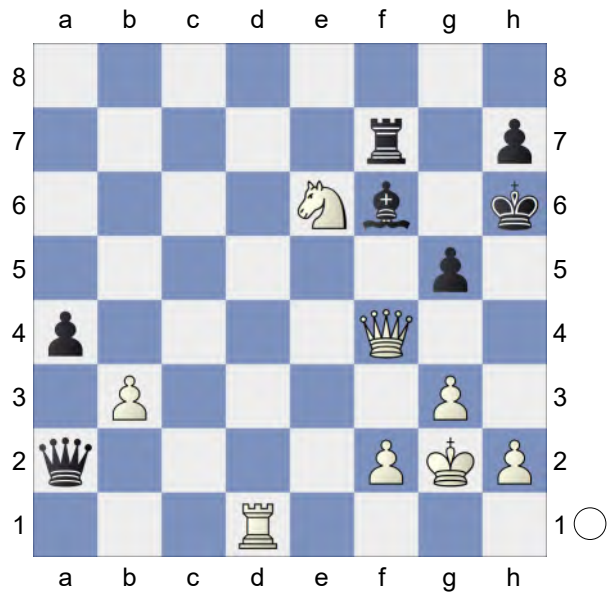
156 **D00**
□ **Erigaisi,Arjun Kumar** **2777**
■ **Bryakin,Mikhail** **2434**
Titled Tue 4th Mar Early blitz (6) 4.3.25
[Kitty Kat]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Ne5 e6 8.Nxc6 bxc6 9.Na4!** Inhibits c5. **9...Nd7N**
[9...Bd6
A) 10.Bxd6 Qxd6 11.Bd3 a5 *(11...e5 12.dxe5 Qxe5+ 13.Qe2 Qxe2+ 14.Kxe2* Theory-Theory 1: 3... c5 #23 - 4...*)* 12.0-0 Ba6 13.Re1 0-0 14.Rc1 Bxd3 15.Qxd3 Rfe8 16.h3 e5 17.dxe5 Rxe5 18.Rxe5 Qxe5 19.Rd1 Re8 20.Nc3 h6 21.a3 Re6 22.b4 axb4 23.axb4 Ne4 24.Nxe4 Qxe4 Van Foreest,L (2512)-Budisavljevic, L (2483) Saint Louis 2024 Mega2024 Update 25 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (33);
B) 10.Bg3 a5 11.Bd3 Ba6 12.Bxd6 Qxd6 13.Bxa6 Rxa6 14.0-0 0-0 #15 Chapter The Jobava London-The Jobava London: 4.e3]
[9...Be7 10.Bd3 0-0 11.0-0 6) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5-5.exd4 a6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Ne5 e6 London 2023 https://www.chessable.co [MH]]
10.Bd3 a5 11.Qe2 Be7 12.0-0 Bb7 13.Rac1 0-0 14.c4 Ba6 15.b3 Bf6 16.Qe3 Re8 17.Rfd1 e5 18.dxe5 0.31/20
[18.Qh3= 0.00/19 should be considered. h6 19.cxd5! cxd5 20.Bxa6 Rxa6 21.dxe5 Bxe5 22.Bd2]
18...Nxe5± 19.Bxe5 Bxe5 20.Qh3 g6 21.cxd5 Bxd3 0.89/20
[21...cxd5= 0.05/21 22.Bxa6 Rxa6]
22.Qxd3 cxd5 23.Qxd5 Qh4 1.18/22
[23...Bf4± 0.53/20 24.Rc5 Qxd5 25.Rcxd5 Re2]
24.g3± Qb4 25.Kg2 Bf6 1.80/20
[25...h5± 1.42/20 was called for. 26.Rc4 Qf8]
26.Rc7+- Rf8 2.43/22
[26...Qe4+ 1.72/22 was worth a try. 27.Qxe4 Rxe4]



27.Rxf7!! Rxf7 28.Qxa8+ Kg7 29.Qd5 Qa3? 3.92/21
[29...Rc7 2.36/21 30.Qf3 Rf7]
30.Nc5 Strongly threatening Ne6+.
30...Qxa2? 14.31/25
[30...Qb2 3.45/20 31.Ne6+ Kh6]
31.Ne6+ Kh6 32.Rd3 4.32/22
[⌓32.Qf3 10.92/23 White threatens g4 and mate. a4 33.Qf4+ g5

(Diagram)



34.Nxg5! Qxb3 35.Nxf7+ Kg7 36.Rd7 Qxf7 37.Rxf7+ Kxf7 38.Qxa4]

32...Be7 33.Rf3 Rxf3 34.Qxf3 White wants to mate with g4. **34...Qd2** #11/22

[34...Qb1+- 4.01/23 35.Qe3+ g5]

35.g4 g5 36.Qf7 Qd5+ 37.Kh3? 0.01/23

[37.f3 #9/21 mates Qxe6 38.Qxe6+ Kg7 39.Qxe7+ Kg8 40.f4 gxf4 41.g5 f3+ 42.Kxf3 a4 43.bxa4 h5 44.gxh6 Kh8 45.Qg7#]

37...Qd3+= The position is equal. **38.Kg2 Qe4+ 39.Kf1⇄** White is not keeping still **39...Qd3+ 40.Kg2** The board is on fire. **40...Qe4+ 41.Kf1 Qd3+ 42.Kg2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.40/Black=0.42

½-½

157 **D00**

□ **Erigaisi,Arjun Kumar** **2777**

■ **Xiong,Jeffery** **2636**

Titled Tue 11th Mar Early blitz (10)

[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 h6 5.h4**

[5.Nf3 e6 6.Bd3 c5 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.e4 Nc6 9.0-0 Nh5 10.Bd2 Nf6 11.h3 0-0 12.Bf4 b5 13.exd5 exd5 14.Re1 Be6 15.Qd2 Re8 16.a3 Rc8 17.Rad1 Bf8 18.Be3 Qd7 19.Nd4 Ne5 Torombot (3050)-Expositor (2831) Rapid 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (77)]

5...c5 6.Nf3N

[6.dxc5 Nc6 7.Nf3 Bg4 8.Be2 Bxf3 9.Bxf3 e5 10.Bg3 e4 11.Be2 Bxc5 12.Qd2 Qa5 13.0-0 d4 14.exd4 Bxd4 15.Rad1 Rd8 16.Qf4 Bxc3 17.Rxd8+ Qxd8 18.bxc3 0-0 19.Rb1 b5 20.Qe3 Qa5 Niemann,H (2611)-Vidit,S (2657) Universal Chess Tour Stadium Events | S 2024 [Tactical Analysis 5.2 (4s)] 0-1 (34)]

6...Bg4 7.Be2 Bxf3 8.Bxf3 Nc6 9.g4 cxd4 10.exd4 e6 11.g5 hxg5 12.hxg5 Rxh1+ 13.Bxh1 This bishop pair is nice. **13...Nd7 14.Qd3 g6 15.0-0-0**

[15.Qh3 is interesting. Be7 16.0-0-0 Bxg5 17.Nxd5 exd5 18.Re1+]

15...Be7 16.Qg3 Rc8! 17.Kb1 Nb6 18.b3

[18.Bf3 keeps more tension. Nc4 19.Nxd5 exd5 20.Qh3]

18...Na7 0.52/19

[18...Nd7= 0.15/21]

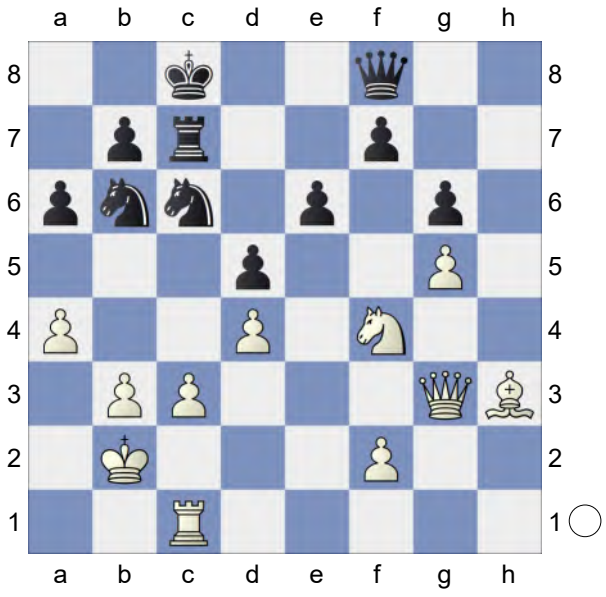
19.a4 Nc6 20.Bg2 Kd7 21.Qe3 Nb4 0.98/18

[21...Na5⩲ 0.59/20]

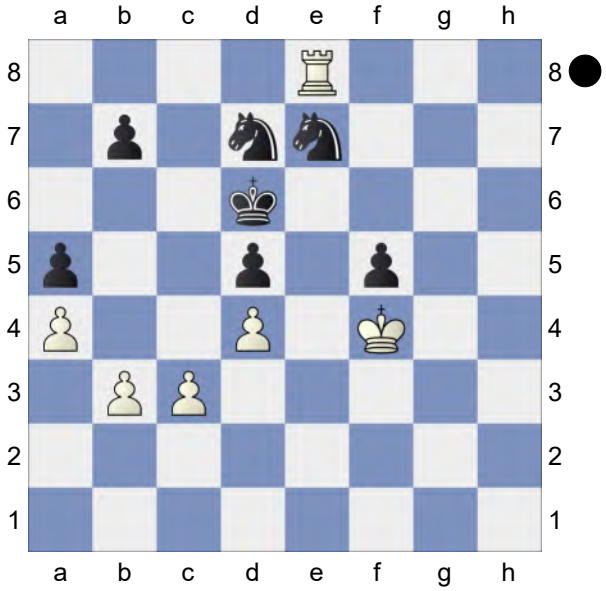
22.Bh3 Rc6 23.Qf3 0.45/22

[Avoid the trap 23.a5? Nc8 24.Qf3

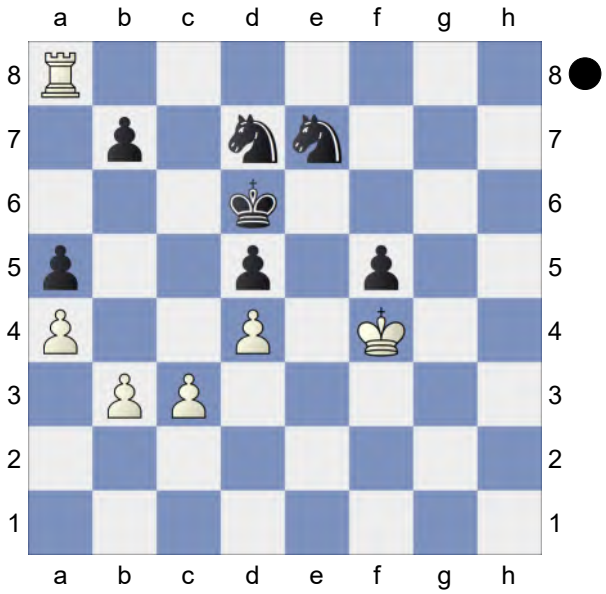
Qxa5-+]
[23.Bg4± 0.90/19]
23...Kc8 0.90/19
[23...Ke8± 0.45/22]
24.Bg3 0.18/19
[24.Rc1± 0.90/19]
24...Nd7 0.58/21
[Less strong is 24...Bxg5 25.Qxf7! Rxc3 26.Bxe6+ Nd7 27.Bxd7+ Qxd7 28.Qf8+ Bd8 29.Qxb4±]
[24...Qf8= 0.18/19 was preferrable.]
25.Kb2!± Qf8 26.Qe3 Active counter play! **26...Bd6 27.Rc1** 0.23/20
[27.Rh1± 0.54/20]
27...Qe7 0.65/20
[27...Bxg3= 0.23/20 28.Qxg3 Rc7]
28.Ne2 Rc7 29.c3 Nc6 30.Bxd6 Qxd6 31.Qg3 0.15/21
[31.Qf4± 0.49/21 Qe7 32.Bf1]
31...Qf8 32.Nf4 Bxe6! is the strong threat. **32...Nb6** 1.37/21
[32...Qd6± 0.40/21]



33.Bxe6+!± fxe6 34.Nxe6 Qe7 35.Qxc7+ Qxc7 36.Nxc7 Kxc7 37.Rh1 Ne7 38.Rh7 Kd6 39.f4 0.01/23
[39.Rh8± 1.48/22]
39...a5? 2.57/22
[39...Nbc8= 0.01/23 and Black stays safe.]
40.f5!+- gxf5 41.g6? -0.28/24
[White should try 41.Rh6++- 2.20/25 Kc7 42.Kc2]
41...Ke6 42.g7 Ng8 Inhibits Rh6+.
43.Kc2 Kf7 44.Rh5 -1.02/25
[44.Kd3= -0.24/25 keeps the balance.]
44...Kg6∓ 45.Rh2 Kxg7 46.Rf2 -1.97/24
[46.Re2∓ -0.92/23]
46...Kf6 47.Rg2 Ne7 48.Kd3 Nc6 -0.57/24
[48...Nbc8-+ -2.03/23 And now ...Nd6 would win. 49.Rh2 Nd6]
49.Rg8!∓ Nd7 50.Rc8 Ke6 51.Re8+ Ne7 -0.35/24
[Better is 51...Kd6∓ -1.15/25]
52.Ke3 Kd6 53.Kf4 -1.25/24
[53.Ra8∓ -0.59/26]



53...Nf6!∓ 54.Rd8+ Nd7 -0.01/24
[54...Ke6∓ -1.03/24 Hoping for ...Ne4. 55.Ke3 Nc6]
55.Ra8 -1.02/25
[55.Re8!= -0.01/24]



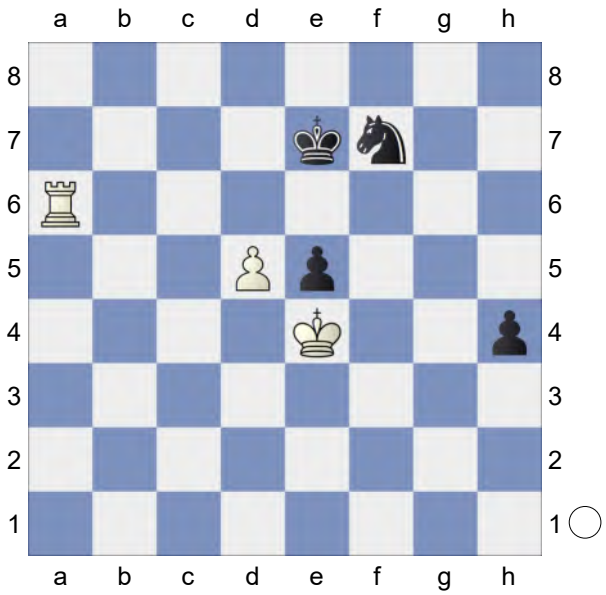
55...b6 -0.01/25
[55...Nf8!∓ -1.02/25]
56.Re8 -1.01/25
[56.Rd8= -0.01/25]
56...Ke6 -0.01/25
[Black should play 56...Nf6∓ -1.01/25 57.Rd8+ Kc7]
57.Kf3 Kf7 58.Rd8 Ke6 59.Re8 Kd6 60.Kf4 Ke6 0.01/28
[60...Nf6∓ -1.09/26 61.Rd8+ Kc7]
61.Kf3 What a bad dream for Black.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/ Black=0.39
½-½

158 **A45**
□ **Erigaisi,Arjun Kumar** **2777**
■ **Martinez Alcantara,Jose Eduardo**
Titled Tue 11th Mar Late blitz (11)
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c6 4.e3 Bf5 5.f3 h6 6.Bd3N**
[6.g4 Bh7 7.Bd3
A) 7...Bxd3 8.Qxd3 e6 9.h4 Bd6 10.Nge2 Qc7 11.0-0-0 Nbd7 12.Bxd6 Qxd6 13.e4 dxe4 14.fxe4 *(14.Nxe4 Qc7 15.Qa3 Nxe4 16.fxe4 a6 17.d5 exd5 18.exd5 cxd5 19.Rxd5 0-0-0 20.Rhd1 Rhe8 21.Qf3 Ne5 22.Qf5+ Nd7 23.Nc3 Re7 24.h5 Qb6 25.Na4 Qe3+ 26.Kb1 Qe6 27.Qxe6 Rxe6 28.Nc5 Re7* Grivas,S (1847)-Ruther,R (1692) Turkiye 153/16 2023 TD 94\02 [John Watson] ½-½ (40) *)* 14...Nxg4 15.Qf3 h5 16.e5 Qe7 17.Ne4 Kd8 18.Rdf1 f5 19.exf6 gxf6 20.Nf4 Rh6 21.Qb3 Nf8 22.Nc5 Nagy,G (2495)-Cervantes Landeiro,T (2268) Los Angeles 2023 1-0 (32);
B) 7...Nbd7 8.Bxh7 Nxh7 9.Nge2 e6 10.Qd3 Be7 11.e4 Nhf6 12.0-0-0 Qa5 13.Kb1 a6 14.Rhe1 b5 15.Nc1 Qd8 16.Nb3 Nb6 17.h4 Nc4 18.Bc1 Qd7 19.g5 hxg5 20.hxg5 Nh5 Theory 3 (3...c6): Model Gam-Model Game #11: Grandelius,N [MH] (34)]
6...Bxd3 7.Qxd3 e6 8.e4 Be7 9.Nge2 Qb6 10.0-0-0 Qa6 11.Qxa6 Nxa6 12.a3 Nb8 13.h3 Nbd7 14.g4 a5 15.a4 0-0-0 16.Be3 Ne8 17.e5 Nc7 18.f4 b5 19.f5 Nb6 20.b3 bxa4 21.Nxa4 Nxa4 22.bxa4 Kd7 23.Rdf1 Rb8! 24.fxe6+ fxe6 0.72/21
[24...Nxe6= 0.01/20 remains equal. 25.Rxf7 Rhf8 26.Rxf8 *(26.Rhf1 Rxf7 27.Rxf7 Rb4=)* 26...Rxf8]
25.Rf7± Rhg8 26.Rhf1 0.23/22
[26.Bd2!± 0.67/21]
26...Ke8 27.c3 Inhibits Rb4. **27...Rf8** 0.88/24
[27...Na8= 0.01/21]
28.Rxf8+ Bxf8 29.Nf4 0.42/24
[29.Kc2± 0.80/23]
29...Ba3+!± 30.Kc2 Rb2+! 31.Kd3 Rh2! 32.Rb1 0.01/23

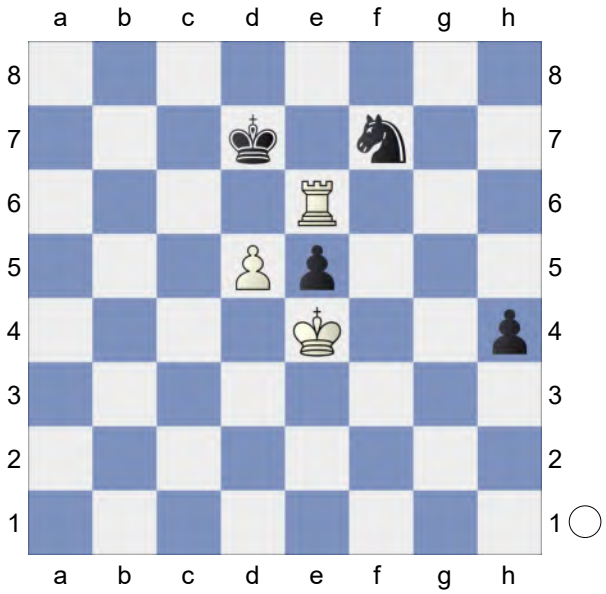
[32.Nh5± 0.54/22]
32...g5 0.60/25
[32...Kd7= 0.01/23]
33.Nh5! Kd7!
[33...Rxh3 34.Nf6+ Ke7 35.Rb7±]
34.Rb8 0.01/25
[34.h4!± 0.52/24]
34...Ne8 1.35/24
[34...Na6!= 0.01/25 keeps the balance. 35.Rb6 Nc7]
35.Rb7+ -0.01/25
[35.Nf6+!± 1.35/24 Nxf6 36.exf6]
35...Nc7!= 36.Rb8 Ne8 37.Ra8 -0.01/26
[37.Nf6+!± 1.33/23 Nxf6 38.exf6]
37...Rxh3 38.Ke2 Be7 Against Nf6+
39.Bd2 -0.47/24
[39.Rb8= 0.01/21 is superior.]
39...Rh2+∓ 40.Kd3 Rh1 -0.01/21
[Black should play 40...Bd8∓ -0.56/25]
41.Rb8
[41.Rxa5 Nc7 42.Ng3 *(42.Nf6+ Kc8-+)* 42...Rg1∓]
41...Rg1 42.Rb7+ Nc7 Threatens to win with ...Kc8. **43.Rb8**
[43.Nf6+ Kc8 44.Rb2 c5∓]
43...Ne8
[43...Rxg4 44.Nf6+ Bxf6 45.exf6±]
44.Rb7+ Nc7 45.c4? -1.91/25
[45.Nf6+ Kc8 46.Rb2 c5∓]
[45.Rb8= -0.01/25]
45...dxc4+-+
[Resist 45...Rxg4 46.Nf6+ Bxf6 47.exf6 dxc4+ 48.Kxc4+-]
46.Kxc4 Kc8
[46...Rxg4? 47.Nf6+ *(47.Bxa5 Bd8±)* 47...Kc8 48.Rxc7+! Kxc7 49.Nxg4+-]
47.Rb6 Rxg4 -0.85/22
[47...Ra1!-+ -1.64/23 48.Nf6 Rxa4+ 49.Kd3 c5 50.dxc5 Bxc5]
48.Bxa5∓ Nd5 -0.20/22
[48...Rg1∓ -0.79/22 White must now prevent ...Rc1+. 49.Kd3 Rc1]
49.Rxc6+= Kd7 50.Ra6 And now Ng7 would win. **50...Rg1! 51.Ra7+ Ke8?** 2.38/21
[51...Kc6= 0.01/22]
52.Kb5?? -2.14/20
[52.Ng7++- 2.38/21 and life is good for White. Kf7 53.Nxe6! Ne3+ 54.Kd3 Kxe6 55.Kxe3]
52...Rc1 -0.73/20
[52...g4!-+ -2.14/20 and Black stays clearly on top. aiming for ...g3. 53.Bd2 g3 54.Nxg3 Rxg3 55.Bxh6 Rh3]
53.Bb4? -5.62/24 **Rb1** -2.39/22
[Stronger than 53...Bxb4 54.Ng7+ Kd8 55.Nxe6+ Kc8 56.Rh7∓]
[⌓53...Nxb4 -5.62/24 54.Rxe7+ Kxe7 55.Kxb4 Rb1+ 56.Kc4 Rh1]
54.Nf6+? -5.65/20
[54.Rxe7+ -2.39/22 was the crucial defense. Nxe7 55.Nf6+ Kf7 56.Kc5]
54...Bxf6-+ 55.exf6 f7+ would kill now.
55...Rxb4+ Endgame KRN-KR **56.Kc5 Kf8 57.Kd6 Rb6+ 58.Ke5 g4?** -0.01/24
[58...Rc6-+ -4.03/22 Hoping for ... Nc7. 59.a5 h5]
59.a5? -4.90/23
[59.Ra8+= -0.01/24 and White is okay. Kf7 60.Ra7+ Kg8 61.Ra8+ Kf7 62.Ra7+ Kg8 63.Ra8+ Kf7]
59...Rc6 60.a6 g3 61.Ra8+ Kf7 62.Ra7+ -10.03/25
[⌓62.a7 -4.29/26 Ra6 63.Rh8]
62...Kf8? 0.01/21
[62...Nc7-+ -10.03/25 (→ ...g2) 63.Rb7 g2]
63.Ra8+= Kf7 64.a7? -4.16/26
[64.Ra7+= -0.01/22 and White has nothing to worry. Nc7 65.Rb7]
64...Ra6-+ 65.Rh8 Nxf6? 0.01/23
[Better is 65...g2-+ -4.09/23 66.Rh7+ Ke8]

66.a8Q= Really sharp! **66...Rxa8 67.Rxa8** KR-KN **67...g2** 0.37/29
[67...Nh5= 0.01/25]
68.Ra1± Nd5 69.Rg1 Ne3 70.Ke4 Deflection **70...Nf5 71.Rxg2**
[71.d5 looks sharper. Nh4 72.dxe6+ Kxe6 73.Kf4]
71...Kf6 72.Rh2 Nd6+ 73.Kf4 Nf7 74.Rf2 e5+? 7.55/27
[74...Nd6± 0.61/23]
75.Ke4++- Ke6 76.d5+ Ke7 77.Rg2? 2.30/26
[77.Ra2 7.55/32 Ng5+ 78.Kxe5 Nf3+ 79.Kf4]
77...Kf6 78.Rf2+? -0.01/27
[78.Rb2+- 1.70/24]
78...Ke7= 79.Ra2 h5 80.Ra6 h4



81.Re6+? 0.40/28
[81.Kf5!+- 6.18/25]
81...Kd7? 2.11/27
[Black should try 81...Kd8± 0.40/28 82.Ra6 h3]

(Diagram)



82.Rf6? 0.40/26
[82.Kd3!+- 2.11/27]
82...Ke7± 83.Kf5 Nd6+ 84.Kxe5 Nc4+ 85.Kf5 Ne3+ 86.Kg5 Threatening mate with Re6+. **86...Nxd5 87.Rf3 Ke6 88.Kxh4 Ke5 89.Kg5 Kd4 90.Rf5 Ne3 91.Rf4+ Ke5 92.Ra4 Nd5 93.Ra8 Nc7 94.Ra5+ Ke4 95.Kg4 Nd5 96.Kg3 Ke5 97.Kf3 Kd4 98.Ke2 Nf4+ 99.Kd2 Nd5 100.Ra4+ Ke5 101.Kd3 Nf4+ 102.Ke3 Nd5+ 103.Kd3** -0.01/32
[103.Kf2± 0.40/34 should be considered.]
103...Nf4+!= 104.Rxf4 0.00/94 **Kxf4**
What a fight! Weighted Error Value: White=0.66/Black=0.46
½-½

159 **A45**
□ **Erigaisi,Arjun Kumar** **2777**
■ **Liang,Awonder** **2684**
Titled Tue 4th Mar Late blitz (7) 04.03.25
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines Richard Palliser,MH: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines ' **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 Bf5 4.e3**

e6 5.Bd3 Bxd3
[5...Bg6 6.h4 Bd6 7.h5 Bxd3 8.Qxd3 h6 9.0-0-0 Nbd7 10.Nge2 a6 11.f3 Qe7 12.g4 0-0-0 13.Kb1 Kb8 14.Bxd6 Qxd6 15.e4 dxe4 16.Nxe4 Qb6 17.Nd2 Ne5 18.Qb3 Qxb3 19.axb3 Nc6 20.Nc4 So,W (2757)-Caruana,F (2804) Saint Louis 2024 Mega2024 Update 20 [Kitty Kat] 0-1 (63)]
6.cxd3 Bd6 7.Qb3 Bxf4N
[7...b6 8.Bxd6 Qxd6 9.Nf3 c6 *(9...0-0 10.0-0 a6 11.e4 Qc6 12.Rac1 Qb7 13.Rfe1 Nbd7 14.a4 c5 15.dxc5 Nxc5 16.Qc2 dxe4 17.dxe4 Rfd8 18.e5 Nd5 19.Ng5 g6 20.Nce4 Nb4 21.Nf6+ Kg7 22.Qc4 Nbd3 23.Qh4 h6 24.Ng4* Lei,T (2548)-Ju,W (2559) Stavanger 2024 Mega2024 Update 32 [monko] 0-1 (46) *)* 10.0-0 Ng8 11.a4 Ne7 12.a5 b5 13.Na2 Na6 14.Qa3 b4 15.Qa4 0-0 16.Nc1 Rfc8 17.Nb3 c5 18.dxc5 Nxc5 19.Nxc5 Qxc5 20.d4 Qd6 21.Ne5 f6 22.Nd3 Praggnanandhaa,R (2743)-Giri,A (2749) Tata Steel Masters, Wijk aan Zee 2024 [Richard Palliser] ½-½ (41)]
8.Qxb7 The position is equal. **8...Nbd7**

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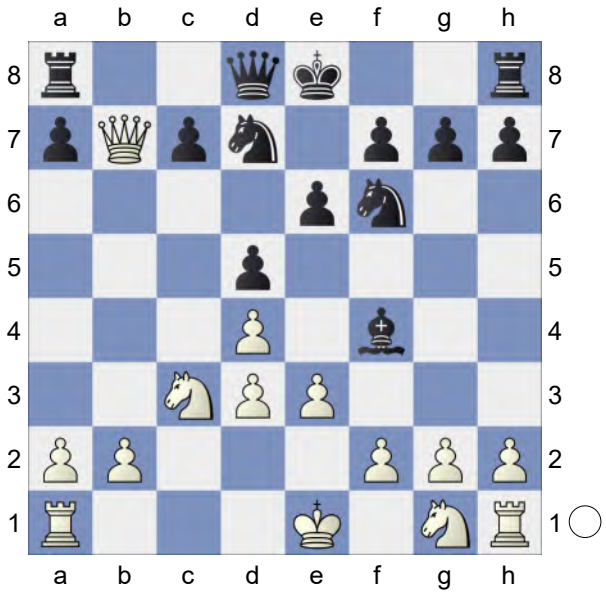
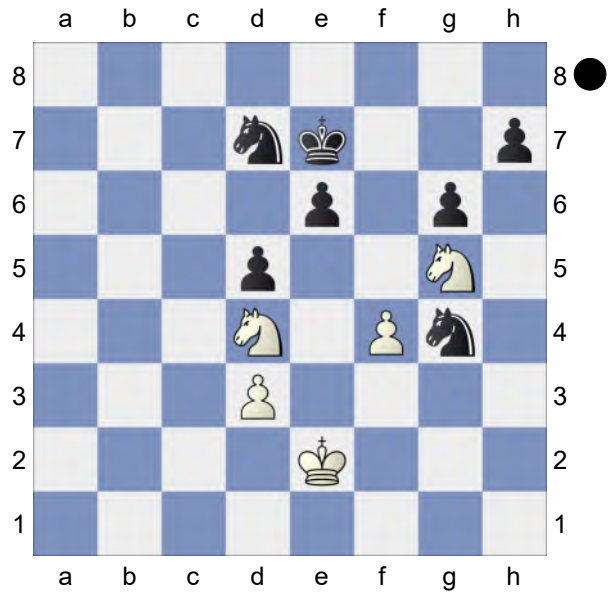


Strongly threatening ...Bd6. **9.exf4 Rb8 10.Qxa7 Rxb2** 0.75/22
[10...c5= 0.17/21]
11.Qa3± Rb6 12.Nf3 Qe7 13.Qxe7+ Kxe7 14.Kd2 -0.52/21
[White should play 14.0-0± 0.80/20]
14...Rb2+∓ 15.Ke1 Ra8! 16.a4 c5 17.Ne2 cxd4 &Nero is much more active. The white rooks are badly placed.
18.Nexd4? -3.06/23
[18.Nc1∓ -1.02/20]
18...Nc5!-+ 19.Nc6+ Kf8 20.Nce5 Rxa4? -1.19/22
[20...Nb3-+ -3.13/21 21.Rd1 Rxa4]
21.Rxa4∓ Nxa4 22.Nd2 -1.85/21 Inhibits Rb1+.
[22.Kf1∓ -1.31/21]
22...Nc3-+ 23.f3? -3.33/24
[23.g3 -1.73/22]
23...Nb1 24.Nf1 Rxg2 And now ...Nh5 would win. **25.Ng3** Prevents Nh5. **25...Nc3** Inhibits Ne2. **26.Kf1 Ra2 27.Rg1** -6.70/23
[⌓27.d4 -4.27/22]
27...Rxh2 28.f5 Ra2 29.fxe6 fxe6 30.f4 g6 31.Rg2 Rxg2 32.Kxg2 Endgame KNN-KNN **32...Ke7 33.Kf2 Nd7** Hoping for ...Nxe5. **34.Nf3 Na4**

35.Ke3 Nac5 36.Ne2 Nf6 37.Ned4 Ng4+ 38.Ke2 -3.71/24
[38.Kd2 -2.23/23 was the only defense.]
38...Nd7 39.Ng5



Nf8 40.Kf3 Nh6 41.Nc6+ Kf6 42.Ne5 Nf5 43.Ke2 h6 44.Ngf3 -3.18/26
[⌓44.Nh3 -2.15/23]
44...Nh7 45.Ng4+ Kg7 46.Kf2 Nf6 47.Nge5 -6.94/25
[47.Nxf6 -3.72/25 Kxf6 48.Ne5]
47...Nh5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.50/Black=0.25 (precise)
0-1

160 **D00**
□ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2777**
■ **Molina,Roberto Junio Brito** **2381**
Titled Tue 10th Jun Early blitz (3)
[TA]

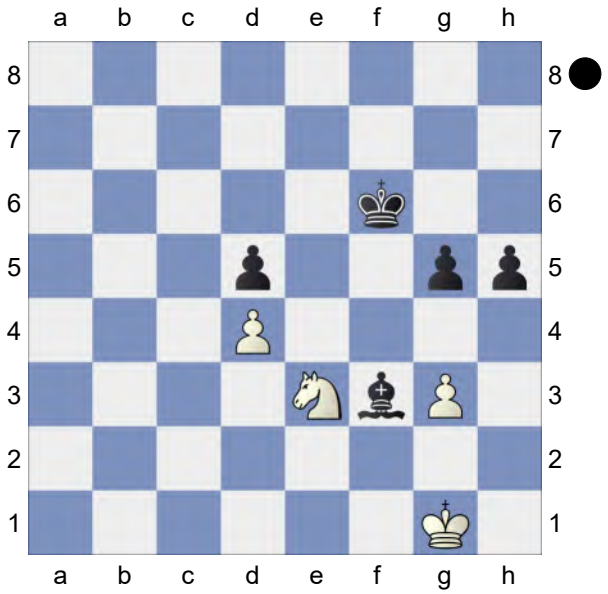
D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.Nc3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 a6 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Ne5 cxd4 7.exd4 Qb6 8.Nxc6 White is slightly better. **8...Qxc6 9.Bd3** Prevents Bf5. **9...g6 10.0-0 Bg7 11.Re1 e6 12.a4** Black is weak on the dark squares **12...0-0 13.a5 Bd7 14.Na4 Rad8 15.c3 Ne8** 1.69/19
[15...Nh5± 0.96/16 16.Bg5 Bf6 17.Bxf6 Nxf6]
16.Nc5 Bc8 1.89/19
[16...Bf6± 1.51/19 17.b4 Nc7]
17.h4 h5 18.Qf3 Nd6 19.Qg3 Nf5 20.Bxf5 exf5 21.Re3 1.14/22
[Better is 21.Bg5+- 1.95/18]
21...Rfe8± 22.Rae1 Rxe3 23.Qxe3
[23.Bxe3 Re8±]
23...b6 2.10/23
[23...Bd7± 1.02/26]
24.axb6+- Qxb6 25.Qe7 Bc7 would now be deadly. **25...Bf6** 2.22/21
[25...Rf8± 1.59/23 was worth a try.]
26.Qc7 Qxb2 27.Bg5? 0.00/25
[27.Qc6!+- 2.31/20 Kg7 28.Nd3 *(28.Nxa6 Bxa6 29.Be5 Bxe5∓)*]
27...Bxg5 0.73/24
[27...Qxc3= 0.00/25 remains equal. 28.Re7 Bxg5 29.Qxd8+ Kg7 30.hxg5 Qc1+ 31.Kh2 Qf4+ 32.g3 *(32.Kh3 Qg4+ 33.Kh2 Qf4+ 34.g3 Qxf2+ 35.Kh1 Qf1+ 36.Kh2 Qf2+ 37.Kh1 Qf1+ 38.Kh2 Qf2+=)* 32...Qxf2+ 33.Kh1 Qf1+ 34.Kh2 Qf2+ 35.Kh1 Qf1+ 36.Kh2 Qf2+]
28.hxg5± Rf8 29.Qg3 0.00/26
[29.Nd3± 0.62/22 Qd2 30.Re3]
29...f4= Deflection **30.Qxf4 Qxc3 31.Re7 a5 32.Ra7 Bf5 33.Kh2 Qb4 34.Qe5** -0.69/24
[34.Rb7= 0.00/21 Qc4 35.Qe5]
34...Qb8 0.00/27
[34...Qd2∓ -0.69/24 35.Qe3 Qxe3 36.fxe3 Re8 37.Rxa5 Rxe3]
35.Qxb8 Rxb8 36.Rxa5 Endgame. KRB-KRN **36...Rb4 37.Ra4 Rxa4 38.Nxa4** KB-KN **38...f6 39.f4 fxg5 40.fxg5 Kf7 41.Kg3 Be4** ...Ke6 is the strong threat. **42.Nc3** -1.16/33
[42.Nc5= 0.06/38 keeps the balance.

Bf5 43.Kf4]

42...Ke6!∓ 43.Kh3!

[43.Nxe4 leads to mate. dxe4 44.Kf2 Kd5 45.g3 Kxd4 46.Ke2 e3 47.Ke1 Ke5 *(47...Kd3* gets mated. *48.Kd1 Kd4 49.Ke1 Ke5 50.Kd1 Kd5 51.Ke1 Kd4 52.Ke2 Ke4 53.Ke1 Kf3 54.Kf1 Kxg3 55.Ke2 Kf4 56.Kd3 h4 57.Kc4 h3 58.Kd4 e2 59.Kd3 e1Q 60.Kd4 h2 61.Kd5 Qe5+ 62.Kc6 h1Q+ 63.Kd7 Qh7+ 64.Kd8 Qeh8#)* 48.Kd1 Kd5 49.Ke1 Kd4 50.Ke2 Ke4 51.Ke1 Kf3 52.Kf1 Kxg3 53.Ke1 Kf4 54.Kf1 h4 *(54...Kxg5 55.Kg1 Kf4 56.Kg2 h4 57.Kf1 h3 58.Ke1 h2 59.Kd1 h1Q+ 60.Kc2 Qe4+ 61.Kb3 e2 62.Kb2 e1Q 63.Ka2 Qc2+ 64.Ka3 Qe7#)* 55.Ke2 h3 *(55...Kxg5 56.Kxe3 h3 57.Kf2 Kh4 58.Kg1 g5 59.Kh1 g4 60.Kh2 g3+ 61.Kh1 Kg4 62.Kg1 Kf3 63.Kh1 g2+ 64.Kg1 h2+* Deflection, Promotion *65.Kxh2 Kf2 66.Kh3 g1Q 67.Kh4 Qg6 68.Kh3 Qh5#)* 56.Ke1 h2 *(56...Kxg5* is a self mate. *57.Ke2 Kf4 58.Kf1 h2 59.Ke2 h1Q 60.Kd3 Qc6 61.Kd4 e2 62.Kd3 e1Q 63.Kd4 Qee4#)* 57.Kd1 h1Q+ *(57...h1R+ 58.Ke2 Rc1 59.Kd3 Rc8 60.Ke2 Rd8 61.Kf1 Kf3 62.Kg1 Rh8 63.Kf1 Rh1#)* 58.Kc2 e2 *(58...Kxg5 59.Kd3 Qc1 60.Kd4 e2 61.Kd5 e1Q 62.Kd6 Kf6 63.Kd7 Qe7#)* 59.Kd3 Qe4+ *(59...e1B 60.Kc2 Qb7 61.Kc1 Ke3 62.Kc2 Bd2 63.Kd1 Qb3#)* 60.Kc3 e1Q+ *(60...e1B+ 61.Kb2 Bd2 62.Ka2 Qc2+ 63.Ka3 Qb1 64.Ka4 Qb4#)* 61.Kb2 Qd2+ 62.Kb3 Qeb4#]

43...Kf5 Hoping for ...Kf4. **44.g3 Kxg5 45.Nd1! Kf6** Threatens to win with ... Bf3. **46.Ne3 Bf3 47.Kh2 g5 48.Kg1** (Diagram)



Be4 -0.37/39

[48...Ke6!∓ -1.29/30 49.Kf2 Be4]

49.Kf2? -2.50/27

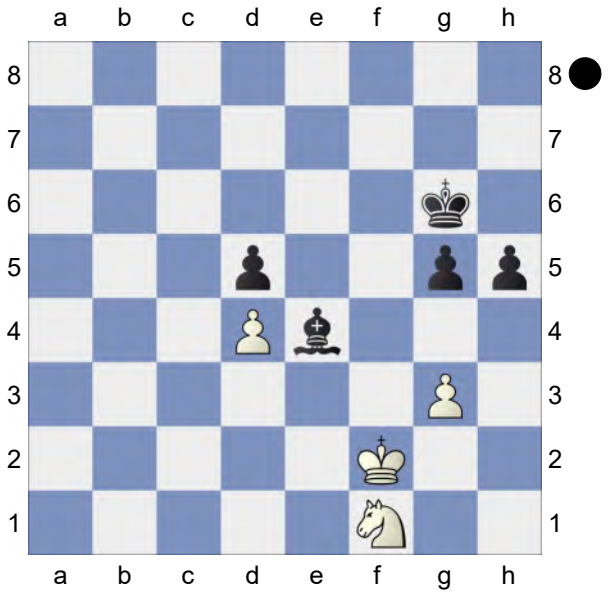
[49.g4∓ -0.37/39]

49...Kg6? -0.15/37

[49...Ke6-+ -2.50/27 aiming for ...Bd3. 50.Nd1 Kf6]

50.Nf1? -1.98/31

[50.g4= -0.15/37 and White stays safe.]



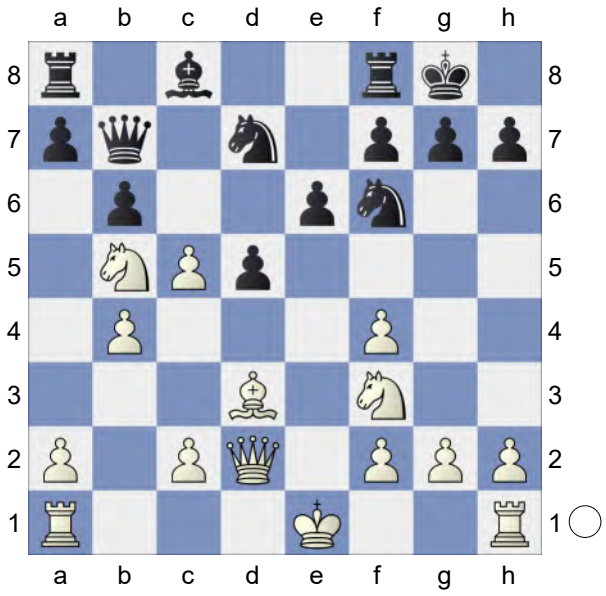
50...h4? -0.06/32

[50...Kf5!-+ -1.98/31 51.Ne3+ Ke6]

51.gxh4= gxh4 52.Ne3 -10.45/30
[52.Kg1= -0.11/24]
52...Kg5-+ 53.Nd1 Kf4 White must now prevent ...h3. **54.Kg1 Bf3 55.Nf2 Ke3 56.Nh3 Kxd4 57.Nf4 Ke3 58.Ng6 h3 59.Ne7 d4 60.Nf5+ Kd3 61.Kh2 Bg2 62.Kg3 Kc3** And now ...d3 would win. **63.Nh4 d3** (-> ...d2) **64.Nf5 d2 65.Ne3 Kd3 66.Nd1 Ke2 67.Nb2 d1Q** Black mates. **68.Nxd1 Kxd1 69.Kh2 Ke1 70.Kg3 Kf1 71.Kh2 Ke2 72.Kg3 Ke3 73.Kh2 Kf4 74.Kg1 Kg4 75.Kh2 Kh4 76.Kg1 Bc6** What a bad dream for White.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.67/ Black=0.30
0-1

161 **D00**
□ **Dmdonch** **2776**
■ **Geliochess** **2690**
Blitz 21.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]

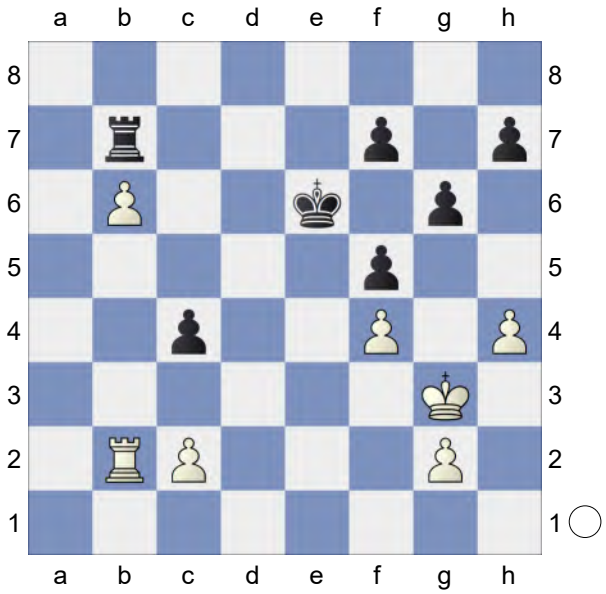
Blitz 3min D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines MH: 'You will often find yourself trying to dominate the dark squares in the centre of the board - especially d4 and c5. This can be done with pawns or with pieces. Piece domination of these squares works especially well after the sequence ...c5 dxc5, when the d4 square is free for a White piece to jump into. It works even better when both dark-squared Bishops have already been exchanged. There are many examples of this. Take the next game which I played: You will often find yourself trying to dominate the dark squares in the centre of the board - especially d4 and c5. This can be done with pawns or with pieces. Piece domination of these squares works especially well after the sequence ...c5 dxc5, when the d4 square is free for a White piece to jump into. It works even better when both dark-squared Bishops have already been exchanged. There are many examples of this. Take the next game which I played:' **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 e6 4.e3 Bd6 5.Nf3 Bxf4 6.exf4 0-0 7.Bd3 c5**
[7...Nc6 8.a3 a5 9.h4 b6 10.h5 Ne7 11.Ne5 c5 12.g4 Nd7 13.Bb5 Qc7 14.Bxd7 Bxd7 15.h6 g6 16.Qd2 c4 17.g5 b5 18.Ne2 Nf5 19.Ng4 Bc6 20.Nf6+ Kh8 21.Ng3 Ne7 22.Qe3 ½-½ Dragun,K (2565)-Yip,C (2421) CCCSA Holiday GM 2020 (3.5)]
8.dxc5 Nbd7N 0.86/19
[8...Qc7= 0.16/18 remains equal. 9.Qd2 Qxc5 10.Qe3 Qb4 11.0-0 Nc6 12.a3 Qd6 13.Nb5 Qe7 14.Rfe1 Re8 15.Ne5 a6 16.Nd4 Nxd4 17.Qxd4 Common Ideas for White Part 2-Domination Of The Dark Square The Jobava London System]
9.b4± Qc7 10.Qd2 b6 11.Nb5 Qb7



12.c6 0.36/18 White is much more active. The black rooks are passive. **12...Qxc6±**

13.Nfd4 Qb7 14.0-0 a6 15.Nc3 Qc7 16.Rfe1 Bb7 17.Nce2 Rac8 18.a3 Rfd8 19.h3 b5 20.Rab1 Nb6 21.Rb3 -0.58/19
[21.Rbd1= -0.11/17]
21...Nc4∓ 22.Qc1 Ne4 23.Nf3 Ncd6 24.Ned4 Nf5 0.01/18
[24...Re8∓ -0.67/18]
25.Nxf5= exf5 26.Nd4 g6 27.Qe3 -0.46/19
[27.f3= -0.01/20]
27...Re8∓ 28.Rbb1 -0.91/19
[28.Qc1∓ -0.32/18]
28...Qc3 0.01/20
[28...Nc3∓ -0.91/19 29.Qxe8+ Rxe8 30.Rxe8+ Kg7]
29.Nb3 Kg7 0.43/19
[29...Nf6= -0.01/21 30.Qd2 Qxd2 31.Nxd2 d4]
30.Qd4+ Qxd4 31.Nxd4 Nd2 32.Ra1 Nc4 33.Rxe8 Rxe8 34.Nb3 Bc6 35.Nc5 0.09/21
[35.f3± 0.51/18 was preferable.]
35...Ra8= 36.a4 bxa4 37.Bxc4 dxc4 38.Nxa4 Bxa4 39.Rxa4 Endgame White wants to play b4-b5. KR-KR **39...Rd8 40.Rxa6 Rd1+ 41.Kh2 Rd2 42.Ra2 Rxf2 43.b5 Rd2** 1.06/24
[43...c3!= 0.01/25]
44.b6 Rd7 45.Rb2 0.45/27
[45.Ra7± 0.90/26 Rd6 46.b7]
45...Rb7± 46.Kg3 Kf6 47.h4 0.22/28
[47.Kf2± 1.24/28]
47...Ke6=

(Diagram)



48.h5 -0.01/24 **Kd5 49.Kh4** -0.69/23
[49.h6= -0.01/23]
49...h6 50.g4 Kc5 0.00/24
[Better is 50...fxg4!∓ -0.66/23 51.Rb5+ *(51.Kxg4 gxh5+ 52.Kxh5 Kd4∓)* 51...Kc6]
51.g5 hxg5+
[51...c3 feels hotter. 52.Rb3 hxg5+ 53.Kxg5 gxh5 54.Rxc3+ Kd4]
52.Kxg5 And now h5-h6 would win.
52...gxh5 53.Kxh5 Rxb6 54.Rxb6 Kxb6 K3P-KPP. Black is a pawn up.
55.Kg5 Kc5 56.Kxf5 KPP-KPP
56...Kd4 57.Kf6 Ke4 58.f5 -4.19/34
[58.Kxf7= 0.00/27 and White has nothing to worry. Kxf4 59.Ke6]
58...Kf4? 0.00/35
[58...c3-+ -4.19/34 (→ ...Ke4-f4) 59.Kg5 *(59.Kxf7* is a self mate. *Kxf5 60.Kg7 Kf4 61.Kh7 Ke3 62.Kg6 Kd2 63.Kf5 Kxc2 64.Ke4 Kb3 65.Kf5 c2 66.Kg6 c1Q 67.Kf5 Qc5+ 68.Ke6 Qg5 69.Kd6 Kc4 70.Ke6 Kc5 71.Kd7 Qf5+ 72.Ke7 Kc6 73.Ke8 Kd6 74.Kd8 Qf8#)* 59...Ke5]
59.c3? -3.87/32
[59.Kxf7= 0.00/35 Kxf5 60.Ke7]
59...Ke4-+ 60.Kg5 Kd3? -0.01/28

[60...Kf3-+ -3.89/32 Strongly threatening ...Kf3-e3. 61.f6 Ke4]
61.Kf6= The position is equal. **61...Kxc3 62.Kxf7** KP-KP **62...Kd2 63.f6 c3 64.Kg7 c2 65.f7 c1Q 66.f8Q Qc3+ 67.Kf7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.47/Black=0.33 Sensor Board Error (Ke4/e5)?
1-0

162 **D00**
□ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2775**
■ **Fressinet,Laurent** **2717**
World Rapid Championship, Dubai (4.8)
[Richard Palliser]

Richard Palliser,MH: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines ' **1.d4** Richard Palliser,MH **1...d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4** And so the American no.1 becomes the latest adherent to the topical Jobava-Prie Attack. **3...c5!** This critical move has been surprisingly rare, for reasons which I can't entirely fathom. The alternatives include:
[a) 3...g6 4.Qd2 Bg7 5.Bh6 Bxh6 *(5...0-0 6.Bxg7 Kxg7 7.0-0-0 c5!?* is a sharper, more critical course - see Cabrera-Dvirnyy, Catalan League 2014, in the Archive*)* 6.Qxh6 c5 7.e3 *(7.dxc5 Qa5 8.e3 Qxc5 9.Nf3* should also suffice for an edge, as I've shown before*)* 7...Nc6 8.0-0-0 cxd4 9.exd4 Qd6 10.f3 a6 11.Nge2 Bd7 12.Kb1 Rc8 13.Nc1! Na5 14.Nb3 saw White safeguarding his king, which left him slightly for choice as Black couldn't easily castle in Jobava-Van Wely, Dubai (rapid) 2014.]
[b) 3...c6 4.e3 *(4.Qd2* followed by f2-f3 if required looks a more challenging course *)* 4...Bf5 5.Nf3 e6 6.Be2 h6 7.0-0 Nbd7 was all rather dull and level at this stage in Radjabov-Anton Guijarro, Dubai (blitz) 2014.]
[c) 3...a6 4.Nf3 *(* deviating from his earlier *4.e3)* 4...Bg4?! *(* I'm not a huge fan of Black's third move, but this cannot be right more challenging is *4...c5* , although *5.dxc5 e6 6.e4!* should give White a pull*)* 5.Ne5 Bf5?! 6.e3 e6 7.g4! Bg6 8.h4 h6 9.Nxg6 fxg6 10.Bd3 was already something of a disaster for Black in Jobava-Savchenko, Dubai (blitz) 2014.]
[d) For the solid lines 3...e6]
[and 3...Bf5 , do see our next game, Jobava-Mamedyarov.]
4.e3 a6?!
[Fressinet is often rather well prepared, so this gambit idea may not be so bad, but if Black wants an easy equaliser then he should just opt for 4...cxd4 5.exd4 a6 .]
5.dxc5! Nc6
[Developing as actively as possible. Otherwise, 5...e6 6.Na4! Nbd7?! Richard Palliser,MH: ' Repels Na4-b6' 7.b4 was already pretty good for White in Bauer-Berthier, Paris 2009, as shown by Eric.]
6.a3
[We've also considered the natural 6.Nf3 on a few occasions, but the forcing text just appears more challenging and stronger from what I can see.]
6...e5 7.Bg5 Black might have expanded with tempo in the centre, but that centre is now attacked and, moreover, the second player is yet to regain his gambited pawn. **7...d4!?**
[This appears to be new. The alternative is 7...Be6 , whereupon

8.b4 Richard Palliser,MH: '!' *(Eric's 8.Bxf6!? gxf6 9.Na4* also looks unconvincing for Black*)* 8...Be7 9.Nf3 0-0 10.Be2 was a little better for White in Stefanova-Lacrosse, Gibraltar 2011, as covered by Eric.]

8.exd4 Richard Palliser,MH: 'White is slightly better.' **8...exd4** 0.82/21

[8...Nxd4= 0.30/21 Richard Palliser, MH 9.b4 h6 10.Bxf6 Qxf6]

9.Ne4 Richard Palliser,MH: ' **±**' **9...Qd5!?** 1.24/19

[Fressinet offers a second pawn in return for a scary-looking lead in development. Instead, something like 9...Be7 0.84/21 Richard Palliser,MH: '⩲' 10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.Bd3 f5 12.Nd6+ 0.29/21 *(*White should try *12.Ng3!±* 1.03/19 Richard Palliser,MH*)* 12...Bxd6 Richard Palliser,MH: '=' 13.cxd6 Qxd6 0.79/20 *(13...Be6!=* 0.24/21 Richard Palliser,MH*)* 14.Ne2 0.25/20 would just leave Black suffering on account of his inferior structure. *(14.Qe2+±* 0.79/20 Richard Palliser,MH *Kf8 15.Nf3)*]

10.Nxf6+ gxf6 11.Bxf6 Rg8 12.Qf3! Wisely overprotecting the bishop on f6, offering the trade of queens and to return a pawn in a bid not to fall too far behind in development. **12...Qxc5** 1.69/22

[12...Qe6+**±** 1.01/22 (Richard Palliser, MH) was necessary. 13.Qe2 Rg6 14.Qxe6+ Bxe6]

13.0-0-0 0.46/21

[White must play 13.Bd3+- 1.69/22 Richard Palliser,MH]

13...Bh6+ Richard Palliser,MH: '**±**!'

14.Kb1 Bg4 1.28/22

[In view of what follows, 14...Rg6!? 0.60/24 comes into consideration too, but after Richard Palliser,MH: ' **±**!' '!' 15.Bd3 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Inhibits Bc8-f5.' Bg4 16.Qe4+ Kf8 17.f3 *(17.Re1!?* Richard Palliser,MH *Rxf6 18.Qxg4±*) 17...Be6 18.Qh4 Qd5 Richard Palliser,MH: '!' 19.b3 Black still doesn't seem to have quite enough compensation.]

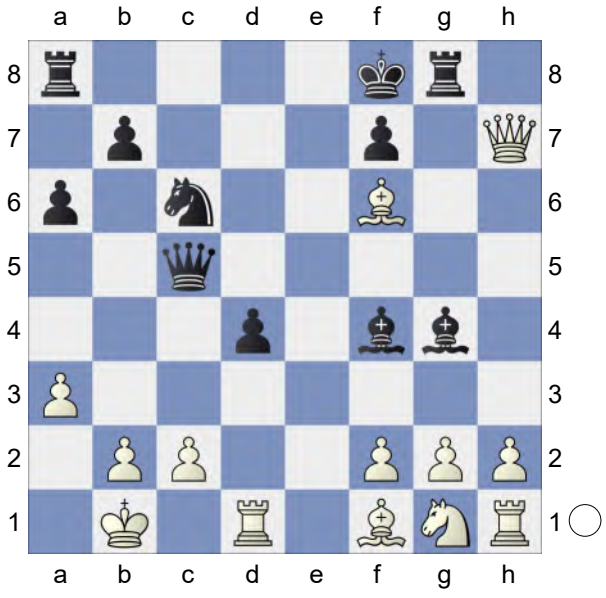
15.Qe4+ Richard Palliser,MH: '**±**'

15...Kf8 16.Qxh7

[This was hard to resist, but with more time I suspect that Nakamura would have found 16.Nf3! Bf5 1.87/23 *(16...Rg6±* 1.37/24 (Richard Palliser, MH) is a better defense.*)* 17.Ne5! . Then Richard Palliser,MH: '+-!' Qxe5 *(17...Bxe4?* 4.11/22 Richard Palliser, MH: '17...Qc5xe5 1.96' *18.Nd7+* regains the queen*)* 18.Qxe5 Nxe5 19.Bxe5 Rc8 20.Bd3 would have seen White reaching an endgame a pawn to the good.]

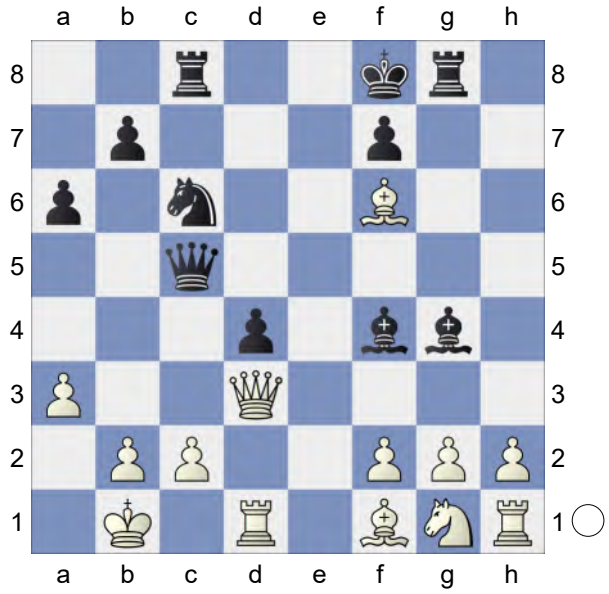
16...Bf4 Richard Palliser,MH: '

[Wisely avoiding 16...Bxd1? 3.01/21 Richard Palliser,MH: '16...Bh6-f4 1.04' 17.Qxh6+ Ke8 18.Bd3 when Black might have won the exchange, but only one king would have being feeling the heat here.]



' **17.Qd3** 0.25/22
[Another very natural move, keeping the queen safe and heading for c4 with it. However, the machine is right to make a case for 17.Rd3!? 1.22/23 , and if Richard Palliser,MH: ' ±!' '!' Richard Palliser,MH: ', and if. And now Ng1-h3 would win.' Bf5 18.Qh4 Bxd3 19.Bxd3 Bg5 20.Qh5! with more than enough for the exchange.]

17...Rc8 1.16/23 Richard Palliser,MH: '
[17...Bxd1= 0.25/22 Richard Palliser, MH 18.Qxd1 Rg6]



' **18.g3?** -0.01/22
[White's position hasn't been easy to handle throughout the game, but only now does Nakamura lose his advantage. Once again, 18.Nf3 , and if Bf5 19.Ne5! , was required to keep White's nose in front.]

18...Be5 Richard Palliser,MH: '=!' **19.f3 Be6** Suddenly ...Qd5 is but one idea on the agenda and White's kingside is still asleep. Richard Palliser,MH: 'Suddenly ...Qd5 is but one idea on the agenda and White's kingside is still asleep. Black has compensation.' **20.Bh4** Richard Palliser,MH: ' Strongly threatening Bf1-h3.'
[Wise, since 20.Bxe5?! -1.03/23 Richard Palliser,MH: '20.Bf6-h4 0.01' Nxe5 21.Qd2 -1.69/23 *(21.Qe4∓* -0.87/25 Richard Palliser,MH *d3 22.Rd2)* 21...d3! Richard Palliser,MH: '-+!' 22.Bxd3 Nxd3 23.Qxd3 Richard Palliser,MH: ' g3-g4 would now be deadly.' Bf5 24.Qd6+ Qxd6 25.Rxd6 Rxc2 26.Ka2 Rc1 would have seen White's problems continuing into an endgame.]

20...Bg7!?
[Playing for the win. It seems that 20...Qd5 21.Qb3 Richard Palliser,MH: '!' Richard Palliser,MH: ' Hoping for Qb3xd5.' Qc5 22.Qd3 just about maintains the balance, since Richard Palliser,MH: 'just about maintains the balance, since. Bf1-h3 is the strong threat.' Qd5 23.Qb3 Richard Palliser, MH: '!' Richard Palliser,MH: ' Threatens to win with Qb3xd5.' d3!? 0.83/22 24.Qxd5 Richard Palliser,MH: '±' dxc2+ 25.Kxc2 leaves Black without a killer follow-up.]

21.Bh3! Wisely swapping off one of Black's better pieces, although White still has some defending to do. **21...Ne5 22.Qd2 d3!** 1.05/22 **23.cxd3** Richard Palliser,MH: ' ± ' **23...f5!?** Condemned by the machine, but this looks like a much better practical choice than exchanging on h3 ahead of picking of f3. White is three pawns ahead, but his bishops are sidelined, his king's knight and rook still asleep and he must tread extremely careful. Richard Palliser, MH: '

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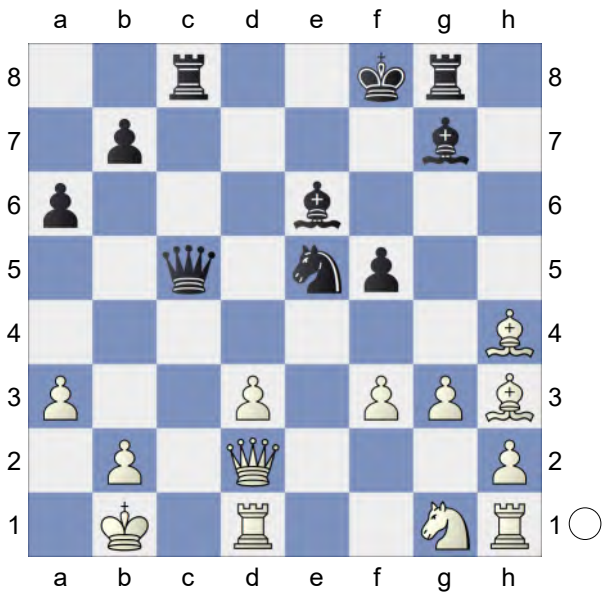

Condemned by the machine, but this looks like a much better practical choice than exchanging on h3 ahead of picking of f3. White is three pawns ahead, but his bishops are sidelined, his king's knight and rook still asleep and he must tread extremely careful.' **24.d4** -0.01/21

[Wisely forcing a draw. Even for a player of Nakamura's staggering talent the position isn't easy to handle and even Richard Palliser,MH: ' White should play' 24.Qb4!? 1.36/24 Richard Palliser,MH: ' ± !' '!' Qxb4 25.axb4 Re8!? Richard Palliser,MH: ' *(25...Kf7 26.f4 Ng4* Richard Palliser, MH: ' White must now prevent ...Be6-d5.' *27.Nf3* sees White breaking out by exploiting the position of the black king *)*

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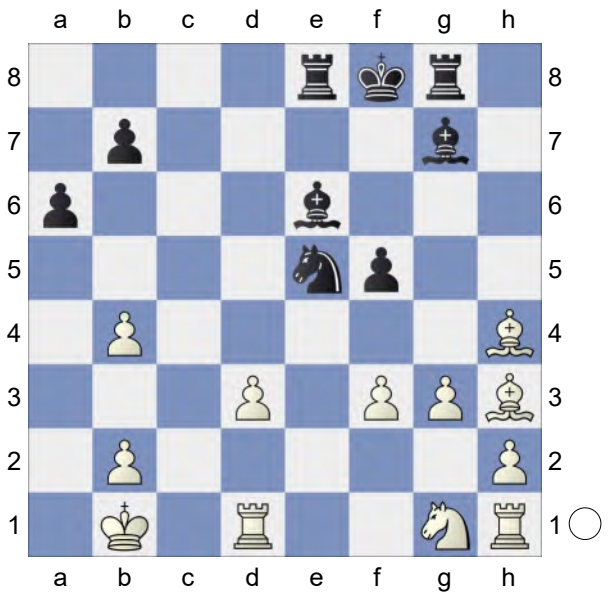


' 26.d4 Richard Palliser,MH: '!' Nc4 27.Ne2 Richard Palliser,MH: ' aiming for Ne2-f4.' Bd5 would have left him having to be careful, clearly better for White though this objectively is.]

24...Qd5 Richard Palliser,MH: '⇄' Richard Palliser,MH: ' Black has counterplay. The position is equal.'

25.Qb4+

[25.dxe5? Richard Palliser,MH Qa2#]

25...Kf7 26.Qe7+ Kg6 27.Qg5+ An unusual perpetual check, but a fitting end to this exciting rapid struggle.

27...Kf7 28.Qe7+ Kg6 29.Qg5+ Richard Palliser,MH: ' Weighted Error Value: White=0.33/Black=0.19 (very precise) '

½-½

163 **D00**

□ **Osnos,Viatcheslav** **2775**

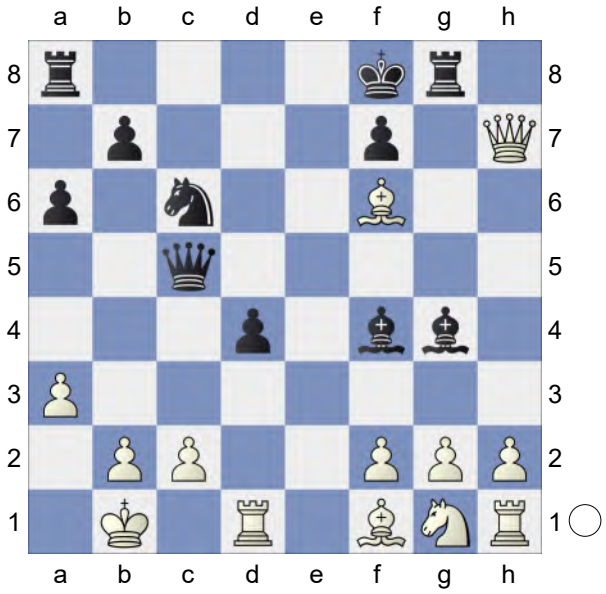
■ **Louvrier Saint Mary,Jean Roger**

137/31 France (4) 16.06.2014

[Kitty Kat]

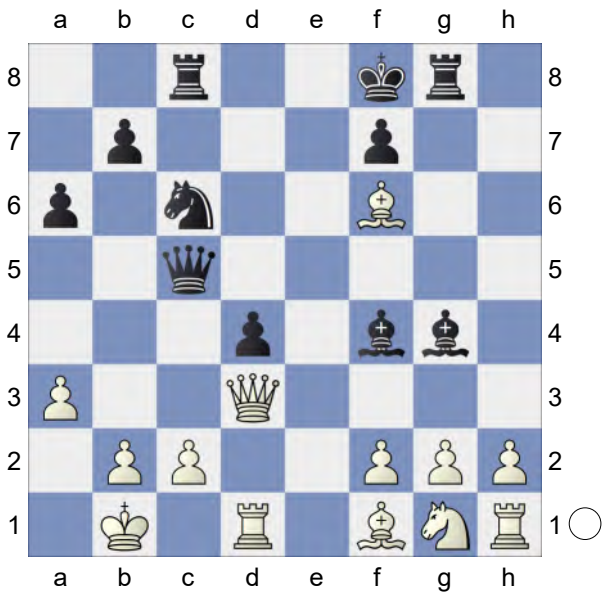
D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 a6 5.dxc5**

Nc6 6.a3 e5 7.Bg5 d4 8.exd4 White is slightly better. **8...exd4** 0.86/19
[8...Nxd4± 0.47/19 9.b4 b6]
9.Ne4 Qd5 1.27/18
[9...Be7 0.86/17 10.Bxf6 gxf6]
10.Nxf6+± gxf6 11.Bxf6 Rg8 White must now prevent ...Rg8-g6!.
12.Qf3 Qxc5 1.64/19
[12...Qe6+± 1.20/19 was called for. 13.Ne2 Rg6]
13.0-0-0? 0.10/19
[White must play 13.Bd3+- 1.64/19]
13...Bh6+!= 14.Kb1 Bg4? 2.30/21
[14...Rg6!± 0.50/20]
15.Qe4++- Kf8N 16.Qxh7 Bf4

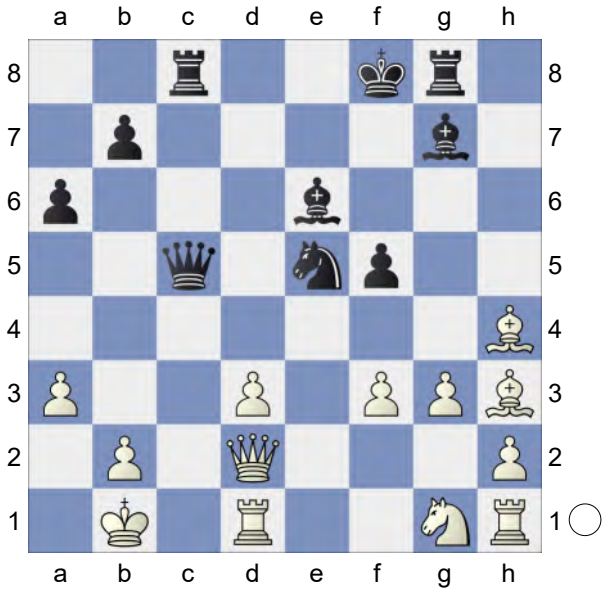


17.Qd3 0.70/20
[17.Rd3!± 1.17/21]
17...Rc8 1.33/20
[17...Bxd1± 0.70/20 18.Qxd1 Qd6]

(Diagram)



18.g3 -0.01/21 **Be5!= 19.f3 Be6 20.Bh4 Bg7 21.Bh3** -0.38/20
[21.g4= -0.01/21 deserves consideration.]
21...Ne5∓ 22.Qd2 Threatens to win with Bh3xe6. **22...d3** 1.10/20 **23.cxd3± f5** 1.48/23
[⌓23...Bxh3 1.11/22 24.Nxh3 Nxf3]



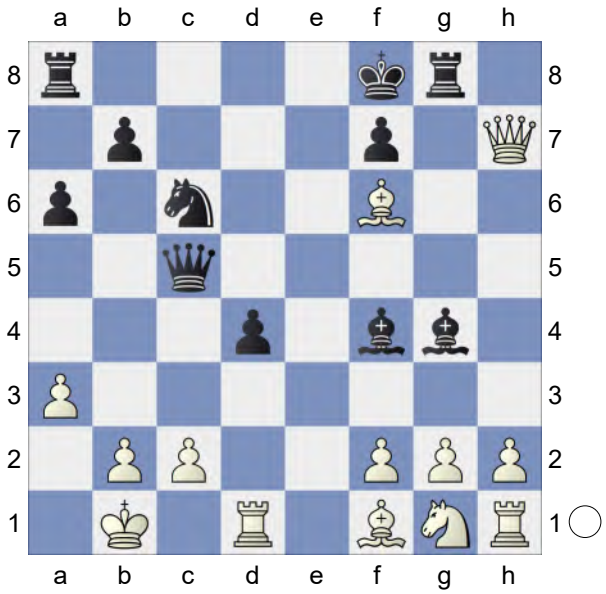
24.d4 0.01/20
[24.Qb4!± 1.48/23]
24...Qd5= The position is equal.
25.Qb4+

[25.dxe5? Qa2#]
25...Kf7 26.Qe7+ Kg6 27.Qg5+ Kf7 28.Qe7+
[28.Bxf5? Qa2#]
28...Kg6 29.Qg5+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.31/Black=0.20 (precise)
½-½

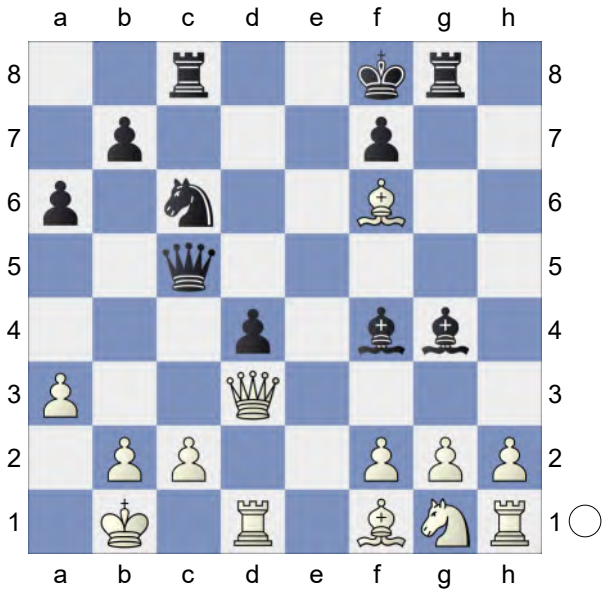
164 **D00**
□ **Osnos,Viatcheslav** **2775**
■ **Louvrier Saint Mary,Jean Roger**
Game No. 43 (4.8) 16.06.2014
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 a6 5.dxc5 Nc6 6.a3 e5 7.Bg5** Bg5xf6 is in the air **7...d4** 0.61/19
[7...Be6= 0.21/18]
8.exd4± White is slightly better. **8...exd4 9.Ne4 Qd5** 1.50/18
[⌓9...Be7 0.84/17 10.Bxf6 gxf6]
10.Nxf6+± gxf6 11.Bxf6 Rg8 12.Qf3 Qxc5 1.67/20
[12...Qe6+± 1.22/20 13.Ne2 Rg6]
13.0-0-0 0.85/19
[13.Bd3+- 1.67/20]
13...Bh6+ 14.Kb1 Bg4 1.32/20
[14...Rg6 0.95/22]
15.Qe4+ Kf8N 16.Qxh7 Bf4

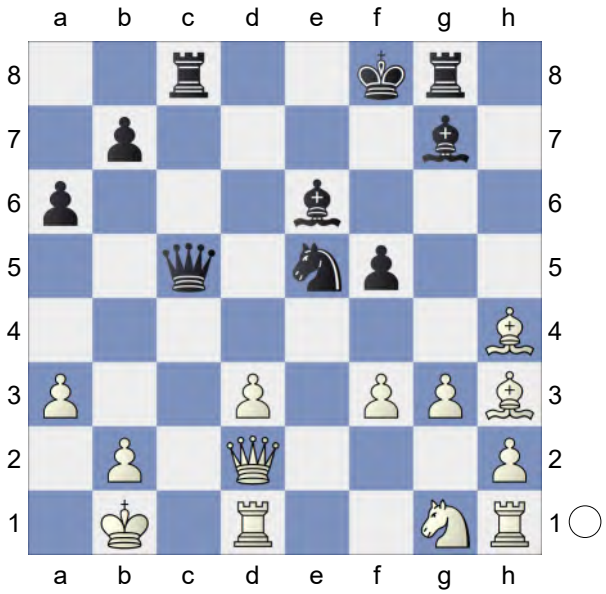
(Diagram)



17.Qd3 0.54/20
[17.Rd3!+- 1.67/20]
17...Rc8 1.28/20
[Black should play 17...Bxd1± 0.54/20 18.Qxd1 Qd6]



18.g3 -0.01/21 **Be5!= 19.f3 Be6 20.Bh4 Bg7** 0.47/21
[20...Qd5= 0.01/20 might be stronger. 21.b3 Qd7]
21.Bh3!± Ne5 22.Qd2 aiming for Bh3xe6. **22...d3** 1.10/20 **23.cxd3± f5**
(Diagram)



Threatens to win with ...Qc5-d5. **24.d4** -0.01/22
[24.Qb4!± 1.32/22]
24...Qd5⇄ Black has counterplay. The position is equal. **25.Qb4+**
[25.dxe5? Qa2#]
25...Kf7 26.Qe7+ Kg6 27.Qg5+ Kf7 28.Qe7+
[28.Bxf5? Qa2#]
28...Kg6 29.Qg5+ Black escapes into a draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.26 (precise) /Black=0.19 (very precise)
½-½

165 **A45**
□ **Grischuk,Alexander** **2774**
■ **Adhiban,Baskaran** **2674**
Wch Rapid Berlin (1) 10.10.2015
[Kitty Kat]

A45: Trompowsky Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 c5 3.e3 Qb6 4.Nc3 Qxb2 5.Nge2**
[5.Nb5 Nd5 6.a3 a6 7.Rb1 Qa2 8.Qc1 axb5 9.Ra1 Qxa1 10.Qxa1 Nc6 11.Bxb5 cxd4 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.Qxd4 f6 Neo London System-1...Nf6 2 Bf4 c5 d-Pawn Specials 2024]
5...Qb6N
[5...Qa3 6.g4 d6 7.Bg2 Nxg4 8.0-0 Nf6 9.Rb1 Nbd7 10.Qd3 Benoni-4. Nc3 5. Nge2!?]
6.Rb1 Qd8 7.dxc5 Threatens to win with Nb5. **7...g6** 0.74/24 Black is weak on the dark squares
[7...Nc6± 0.31/24]
8.g3 0.27/23
[8.Na4± 0.74/24]
8...Na6 9.Qd4 Bg7 10.Bg2 Nh5 1.00/23
[10...0-0± 0.47/24]
11.Be5± f6 12.Bf4
[12.Bxb7? Bxb7 *(12...fxe5 13.Qc4∓)* 13.Rxb7 Qc8-+ *(13...fxe5 14.Qc4∓)*]
12...e5 13.Qc4 exf4 2.32/18
[⌓13...Bf8 1.65/17]
14.exf4? 0.29/19
[14.Bxb7 Bxb7 15.Rxb7 Qc8 16.Qxa6 Qxc5]
[14.g4+- 2.32/18]
14...Bf8 0.66/20
[14...f5!= 0.29/19]
15.0-0± And now Rfe1 would win.
[15.Bxb7 Bxb7 16.Rxb7 Nxc5∓]
15...Nxc5 1.19/25
[15...Rb8!± 0.47/19]
16.Nd4 1.74/19
[16.Rfe1± 1.19/25 Hoping for Nd4+. Ng7 17.f5 *(17.Nd4+ Nge6=)* 17...gxf5 18.Nd4+ Nce6 19.Nxe6 *(19.Bxb7 Bxb7 20.Nxe6 Nxe6=)* 19...Nxe6 *(19...dxe6 20.Bxb7 Bd7 21.Bxa8+-)* 20.Rbd1 *(20.Bxb7 Bxb7 21.Rxb7 Be7±; 20.Qb5 Kf7±)*]
16...Ng7+- 17.Rfe1+ Nce6 18.Nd5 -0.67/18 White has more active pieces.
[18.Nxe6± 1.11/24 Nxe6 *(18...dxe6? loses. 19.Bxb7 Bd7 20.Bxa8+-)* 19.Bxb7 Bxb7 *(19...Rb8? 20.Rxe6+*

Be7 21.Re3±) 20.Rxb7]

18...Rb8 0.26/21

[18...Kf7!∓ -0.67/18]

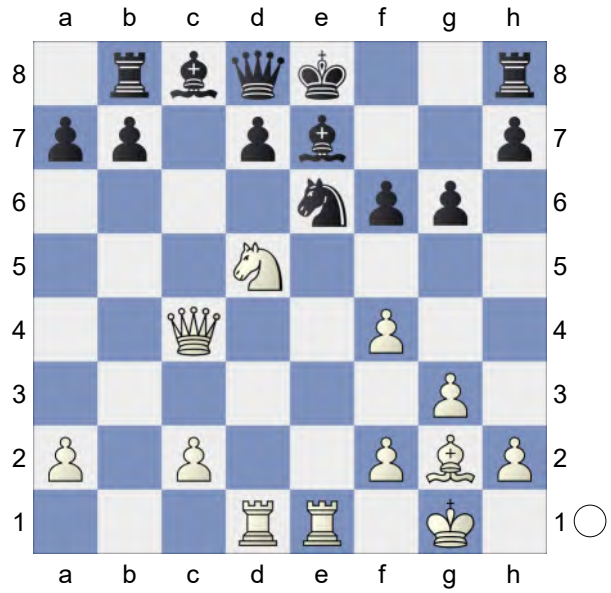
19.Rbd1 -0.53/20

[Better is 19.Nc7+= 0.26/21 Kf7 20.Bd5]

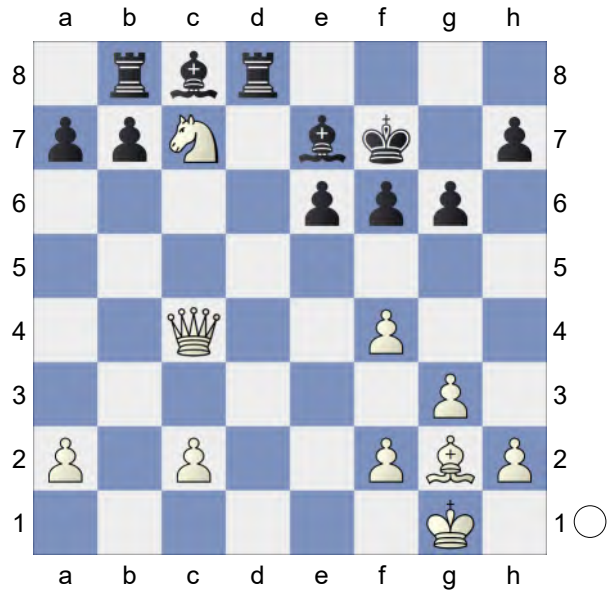
19...Be7? 1.32/24

[19...Kf7∓ -0.53/20 stays ahead.]

20.Nxe6± Nxe6



21.Rxe6! dxe6 22.Nc7+ Kf7 23.Rxd8 Rxd8

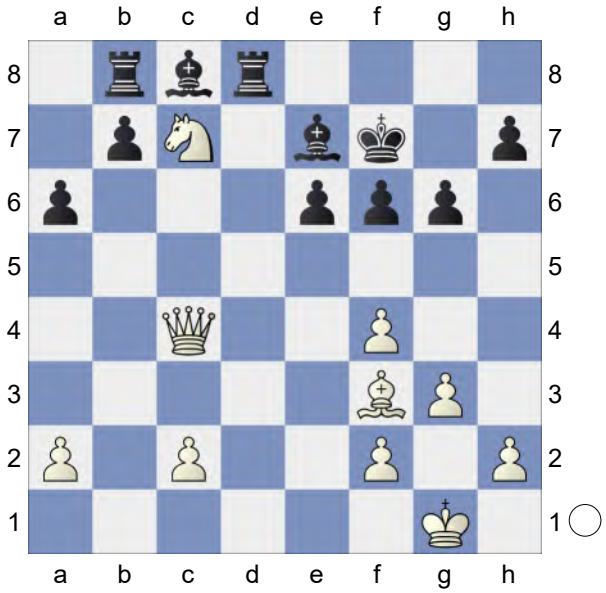


24.Bf3 0.20/20 Inhibits Rd1+. Chess con chili.

[24.f5!± 1.06/19 gxf5 25.h3]

24...a6? 2.63/20

[24...f5= 0.20/20]



A mistake that costs the game. **25.f5!+- b5 26.Qb3**

[26.fxe6+ Kg7 27.Qc3 b4=]

26...Rb6? 4.90/23

[26...Kg7 2.60/21 was worth a try. 27.Nxe6+ *(27.fxe6 Bb7=)* 27...Bxe6 28.Qxe6 Bd6 29.fxg6 hxg6]

27.Qe3 Strongly threatening Qh6.

27...Rbd6 28.Qh6 exf5 29.Qxh7+ Kf8 30.Qxg6 White wants to mate with Bh5.

30...Be6 31.Nxe6+ Rxe6 32.Bh5

Weighted Error Value: White=0.30/ Black=0.88

1-0

166 **D00**

□ **Sushila1** **2774**

■ **Scaredbishop** **2871**

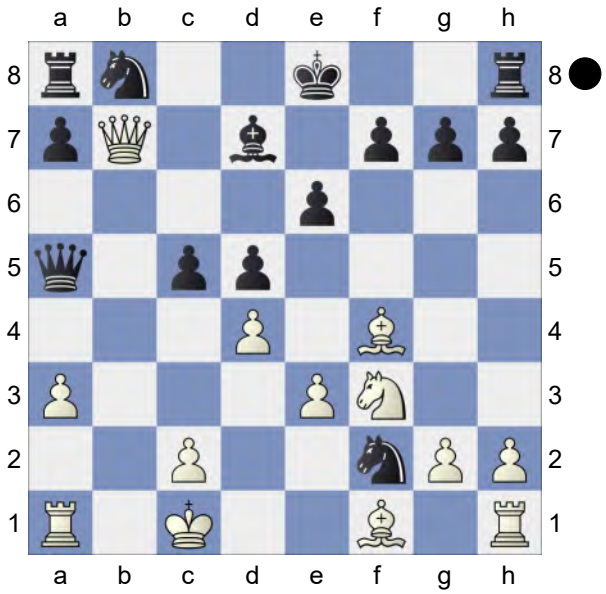
Blitz 30.06.2024

[Kitty Kat]

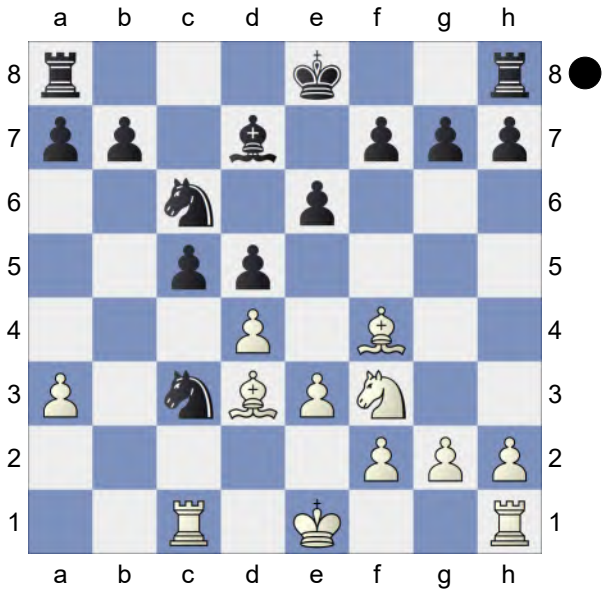
Blitz 3min D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 e6 4.e3

Bb4 5.Nf3 Ne4 6.a3
[6.Nd2 Nxc3 7.bxc3 Bxc3 8.Rb1 Nd7 9.Bd3 c5 10.0-0 c4 11.Be2 0-0 12.e4 Bxd4 13.exd5 exd5 14.Nxc4 Qf6 15.Be3 Bxe3 16.Nxe3 d4 17.Nd5 Qe5 18.Bf3 g6 19.Re1 Qg7 20.Ne7+ Kh8 Gilevich,A (2419)-Kobo,O (2449) Lichess.org INT 2020 0-1 (40)]
6...Ba5N
[6...Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 Nxc3
A) 8.Qd3 Ne4 9.Be2 *(9.Nd2 Nxd2 10.Qxd2 0-0 11.Bd3 Nd7 12.h4 c5 13.h5 c4 14.Bxh7+ Kxh7 15.h6 g6 16.Bd6 Rg8 17.Qe2 Qf6 18.Rh3 e5 19.dxe5 Nxe5 20.Bxe5 Qxe5 21.g4 Qxa1+ 22.Kd2 Qxa3 23.Qf3 Be6* Paille,J (1156)-Xu,T (1590) Montreal 2009 0-1 (43)) 9...b6 10.Qb3 0-0 11.Ne5 c5 12.dxc5 Nxc5 13.Qa2 Bb7 14.0-0 Nbd7 15.Rfd1 Ne4 16.Qb2 Ndc5 17.Bf3 Qe7 18.a4 f6 19.Nd3 e5 20.Nxc5 Qxc5 21.Bg3 Nxg3 22.hxg3 Rfd8 Balonyi,R (1870)-Somos,M (1849) Hungary 2024 1-0 (40);
B) 8.Qd2 Ne4 9.Qb4 Nc6 10.Bb5 Bd7 11.Bxc6 Bxc6 12.0-0 Nd6 13.Ne5 0-0 14.Nxc6 bxc6 15.Qa4 Qd7 16.Rfb1 Nb5 17.Qa5 Rfb8 18.a4 Nd6 19.Rxb8+ Rxb8 20.Qxa7 Rd8 21.a5 Sadykov,R (2345)-Mohammadian,M (1454) Chess.com INT 2022 1-0 (37)]
7.b4 Against c5 **7...Nxc3 8.Qd3** Black is slightly better. **8...Ne4 9.bxa5 c5 10.Qb5+** -1.41/18
[10.Nd2∓ -0.33/18]
10...Bd7∓ 11.Qb2
[But not 11.Qxb7 Qxa5+ 12.Kd1 *(12.Ke2? 0-0-+)* 12...Nxf2+ 13.Kc1
(Diagram)

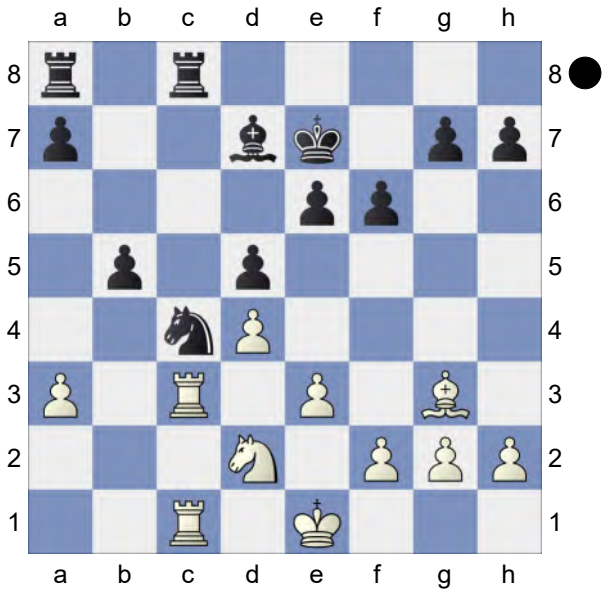


0-0!]
11...Qxa5+ 12.c3 Nc6 13.Bd3 Qxc3+ 14.Qxc3 Nxc3 Pair of Knights! **15.Rc1** -1.20/16
[⌓15.dxc5 -0.87/19 f6 16.Bd6]



15...c4! 16.Rxc3
[16.Bxc4 dxc4]
16...cxd3 17.Rxd3 -1.59/17
[⌓17.Ne5 -1.18/17]
17...f6 18.Rc3 Ke7 19.Kd2 Na5 20.Rhc1 Nc4+ 21.Ke1 -1.87/18
[21.Kd1∓ -1.51/17]

21...b5 -1.31/19
[Black should try 21...Rhc8-+ -1.87/18 White must now prevent ...Nxa3! 22.Rb1 b6]
22.Nd2 Rhc8 Hoping for ...Nxa3!
23.Bg3? -2.86/20
[23.Nxc4∓ -1.33/19 was necessary. bxc4 24.e4]



Loses the game. **23...Nxa3!-+** Strongly threatening ...Rxc3. **24.Rxc8 Rxc8**
[Worse is 24...Bxc8 25.Rc7+ Bd7 26.Nb3=]
25.Rxc8 Bxc8 KBN-KBN **26.Nb3?** -4.43/19
[26.Bb8 -2.72/21 a5 27.Ba7]
26...Nc4 Black is clearly winning. **27.Bc7 Kd7 28.Ba5 Nxa5 29.Nxa5 Kc7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.35/ Black=0.05 (flawless)
0-1

167 **D00**
□ **Donkindonat** **2773**
■ **Shinzouwosasageyo** **2734**
Blitz 24.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 1-0 (88)*; 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7* Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig, F (1863) Mainz 1997 EXT 2000 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (57)*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) www.desc-online.de 2000 CBM 166 [Beliavsky, Alexander G] 1-0 (41)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]
3.Bf4 Bf5 4.f3 e6 5.g4 Bg6 6.h4 Black must now prevent h5. **6...h6 7.e3 a6 8.Bd3** The position is equal. **8...Bxd3 9.Qxd3 c5 10.Nge2 Nc6 11.Ng3** -0.84/20

[11.0-0-0!= -0.07/20 keeps the balance.]

11...cxd4 12.exd4 Qb6 -0.04/23

[Better is 12...Qa5∓ -0.62/18]

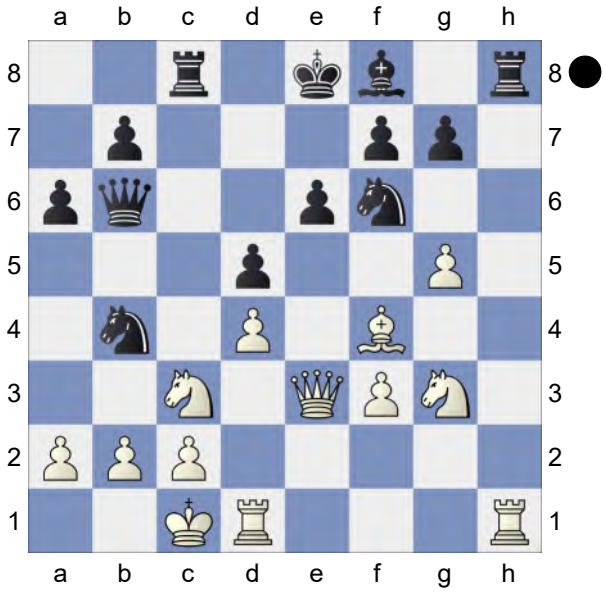
13.0-0-0= Rc8 0.24/19

[⌓13...0-0-0 -0.12/18]

14.g5 Nb4 0.62/20 **15.Qe3± hxg5** 1.01/20

[Black should play 15...Nd7!± 0.50/23]

16.hxg5±



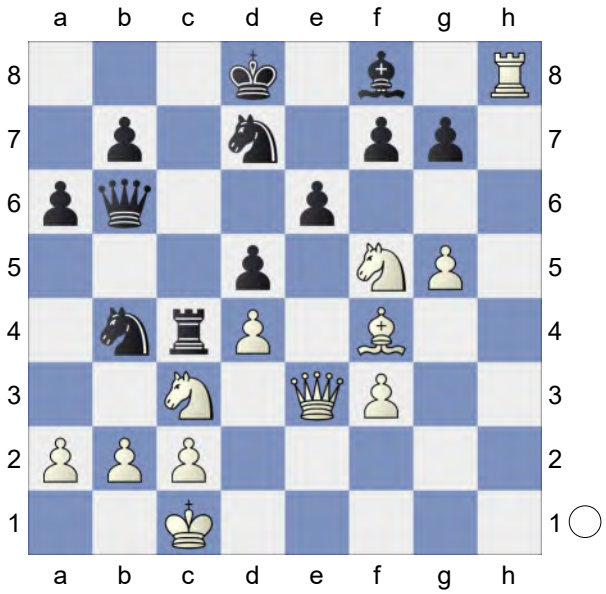
Discovered Attack **16...Rxh1 17.Rxh1 Nd7** 2.53/19 This costs Black the game.

[17...Ng8± 1.08/20]

18.Rh8+- Rc4 19.Nf5 Kd8 4.59/19

[⌓19...Rxc3 3.14/18 20.bxc3 *(20.Nxg7+ Ke7±)* 20...Nxa2+ 21.Kd2 Qb1]

(Diagram)



20.Bd6! Rxc3 21.bxc3 Nxa2+ 22.Kd2 Chess con chili. **22...Qb2 23.Bxf8 Qc1+ 24.Ke2 Qxc2+ 25.Kf1** aiming for Bd6+. **25...Qxf5** 5.49/21

[25...Kc7 3.72/15 was called for. 26.Qf4+ e5 27.dxe5 Qc1+ 28.Qxc1 Nxc1 29.Bxg7 Kb6 30.Rh6+ Ka5]

26.Bd6+ Nf8 27.Bxf8 Kd7 28.Bxg7 Qb1+ 29.Kg2 Qc2+ 30.Kg3 Nxc3 31.Rh2 Qb3 32.Qf4 Ne4+ 33.Kh4 Qd1 13.68/19

[⌓33...Nd6 4.84/15 34.g6 Qb1 35.gxf7 Qh7+ 36.Qh6 Qxh6+ 37.Bxh6 Nxf7]

34.fxe4 Qe1+ 35.Kh5 Qxe4 36.Qxe4 16.12/18

[⌓36.Qxf7+ #11/17 Kc6 37.Be5 Kb5 38.Rb2+ Ka4 39.Qxb7 Qf3+ 40.Kh6 Qf8+ 41.Bg7 Qd6 42.Qb3+ Ka5 43.Qa2+ Qa3 44.Qxa3#]

36...dxe4 37.Be5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.47

1-0

168 **D00**
□ **Abdusattorov,Nodirbek** **2771**
■ **Salem,AR Saleh** **2631**
Sharjah Masters 2025 | Group A (8)
[TA]

Rapid 1min+30sec 1.d4 0 Nf6 0 2.Nc3 0 d5 0 3.Bf4 0 e6 0 4.Nb5 0 Na6 0 5.e3 0 Be7 0 6.h3 0 0-0 0 7.Nf3 0 c6 0 8.Nc3 0 Qb6 0 9.Qc1 0 Bd7 0 10.Be2 0 c5 0 11.a4 0 Rfc8 0 12.Nb1 0 Bd6 0 13.a5 0 Qb4+ 0 14.c3 0 cxd4 0 15.Bxd6 0 Qxd6 0 16.exd4 0 Nc7 0 17.0-0 0 Bb5 0 18.Qe3 0 Bxe2 0 19.Qxe2 0 Qa6 0 20.Qxa6 0 Nxa6 0 21.Nbd2 0 Ne8 0 22.Ne5 0 Nd6 0 23.Rfe1 0 Rc7 0 24.g4 0 Nb8 0 25.Nd3 0 Nd7 0 26.Kg2 0 g6 0 27.h4 0 Kg7 0 28.Rh1 0 h6 0 29.h5 0 g5 0 30.Rhe1 0 Rb8 0 31.f3 0 Kg8 0 32.Kg3 0 Kh7 0 33.Nf1 0 Kg7 0 34.Ne3 0 Rbc8 0 35.Nc2 0 Kf8 0 36.Ncb4 0 Kg7 0 37.Re2 0 Kh7 0 38.Rf1 0 Rg8 0 39.Ra1 0 Rgc8 0 40.Kf2 0 Kg7 0 41.Ke1 0 Kf8 0 42.Kd1 0 Nb5 0 43.Kd2 0 Nd6 0 44.a6 0 b6 0 45.Ke1 0 Kg7 0 46.Kf2 0 Kg8 0 47.Kg2 0 Kh7 0 48.Rf1 0 Rg8 0 49.Kh3 0 Kh8 19 50.f4 0 gxf4 1:59 51.Rxf4 0 Ne4 10 52.Kh4 0 f5 11:16 53.Nf2 6:23 Nxf2 2:32 54.Rxe6 47 Nxg4 6:32 55.Nxd5 59 Rcc8 2:31 56.Rxf5 51 Rcf8 1:23 57.Rxf8 5:53 Nxf8 2 58.Rd6 3:51 Rg7 1:27 59.Rd8 3:13 Kg8 2 60.Nf4 7 Nf6 1:41 61.Ng6 1:46 Rf7 4 62.Ra8 8 N6h7 59 63.d5 2:35 Kg7 56 64.Ne5 7 Re7 32 65.Nc6 30 Re3 1:05 66.Rxa7+ 16 Kf6 2 67.Re7 2:37 Rf3 41 68.a7 16 Ng5 1:08 69.a8Q 14 Ng6+ 70.Kg4 Rf4+ 71.Kg3 1:16 Rf3+ 1:30 72.Kg4 30 Nf8 30 73.Qa7 30 **1-0**

169 **D00**
□ **Player** **2770**
■ **Rebeccaharris** **2893**
Blitz 10.02.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 1-0 (88)*; 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7* Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig,F (1863) Mainz 1997 EXT 2000 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (57)*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) www.desc-online.de 2000 CBM 166 [Beliavsky, Alexander G] 1-0 (41)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]
3.Bf4 c5 4.e4 Nxe4 5.Nxe4 dxe4 6.dxc5 Qxd8+ is the strong threat. **6...Qa5+ 7.c3** Threatening b4. **7...Qxc5 8.Qa4+** The position is equal. **8...Bd7** 0.31/19

[8...Nc6= -0.04/20]
9.Qxe4± Bc6 10.Qe3 0.00/24
[10.Qc2± 0.36/20]
10...Nd7 11.Nf3 Inhibits e5. **11...e6** 0.38/18
[11...Qxe3+= -0.04/18 is superior. 12.Bxe3 a6]
12.0-0-0 0.00/21
[12.Nd4± 0.38/18]
12...Be7 13.Nd4 Bd5 0.83/17
[13...Ba4= 0.12/21 remains equal. 14.Nb3 Qxe3+ 15.Bxe3 b6]
14.Nb3 -0.18/21
[White should play 14.Bb5± 0.83/17]
14...Qxe3+= 15.Bxe3 Rc8 0.19/22
[⌓15...a6 -0.14/20]
16.Kb1 -0.16/19
[⌓16.Bxa7 0.19/22 Ra8 17.Be3]
16...a6! 17.f3 0-0 0.48/22
[Black should try 17...b5= -0.15/20]
18.Bd3 -0.14/22
[Better is 18.c4± 0.48/22 Bc6 19.Na5]
18...Ne5 19.Be2 Nc4 20.Bc1 Bf6 0.00/22
[20...b5∓ -0.38/23]
21.Rhe1 b5 22.Nd2? -2.18/20
[22.Nd4= -0.09/21 and White has nothing to worry.]

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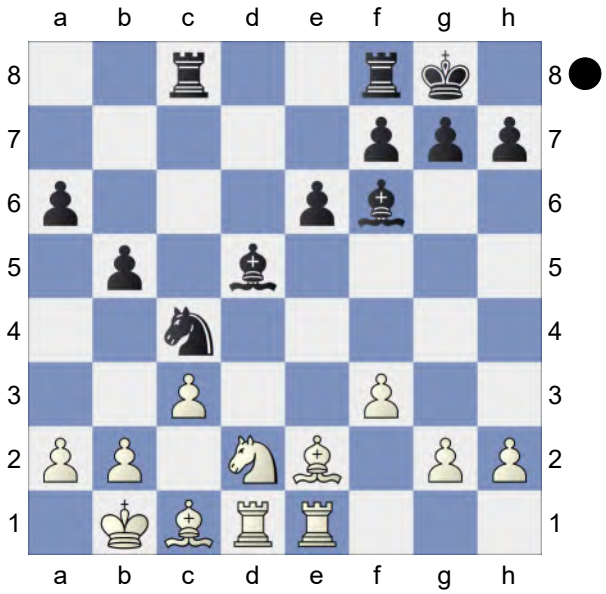

This move loses the game for White.
22...Ne3!-+ 23.Ne4 Bxe4+
[Don't do 23...Nxg2 24.Nxf6+ *(24.Rg1 Bxe4+ 25.fxe4 Nh4∓)* 24...gxf6 25.Rg1+-]
24.fxe4 Nxd1 25.Bxd1 Rfd8 26.a3 Be5 27.h3 h6 28.Be2 Rd7 29.Kc2 -2.47/20
[⌓29.h4 -1.91/19]
29...Rcd8 30.Be3 g5 31.Rf1 -2.95/21
[⌓31.Kb3 -1.87/17]
31...Kg7 32.Ra1? -4.87/21
[32.Kb3 -2.26/17 keeps fighting.]

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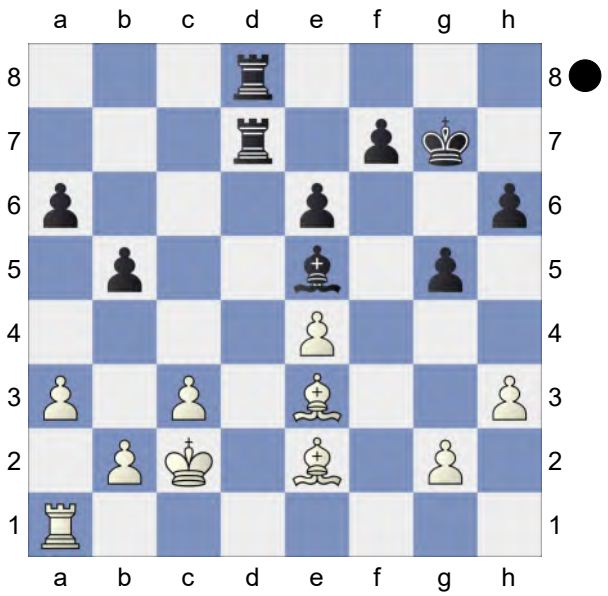

32...Bf4 33.Bxf4 gxf4 Endgame KRR-KRB **34.Bf3 Rd2+ 35.Kb3 a5 36.a4 Rb8 37.axb5 Rxb5+ 38.Kc4 Rdxb2 39.Kd4 e5+ 40.Kc4 Kf6 41.h4 Ke7 42.h5 Kd6 43.Rd1+ Kc6 44.Rd8 a4 45.Bg4** -8.65/20

[⌓45.Ra8 -4.69/18 Rc5+ 46.Kd3]

45...a3 46.Ra8 a2 47.Ra6+ Kb7 48.Ra3 Rb6 49.Kc5 Rc6+ 50.Kd5 Rb5# Weighted Error Value: White=0.42/ Black=0.17 (very precise)

0-1

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□ **Mamedyarov,Shakhriyar** **2767**

■ **Praggnanandhaa,Rameshbabu**

Airthings Masters Prelim rapid (6.4)

[Richard Palliser]

Richard Palliser,MH: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines ' **1.d4** monko Richard Palliser,MH **1...Nf6 2.Nc3 d5** Richard Palliser,MH: 'N' monko: 'N' 'N'

[2...c5 Richard Palliser,MH 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*; 5.Bg5* monko *Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* 1-0 Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 2013*; 5.Bb5+* monko *Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7* 0-1 Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig,F (1863) Rheinhessen-ch H1 op 1997 (2) *)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) monko: '1-0 Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) V0048 www.desc-online.de 2000 (7)' *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs.

Hartston monko: 'Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston']

3.Bf4 c5 4.e4 Nxe4 Not the only critical choice, as we saw in Niemann-Rodchenkov, but a sensible one for sure as Black removes a pair of pieces from the board in order to dampen down any white initiative. Richard Palliser,MH: 'Not the only critical choice, as we saw in Niemann-Rodchenkov, but a sensible one for sure as Black removes a pair of pieces from the board in order to dampen down any white initiative.'

5.Nxe4 dxe4 6.dxc5

[The modern choice, but 6.d5 is also possible, after which Nd7 *(6...g6 7.Ne2 Bg7 8.Nc3 0-0* feels like the critical choice to me, and surely leaves Black quite quick after Richard Palliser,MH: 'feels like the critical choice to me, and surely leaves Black quite quick after' *9.Qd2 Qa5)* 7.Ne2 g6 8.Nc3 Bg7 9.Qd2 was considered by Eric back in Boguszlavszkij-Wang Xinyue, Budapest 2012 - see the Archive. Richard Palliser,MH: 'was considered by Eric back in Boguszlavszkij-Wang Xinyue, Budapest 2012 - see the Archive.']

6...Qa5+

[Keeping the queens on. An important alternative is Richard Palliser,MH: 'Keeping the queens on. An important alternative is' 6...Qxd1+ 7.Rxd1 Nc6 when

A) Niemann had preferred 8.c3 -0.31/21 in the earlier Niemann-Kosteniuk, Airthings Masters (rapid) 2022, where Richard Palliser,MH: '8. f2-f3 0.09 in the earlier Niemann-Kosteniuk, Airthings Masters (rapid) 2022, where' g6 0.21/21 *(8...e5* -0.31/21 Richard Palliser,MH: '∓' *9.Be3 f5 10.g3* Richard Palliser, MH: '!' *Be7 11.Bc4* Richard Palliser,MH: ' Prevents Bc8-e6' *Rf8!* is presumably what put the American GM off a repeat Richard Palliser,MH: 'is presumably what put the American GM off a repeat'*)* 9.Bc4 Richard Palliser,MH: '=' Bg7 10.Ne2 0-0 0.71/20 *(10...Ne5=* 0.22/19 (Richard Palliser,MH) might be stronger. *11.Bb5+ Nc6)* 11.Ng3 Bg4 12.Rd2 Na5? 0.94/22 *(12...Ne5=* 0.26/20 Richard Palliser, MH *13.Bxe5 Bxe5)* 13.Bd5 saw White simply picking up a pawn;

B) 8.Be3!? e5 9.Bc4 -0.37/21 *(9.f3!?* 0.05/21 could also be considered, and if Richard Palliser, MH: '=' *exf3 10.Nxf3 Be7 11.Bc4* , beginning to eye f7 Richard Palliser,MH: ', beginning to eye f7'*)* 9...f5 Richard Palliser,MH: ' ∓' 10.g3 Richard Palliser,MH: '!' f4!? 0.41/20 *(10...Be7!=* -0.07/20 Richard Palliser,MH*)* 11.gxf4 Richard Palliser,MH: ' ±' exf4 12.Bxf4 Bxc5 13.Ne2 Bg4? 1.17/23 *(13...Rf8±* 0.35/19 Richard Palliser,MH*)* 14.Rg1 h5 15.h3! Bxh3 16.Rxg7 saw White beginning to take over in Niemann-Hasangatin, Internet (blitz) 2022. Richard Palliser,MH: 'saw White beginning to take over in Niemann-Hasangatin, Internet (blitz) 2022.']

7.c3 Richard Palliser,MH: '!' monko: '!' '!' **7...Qxc5 8.Qa4+** Richard Palliser,MH: 'The position is equal.' **8...Nc6 9.Qxe4 Bf5** "Equalising comfortably" was my view a few years ago, but matters are not so simple for Black it seems after

White's next. Richard Palliser,MH: '"Equalising comfortably" was my view a few years ago, but matters are not so simple for Black it seems after White's next.' **10.Qa4!**

[Stronger than 10.Qe3?! -0.78/22 Richard Palliser,MH: '10.Qe4-a4 0.20' e5 *(* curiously Niemann played this way as White and was perhaps fortunate to face Richard Palliser,MH: 'curiously Niemann played this way as White and was perhaps fortunate to face' *10...e6* -0.06/20 in Niemann-Blohberger, Internet (blitz) 2022, where Richard Palliser,MH: '10...e7-e5 -0.52 in Niemann-Blohberger, Internet (blitz) 2022, where' *11.Nf3 Be7 12.Be2 0-0 13.0-0 Rfd8 14.Rfd1* was pretty level*)* 11.Qxc5 Bxc5 12.Bg3 -1.04/20 *(12.Be3∓* -0.66/20 (Richard Palliser,MH) is superior. *Bxe3 13.fxe3)* 12...0-0-0 , which saw Black getting on top in Bortnyk-Grischuk, Internet (blitz) 2016, as we've noted before. Richard Palliser, MH: ', which saw Black getting on top in Bortnyk-Grischuk, Internet (blitz) 2016, as we've noted before.']

10...Qb6!?

[A new try. Previously, Richard Palliser,MH: 'A new try. Previously,' 10...Rd8 11.Be3!? Qd6 12.Nf3 e5 13.Bb5 Bd7 14.Rd1 had favoured White in Niemann-Csonka, Internet (blitz) 2022, Richard Palliser,MH: '!' Richard Palliser,MH: 'had favoured White in Niemann-Csonka, Internet (blitz) 2022,']

[as did 10...e5 11.Be3 Qa5 *(11...Qd6!? 12.Nf3* Richard Palliser, MH: '!' *Be7 13.Rd1 Qc7 14.Bc4* also feels like an edge, but may not be too terrible for Black Richard Palliser, MH: 'also feels like an edge, but may not be too terrible for Black'*)* 12.Qxa5 Nxa5 13.0-0-0 f6 0.63/20 *(13...Be6=* 0.13/19 Richard Palliser,MH*)* 14.f4! Richard Palliser,MH: ' ⩲!' exf4 15.Bxf4 in Niemann-Aronian, Internet (rapid) 2022.]

11.0-0-0 Whisking White's king to safety and the rook to the d-file, all as per the basics which underpin 4 e4. Richard Palliser,MH: 'Whisking White's king to safety and the rook to the d-file, all as per the basics which underpin 4 e4.' **11...e6** 0.69/21

[11...g6!? 0.25/21 Richard Palliser, MH: '=' Richard Palliser,MH: ' feels stronger.' 12.Nf3 Richard Palliser,MH: ' next Bf4-e3 is good for White.' Bg7 feels like a better try to me. White does have the fiendish Richard Palliser,MH: 'feels like a better try to me. White does have the fiendish' 13.g4!? , but matters are hardly at all clear after, say, Richard Palliser,MH: ', but matters are hardly at all clear after, say,' Bc8!? 0.51/21 *(13...Bd7=* -0.06/20 Richard Palliser,MH*)* 14.Be3 Richard Palliser,MH: ' ⩲' Qc7 15.h4 a6! 0.86/20 , and if *(15...Bd7=* 0.29/20 (Richard Palliser,MH) remains equal. *16.Qe4 0-0-0)* 16.h5 0.41/21 *(*White should play *16.Bg2!±* 0.86/20 Richard Palliser,MH*)* 16...b5 Richard Palliser,MH: ' ⩲!' 17.Bxb5?! axb5! 18.Qxa8 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Threatens to win with Be3-b6!' 0-0 with attacking chances and excellent play for the exchange. Richard Palliser,MH: 'with attacking chances and excellent play for the exchange.']

12.Nf3 Richard Palliser,MH: '⩲!' monko: '!' '!' **12...Be7** monko: '

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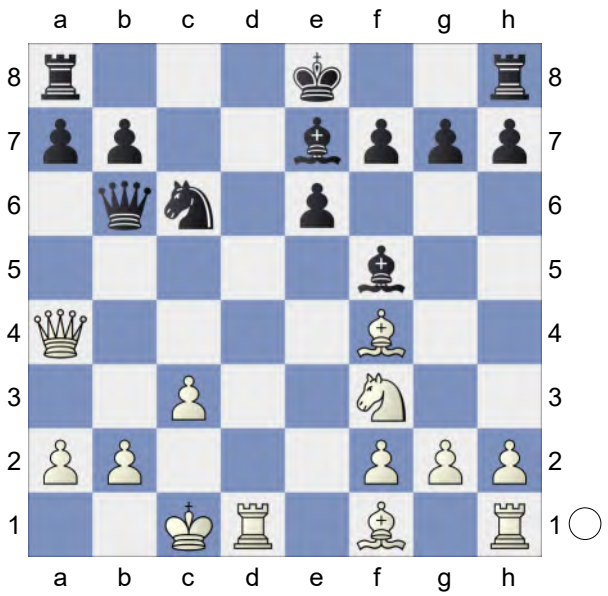
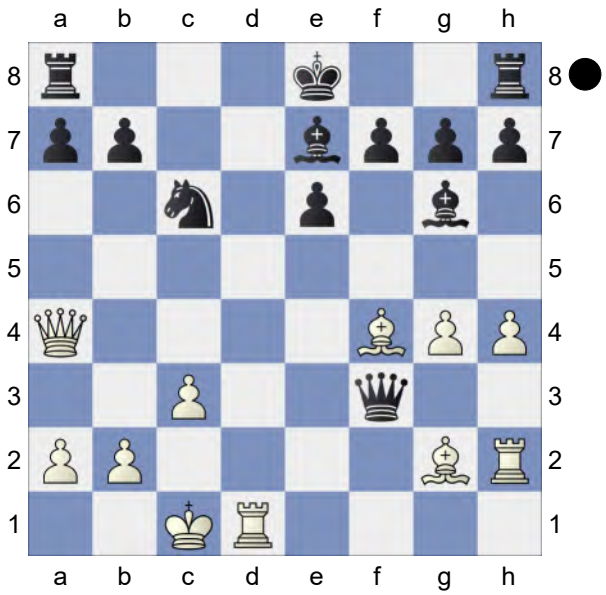
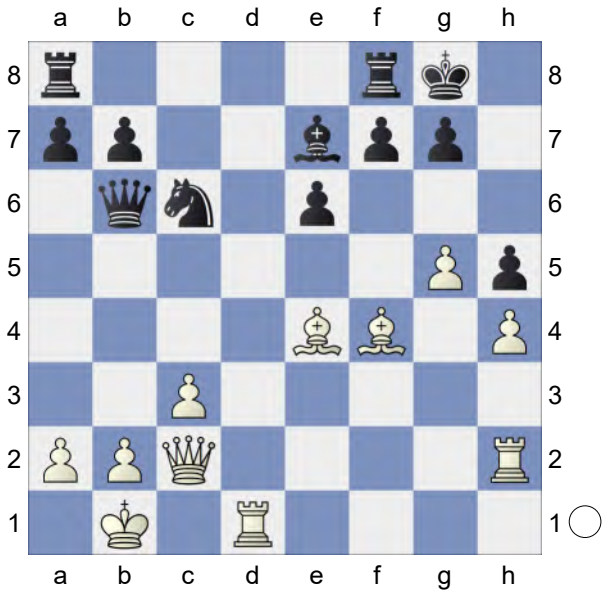


' **13.g4!?** monko: '!' '!'
[Mamedyarov unsurprisingly can't resist. The simpler 13.Nd4 would also have been strong, and if Bg6 14.h4!? h5 15.Nxc6 bxc6 16.Be3 Qc7 17.Bd3! Bxd3 18.Rxd3 0-0 19.Rhd1 with some rather useful positional trumps.]
13...Bg6
[And not, of course, 13...Bxg4?? 1.76/21 Richard Palliser,MH: '13...Bf5-g6 0.59' 14.Be3 . Bxf3 Richard Palliser,MH 15.Bxb6+- Bxh1 monko 16.Be3±]
14.h4!? -0.01/22
[Very ambitious and nothing like as strong as 14.Ne5! 0.71/22 Richard Palliser,MH: ' ±' monko: '=' '=' 0-0 15.Nxg6! hxg6 16.h4 when you wouldn't fancy Black's chances against such an attacker as the Azeri no.1. Richard Palliser,MH: 'when you wouldn't fancy Black's chances against such an attacker as the Azeri no.1.']
14...Qxf2! Praggnanandhaa is fearless and seizes his only chance to develop counterplay. Richard Palliser,MH: '=' monko: ' ∓' '∓' **15.Rh2!** Richard Palliser, MH: '⇄!' Richard Palliser,MH: ' White is fighting back' **15...Qxf3** **16.Bg2** The point of White's play, but who has seen further? Richard Palliser,MH: '



The point of White's play, but who has seen further? Chess con chili.' monko: '⇄' '⇄' monko: '[#] White puts up resistance' **16...Bc2** 0.41/22 Richard Palliser,MH: '!' monko: '!' '!'
[Saving the queen and a much more practical choice than 16...Qxg4!? 17.Bxc6+ Kf8 18.Bxb7 Rb8!? , which might have been overlooked. Perhaps remarkably it seems that White has nothing amazing here, with 19.Rg2 Qxh4 20.Rxg6! hxg6 (there's also the crazy line *20...e5!? 21.Qxa7 Qxf4+ 22.Kc2 Qf5+ 23.Kb3 Rxb7+ 24.Qxb7 fxg6* when *25.Qa8+ Kf7 26.Qxh8 Qe6+ 27.Kc2 Qf5+* is perpetual check,; but Black must avoid *20...fxg6? 21.Rf1 Kg8 22.Qa6!* when the twin threats of mate and Bxb8 decide) 21.Rh1 Qxh1+ 22.Bxh1 Rxh1+ 23.Kc2 Re8 24.Qxa7 Rh5 25.a4 no more than extremely unclear.]

17.Kxc2 Richard Palliser,MH: '⩲'
[17.Bxf3? Richard Palliser,MH monko: 'is the wrong capture.' Bxa4 18.b3 Bb5-+]
17...Qf2+ 18.Kb1 Richard Palliser,MH: ' White has compensation.' **18...Qb6** And so Black's queen is safe, but with the two bishops and a strong potential attack, White simply must have more than enough for his pawn. Richard Palliser,MH: 'And so Black's queen is safe, but with the two bishops and a strong potential attack, White simply must have more than enough for his pawn.' **19.Be4** Richard Palliser,MH: ' A strong pair of Bishops.' monko: 'White has compensation.' **19...0-0?!** 1.48/22 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Black is weak on the light squares'
[Very brave and 19...Rd8 0.33/22 would surely have been somewhat more prudent before contemplating castling. Richard Palliser,MH: ' ⩲' '!' Richard Palliser,MH: 'would surely have been somewhat more prudent before contemplating castling.']
[19...h5= -0.01/18 (monko) remains equal.]
20.Qc2 0.82/20
[White should try 20.Bc2 1.48/22 Richard Palliser,MH]
20...h6 1.44/22
[⌓20...Rfd8 0.82/20 Richard Palliser, MH]
21.g5 0.51/22
[21.Qe2! 1.44/22 Richard Palliser, MH: '⩲' Rad8 22.Bd3 and only then g5 is how the engines prefer to do things - and with good reason. Richard Palliser,MH: 'and only then g5 is how the engines prefer to do things - and with good reason.']
21...h5 Richard Palliser,MH: '!' monko: '



' **22.Rd7?** -0.01/23
[22.Re1⩲ 0.65/21 Richard Palliser, MH]
[22.Rhd2!± 1.02/19 monko]
22...Qg1+? 2.17/22 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Black is now going downhill.'
[Black goes from at least OK to lost in just one move. The way to go was Richard Palliser,MH: 'Black goes from at least OK to lost in just one move. The way to go was' 22...Rfd8 -0.01/23 , and if Richard Palliser,MH: '=!' '!' monko: '=' '=' 23.Rhd2 *(or 23.Rxd8+* -0.43/21 Richard Palliser,MH: '23.Rh2-d2 -0.01' *Rxd8 24.Rg2 Qb5!* with some counterplay*; 23.Bxc6* Richard Palliser,MH *bxc6 24.Rhd2 Rxd7∓)* 23...Rxd7 *(23...e5* Richard Palliser,MH*)* 24.Rxd7 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Hoping for Be4xc6.' Rd8 Richard Palliser,MH: '!' *(24...Re8* Richard Palliser,MH *25.Qe2+-)* 25.Qd3 Richard Palliser, MH: '!' Rxd7 26.Qxd7 Richard Palliser,MH: ' aiming for Qd7-e8+.' Qf2 when Black's queen is suddenly very active and Richard Palliser,MH: 'when Black's queen is

suddenly very active and. And now ... Qf2-e1+ would win.' 27.Qe8+? -1.70/5 *(27.Bc1=* -0.10/23 (Richard Palliser, MH) and White is okay. *Bf8 28.g6)* 27...Bf8 Richard Palliser,MH: '-+' 28.Bd6? -5.35/24 *(⌓28.Bc1* -2.08/24 Richard Palliser,MH *Qxh4 29.Bc2)* 28...Qe1+ would win.]

23.Bc1 Richard Palliser,MH: '+-' Richard Palliser,MH: ' Active counter play!' monko: ' ± '' ± ' monko: 'Strongly threatening Bxc6! Active counter play! This pair of bishops is nice.' **23...Bc5** 2.84/24

[What else to do with Richard Palliser, MH: 'What else to do with' 23...Rfd8? 4.80/21 Richard Palliser,MH: '23... Qg1-c5 1.88' 24.Bxc6 winning a piece]

[and 23...Rfe8 4.48/21 Richard Palliser,MH: '?' Richard Palliser,MH: '23...Ra8-e8 1.82' 24.Rg2

A) or 24...Qc5 25.g6 f6 6.23/21 Richard Palliser,MH: '?' *(25...f5* 2.69/20 Richard Palliser,MH*)* 26.Qe2;

B) 24...Qf1 25.Rf2 Qg1 26.Bh7+ crashing through?]

[⌓23...Rae8 1.89/22 Richard Palliser, MH monko: '±' '±' 24.Rxb7 Ne5]

24.Rg2 1.36/22

[D o n ' t t a k e 24.Rxb7?! Richard Palliser,MH Ne5±]

[Better is 24.g6+- 1.75/23 monko f6 25.Rg2 *(25.Rxb7 Ne5±)*]

24...Qe1 6.04/22 monko: '?' '?'

[24...Qf1 2.81/22 Richard Palliser,MH monko: ' ± '' ± ' 25.Rd1 *(25.Rxb7 Be3±)* 25...Qb5]

25.Rxb7 1.70/23 Richard Palliser,MH: '?' monko: '?' '?'

[Claiming the light squares is strong, but there was an even bigger prize available in Richard Palliser,MH: 'Claiming the light squares is strong, but there was an even bigger prize available in' 25.Rd1! 6.04/22 monko: '+-' '+-' monko: 'is more deadly. ' Qxh4 26.Rh2 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Skewer' Qg4 27.Rdh1 when Black is just getting annihilated down the h-file, and if g6 28.Bxg6! .]

25...Rac8 3.02/23

[⌓25...Ne7 1.70/23 Richard Palliser, MH monko: ' ± '' ± ' monko: 'was necessary.']

26.g6 1.11/23 Richard Palliser,MH: '?'

[Or just 26.Rd7! 3.02/23 , heading for d1 after all. Richard Palliser,MH: '+-' Richard Palliser,MH: ' has better winning chances.']

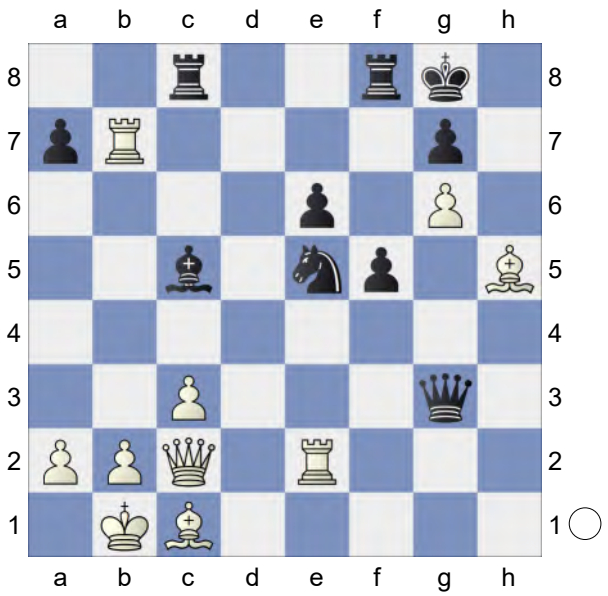
26...f5 2.19/23

[26...Be3± 1.11/23 Richard Palliser, MH 27.gxf7+ Rxf7 28.Rxf7 Kxf7 29.Bxc6 Qxc1+ 30.Qxc1 Bxc1]

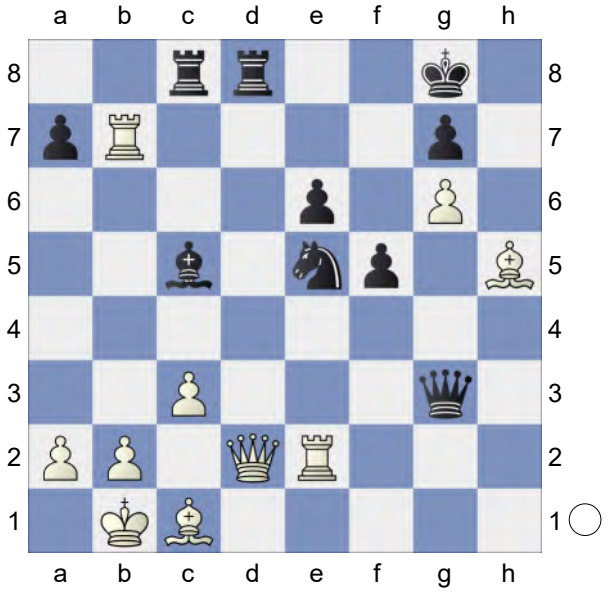
27.Re2 Richard Palliser,MH: '!' monko: 'Really sharp!' **27...Qxh4** **28.Bf3** Black is still a pawn to the good, but his light squares are shot and kingside not an especially appetising Swiss cheese. Richard Palliser,MH: 'Black is still a pawn to the good, but his light squares are shot and kingside not an especially appetising Swiss cheese.' **28...Qg3** **29.Bxh5** monko: 'Threatens to win with Qd2!' **29...Ne5** 1.70/19 Richard Palliser, MH: '

[29...Rfe8± 0.87/18 (monko) might work better.]

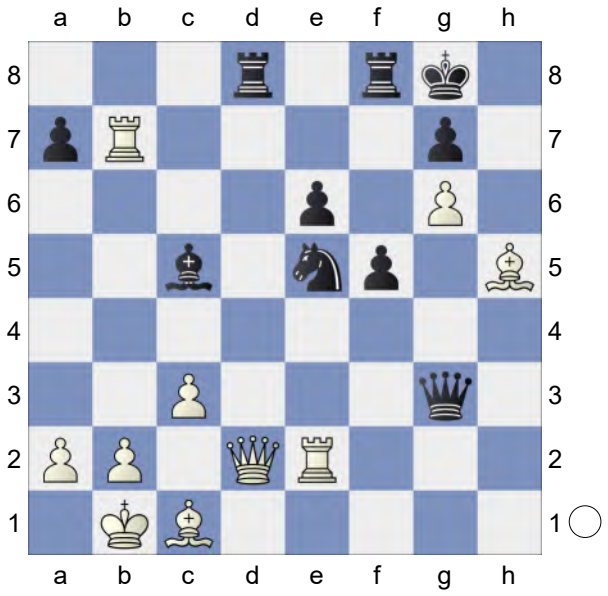
(Diagram)



' **30.Qd2!** Lining up the killer blow while making fine use of the not-so-sleepy bishop on c1. Richard Palliser,MH: 'Lining up the killer blow while making fine use of the not-so-sleepy bishop on c1. Dodges Rc8-d8' monko: '+-!' '+-!' **30...Rcd8?!** 9.05/24 Richard Palliser, MH: '
[Even 30...Rfd8 1.61/22 Richard Palliser,MH: '



' 31.Rxg7+! -0.01/21 (Richard Palliser,MH: ' Better is' *31.Qf4* 2.77/24 Richard Palliser,MH: '+-!!' *Qxf4 32.Bxf4 Nd3 33.Bg5* is a somewhat simpler method) 31...Kxg7 Richard Palliser,MH: '=' 32.Qh6+ Kf6 33.g7+ seems to be winning, and if Ke7 Richard Palliser, MH: ' ...Rd8-d1 would now be deadly.' 34.Qg5+ Qxg5 35.Bxg5+ Kd7 Richard Palliser,MH: ' White must now prevent ...Bc5-d6!' 36.Bxd8 Rxd8 37.Rxe5 Bd6 38.Ra5 .]
[⌓30...Rfe8 2.38/25 Richard Palliser, MH 31.Qf4 Qxf4 32.Bxf4 Nd3]



' monko: '?' '?' **31.Rxg7+!** Richard Palliser,MH: '!!' Richard Palliser, MH: ' Remove Defender, Decoy, Promotion' monko: '!!' '!!' monko: 'Remove Defender, Decoy, Promotion. White is clearly winning.' **31...Kxg7 32.Qh6+ Kf6** monko: 'aiming for ...Rh8!' **33.g7+** Richard Palliser,MH: 'White is clearly winning.' **33...Ke7**
[Likewise, 33...Ng6 34.Bxg6 Qxg6 35.Rxe6+ Kxe6 36.Qxg6+ is completely hopeless. Richard Palliser,MH: 'is completely hopeless.']
34.gxf8Q+ Rxf8 35.Qg5+
[The simple method. There was also

Richard Palliser,MH: 'The simple method. There was also' 35.Bg5+ Kd7 36.Qg7+ with complete destruction.]

35...Qxg5 36.Bxg5+ Kd6 37.Bf4 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Weighted Error Value: White=0.48/Black=0.63' monko: 'Weighted Error Value: White=0.36/ Black=0.48'

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171 **B13**
□ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2767**
■ **Giri,Anish** **2728**
London TechM GCL Final (1.1) 12.10.24
[Kitty Kat]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.Nc3 Nf6 2.d4 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Ne5 e6 8.g3** The position is equal. **8...Bd7 9.Bg2 Nxe5 10.dxe5 Ng8 11.h4 Rc8 12.0-0 Ne7 13.h5 h6 14.Ne2N**

[14.Re1 g5 15.hxg6 Nxg6 16.Be3 h5 17.Bd4 Bc5 18.Nxd5 exd5 19.e6 fxe6 20.Bxh8 Nxh8 21.Qxh5+ Nf7 22.Bxd5 Qf6 23.Re2 Kf8 24.Bxb7 Rc7 25.Bg2 Bb5 26.Rd2 Qxb2 27.Rad1 Qf6 28.Rb1 Qc3 Zhalmakhanov,R (2505)-Vrashank,C (2209) Baku 2024 ½-½ (77)]

14...Nc6

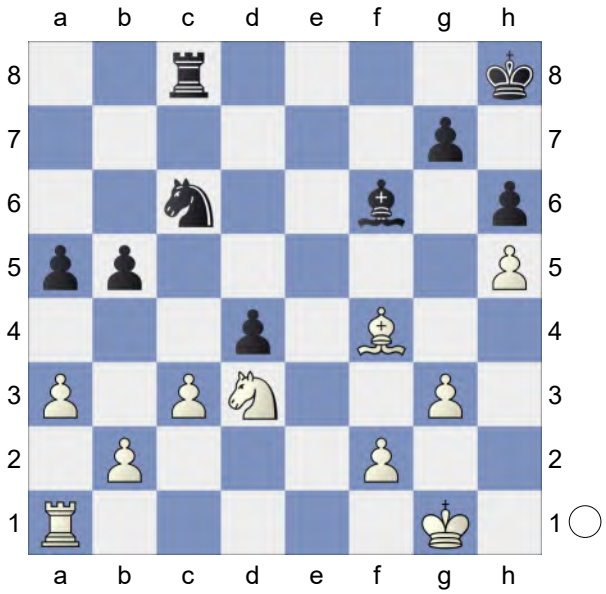
[14...g5!? 15.hxg6 Nxg6=]

15.c3 Be7 16.Nc1 0-0 17.Nd3 b5 18.a3 a5 19.Qg4 Kh8 20.Rfe1 f5 0.78/19

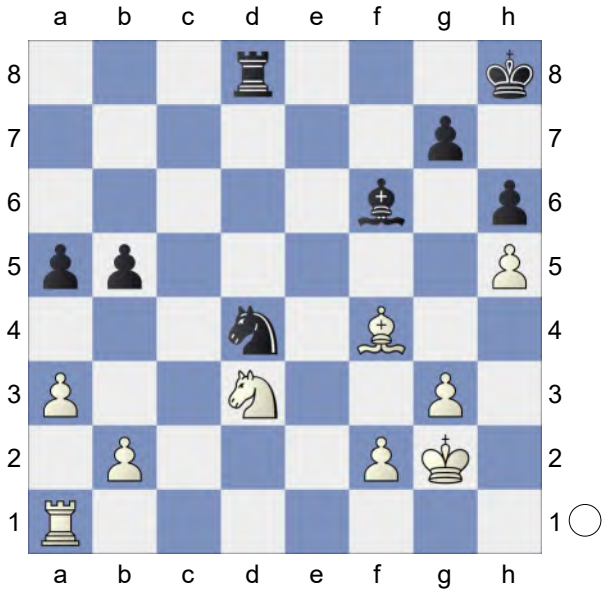
[20...a4= -0.01/15 remains equal.]

21.exf6!± Bxf6 22.Bh3 0x0.00281bc5b1bddp-1022s more active pieces. **22...Qe7** Inhibits Bd6. **23.Rxe6 Bxe6 24.Qxe6 Qxe6 25.Bxe6 d4**

26.Bxc8 Rxc8



27.cxd4 Nxd4 28.Kg2 Rd8



And now ...Nb3 would win. **29.Ne5!** Black must now prevent Nf7+. **29...Bxe5** 1.50/22

[⌓29...Rd5 0.95/22]

30.Bxe5 Endgame Rc1 is the strong threat. KRB-KRN **30...Rd5 31.Re1** aiming for Bxd4. **31...Nc6 32.Bc7 Rxh5** 1.84/26

[32...a4± 1.40/23 was called for.]

33.Rc1+- Nd4 2.35/24

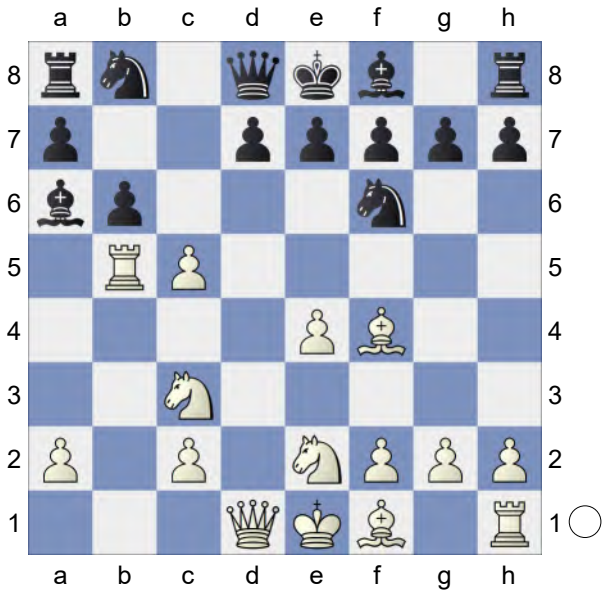
[33...Ne7 1.94/25 might work better.

34.Bxa5 Nd5]
34.Bxa5 Rf5 35.Rc7 Rd5 36.Bc3 Kg8 37.Rb7 Nf5 38.Kf3 Rc5 39.g4 Nh4+ 40.Kg3 g5 41.f4 Rd5 Against Rd7 **42.f5 Rd3+ 43.Kf2 h5** 6.88/25
[⌓43...Rf3+ 4.30/24 44.Ke2 Rf4]
44.Ke2 Rd5 45.f6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.45
1-0

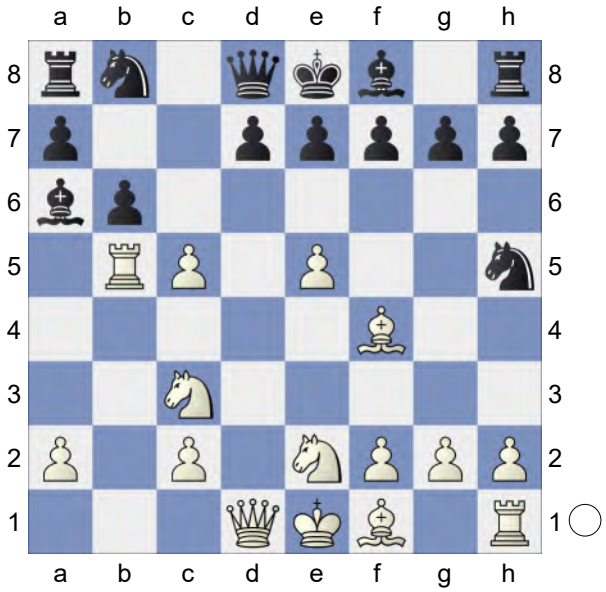
172 **A45**
□ **Aronian,Levon** **2767**
■ **Giri,Anish** **2782**
chess.com Speed 3m+1spm 2018 blitz (..
[Kitty Kat]

A45: Trompowsky Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 c5 3.e3 Qb6 4.Nc3 Qxb2 5.Nge2**
[5.Nb5 Nd5 6.a3 a6 7.Rb1 Qa2 8.Qc1 axb5 9.Ra1 Qxa1 10.Qxa1 Nc6 11.Bxb5 cxd4 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.Qxd4 f6 Neo London System-1... Nf6 2 Bf4 c5 d-Pawn Specials 2024]
5...Qa3 6.Rb1N
[6.g4 d6 7.Bg2 Nxg4 8.0-0 Nf6 9.Rb1 Nbd7 10.Qd3 Benoni-4. Nc3 5. Nge2!?]
6...Qa5 next ...cxd4 is good for Black. **7.Rb5 Qd8 8.dxc5** The position is equal. **8...b6** 0.66/19
[8...Nc6∓ -0.37/19]
9.e4± Strongly threatening e5. **9...Ba6**

(Diagram)

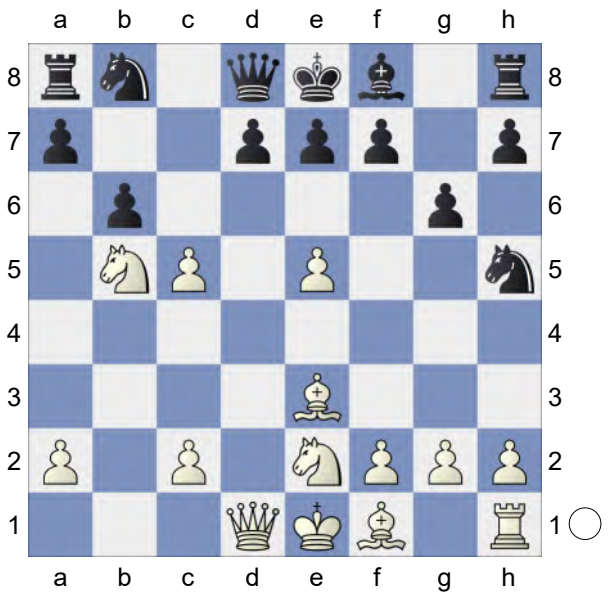


10.e5 -0.26/22 **Nh5?** 1.44/19
[10...Ne4!= -0.26/22]

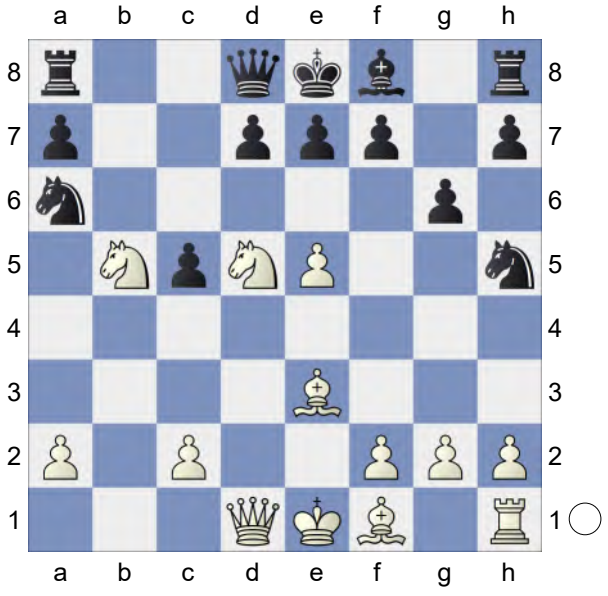


11.Be3! 0.53/19 Black is weak on the dark squares **11...Bxb5 12.Nxb5 g6** 1.72/18
[Black should try 12...a6!± 0.44/20]

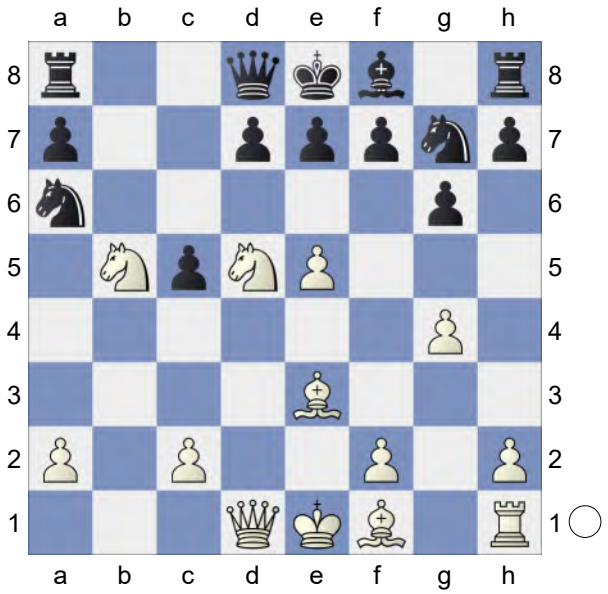
(Diagram)



13.Nec3 0.70/18
[13.cxb6!+- 1.72/18 Threatens to win with Nc7+. axb6 14.Nec3]
13...bxc5 1.60/20
[13...a6!± 0.70/18]
14.Nd5!↑ Black is under strong pressure. White is much more active. **14...Na6**



Against Nbc7+ **15.g4** 1.27/17 Dodges e6
[Better is 15.Bc4!+- 1.90/19]
15...Ng7? 5.22/17
[15...Rb8± 1.27/17 is a better chance.]



16.Nd6+!+- Discovered Attack, Deflection **16...exd6 17.Nf6+**
[17.Bxa6 Be7 *(17...dxe5 18.Qf3∓; 17...Qa5+ 18.c3∓)* 18.0-0 dxe5-+]
17...Ke7 aiming for ...Qa5+. **18.Qxd6#**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.41/ Black=1.15
1-0

173 **B13**
□ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2767**
■ **Anand,Viswanathan** **2751**
London TechM GCL rapid (3.2) 05.10.24
[Kitty Kat]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.Nc3** monko **1...d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.h3 Bxf3 8.Qxf3** The position is equal.
[8.gxf3 Nc6∓]
8...Nc6 9.0-0-0! e6 10.g4 Bd6 11.Be3 is now debated instead of 11.g5. wird nun anstelle von 11.g5 disktutiert. is now debated instead of 11.g5. wird nun anstelle von 11.g5 disktutiert. **11...Rc8**

[11...Qa5 12.Kb1 Nb4 13.Bc1 Rc8 14.a3 Nc6 15.g5 Nd7 16.h4 Qb6 17.Bh3 Nxd4 18.Qe3 Be5 19.f4 Rxc3 20.Qxc3 Nb5 21.Qf3 Bd4 22.Ka2 g6 23.h5 Nc5 24.Bf1 Ne4 25.Bxb5+ axb5 26.hxg6 Firouzja,A (2759)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2769) Wijk aan Zee 2024 CBM 218 [Firouzja, Alireza] 1-0]

12.g5 Nd7N

[12...Ng8 13.Kb1 Nge7 14.Ne2 Qc7 Hoping for ...Ne5! monko: 'Strongly threatening ...Ne5!' 15.c3 b5 16.Nc1 -0.14/19 *(⌓16.h4 0.27/18)* 16...0-0= 17.h4 b4 Strongly threatening ...bxc3. monko: '...bxc3 would now be deadly.' 18.c4! dxc4 19.Bxc4 0-1 Agrest,E (2600)-Pantsulaia,L (2586) SWE-chT 1718 Elite 2017 (2.1)]

13.Kb1N

[13.h4 b5 *(13...Na5 14.h5 Rxc3 15.bxc3 Qc7 16.Kd2 Nb6 17.Bd3 Nac4+ 18.Ke2 Na4 19.Kf1 Nxc3 20.Re1 Nxe3+ 21.Rxe3 Bf4 22.Re1 Bxg5 23.Bf5 0-0 24.Bd3 h6 25.Rg1 Rc8 26.Rg4 Qh2 27.Rg3 Qh4 28.Rg4* Trent,L (2418)-Ivanchuk,V (2611) Chess.com INT 2024 0-1 (58)) 14.h5 0-0 15.Bd3 Nb4 16.Bxh7+ Kxh7 17.g6+ Kg8 18.Qh3 Qf6 19.Rdg1 Qf5 20.Qxf5 exf5 21.h6 f4 22.hxg7 Kxg7 23.gxf7+ Kxf7 24.Rh7+ Ke8 25.Bd2 Nf6 26.Ra7 Rf7 27.Rxf7 Kxf7 Gelman,A (2403)-Bjerre,J (2644) Chess.com INT 2024 0-1]

13...Nb6 0.75/20

[13...Qa5= 0.23/19 monko: 'deserves consideration.']

14.h4± monko: ' **±**' **14...Ne7 15.Bc1** &Bianco is more active. monko: 'White is more active.' **15...Nc4 16.Ne2** 0.33/19

[monko: 'Better is' 16.h5± 0.84/18]

16...0-0± 17.h5 Rc6 0.86/19

[17...Qb6± 0.39/17 monko]

18.Bh3 0.46/17

[18.Ng3± 0.86/19 monko]

18...Bb8 19.Nf4 Qb6 20.Rd3

[20.Ka1 (monko) simplifies Bxf4 21.Qxf4 Qc7 22.Qxc7 Rxc7 23.Kb1]

20...Bxf4 21.Qxf4 Nd6 22.h6 Black must now prevent hxg7. **22...g6** 1.88/23

[22...Ng6± 0.81/20 monko: ' **±**' 23.Qe3 gxh6 *(23...Qc7* monko *)*]

23.Qf6!+- monko: '→!' monko: 'White goes for the king.' **23...Nef5** Inhibits Qg7+. monko: 'Dodges Qg7+' **24.Bxf5 Nxf5 25.Rf3!** aiming for Rxf5! monko: 'Rxf5! is the strong threat.' **25...e5**

[25...Qxd4? (monko) is the wrong capture. 26.Rxf5 Qxf6 27.Rxf6+-]

26.Qxe5 Re6 27.Qxd5 And now Rb3 would win. **27...Rd8** 2.46/26

[⌓27...Nxd4 1.94/22 28.Rd3 *(28.Re3* monko *Rd8 29.Rxe6 Nxe6)* 28...Nf5]

28.Qb3 Nxd4 29.Qxb6 Rxb6 30.Rd1 Rbd6 31.Re3 Ne6 32.Rxd6 Rxd6 Endgame KRB-KRN monko: 'Endgame. KRB-KRN' **33.Rb3 Rd7 34.a4 f6 35.gxf6** 1.47/23

[35.Rb6+- 1.92/22 Nxg5 36.Rxf6]

35...Kf7± 36.Rb6 Kxf6 37.c4 Kf5 38.Be3 g5 1.59/22

[⌓38...Nd8 0.97/23]

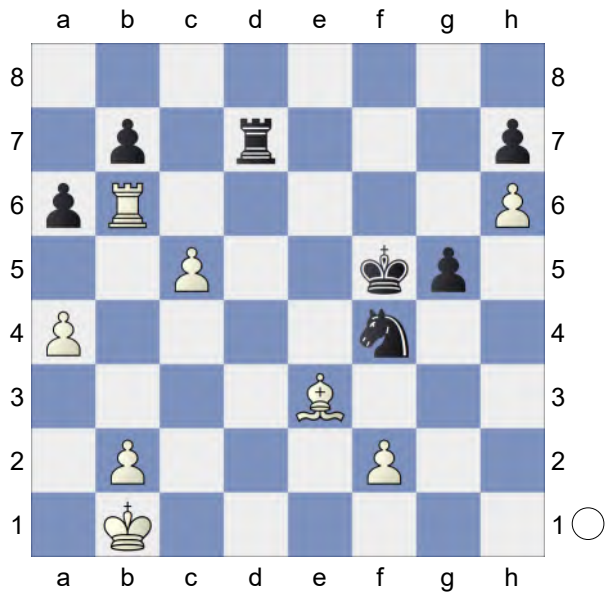
[38...Nf4± 1.06/23 monko 39.b4 Ng2]

39.c5 1.25/22 monko: 'Threatens to win with c6.'

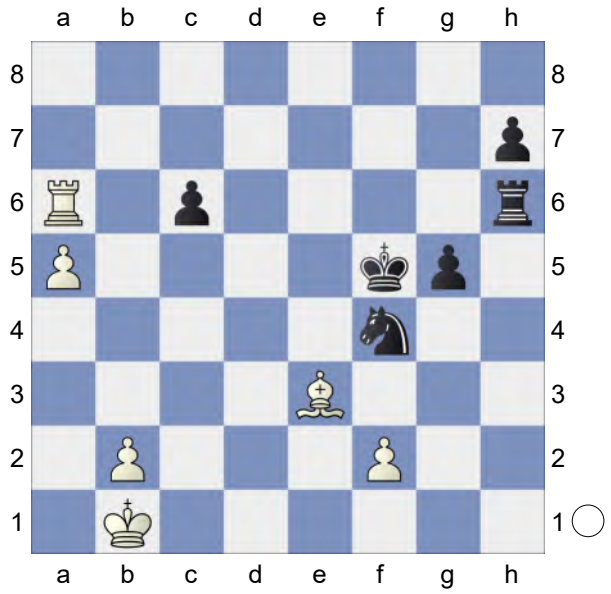
[⌓39.b4 1.59/22]

39...Nf4 2.09/24

[39...Nd8± 1.25/22 was worth a try. monko: 'is a better defense.' 40.b4 monko Nc6]



40.c6!+- monko: '!' **40...bxc6 41.Rxa6**
[Don't do 41.Rxc6 Nd5±]
41...Rd6 42.a5 2.72/21
[⌓42.Ra8 1.97/23]
42...Rxh6 3.32/20
[⌓42...Nd5 2.05/22 monko 43.Bc5 Rxh6]



43.Ra8! Rh1+ 44.Ka2 Nd5 45.a6 White is clearly winning. **45...Nxe3** 9.55/25
[⌓45...Nb4+ 4.51/21 46.Kb3 Nxa6 47.Rxa6 monko g4 48.Rxc6 h5]
46.fxe3
[Weaker is 46.a7 Nc2 47.Rf8+ Kg4±]
46...Rh4 47.Rf8+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.22 (precise) monko: 'Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.25 (precise)'
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174 **D00**
□ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2767**
■ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2832**
SpeedChess Final 2024 (2.18) 08.09.24
[Kitty Kat]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Ne5 e6 8.g3** The position is equal. **8...Bd6 9.Bg2 0-0 10.0-0 Qc7 11.Re1 b5 12.a3N**
[12.a4 b4 13.Na2 Bb7 14.Nxc6 Bxc6 15.Nxb4 Bxf4 16.gxf4 Rab8 17.c3 Bb7 18.Nd3 Ne4 19.a5 Bc6 20.b4 Bb5 21.Nc5 Nxc5 22.dxc5 Qxf4 23.Qd4 Qc7 24.Re3 Rfe8 25.Rae1 Rbd8 26.h4 Qd7 Firouzja,A (2777)-Lazavik,D (2553) Chess.com INT 2023 1-0 (51)]
[12.h4 Bb7 13.Qd3 Rac8 14.Bf3 Nd7 15.Nxd7 Qxd7 16.Bxd6 Qxd6 17.a3 Na5 18.Ne2 Nc4 19.Rab1 a5 20.Nf4 b4 21.axb4 axb4 22.Nh5 h6 23.Bg2 Rc7 24.Qf3 Rfc8 25.Qg4 Qf8 26.Re2 Nd6 Cabarkapa,N (2444)-Rustemov,A (2525) Chess.com INT 2024 0-1 (39)]
12...Bb7 13.h4 Rac8 14.Na2 -0.95/15
[14.Nxc6∓ -0.35/18 Bxf4 15.Ne5 Bxe5 16.dxe5]
14...Bxe5 -0.01/22

[Black should play 14...Ne4!∓ -0.95/15 15.c3 Nxe5 16.Bxe5 Bxe5 17.dxe5 Qxe5]

15.dxe5= Nd7 16.Qh5 Ne7 17.c3 d4 18.Bxb7 Qxb7 19.Rad1 -0.48/19

[19.cxd4= -0.06/21 feels stronger. Nf5 20.Qd1]

19...Nf5 -0.01/21

[19...dxc3!∓ -0.48/19 20.Nxc3 Rc4]

20.cxd4 Nb6 21.Nc3 Rfd8 Inhibits d5. **22.Ne4 Nxd4 23.Rd3** Strongly threatening Nd6. **23...Nf5** Pair of Knights! **24.Qf3 Qa8 25.Bg5 Rxd3 26.Qxd3 Qd5 27.Qf3** -1.39/21

[27.Qxd5= -0.09/22 keeps the balance. Nxd5 28.Rc1 Rxc1+ 29.Bxc1]

27...Nc4 28.Rc1 -2.60/22

[28.Bf4∓ -1.27/21]

28...h6 -1.09/22

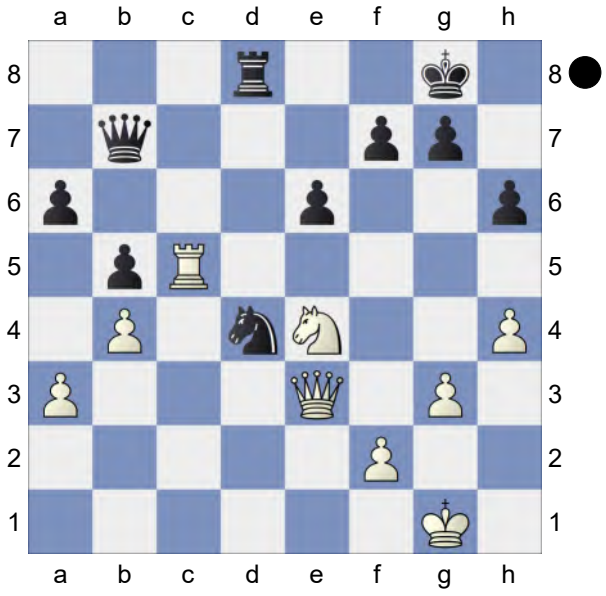
[Don't blunder 28...Qxe5? 29.Nc3∓]

[28...Rc6-+ -2.60/22 29.Kh1 h6]

29.Bf4 -1.51/22

[⌓29.Bf6 -1.09/22]

29...Nd4∓ 30.Qd3 Rd8 31.b3 Nxe5 32.Bxe5 Qxe5 33.Rc5 Qb8↑ Black is on the roll. **34.Qe3 Qb7** ...Nxb3! is the strong threat. **35.b4**



Nf5 -1.17/20

[⌓35...Nb3! -1.60/23 36.Rc2 Rd1+ 37.Kh2 Nd4]

36.Qf3 Prevents Rd1+. Hoping for Nf6+!

36...Qd7 -0.93/21

[⌓36...Qb8 -1.24/20 37.Kg2 Nd4]

37.g4? -4.28/23

[37.Kh2∓ -0.93/21 is more resistant.]

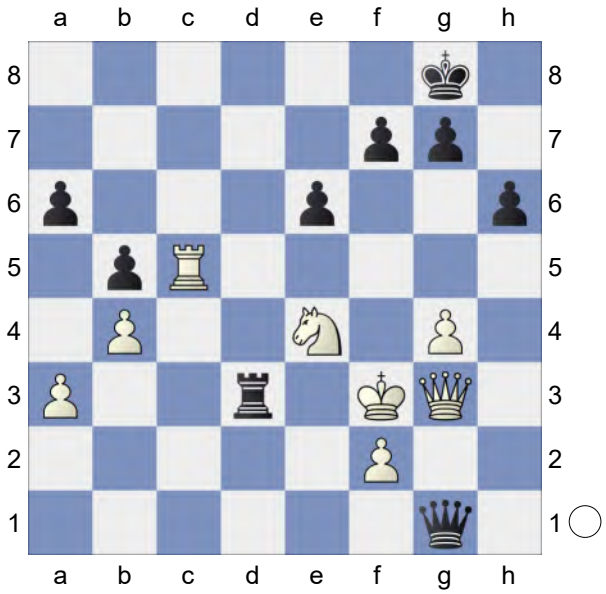
37...Nxh4-+ 38.Qg3 -18.55/22

[⌓38.Qe2 -4.28/23]

38...Qd1+ 39.Kh2 Nf3+ 40.Kg2 Qg1+ -7.41/5

[⌓40...Rd3 -18.41/25 41.Rc8+ Kh7]

41.Kxf3 Rd3+



Skewer, Double Attack **42.Ke2** -#1/6

[42.Kf4-+ -5.15/5 g5+ 43.Ke5 Rxg3 44.Rc8+ Kg7 45.Nxg3 Qe1+ 46.Kd6 Qd1+ 47.Kc7 Qxg4 48.Kb6]

42...Rxg3 -8.38/24 Weighted Error Value: White=0.81/Black=0.34

[⌓42...Qd1# -#1/6]

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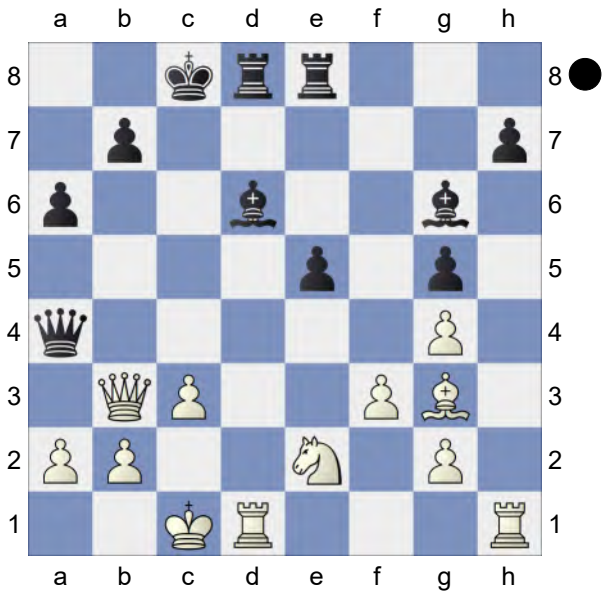
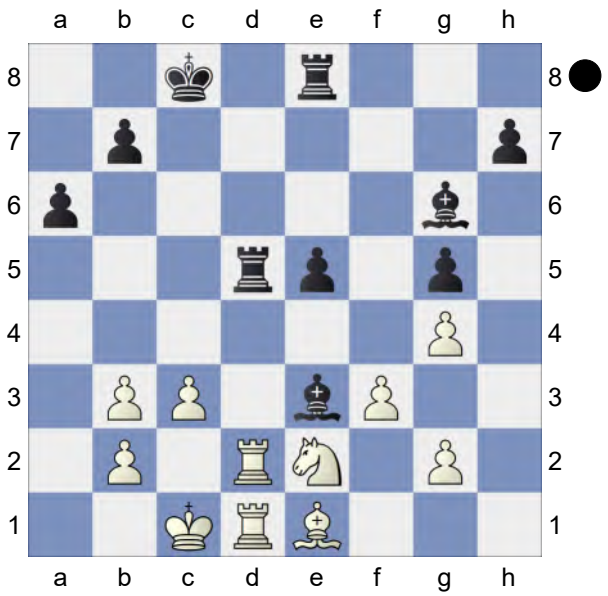
175 **D00**
□ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2766**
■ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2859**
chess.com SpeedChess 2022 blitz (2.36)
[Kitty Kat]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Bd3 Nc6 7.Nce2 Nb4!** is recently more successful than 7...Bg4. ist inzwischen erfolgreicher als 7...Lg4. is recently more successful than 7...Bg4. ist inzwischen erfolgreicher als 7...Lg4. **8.c3** The position is equal. **8...Nxd3+ 9.Qxd3 Bg4N**
[Vorgänger: 9...g6 10.Ng3 Bg7 11.Nf3 Qb6 12.0-0-0 -0.27/19 *(⌓12.Qc2 0.17/19)* 12...Bd7 13.Ne5 Bb5 14.Qd2 0-0 15.Bh6 Ne4! Prevents h2-h4. 16.Nxe4 dxe4 0-1 (29) Alloui Cros,B (2076)-Fantinel, T (2376) Montagne 2021]
10.Ng3 Nh5 11.Be5 Nxg3 12.hxg3 Qd7 0.15/24 Black is weak on the dark squares
[12...Qb6 -0.23/22 should be considered.]
13.f3=
[13.Rxh7? perishes. Bf5 14.Rxh8 Bxd3-+]
13...Bf5 14.Qd2 -0.53/22
[14.Qe3= 0.17/22]
14...f6∓ 15.Bf4 g5 16.Be3 e6 17.g4 Bg6 18.Ne2 -0.63/19
[18.f4= -0.20/21]
18...Bd6 19.Bf2 -0.84/20
[19.f4∓ -0.45/21]
19...0-0-0 -0.17/20
[19...Kf7∓ -0.84/20]
20.Bg3= e5 21.dxe5 fxe5 22.Qxd5 -0.51/22
[22.Qxg5= 0.00/23 Rhe8 23.Qd2]
22...Rhe8!∓ ...Qd7-c7 is the strong threat. **23.0-0-0?** -3.37/24 Now White is beyond hope.
[23.Rd1∓ -0.46/22]
23...Qa4-+ 24.Qb3



Qxb3 25.axb3 Bc5 ...Bc5-e3+ would now be deadly. **26.Rd2 Be3** Pin. This pair of bishops is nice. **27.Rhd1 Rd5** (→ ...Rd5-a5!). Pin
[27...Bxd2+ 28.Rxd2 Rxd2 29.Kxd2-+]
28.Be1? -#2/9
[28.b4-+ -3.43/25]

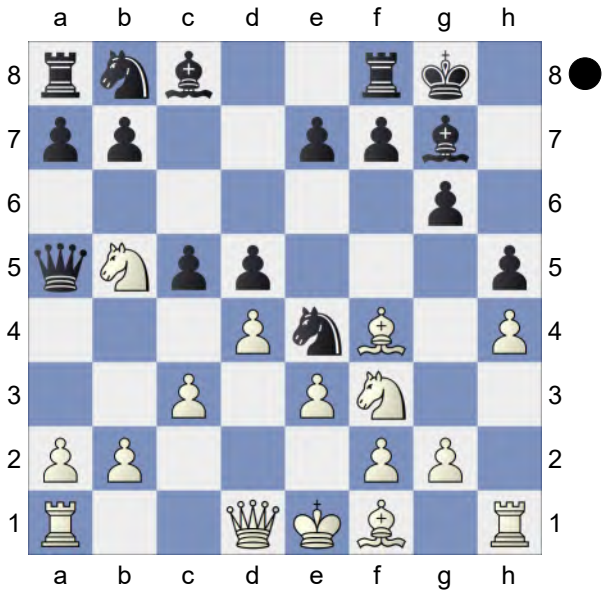
(Diagram)



28...Ra5! Weighted Error Value: White=0.62/Black=0.12 (very precise)
0-1

176 **D00**
□ **Night King96** **2762**
■ **Juicy Fork** **2604**
Blitz 13.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 1-0 (88)*; 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7* Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig,F (1863) Mainz 1997 EXT 2000 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (57)*) 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) www.desc-online.de 2000 CBM 166 [Beliavsky, Alexander G] 1-0 (41)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]
3.Bf4 g6 4.e3 Bg7 5.h4 h5 6.Nf3 0-0 7.Qd2 c5 8.Nb5? -1.72/18
[8.Ne5= -0.04/19 and White is okay.]
8...Ne4-+ 9.Qd1 -2.06/18
[9.Qc1∓ -1.60/19]
9...Qa5+ -0.84/17
[9...a6-+ -2.06/18 and Black stays clearly on top. 10.Nc7 e5 11.Bxe5 Bxe5 12.Nxa8 Bf6]
10.c3∓



a6 -0.24/18
[10...Bg4!∓ -0.87/17]
11.Nc7= e5! 12.Nxa8? -2.18/19

[12.Nxe5∓ -0.34/18 Nxf2 13.Kxf2 Qxc7 14.Nd3]

12...exf4-+ 13.Bd3 fxe3 14.fxe3 Ng3 15.Rg1 Re8 -1.98/16

[⌓15...Nc6 -3.68/17 White must now prevent ...cxd4. 16.a3 *(16.Kf2? Ne4+ 17.Ke1 Bg4-+)* 16...Bf5]

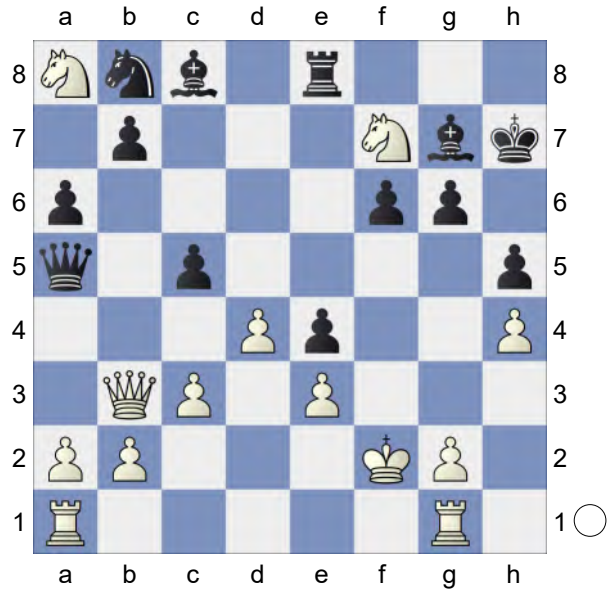
16.Kf2 Ne4+ 17.Bxe4 dxe4 18.Ng5 f6? 1.54/18

[18...cxd4-+ -1.79/18 19.cxd4 Nc6]

19.Qb3+± Kh8 20.Nf7+

[20.Qf7? Rf8 21.Qxg6 *(21.b4? cxb4 22.Qc7 fxg5+-+)* 21...fxg5+ 22.Kg3 cxd4 23.Qxh5+ Kg8-+]

20...Kh7



aiming for ...cxd4. **21.Nd6** 0.27/17

[White should play 21.Qb6!± 1.49/17 Qa4 22.Nd6 *(22.Qxc5 Qc2+ 23.Kg3 Qe2±)* 22...cxd4 23.cxd4 *(23.Nxe8 dxe3+ 24.Qxe3 Qxe8±)* 23...Qc2+ 24.Kg3]

21...Be6? 4.12/19 **22.Qb6**

[Not 22.Nxe8 Bxb3 23.axb3 Qb5∓]

22...Qa4 23.Nxe8 Qc2+? 7.56/17

[23...Qxe8 3.78/16 24.Nc7 Qd8 25.Qxb7 Bg8]

24.Kg3+- Qe2 25.Qxe6 f5 26.Qe7 11.81/19

[⌓26.Qf7 #10/19 Qg4+ 27.Kf2 Qxh4+ 28.g3 Qh2+ 29.Rg2 Qxg2+ 30.Kxg2 Kh6 31.Qxg7+ Kg5 32.Nac7 f4 33.gxf4+ Kh4 34.Qxg6 cxd4 35.Rh1#]

26...Qxe3+ White is clearly winning.

27.Kh2 Qf4+ 28.g3 Qd2+ 29.Rg2 Qh6 30.Qxg7+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.64/Black=1.14

1-0

177 **D01**

□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2762**

■ **Pranav,V** **2572**

FIDE World Rapid and Blitz Championsh..

[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines A45: Trompowsky Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**

[2...g6 3.Bf4 *(3.e3 b6 4.Qf3 d5 5.Qg3 Bg7 6.Be2 Bf5 7.Bd1 Na6 8.a3 c5 9.Nge2 Nc7 10.f3 0-0 11.Qf2 Re8 12.0-0 Bd7 13.Ng3 Bc6 14.Nce2 c4 15.c3 a5 16.Bd2 a4 17.Bc2 Nd7* Breder,D (2445)-Rogozenco,D (2519) Deutschland 86/(186) 2002 CI1-130 [Rogozenco, Dorian] (39)*)* 3...Bg7 4.e4 0-0 5.e5 Ne8 6.Qe2 d5 *(6...d6 7.0-0-0 Nd7 8.h4 c5 9.dxc5 Nxc5 10.h5 Qa5 11.Nd5 Qd8 12.exd6 exd6 13.Ne7+ Kh8 14.hxg6 fxg6 15.Nxg6+ Kg8 16.Ne7+ Kh8 17.Rxh7+ Kxh7 18.Qh5+ Bh6 19.Qxh6#* 11) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.Bf4 B-5.e5 Ne8 6.Qe2 d6 #20 The Meanest Jobava London 2023 https://www.chessable.co [MH]*)* 7.0-0-0 c5 8.dxc5 e6 9.h4 Qa5 10.h5 Qxc5 11.Be3 Qc7 12.hxg6 fxg6 13.f4 Nc6 14.Nf3 h6 15.Qf2 a6 16.Kb1 b5 17.Bd3 11) 1.d4 Nf6 2.

Nc3 g6 3.Bf4 B-5.e5 Ne8 6.Qe2 d5 #2 The Meanest Jobava London 2023 https://www.chessable.co [MH]]
[2...e6 3.Bf4 Bb4 4.e3 Ne4 5.Nge2 Nxc3 6.Nxc3 0-0 7.Bd3 d5 8.Qf3 c5 9.Qg3 cxd4 10.Bh6 g6 11.exd4 Re8 12.h4 Bf8 13.Bf4 Nc6 14.h5 13) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6-1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6 3.Bf4 Bb4 4 The Meanest Jobava London 2023 https://www.chessable.co [MH]]

3.Bf4 Bd7 4.e3 e6 5.a3 c5 6.Nf3 Be7 7.Bd3 -0.25/19
[⩲7.Nb5 0.08/20 Bxb5 8.Bxb5+ Nbd7 9.0-0]

7...Qb6 0.11/20
[7...c4 -0.25/19 feels stronger. 8.Be2 Nh5]

8.dxc5= The position is equal. **8...Bxc5**
[8...Qxb2? 9.Be5+-]

9.b4 Bd6 10.Bxd6 Qxd6 11.0-0 Qc7 12.Qd2 0-0 13.e4 -0.77/23
[13.Rfc1= -0.07/20]

13...dxe4 0.03/20
[Better is 13...Rc8∓ -0.77/23 14.e5 Qxc3 15.exf6 Qxf6]

14.Nxe4 Nxe4 15.Bxe4 Bc6 16.Rfe1 Bxe4 17.Rxe4 Nc6 18.c4 Rad8 19.Qe3 b6 0.35/19
[19...Rd6= 0.01/22 is superior.]

20.g3 Rd7 0.47/23
[20...a5= 0.15/20]

21.c5± Ne7 22.cxb6 axb6 23.Rc1 Qd8 24.Qe2
[24.Rd4!?]

24...Ra7 25.Qb2
[25.Rg4 is interesting. Qa8 26.Qb2 Nf5 27.Nd4]

25...Qa8
[25...Qd5 feels hotter. 26.Rg4 f6 27.Nh4 e5]

26.Re3 Nf5 27.Rd3 h6 28.h4
[28.Ne5 looks sharper. b5 29.Rc5 Qe4 30.Qd2]

28...Rd8 29.Rcd1 Rxd3 30.Rxd3 Rc7 31.Qd2 And now Rd8+ would win.

31...Qe4
[31...Rc8 is interesting. 32.Ne5 Qe4 33.Rd8+ Rxd8 34.Qxd8+ Kh7]

32.Kh2 -0.40/24
[32.Rd8+= 0.01/24 was preferrable. Kh7 33.Qd3 Qxd3 34.Rxd3]

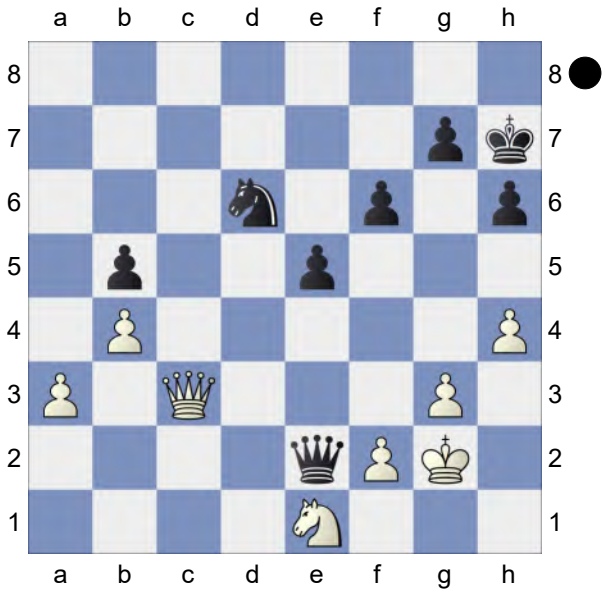
32...Kh7∓ 33.Rc3 Rxc3 34.Qxc3 Qe2 35.Kg1 b5 36.Ne1 -0.75/26
[36.Qc6= -0.01/22]

36...e5 37.Nc2 -0.83/25
[37.Kg2∓ -0.49/26]

37...f6∓ 38.Kg2 -2.26/25
[38.Qc6∓ -0.80/25]

38...Nd6? -0.59/26
[38...Qe4+-+ -2.26/25 39.Kf1 h5]

39.Ne1? -2.11/23
[Only move: 39.Ne3!∓ -0.59/26]



39...Nc4 -0.77/24
[39...Qxf2+!-+ -2.11/23 40.Kxf2 Ne4+ 41.Ke2 Nxc3+ 42.Kd3 Na4]

40.Nf3 f5 41.Ng1 Qe4+ 42.Qf3!= 0.01/21
[42.Nf3∓ -1.06/24 keeps fighting.]

42...Qb1? -0.01/22

[42...Qxf3+!-+ -2.21/24 43.Kxf3 Nxa3]

43.Qc3 -1.28/29

[43.Kh2= -0.01/22]

43...Qe4+ 0.01/21

[43...e4∓ -1.28/29 Hoping for ...Qd1. 44.Ne2 Qd1]

44.Kf1 -1.18/23 **Qb1+** 0.01/19

[Black should play 44...Kg6∓ -1.18/23 45.Nf3 f4 46.gxf4 Qxf4]

45.Kg2= Qd1 keeps more tension.

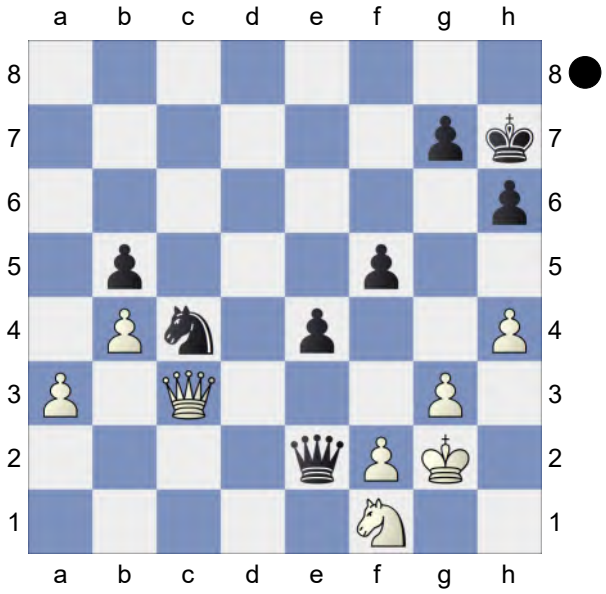
46.Nf3 e4 47.Nh2 -2.45/24

[47.Nd4∓ -1.22/24 Nd2]

47...Qe2? -0.88/24

[47...e3!-+ -2.45/24 48.Nf3 Kh8]

48.Nf1∓



g5 0.44/21

[Black should try 48...Qd3!∓ -0.98/22 49.Qxd3 exd3]

49.hxg5 0.01/24

[49.Qf6± 0.44/21 should be considered. Qf3+ 50.Kg1 gxh4 51.Qxh4]

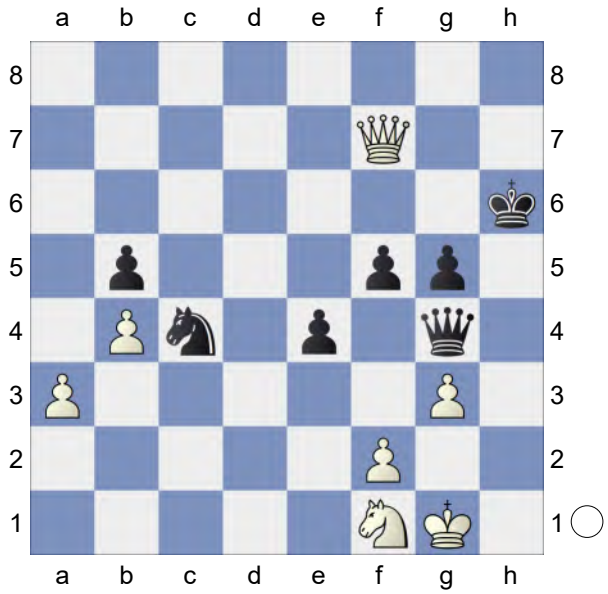
49...hxg5= 50.Qf6 Qf3+ 0.65/25

[50...f4= 0.01/23]

51.Kg1± White now steadily converts the win. **51...Qg4?** 3.73/23

[51...e3± 0.91/20 52.fxe3 Nxa3]

52.Qf7++- Kh6



53.Qe6+!

[53.a4 e3±]

53...Kh5

[53...Kg7 54.Qd7+ Kg6 55.Qc6+ Kg7 56.Qxb5 e3 57.Nxe3 Nxe3+-]

54.Qe8+ Kh6 55.Qxb5 e3 56.Qc6+ Kh5? 16.62/25

[56...Kg7 3.13/24 57.fxe3 Qe4 58.Qxe4 fxe4]

57.Qe8+? 2.79/5

[57.f3 16.62/25 Qh3 58.Qe8+ Kh6 59.Qh8+ Kg6 60.Qxh3]

57...Kh6 58.Nxe3 Nxe3 59.Qxe3

Endgame KQ-KQ

[Inferior is 59.fxe3 Qd1+ 60.Kh2 *(60.Kf2 Qd2+ 61.Kg1 Qd1+ 62.Kh2 Qe2+ 63.Kh1 Qd1+ 64.Kh2 Qe2+ 65.Kh1 Qd1+ 66.Kh2=)* 60...Qe2+ 61.Kh1 Qd1+ 62.Kh2 Qe2+ 63.Kh1 Qd1+ 64.Kh2=]

59...Qd1+ 60.Kg2 Qd5+ 61.Qf3 Qd7 62.Kg1 Kg6 63.Qe2 Qd5? 5.22/21

[63...f4 3.01/21 64.gxf4 gxf4]

64.Qe8+ Kg7 65.Qe7+ Kg6 66.Qc5 Qd1+ 67.Kg2 Qd3 5.39/22

[⌓67...f4 3.58/20 68.Qc6+ Kg7]

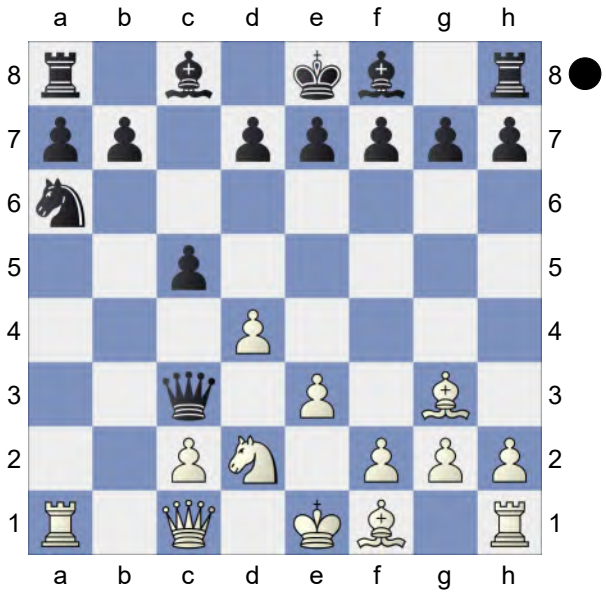
68.Qc6+ Kg7 69.b5 f4 70.gxf4 gxf4

71.b6 Qe2 72.Qc7+ Kg6 73.Qxf4 White mates. **73...Qb5 74.Qe4+ Kg7 75.b7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.44/Black=0.51
1-0

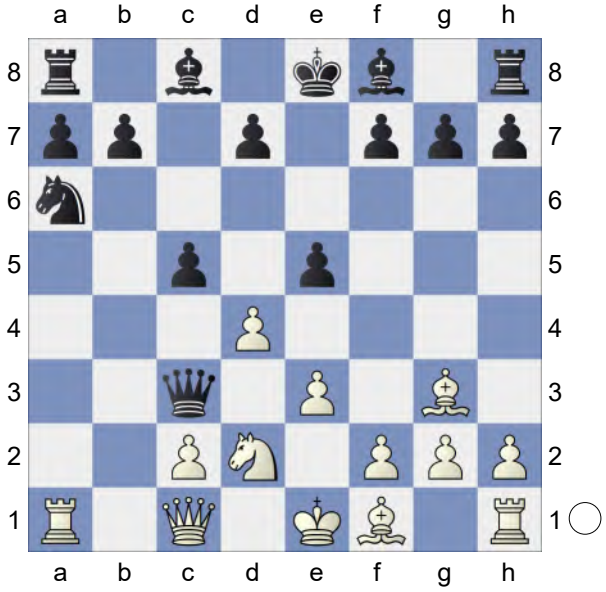
178 **A45**
□ **Chargemax23** **2760**
■ **Jeremyzucker** **2603**
Blitz 20.05.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min A45: Trompowsky Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 c5 3.e3 Qb6 4.Nc3 Qxb2 5.Nb5 Nd5 6.Rb1**
[6.a3 a6 7.Rb1 Qa2 8.Qc1 axb5 9.Ra1 Qxa1 10.Qxa1 Nc6 11.Bxb5 cxd4 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.Qxd4 f6 Neo London System-1...Nf6 2 Bf4 c5 d-Pawn Specials 2024]
6...Qxa2 7.Ra1 Qb2 8.Bg3N Rb1 would now be deadly. The position is equal.
[8.Rb1!? Qa2□ 9.Ra1=]
[8.Nf3 Na6 9.Rb1 Qa2 10.Ne5 d6 11.Nc4 Qa4 12.e4 Ndb4 13.c3 Qxd1+ 14.Rxd1 Nc6 15.d5 Ncb8 16.e5 14) London System 2.Bf4-London System Informational]
8...Na6 Hoping for ...Nc3. **9.Nf3** -1.50/20
[9.Rb1= 0.00/21 Qa2 10.Ra1]
9...Nc3∓ 10.Qc1 Qb4 11.Nxc3 Qxc3+ 12.Nd2 -1.76/20
[12.Kd1∓ -1.25/20]

(Diagram)



12...e5? 1.08/21



13.Bxa6 0.34/20
[13.Ra3!± 1.08/21 Qb4 14.Rb3 *(14.dxe5 c4=; 14.Bxe5 cxd4 15.Rb3 Qe7=)*]
13...bxa6± 14.0-0 cxd4 15.exd4 -0.53/19
[15.Bxe5= 0.27/20 Qc6 16.Bxd4 *(16.exd4 f6=)*]
15...Bb4!∓
[15...Qxd4 16.Bxe5 Qxe5 17.Re1+-]
16.Nf3 -0.85/20
[16.Ne4∓ -0.47/19

is more appropriate. Qc6 17.Qb1]

16...e4 -0.28/21

[16...exd4? 17.Re1+ Kf8 18.Be5+-]

[Better is 16...Bb7∓ -0.85/20 17.Nxe5 0-0 *(17...Qxd4 18.Rd1+-)*]

17.Ng5? -2.26/19 Loses the game.

[17.Re1= -0.28/21 and White stays safe. Bb7 18.Re3]

17...d5-+

[17...Qxd4? 18.c3 Qb6 *(18...Bxc3? 19.Rd1+-; 18...Qxc3? 19.Qf4+-)* 19.cxb4+-]

18.Rb1 a5

[18...Qxd4 19.c3 Bxc3 *(19...Qxc3 20.Rxb4 Qxc1 21.Rxc1±)* 20.Rb3+-]

19.f3 Ba6 20.fxe4 Bxf1

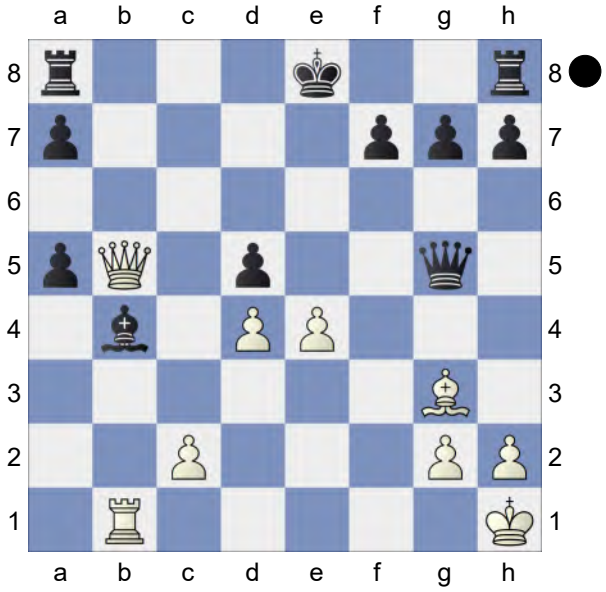
[20...Qxd4+ 21.Bf2 Qd2 *(21...Qc4? 22.Rd1-+)* 22.Rd1 Qxc1 23.Rbxc1-+]

21.Qxf1 Qe3+

[21...Qxc2 22.Qxf7+ Kd8 23.Qxd5+ Kc8 24.Rf1 *(24.Qxa8+ Kd7 25.Qb7+ Ke8 26.Qb5+ Ke7 27.Qe5+ Kd8 28.Ne6+ Kd7 29.Qd5+ Kc8)* 24...Rf8 25.Qxa8+ Kd7 26.Qb7+ *(26.Rxf8 Bxf8 27.Qxa7+ Kc8 28.Qa6+ Kd8 29.Ne6+ Ke8 30.Qa8+ Kf7 31.Qxf8+ Kxe6)* 26...Ke8 27.Qb5+ *(27.Qxa7 Rxf1+ 28.Kxf1 Qd1+ 29.Kf2 Be1+ 30.Ke3 Bd2+ 31.Kd3 Bxg5+ 32.Kc4 Qa4+ 33.Kd5 Qb3+ 34.Ke5 a4±; 27.Rxf8+ Bxf8 28.Qf7+* Deflection *Kd8 29.Qxf8+ Kd7 30.Qd6+ Kc8 31.Qb8+ Kd7 32.Qb7+* Skewer *Ke8)* 27...Ke7 28.Qe5+ *(28.Nxh7 Rxf1+ 29.Qxf1 Qxe4+-)* 28...Kd8 29.Ne6+ *(29.Nxh7 Rxf1+ 30.Kxf1 Qd1+ 31.Kf2 Be1+ 32.Ke3 Bd2+ 33.Kf2 Qe1+ 34.Kf3 Qd1+ 35.Kf2 Qe1+ 36.Kf3 Qd1+ 37.Kf2=)* 29...Kd7 30.Qd5+ *(30.Nxf8+ Kc6 31.Qc7+* Skewer, Double Attack *Kb5 32.Qxc2 Bxf8 33.Rxf8 a4 34.Rb8+ Ka5 35.Be1+* Deflection *Ka6 36.Qxa4#)* 30...Kc8 31.Nxf8]

[21...Qxd4+ 22.Bf2 Qc4 23.Qxc4 dxc4 24.Bd4-+]

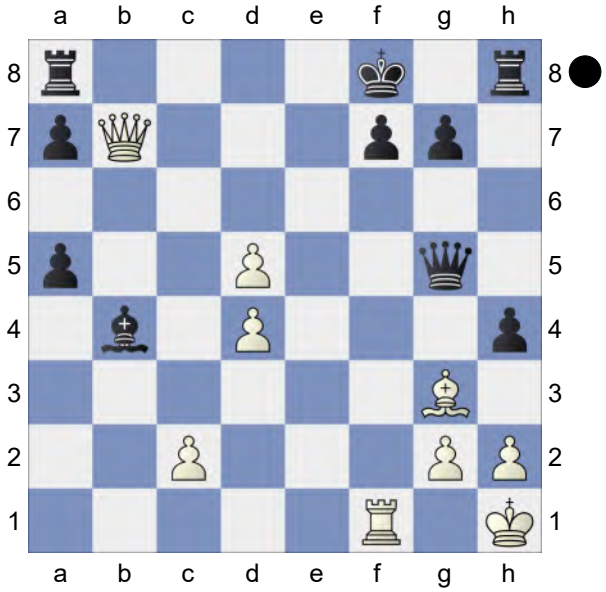
22.Kh1 Qxg5 23.Qb5+



Kf8! 24.exd5 h5

[Don't take 24...Qf5 25.Rf1 a6 *(25...Qxc2? 26.Qb7+-)* 26.Qc4-+]

25.Rf1 h4 26.Qb7



Kg8 27.Bf4

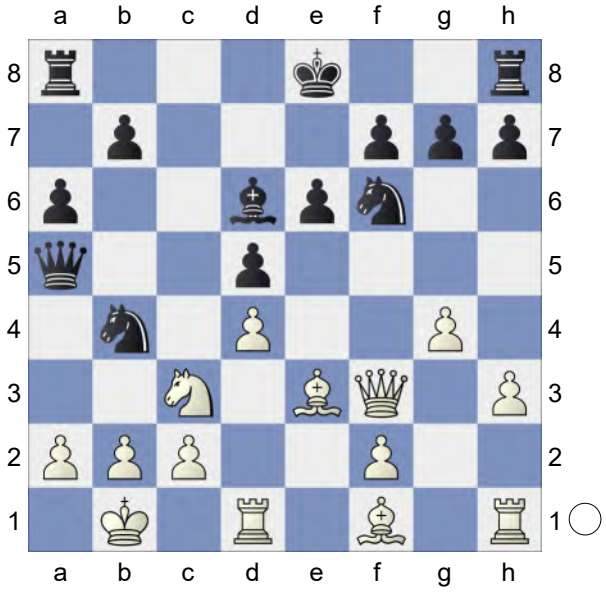
[27.Qxa8+ Kh7]

27...Qd8 Black is clearly winning.

28.Be5 Qe8
[But not 28...f6 29.d6 Rh7 *(29...fxe5 30.Qf7+ Kh7 31.Qh5+ Kg8 32.Qf7+ Kh7 33.Qh5+ Kg8 34.Qf7+=)* 30.c3 Bxc3 31.Qb3+ Kh8 32.Qxc3 fxe5 *(32...h3? 33.Bg3-+)* 33.dxe5]
29.d6 Rd8 30.h3 Bxd6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.53/Black=0.25 (precise)
0-1

179 **A00**
□ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2759**
■ **Nepomniachtchi,Ian** **2769**
86th Tata Steel Masters (12.2) 27.01.24
[Kitty Kat]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.Nc3** 2 **Nf6** 3:14 **2.d4** 21 **d5** 8 **3.Bf4** 4 **c5** 9 **4.e3** 6 **cxd4** 49 **5.exd4** 5 **a6** 55 **6.Nf3** 7 **Bg4** 5:30 **7.h3** 37 **Bxf3** 7 **8.Qxf3** 4 The position is equal. **8...Nc6** 17 **9.0-0-0** 15 **e6** 1:10 **10.g4** 49 **Bd6** 5:39 **11.Be3** 12 **Qa5** 5:06
[11...Rc8 12.g5 Nd7 13.Kb1 Nb6 14.h4 Ne7 15.Bc1 Nc4 16.Ne2 0-0 17.h5 Rc6 18.Bh3 Bb8 19.Nf4 Qb6 20.Rd3 Bxf4 21.Qxf4 Nd6 22.h6 g6 23.Qf6 Nef5 24.Bxf5 Nxf5 25.Rf3 e5 26.Qxe5 1-0 Firouzja,A (2767)-Anand,V (2751) London TechM GCL rapid 2024 (3.2)]
12.Kb1 11:27 **Nb4N** 14:15
[12...Rc8 13.g5 Nd7 14.Bc1 b5 15.h4 Nb4 16.a3 Nc6 17.Na2 Qb6 18.Qd3 Kd8 19.Rh3 g6 20.h5 Rf8 21.hxg6 hxg6 22.Rh7 Ne7 23.Bh3 a5 24.Qf3 Ke8 25.Bf4 Bxf4 26.Qxf4 b4 27.Rd3 1-0 Rapport,R-Nikolic,P 55: Serbian Team Championship 2014 Qb8 28.Qd2 Nc6 29.axb4 axb4 30.Re3 Qd6 31.Qd3 Ne7 32.Qe2 Rc6 33.Nc1 Qf4 34.Nd3 Qxg5 35.Nxb4 Rb6 36.Bxe6 Rxb4 37.f4 Qg1+ 38.Ka2 Ra4+ 39.Kb3 Ra7 40.Bxd5 Qa1 41.Rxe7+ Kd8 42.Rxd7+ 1-0 Kable,J-Pelnar,H 39: World Senior Ch, Terme 2017]



13.Bc1 12:50 **Rc8** 0.80/20 3:21
[13...0-0± 0.42/18 might be stronger.]
14.a3± 12 **Nc6** 4 **15.g5** 55 **Nd7** 24 **16.h4** 9:44 **Qb6** 8:24 **17.Bh3** 0.65/19 19:35
[17.h5± 1.11/19]
17...Nxd4± 10:15 **18.Qe3↑** 4:47 White is pushing. **18...Be5** 1.93/21 26:11 This move loses the game for Black.
[18...Nb5± 0.53/19 19.Nxd5 Qc6]
19.f4+- 3:57 **Rxc3** 50 **20.Qxc3** 7 **Nb5** 4 **21.Qf3** 10:02
[Not 21.Qc8+ Ke7 22.Qxh8 Nxa3+ 23.Ka2 Nxc2=]
21...Bd4 1:40
[Of course not 21...Nc3+ 22.Ka1 Nxd1 23.fxe5]
22.Ka2 4:05 **g6** 8 **23.h5** 11:42 **Nc5** 4:08 **24.Bf1** 6:17 **Ne4** 1:59

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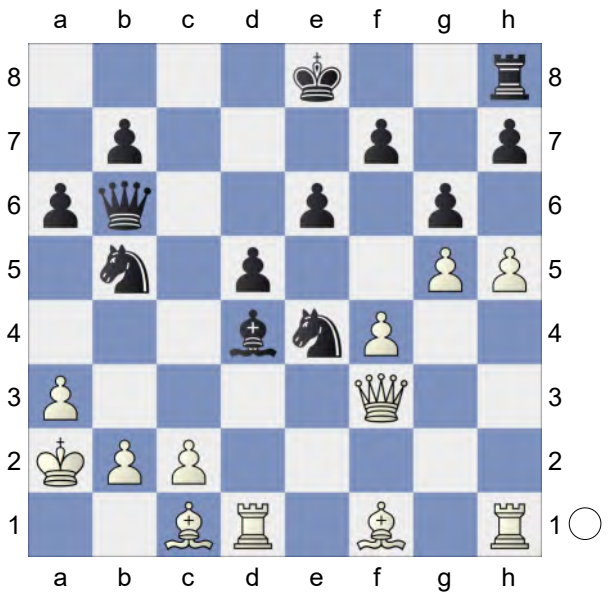
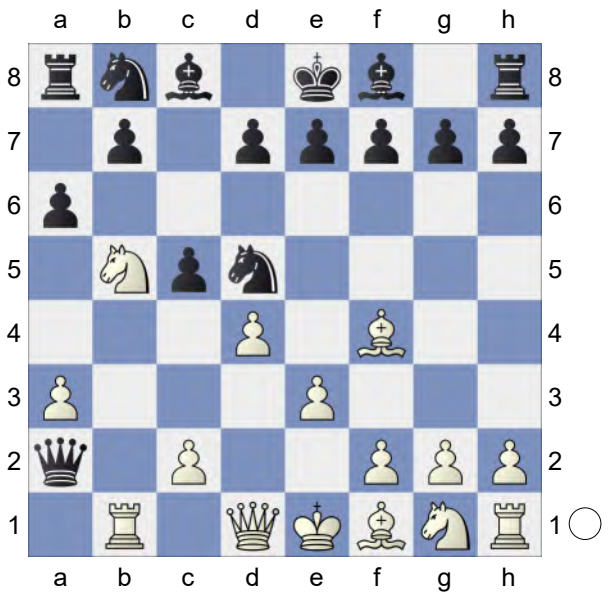


And now ...Nb5-c3+! would win. **25.Bxb5+** 5 **axb5** 1 **26.hxg6** 56 **fxg6** 5:20 **27.Rhe1** 8:27 **Rf8?** 6.15/22 6:01
[27...0-0 1.62/20 28.Rxe4 dxe4 29.Qxe4 Bg7]
28.Qd3 1:04 Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.44
1-0

180 **A45**
□ **Necp** **2759**
■ **Shinzouwosasageyo** **2685**
Blitz 10.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

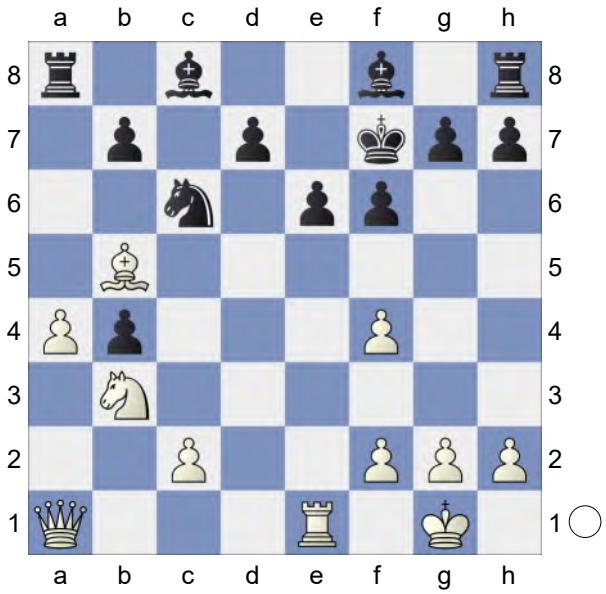
Blitz 3min A45: Trompowsky Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 c5 3.e3 Qb6 4.Nc3 Qxb2 5.Nb5 Nd5 6.a3** Dodges Qb4+ **6...a6** 0.36/21
[6...Nc3!∓ -0.35/25 7.Nc7+ Kd8]
7.Rb1± White has compensation.
7...Qa2 8.Ra1N The position is equal.
[8.Qc1!? axb5 9.Ra1 Qxa1 10.Qxa1±]
8...Qb2 9.Rb1 Qa2

(Diagram)



10.Qc1! Rb2 would now be deadly. **10...axb5** **11.Ra1↑** Black is under pressure. **11...Qxa1** **12.Qxa1** Bxb8 is the strong threat. **12...Nxf4**
[12...Nc6 13.Bxb5 cxd4 14.Bxc6 bxc6 15.Qxd4 Rxa3 *(15...f6)* 16.Nf3 e6 17.0-0 Benoni-A6,N]
[12...e5 13.Bxe5 *(13.dxe5 Nxf4 14.exf4 c4 15.Be2 Rxa3 16.Qb2 Nc6 17.Nf3 Bb4+ 18.Kf1 0-0 19.g3 d5 20.Kg2 d4 21.Nxd4 c3 22.Qb1 Nxd4 23.Qxb4 Ra4* The Combative Qxb2-Agadmator'S Anti London Goth Agadmator's Anti-London System 2022*)* 13...c4 14.Qb2 *(14.Bxb8 Bb4+ 15.Ke2 Rxa3 16.Qb2 Ra2 17.Qc1 b6 18.f3 Ba3 19.Qd2 Nb4 20.Bd6 Rxc2 21.Bxb4 Rxd2+ 22.Bxd2 b4* The Combative Qxb2-Agadmator'S Anti London Goth Agadmator's Anti-London System 2022*)* 14...Ra5 15.Bxb8 Bxa3 16.Qb1 Nc3 17.Qa1 Bb4 18.Qb2 Nd5+ 19.Ke2 0-0 20.Kf3 d6 21.Ne2 Be6 22.g4 Rxb8 23.Bg2 Ba3 24.Qb1 Nc7 25.Nf4 d5 26.g5 Bf5 27.Kg3 0-1 12.♕e3 ♕e7 (2361)-Preußner,M (2394) 118/98 Dortmund

2013]
13.exf4 b4 1.03/19
[13...c4!± 0.56/22]
14.a4± cxd4 15.Nf3 Nc6 1.47/21
[⌓15...e6 0.80/19]
16.Bb5 0.91/20
[⌓16.Nxd4 1.47/21 Strongly threatening Bb5. Rg8 17.Bb5]
16...e6 17.Nxd4 White is more active.
17...Bc5 2.30/21 A mistake that costs the game.
[17...Na7± 0.96/20 keeps fighting.]
18.Nb3+- Bf8 19.0-0 f6 20.Re1 Kf7

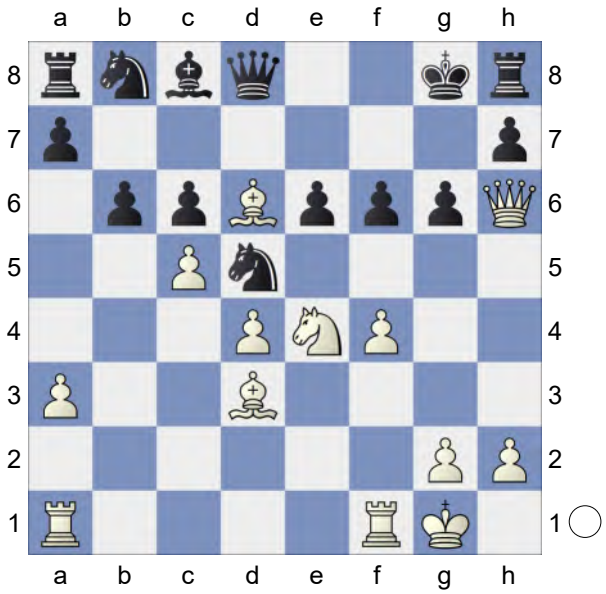


21.f5! e5? 3.74/19
[21...Be7 2.19/18 was called for. 22.Qc1 *(22.fxe6+ dxe6 23.Re3 Na7+-)* 22...Rd8 23.fxe6+ dxe6]
[21...g6 22.fxe6+]
22.Bc4+ d5? 4.86/20
[22...Ke8 2.73/18 is a better defense. 23.Bb5 Kd8]
23.Bxd5+ Ke7 24.f4 Bxf5 25.Bxc6 bxc6 26.fxe5 Kf7 27.exf6 Bxc2 28.Qa2 Bg6 29.Nc5+ White mates.
29...Kxf6 30.Nd7+ Kg5 31.Qd2+ Kh5 32.Re5+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.78
1-0

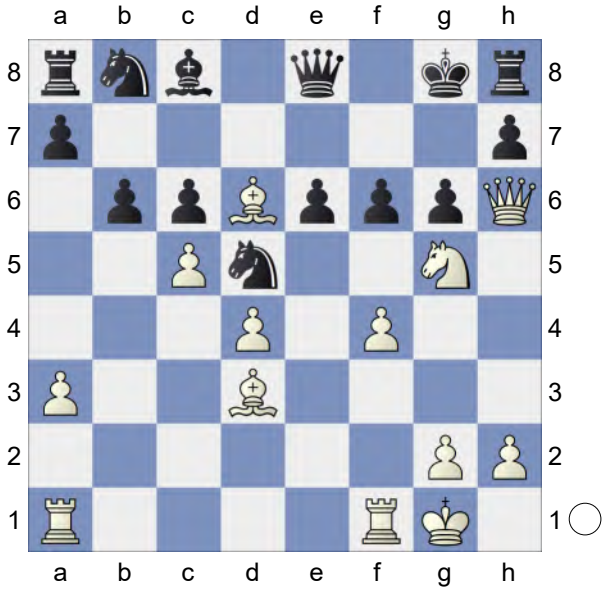
181 **D00**
□ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2759**
■ **Mamedyarov,Shakhriyar** **2770**
NIC Classic KO rapid (1.21) 28.04.2021
[Krasenkow,Michal]

Kitty Kat: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines '
1.d4 Kitty Kat **1...Nf6 2.Nc3 d5**
Kitty Kat: 'N'
[2...c5 Kitty Kat 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7 ½-½* Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8 ½-½* Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]
3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 c6!? A rarely seen but quite interesting option.
6.Nc3 Nb8 7.Nf3 Nbd7 8.Bd3

Kitty Kat: 'The position is equal.' **8...Bb4** **9.a3** **Bxc3+** The text move is probably less accurate as the knight picks out its way too early. **10.bxc3** **Qa5** 0.67/20
[10...c5 0.20/20 Kitty Kat: '=' Kitty Kat: ' was preferrable.' 11.c4! 0-0 12.Bd6 Re8 13.dxc5 e5! 14.Bf5 Nxc5 15.Bxh7+ Kxh7∓ 16.Bxc5 Qc7 17.Bb4 a5∓ 18.Bc3?? d4]
11.Bd6 -0.16/23
[11.0-0± 0.67/20 Kitty Kat]
11...Qxc3+ **12.Nd2** **Qa5** 0.80/22
[12...c5= 0.01/23 Kitty Kat]
13.0-0?! Kitty Kat: ' White has strong compensation.' **13...Qd8** 1.04/21
[13...Qb6!± 0.57/20 Kitty Kat]
14.c4?! 0.41/20 Another obvious but inaccurate move.
[14.a4± 1.04/21 Kitty Kat]
14...Nb8! 2.30/20 Kitty Kat: '?' Kitty Kat: ' Black cannot hold the game after this.'
[14...dxc4± 0.41/20 Kitty Kat 15.Nxc4 Nb6 16.Nxb6 axb6]
15.c5 Kitty Kat: '+-' Kitty Kat: ' Black is weak on the dark squares' **15...b6?!** **16.e4?** Kitty Kat: ' aiming for Qd1-e2.' Missing the last miraculous chance to save the game: **16...dxe4!** 3.23/20
[⌓16...Ba6 1.84/17 Kitty Kat]
17.Nxe4 **Nd5-+** **18.Qf3** Kitty Kat: ' And now Qf3-g3 would win.' **18...f6** 5.57/21 Kitty Kat: '?'
[18...f5 2.49/20 (Kitty Kat) is a better chance. 19.Qg3 fxe4 20.Bxe4 Nf6 21.Bxh7 *(21.Qxg7? perishes. Rg8-+; 21.Bg6+ Kd7+-)* 21...Ba6 *(21...Rxh7 22.Qg6+ Kd7 23.Qf7+)*]
19.Qh5+ **g6** **20.Qh6** **Kf7** Kitty Kat: ' Against Qh6-g7+' **21.f4** Kitty Kat: ' Ne4-g5+! would now be deadly.' **21...Kg8** 5.85/20 Kitty Kat: '
[21...Qg8 3.75/21 (Kitty Kat) is a better defense. 22.Ng5+ Ke8]



' **22.Ng5** Kitty Kat: '!' Kitty Kat: ' Bd3xg6! would kill now.' **22...Qe8** Kitty Kat: '
[22...f5 Kitty Kat 23.Rae1]



' **23.Rae1** Kitty Kat: '!' **23...Bd7** Kitty Kat: '
[23...b5 Kitty Kat 24.f5]

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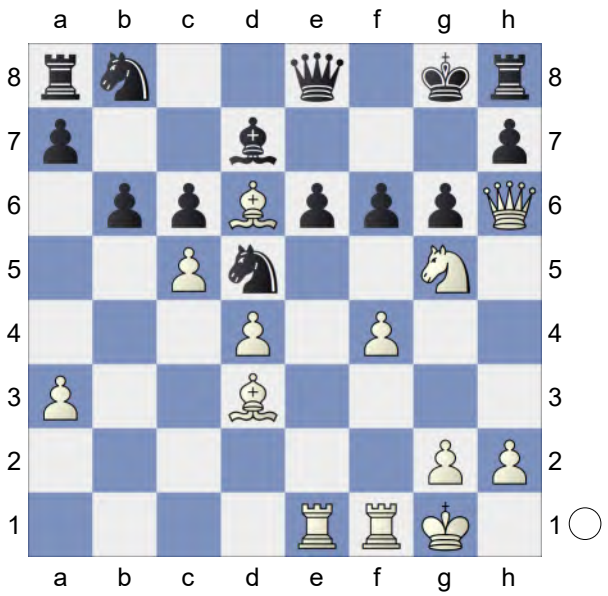
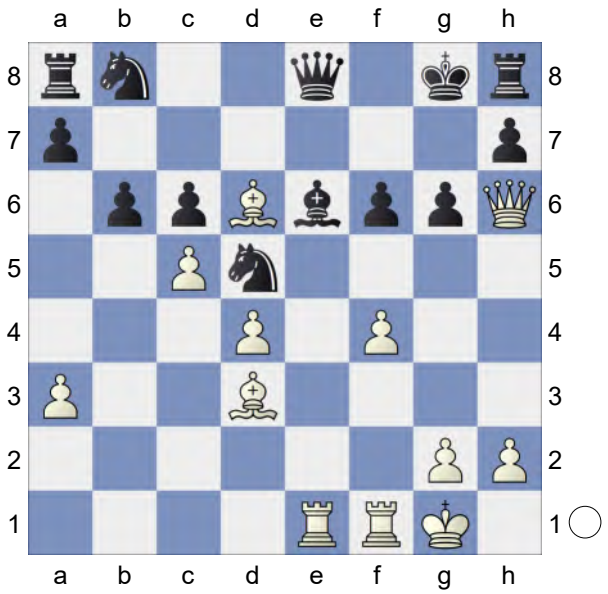


' **24.Nxe6!** Kitty Kat: ' Deflection' **24...Bxe6** Kitty Kat: '
[24...Qf7 Kitty Kat 25.f5]



' **25.Rxe6** Kitty Kat: '!' Kitty Kat: ' Back Rank' **25...Qxe6**
[25...Qf7 Kitty Kat 26.Bc4]
26.Qf8#∞ Kitty Kat: ' Weighted Error Value: White=0.43/Black=1.09. Loss on time!?'
0-1

182 **A45**
□ **Gukesh,Dommaraju** **2758**
■ **Vachier Lagrave,Maxime** **2727**
chess.com SpeedChess 2023 (1.14)
[Kitty Kat]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]
3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.Be2 Nc6 8.0-0 The position is equal. **8...e6 9.Ne5** 9.h3 gains

popularity. 9.h3 wird beliebter. 9.h3 gains popularity. 9.h3 wird beliebter. **9...Bxe2 10.Nxe2 Bd6 11.Ng3!?** A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante. A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante. **11...0-0 12.c3 Qc7 13.Re1 Nd7** 0.35/21

[13...Bxe5= -0.09/19 14.Bxe5 Nxe5 15.Rxe5 Kh8]

14.Qe2N -0.24/19

[Vorgänger: 14.Nxd7± 0.35/21 Qxd7 15.Bxd6 *(15.Nh5 Bxf4 16.Nxf4)* 15...Qxd6 16.Qg4 Kh8 0.54/21 *(*Better is *16...Ne7=* 0.00/22 *)* 17.Nh5± Rg8 18.Re3 Ne7 19.Rh3 e5? 1.97/23 *(19...Ng6=* 0.23/20 and Black stays safe.*)* 20.dxe5+- Qxe5 1-0 Bettalli,F (2304)-Gatterer,F (2167) Titled Tuesday intern op 10th May Early blitz 2022 (3) Bettalli,F (2304)-Gatterer,F (2167) Titled Tuesday intern op 10th May Early blitz 2022 (3) 1-0]

14...Rae8 0.17/20

[⌓14...Bxe5 -0.24/19 15.Bxe5 Ncxe5 16.dxe5 Rad8]

15.Nh5=

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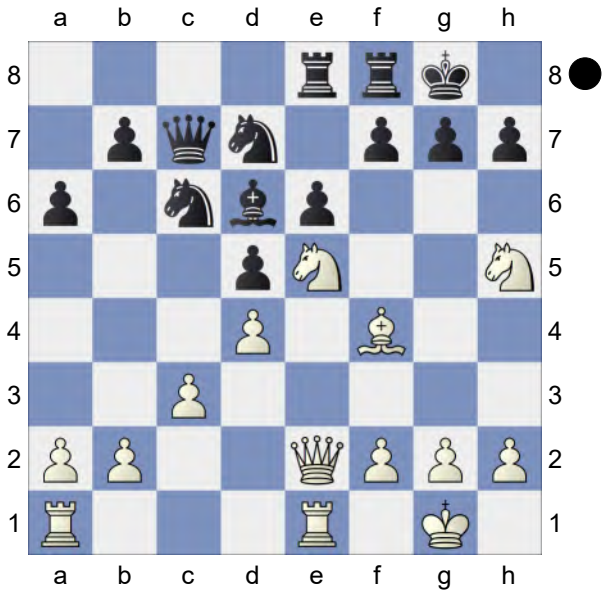
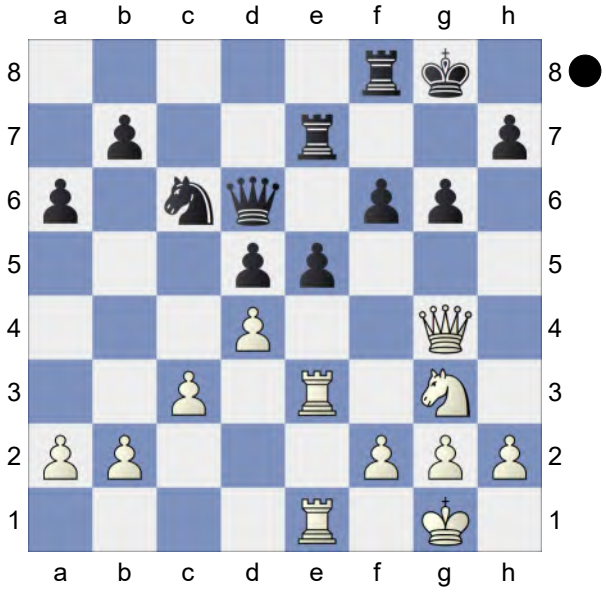


aiming for Qe2-g4. **15...f6 16.Nxd7 Qxd7 17.Qg4** Bf4xd6 would now be deadly. **17...Re7 18.Bxd6→** White has some attack. **18...Qxd6 19.Re3 g6 20.Rae1** -0.01/22

[20.Rd1± 0.52/21]

20...e5 21.Ng3



Threatens to win with Ng3-f5. **21...Kh8** 0.50/22

[Black should play 21...f5= -0.25/22 22.dxe5 Rxe5]

22.dxe5± fxe5 23.Rd1 Rf4? 2.29/21

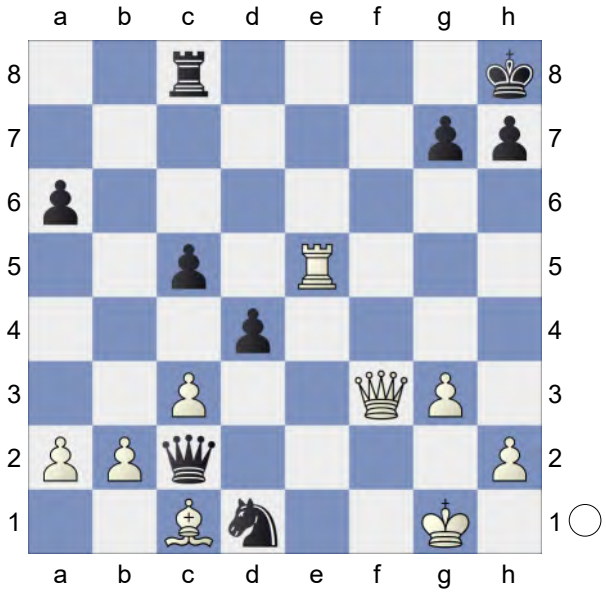
[23...Qd7± 0.58/19 24.h3 d4]

24.Qg5? 0.12/22
[24.Qc8++- 2.29/21 Kg7 25.Ne4 Pin]
24...Ref7= 25.h4 -0.32/22
[25.Rd2= 0.17/21]
25...h6? 1.30/25
[25...Rxf2? is the wrong capture. 26.Ne4+-]
[25...Qf8∓ -0.32/22 stays ahead.]
26.Qxh6+± Rh7 27.Qg5 And now h4-h5 would win. **27...Rfxh4** 2.18/23
[27...Rhxh4± 1.18/23 28.Rf3 Rfg4 *(28...Rhg4? 29.Qh6+ Kg8 30.Nh5+-* Pin *)* 29.Qf6+ Qxf6 30.Rxf6 d4]
28.Rf3+- Ne7 29.Rf6 Qc7 5.73/24
[29...Rg4 2.72/22 is more resistant. 30.Rxd6 *(30.Qxg4 Qxf6 31.Rd2 b5±)* 30...Rxg5 31.Rd8+ Kg7]
30.Rf8+ Kg7 31.Qf6+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.26 (precise) /Black=0.73
1-0

183 **A45**
□ **Gukesh,Dommaraju** **2758**
■ **Vachier Lagrave,Maxime** **2727**
chess.com SpeedChess 2023 (1.12)
[Kitty Kat]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Be2 Nc6 7.Nf3 Bg4 8.Ne5 Bxe2 9.Nxe2 e6 10.0-0** 10.c3 is the fancy move. 10.c3 ist der angesagte Zug.
10...Bd6 11.Re1
[11.Ng3 0-0 12.c3 Qc7 13.Re1 Nd7 14.Qe2 Rae8 15.Nh5 f6 16.Nxd7 Qxd7 17.Qg4 Re7 18.Bxd6 Qxd6 19.Re3 g6 20.Rae1 e5 21.Ng3 Kh8 22.dxe5 fxe5 23.Rd1 Rf4 24.Qg5 Ref7 25.h4 h6 1-0 Sikorova,J (2758)-4.d4 ♘f6 5. ♗c4_43147 (2727) Dortmund 1994 (1.14) 26.Qxh6+ Rh7 27.Qg5 Rfxh4 28.Rf3 Ne7 29.Rf6 Qc7 30.Rf8+ Kg7 31.Qf6+ 1-0 Gukesh,D (2758)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2727) Speed Chess Chess.com INT blitz 2023 (1.14)]
11...0-0N
[11...Qc7 12.Nc1 0-0 13.c3 Ne4 14.Ncd3 f6 15.Nxc6 Bxf4 16.Ne7+ Kh8 17.Nxf4 Qxf4 18.Qh5 Qxf2+ 19.Kh1 Qxb2 20.Ng6+ Kg8 21.Ne7+ Kh8 21) Jobava System-Jobava System 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd]
12.c3N
[Vorgänger: 12.Ng3 -0.42/20 1 2 . c 2 - c 3 0 . 0 0 Rc8 -0.02/20 *(12...Qb6∓* -0.42/20 *13.c3 Qxb2)* 13.c3= b5 14.Bg5 Bg5xf6 would now be deadly. Be7 15.Qf3 h6 -0.14/22 *(15...Nxe5∓* -0.50/20 was preferable. *16.dxe5 Nd7 17.Bxe7 Qxe7)* 16.Bxf6= Bxf6 17.Nh5 -1.10/21 *(17.Nxc6=* -0.21/21 remains equal. *Rxc6 18.Nh5)* 17...Bxe5∓ 18.dxe5 0-1 Wetzler,S (1297)-Schneider,S (1237) GER-ch U14 Girls 2012 (9)]
12...Bxe5 13.dxe5 Ne4 14.Nd4 Rc8
[14...Qh4 15.g3 Qh3 16.Qe2 h6]
15.Re3 -0.39/20
[15.Qe2= 0.18/19]
15...Qh4∓ 16.g3 Qe7 Threatening ... Nc6xd4.
[16...Qh3 is more complex. 17.Rd3 h6 18.Qe2 Nc5]
17.Re2 f6 18.exf6 Qxf6 19.Nxc6 -0.41/22
[19.f3= 0.13/21 Nxd4 20.Qxd4 Qxd4+ 21.cxd4]
19...bxc6 20.Qd4 Qg6 21.Be3 -1.59/19
[21.Qe3∓ -0.49/20]
21...c5 -0.50/20
[21...e5∓ -1.59/19 22.Qa4 *(22.Qxe5? Rce8-+)* 22...h5 23.Qxa6

h4]
22.Qa4 e5 23.Rd1 -0.88/18
[23.Rf1∓ -0.48/19]
23...d4 0.49/21
[23...Qg4∓ -0.88/18 24.Qxa6 c4]
24.Bc1!± Rf3? 2.14/20
[24...Qf7± 0.43/19 25.f4 *(25.Rxe4 Qxf2+ 26.Kh1 Qf3+ 27.Kg1 Qxe4-+; 25.Qc2 Nf6=)* 25...exf4 26.Rxe4 fxg3]
25.Qc4+ Kh8 2.40/22
[25...Rf7± 1.53/21 was necessary. 26.Rde1 *(26.Qd3 Ng5+-)* 26...Nd6]
26.Qd5+- Nxf2 27.Qxf3
[27.Rxf2 Rxf2 28.Kxf2 Qc2+ 29.Ke1 Qxh2=]
27...Nxd1 28.Rxe5 Qc2



29.Rxc5!! Deflection, Back Rank
29...Re8 30.Re5 Deflection, Back Rank
[30.cxd4? Re1+]
30...Rg8 2.26/22
[⌓30...Rb8 1.74/22]

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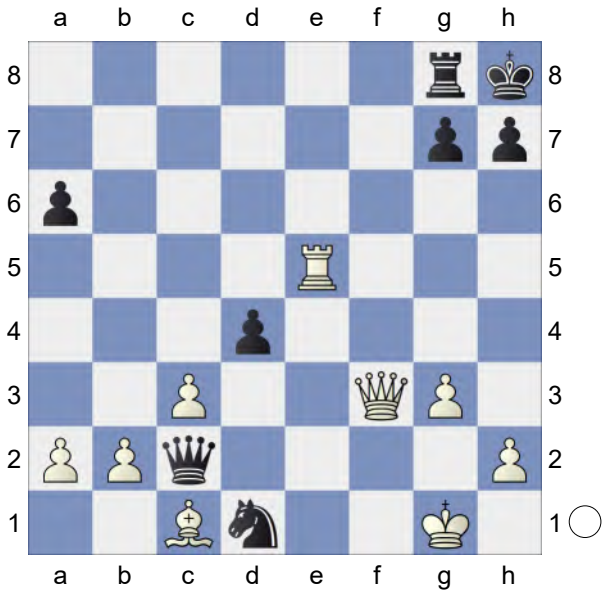
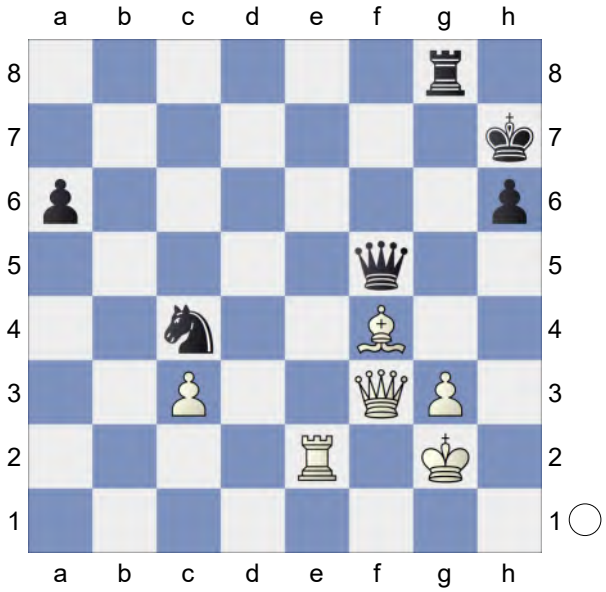


31.Bh6! White wants to mate with Bh6xg7+!. Deflection, Back Rank
31...Qg6
[31...gxh6 32.Qf6+ Rg7 33.Re8#]
[31...dxc3 32.Bxg7+ *(32.Re2? Qg6-+)* 32...Kxg7 33.Re7+ *(33.Rg5+ Qg6+-)* 33...Kh6 34.Qf4+ Rg5 35.Qh4+ *(35.h4 Qf2+ 36.Qxf2 Nxf2+-)* 35...Rh5 36.Qf6+ Qg6 37.Qf8+ Kg5 38.Qf4#]
32.Bf4? 0.50/22
[32.cxd4 Nxb2 33.Bd2 Nc4=]
[32.Qxd1+- 2.26/21 Qxh6 33.cxd4]
32...dxc3 2.18/22
[32...Nxb2± 0.50/22 33.cxd4 Nd3]
33.bxc3
[33.Qxd1?! cxb2 34.Re1 Qb6+ 35.Be3 Qb4±]
33...Nb2 34.Rd5 1.25/20 Prevents Nb2-d3.
[34.Qe4+- 1.87/21]
34...Nc4 35.h4↑ Keeping Black busy.
35...Qb1+ 36.Rd1 0.88/20
[Better is 36.Qf1 1.27/21 Qb6+ 37.Rd4]
36...Qxa2± 37.h5 h6 38.Bxh6! Deflection **38...Qc2** 1.53/23
[38...gxh6 39.Qf6+ Rg7 40.Rd8+

(40.Qxh6+ Kg8 41.Rd8+ Kf7 42.Rd7+ Skewer *Ke8 43.Qe6+ Kf8 44.Rd8#)* 40...Kh7 41.Qf5+]
[Black should try 38...Ne5 0.91/19 39.Qe4 Re8]
39.Bf4 Nb2? 3.97/22
[39...Re8± 1.53/22 40.h6 Qf5]
40.Rd2+- Qb1+ 41.Kh2 Nc4 42.Re2 Qf5 43.h6 Kh7
[43...gxh6? 44.Be5+ Qxe5 45.Rxe5 Nxe5 46.Qf6+ Kh7 47.Qxe5+-]
44.Kg2 gxh6



45.Qc6?? -4.95/21 **Qxf4-+ 46.Re7+ Kh8 47.Kh1** -7.40/23
[⌓47.Qf3 -4.94/25 Qd6 48.Rf7]

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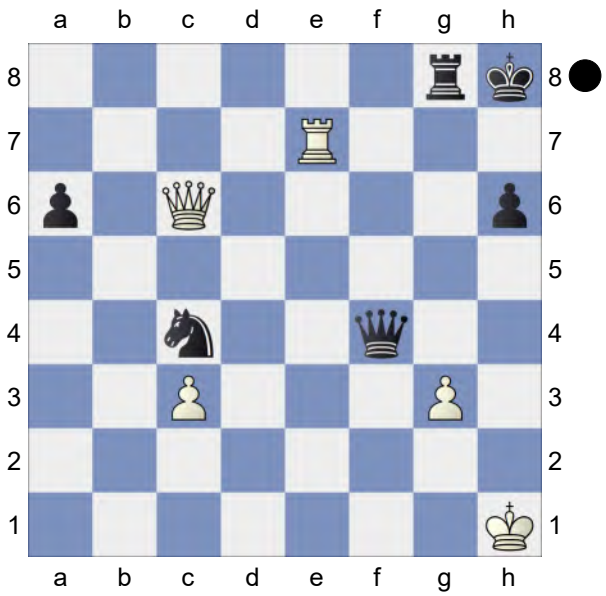


47...Qf1+? 0.01/5
[Not 47...Qxg3 48.Qxh6#]
[47...Rxg3 48.Qc8+ Rg8 49.Rh7+ Kxh7 50.Qc7+ Qxc7=]
[47...Qc1+!-+ -7.40/23 48.Kg2 Ne3+ *(48...Qxc3 49.Qxh6#)* 49.Rxe3 Qxe3 50.Qf6+ Rg7 51.Qf8+ Kh7 52.Qf5+ Kg8 53.Qc8+ Kf7 *(53...Kh7? 54.Qf5+ Kg8 55.Qc8+ Kf7 56.Qd7+ Kg6 57.Qg4+ Kf6 58.Qh4+ Ke5 59.Qh5+ Ke4 60.Qh4+ Kd3 61.Qd8+ Kc2 62.Qh4-+)* 54.Qd7+ Qe7 55.Qf5+ Qf6]
48.Kh2= The position is equal. **48...Qf2+ 49.Kh1** Chess con chili. **49...Qf1+ 50.Kh2 Qf2+ 51.Kh1 Qf1+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.46/Black=0.45
½-½

184 **A45**
□ **So,Wesley** **2757**
■ **Robson,Ray** **2696**
American Cup Elim (4.5) 18.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**

[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 1-0 (88)*; 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7* Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig, F (1863) Mainz 1997 EXT 2000 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (57)*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) www.desc-online.de 2000 CBM 166 [Beliavsky, Alexander G] 1-0 (41)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]

3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.Nf3 b5 6.Ne5 -0.28/19

[⌓6.Bd3 0.05/21]

6...Bb7 7.Nd3 b4 0.72/19

[7...Nbd7= -0.07/20 keeps the balance.]

8.Na4!± White is better. **8...Nbd7 9.Be2 a5 10.0-0 Bc6 11.c3! bxc3** 1.19/23

[11...Bd6± 0.57/21]

12.Nxc3 Bd6 13.Ne5 Bb7 14.Nb5 0-0 15.Rc1 Threatens to win with Nxd7.

15...Bxe5 16.dxe5 Ne8 17.a4 0.63/20

[17.Nc3± 1.03/18]

17...c6!± 18.Nd4 c5 19.Nb5

[19.Nb3!?]

19...Nc7 20.Nd6 Ba6 21.Bxa6 Nxa6 0.93/19

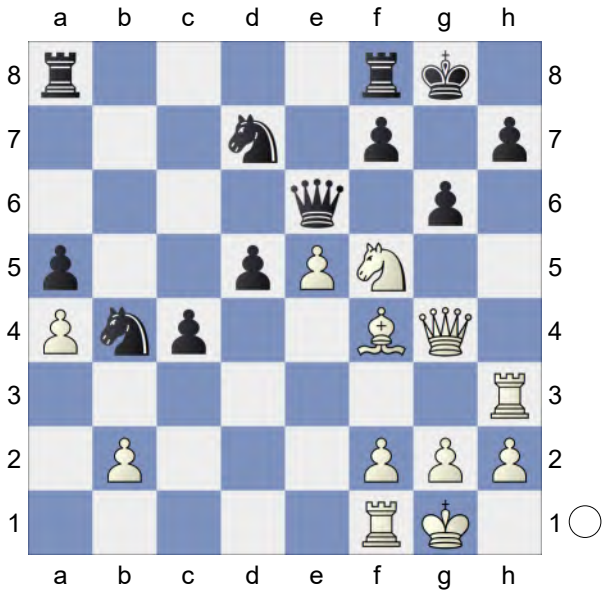
[Black should try 21...Rxa6± 0.42/20 22.e4 Rb6]

22.e4± &Bianco is much more active.

22...Nb4 23.Rc3! c4 1.21/20

[⌓23...f6 0.77/21]

24.Rh3 Qh5 is the strong threat. **24...g6** Prevents Qh5. **25.exd5 exd5 26.Qg4** Strongly threatening Bg5. **26...Qe7 27.Nf5! Qe6**



28.Qh4? 0.57/21 **h5±**

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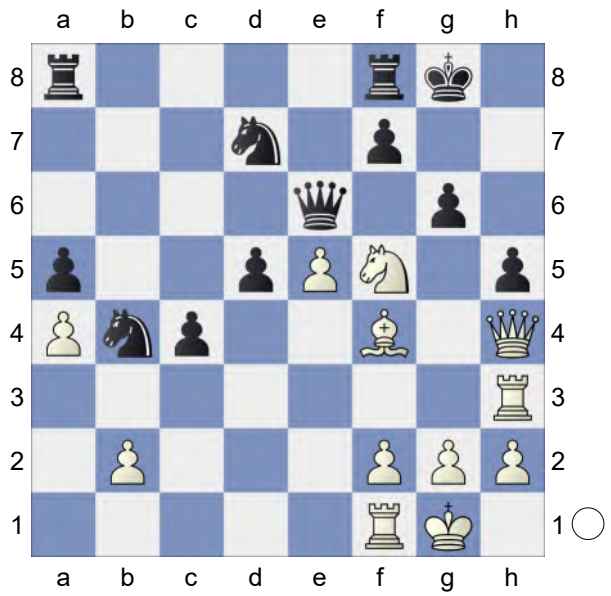

29.g4→ White is out for blood. **29...Nd3**
[29...Nxe5 30.Ne7+ Kg7 31.Nf5+ *(31.gxh5 Rh8=)* 31...Kg8 32.Ne7+ Kg7 33.Nf5+ *(33.gxh5 Rh8=)* 33...Kg8=]
30.Bh6 -1.61/22
[30.Be3!± 0.88/21 and life is bright. And now f4! would win. N7xe5 31.Nh6+ Kg7 32.f4]
30...gxf5 -0.65/20
[Black should play 30...N7xe5-+ -1.61/22 31.Bxf8 Rxf8 32.Ne7+ Kh7]
31.Bxf8?? -3.77/24
[31.Qxh5∓ -0.65/20 Qg6 32.Bxf8 Qxh5 33.Rxh5 Rxf8 34.Rg5+ Kh8 35.Rh5+ Kg7 36.Rg5+ Kh6 37.Rh5+ Kg6 38.f4]
31...fxg4-+
[31...Nxf8 32.Qxh5 Qxe5 33.gxf5±]
32.Rg3 Rxf8
[Don't blunder 32...Kxf8? 33.Qxh5 Rb8 34.Qh8+ Ke7 35.Qh4+ Ke8 36.h3 N3xe5 37.hxg4-+]
33.Qxh5 N7xe5 aiming for ...Qg6. **34.f4 Qg6?** -0.25/21 **35.Qh4!=**

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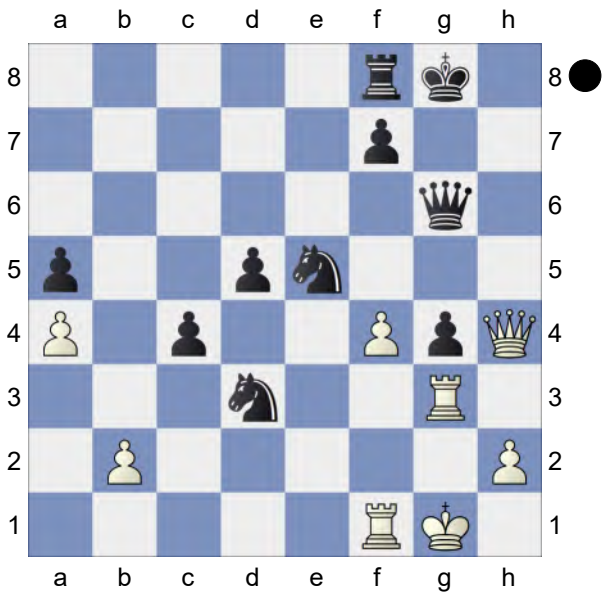
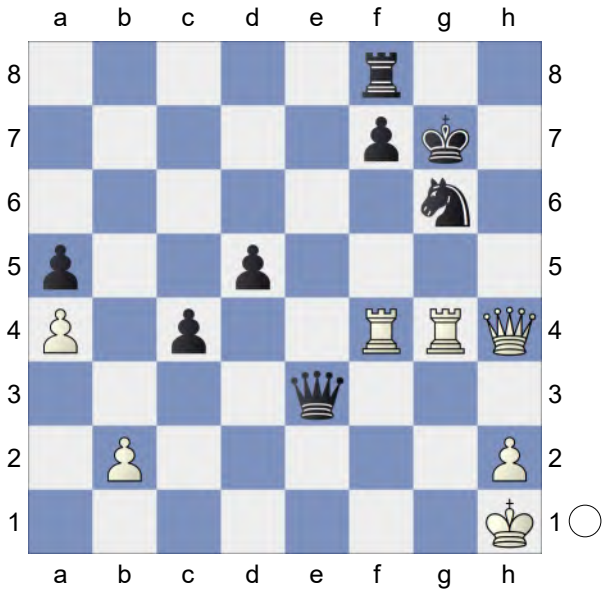


Qe4? 2.16/19 **36.fxe5+-** Really sharp!
36...Qd4+ 37.Kh1 Qe4+ 38.Rg2 Nxe5 39.Qg5+ Kh7? 5.22/21
[39...Ng6 1.97/19 40.Qxg4 Re8]
40.Rf4 Qe3 41.Qh4+ Kg7 42.Rgxg4+ White mates. **42...Ng6**



43.Qf6+!
[Weaker is 43.Rf1 f5 44.Rg2 Qe4+-]
43...Kh7

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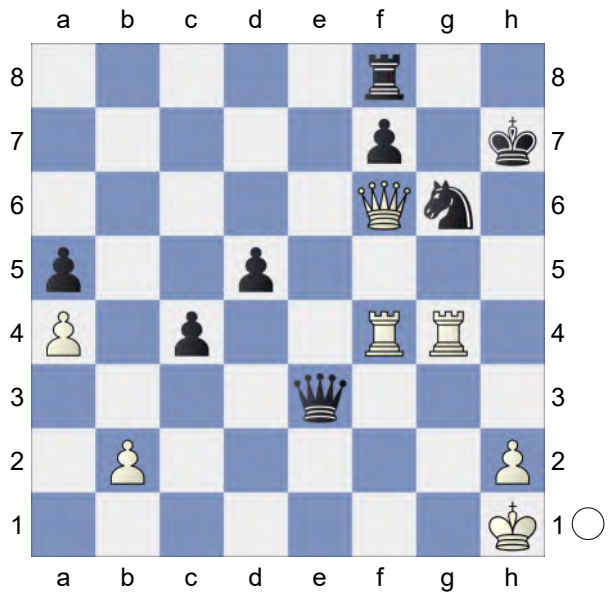

44.Rxg6! Weighted Error Value: White=0.29 (precise) /Black=0.68
1-0

185 **A45**
□ **So,Wesley** **2757**
■ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2804**
American Cup Elim (3.2) 17.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...e6 3.e4 c5 4.d5 exd5 5.e5 Qe7 6.Qe2 Ng8 7.Nxd5 Qd8 8.Nf3 h6 9.Nf6+ Ke7 10.Qe4 g6 11.Bc4 Bg7 12.Qd5 Qf8 13.Be3 Kd8 14.Bxc5 Ne7 15.Qe4 Na6 16.Bxa6 1-0 Raetsky,A-Bojic,Z Zürich 2003 1-0 Raetsky,A-Bojic,Z Zürich 2003]
[2...c5 3.d5
A) 3...d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7* 0-1 Bauer,E-Feustel,B (2335) GER-S chT 7879 1978 Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig,F (1863) Mainz 1997 EXT 2000 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (57)*; 5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 1-0 (88)*)*
5...Bg7 6.Bb5+ *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* 1-0 Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) V0048 www.desc-online.de 2000 (7) Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) www.desc-online.de 2000 CBM 166 [Beliavsky,Alexander G] 1-0 (41)*; 6.Be2 Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4* Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston*)* 6...Bd7 7.a4 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nbd7 11.Re1 a6 12.Bf1 e5 13.a5 Ne8 14.Bd3 Qh4 15.Qg4 Qxg4 16.hxg4 Rc8 17.b3 Nef6 18.g5 0-1 Sadykov,R (2345)-Skliarov,V (2383) Julius Baer Play In rapid 2023 (3.76) 0-1 Sadykov,R (2345)-Skliarov,V (2383) Julius Baer Play In rapid 2023 (3.76);
B) 3...Qa5 4.Bd2 b5 5.e4 b4 6.e5 bxc3 7.Bxc3 Qa4 8.exf6 Qe4+ 9.Qe2 Qxe2+ 10.Bxe2 gxf6 11.d6 e5 12.Bf3 Nc6 13.Bxc6 dxc6 14.f4 Bxd6 0-1 Reynolds,R

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3.Bf4 Bf5 4.e3 e6 5.Bd3 Bg6 6.h4 Bd6 7.h5 Bxd3 8.Qxd3 The position is equal. **8...h6 9.0-0-0 Nbd7 10.Nge2** 0.01/20

[10.Kb1± 0.40/21 is more appropriate.]

10...a6 11.f3 Qe7 0.51/5

[11...Bxf4= 0.17/5 12.exf4 Qe7]

12.g4 0.08/6

[12.Bxd6± 0.51/5 Qxd6 13.Kb1]

12...0-0-0= 13.Kb1 Kb8 14.Bxd6 Qxd6 15.e4 dxe4 16.Nxe4 Qb6 17.Nd2 Ne5 18.Qb3 Qxb3 19.axb3 Nc6 20.Nc4 Nd5 21.c3 Rhf8 22.Ng3 -0.22/22

[⌓22.f4 0.17/21]

22...b6 0.21/24

[⌓22...b5! -0.22/22 23.Ne5 Nxe5 24.dxe5 Ne3]

23.b4 Kb7 24.Rhe1 Nf4 25.Re4 Nd5 26.Kc2 Ra8 27.Ra1 Rfe8 28.Kb3 Rf8 29.Ne5

[29.Re2 with more complications. g5 30.Rae1 Ndxb4 31.cxb4 Nxd4+ 32.Kc3]

29...Nxe5

[29...f5 seems wilder. 30.gxf5 exf5 31.Ree1 f4]

30.Rxe5 Rfd8 31.Ne4 Ne7 32.Nf2 Nc6 33.Re4 Rd5 0.58/6

[33...a5= 0.27/8]

34.Nd3 a5! 35.Rf4

[35.f4 simplifies axb4 36.Rxa8 Kxa8 37.Nxb4 Nxb4 38.Kxb4 Ra5 39.Re5]

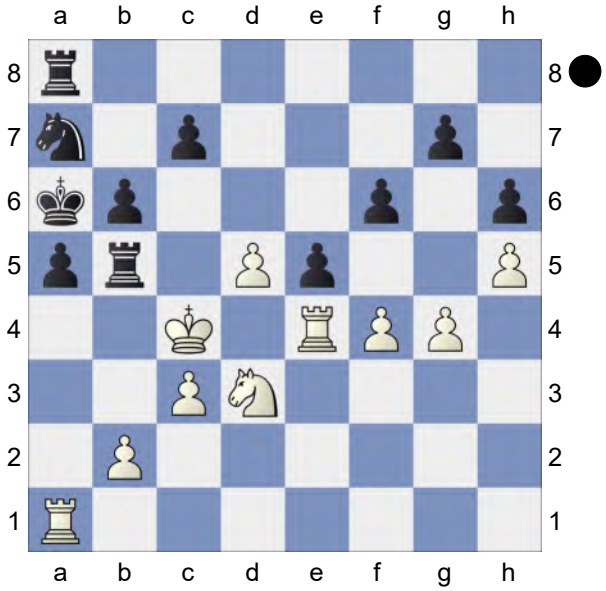
35...f6 36.Re4 0.03/3

[36.bxa5± 0.35/4 should be considered. e5 37.Re4]

36...e5 Dodges Nd3-f4 **37.b5 Rxb5+ 38.Kc4 Ka6** aiming for ...e5xd4. **39.d5** -0.90/8

[Better is 39.dxe5∓ -0.34/4 Nxe5+ 40.Rxe5 fxe5 41.Nb4+ Rxb4+ 42.cxb4]

39...Na7∓ Hoping for ...Na7-c8. **40.f4!**



Rd8! White must now prevent ...Na7-c8. **41.fxe5** Threatens to win with e5-e6. Black must now prevent e6. Threatens to win with e5-e6. **41...Kb7** 0.78/27

[41...c6!= -0.25/26 might be stronger.

A) 42.d6 fxe5 43.Rxe5 Nc8 44.Rxb5 *(44.Nb4+? Kb7-+)* 44...Nxd6+ 45.Kb3 Kxb5;

B) 42.dxc6 Nxc6]

42.e6 -0.16/21

[42.exf6!± 0.78/27 is superior. gxf6 *(42...Rbxd5? 43.f7+-)* 43.Rd4]

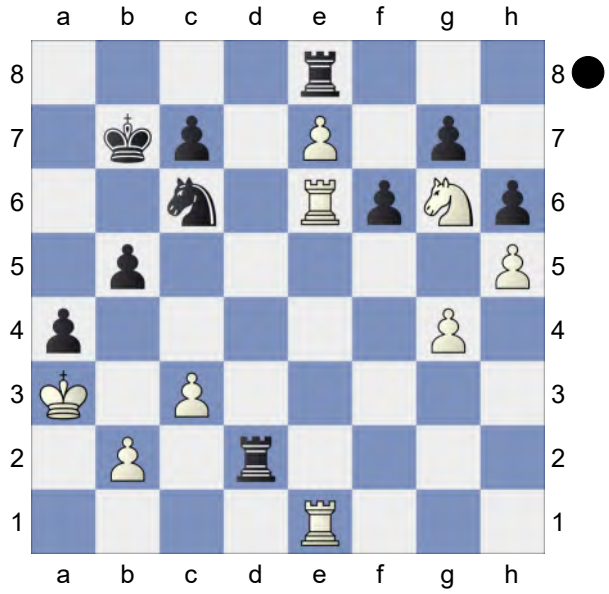
42...Rbxd5= ...b5+ is the strong threat. **43.e7 b5+ 44.Kb3⇄** White is not keeping still **44...Re8**

[44...Rxd3? too greedy. 45.exd8N+ *(45.e8B?* loses. *a4+ 46.Ka2 Nc6-+)* 45...Rxd8 46.Re7+- *(46.Rxa5 Rd5±)*]

45.Nf4 Rd7 46.Ng6

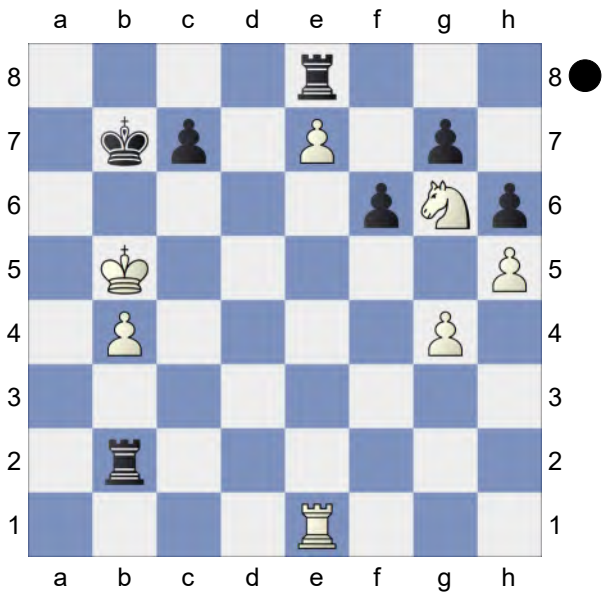
[Of course not 46.Rxa5 Rdxe7 47.Rxe7 Rxe7∓]

46...Nc6 47.Rae1 Rd2 48.Re6 a4+ 49.Ka3? -1.85/22
[49.Ka2!∓ -0.42/25]



49...b4+!-+ Deflection **50.cxb4** -2.44/23
[⌓50.Kxa4∓ -1.85/26 was the only defense. Rxb2 51.Kb5 bxc3+ Discovered Attack (Check) 52.Kc4]
50...Nd4 And now ...Rg2 would win.
51.R6e4 -2.91/5
[51.Nf8∓ -1.60/5]
51...Nc2+ 52.Kxa4 Nxe1 53.Rxe1 Rxb2 -0.78/2 Endgame. And now ...Rb2-d2 would win. KRR-KRN Endgame KRR-KRN Endgame. And now ...Rb2-d2 would win. KRR-KRN
[53...Rd4-+ -2.13/6 has better winning chances. 54.Rg1 Kb6]
54.Kb5∓

(Diagram)



Rc2! Strongly threatening ...Rc3.
55.Ka4? -4.56/22
[55.Rd1∓ -1.21/24 nothing else works.]
[55.Nf8∓ -0.95/2 is the only way for White.]
55...Rc3-+ (→ ...Re8-a8+). Black is clearly winning. (→ ...Ra8+) (→ ...Re8-a8+). Black is clearly winning. **56.b5 Rc4+ 57.Kb3?** -3.90/2
[57.Ka3 -2.39/1 is a better defense.]
57...Rxg4 58.Kc3 -3.89/3
[58.Nf8 -2.60/2 was called for.]
58...Rg5 59.Nf4 -3.55/5
[⌓59.Kc4 -2.35/2]
59...Kc8
[Not 59...Rf5 60.Nd3-+]
60.Kc4 -4.57/5
[60.Ng6 -3.17/3 keeps fighting.]
60...Rg4
[But not 60...Kd7? 61.Nd5-+]
61.Kd5 Rxf4 62.Ke6 -6.21/14
[⌓62.Kc6 -4.37/6 Rf3 63.b6]
62...Rd4 63.Ra1 -6.64/18 aiming for Ra8+.
[⌓63.b6 -4.25/19 Rd6+ *(63...cxb6? 64.Rc1+ Kb7 65.Kf7-+)* 64.Kf7]
63...Re4+ Weighted Error Value:

White=0.29 (precise) /Black=0.15 (very precise) Weighted Error Value: White=0.39/Black=0.10 (very precise) Weighted Error Value: White=0.29 (precise) / Black=0.15 (very precise)
0-1

186 **A45**
□ **Wei,Yi** **2755**
■ **Giri,Anish** **2745**
Superbet POL Blitz 2024 (14.2) 12.05.24
[Kitty Kat]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4** 0.14 Tactical Analysis 5.2 (4s) **1...Nf6** 0.22 **2.Nc3** 0.08 **d5N** 0.00 Tactical Analysis 5.2 (4s): 'N'
[2...c5 Tactical Analysis 5.2 (4s) 3.d5 d6 *(3...Qa5 4.Bd2 b5 5.e4 b4 6.e5 bxc3 7.Bxc3 Qa4 8.exf6 Qe4+ 9.Qe2 Qxe2+ 10.Bxe2 gxf6 11.d6 e5 12.Bf3 Nc6 13.Bxc6 dxc6 14.f4 Bxd6* 0-1 Reynolds,R (2565)-Zanetti,A (2389) corr CNEC 15 jub 1993*)* 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 1-0 (88)*; 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7* Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig,F (1863) Mainz 1997 EXT 2000 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (57) *)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) www.desc-online.de 2000 CBM 166 [Beliavsky,Alexander G] 1-0 (41)*; 6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.a4 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nbd7 11.Re1 a6 12.Bf1 e5 13.a5 Ne8 14.Bd3 Qh4 15.Qg4 Qxg4 16.hxg4 Rc8 17.b3 Nef6 18.g5* 0-1 Sadykov,R (2345)-Skliarov,V (2383) Julius Baer Play In rapid 2023 (3.76)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]
[2...e6 3.e4 c5 4.d5 exd5 5.e5 Qe7 6.Qe2 Ng8 7.Nxd5 Qd8 8.Nf3 h6 9.Nf6+ Ke7 10.Qe4 g6 11.Bc4 Bg7 12.Qd5 Qf8 13.Be3 Kd8 14.Bxc5 Ne7 15.Qe4 Na6 16.Bxa6 1-0 Raetsky,A-Bojic,Z Zürich 2003]
3.Bf4 0.00 **c5** 0.03 **4.e3** 0.00 **cxd4** 0.04 **5.exd4** 0.02 **a6N** 0.08
[5...e6 6.Nb5 Na6 7.h4 Bd7 8.c3 Be7 9.a4 0-0 10.Bd3 Bc6 11.Nf3 Ne4 12.Qe2 f5 13.g3 Bf6 14.Ng5 Qd7 15.f3 Nac5 16.Bc2 a6 17.dxc5 axb5 18.fxe4 6) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5-5.exd4 e6 6.Nb5 Na6 #8 The Meanest Jobava London 2023 https://www.chessable.co [MH]]
6.Nf3 0.00 **Nc6** 0.00 **7.h3** 0.09 Tactical Analysis 5.2 (4s): ' Inhibits Bg4.' **7...Bf5** 0.02 Tactical Analysis 5.2 (4s): '!' **8.Bd3** 0.09 The position is equal. **8...Bxd3** 0.00 **9.Qxd3** 0.02 **e6** 0.03 **10.0-0** 0.01 **Be7** 0.03 **11.Ne5!?** 0.05 An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante. An

interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante. **11...Rc8** 0.01 **12.Nxc6** 0.00 **Rxc6** 0.05 **13.Ne2** 0.02 **0-0** 0.03 **14.c3** 0.00 **Ne4N** 0.03
[Vorgänger: 14...b5 15.a3 Qb6 16.Be5 a5 17.Qg3= -0.08/24 feels stronger. Nh5 18.Qf3 Nf6 19.Nf4 -0.45/20 *(19.Qg3=* -0.01/18 feels stronger.*)* 19...Nd7∓ 20.Nd3 b4 21.cxb4 axb4 0-1 Hess,R (2591)-Csonka,B (2498) Titled Tuesday intern op 22nd Sept blitz 2020 (2) Hess,R (2591)-Csonka,B (2498) Titled Tuesday intern op 22nd Sept blitz 2020 (2) 0-1]
15.a4 0.00 **a5** 0.02 **16.Qe3** 0.15 **Bd6** 0.01 **17.Be5** 0.11 **Bxe5** 0.00
[17...Qb6 (Tactical Analysis 5.2 (4s)) feels hotter. 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.f3 f5]
18.dxe5 0.07 **Qb6** 0.02 **19.Nd4** 0.04 **Rc4** 0.07 **20.Qe2** 0.46
[20.f3= 0.00/21 Tactical Analysis 5.2 (4s): ' might be stronger.' Ng3 *(20...Nc5 21.b3±)* 21.Rfb1 *(21.Rf2)*]
20...Nc5∓ 0.02
[20...f6 (Tactical Analysis 5.2 (4s)) is interesting. 21.exf6 Rxf6 22.Kh2 h6]
21.Qc2 0.19 Tactical Analysis 5.2 (4s): '!' Tactical Analysis 5.2 (4s): ' aiming for b3. '

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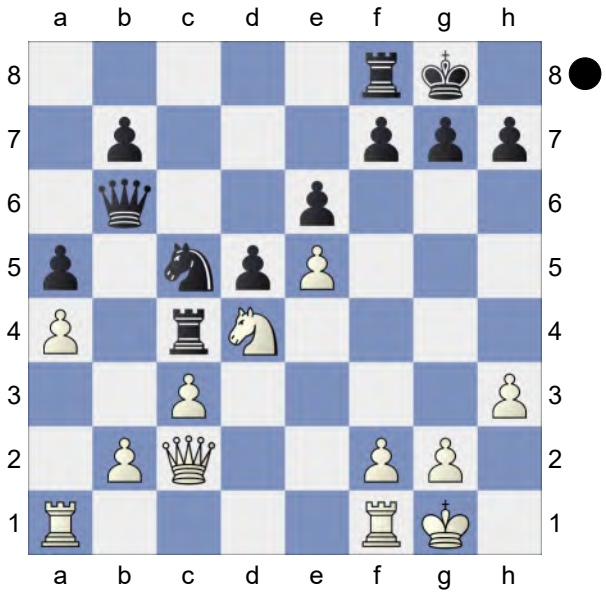
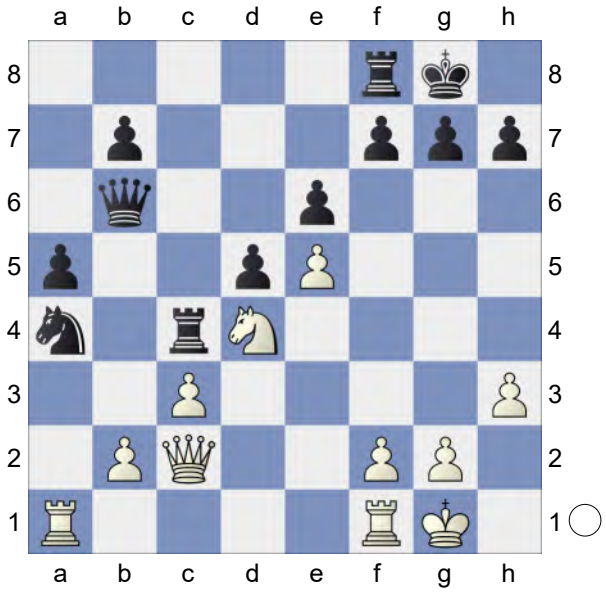


21...Nxa4? 1.08 Mistake. Nd7 was best.
[21...Nd7 22.Qe2]



22.b3!± 1.01
[Much weaker is 22.Rxa4

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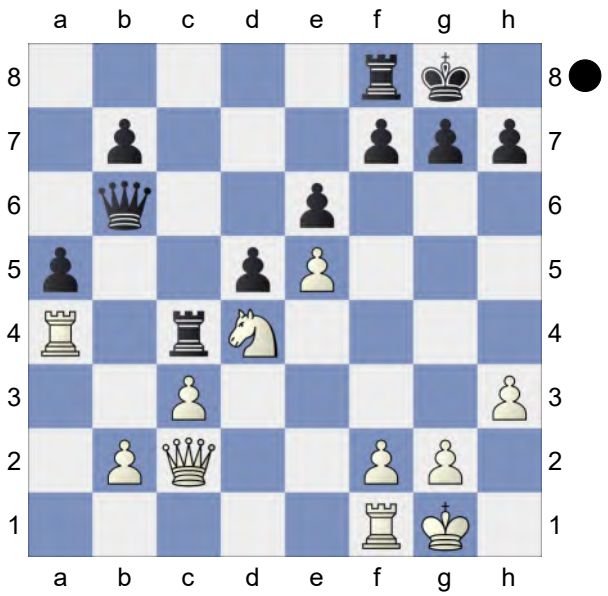
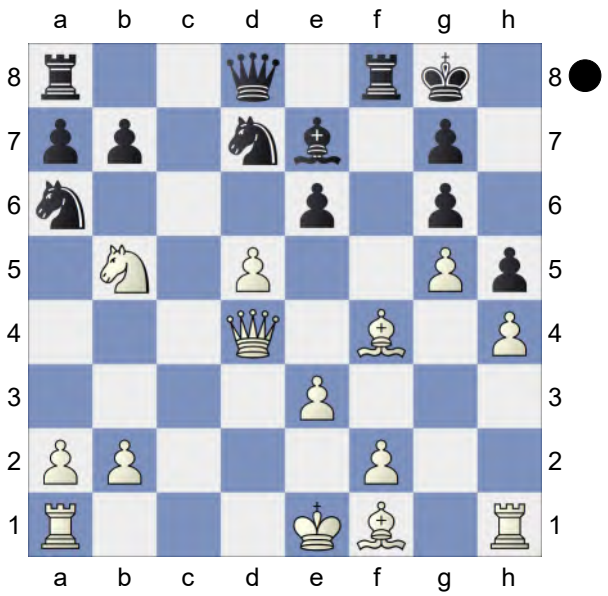


Qxd4!
A) 23.Qb3 Qc5 *(23...Qxe5 24.Rxa5 Rc7 25.c4=)* 24.Rxc4 dxc4 25.Qxb7 Qxe5=;
B) 23.Rxa5 Qxe5∓]
22...Qxd4 1.06 Double Attack **23.bxc4** 1.11 **Nxc3** 1.06 **24.Ra3** 1.08
[24.Rxa5 Qxc4 *(24...Qxe5 25.cxd5 Nxd5 26.Qc5=; 24...dxc4 25.Rc1=)* 25.Re1 b5=]
24...Ne4 0.93 **25.cxd5** 0.92 **exd5** 0.98 **26.Rxa5** 1.01 Threatens to win with Rd1. Tactical Analysis 5.2 (4s): ' Black must now prevent Rd1.' Black must now prevent Rf1-d1. **26...Qxe5** 1.00 **27.Rb5↑** 0.05 White is pushing. **27...Nd6?!** 1.04 Inaccuracy. Nc3 was best. Tactical Analysis 5.2 (4s): ' Black is on the road to losing.'
[Tactical Analysis 5.2 (4s): ' Black should play' 27...Nc3± 0.52/21 28.Rxb7 d4]
28.Rb6 1.14 Qc7 is the strong threat.
[28.Qb2 simplifies Qxb2 29.Rxb2 Rd8 30.Rd1]
28...g6?! 2.06 Inaccuracy. Ne4 was best. Black cannot hold the game after this.
[28...Ne4± 0.90/20 keeps fighting. 29.Re1 g6 30.Rxb7 h5 31.Rb3 Ra8 32.Rd3 Qf5 33.Rf3 Qe5 34.Qb1]
29.Qc7+- 2.12 **Nc4** 2.00 **30.Qxe5** 2.11
[30.Rxb7 Qe6 31.Qf4 Rd8]
[30.Qxb7 Nxb6 31.Qxb6 Ra8∓]
30...Nxe5 1.99 Endgame KRR-KRN Tactical Analysis 5.2 (4s): ' ±' Endgame. KRR-KRN **31.Rd1** 1.92 **Rd8** 2.41
[31...Nd7± 1.49/21 Tactical Analysis 5.2 (4s)
A) 32.Rxb7 Nf6+- *(32...Nc5)*;
B) 32.Rd6 Nc5 33.R6xd5 *(33.R1xd5 Rc8+-)* 33...Rc8]
32.Rb5! 2.18 Tactical Analysis 5.2 (4s): '+-'
[Don't play 32.Rxb7?! d4 33.f4 *(33.Rb4 d3±)* 33...Nc6]
32...Nc4 2.62 Tactical Analysis 5.2 (4s): '?'
[⌓32...Nc6 2.01/21 (Tactical Analysis 5.2 (4s)) was worth a try.
A) 33.Rxb7 d4±;
B) 33.Rdxd5 Kf8+- *(33...Ra8 34.Rxb7 Nd8)*;
C) 33.Rbxd5 Rxd5 *(33...Re8+-)* 34.Rxd5 Kf8]
33.Rdxd5 2.64
[Don't take Tactical Analysis 5.2 (4s): ' Not' 33.Rxb7?! Nd6 34.Rb4 Ne8 Tactical Analysis 5.2 (4s): '+-']
33...Rxd5 2.86
[33...Rb8 2.59/20 Tactical Analysis 5.2 (4s) 34.Rd4 Rc8 35.Rxb7 h6]
34.Rxd5 2.82 KR-KN **34...Kf8** 2.83 **35.Rd7** 2.91 **b5** 2.88 Tactical Analysis 5.2 (4s): '+-' **36.Kf1** 2.07 **Ke8** 2.69 **37.Ra7** 3.04 **Nd6** 3.01 **38.Ke2** 3.03 **b4** 3.22 **39.Ra4** 3.21 Tactical Analysis 5.2 (4s): 'White is clearly winning.' **39...b3** 3.04 **40.Rb4** 3.03 **Nf5** 3.44 **41.Kd3** 3.04
[41.Rxb3? too greedy. Nd4+ 42.Kd3 Nxb3-+]
41...h5 3.76

[⌓41...Ke7 2.72/21 42.Rxb3 *(42.Ke4 Nd6+ 43.Kd5 Ne8 44.Rxb3 Nf6+ 45.Kc6 g5 46.Re3+ Kf8; 42.Rb7+ Kf6+-)* 42...Ng7 *(42...Nh4+-)* 43.Rb7+ Kf6]
[⌓41...Kf8 4.56/20 Tactical Analysis 5.2 (4s) 42.Rxb3 Ke7]
42.Rxb3 3.76 **Nh4** 4.43 **43.g3** 4.35 **Nf5** 4.34 **44.Ke4** 4.18 **Kf8** 4.37 **45.Rf3** 4.33 aiming for Rxf5. Tactical Analysis 5.2 (4s): ' And now Rxf5 would win.' And now Rf3xf5 would win. **45...Nd6+** 4.33
[45...Ne7 3.51/32 was called for. 46.Ke5 Nc6+ 47.Kf6 Ne7]
[⌓45...Nh6 4.52/19 46.Ra3 Nf5]
46.Kd5 4.23 **Ne8** 3.09 **47.Ra3** 3.93 **Kg7** 4.56 **48.Ke5** 4.39 **Nc7** 4.07
[⌓48...Nf6 4.20/27 49.Ra7 Ne8]
49.Rc3 5.11 **Ne6** 4.83 **50.Rc6** 4.58 Black must now prevent Rxe6. Tactical Analysis 5.2 (4s): ' Rxe6 is the strong threat.' Rc6xe6 is the strong threat. **50...Ng5** 4.97 **51.h4** 4.79 **Nh7** 5.23 **52.Rb6** 5.05 **Nf8** 5.05 **53.Kd6** 4.06 Inhibits Nd7. Tactical Analysis 5.2 (4s): ' Threatens to win with Ke7.' Threatens to win with Kd6-e7. **53...Kf6?** 5.23
[53...Ne6 3.76/25 54.Ke5 Nc5]
54.Rb3 4.78 **Nh7** 6.01 **55.Rf3+** 5.98 **Kg7** 5.88 **56.Ke7** 5.72 White is clearly winning. **56...f6** 5.99 **57.Ra3** 6.03 **g5** 6.02 **58.Ke6** 5.89 Ra3-a7+ would now be deadly. **58...Kg6?!** 10.26 Inaccuracy. gxh4 was best.
[58...gxh4 59.gxh4 Nf8+ 60.Kf5 Nd7 61.Ra7 Kh6 62.Ra6 Nc5 63.Rxf6+ Kh7 64.Rc6]
59.Ra8 7.83 Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.34 Tactical Analysis 5.2 (4s): ' Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) / Black=0.45' Weighted Error Value: White=0.29 (precise) /Black=0.44
1-0

187 **D00**
□ **Wallywally** **2754**
■ **No Signs Of,V** **2582**
Blitz 11.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 Bf5N**
[3...c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 e6 6.Nb5 Na6 7.h4 Bd7 8.c3 Be7 9.a4 0-0 10.Bd3 Bc6 11.Nf3 Ne4 12.Qe2 f5 13.g3 Bf6 14.Ng5 Qd7 15.f3 Nac5 16.Bc2 a6 17.dxc5 axb5 18.fxe4 6) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5-5.exd4 e6 6.Nb5 Na6 #8 The Meanest Jobava London 2023 https://www.chessable.co [MH]]
4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 e6 6.Nf3 Be7 7.Ne5 0-0 0.62/19
[7...Nd7= -0.01/15]
8.g4± White is slightly better. **8...Bg6 9.h4 h5 10.Nxg6 fxg6 11.g5 Nd7** 1.09/18
[11...Ne4± 0.41/18]
12.c4 0.60/15
[12.Bd3± 1.09/18 Qe8 13.Nxc7 *(13.Bxc7 Nxc7 14.Nxc7 Qf7±)* 13...Nxc7 14.Bxc7]
12...c5 1.20/18
[12...Bb4+± 0.60/15 13.Nc3 Qe8]
13.cxd5 0.87/18 &Bianco is more active.
[Better is 13.Bh3 1.20/18]
13...cxd4± 14.Qxd4? -1.47/19
[But not 14.dxe6? Qa5+ 15.Qd2 Bb4! 16.exd4 Bxd2+-+]
[14.d6!± 0.88/18 Qa5+ 15.Qd2]



14...e5!∓ 15.Bxe5 Hoping for d6.
15...Nxe5? 1.18/18
[15...Qa5+-+ -1.63/19 16.Kd1 Rxf2]
16.Qxe5± Bb4+ 17.Nc3 Rc8 2.10/19
[17...Nc5± 1.32/18 is a better defense.]
18.Bd3+- And now Qe6+ would win.
18...Re8 Against Qe6+ **19.Qd4 Qd6 20.Ke2** 1.16/20
[White should try 20.0-0+- 2.04/17]
20...Bxc3± 21.bxc3 Nc5 22.Rab1 b6 23.Bc2 Re5 24.c4 Rf8 25.f4 Re7 aiming for ...Rxf4. **26.Rhf1** 1.15/21
[26.Kf3+- 1.80/19]
26...Rfe8 27.Rf3 Qd7 2.77/20
[27...Ne4± 1.27/19 keeps fighting. 28.Qd3 Qc5]
28.Rg1 1.18/19
[28.Bxg6+- 2.77/20 is more deadly. Qg4 29.Bxe8 Qg2+ 30.Rf2 Qg4+ 31.Kf1 Rxe8 32.d6]
28...Kh7? 3.59/19
[28...Re4± 1.18/19 might work better. 29.Bxe4 Rxe4]

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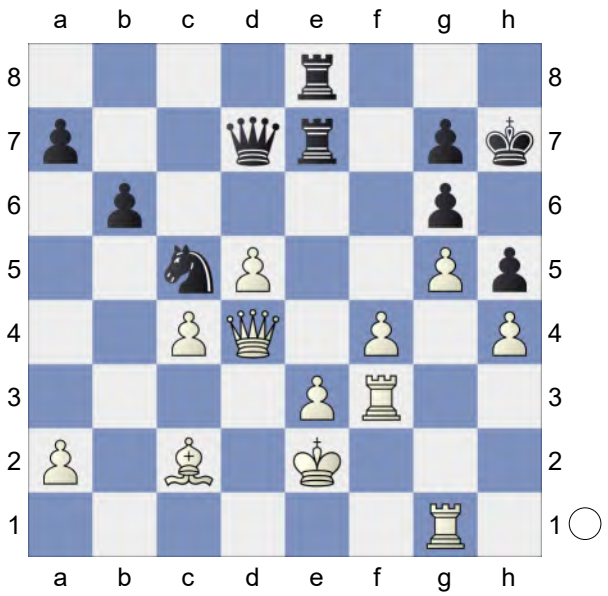


29.f5!+- Ne4 10.16/21
[29...Qd6 3.57/21]
30.fxg6+ Kg8 31.Rf7 Nd6 32.Qxg7#
Weighted Error Value: White=0.32/Black=0.74
1-0

188 **D00**
□ **Dom Perignon** **2753**
■ **Apollothedog** **2737**
Blitz 14.02.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 1-0 (88); *5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8*

19.Ra3 Nc7 Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig,F (1863) Mainz 1997 EXT 2000 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (57)*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) www.desc-online.de 2000 CBM 166 [Beliavsky, Alexander G] 1-0 (41)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]

3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.Nf3 c5 6.a3 b5 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.Bd3 Black is slightly better. **8...Nc6** 0.08/22

[8...Bb7∓ -0.42/18]

9.0-0= 0-0 10.Qe2 -0.61/19

[White should try 10.e4= 0.08/17]

10...Qe7 0.00/21

[10...Nh5!∓ -0.61/19]

11.Ne5 Nxe5 12.Bxe5 Nd7 13.Bg3 -0.56/19

[13.Qh5? g6 14.Qg4 Nxe5-+]

[13.Bd4= -0.24/22]

13...f5 14.a4 -0.71/20

[14.Qd2∓ -0.36/20 was preferrable.]

14...b4∓ 15.Nb1 -2.00/20

[15.Na2∓ -0.96/20]

15...Bb7 -1.00/21

[15...e5!-+ -2.00/20 aiming for ...f4. 16.Qh5 *(16.Nd2? e4-+)* 16...Nf6]

16.c4 -2.26/21

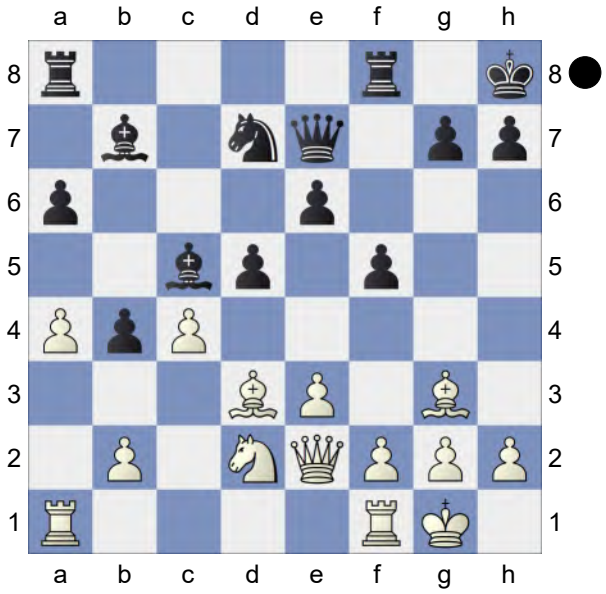
[16.c3∓ -1.00/21 was necessary.]

16...Kh8? -0.42/22

[16...e5-+ -2.26/21 Threatens to win with ...d4. 17.cxd5 f4]

17.Nd2 -1.25/20

[17.cxd5∓ -0.42/22 Bxd5 18.Nd2]



17...Ba7? 0.61/20

[17...e5!∓ -1.25/20 Hoping for ...f4. 18.h3 e4]

18.Rac1 -0.54/20

[Better is 18.cxd5± 0.61/20 exd5 19.Nb3 *(19.Bxa6 Bxa6 20.Qxa6 f4∓)*]

18...dxc4 0.78/21

[18...d4∓ -0.54/20]

19.Nxc4± e5 1.53/20

[Black should play 19...Nc5± 0.57/19]

20.Na5 Bd5

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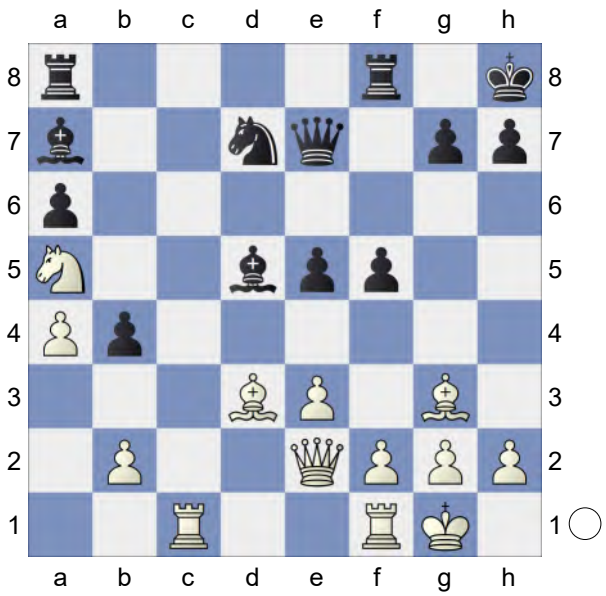
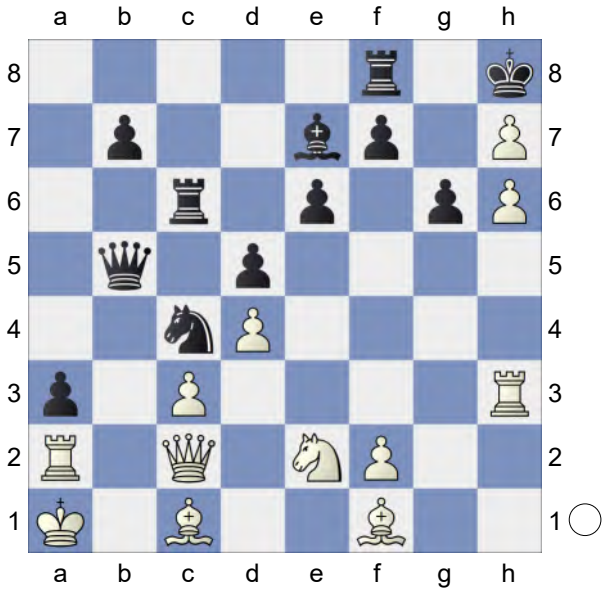


21.Bc4 0.69/19
[Much less strong is 21.Bxa6?! Qf7±]
[21.Rfd1!+- 1.61/18]
21...Bxc4± 22.Qxc4 0.03/19
[22.Rxc4± 0.63/19 Nb6 23.Rcc1]
22...f4!= 23.exf4 exf4 24.Bxf4 Nb6! 25.Qc7
[25.Qd4 looks sharper. Nxa4 26.Qd6 Qe2 27.Bg3]
25...Qxc7 26.Bxc7 Nd5? 1.66/23
[26...Nxa4= -0.01/20 27.Bd6 Rf6]
27.Bg3 1.31/21
[27.Bd6+- 1.66/23 Rf6 28.Be5]
27...Rf5 1.78/21
[27...Nf4± 1.31/21 was called for.]
28.Nc6+- Bb6 29.Rc4 Ne3? 3.41/21
[29...a5± 1.58/20 keeps fighting. 30.Nd4 Bxd4 31.Rxd4 Nf6]
30.fxe3 Bxe3+ 31.Bf2 Raf8 32.Rc2 Quite a comeback for White. Weighted Error Value: White=0.44/Black=0.67
[But not 32.Nxb4? Rxf2 33.Rxf2 Rxf2-+]
1-0

189 **D00**
□ **So,Wesley** **2751**
■ **Bryakin,Mikhail** **2444**
Titled Tue 3rd Jun Early blitz (4) 3.6.25
[TA]

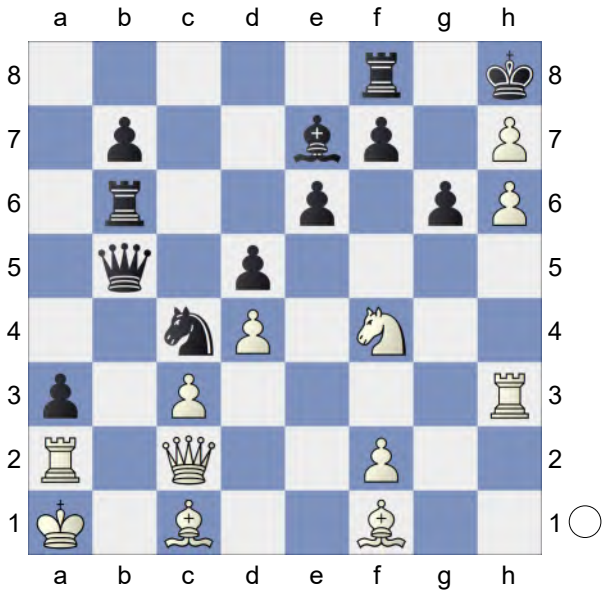
B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack
1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.h3 Bxf3 8.Qxf3 White has an edge. **8...Nc6 9.0-0-0 e6 10.g4 Bd6 11.Be3 Rc8 12.Kb1 Na5** 0.89/21
[12...Bb4= 0.28/21 13.Ne2 Ne4]
13.g5± Nd7 14.Bc1 0.36/19
[14.h4± 0.75/21]
14...Qb6 1.17/19
[14...b5!± 0.36/19]
15.h4 Bb4 16.Ne2 Nc4 17.Ka1 a5 18.h5 1.08/18
[⌓18.c3 1.48/20]
18...0-0 19.Rh3 -0.18/19
[19.Qd3± 1.29/18]
19...a4 1.26/20
[19...Bd2!= -0.18/19 20.Qb3 *(20.Bxd2? Qxb2#; 20.Rxd2 Nxd2 21.Bxd2 Rxc2∓)* 20...Qxb3 21.Rxb3 Bxc1 22.Rxc1 b6]
20.c3 0.42/20
[20.a3!± 1.26/20]
20...Be7± 21.Qg3 a3 22.b3 Na5 1.14/20
[22...Nd6± 0.41/18]
23.g6 0.77/19
[⌓23.Qd3 1.14/20]
23...Nxb3+± Demolition **24.axb3 Qxb3 25.gxh7+** 0.20/19
[25.Qd3± 0.85/18]
25...Kh8!= 26.Qd3 Nb6 0.84/22
[26...b5= 0.23/22 remains equal.]
27.h6 0.34/21
[Better is 27.c4± 0.84/22 Qxd3 28.Rdxd3 *(28.Rhxd3 Rxc4 29.Bf4*

Rb4±)]
27...g6± **28.Rd2** And now Qc2 would win. **28...Nc4!**
[28...Kxh7?! 29.Qb1 Qxb1+ 30.Kxb1+-]
29.Ra2 Rc6
[29...Kxh7 30.Qc2 Na5 31.Qxb3 Nxb3+ 32.Kb1±]
30.Qc2 Qb5 2.52/19
[30...Na5= 0.19/20 and Black has nothing to worry.]



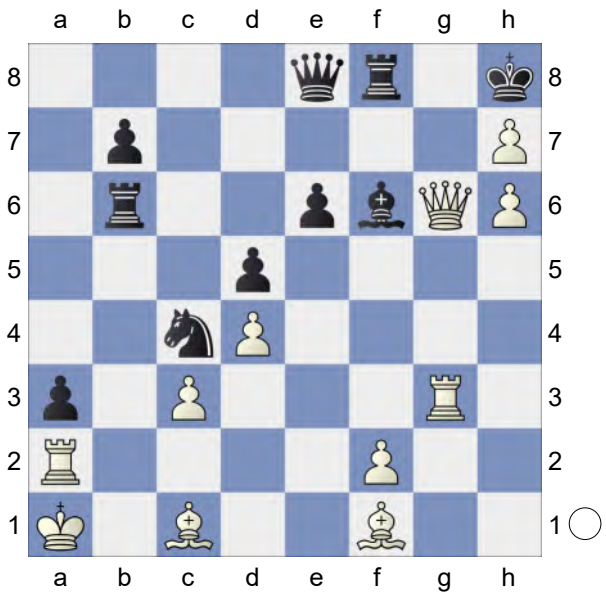
This move loses the game for Black.
31.Nf4!+- Strongly threatening Nxg6+!
31...Rb6? 5.36/23
[31...Kxh7 2.01/18 is a better chance. 32.Rg3 Rg8]

(Diagram)



32.Nxg6+! D e m o l i t i o n **32...fxg6**
33.Qxg6 Bf6 Prevents Qg7+.
[33...Qb2+ 34.Bxb2 *(34.Rxb2 axb2+ 35.Kb1 Na3+* Deflection *36.Ka2 bxc1N+ 37.Ka1 Nb3+ 38.Kb2 Rxf2+)* 34...axb2+ 35.Rxb2 Ra8+ 36.Ra2 Rxa2+ 37.Kxa2 Ra6+ 38.Kb1 Rb6+ 39.Kc2]
34.Rg3 Intending Qg8+ and mate.
[34.Bxa3? Qb3 35.Qc2 *(35.Bxf8? Qd1+;* *35.Bc1?* *Qxa2+* Remove Defender *36.Kxa2 Ra8+)* 35...Qxc2 *(35...Nxa3? 36.Qxb3 Rxb3 37.Rb2-+)* 36.Rxc2 Nxa3-+]
34...Qe8

(Diagram)

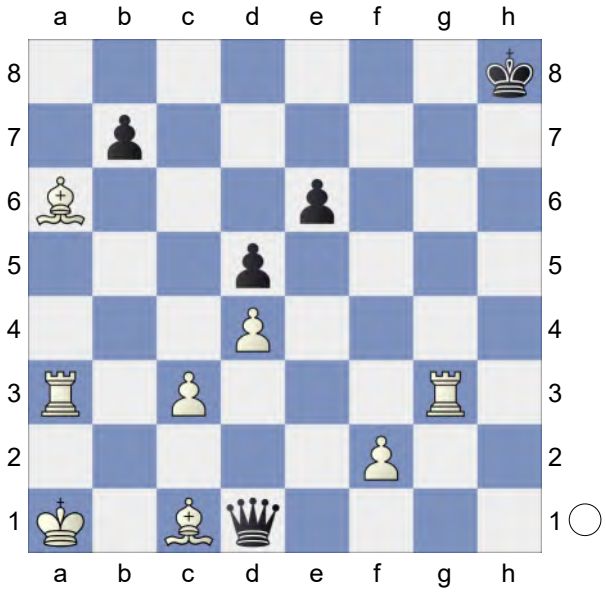


35.Qg7+ Bxg7 36.hxg7+ Kxh7 37.gxf8Q Qxf8 38.Bd3+ Kh8 39.Bxc4 Qf5 6.84/20

[Much worse is 39...dxc4 40.f3]

[⩲39...Rb2 4.80/20 40.Bxb2 Qxf2 41.Rh3+ *(41.Bxa3 Qxg3 42.Bb3 Qxc3+ 43.Rb2 Qxd4∓)* 41...Kg7]

40.Bd3 Qh5 41.Rxa3 Ra6 42.Bxa6 Qd1



Repels Bd3 **43.Kb1!** 12.40/19 **bxa6 44.Rxa6 Qb3+ 45.Ka1** White threatens Ra8+ and mate. **45...Qc2 46.Ra8+** White mates. **46...Kh7 47.Ra7+ Kh8 48.Bf4 Qxf2 49.Be5+**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.70

1-0

190 **B13**

□ **Dominguez Perez,Leinier** **2751**

■ **Kasimdzhanov,Rustam** **2706**

Baku FIDE GP (1) 02.10.2014

[Szabo,Krisztian]

Kitty Kat: 'B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack '

1.d4 Kitty Kat **1...Nf6 2.Nc3 d5**

Kitty Kat: 'N'

[2...c5 Kitty Kat 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7

13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]

3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Bd3
[6.Nf3 Bg4 7.h3 Bxf3 8.Qxf3 Nc6 9.0-0-0 e6 10.g4]

6...Nc6 7.Nge2
[7.Nf3 Bg4]

7...e6
[7...Bg4 8.f3 Bh5 9.g4 Bg6 10.h4]
[7...Nb4 8.a3 Nxd3+ 9.Qxd3]

8.a3 Kitty Kat: 'The position is equal.'
[8.Qd2 Be7 9.0-0-0 b5]

8...Be7
[8...Nh5]

9.0-0 0-0 10.b4
[10.Qd2 b5 11.b4]
[10.h3]

10...Bd7
[10...Nh5 11.Be3 Bd6]

11.Qb1 -0.66/18
[11.h3 -0.19/18 Kitty Kat: '=' Na7]

11...Na7 -0.22/19
[11...Nh5 -0.66/18 Kitty Kat: '∓' 12.Be3 *(12.Bd2* Kitty Kat *b5)* 12...Bd6]
[11...a5 12.b5 Na7]

12.a4N A novelty by Dominguez.

12...Nc6
[12...a5 13.bxa5 Qxa5 14.Qxb7]

13.Na2 a5 0.13/20
[Kitty Kat: ' Better is' 13...Nh5 -0.41/21 Kitty Kat: '∓' 14.Bd2 Kitty Kat h6]

14.b5 Kitty Kat: '=' **14...Na7**
[14...Nb4 15.Nxb4 Bxb4 *(15...axb4 16.Qb3 Qa5 17.f3)* 16.c3 Be7 17.Qc2]

15.Rc1
[15.c4 dxc4 16.Bxc4 Nc8 17.Nac3 Bd6 18.Qd3 Bxf4 19.Nxf4 Qc7 20.Nfe2 Rd8 21.Rac1 Be8]
[15.Nac1 Nc8 16.Nb3 Bd6 *(16...Nh5)* 17.Qc1 Qc7 18.Qe3 Bxf4 19.Nxf4 Nd6 20.Rfe1 Rac8 *(20...Bc8 21.Nd2 b6 22.Nf3 Bb7 23.Ne5 Rac8 24.Qh3)* 21.Nd2]

15...Ba3
[15...Nc8 16.c4 dxc4 17.Rxc4 Bd6 18.Be5 h6]

16.Rd1
[16.Re1 Nc8 17.Nac1 Bd6]

16...Nc8 17.Nac1
[17.c4 dxc4 18.Bxc4 Bd6]

17...Bd6! The queen is very unpleasant from a6. White's a3 ♗ and a2 ♙ are in trouble. **18.c3**
[18.Nb3 Qc7 19.Bxd6 Nxd6 20.Nd2]

18...Qc7 Too careful.
[18...Bxf4 19.Nxf4 Qc7 20.Nce2]

19.Bg5 -0.99/20
[19.Bxd6 -0.31/20 Kitty Kat: ' ∓' Nxd6 20.Nb3 Kitty Kat]
[19.g3 Bxf4 20.Nxf4 Qxc3]
[19.Bg3 Bxg3 20.hxg3 Re8]

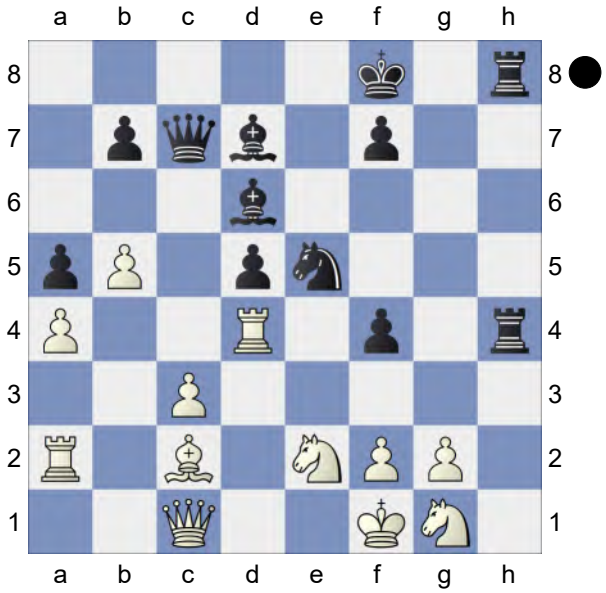
19...Bxh2+ Kitty Kat: '∓' **20.Kf1 Bd6**
[20...e5]

21.Bxf6 Strategically White's position looks good, because he has a great knight on d5 and he has the "good ♗". On the other hand he can't come back with his bishop which is completely out of play, so only Black can fight for the initiative.
[21.g3 h6 *(21...Ne7)* 22.Bxf6 gxf6 23.Kg2 e5 24.Rh1 e4]
[21.Nb3 Ne7]

21...gxf6 **22.Bxh7+!** -2.97/21 Kitty Kat: '?' Kitty Kat: ' White does not recover from this.'
[22.Nb3∓ -0.99/20 Kitty Kat]

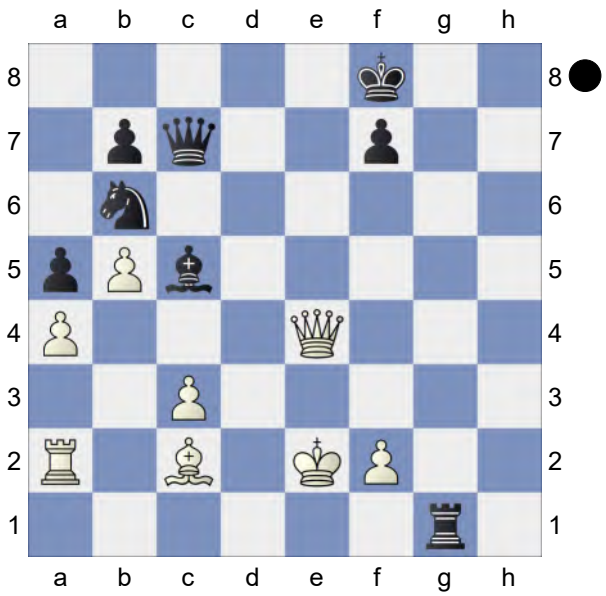
22...Kg7 Kitty Kat: '-+' **23.Bc2** Now the bishop is active again; White has equalised. **23...Rh8 24.Rd3!**
[24.Ng1 Nb6 25.Bb3 Rh1 26.Nce2

Rah8 27.Qd3]
24...Nb6?! A dubious move, because White can immediately activate his queen.
[24...Rh1+ 25.Ng1= with solid play, Ristoja Lehtimaeki-Karvi, Finland 1973. Bh2 26.Nce2 Bxg1 27.Nxg1 Qh2 28.Ke2]
25.Ng1 Nc4?? A terrible blunder, which both players missed in the game.
[25...e5]
26.Nce2?? Rh1?! Kitty Kat: ' ...Bd6-h2 would now be deadly.' A logical move, but too slow. **27.Qc1!** An ambitious move, now White has the initiative again.
[27.Ng3!↑ and suddenly Black has a great initiative. Bxg3 28.Rxg3+ and Black would like to attack with ♘g4. Qxg3 29.fxg3 Nd2+]
27...Rah8 Kitty Kat: ' Strongly threatening ...Bd6-h2.' **28.Ng3** -4.23/20 Kitty Kat: '?'
[28.Rh3 -2.54/21 Kitty Kat]
28...R1h4 Kitty Kat: ' aiming for ...Bd6-f4. '
[28...Bf4∓ and Black controls the d-file, now White is in big trouble. 29.Qd1 was the alternative move Bxg3! 30.Qg4+ *(30.Rxg3+ Qxg3 31.fxg3* with a balanced middlegame. *Ne3+?!* is dubious, because of*)* 30...Kf8 31.Rxg3]
29.Qe1 -4.25/22 Kitty Kat: '?'
[29.N3e2 -2.54/21 Kitty Kat]
29...f5 30.N3e2?! f4 31.Qc1 Kf8 32.Ra2 -4.33/19
[32.Bb3 -2.74/20 (Kitty Kat) might work better.]
32...e5 33.dxe5 Nxe5 with a nearly equal position. **34.Rd4!?** -7.34/21 Kitty Kat: '
[34.Rxd5 -4.79/20 Kitty Kat: ' ⩲' Be6 *(34...f3* Kitty Kat *35.Rxe5)* 35.Qd1!↑ followed by ... ♘e5, Black has a hopeful position. Bxd5? 36.Qxd5!-+ and White can't play R8h5?]



' Still **34...f3!** was the best, Black is in an unpleasant pin on the e-file, so White has some advantage. **35.gxf3** was more accurate
[35.Qe3 Kitty Kat fxe2+]
35...Rh1 36.Qe3 and Black can try to hold on. The tactical **36...Nc4!** was working
[36...Bh3+ Kitty Kat 37.Ke1-+]
37.Qd3 Bh3+ 38.Ke1 Rg8!+- and White has a clear exchange up, he is completely winning. **39.Rg4 Bxg4±** and White's position is more comfortable. Black should have played **40.fxg4** Kitty Kat: ' White is weak on the dark squares' **40...Rxg4 41.Qxd5∞** still an unclear middlegame. **41...Rhxg1+?!** -4.01/5 **42.Nxg1** Probably **42...Rxg1+!** was more accurate **43.Ke2 Nb6**
[43...Qe7+? Kitty Kat 44.Be4-+]
44.Qd3 Bc5 45.Qe4 Kitty Kat: '

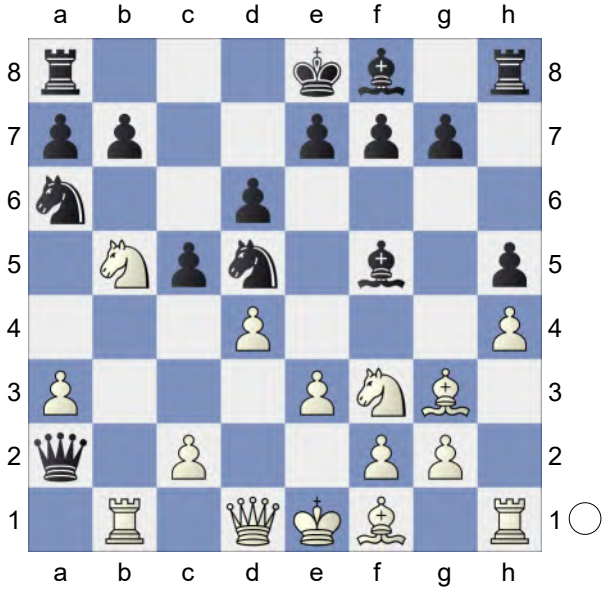
(Diagram)



Prevents Qc7-e5' **45...Bxf2** Kitty Kat: '!' Kitty Kat: ' Discovered Attack' and Black can create some sort of attack on the f-file. It was much stronger to play **46.Qh7!** Kitty Kat: ' Against Qc7-h2'
[46.Bb1 Kitty Kat Qh2]
46...Qf4 47.Qh8+ Ke7 Kitty Kat: ' Weighted Error Value: White=0.91/ Black=0.39. An unexpected result.'
½-½

191 **A45**
□ **Chargemax23** **2749**
■ **Dmdonch** **2795**
Blitz 26.03.2022
[Kitty Kat]

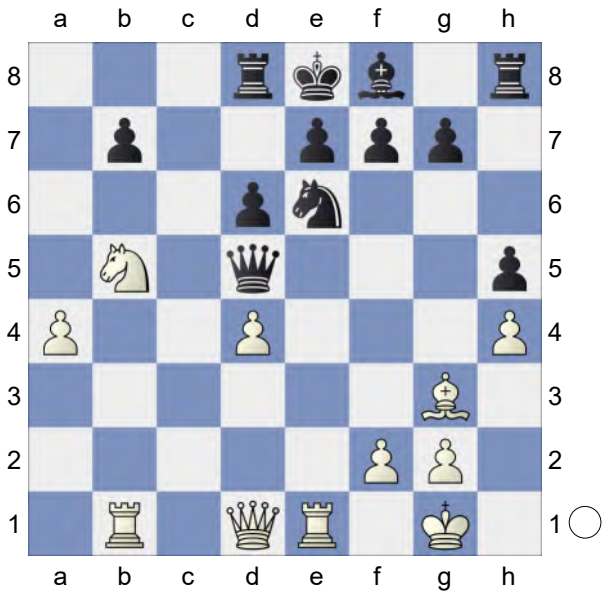
Blitz 3min A45: Trompowsky Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 c5 3.e3 Qb6 4.Nc3 Qxb2 5.Nb5 Na6?** 2.34/18
[5...Nd5= 0.00/18 and Black is okay. 6.a3 a6 7.Rb1 Qa2 8.Qc1 axb5 9.Ra1 Qxa1 10.Qxa1 Nc6 11.Bxb5 cxd4 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.Qxd4 f6 Neo London System-1...Nf6 2 Bf4 c5 d-Pawn Specials 2024]
6.a3!+- White has strong compensation. **6...Nd5 7.Rb1 Qa2 8.Bg3N** Qc1 would now be deadly. White is clearly better.
[8.Rb3 d6 9.Ne2 Bf5 10.Nbc3 Nxc3 11.Nxc3 Qxc2 12.Qxc2 Bxc2 13.Rxb7 Nb8 14.dxc5 Benoni-Qb6, N]
8...h5 9.h4 d6 2.59/21
[⌓9...cxd4 1.62/16 10.exd4 d6]
10.Nf3 And now Qc1 would win. **10...Bf5** 2.88/18
[10...Ndc7 1.93/19 was called for. 11.dxc5 Bd7]



11.Bd3! Bxd3 12.cxd3 cxd4 13.Nfxd4 Threatens to win with 0-0. **13...Nc5 14.e4 a6 15.exd5 axb5 16.Nxb5 Kd7** 2.61/20 Dodges Nc7
[16...Kd8 1.86/17 might work better.]
17.0-0 Qxd5 18.d4 Ne6 2.80/19
[18...Ne4 1.86/19 was worth a try. 19.Bf4 Rg8]
19.a4 1.55/20
[19.Nc3+- 2.80/19 Qc6 20.d5 Qxc3 21.dxe6+ fxe6 22.Rxb7+ Ke8 23.Qb1]
19...Ke8 2.49/16
[19...Rc8± 1.55/20 keeps fighting.]

20.Re1 aiming for Rxe6! **20...Rd8?** 6.36/17

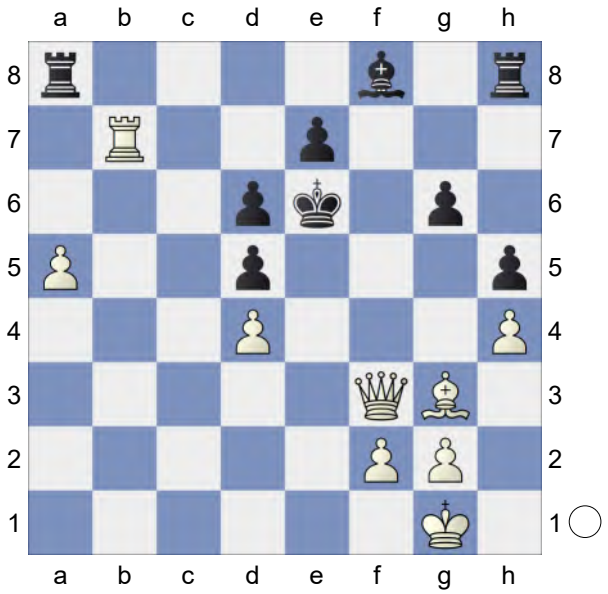
[20...Rc8 2.57/18 21.Nxd6+ Discovered Attack, Clearance exd6]



21.Rxe6! Nc7+ is the strong threat. Remove Defender **21...fxe6**

[21...Kd7 22.Re3]

22.Nc7+ Kf7 23.Nxd5 exd5 24.Rxb7 g6 25.Qf3+ Ke6 26.a5 Ra8

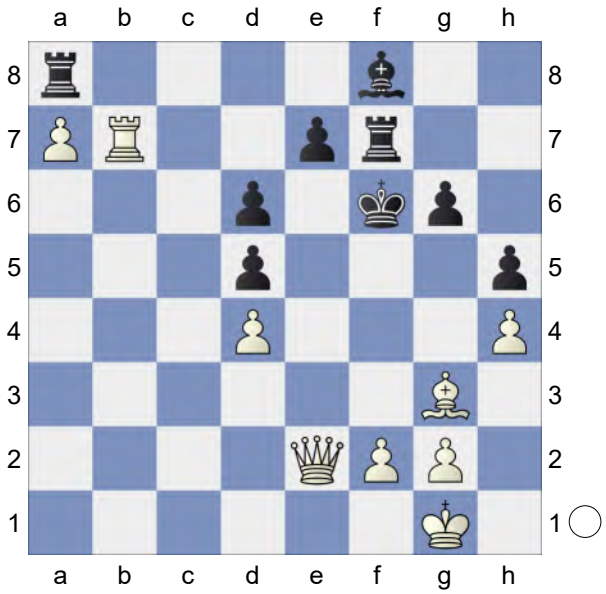


27.a6! 16.34/19 **Rh7**

[27...Ra7 28.Rxa7]

28.a7 Intending Bxd6! and mate.

28...Rf7 29.Qe2+ White mates. **29...Kf6**



30.Bxd6! exd6

[30...Kg7 31.Qe6]

31.Qf3+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) /Black=1.69

1-0

192 **D00**

□ **Monoboy2016** **2749**

■ **Realdavidnavara** **2897**

Blitz 08.03.2024

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N

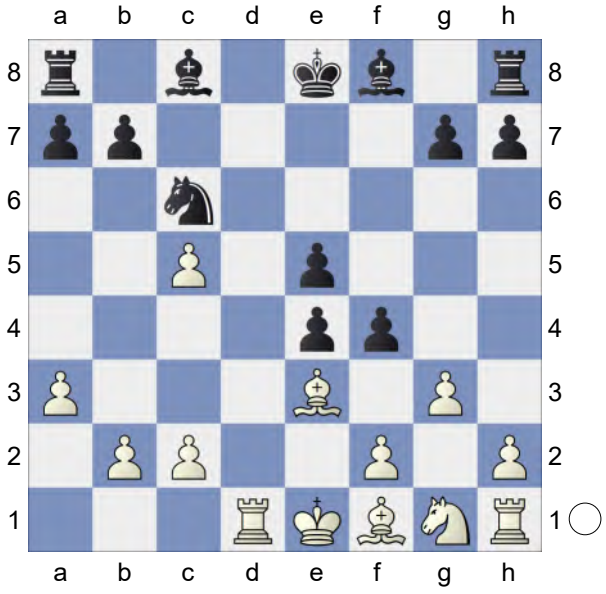
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* 1-0 Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 2013; *5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8*

19.Ra3 Nc7 0-1 Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig,F (1863) Rheinhessen-ch H1 op 1997 (2)) 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* 1-0 Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) V0048 www.desc-online.de 2000 (7)) 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]

3.Bf4 c5 4.e4 Nxe4 5.Nxe4 dxe4 6.dxc5 Qxd1+ 7.Rxd1 Bxb8 is the strong threat. **7...Nc6 8.a3** -0.54/19

[8.Bb5= 0.08/17]

8...e5∓ 9.Be3 f5 10.g3 f4



Deflection **11.gxf4 exf4 12.Bxf4 Bxc5 13.b4 Bb6 14.Bc4** -0.90/4

[14.Bg2∓ -0.43/4 is superior.]

14...Bg4 -0.30/4

[Black should play 14...Nd4∓ -0.90/4 15.Rd2 Bg4]

15.Ne2= Rf8 16.Bg3 Rc8 -0.29/4

[16...Rf3∓ -0.67/2 might be stronger. 17.h3 Bf5]

17.Bb5 -0.85/3

[17.h3!= -0.29/4 keeps the balance. Bf3 18.Rg1]

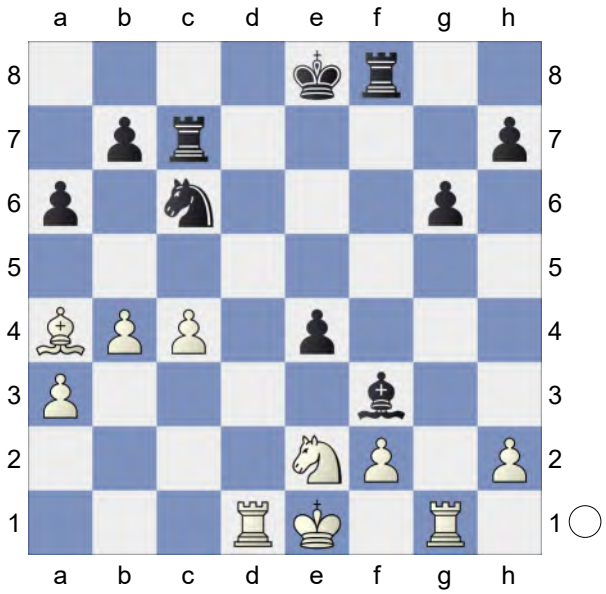
17...a6 18.Ba4 Bf3 19.Rg1 g6 20.c4 Bc7

[20...Rd8 is more complex. 21.Rxd8+ Kxd8 22.Bxc6 bxc6]

21.Bxc7? 1.75/13

[21.Bxc6+= 0.03/3 bxc6 22.Bxc7 Rxc7 23.Rg3]

21...Rxc7+-



22.Rd5? -0.11/19

[White must play 22.b5!+- 1.81/20]

22...Ke7= And now ...e3! would win. **23.Nc3 Kf7 24.Bxc6 bxc6 25.Rd4 c5 26.bxc5 Rxc5 27.Kd2 Rfc8 28.Nxe4 Bxe4 29.Rxe4 Rxc4 30.Rxc4 Rxc4** Endgame. KR-KR **31.Rb1 Rh4 32.Rb7+ Kf6 33.Rb6+ Ke5 34.Rxa6 Rxh2 35.Ke3 g5 36.a4** The position is equal. **36...Rh3+ 37.Ke2 h5 38.a5 Ra3 39.Ra8 Kf4 40.a6 Ra2+ 41.Kf1 Kg4 42.a7 Kh3 43.Rh8 Rxa7 44.Rxh5+ Kg4 45.Rh8 Ra3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very

precise) /Black=0.10 (very precise)
½-½

193 **D00**
□ **Vachier Lagrave,Maxime** **2749**
■ **Karjakin,Sergey** **2757**
FIDE World Cup, Krasnaya Polyana (rpd..
[Richard Palliser]

Richard Palliser,MH: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines ' **1.d4** Richard Palliser,MH **1...Nf6 2.Nc3**
[Heading for Jobava-Prie waters, as did 2.Bf4 d5 3.e3 c5 4.Nc3 in Karjakin's earlier play-off encounter with Artemiev (see below).]
2...d5 Richard Palliser,MH: 'N'
[2...c5 Richard Palliser,MH 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000 *)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]
3.Bf4 c5 This remains quite a critical response. **4.e3** Richard Palliser,MH: 'in Karjakin's earlier play-off encounter with Artemiev (see below).' **4...a6**
[Deviating from his earlier 4...e6 (Black can, of course, also exchange on d4) 5.Nb5 Na6 6.c3 Be7 , which remains pretty solid for Black: 7.h3 *(White more usually goes in for 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.Nf3* when *0-0 9.Bd3 Bd7 10.a4* is at least thematic, if not definitely better for him - see the Archive *)* 7...0-0 8.Nf3 Bd7 9.a4! (once again, the standard approach, keeping the knight on b5 firmly in place)
A) instead, 9...Bxb5 10.Bxb5!? Nb8 *(10...c4!?* feels critical - compare with what follows in Artemiev-Karjakin*)* 11.Bd3 was an edge for White with the two bishops in Short-Amonatov, Bangkok 2012, as covered by Eric;
B) 9...c4!? 10.Be2? *(10.b3!* feels critical and may well be a little better for White Black can go aggressive, but *Qa5 11.Nd2 cxb3 12.Nxb3 Qb6* offers White a number of ways to maintain control, including *13.a5 Qc6 14.Bd3 Ne4 15.Rc1)* 10...Bxb5 11.axb5 Nc7 12.Qa4 Bd6 *(* the immediate *12...a6!* also turned out rather well in Hebden-D.Johnson, London 2019: *13.b6?! Nb5 14.Qa5 Nd7 15.e4 Qxb6 16.exd5 Qxa5*

17.Rxa5 exd5 and, a clear pawn down, the experienced grandmaster was forced to fight hard for the draw *)* 13.Bg5 *(13.Bxd6 Qxd6 14.b3!* may be OK for White in view of *a6 15.b6!)* 13...a6! 14.bxa6? Rxa6 15.Qd1 Rxa1 16.Qxa1 Qa8 17.0-0 Ne4 18.Bf4 Bxf4 19.exf4 and now in Artemiev-Karjakin, Krasnaya Polyana (rapid) 2021, b5 would simply have left Black dominating and all set to powerfully break through on the queenside with ...b4.]

5.Nf3

[Black's move order allows White to consider 5.dxc5!? , and if Nc6 6.a3! - see Nakamura-Fressinet, Dubai (rapid) 2014, in the Archive.]

5...cxd4 6.exd4 Bg4 A more active post for this bishop than it managed in Artemiev-Karjakin, although there too it played an important early role. **7.Be2**

[It would be interesting to know what Karjakin had in mind (he may well just have been surprised by Vachier-Lagrave's choice of opening) for 7.h3! Bxf3 8.Qxf3 Nc6 9.0-0-0 e6 10.g4! , which still feels like it should be a bit better for White - see the Archive.]

7...Nc6 8.Ne5 Richard Palliser,MH: 'The position is equal.'

[Black was also fine after 8.0-0 e6 9.Ne5 Bxe2 10.Nxe2 Nxe5 11.Bxe5 Nd7 12.Bg3 Be7 13.Re1 0-0 - see Eric's coverage of Kovacevic-Kuljasevic, Sibenik 2010.]

8...Bxe2 9.Nxe2 e6 10.c3 Be7

[Solid and new. Notably Vladislav Artemiev had preferred 10...Bd6 and after 11.Qd3 Qc7 12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.Bxd6 Qxd6 14.Qg3 Ke7 15.Nf4 Ne4 16.Qe3 c5 Black enjoyed sufficient counterplay in Esipenko-Artemiev, Titled Tuesday Blitz 2021.]

11.h4!? Boldly seizing space and possibly going for the win, although it should be pointed out that Vachier-Lagrave wasn't in a must-win scenario, the previous five games of this mini-match having all been drawn. **11...h5**

[Keeping lines closed for now, but this is also quite committal. Instead, 11...0-0!? 12.h5 h6 is surely OK for Black with an exchange on e5 followed by ...b5 on the way.]

12.Nd3 Ne4 13.Ng3! A decent temporary pawn sacrifice. **13...Bxh4!?** 1.70/21

[Karjakin is now the side happy to unbalance, but he didn't have to and nothing too terrible would have happened to Black after 13...Nf6 0.12/20 followed by ...g6 and likely ...b5. Richard Palliser,MH: '=' Richard Palliser,MH: ' and Black is okay.']

14.Nxe4 Richard Palliser,MH: '+-!' **14...dxe4 15.Nc5** The point of the pawn sacrifice. Black now has quite a few loose pawns and Karjakin is forced to retreat to avoid Nxb7 and Nd6+. **15...Be7! 16.Rxh5 Rxh5 17.Qxh5 Qd5** Another only move as the Minister of Defence continues to weather the storm.

[17...Bxc5? Richard Palliser,MH 18.dxc5 Ke7 19.Bd6+ Kf6 20.Qh4+ Kg6 21.Qxe4+ f5 22.Qxe6+ Qf6 23.Qxf6+ Kxf6 24.Kd2+-]

18.Qxd5

[The French no.1 was likely put off 18.Qh8+ 0.91/5 Richard Palliser,MH: '18.Qh5xd5 0.25' Richard Palliser,MH: ' keeps more tension.' Bf8 19.Nxb7 by Richard Palliser,MH: 'by. And now Nb7-d6+ would win.' Nxd4! . Suddenly the board is on fire,

although after 20.cxd4 Qxb7 21.Bd6 Kd7 22.Bxf8 Qxb2 23.Rd1 Qb8 24.Qh3! Qxf8 25.d5 the engines think that it should all fizzle out to rough equality. Richard Palliser,MH: '!']

18...exd5 19.Nxb7 g5! Expanding with tempo. **20.Bd6**

[20.Bg3 0.01/23 Richard Palliser,MH: '20.Bf4-d6 0.38' f5 would continue to try to disconnect the bishop from b8 and after Richard Palliser,MH: 'would continue to try to disconnect the bishop from b8 and after. aiming for ... f5-f4.' 21.Nd6+ Bxd6 22.Bxd6 Kd7 23.Bc5 Rh8 you'd surely want to take Black. That said, the calm Richard Palliser,MH: 'you'd surely want to take Black. That said, the calm. Strongly threatening ...Rh8-h1+.' 24.Kd2 Rh2 25.Rg1 does leave White with some definite queenside trumps of his own and is, of course, '0.00' according to the all-seeing silicon.]

20...Ra7! Continuing to unbalance and both players certainly cannot be accused of failing to fight hard in this encounter. **21.Bxe7 Rxb7** Richard Palliser,MH: '⩲' Richard Palliser,MH: 'Endgame. KRB-KRN' **22.Ba3**

[22.Bxg5 Richard Palliser,MH Rxb2 23.g4 Na5=]

22...f5 Black's majority is once again mobile and ...Rh7 on the way. A human could surely but be concerned here as White, if not the latest engines. **23.Ke2 Rh7** Richard Palliser,MH: ' Prevents Ra1-h1.' **24.Bc5 f4 25.b4** The race is afoot... **25...Rh2 26.a4?** -1.88/23

[An unfortunate slip as Vachier-Lagrave gets rather carried away. Instead, 26.Rg1 0.01/25 would have kept matters under control and after, say, Richard Palliser,MH: '=' Richard Palliser,MH: ' and White has nothing to worry.' Nd8 27.a4 Ne6 0.50/25 *(27...Kd7*= -0.01/27 Richard Palliser, MH *)* 28.b5 0.01/26 *(28.Bd6*⩱ 0.50/25 Richard Palliser,MH*)* 28...axb5 Richard Palliser,MH: '=' 29.axb5 Kd7 30.Ra1! Rxg2 31.Ra7+ Kc8 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Hoping for ...e4-e3.' 32.Kf1 Rh2 Richard Palliser,MH: ' White must now prevent ...f4-f3.' 33.Ra8+ Kb7 34.Ra7+ Kb8 Richard Palliser,MH: ' ...Ne6xc5 is the strong threat.' 35.b6 White's counterplay would have been clearly sufficient to maintain the balance.]

26...Rxg2 Richard Palliser,MH: '-+' Richard Palliser,MH: ' ...Nc6-e7 would now be deadly.' **27.Kf1** -2.74/25

[27.c4!? would have been pretty desperate, but was probably a better defensive try. Vachier-Lagrave had, though, most likely missed Black's upcoming shot.]

[27.Rf1∓ -1.45/24 (Richard Palliser, MH) might work better.]

27...f3 Richard Palliser,MH: '!'

[Weaker is 27...Rh2 Richard Palliser, MH 28.Kg1 Rh4 29.Re1= *(29.b5 Rg4+ 30.Kf1 Rh4=)*]

28.b5 -7.13/28 Richard Palliser,MH: '?' Richard Palliser,MH: '

[28.Re1 -2.72/24 Richard Palliser,MH g4 29.Bd6]

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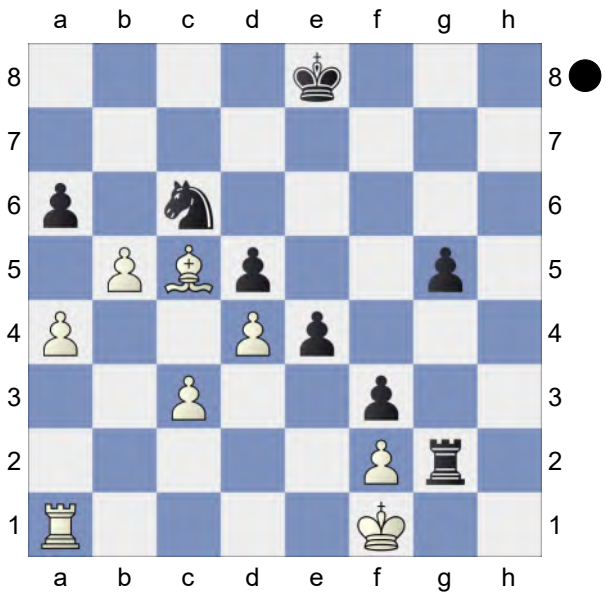

' **28...e3!** Ouch. It's Black's majority which is the all-conquering one. Richard Palliser,MH: 'Ouch. It's Black's majority which is the all-conquering one. Black is clearly winning. ' **29.fxe3** Richard Palliser,MH: '

[29.bxc6 e2+ 30.Ke1 Rg1+ Richard Palliser,MH: ' Skewer' 31.Kd2 Rxa1 would, of course, queen and mate. 32.Ke3 Richard Palliser,MH e1Q+ 33.Kxf3 Qe4+ 34.Kg3 Rg1+ 35.Kh3 Qh7#]

[29.Ra2 Richard Palliser,MH axb5]

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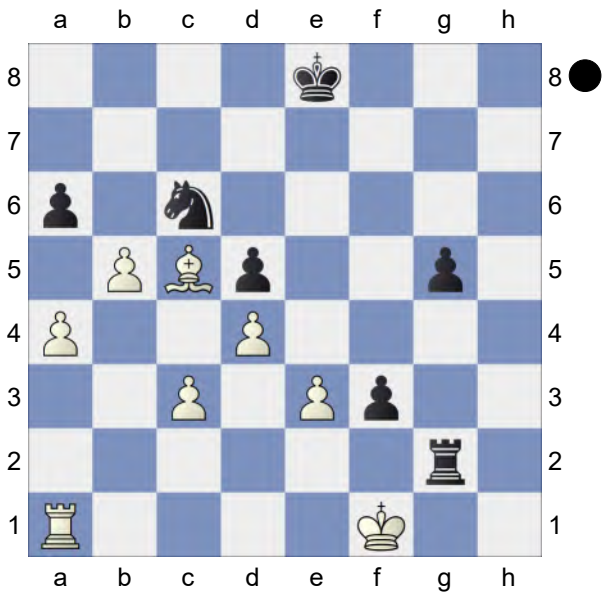
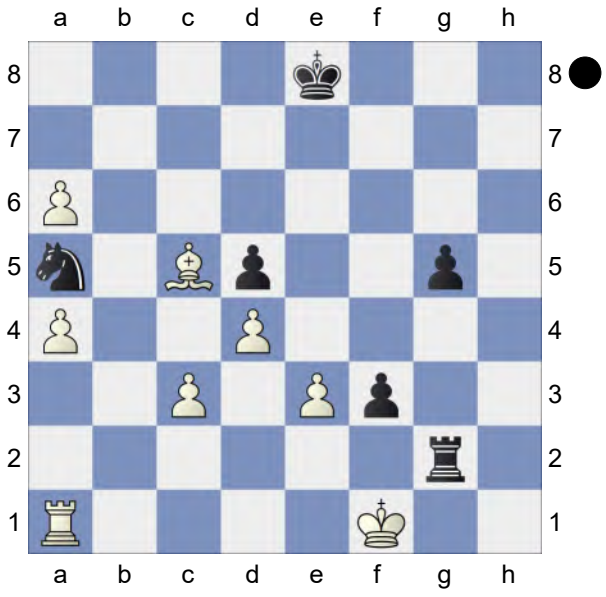


' **29...Na5!** Superb attacking play from Karjakin who has most certainly seized his opportunity with both hands. The arrival of the knight into the attack proves completely crushing. Richard Palliser,MH: '-+' **30.Ba3**

[This won't save the day, but if 30.bxa6 Richard Palliser,MH: '

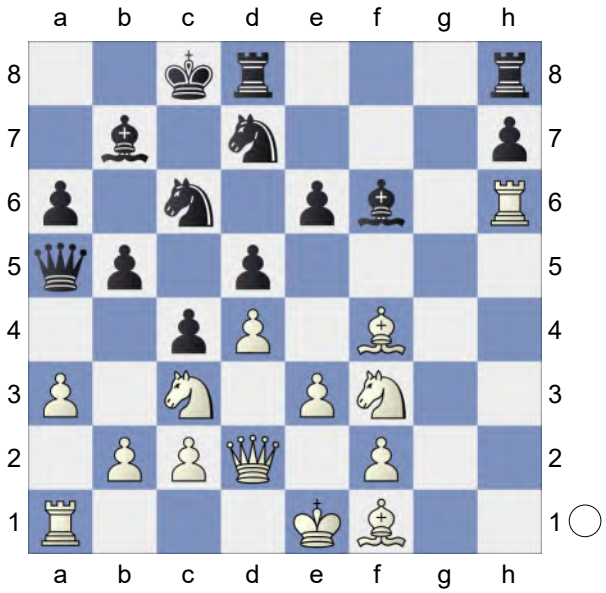


' Nc4 Richard Palliser,MH: '!' 31.a7 *(or 31.Re1 Nd2#)* 31...Nxe3+ 32.Ke1 Re2# . Yet again we see that chess really can be the battle of one tempo!]

30...Nb3 Richard Palliser,MH: ' (→ ... Nb3-d2+)' **31.Rd1 axb5** Richard Palliser,MH: ' Weighted Error Value: White=0.44/Black=0.13 (very precise) '
[31...axb5 32.axb5 Nd2+ 33.Rxd2 Rxd2 34.b6 Kd7 is, of course, completely hopeless.]
0-1

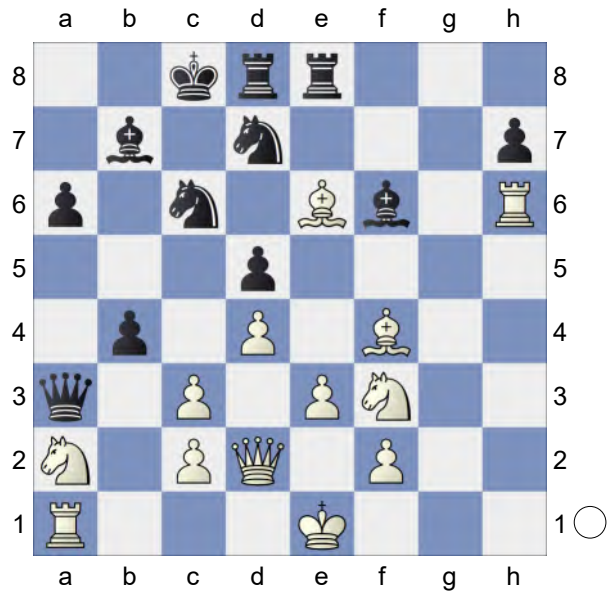
194 **A45**
□ **So,Wesley** **2748**
■ **Dyachuk,Artem** **2327**
Titled Tue 29th Apr Early blitz (3)
[TA]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (120 (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ (41) Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 (41) Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 (23) Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]
3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.g4 c5 6.g5 Nfd7 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.h4 White is slightly better. **8...b5 9.a3 Bb7 10.h5 Qb6 11.Rh3 0-0-0** 0.90/20
[11...h6= 0.30/21]
12.Qd2 White stays focused until the end. **12...f6** 1.30/21
[12...h6± 0.61/19]
13.h6± White is more active. **13...c4 14.hxg7 Bxg7 15.gxf6 Bxf6** 1.87/18
[15...Nxf6± 1.50/21 was worth a try. 16.Ng5 Rhe8]
16.Rh6 Qa5? 3.06/20
[16...Rde8± 1.53/18 was called for. 17.Ng5 Nd8]



17.Bh3+- b4 18.Na2
[Less strong is 18.Bxe6 bxc3 19.Qxc3 Bg7=]
18...c3 19.bxc3 Qxa3 20.Bxe6
[20.Nxb4? Qxa1+ 21.Ke2 a5-+]

20...Rhe8? 4.58/16
[20...Bg7 2.80/15 might work better. 21.Rh5 *(21.Nxb4? too greedy. Qxa1+ 22.Ke2 Bxh6-+)* 21...Rhe8]



21.Rxf6 b3 22.cxb3 Na5 23.Qc1 Qe7 24.Rh6 Nxb3 25.Qb2 Nxa1 Black is weak on the dark squares **26.Qb6 Nc2+ 27.Kd2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.71
1-0

195 **A45**
□ **So,Wesley** **2747**
■ **Vokhidov,Shamsiddin** **2681**
World Rapid 2024 (6.27) 27.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 1-0 (88)*; 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7* Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig,F (1863) Mainz 1997 EXT 2000 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (57)*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) www.desc-online.de 2000 CBM 166 [Beliavsky, Alexander G] 1-0 (41)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]
3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Ne5 Bd7 8.Be3 The position is equal. **8...e6 9.Bd3 Bd6 10.Nxc6 Bxc6 11.0-0 0-0 12.Re1 Rc8** -0.19/19
[12...Re8∓ -0.52/17 is more appropriate.]
13.Bg5= h6 14.Bh4 Be7 15.Qd2 Qb6 16.Rab1

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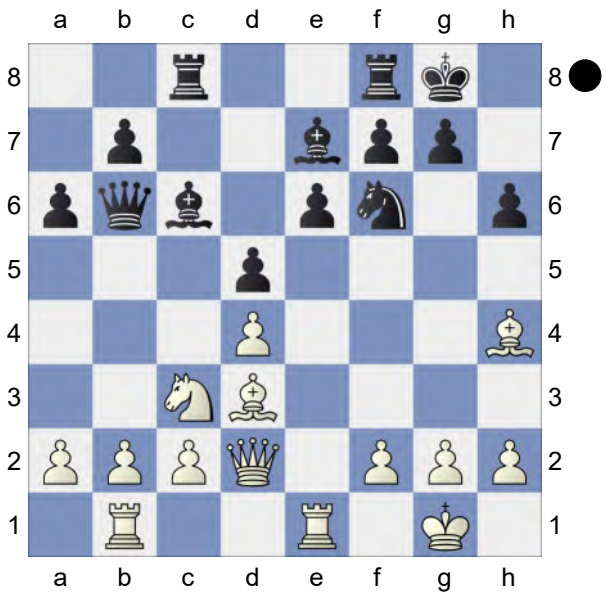

Ne4! 17.Nxe4 Bxh4 18.Ng3 Bg5 19.Qd1 Ba4 20.Ne2 Rc7 21.Nc3 Bd7 22.Ne2 Qd6 23.c3 b5 24.g3 b4 25.h4 Bf6 26.Qd2 a5 27.Nf4 bxc3 28.bxc3 Rfc8 29.Rec1 a4 30.Bf1 Qa3 31.Ba6 Ra8 32.Bf1 Be7 33.Rc2 Bd6 34.Ng2 Rac8 -0.15/21 **35.Ba6 Ra8 36.Bf1 Rac8** -0.01/18

[36...Bf8∓ -0.49/19 should be considered.]

37.Ba6 Rd8 38.Ne3 Be7 0.01/21

[38...Be8!∓ -0.40/21]

39.Bd3 Qd6 40.Ng4 -0.35/23

[40.c4= 0.01/23]

40...Be8∓ 41.Ne5 Rcc8 42.Rcb2 Qa3 43.Rc2 Rb8 44.Rcb2 Bd6 45.Rxb8 Rxb8 46.Rxb8 Bxb8 47.Ng4 Kf8 0.01/20

[47...h5∓ -0.67/19 48.Ne3 g6]

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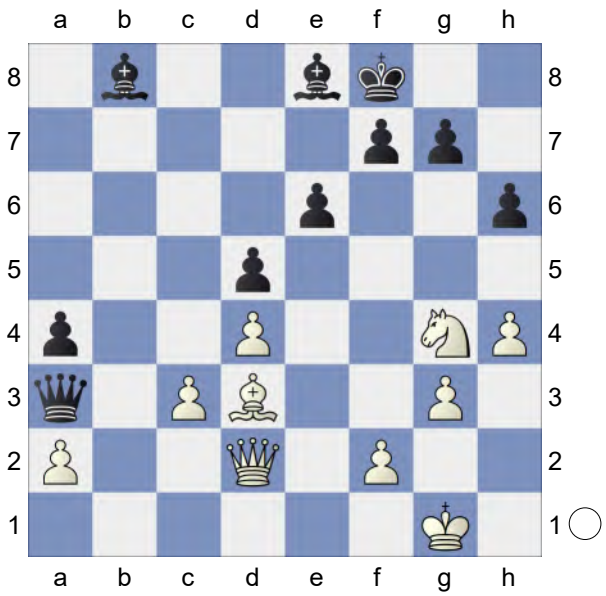

48.c4 -0.95/23

[48.Nxh6!= 0.01/20 gxh6 49.Qxh6+ Ke7 50.Qg5+ Kf8 51.Qh6+ Ke7 52.Qg5+ Kf8 53.Qh6+]

48...dxc4∓ 49.Bxc4 Ba7 50.Qf4 Inhibits Qd6. **50...Qe7** -0.34/23

[50...Qb4∓ -0.73/22 51.Ne3 Qb1+ 52.Kh2 Qb8 53.Qxb8 Bxb8]

51.Ne5 Kg8 52.Qe4! Inhibits Qb7. **52...Qd8 53.d5 exd5 54.Bxd5 Qd6 55.Kg2** aiming for Nxf7! **55...Kf8 56.Bc6 Qd4?** #9/20

[56...Bxc6= 0.01/25 57.Nxc6 Qc5]

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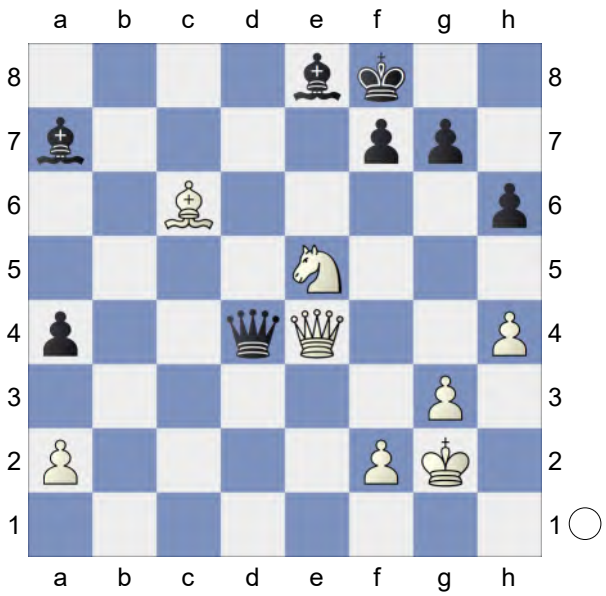

57.Ng6+! Kg8 58.Qxe8+ Kh7 59.Nf8+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.23 (precise)
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196 **D00**
□ **Mamedyarov,Shakhriyar** **2747**
■ **Harikrishna,Pentala** **2717**
Aimchess Rapid Prelim (12.4) 16.10.22
[Richard Palliser]

Richard Palliser,MH: 'B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack ' **1.d4** Richard Palliser, MH **1...d5 2.Bf4 Nf6 3.Nc3** From the London into the Jobava-Prie. **3...c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 Bg4!?** A move which aims to disrupt and now Black would be quite comfortable, as we've seen before, if White doesn't push the f-pawn. Richard Palliser,MH: 'A move which aims to disrupt and now Black would be quite comfortable, as we've seen before, if White doesn't push the f-pawn.' **6.f3 Bd7!**
[Best as 6...Bf5?! 0.81/22 Richard Palliser,MH: '6...Bg4-d7 0.03' 7.Nb5 Na6 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Prevents Nb5-c7+.' 8.c3 just gives White the thematic queenside clamp and a definite edge. Richard Palliser, MH: 'just gives White the thematic queenside clamp and a definite edge. ']
7.g4!? Anyhow! This is most certainly not forced. Richard Palliser,MH: 'Anyhow! This is most certainly not forced.'
[Instead, 7.Nb5 Bxb5 Richard Palliser,MH: '!' 8.Bxb5+ Nc6 9.c3 e6 seemed very solid for Black in Esipenko-Van Foreest, Wijk aan Zee 2021, which can be found in the Archive, Richard Palliser,MH: 'seemed very solid for Black in Esipenko-Van Foreest, Wijk aan Zee 2021, which can be found in the Archive,']
[while Jobava's 7.Bd3 Nc6 8.Nge2 might just be met by Richard Palliser, MH: 'might just be met by' Nb4 .]
7...Nc6 8.Qd2 Richard Palliser,MH: 'The position is equal.' **8...e6** This looks very solid for Black and Wesley So has also been happy to defend it. Richard Palliser,MH: 'This looks very solid for Black and Wesley So has also been happy to defend it.' Richard Palliser,MH: 'would, of course, transpose back to our main game here.' **9.Bb5!?**
[A new move. Instead, 9.0-0-0
A) and here 9...a6!? might well be more to the point: for example, 10.h4 b5 11.Kb1 b4 12.Nce2 a5 13.Ng3 a4 0.32/21 when the position is far from clear, but some would find Black's onrushing pawns a little scary to face. Richard Palliser,MH: 'when the position is far from clear, but some would find Black's onrushing pawns a little

scary to face.' *(13...Qb6=* -0.14/22 Richard Palliser,MH *)*;

B) 9...Qb6 would transpose into Caruana-So, Internet (blitz) 2021, Richard Palliser,MH: 'would transpose into Caruana-So, Internet (blitz) 2021,']

[I'd certainly chose that though over Richard Palliser,MH: 'I'd certainly chose that though over' 9.Nge2 Rc8 10.Nd1?! Be7 11.g5?! -1.04/21 *(11.Ne3=* -0.06/19 Richard Palliser, MH *)* 11...Nh5 Richard Palliser,MH: '∓' Richard Palliser,MH: ' aiming for ... Nh5xf4.' 12.Be3 Bd6 , which already left Black fully in control in Artemiev-So, Chessable Masters (rapid) 2021. Richard Palliser,MH: ', which already left Black fully in control in Artemiev-So, Chessable Masters (rapid) 2021. Prevents Ne2-g3']

9...Rc8 10.Nge2 Simple development, but now Black has a couple of decent ways to react on the queenside. Richard Palliser,MH: 'Simple development, but now Black has a couple of decent ways to react on the queenside.' **10...a6**

[The alternative was 10...Nb4!? when Richard Palliser,MH: 'when. ... Bd7xb5 is the strong threat.' 11.Bxd7+ Nxd7!

A) 12.a3 -0.50/20 Richard Palliser, MH: '12.0-0-0 -0.12' Nc6 just doesn't really help White, as just where will the king go with Richard Palliser,MH: 'just doesn't really help White, as just where will the king go with' 13.0-0-0? -1.52/20 rather asking for *(13.Nd1∓* -0.48/19 Richard Palliser,MH*)* 13...Na5 followed by ...Nc4 and ...Qb6 Richard Palliser,MH: 'followed by ... Nc4 and ...Qb6';

B) 12.h4 Be7 may even favour Black, since the fearless 13.g5 -0.53/20 *(* White should play *13.0-0-0=* 0.01/18 Richard Palliser, MH *)* 13...0-0 0.01/22 *(13...h5∓* -0.53/20 Richard Palliser,MH*)* 14.h5 Nb6 again leaves White in trouble on c4. I must admit that I'm not entirely sure what Mamedyarov's idea was after 10...Nb4. Richard Palliser,MH: 'again leaves White in trouble on c4. I must admit that I'm not entirely sure what Mamedyarov's idea was after 10... Nb4.']

11.Bxc6 Bxc6 12.h4 Push, push, push is so often White's mantra in the Jobava-Prie. **12...Bb5?!** 0.55/21

[A positionally suspect move, allowing White to solve his queenside problems at a stroke. Presumably Harikrishna was concerned that the light-squared bishop would become bad and wanted to dissuade White from going long, but Richard Palliser, MH: 'A positionally suspect move, allowing White to solve his queenside problems at a stroke. Presumably Harikrishna was concerned that the light-squared bishop would become bad and wanted to dissuade White from going long, but' 12...Be7 13.0-0-0 0-0 14.Kb1 Ne8! is probably no more than pretty unclear with ... Nd6-c4 the plan, Richard Palliser,MH: 'is probably no more than pretty unclear with ... Nd6-c4 the plan,']

[and Black might even be able to consider 12...b5!? -0.21/21 , and if Richard Palliser,MH: '=' 13.h5 *(*or *13.g5?!* -0.53/22 Richard Palliser, MH: '13.a2-a3 -0.08' *Nh5!)* 13...b4

14.Nd1 h6 , keeping White at bay on the kingside.]

13.Nxb5 Richard Palliser,MH: '±'

13...axb5 14.c3 0.24/22

[Trying to keep the black b-pawns doubled. The engines like Richard Palliser,MH: 'Trying to keep the black b-pawns doubled. The engines like' 14.0-0-0!? 0.63/23 , but presumably both Mamedyarov and Harikrishna believed that the open queenside lines should offer Black decent play. Richard Palliser,MH: ' ±' ', but presumably both Mamedyarov and Harikrishna believed that the open queenside lines should offer Black decent play.' Richard Palliser,MH: ' deserves consideration.']

[14.a3!? 0.23/22 Richard Palliser,MH: '14.0-0-0 0.67' Be7 15.h5 might be an improvement on Mamedyarov's play, since now Richard Palliser,MH: 'might be an improvement on Mamedyarov's play, since now' Nd7 16.Nc1! Nb6 17.Nd3 Nc4 18.Qe2 holds everything together and Bh4+ 19.Kf1 0-0 20.Kg2 is nothing to fear. Richard Palliser,MH: 'is nothing to fear. ']

14...Be7 Richard Palliser,MH: '='

[The radical 14...h5!? was also possible, since after 15.g5 Ng8 16.g6 -0.07/21 Black seems to be OK in view of *(16.a3!±* 0.38/20 Richard Palliser,MH*)* 16...b4! Richard Palliser,MH: '=!' 17.gxf7+ Kxf7 , and if 18.cxb4 Be7 19.Bg3? -1.20/21 *(19.Bg5=* -0.01/20 Richard Palliser,MH*)* 19...Nh6 when ...Nf5 will cause White some trouble. Richard Palliser,MH: 'when ... Nf5 will cause White some trouble.']

15.h5! This pawn first, so that Black won't now be able to meet g4-g5 with ... Nh5. Richard Palliser,MH: 'This pawn first, so that Black won't now be able to meet g4-g5 with ...Nh5.' **15...Nd7!** Heading for b6. Black needs to force White into a weakening b2-b3 if he is to secure any counterplay. Richard Palliser, MH: 'Heading for b6. Black needs to force White into a weakening b2-b3 if he is to secure any counterplay.' **16.a3**

[16.Qd3 was also possible when Black can go Richard Palliser,MH: 'was also possible when Black can go' Rc6!? *(*or *16...b4* which after *17.cxb4* Richard Palliser,MH: '!' *Bxb4+ 18.Kf2 Qb6 19.h6 g6 20.Kg2 0-0 21.Rhc1* is probably OK for him, despite the strong cramping pawn on h6. Richard Palliser,MH: 'is probably OK for him, despite the strong cramping pawn on h6.' *)*]

16...Nb6 17.b3 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Inhibits Nb6-c4.'

[17.Nc1 Nc4 18.Qe2 e5! blows up the centre just in the nick of time with Black obtaining decent counterplay after Richard Palliser,MH: 'blows up the centre just in the nick of time with Black obtaining decent counterplay after' 19.dxe5 *(*or *19.Bxe5 0-0! 20.Nd3 Re8* Richard Palliser,MH: '!*)* 19...d4 20.Nd3 dxc3 21.bxc3 0-0 when White begins to look a bit overextended.]

17...h6!?

[A big decision, creating a potential hook for g4-g5, but it's far from clear that it was a better choice of action than Richard Palliser,MH: 'A big decision, creating a potential hook for g4-g5, but it's far from clear that it was a better choice of action than' 17...0-0 18.h6 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Hoping

for h6xg7.' g6 .]

18.Qd3 Tying Black to the defence of h5, unless he just wants to lose a pawn. **18...Qd7 19.Kf2** -0.18/24

[19.Kd2!± 0.31/22 Richard Palliser, MH]

19...Qc6 0.18/21

[19...Ra8! -0.18/24 feels more to the point. Here Mamedyarov might have been tempted by Richard Palliser,MH: '⌓' 'feels more to the point. Here Mamedyarov might have been tempted by' 20.Be5?! 0-0 Richard Palliser,MH: '!' 21.Rag1 , but after f6! White shouldn't obtain enough for the a-pawn. Richard Palliser,MH: 'White shouldn't obtain enough for the a-pawn.']

20.Rhg1 Nd7 might have led to a repetition, Richard Palliser,MH: 'might have led to a repetition,' **21.Bd2!?** Freeing the knight to move from e2 and also tempting Black into a premature pawn break. Richard Palliser,MH: 'Freeing the knight to move from e2 and also tempting Black into a premature pawn break.' **21...e5?** 0.52/19

[21...Nf6= -0.18/23 Richard Palliser, MH]

22.dxe5 Richard Palliser,MH: '±!' Richard Palliser,MH: ' Threatens to win with Ne2-d4.' **22...Nxe5** 1.25/20

[Better is 22...0-0± 0.62/21 Richard Palliser,MH]

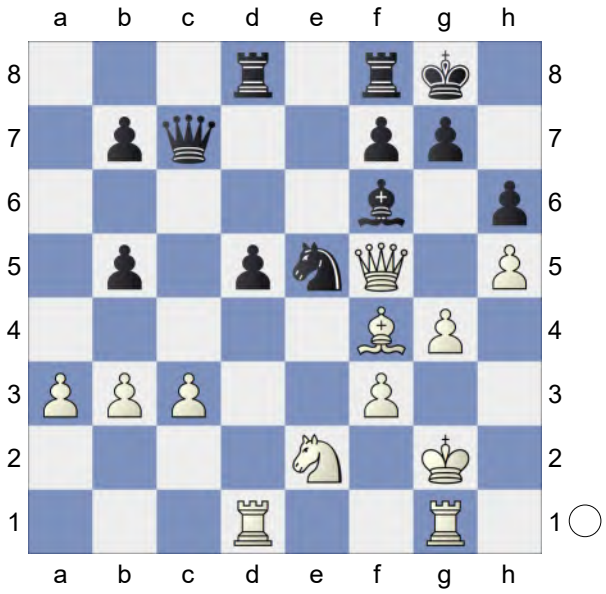
23.Qf5! A powerful square for the queen as White also threatens Nd4. Mamedyarov's king will be quite safe on g2 and he has fully seized the initiative. Richard Palliser,MH: ' ±!' Richard Palliser, MH: 'A powerful square for the queen as White also threatens Nd4. Mamedyarov's king will be quite safe on g2 and he has fully seized the initiative.' **23...Qc7 24.Bf4 Bf6 25.Rad1** Black's position begins to creek. Richard Palliser,MH: ' ↑' Richard Palliser, MH: 'Black's position begins to creek. Black is under strong pressure. Active counter play!' **25...Rd8?** 3.10/24

[25...0-0 1.22/23 was necessary according to the silicon, if still rather bad news for Black after simply Richard Palliser,MH: ' ±' 'was necessary according to the silicon, if still rather bad news for Black after simply' 26.Rxd5 0.49/20 . *(26.g5± 1.03/21 Richard Palliser,MH hxg5 27.Bxg5 Qb6+ 28.Nd4 Rxc3 29.Bxf6 Rxf3+ 30.Qxf3 Nxf3 31.Rxg7+ Kh8 32.Rxf7+ Kg8 33.Rxf8+ Kxf8 34.Bd8 Qxd4+ 35.Rxd4 Nxd4 36.b4)*]

26.Kg2

[Good enough, but 26.Nd4! followed by Rge1 and/or Nb5 would just have been extremely strong.]

26...0-0 Richard Palliser,MH: '



' **27.Bxh6?!** 0.94/23

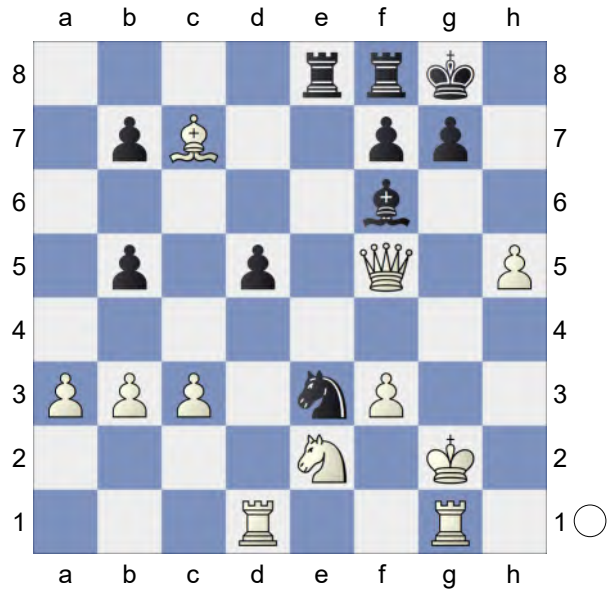
[Very tempting, but 27.Nd4! was again the way to go, and if Rfe8 28.Rge1 Re7 29.Re3 Rde8 30.Rde1 , keeping Black badly pinned and with

b5 falling.]

27...Rfe8? 1.78/21

[27...Nc6 1.35/20 Richard Palliser, MH: '27...Rd8-e8 0.89' 28.Bg5 is still pretty dangerous for Black, and if Richard Palliser,MH: 'is still pretty dangerous for Black, and if' Ne7 1.60/23 *(⌓28...Qe7* 1.08/23 Richard Palliser,MH *29.Bxf6 Qxe2+ 30.Kh3 Rd6)* 29.Qf4 ,]

[but 27...Rde8! 0.94/23 Richard Palliser,MH: ' ± ' 28.Bf4 Richard Palliser,MH: '!' *(28.Rxd5?* (Richard Palliser,MH) loses. *Nxg4 29.Qxg4 Rxe2+ 30.Kf1 Rfe8-+)* 28...Nxg4! is spotted by the engines when the game goes on and White only has a clear advantage after Richard Palliser,MH: 'is spotted by the engines when the game goes on and White only has a clear advantage after' 29.Bxc7 Ne3+ Richard Palliser, MH: '



' 30.Kf2 Richard Palliser,MH: '!' *(30.Kh3* Richard Palliser,MH *Nxf5 31.Rxd5 Rxe2 32.Rxf5 Bxc3)* 30...Nxf5 31.Rxd5 Bh4+! 32.Ng3! Rc8 33.Rxf5 Rxc7 34.Rc1 .]

28.Bf4 Now Black must again reckon with the pin, as well as simply g4-g5. Richard Palliser,MH: '+-' Richard Palliser,MH: 'Now Black must again reckon with the pin, as well as simply g4-g5.' **28...Qc5** 4.97/22 Richard Palliser, MH: '?'

[28...Qb6 3.60/21 Richard Palliser, MH: '?' Richard Palliser,MH: '28...Qc7-e7 1.78' 29.g5 Ng6!? might have temporarily thrown Mamedyarov, but White should be winning after Richard Palliser,MH: 'might have temporarily thrown Mamedyarov, but White should be winning after' 30.hxg6 Rxe2+ 31.Kg3 fxg6 32.Qxg6 1.30/26 . Richard Palliser, MH: '?' *(32.Qd3+-* 3.67/24 (Richard Palliser,MH) and the rest is easy. *Qf2+ 33.Kg4 Bxg5 34.Kxg5)*]

[28...Qe7 1.92/23 (Richard Palliser, MH) is more resistant.]

29.Rge1 1.80/23 Richard Palliser,MH: '?'

[29.g5 4.97/22 was just crushing, and if g6

A) rather than 30.Qxf6 1.93/21 Richard Palliser,MH: '?' Richard Palliser,MH: '30.h5xg6 4.83' Nd7 Richard Palliser,MH: '+-' 31.Qd4 Rxe2+ 32.Kg3 0.99/21 . *(32.Kf1+-* 2.24/24 Richard Palliser,MH *Rc2 33.hxg6 Qxd4 34.gxf7+ Kxf7 35.g6+ Kg8 36.Rxd4 Rxc3 37.Rg5)*;

B) 30.hxg6!]

29...Re6? 5.66/21

[Allowing Nd4 with tempo was not wise and 29...Nc6 1.80/23 Richard Palliser,MH: ' ⌓' 30.g5 Bxc3 Richard Palliser,MH: '

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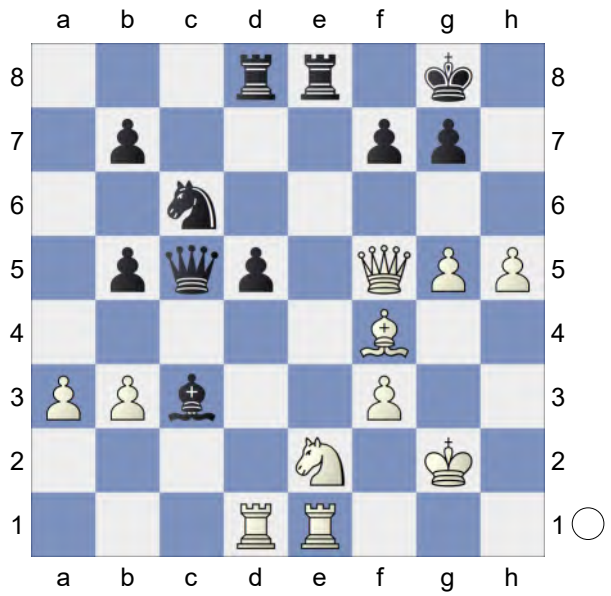

' 31.g6 Richard Palliser,MH: '!' Bf6 was the last chance to mount some resistance.]

30.Nd4 Richard Palliser,MH: 'White is clearly winning.' **30...Qxc3** **31.Bxe5** There goes a piece and the game. Richard Palliser,MH: 'There goes a piece and the game.' **31...Qb2+** **32.Re2** Richard Palliser,MH: ' Weighted Error Value: White=0.39/Black=0.73'

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197 **A45**

□ **Indianstar** **2747**

■ **Fradonicks** **2698**

Blitz 16.05.2021

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min A45: Trompowsky Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 c5 3.e3 Qb6 4.Nc3 Qxb2 5.Nb5 Nd5 6.a3** Prevents Qb4+. Threatens to win with Rb1. **6...a6 7.Rb1 Qa2 8.Ra1N** The position is equal. **8...Qb2 9.Rb1 Qa2**

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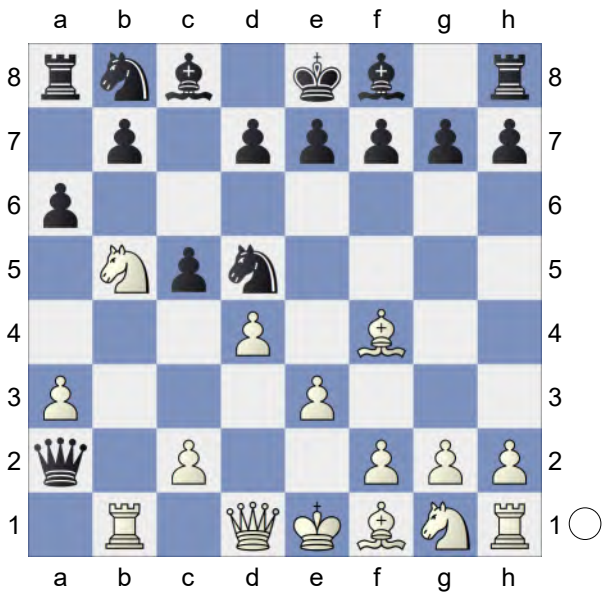

10.Qc1! axb5 11.Ra1 Qxa1 12.Qxa1 Bxb8 is the strong threat. **12...Nxf4**

[12...c4 13.Bxb8 Rxb8 14.Qb2 Nc7 15.a4 d5 16.axb5 Bd7 17.b6 Nb5 18.Nf3 f6 19.e4 e6 20.Be2 Ba3 21.Qb1 Nc3 22.Qa1 Bb4 23.Kf1 Nxe4 24.g3 Ke7 25.Kg2 Ra8 26.Qc1 Bc3 27.Qf4 0-1 Moroni,L (2530)-Paravyan,D (2653) Italy vs Molodezhka, Internet (blitz) 2020]

[12...e5 13.Bxe5 *(13.dxe5 c4 14.Qd4 Nxf4 15.Qxf4 Bxa3 16.Ke2 Bb4 17.Nf3 0-0 18.h4 Ra2 19.Nd4* 17. Benoni-Benoni Roadmap*)* 13...c4 14.Bxb8 Bb4+ 15.Ke2 Rxa3 16.Qc1 b6 17.Nf3 Nc3+ 18.Kd2 Na2+ The Combative Qxb2-Agadmator'S Anti London Goth Agadmator's Anti-London System 2022]

13.exf4 c4! And now ...e6 would win. **14.Qb2 Ra5** ...d5 would now be deadly. **15.d5!** Strongly threatening Nf3. **15...e6** **16.dxe6** -0.18/22

[Better is 16.Nf3± 0.78/19]

16...dxe6 0.27/20

[⌓16...Nc6 -0.18/22]

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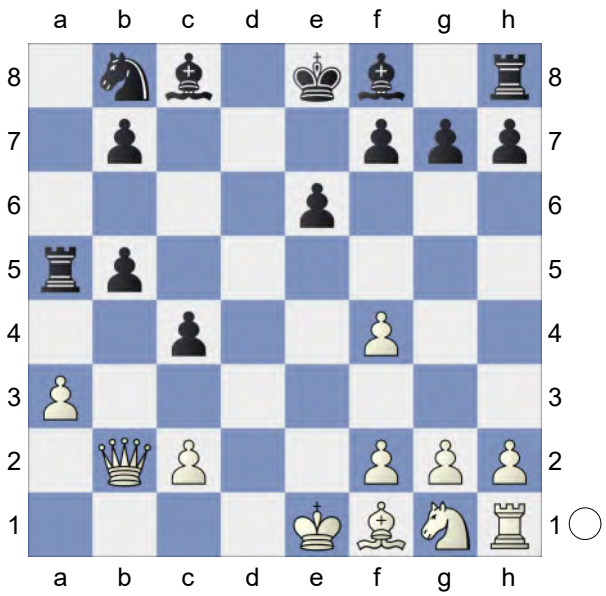
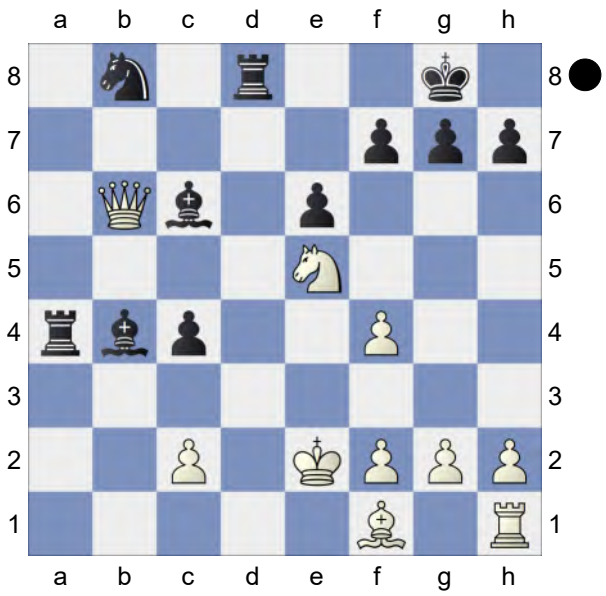


17.a4 -0.59/23 **Rxa4 18.Qxb5+** -1.00/18
[18.Be2∓ -0.51/22]
18...Bd7∓ 19.Qxb7? -3.46/20
[19.Qb2∓ -1.04/20 was forced.]
19...Bb4+-+ 20.Ke2 0-0 21.Nf3 Bc6 22.Qb6 Ba5 23.Qc5 Rd8 White must now prevent ...c3. **24.Ne5 Bb4** Black has strong compensation. **25.Qb6**



Ba5! A strong pair of Bishops. **26.Qc5** -2.15/22
[26.Qa7∓ -1.35/18 Be8 27.Kf3]
26...Rd5?? 1.64/26
[26...Bd5-+ -2.15/22 and life is good for Black. Hoping for ...f6. 27.Ke3 Na6]
27.Qe7→ White goes for the king.
27...Rd2+? 4.18/21
[27...Rxe5+± 1.30/20 28.fxe5 Rb4]
28.Ke3 Rd8 29.Qxf7+ Kh8 aiming for ...Ra3+. **30.Bxc4**
[30.Nxc4 e5±]
30...Ra3+ 5.45/20
[⌓30...Bd2+ 3.51/22 31.Ke2 Rxc4 32.Nxc4 Bb5]
31.Bb3 Bb6+ 32.Ke2 Bb5+ 33.Kf3 Nc6 34.Nxc6
[34.Qxe6? loses. Nd4+ 35.Kg4 h5+ *(35...Nxe6? 36.Nf7+ Kg8 37.Nxd8-+)* 36.Kxh5 Nxe6 Discovered Attack 37.Bxe6 Be8+ *(37...Bxf2? perishes. 38.Nf7+ Kg8 39.Nxd8++-)* 38.Bf7 Kh7-+ *(38...Bxf2 39.Ng6+ Kh7 40.Nf8+ Kh8 41.Ng6+ Kh7 42.Nf8+ Kh8 43.Ng6+=)*]
34...Bxc6+ 35.Kg3 Bc5 5.89/22
[35...Bd5 3.80/20 keeps fighting. 36.Rd1 Ra7]
36.Qc7 Weighted Error Value: White=0.42/Black=0.67
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198 **A45**
□ **Drthebigboss** **2746**
■ **Promove2500** **2794**
Blitz 04.03.2023
[Kitty Kat]

A45: Trompowsky Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 c5 3.e3 Qb6 4.Nc3 Qxb2 5.Na4N**
[5.Nge2 Qa3 6.g4 d6 7.Bg2 Nxg4 8.0-0 Nf6 9.Rb1 Nbd7 10.Qd3 17. Benoni-4. Nc3 5. Nge2!?]
[5.Nb5 Nd5 6.a3 a6 7.Rb1 Qa2

8.Qc1 axb5 9.Ra1 Qxa1 10.Qxa1 c4 *(10...e5 11.dxe5 c4 12.Qd4 Nxf4 13.Qxf4 Bxa3 14.Ke2 Bb4 15.Nf3 0-0 16.h4 Ra2 17.Nd4* 17. Benoni-10...e5! 11. dxe5*)* 11.Bxb8 Rxb8 12.Qb2 Nc7 13.a4 d5 14.axb5 Bd7 15.b6 Nb5 16.Nf3 f6 17.e4 e6 18.Be2 Ba3 19.Qb1 Nc3 0-1 Genescu,C (2530)-Vaisman,V (2653) Zagreb GCT Blitz 2021]

5...Qb4+ 6.c3 Qa5 7.Bd3 -2.27/19
[7.Nf3∓ -1.03/20 keeps fighting.]

7...d6 -1.28/19
[7...c4-+ -2.27/19 8.Bxc4 b5 9.Bxb5 Qxb5]

8.Nf3 -2.46/19
[8.Ne2∓ -1.28/19]

8...Bd7-+
[8...b5 9.Nxc5 dxc5 10.0-0]

9.Bc2 b5 10.0-0 bxa4 11.e4 e6
[11...Qxc3 12.Rc1∓]

12.e5 Nd5 13.Bd2 c4
[13...Nxc3 14.Bxc3 Qxc3 15.d5∓]

14.Ng5 Strongly threatening Qf3. **14...h6**
[14...Nxc3? 15.Qf3+- *(15.Nxh7? Nxd1 16.Bxa5 Nc6-+; 15.Nxh7? Nxd1 16.Bxa5 Nc6-+)*]

15.Ne4 dxe5 16.dxe5 Nc6 17.Qh5 Be7 18.Rad1 Nb6 19.Bf4 g6 20.Qf3 0-0-0 21.Nd6+ Bxd6 22.Rxd6 Nd5 23.Be4 Nce7
[23...Qxc3 24.Bxd5 Qxf3 25.Bxf3±]
[23...Nxf4 24.Bxc6 Nd5 *(24...Qxe5 25.Bxd7+ Kb8 26.Rb1+)* 25.Bxd5 exd5 26.Rxd5∓ *(26.Qxf7 Bf5∓)*]

24.Rb1 Bb5 Hoping for ...Bc6.
[24...Qxc3 25.Rxd5 Nxd5 26.Bxd5 Qxf3 27.Bxf3-+]
[24...Nxc3? 25.Bd2 Qxe5 26.Bb7+ Kc7 *(26...Kb8 27.Bxc3 Kc7 28.Bxe5 Rb8 29.Rbd1 Nd5 30.Rxd7+* Pin, Double Attack *Kb6 31.Rb1+)* 27.Bxc3 Qxd6 28.Ba5++-]

25.h3 -3.34/20
[⌓25.Bd2 -2.16/19]

25...a6
[25...Nxc3? 26.Bd2 Rxd6 27.exd6+-]

26.Bd2 Nf5 27.Bxd5 Nxd6 -1.23/18
[27...exd5-+ -2.08/21 28.Rf6 Rhe8 29.Rxf7 Rd7 *(29...Rxe5? 30.Bf4-+)*]

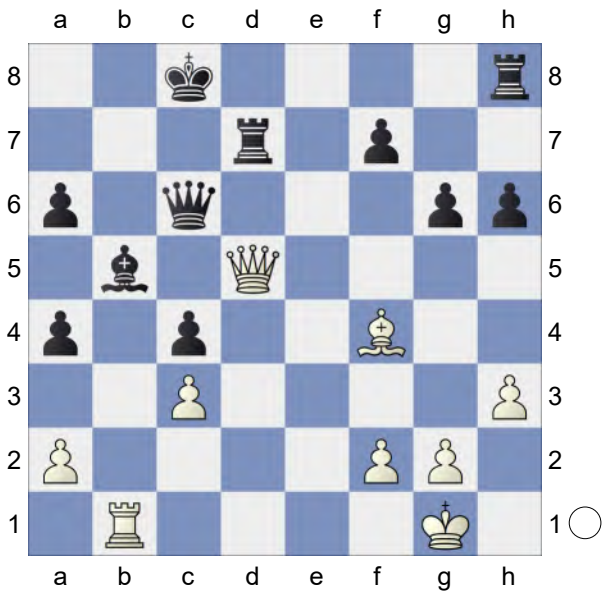
28.exd6? -3.20/20
[28.Ba8∓ -1.23/18 is the only way for White. Ne4 Discovered Attack 29.Be3]

28...exd5 29.Qxd5 aiming for Bf4!

29...Qb6 30.Bf4 White wants to mate with d7+. **30...Qc6** -1.90/18
[⌓30...Qb7 -3.67/20 31.Qc5+ Kb8]

31.d7+? -5.22/17
[31.Rxb5 -1.90/18 was the crucial defense. Qxd5 *(31...Qxb5 32.d7+ Rxd7 33.Qa8+* Skewer *)* 32.Rxd5]

31...Rxd7?? #5/25
[31...Kb7-+ -5.22/17 32.Qe5 Qxd7]



32.Qe5? 0.00/34
[32.Qxc6+ #5/25 mates Kd8 33.Qa8+ Skewer Ke7 34.Re1+ *(34.Qxh8 Rd6 35.Bxd6+ Kxd6 36.Qb8+ Ke6 37.Re1+ Kd5 38.Rd1+*

Ke4 39.f3+ Kf5 40.Rd5+ Kf6 41.Qe5#) 34...Kf6 35.Qxh8+ Kf5 36.Qe5#]

32...Rdd8= 33.Qb8+ Kd7 34.Rd1+ Ke7 35.Qe5+ -0.65/20

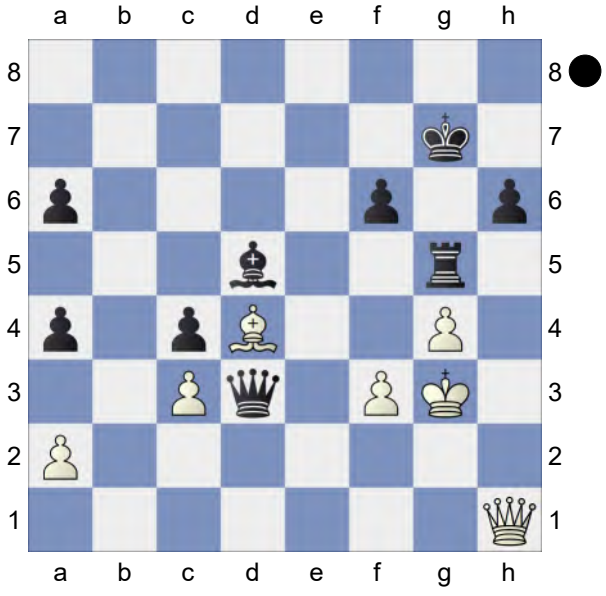
[Better is 35.Re1+= 0.00/22 Kd7 36.Qa7+ Kc8 37.Qb8+ Kd7 38.Qa7+ Kc8 39.Qb8+ Kd7]

35...Qe6∓ White is on the road to losing.

36.Qc5+? -4.84/23

[36.Qc7+∓ -1.53/17 nothing else works. Bd7 37.Qc5+ Ke8 38.Kf1]

36...Kf6-+ 37.Bd6 Threatening mate with Qd4+. **37...Kg7 38.Be5+ f6 39.Bd4 Rd7 40.h4 Qf7 41.h5 gxh5 42.Qf5 Rd5 43.Qf4 Rg5 44.Re1 Bc6 45.f3 Re8 46.Rxe8 Bxe8 47.Kf2 Bc6 48.Qd6 Bd5** ...Qg6 would now be deadly. **49.Qf4 Be6 50.Qd6 Rf5** And now ...h4 would win. **51.Bc5 Bd5 52.Bd4 h4 53.Qh2 Rg5 54.Qxh4 Qg6 55.g4 Qc2+ 56.Kg3 Qd3 57.Qh1**



Rxg4+!! Black mates. **58.Kxg4**

[58.Kf2 Qd2+]

58...Qg6+ 59.Kf4 Qg5# Weighted Error Value: White=0.64/Black=0.49

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□ **Praggnanandhaa,Rameshbabu 2743**

■ **Giri,Anish 2749**

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[Richard Palliser]

Richard Palliser,MH: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines ' **1.d4** Kitty Kat **1...d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 Bf5 4.e3**

[Against this solid and sensible line for Black, this is a solid and sensible response in place of the aggressive and arguably more thematic Richard Palliser,MH: 'Against this solid and sensible line for Black, this is a solid and sensible response in place of the aggressive and arguably more thematic' 4.f3 e6 5.g4 Bg6 6.h4 ,]

4...e6 5.Bd3 Bxd3

[We've mentioned this move and White's recapture before, but never properly analysed them. Instead Richard Palliser,MH: 'We've mentioned this move and White's recapture before, but never properly analysed them. Instead' 5...Bg6 6.h4! injected a timely element of dynamism in Erigaisi-Sjugirov, Chess.com Rapid 2022, which can be found in the Archive. Richard Palliser,MH: 'injected a timely element of dynamism in Erigaisi-Sjugirov, Chess.com Rapid 2022, which can be found in the Archive.']

6.cxd3! The only real way to fight for the advantage. White takes control of e4, facilitates Qb3 and may now meet ...c5 with dxc5. That's the good news the bad news is that Black is still very solidly placed. Richard Palliser,MH: 'The only real way to fight for the advantage. White takes control of e4, facilitates Qb3 and may now meet ...c5 with dxc5.

That's the good news the bad news is that Black is still very solidly placed. Black should prevent Qd1-b3.' Kitty Kat: 'Threatening Qb3.' **6...Bd6**

[Another high-level encounter, played last December, saw instead 6...Nc6 7.Qb3 Rb8 and after 8.Nf3 Bd6 9.Bg5 (keeping pieces on to pose a few problems) Richard Palliser,MH: '(keeping pieces on to pose a few problems)' h6 10.Bh4 0-0 *(10...g5!? 11.Bg3□ 0-0=)* 11.Rc1 Be7 *(*the engines prefer *11...g5!? 12.Bg3* and only then *Nh5)* 12.a3 Nh5 13.Bxe7 Nxe7 14.Ne2 , which remained slightly easier for White to play and very solid for Black in Nakamura-Firouzja, Toronto (rapid) 2023. Richard Palliser,MH: ', which remained slightly easier for White to play and very solid for Black in Nakamura-Firouzja, Toronto (rapid) 2023.']

7.Qb3 Thematically targeting b7 while refusing to fear further structural damage to White's own structure. Richard Palliser,MH: 'Thematically targeting b7 while refusing to fear further structural damage to White's own structure.' Kitty Kat: 'Black should prevent Bxd6.' **7...b6**

[Probably best, since 7...Qc8 8.Be5 followed by Rc1 looks slightly awkward for Black. Richard Palliser, MH: 'followed by Rc1 looks slightly awkward for Black.']

[It should be said too that 7...Bxf4!? 8.Qxb7 Richard Palliser,MH: '!' Nbd7 Richard Palliser,MH: '!' 9.exf4 is far from unplayable for Black, although here he must allow with c5! one set of doubled pawns the opportunity to undouble, when 10.Nf3! cxd4 11.Na4!? 0-0 12.Qb4 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Against Qd8-a5' Qc7 13.Qd2 is slightly better for White according to the engines. Complex, highly modern stuff! Richard Palliser,MH: 'is slightly better for White according to the engines. Complex, highly modern stuff!']

8.Bxd6 Richard Palliser,MH: 'The position is equal.' Kitty Kat: 'White has an edge.' **8...Qxd6**

[Not for Giri the decision to imitate White with Richard Palliser,MH: 'Not for Giri the decision to imitate White with' 8...cxd6!? and yet this can hardly be terrible for Black after, for example, Richard Palliser,MH: 'and yet this can hardly be terrible for Black after, for example,' 9.Rc1 0-0 10.Nf3 Qd7 11.Qb5 Qb7! 12.Ne2 Na6 .]

9.Nf3 c6

[Sensibly shoring up d5 in anticipation of any e3-e4, while also keeping White out of b5. Instead, the immediate Richard Palliser,MH: 'Sensibly shoring up d5 in anticipation of any e3-e4, while also keeping White out of b5. Instead, the immediate' 9...Ng8 had previously been played by...Praggnanandhaa himself: 10.h4!? *(10.0-0 c6* would transpose to our main game here *)* 10...Ne7 11.h5 h6 12.g4!? seeing some typically ambitious play from Erigaisi in Erigaisi-Praggnanandhaa, Meltwater Tour Final (rapid) 2022, where Richard Palliser,MH: 'seeing some typically ambitious play from Erigaisi in Erigaisi-Praggnanandhaa, Meltwater Tour Final (rapid) 2022, where' c5 would have been sensible, and if

13.0-0-0 Nbc6 14.Qa3 0-0 15.Kb1 Rab8 0.50/21 *(15...Rfb8=* 0.08/19 *might be stronger.)* 16.g5 Richard Palliser,MH: ' ±!' hxg5 17.Nxg5 Nf5 with decent enough counterplay for Black. Richard Palliser, MH: 'with decent enough counterplay for Black.']

10.0-0 Ng8!? Richard Palliser,MH: 'would transpose to our main game here'

[A new move. Watching live, I rather liked this regrouping, although it does have to be said that it seems Black is slightly worse after it. So too was he after Richard Palliser,MH: 'A new move. Watching live, I rather liked this regrouping, although it does have to be said that it seems Black is slightly worse after it. So too was he after' 10...0-0 11.e4 Qf4 12.Rfe1 Rc8 in the earlier Kindsvogel-K.Schulz, correspondence 1986, where 13.e5 Nfd7 14.Rac1 followed by Re3 and Ne2 would have been quite pleasant for White. Richard Palliser,MH: 'followed by Re3 and Ne2 would have been quite pleasant for White.']

[Note too that after 10...Nbd7 11.e4 Black doesn't really have anything better than Richard Palliser,MH: 'Black doesn't really have anything better than' Ng8 . Richard Palliser, MH: '!']

11.a4!

[Praggnanandhaa had clearly done some work on this line after his encounter with Erigaisi and here finds the only real way to trouble Black. Instead, Richard Palliser,MH: 'Praggnanandhaa had clearly done some work on this line after his encounter with Erigaisi and here finds the only real way to trouble Black. Instead,' 11.e4 Ne7 12.Rac1 0-0 would just leave the second player very solidly placed. Richard Palliser, MH: 'would just leave the second player very solidly placed.']

11...Ne7 Giri scrambles to catch up in development and he is now going to be forced into making a concession on the queenside. Richard Palliser,MH: 'Giri scrambles to catch up in development and he is now going to be forced into making a concession on the queenside.'

12.a5 b5

[A rather essential weakening, in view of Richard Palliser,MH: 'A rather essential weakening, in view of' 12...Nd7?? 2.53/20 Richard Palliser, MH: '12...b6-b5 0.34' 13.axb6 Nxb6 4.07/19 *(⌓13...0-0* 2.63/23 *14.b7 Rab8 15.Rxa7 Qc7)* 14.Qxb6! Richard Palliser,MH: '+-!' axb6 15.Rxa8+ , winning material, Richard Palliser,MH: ', winning material,']

[and 12...Nc8? 13.axb6 Nxb6 14.Ra5 with a huge positional plus for White. Richard Palliser,MH: 'with a huge positional plus for White.']

13.Na2

[A tempting move, although in view of Giri's response, I'm unsure it's more accurate than Richard Palliser,MH: 'A tempting move, although in view of Giri's response, I'm unsure it's more accurate than' 13.a6 Nd7 14.Na2 when f6!? 15.Rfc1 Kf7 16.Qb4 Qxb4 17.Nxb4 Rhc8 would restrict White to an edge.]

[A similar assessment is probably right after 13.e4!? Na6 14.e5 Qd7 15.Ne2 , although my gut feeling is that this might have set Black the most problems, since this way White may combine queenside pressure with

a potential kingside attack after either Nf4 and h2-h4 or Ng3-h5, in conjunction with regrouping the queen in both cases. Richard Palliser,MH: ', although my gut feeling is that this might have set Black the most problems, since this way White may combine queenside pressure with a potential kingside attack after either Nf4 and h2-h4 or Ng3-h5, in conjunction with regrouping the queen in both cases.']

13...Na6! Fighting hard for control of the key b4-square. Richard Palliser,MH: 'Fighting hard for control of the key b4-square. Against Na2-b4' Kitty Kat: 'Against Nb4' **14.Qa3!? b4**

[Giri must have been pleased to have got this advance in, in contrast to which Richard Palliser,MH: 'Giri must have been pleased to have got this advance in, in contrast to which' 14...Qxa3 15.bxa3 c5 16.Rab1 would have kept up the pressure on Black. Richard Palliser,MH: 'would have kept up the pressure on Black.']

15.Qa4 0-0

[15...Rb8!? 16.Nc1 b3! would have been a somewhat radical handling of the position, but after, say, 17.Nd2 Qb4 Richard Palliser,MH: '!' 18.Ncxb3 Qxa4 19.Rxa4 g5 the engines may be right that Black has almost enough for the pawn, with control of b4 and White struggling to regroup. Richard Palliser,MH: 'the engines may be right that Black has almost enough for the pawn, with control of b4 and White struggling to regroup.']

16.Nc1! Praggnanandhaa continues to find all the key manoeuvres on the queenside. Now Black must break with ... c5 before White conquers that square, but in any case he doesn't appear to be able to claim equality. Richard Palliser, MH: 'Praggnanandhaa continues to find all the key manoeuvres on the queenside. Now Black must break with ...c5 before White conquers that square, but in any case he doesn't appear to be able to claim equality.' **16...Rfc8 17.Nb3 c5! 18.dxc5 Nxc5 19.Nxc5**

[19.Qxb4? Rab8 20.Qh4 Nxb3-+]

19...Qxc5 20.d4! And so the c-pawn reaches d4. This wasn't forced, but is White's best approach since now Ne5-d3-c5 may follow. Richard Palliser,MH: 'And so the c-pawn reaches d4. This wasn't forced, but is White's best approach since now Ne5-d3-c5 may follow.' **20...Qd6**

[Again, a more dynamic defender than Giri might have preferred 20...Qc4!? 21.Ne5 Qc2 when Richard Palliser, MH: '!' 22.Qxb4 Ng6 23.Nxg6 hxg6 may be tenable for Black, better though White still is after Richard Palliser,MH: 'may be tenable for Black, better though White still is after' 24.Qb7 Rcb8 25.Qe7 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Ra1-c1 is the strong threat.' Rxb2 26.Rac1 Qf5 .]

21.Ne5 f6 22.Nd3 Richard Palliser,MH: ' White is more active.' **22...e5!?**

[A big decision. Instead, 22...Rc4 23.Rfc1 Rac8 Richard Palliser,MH: '!' 24.g3 would have retained a definite plus for White, and if Rxc1+ 25.Nxc1! e5 26.Nd3 Rb8 27.Rc1 when the defensive task facing Black does not look at all pleasant. Richard Palliser, MH: 'when the defensive task facing Black does not look at all pleasant.']

23.dxe5 This looks right, exchanging before Black can do so on d4 then go ... Rc4. Richard Palliser,MH: 'This looks

right, exchanging before Black can do so on d4 then go ...Rc4.'

[But not 23.Qxb4 Kitty Kat Qxb4 24.Nxb4 Rab8∓]

[23.Nxb4? Kitty Kat Rc4 24.Rfd1 Rxb4-+]

23...fxe5 24.Rac1!

[Another simple-looking and good positional move from the Indian teenager. Instead, Richard Palliser, MH: 'Another simple-looking and good positional move from the Indian teenager. Instead,' Kitty Kat: 'Reject' 24.Qxb4 Qxb4 25.Nxb4 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Threatening Rf1-d1.' Rc4 *(25...Rab8=* Kitty Kat *)* 26.Nd3 Nc6 followed by ...Rb8 should give Black almost enough for the pawn. Richard Palliser,MH: 'followed by ...Rb8 should give Black almost enough for the pawn.']

[Kitty Kat: 'Avoid the trap' 24.Nxb4? perishes. Rc4 Richard Palliser,MH: '-+' 25.Rac1 *(25.Qa3* Kitty Kat *Rxb4-+)* 25...Rxb4-+]

24...Rxc1

[24...e4!? 25.Nxb4 *(25.Rxc8+ Rxc8 26.Nxb4 d4 27.Rd1 d3 28.Na2!* also poses a few questions of the rush defence Richard Palliser,MH: 'also poses a few questions of the rush defence*')* 25...Rcb8 Richard Palliser,MH: '!' 26.Nc6 Rxb2 27.Qa1 Rb7 28.Nd4 leaves White with an ongoing edge due to his superior structure, but might also have been a better defensive try for Black. Richard Palliser,MH: 'leaves White with an ongoing edge due to his superior structure, but might also have been a better defensive try for Black.']

25.Rxc1 Rb8 At least this way White hasn't got a pawn on d4 and so permanent control of c5, but the defence still feels quite unpleasant to both myself and the engines. Praggnanandhaa now sensibly elects to create some luft ahead of regrouping the queen. Richard Palliser,MH: 'At least this way White hasn't got a pawn on d4 and so permanent control of c5, but the defence still feels quite unpleasant to both myself and the engines. Praggnanandhaa now sensibly elects to create some luft ahead of regrouping the queen.' **26.h3**

[You likely won't be surprised to learn that the engines prefer Richard Palliser,MH: 'You likely won't be surprised to learn that the engines prefer' 26.h4! , and if h6 27.Qd1 Ng6?! 1.23/24 *(27...Rb5±* 0.58/22 *)* 28.h5 Ne7 29.Qg4 followed by Qg3 with strong pressure.]

26...h6 27.Qd1 0.13/22

[27.Nc5± 0.72/20 Kitty Kat]

27...Ng6 28.Rc2!?

[A tricky little move, giving Black more to ponder than 28.Qg4 e4! 29.Nc5 Ne5 would have done, which should be about equal.]

28...Kh7?! 0.45/23

[Finding the best move in such tense positions isn't easy. White had ideas of both Qg4 and Qc1, but it seems that Black might have got away with Richard Palliser,MH: 'Finding the best move in such tense positions isn't easy. White had ideas of both Qg4 and Qc1, but it seems that Black might have got away with' 28...Rb5! 0.06/21 , and if Richard Palliser,MH: ' keeps more tension.' Kitty Kat: '=' '=' Kitty Kat: 'deserves consideration.' 29.Qg4 *(29.Qf3 e4 30.Rc8+ Kh7)* 29...Rxa5 30.Rc8+ *(*or *30.Qc8+ Kh7*

31.Rc6 Ne7!) 30...Kh7 31.Qf5 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Black must now prevent Qf5-f7.' Ra1+ 32.Kh2 Ra6 33.Qf7 Qe6 when the defence appears to be holding. Richard Palliser,MH: 'when the defence appears to be holding.']

29.Nc5! Kitty Kat: '± '±'

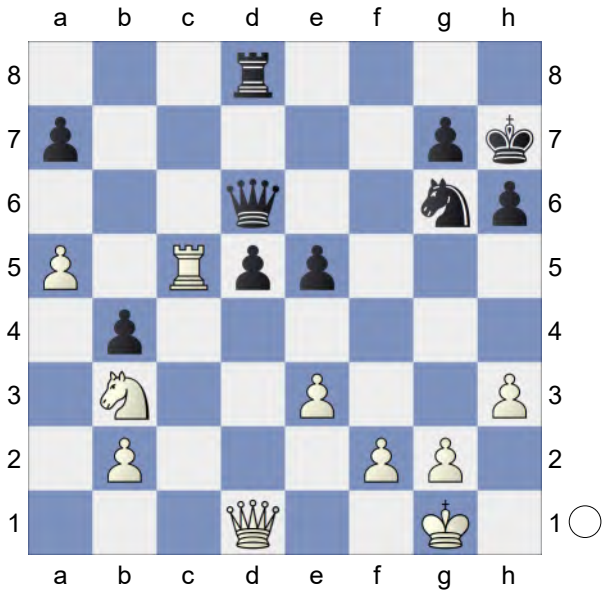
[Making a useful leap while setting a trap. Somewhat easier for the defence would have been Richard Palliser,MH: 'Making a useful leap while setting a trap. Somewhat easier for the defence would have been' 29.Qg4 0.01/24 Richard Palliser,MH: '29.Nd3-c5 0.41' e4 30.Nc5 Rf8 followed by ...Ne5 or ...Rf7, when Black should be OK.]

29...Rb5 0.80/22

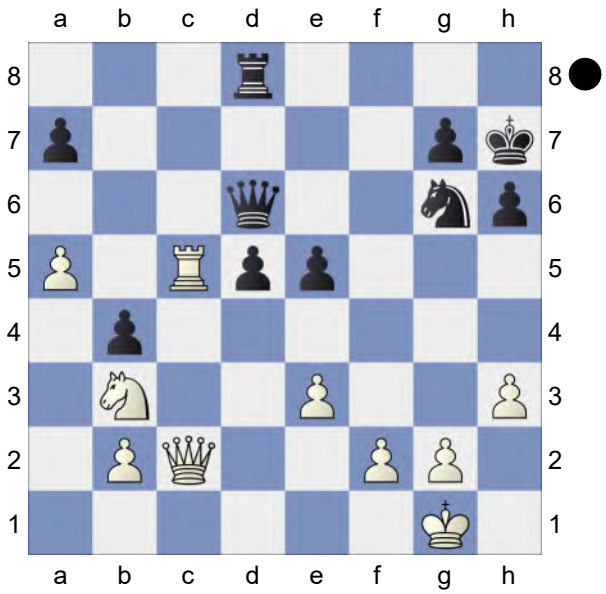
[Unsurprisingly Giri spots 29...Rc8?? 3.28/26 Richard Palliser,MH: '29...b4-b3 0.49' 30.Ne4! when d5 would have fallen,]

[but the engines again prefer something much more radical than Giri's choice: Richard Palliser,MH: 'but the engines again prefer something much more radical than Giri's choice:' 29...b3!? 0.39/23 Kitty Kat: '± '±' Kitty Kat: 'should be considered.' 30.Rc1 Rb5 31.Nxb3 d4! *(31...e4* Kitty Kat *)* 32.exd4 Nf4 when all of a sudden Black has a fair amount of activity for the two pawns. Richard Palliser,MH: 'when all of a sudden Black has a fair amount of activity for the two pawns. Wards off Qd1-d3+']

30.Nb3! Securing the queenside while hoping to get to invade after Rc8. Hence Black's next. Richard Palliser,MH: 'Securing the queenside while hoping to get to invade after Rc8. Hence Black's next.' Kitty Kat: ' ± '±' **30...Rb8 31.Rc5 Rd8** Kitty Kat: '



' **32.Qc2** Threatening Rc6. Black remains under definite pressure, and Giri remains impressively calm. Richard Palliser,MH: '



Threatening Rc6. Black remains under definite pressure, and Giri remains impressively calm. Strongly threatening Rc5-c6.' Kitty Kat: '!' '!' **32...Qf6! 33.Rc6?!**

[Presumably with time beginning to run low, Praggnanandhaa wasn't entirely sure about Richard Palliser, MH: 'Presumably with time beginning

to run low, Praggnanandhaa wasn't entirely sure about' 33.Rc7! Kitty Kat: 'with more complications.' d4! , but after

A) or the simple 34.Rc6 Rd6 Richard Palliser,MH: '!' 35.Rxd6 Qxd6 36.exd4 exd4 37.Qd3 ,;

B) but 34.Rxa7? -0.05/22 Richard Palliser,MH: '34.Nb3-d2 0.80' d3 35.Qd1 e4 does feel quite risky for White, not least after Richard Palliser,MH: 'does feel quite risky for White, not least after' 36.Nd4? -3.64/23 *(36.Nd2=* -0.27/24 *)* 36...Nf4!;

C) 34.Nd2!? dxe3 35.fxe3 e4 *(35...b3* Kitty Kat *36.Nxb3 Qg5 37.Qe4)* 36.Nxe4 Qe5 Richard Palliser,MH: '!'

C1) if not here after 37.Rxa7? -0.02/23 Richard Palliser,MH: '37.Rc7-b7 0.71' b3! 38.Qc3 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Qc3xe5 would now be deadly.' Rd1+ 39.Kf2 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Ne4-f6+ would kill now.' Qf5+ 40.Kg3 Ne5 when the crazy line continues 41.Re7 Richard Palliser,MH: '!' Qg6+ 42.Kf2! *(42.Kh2??* -#2/17 Richard Palliser,MH: '42.Kg3-f2 -0.02' *Nf3+!* would be painful*)* 42...Qf5+ *(*or *42...Qxe4 43.Qxe5 Rd2+ 44.Ke1 Qxe5 45.Rxe5 Rxb2* when Black should hold*)* 43.Kg3 Qg6+ 44.Kf2 with a repetition. Richard Palliser,MH: '!';

C2) 37.Rb7! it seems that White would have retained the upper hand, Richard Palliser,MH: 'it seems that White would have retained the upper hand,']

33...Rd6 34.Rxd6 0.29/20

[Black seems to be OK after this, although only here making the decision to go Richard Palliser,MH: 'Black seems to be OK after this, although only here making the decision to go' 34.Rc7!? 0.85/25 wouldn't have been easy, and if Richard Palliser,MH: ' ±' Kitty Kat: ' ±' '±' d4

A) Here 35.Rxa7 is better than in the previous note, although after Richard Palliser,MH: 'is better than in the previous note, although after. Threatens to win with Nb3-c5.'

A1) 35...d3 36.Qd2 e4 1.64/22 *(36...Qd8±* 0.78/23 *)* 37.Qxb4 reveals a key difference, the potentially loose rook on d6 Richard Palliser,MH: 'reveals a key difference, the potentially loose rook on d6';

A2) 35...dxe3! 36.fxe3 Richard Palliser,MH: ' aiming for Nb3-c5.' e4! Black should have enough counterplay to draw. Richard Palliser,MH: 'Black should have enough counterplay to draw.';

B) 35.Nd2 .]

34...Qxd6 Richard Palliser,MH: '±' Richard Palliser,MH: 'Endgame. KQN-KQN' Kitty Kat: ' ±' '±' **35.Qf5 Kg8!** Sensibly unpinning. **36.Qc8+ Kh7 37.Qf5 Kg8 38.Qc8+ Kh7 39.Qc5** Kitty Kat: 'The position is equal.'

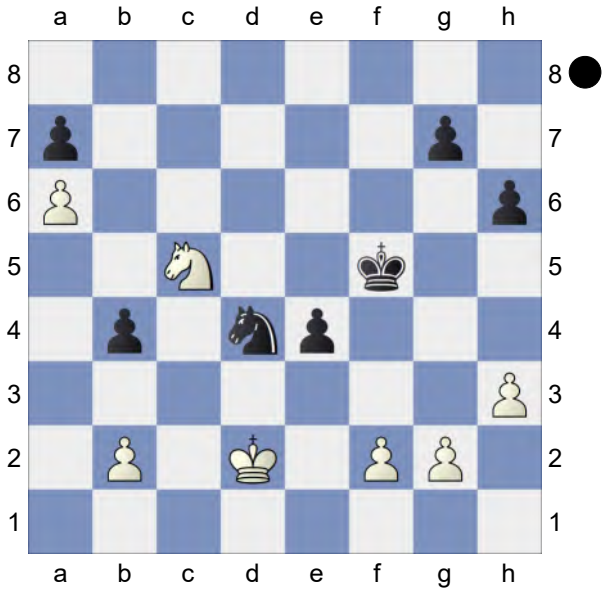
[Spurning the repetition, not that White has anything after this and even Richard Palliser,MH: 'Spurning the repetition, not that White has anything after this and even' 39.Qc2 Kg8 40.Nd2 Ne7 would very likely have landed up in a shared point.

Richard Palliser,MH: 'would very likely have landed up in a shared point. Prevents Qc2-c8+.']

39...Qxc5 40.Nxc5 Richard Palliser,MH: '=' Richard Palliser,MH: ' And now Nc5-d3 would win. KN-KN' Kitty Kat: 'Strongly threatening Nd3.' **40...Ne7 41.Kf1** Kitty Kat: 'Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.05 (flawless)' **41...Nc6 42.a6 Kg6** Black surely doesn't have anything to fear, and if Richard Palliser,MH: 'Black surely doesn't have anything to fear, and if' **43.Ke2 e4 44.Kd2 Kf5** when **45.Kc2?!** -0.61/30

[45.f3= -0.05/30]

45...d4! Richard Palliser,MH: ' ∓!' **46.exd4 Nxd4+ 47.Kd2** Richard Palliser,MH: '



' **47...Ke5** would only be risky for White with Black's king the more active. Richard Palliser,MH: '!' Richard Palliser, MH: 'would only be risky for White with Black's king the more active. Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) / Black=0.04 (flawless) '

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200 **A45**

□ **Chargemax23** **2742**

■ **Blueberry Pancakes** **2596**

Blitz 26.03.2022

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min A45: Trompowsky Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 c5 3.e3 Qb6 4.Nc3 Qxb2 5.Nb5 Nd5 6.Bg3N**

[6.a3

A) 6...a6 7.Rb1 Qa2 8.Qc1 axb5 9.Ra1 Qxa1 10.Qxa1

A1) 10...e5 11.Bxe5 *(11.dxe5 c4 12.Qd4 Nxf4 13.Qxf4 Bxa3 14.Ke2 Bb4 15.Nf3 0-0 16.h4 Ra2 17.Nd4* 17. Benoni-Benoni Roadmap *)* 11...c4 12.Bxb8 Bb4+ 13.Ke2 Rxa3 14.Qc1 b6 15.Nf3 Nc3+ 16.Kd2 Na2+ The Combative Qxb2-Agadmator'S Anti London Goth Agadmator's Anti-London System 2022;

A2) 10...c4 11.Bxb8 Rxb8 12.Qb2 Nc7 13.a4 d5 14.axb5 Bd7 15.b6 Nb5 16.Nf3 f6 17.e4 e6 18.Be2 Ba3 19.Qb1 Nc3 20.Qa1 Bb4 21.Kf1 0-1 Genescu,C (2530)-Vaisman, V (2653) Zagreb GCT Blitz 2021;

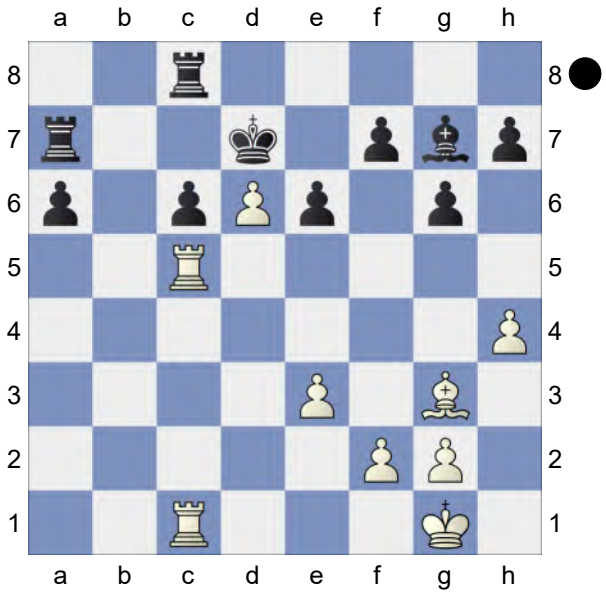
B) 6...Nc3 7.Nc7+ Kd8 8.Qc1 Qxc1+ 9.Rxc1 e5 10.Bxe5 d6 11.Nxa8 dxe5 12.dxe5 c4 13.Bxc4 Bxa3 14.Ra1 Bb2 15.Rxa7 Nc6 16.Ra2 Nxa2 17.Bxa2 Bc3+ 18.Ke2 Ba5 19.Nf3 Ke7 20.Rb1 b5 17. Benoni-5...Nd5, 6]

6...a6 1.19/19

[6...cxd4= 0.00/21 keeps the balance. 7.Rb1 Qxa2]

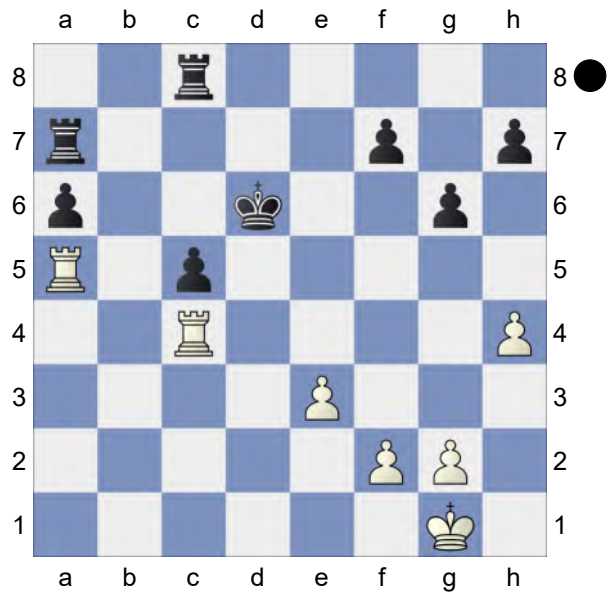
7.Rb1± Qxa2 8.Ra1 White is better.

8...Qb2 9.c4! White has strong compensation. **9...Nb4** 2.51/23
[9...Qb4+? 10.Qd2 axb5 *(10...Qxd2+? 11.Kxd2 f6 12.cxd5+-)* 11.Rxa8 Qb1+ 12.Ke2+-]
[9...axb5± 1.10/16 10.Rxa8 bxc4 11.Rxb8 *(11.Bxb8 Qb4+ 12.Qd2 Qb1+ 13.Qd1 Qb4+ 14.Qd2 Qb1+ 15.Ke2 c3=)* 11...Kd8]
10.Nc7+? -0.11/5
[10.dxc5? Nc2+-+]
[White has to play 10.Rb1!+- 2.51/23 Qa2 11.Nc7+ *(11.dxc5? Nc2+ 12.Ke2 axb5-+)* 11...Kd8 12.Rxb4 *(12.Nxa8 Nc2+ 13.Kd2 Nxd4+ 14.Kd3 Qa3+ 15.Kd2 Qa5+ 16.Kd3 Qa3+ 17.Kd2 Qa5+ 18.Kd3 Qa3+=)* 12...cxb4 13.Nxa8]
10...Kd8= 11.Rc1 -0.59/18 Inhibits Nc2+.
[11.Nxa8= -0.13/21 is more appropriate. Nc2+ 12.Ke2 Nxd4+ *(12...Nxa1+ 13.Qd2∓)* 13.Kd3]
11...Ra7!∓ 12.Nf3 d6 13.Nd5 Nxd5 0.31/19
[Better is 13...Bf5!∓ -0.78/21 14.Nxb4 Qxb4+ 15.Nd2 cxd4]
14.cxd5± Qb4+ 15.Nd2 Nd7 16.Be2 g6 0.60/20
[16...b5= 0.00/18]
17.0-0! Bg7 18.Ne4 0.00/18
[18.Rc4!± 0.59/23 Qa5 19.Nb3]
18...Qa5? 1.61/18
[18...b5= 0.00/18]
19.dxc5+- Nxc5 3.44/19
[19...dxc5 1.67/18 20.d6 e6]
20.Nxc5 dxc5 21.d6! e6 22.Qc2? 0.73/20
[22.d7+- 5.49/20 is the precise move to win. Bxd7 23.Qd6]
22...Bd7± 23.Bf3 0.36/20 White has more active pieces. The black rooks are passive.
[White should try 23.Qe4± 0.80/21]
23...Bc6? 2.25/17
[23...b6± 0.36/20]
24.Bxc6
[24.Qxc5 Qxc5 25.Rxc5 Kd7 26.Bxc6+ bxc6∓]
24...bxc6 25.Qxc5?? -2.17/19
[25.Qe4+- 2.35/20 avoids the disaster. Black must now prevent Be5! Kd7 26.Qh4]
25...Qxc5-+ 26.Rxc5 Kd7 27.Rfc1 Rc8 28.h4

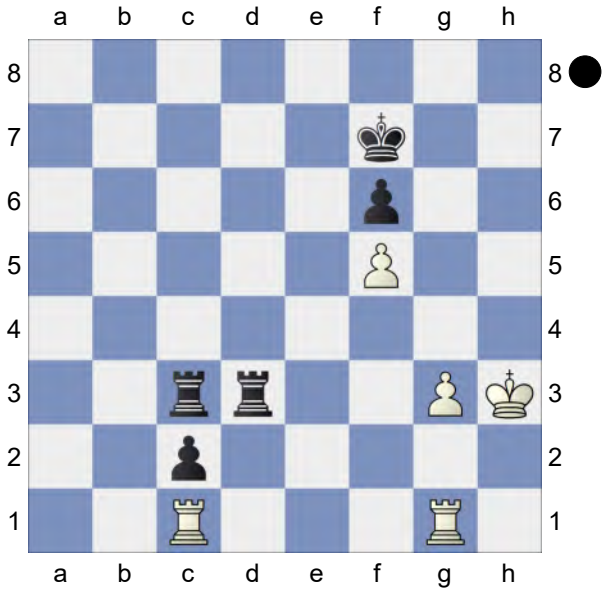


e5? -1.20/20 **29.Bxe5∓ Bxe5** Remove Defender **30.Rxe5 Kxd6** Endgame. KRR-KRR **31.Ra5 c5 32.Rc4**

(Diagram)



Rc6! 33.e4 -2.29/22
[33.Kf1∓ -0.97/20]
33...f6 -0.85/21
[33...Rb7-+ -2.29/22 has better winning chances. Strongly threatening ...Rb5. 34.f3 Rb5]
34.f4 -2.04/21
[34.Kf1∓ -0.85/21 was worth a try.]
34...Rb7-+ 35.Kh2 Rb5 36.Ra1 a5 37.Rd1+ Ke6 aiming for ...Rb4. **38.Rd8** -3.29/20
[38.Rd5 -1.79/20 is a better defense.]
38...Rb4 Deflection **39.Rc1 Ke7?** -0.82/20
[39...Rxe4-+ -3.28/18 is more deadly. Hoping for ...h5! 40.g4 Rc7 *(40...Rxf4 41.Re1+ Kf7 42.Rd7+ Kf8 43.Ree7=)*]
40.Ra8? -2.44/21
[40.Rh8∓ -0.82/20]
40...Rxe4 41.g3? -4.02/20
[41.Rxa5 -2.06/17 c4 *(41...Rxf4 42.Ra7+ Ke6 43.Rxh7∓)* 42.Kg3]
41...Re2+ 42.Kh3 c4 43.Ra7+ Ke6 44.Rxh7 c3 45.h5 gxh5 46.Rxh5 a4 47.Ra5 c2 48.f5+ -5.44/22
[48.Rxa4 -3.84/17 was necessary. Kf5 49.Ra5+ Ke4 50.Kg4]
48...Ke7 49.Rxa4 Rc3? -0.63/18
[49...Kd6-+ -5.09/23 50.Kg4 Ke5 51.Ra5+ Kd4]
50.Rg4? -5.44/21
[50.Rd4!∓ -0.63/18]
50...Rd2 51.Re4+ Kf7 ...Rd1 would now be deadly. **52.Ree1 Rdd3?** -0.63/28
[52...Rc4-+ -4.29/20 53.Rf1 Ke7 54.Rfe1+ Kf7]
53.Rg1∓



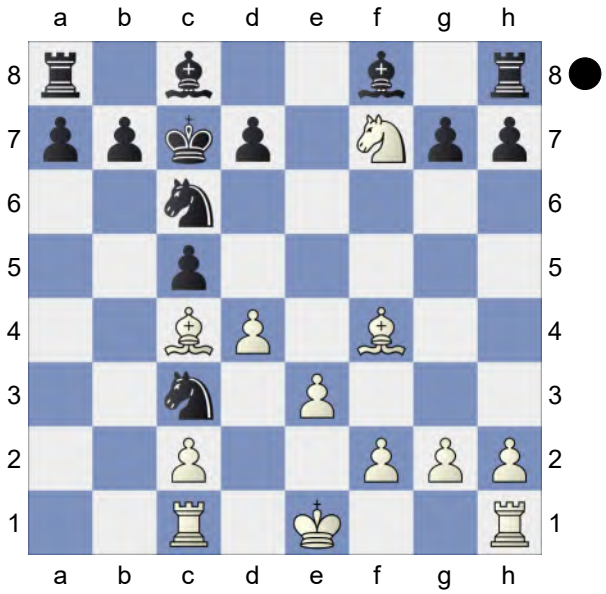
Rf3 -0.01/22
[53...Rc4!∓ -1.31/28 ...Rd8 is the strong threat. 54.Rg2 Rdc3]
54.Kg4? -3.48/25
[54.Rg2= -0.01/22 and White is okay.]
54...Rfd3? -1.32/32
[54...Rf2-+ -3.48/25 and Black stays clearly on top. And now ...Rc5 would win. 55.Rge1 Rc4+ 56.Kh3 Kg7 *(56...Rxf5? 57.Re2-+)*]
55.Rg2 Rd4+ 56.Kh3 Rdd3 0.00/29
[56...Rdc4∓ -0.67/16]
57.Rcxc2= Rf3 58.Rxc3 Rxc3 KR-KR **59.Rf2 Rc7 60.Kg4 Kg7 61.Rf4 Re7 62.Kh4 Re5 63.Rg4+ Kf7 64.Rf4 Re7**

65.Kg4 Re5 66.Rf3 Re1 67.Rf4 Re7 68.Rd4 Re5 69.Rd7+ Re7? #58/31
[69...Kg8= 0.02/42]
70.Rd6? 0.02/40
[70.Rxe7+ #58/31 mates Kxe7 71.Kh5 Kf7 72.Kh6 Kf8 73.Kg6 Ke7 74.g4 Ke8 75.Kxf6]
70...Re8 71.Rd7+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.68/Black=0.81. Loss on time!?
1-0

201 **A45**
□ **Vachier Lagrave,Maxime** **2742**
■ **Aronian,Levon** **2745**
Superbet Rapid 2023 (1.5) 21.05.2023
[Kitty Kat]

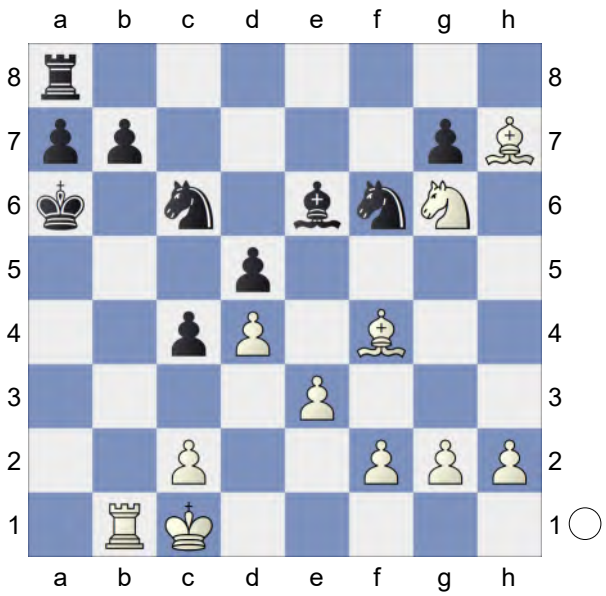
A45: Trompowsky Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 c5 3.e3 Qb6 4.Nc3 Qxb2 5.Nb5 Nd5 6.Rb1 Qxa2** And now ... Qa5+ would win. **7.Ra1 Qb2 8.Nf3**
[8.Rb1]
8...Nc6N
[8...Na6 9.Rb1 Qa2 10.Ne5 d6 11.Nc4 Qa4 12.e4 Ndb4 13.c3 Qxd1+ 14.Rxd1 Nc6 15.d5 Ncb8 16.e5 14) London System 2.Bf4- London System Informational]
9.Bc4 -0.38/22
[White should try 9.Rb1= 0.21/24 Qa2 10.c4]
9...Nc3!∓ 10.Nc7+ Kd8 11.Qc1
[11.Ng5? d6 *(11...Nxd1 12.Nxf7#)* 12.Qc1 Qxc1+ 13.Rxc1 Kxc7-+]
11...Qxc1+ 12.Rxc1 e5! 13.Nxe5 -0.83/25
[13.Nxa8= -0.23/25 exf4 14.Ng5]
13...Kxc7∓ 14.Nxf7+

(Diagram)



Kb6! 15.Nxh8 d5
[Of course not 15...cxd4 16.Nf7=]
16.Bd3 Be6 17.Bxh7 aiming for Ng6.
17...c4 -0.54/19
[17...cxd4∓ -0.97/25 White must now prevent ...Ba3. 18.Ng6 Ba3]
18.Ng6∓ Ba3 19.Ra1 -0.77/28
[19.Kd2!= -0.17/24 Ne4+ 20.Ke2]
19...Bb2∓ 20.Kd2! Bxa1 0.00/44
[Black should play 20...a5∓ -0.61/22 21.Ne5 Ne4+ 22.Bxe4 c3+ 23.Ke2 dxe4]
21.Rxa1= The position is equal.
21...Ne4+ A dynamic duo of knights.
22.Kc1 Nf6 23.Rb1+ Ka6!

(Diagram)



Strongly threatening ...b6! **24.Ra1+ Kb6** Threatens to win with ...a6!
[24...Kb5!? 25.Rb1+□ Ka6 26.Ra1+ Kb5 27.Rb1+ Ka6=]
25.Rb1+ Ka6! 26.Ra1+ Kb6 ...a6! is the strong threat. **27.Rb1+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.11 (very precise)
½-½

202 **A45**
□ **Duda,Jan Krzysztof** **2739**
■ **Movahed,Sina** **2518**
Titled Tue 22nd Apr Late blitz (8) 22.4.25
[TA]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
Including this game is basically just for a bit of fun. Black plays a very dodgy opening and his position is resignable after seven moves. However, White doesn't play the most precise refutation and before we know it Black has tremendous compensation for the piece. Inf 2/50 **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 g6 *(3...Qa5 4.Bd2 b5 5.e4 b4 6.e5 bxc3 7.Bxc3 Qa4 8.exf6 Qe4+ 9.Qe2 Qxe2+ 10.Bxe2 gxf6 11.d6 e5 12.Bf3 Nc6 13.Bxc6 dxc6 14.f4 Bxd6* 0-1 Reynolds,R (2565)-Zanetti,A (2389) corr CNEC 15 jub 1993*; 3...e6 4.e4 exd5 5.e5 Qe7 6.Qe2 Ne4 7.Nxd5 Qxe5 8.Nc3 d5 9.f3 f5 10.fxe4 fxe4 11.Nf3 Qf5 12.Nh4 Qf7 13.Qf2 Qxf2+ 14.Kxf2 Be7 15.Bb5+ Nc6 16.g3 0-0+ 17.Ke1 Nd4 18.Ba4* 0-1 (27) Wohlfahrt,R (2127)-Grooten,H (2390) 20th Open B ? blingen GER 2003 (5)*)* 4.e4 d6 5.f4 *(5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Be2 Bg7 7.Nf3 0-0 8.0-0 Rb8 9.a4 a6 10.Nd2 Ne8 11.a5 Nc7 12.Nc4 Nb5 13.Na4 Nf6 14.Bd3 e6 15.Nab6 Re8 16.c3 Nc7 17.Bc2 exd5 18.exd5 Ncxd5 19.Nxd5 Nxd5* 1-0 (23) Kholmov,R-Stein,L Kislovodsk 2/50 1966*)* 5...Bg7 6.Bb5+ *(6.Nf3 0-0 7.Bd3 b5 8.Bxb5 Nxe4 9.Nxe4 Qa5+ 10.Ned2 Qxb5 11.c4 Qb6 12.0-0 Bf5 13.Qb3 Na6 14.Re1 Nb4 15.Nh4 Nc2 16.Nxf5 Qxb3 17.Nxe7+ Kh8 18.Nxb3 Nxe1 19.Bd2 Nd3 20.f5 Rfe8* 0-1 (47) Ersoz,T (2109)-Shemyakinskiy,N (2307) Titled Tuesday intern op 04th Mar Early blitz 2025 (9)*)* 6...Nfd7 7.Bd3 0-0 8.Nf3 e6 9.dxe6 fxe6 10.0-0 a6 11.a4 Nc6 12.Kh1 Nb4 13.Be2 Nf6 14.Be3 b6 15.Ng5 h6 16.Nh3 Bb7 17.Bf3 1-0 (61) Borges-Bjazevic CADAP event? 1983]
3.Bf4 c5 4.e4 cxd4 5.Qxd4 Nc6 6.Bb5 a6 7.Bxc6+ bxc6 Black is weak on the dark squares **8.e5** White is slightly better. **8...Ng8 9.Na4 e6 10.Ne2 Ne7** 0.25/18
[10...a5∓ -0.31/20]
11.Qc3!= Nf5 Inhibits Be3. **12.g4**
[12.Qxc6+? Bd7 13.Qc3 Bxa4-+]
12...Ne7 1.32/18

[12...Rb8= 0.09/19 13.0-0-0 *(13.gxf5? Bb4-+ Pin; 13.Qxc6+? Bd7-+)* 13...Bb4]

13.0-0-0± Bd7 14.Be3 White is much more active. **14...h5** 1.89/21

[14...c5± 1.27/17 was worth a try. 15.Nxc5 Nc6]

15.h3 1.26/19

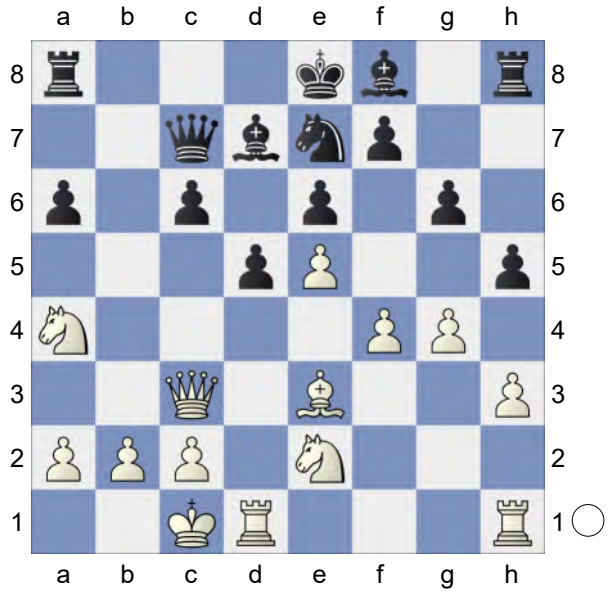
[15.Nc5+- 1.89/21 Ng6 *(15...hxg4? 16.Nb7+-)* 16.h3]

15...Qc7 2.22/18

[15...c5± 1.26/19]

16.f4 g6? 3.22/18

[16...c5± 1.41/18 was called for. 17.Nxc5 *(17.Qxc5 Nc6=)* 17...Bb5]



17.b3 1.50/17

[17.Bc5+- 3.22/18 has better winning chances.]

17...Bg7? 3.25/18

[17...c5± 1.50/17]

18.Bb6+- Qb8 19.Bc5 g5 20.Qf3

[20.fxg5 Qxe5 21.Qxe5 Bxe5=]

20...Ng6 21.Bd6

[21.fxg5 Qxe5 22.Nb6 Rd8±]

21...Qd8 22.gxh5 Nh4 23.Qg4 f5 3.97/19

[⌓23...Nf5 2.53/18 24.h4 *(24.fxg5 Nxd6 25.exd6 e5+-)* 24...Nxd6]

24.exf6

[24.Qxg5 Qxg5 25.fxg5 Rxh5±]

24...Bxf6 25.fxg5 e5 26.Qb4

[26.Qxh4? Bxg5+-+]

26...Bxg5+ 27.Kb1 Nf3 28.Rhf1 Qf6 29.Kb2? 1.45/19

[29.Bxe5+- 3.70/20 is more deadly. Qxe5 30.Rxf3]

29...e4+ 30.c3 0.72/17

[⌓30.Nd4 1.19/19]

30...Rxh5? 2.24/18

[30...Rh6± 0.72/17 31.h4 Bc1+ 32.Rxc1 *(32.Kxc1 Qxd6 33.Qxd6 Rxd6±)* 32...Qxd6]

31.Nd4 1.23/17

[31.Ng1+- 2.24/18]

31...Rxh3± 32.Nb6 0.18/18

[White should play 32.Bc5± 1.24/20]

32...Rd8? 2.65/20

[32...a5!= 0.18/18 and Black is okay. 33.Qc5 Ra6]

33.Bc7 Bg4? 4.75/17

[33...Qe7 1.65/17 34.Qxe7+ Bxe7]

34.Bxd8+-

[34.Qc5 Rd7+-]

34...Qxd8 35.Nxc6 Rh2+ 36.Ka1 Qc7 37.Nd4 2.71/16

[⌓37.Nxd5 5.93/14 Rxa2+ Decoy 38.Kxa2 Qh2+ 39.Ka1]

37...Qe5 4.59/17

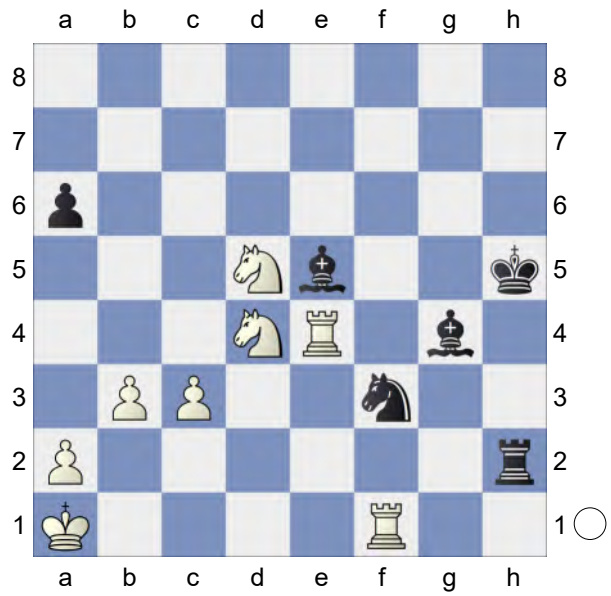
[37...Qg3 2.71/16 38.Qa4+ *(38.Nxd5 Qg2+-)* 38...Kf8 39.Nxd5 *(39.Qxa6 Kg7+-)* 39...Qg2]

38.Qa4+ Kf7 39.Qc6

[Less strong is 39.Qxa6 Bd2 40.Qb7+ Kg6 41.Qc6+ *(41.Nxd5 Nxd4 42.Rxd2 Rxd2+-)* 41...Qf6+-]

39...Bf6 40.Qxd5+ Qxd5 41.Nxd5 Excellent horsemanship. **41...Be5 42.Rde1 Kg6 43.Rxe4 Kh5**

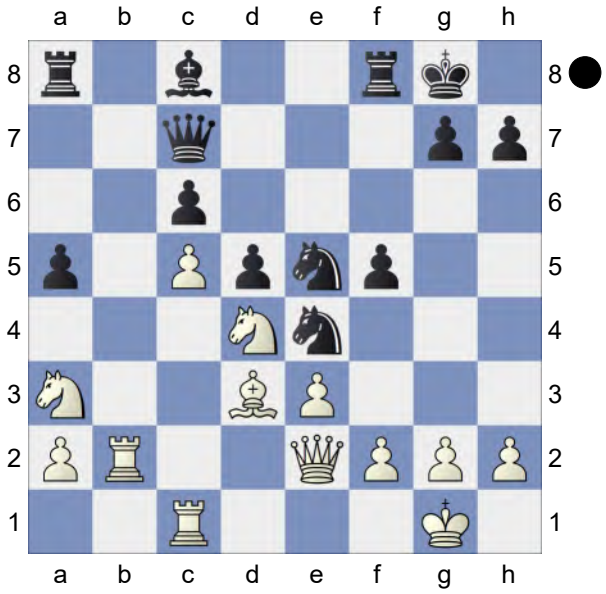
(Diagram)



44.Rxe5+ 3.46/16
Weighted Error Value: White=0.50/ Black=0.87
1-0

203 **D00**
□ **Duda,Jan Krzysztof** **2739**
■ **Kosakowski,Jakub** **2522**
Titled 5. Apr Late (6) 15.04.2025
[TA]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.Nc3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Bb4+ 5.c3 Ba5 6.e3 a6 Wards off a4 **7.Na3 0-0 8.b4** -0.20/23
[⌓8.Nf3 0.18/18]
8...Bb6= 9.Bd3 Nc6 0.33/20
[9...a5∓ -0.34/21]
10.Nf3± a5 11.b5 Ne7 12.c4 Black must now prevent c5. **12...c5 13.bxc6 bxc6 14.c5 Bc7 15.Qe2 Ne4 16.0-0 Ng6 17.Bxc7 Qxc7 18.Rfc1 f5 19.Rab1 e5 20.Rb6 exd4 21.Nxd4** -0.44/22
[White should play 21.exd4= 0.24/23 Nf4 22.Qe3 Nxd3 23.Qxd3]
21...Ne5∓ 22.Rb2 -0.85/23
[22.Rbb1!∓ -0.39/20]



22...Nxf2 0.11/22 **23.Kxf2=** Hoping for Kg1. **23...Ng4+ 24.Ke1 Re8** 1.08/20
[24...f4= 0.16/20 remains equal. 25.e4 Re8]
25.Nac2!±
[25.Nxf5 Bxf5 *(25...Nxh2? 26.Nd6+-)* 26.Nc2 Qe5 27.Bxf5 Qxb2-+]
[25.Bxf5? Nxe3 *(25...Rxe3? 26.Bxg4 Rxe2+ 27.Bxe2-+)* 26.Qf2 *(26.Be6+? Bxe6 27.Kd2 Bf7-+)* 26...Nxf5+ *(26...Bxf5? 27.Re2-+)* 27.Re2 Ba6-+ *(27...Rxe2+? 28.Nxe2 Qxh2 29.Rc3-+; 27...Rxe2+? 28.Nxe2 Qxh2 29.Nc2-+)*]
25...Qxh2 26.Kd2 Qf3! is the strong threat.
[26.Nxc6 Bd7 *(26...f4 27.N6d4±)* 27.N6d4 Nxe3 28.Nxe3 Qh4+ 29.Kf1 Qxd4±]
26...f4

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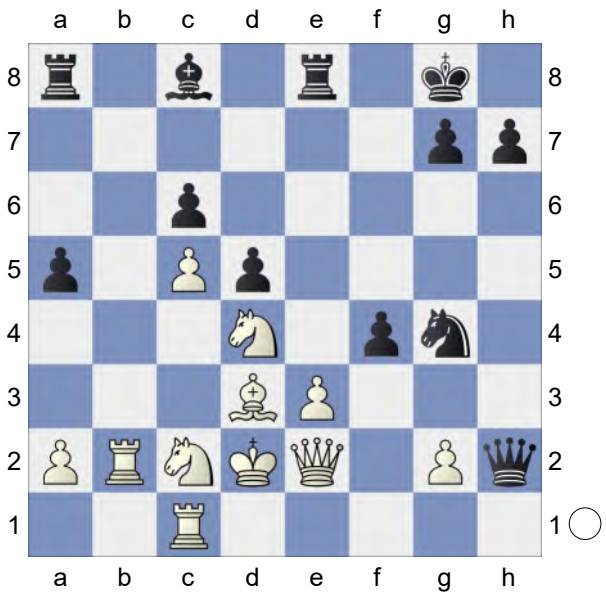
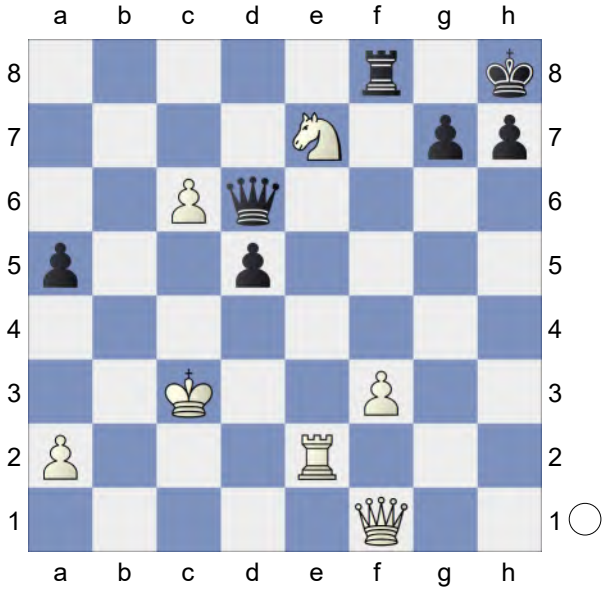


27.Rf1 0.79/17
[White should try 27.Re1! 1.25/19]
27...Nxe3 1.84/18
[27...fxe3+± 0.79/17 28.Kc3 Qe5]
28.Nxe3+-
[28.Nxc6? Bd7 *(28...Nxf1+ 29.Qxf1 f3 30.Qxf3∓)* 29.N6d4 *(29.N2d4? Bxc6 30.Rfb1 Nc4+ 31.Bxc4 dxc4-+)* 29...Nxc2-+ *(29...Nxf1+ 30.Qxf1 f3 31.Qxf3±)*]
28...Rxe3 29.Qf2 Rxd3+ 30.Kxd3 Ba6+ 31.Kc3 Bxf1 32.Qxf1 Re8 3.25/17 Prevents Qe1
[32...Qg3+± 1.57/18 33.Qf3 Qe1+ 34.Kc2 Qe7 35.Qxf4 *(35.Nxc6 Qxc5+ 36.Qc3 Qg1=)* 35...Qxc5+ 36.Kd1 Qa7]
33.Re2
[33.Nxc6 Qg3+ 34.Kd2 *(34.Qd3? Re3-+* Pin *)* 34...Qa3=]
33...Rb8 5.88/21
[⌓33...Rf8 3.89/19 34.Qe1 *(34.Nxc6 Qh6=)* 34...h5 35.Nxc6 *(35.Re8 Rxe8 36.Qxe8+ Kh7+-)* 35...f3]
34.Nxc6 Active counter play! **34...Rf8**
35.Ne7+ Kh8 36.c6? 1.83/19
[36.Nxd5 4.95/18 f3 37.gxf3 Discovered Attack]
36...f3 37.gxf3
[37.Nxd5 Qd6 38.Rd2 *(38.gxf3? Qxd5 39.Re3 Rd8-+)* 38...Qxc6+ 39.Qc4 Qb7∓ *(39...Qxc4+ 40.Kxc4 h5 41.Ne3±)*]
37...Qd6

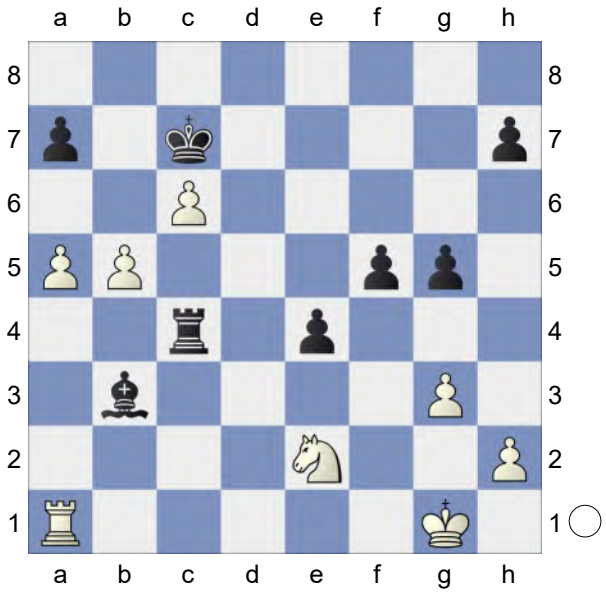


And now ...d4+ would win. **38.Qc1?** 0.00/26
[White has to play 38.Qe1!+- 1.98/21]
38...Qb4+= 39.Kd3 Rxf3+ 40.Re3 Qe4+ 6.49/24
[40...Qxe7? 41.Ke2 Rxe3+ 42.Qxe3+-]
[40...Qb5+= 0.00/22 41.Kd4 Qb6+ 42.Kd3 *(42.Kxd5 Rxe3-+)* 42...Qa6+ 43.Kd4 Qb6+ *(43...Rxe3 44.Qxe3 Qb6+ 45.Kd3+-)* 44.Kd3 *(44.Kxd5? Rxe3-+)* 44...Qb5+ 45.Kd4 Qb6+]
41.Ke2+- Rxe3+ 42.Qxe3 Qc2+ 43.Qd2 Qe4+ 44.Qe3 Threatening mate with Qxe4. **44...Qc2+ 45.Kf3** Threatens to win with Kg3. **45...h6 46.Kf4**
[46.Nxd5 Qxc6 47.Qd2 a4±]
46...Kh7 47.Ke5
[47.Nxd5 Qxc6 48.Qd3+ Kh8±]
47...d4 48.Qe4+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.53/

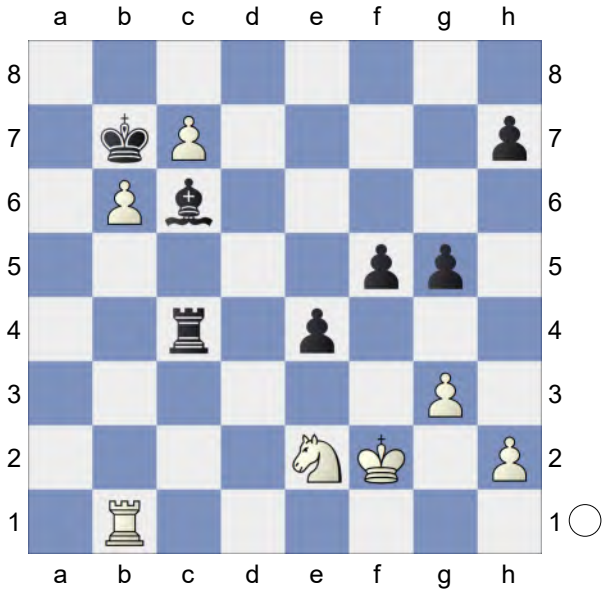
Black=0.65
1-0

204 **D00**
□ **G0Dzilla** **2739**
■ **Lintchevski,Daniil** **2892**
Blitz 27.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 c5 4.e4 Nxe4 5.Nxe4 dxe4 6.dxc5** Qxd8+ is the strong threat. **6...Qxd1+ 7.Rxd1 Nc6 8.a3** -0.53/17
[8.Be3= 0.09/21]
8...e5∓ 9.Be3 f5 White must now prevent ...f4. **10.g3** Against f4 **10...Be6** Against Bc4 **11.Bb5 Be7 12.f4** Inhibits g5. **12...Bf6** -0.06/22
[12...exf4∓ -0.44/19 13.gxf4 g6]
13.Rd6 Ke7 -0.02/19
[13...Bd7∓ -0.35/20 is more appropriate.]
14.c3 -1.05/18
[14.Ne2= -0.02/19]
14...Rhd8 -0.44/19
[Black should try 14...exf4∓ -1.05/18 15.gxf4 Na5]
15.Bxc6 bxc6 -0.02/19
[15...exf4!∓ -0.36/22 is superior. 16.Bxf4 *(16.Bxb7 Rab8∓)* 16...bxc6]
16.fxe5= Bxe5 17.Bg5+ Bf6 18.Bxf6+ Kxf6 19.Rxc6 Rac8⇄ Black puts up resistance **20.Rxc8 Rxc8** Endgame KRB-KRN **21.b4 Rd8** Threatens to win with ...Bb3. **22.Ne2** aiming for Nd4. **22...Rd3 23.c6 Ke5 24.b5** Strongly threatening a4. **24...g6** 1.28/21
[24...Bc4= 0.07/22]
25.a4 0.25/24
[25.0-0!± 1.28/21]
25...Kd6 26.Nf4 Rxc3 27.0-0 0.01/22
[White should play 27.Kd2± 0.68/26 Rc4 28.Nxe6 Kxe6 29.Ra1]
27...Bb3! 28.Ra1 Kc7 29.Ne2 Rc4 30.a5 g5 1.13/22
[30...Kb8= 0.00/27]



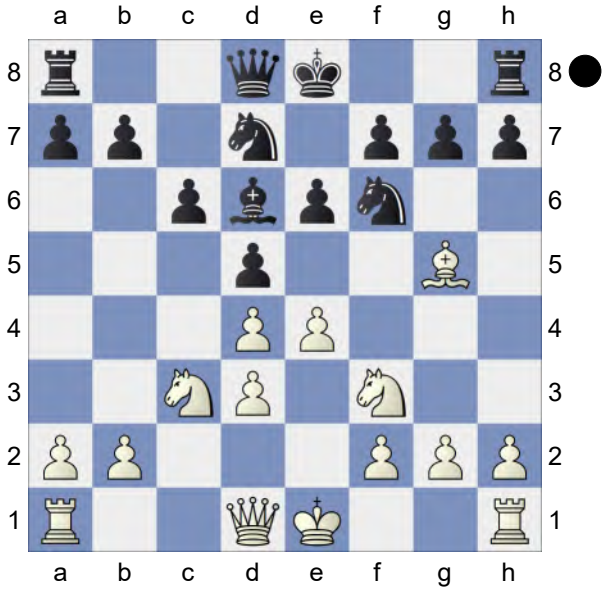
31.Rb1 0.01/30
[White must play 31.Rf1!± 1.13/22]
31...Ba4 32.b6+ axb6 33.axb6+ Kb8 34.c7+ Kb7 35.Kf2 Bc6? 3.50/20
[35...Bd7= -0.02/23]



36.Ke3? 0.00/22
[White has to play 36.Rd1!+- 3.50/20]
36...Ra4 0.89/19
[36...Bd7= 0.00/22 remains equal.]
37.Rc1 0.01/24
[37.Rb3± 0.89/19]
37...Bd7! 38.Rc3 Bc8 39.Rb3 Be6 40.Rb2 Ra3+ 41.Kd4 Bc8 1.37/19
[41...e3= 0.17/24 keeps the balance.]
42.Ke5 0.00/20
[42.Nc3± 1.37/19]
42...Ra5+ 43.Kd6 And now Nd4 would win. **43...Rc5?** #12/19 Weighted Error Value: White=0.39/Black=0.48. Loss on time!?
0-1

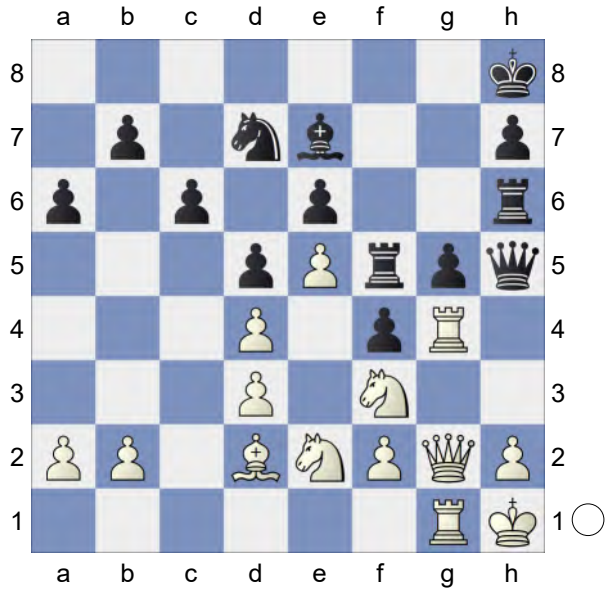
205 **D00**
□ **Dom Perignon** **2738**
■ **Mmsanchezchess** **2678**
Blitz 15.02.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 1-0 (88)*; 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7* Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig,F (1863) Mainz 1997 EXT 2000 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (57)*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) www.desc-online.de 2000 CBM 166 [Beliavsky, Alexander G] 1-0 (41)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]
3.Bf4 Bf5 4.e3 e6 5.Bd3 Bxd3 6.cxd3 And now Qb3 would win. **6...Bd6 7.Bg5 Nbd7** 0.31/20
[7...0-0= 0.00/23]
8.Nf3 White is slightly better.
[8.e4!?]
8...c6 9.e4



Threatens to win with e5. **9...Be7 10.0-0 Nh5** 0.70/18
[10...Nxe4= 0.23/19 was preferrable. 11.Nxe4 dxe4 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.dxe4 0-0]
11.Be3 0-0 12.Re1 Qc7 13.e5 Strongly threatening g4. **13...a6?** 2.55/20 A mistake that costs the game.

[13...g6± 0.62/20]
14.g4+- f5 3.80/21
[⌓14...f6 2.53/19 15.gxh5 Rf7 16.exf6 Rxf6]
15.gxh5 f4 16.Bd2 Qd8 17.Kh1 Qe8 18.h6 g5 19.Rg1 White is clearly winning. **19...Rf5 20.Rg4 Qh5 21.Qg1 Kh8 22.Qg2 Rg8 23.Rg1 Rg6 24.Ne2 Rxh6** 8.84/21
[⌓24...c5 4.61/17 25.h4 cxd4 26.Nexd4 Rf8]



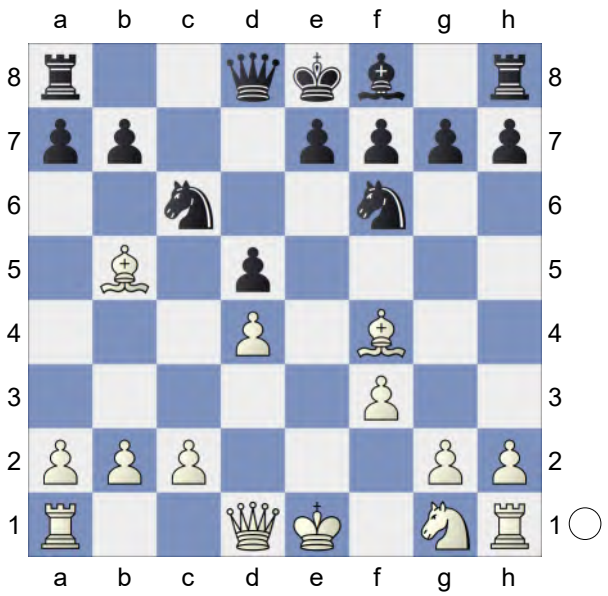
25.Bxf4! Nf8
[25...Rg6 26.Nxg5]
26.Nxg5 Intending Nf7+! and mate.
26...Ng6 27.Nxe6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.26 (precise) /Black=0.53
1-0

206 **D00**
□ **Nofeeling** **2737**
■ **Blindbutiplay** **2752**
Blitz 18.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack

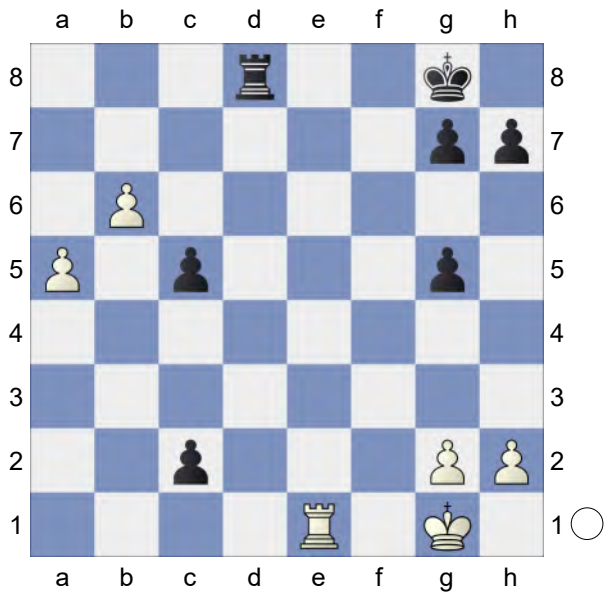
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 1-0 (88)*; 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7* Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig, F (1863) Mainz 1997 EXT 2000 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (57)*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) www.desc-online.de 2000 CBM 166 [Beliavsky, Alexander G] 1-0 (41)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]
3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 Bg4 6.f3 Bd7 7.Nb5 Bxb5 8.Bxb5+ The position is equal. **8...Nc6**

(Diagram)



...Qa5+ is the strong threat. **9.c3 e6 10.Ne2 Bd6 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qd2 Rc8** 0.31/21
[12...a6= -0.06/18 13.Bxc6 bxc6]
13.Rae1 Qc7 14.Bxd6 Qxd6 15.Nf4 Rfd8 16.Nd3 Ne7 17.Ne5 Ng6! 18.Ng4 0.09/19
[18.Nd3± 0.44/22]
18...Nxg4= 19.fxg4 e5 20.Qf2 f6 21.g5 fxg5 22.dxe5 Nxe5 23.Qd4 Against Ng4 **23...Nc6 24.Bxc6 bxc6 25.Qxa7 Rf8 26.Rxf8+ Rxf8** Endgame KQR-KQR **27.a4** Hoping for b4. **27...c5** Against b4 **28.Qe7 Qxe7 29.Rxe7** And now a5 would win. KR-KR **29...Rb8?** 4.10/24 This move loses the game for Black.
[29...Ra8!= 0.23/22]
30.a5+- Ra8 White is clearly winning. **31.b4 d4 32.Re5 Rc8 33.b5 dxc3 34.b6** Threatens to win with b7. **34...c2 35.Re1 Rd8**

(Diagram)



White must now prevent ...Rd1. **36.b7!** Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.35
1-0

207 **A45**
□ **Lngps** **2737**
■ **Tandilensis** **2633**
Blitz 27.06.2021
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min A45: Trompowsky Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 c5 3.e3 Qb6 4.Nc3 Qxb2 5.Nb5 Na6?** 1.82/26
[5...Nd5= 0.04/21 6.a3 a6 7.Rb1 Qa2 8.Qc1 axb5 9.Ra1 Qxa1 10.Qxa1 c4 *(10...e5 11.Bxe5 c4 12.Bxb8 Bb4+ 13.Ke2 Rxa3 14.Qc1 b6 15.Nf3 Nc3+ 16.Kd2 Na2+* The Combative Qxb2-Agadmator'S Anti London Goth Agadmator's Anti-London System 2022*)* 11.Bxb8 Rxb8 12.Qb2 Nc7 13.a4 d5 14.axb5 Bd7 15.b6 Nb5 16.Nf3 f6 17.e4 e6 18.Be2 Ba3 19.Qb1 Nc3 20.Qa1 Bb4 0-1 Genescu,C (2530)-Vaisman, V (2653) Zagreb GCT Blitz 2021]

6.Nf3N 0.00/24
[White must play 6.a3!+- 1.82/26 Nd5 7.Rb1 Qa2 8.Rb3 cxd4 *(8...d6 9.Ne2 Bf5 10.Nbc3 Nxc3 11.Nxc3 Qxc2 12.Qxc2 Bxc2 13.Rxb7 Nb8 14.dxc5* 17. Benoni-3...Qb6,4*)* 9.exd4 d6 10.Bc1 Nac7 11.Nf3 a6 12.Nxc7+ Nxc7 13.Bd3 Bg4 14.0-0 b5 15.Qe2 Be6 16.Rb2 Qxa3 17.Rxb5 Qa4 18.Rb1 g6 19.c4 Bg7 20.h3 0-0 21.d5 ½-½ Kaunzinger,A (2186)-Schoellmann,J (2180) Oberliga Bayern 0910 2009 (8.5) Bf5 22.Bxf5 gxf5 23.Nh4 e6 24.Rb7 Rac8 25.dxe6 fxe6 26.Rb6 Qd7 27.Nf3 Rb8 28.Rxb8 Rxb8 29.Ba3 Rb3 30.Bc1 Qc6 31.Ng5 Qd7 32.Rd1 Rb1 33.Bf4 Rxd1+ 34.Qxd1 Ne8 35.Qh5 Nf6 36.Qd1 ½-½ Schneider,J (2186)-Vedensky,D (2180) 50/419 Mar del Plata 1990 (8.5)]

6...Nd5!= 7.Bc4 -0.48/24
[7.Rb1= 0.00/24 Qxa2 8.Ra1]

7...Nc3 -0.03/26
[7...Qb4+∓ -0.48/24 8.Nd2 Nxf4 9.exf4 cxd4]

8.Qc1 -0.91/26
[8.Nxc3= -0.03/26 Qxc3+ 9.Nd2]

8...Qb4∓
[8...Qxc1+ simplifies 9.Rxc1 Nxb5 10.Bxb5 f6]

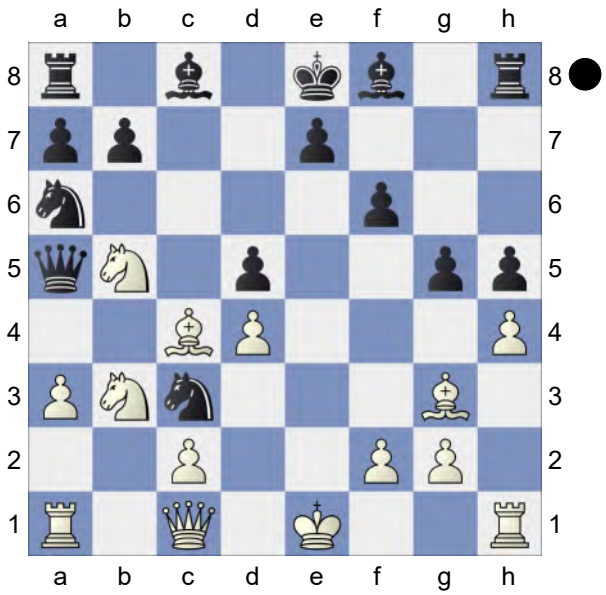
9.Nd2 g5 0.07/22
[Black should play 9...Nxb5∓ -0.89/20 10.Rb1 Qa3 11.Bxb5 Qxc1+ 12.Rxc1 cxd4 13.exd4 b6]

10.Be5 -0.74/19
[10.Nxc3!= 0.07/22 Qxc3 11.Bxg5]

10...f6 11.Bg3 -0.87/24
[11.a3∓ -0.51/19 is more appropriate. Qa5 12.Nd6+ exd6 13.Bxf6]

11...h5 12.h4! cxd4 13.exd4 d5 -0.13/21
[13...gxh4∓ -0.66/21 14.Bd6 Qa5 *(14...exd6 15.a3±)*]

14.a3= Qa5 15.Nb3 -1.20/23
[15.Nxc3= -0.19/23 Qxc3 16.Bb5+ Kf7 17.hxg5]



15...Qb6!∓
[15...Nxb5+? 16.Nxa5 dxc4 17.hxg5+-]
[15...Qa4 16.Nxc3 Qxc4 17.Qe3 gxh4 18.Na5±]

16.Nxc3 dxc4 17.Nd2 Qxd4 18.Nb5 -2.21/19
[18.Qb2∓ -0.95/18]

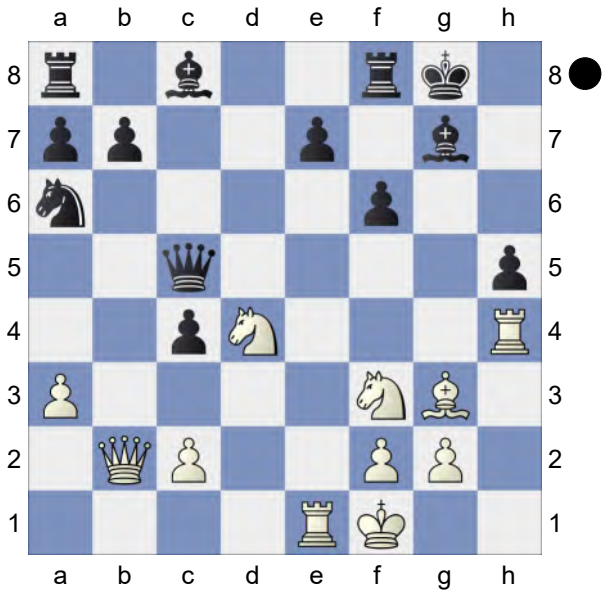
18...Qg4 19.Qb2 Bg7 20.hxg5 -2.35/20
[20.Kf1∓ -1.37/18]

20...0-0 -1.23/19
[20...Qxg5 21.Nf3 Qc5 22.0-0∓]
[20...h4-+ -2.35/20 21.gxf6 Qe6+ *(21...hxg3 22.Rxh8+ Bxh8 23.f7+ Kxf7 24.Qxh8∓; 21...Bxf6? 22.Be5-+)* 22.Be5 exf6 Pin *(22...Bxf6 23.f4∓)* 23.Nd6+ Kf8 24.N2xc4 fxe5]

21.Rh4 -1.75/23
[21.Nf3∓ -1.23/19]

21...Qxg5 22.Nf3 Qc5 23.Kf1 Bf5 -0.64/19
[23...Bg4∓ -1.53/17 And now ...Rad8 would win. 24.Re1 Rad8]

24.Nbd4!∓ Bc8 25.Re1



e5 -0.32/19
[25...Rf7!∓ -0.72/20]
26.Rxh5 Bg4 27.Rh4 Bd7 0.00/23
[27...Bc8!∓ -0.40/22 28.Rh5 Re8 *(28...Bg4 29.Rh4∓)*]
28.Qxb7= Nc7 29.Qe4! f5!↑
Black is more active. **30.Qxe5 Bxe5**
31.Bxe5 Black must now prevent Rh8+.
31...Ne8!
[31...Ne6? 32.Nxe6 Bxe6 33.Rh8+ *(33.Ng5 Qxe5 34.Rxe5 Bf7+-)* 33...Kf7 34.Ng5+ Kg6 *(34...Ke7? 35.Rh7+ Bf7 36.Bd4+* Discovered Attack (Check) *Kd6 37.Nxf7+ Kd5 38.Bxc5+-)* 35.Nxe6 Rxh8 36.Nxc5+-]
32.Ng5 -0.77/24
[32.Rh8+= 0.00/23 Kf7 33.Rh7+ Kg8 34.Rh8+ Kf7 35.Rh7+ Kg8 36.Rh8+]
32...Nf6∓ ...Rae8 would now be deadly.
[32...Qxa3 33.Rh8#]
33.Ndf3? -3.74/21 A dynamic duo of knights.
[33.Rh6∓ -0.79/17 Rae8 34.Rg6+ Kh8 35.Bxf6+ Rxf6 36.Rxe8+ Bxe8 37.Rxf6 Qxa3 *(37...Qxd4? 38.Rf8+ Kg7 39.Ne6+ Kg6 40.Nxd4+-)* 38.Rxf5]
33...c3 -1.59/19
[33...Qxa3 34.Rh6 Kg7 35.Rh7+ Kg6 36.Bxf6 Rxf6 37.Rxd7∓]
[33...Rae8-+ -3.74/21 has better winning chances. 34.g3 Bc6 *(34...Qxa3? 35.Ra1-+)*]
34.Rd1? -3.71/19
[34.Rh6∓ -1.59/19]
34...Bb5+-+
[Resist 34...Rae8 35.Bd4 Qb5+ *(35...Qxa3? 36.Kg1-+)* 36.Kg1-+]
35.Kg1 Rae8
[35...Qxa3? 36.Rd6-+]
36.Bd6 Qb6 37.Bxf8 Hoping for Rd6.
37...Ng4
[Don't do 37...Rxf8 38.Ne5-+]
[37...Kxf8 38.Rb4 Ng4 39.Nd4]
38.Nd4 -#9/22 Weighted Error Value: White=0.56/Black=0.33. Loss on time!?
[38.Nh3-+ -4.88/20 Be2 *(38...Rxf8? 39.Rh5-+)* 39.Bc5 Qxc5 40.Ra1]
1-0

208 **D00**
□ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2737**
■ **Sevian,Samuel** **2687**
Bullet Chess Winners blitz (2.13)
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...e6 3.e4 c5 4.d5 exd5 5.e5 Qe7 6.Qe2 Ng8 7.Nxd5 Qd8 8.Nf3 h6 9.Nf6+ Ke7 10.Qe4 g6 11.Bc4 Bg7 12.Qd5 Qf8 13.Be3 Kd8 14.Bxc5 Ne7 15.Qe4 Na6 16.Bxa6 1-0 Raetsky,A-Bojic,Z Zürich 2003]
[2...c5 3.d5
A) 3...d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2*

Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7 0-1 Bauer,E-Feustel,B (2335) GER-S chT 7879 1978*)* 5...Bg7 6.Bb5+ *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* 1-0 Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) V0048 www.desc-online.de 2000 (7) *)* 6...Bd7 7.a4 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nbd7 11.Re1 a6 12.Bf1 e5 13.a5 Ne8 14.Bd3 Qh4 15.Qg4 Qxg4 16.hxg4 Rc8 17.b3 Nef6 18.g5 0-1 Sadykov,R (2345)-Skliarov,V (2383) Julius Baer Play In rapid 2023 (3.76);

B) 3...Qa5 4.Bd2 b5 5.e4 b4 6.e5 bxc3 7.Bxc3 Qa4 8.exf6 Qe4+ 9.Qe2 Qxe2+ 10.Bxe2 gxf6 11.d6 e5 12.Bf3 Nc6 13.Bxc6 dxc6 14.f4 Bxd6 0-1 Reynolds,R (2565)-Zanetti,A (2389) corr CNEC 15 jub 1993]

3.Bf4 e6 4.e3 Bb4 5.Nf3 c5 -0.29/20
[5...Ne4∓ -0.69/22]

6.a3 -1.19/23
[6.dxc5= -0.29/20 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3]

6...Bxc3+∓ 7.bxc3 Qa5 Against **8.Bd3** Black is better. **8...Qxc3+ 9.Nd2 c4**
[9...cxd4 10.exd4 0-0 *(10...Qxd4 11.Ne4∓)* 11.Bd6∓]

10.Be2 Ne4 Black is more active.

11.Rb1 Nc6 -1.14/19
[11...Qxa3 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.0-0± *(13.Bxc4? Qc3+ 14.Qd2 Qxc4-+)*]
[Black should try 11...Qa5-+ -1.66/22 Hoping for ...Ne4-c3. 12.Ra1 Nc3]

12.f3 -1.79/20
[12.Bf3∓ -1.14/19 keeps fighting. g5 *(12...Qxa3 13.Nxe4 dxe4 14.Bxe4±)* 13.Bc7]

12...Qxd2+ -0.42/23
[Better is 12...Nf6-+ -1.79/20 ...Nf6-h5! would now be deadly. 13.Kf2 Qxa3 14.Bxc4 dxc4 15.Nxc4 Qe7]

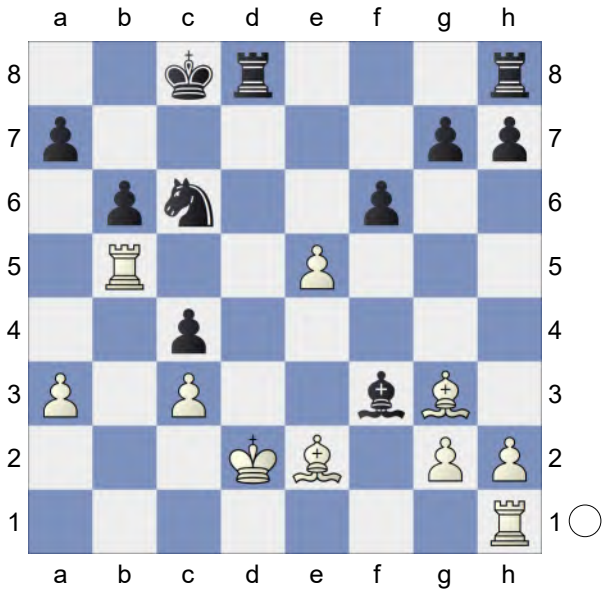
13.Qxd2∓ Nxd2 14.Kxd2 f6 15.c3 e5 -0.11/24
[15...h5∓ -0.50/22 feels stronger.]

16.Bg3 b6 17.Rb5 -0.80/23
[17.e4= -0.13/23 Be6 18.dxe5]

17...Be6∓ 18.e4 0-0-0
[18...exd4 19.exd5 a6 20.Rxb6 Bxd5 21.Bxc4 Bxc4 22.Rxc6 dxc3+ 23.Kxc3±]

19.exd5? -2.60/21 Now White is beyond hope.
[19.dxe5∓ -0.89/22 dxe4+ 20.Kc1]

19...Bxd5-+ 20.dxe5 Bxf3+



Discovered Attack (Check) **21.Ke3 Bxe2**
[21...Bxg2 22.Rg1 Bd5 23.exf6 Rhe8+ *(23...gxf6 24.Kf2∓)* 24.Kf2 gxf6 25.Rd1 Rxe2+

Remove Defender 26.Kxe2∓]
22.Kxe2 Rhe8 23.Ke3 Rd3+
[23...Nxe5 24.Bxe5 Rd3+ *(24...fxe5? 25.Rc1-+; 24...Rxe5+? 25.Rxe5 fxe5 26.Ke4-+)* 25.Kf4 fxe5+ *(25...Rxe5? 26.Rxe5 fxe5+ 27.Kxe5-+)* 26.Rxe5 Rf8+ *(26...Rxe5 27.Kxe5 a6 28.Rc1-+)* 27.Ke4-+]
[23...fxe5 24.Ke4-+]
24.Ke4 Kb7 Weighted Error Value: White=0.45/Black=0.22 (precise)
0-1

209 **A45**
□ **Niemann,Hans Moke** **2736**
■ **Aronian,Levon** **2742**
Niemann-Aronian 2025 (16) 21.06.2025
[TA]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N
[2...c5 3.d5 g6 4.e4 d6 5.Bb5+ *(5.Nf3 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.a4 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nbd7 11.Re1 a6 12.Bf1 e5 13.a5 Ne8 14.Bd3 Qh4 15.Qg4 Qxg4 16.hxg4 Rc8 17.b3 Nef6 18.g5 Ne8 19.g3 f6* 0-1 (79) Sadykov,R (2345)-Skliarov,V (2383) Julius Baer Play In rapid 2023 (3.76)*; 5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leis Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 0-1 (57) Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig,F (1863) Rheinhessen-ch H1 op 1997 (2)]
[2...e6 3.e4 c5 4.d5 d6 5.Bb5+ Bd7 6.a4 e5 7.Nge2 g6 8.0-0 a6 9.Bxd7+ Nbxd7 10.Ng3 Bg7 11.Ra3 0-0 12.a5 h6 13.Qe2 Kh7 14.Nd1 Ne8 15.Ne3 Nc7 16.c4 Rh8 17.Bd2 0-1 (42) Obran,H-Renaud,G (2365) Saint Louis 132/(142) 2017 (10)]
3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.Be2 Bd7 8.a4 The position is equal. **8...Ne4 9.0-0 g5 10.Bg3 Nxg3 11.hxg3 c6 12.Nc3 Nc7 13.e4 f6 14.Bd3 Be8 15.Re1 a6 16.a5 Bh5 17.exd5! cxd5 18.Na4 Qe8** 1.20/21
[⌓18...Rb8 0.72/19]
19.c3 Bg6 20.Bf1 Kg7 21.Qb3 Rb8 22.c4 Qf7 1.29/21
[⌓22...Qd7 0.86/21]
23.Nb6 0.61/23
[23.cxd5± 1.29/21 Nxd5 24.Nc5 Bxc5 25.dxc5]
23...Rfd8± 24.Rac1 Threatens to win with cxd5. **24...Bf8 25.c5 Qe8 26.Qc3** White is much more active. **26...Qc6 27.Nh2 Re8 28.Ng4 h5 29.Ne3 Rbd8 30.Nc2** A dynamic duo of knights. **30...Nb5** 1.60/22
[30...Bxc2= 0.30/22 31.Qxc2 *(31.Rxc2 Be7±)* 31...Be7]

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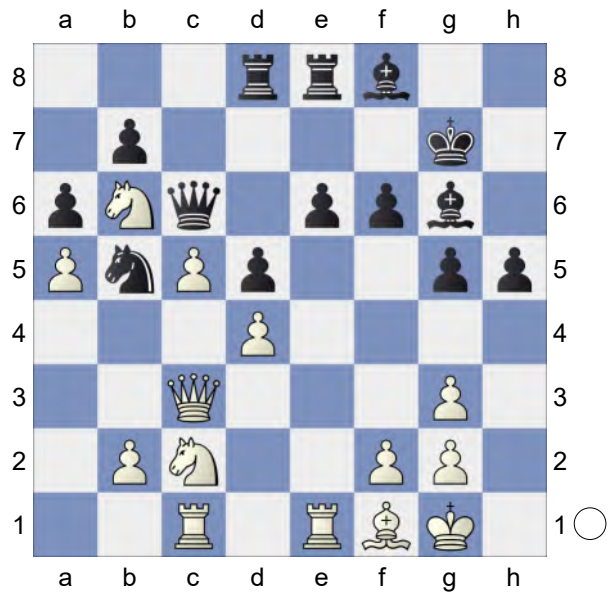

31.Qd2 0.61/21
[31.Nb4!± 1.60/22 Qxb6 *(31...Nxc3 32.Nxc6 bxc6 33.bxc3±)* 32.axb6 Nxc3 33.bxc3]
31...Na7 32.Nb4 0.30/16
[32.b4± 0.76/19]
32...Qc7= 33.Rc3 Kg8 34.Rce3 Bf7 1.34/19
[34...Be4= 0.24/19 remains equal.]
35.Qc2 0.53/21
[35.Bd3± 1.34/19]
35...Nc6 1.13/19
[35...Kg7± 0.53/21]
36.Nxc6± Qxc6 37.f4 0.14/20
[37.Bd3± 0.94/18]
37...Bh6 38.Qf2 Re7 39.Bd3 Rde8 0.89/19
[Black should try 39...Qc7± 0.34/16]
40.Bb1 0.48/17
[Better is 40.Bc2± 0.89/19 aiming for Ba4. Qc7 41.b4]
40...Bg7? 2.59/19 Loses the game.
[40...Qc7± 0.48/17]
41.fxg5+- fxg5

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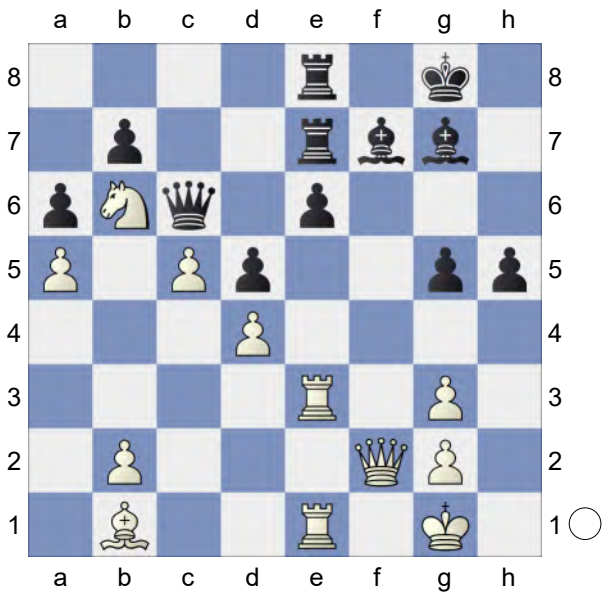
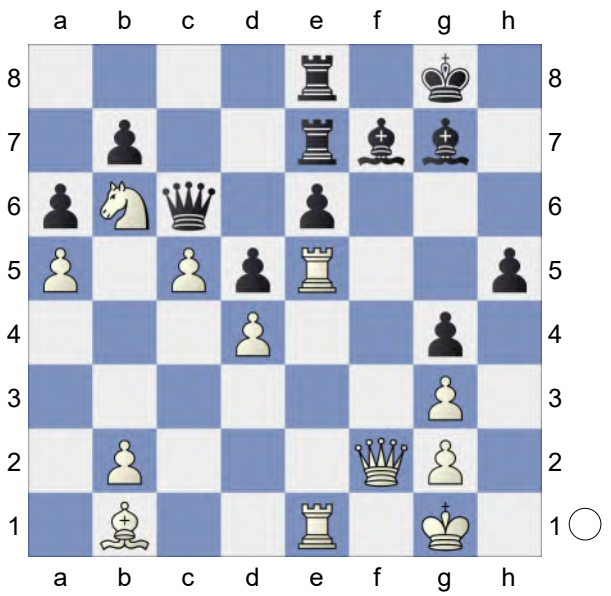


42.Re5! g4
[42...Bxe5? 43.Rxe5+-]
[42...Kf8 43.Rxg5]



43.Qc2! Kf8

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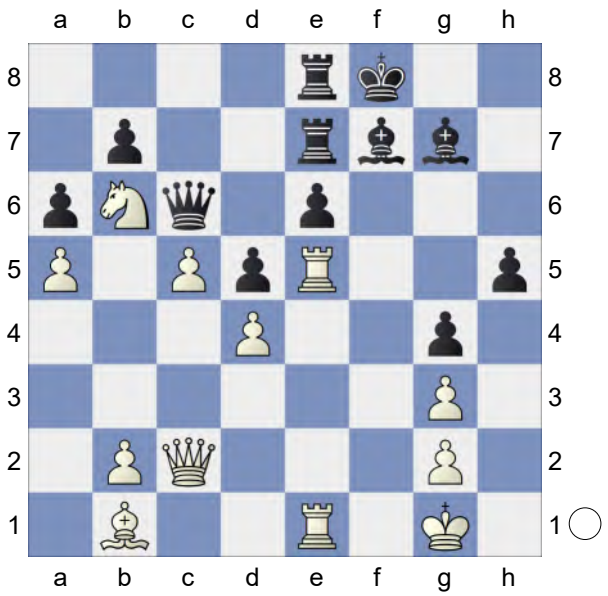


44.Qh7! Bg8 45.Qxh5 Bg6! would now be deadly. **45...Rf7 46.Bg6 Qb5** 6.64/16

[⌓46...Bxe5 4.12/17 47.Qxe5 *(47.Rxe5 Rg7+-)* 47...Ree7 48.Bxf7 Rxf7 49.Qxe6 Qxe6 50.Rxe6 Kg7]

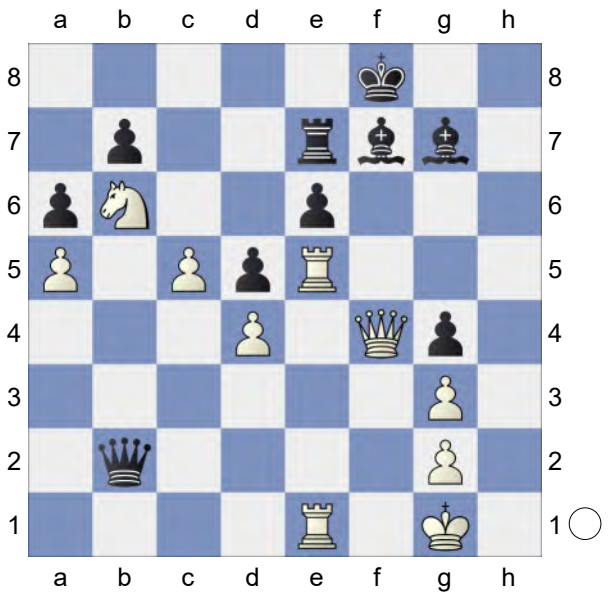
47.Bxf7 White is clearly winning.

[47.Rxe6? Rxe6 *(47...Bxd4+? 48.Kh2+-)* 48.Rxe6 Rf1+ *(48...Bxd4+? 49.Kh2+-)* 49.Kh2 Bxe6-+]

47...Bxf7 48.Qg5 Re7 49.Qf4 Qxb2 6.88/18

[⌓49...Qd3 4.74/17 50.Nxd5 *(50.Rxe6? Qxd4+ 51.R6e3 Qxf4-+)* 50...Rd7]

(Diagram)



50.Rf1! Kg8

[50...Rc7 51.Rxd5]

51.Nxd5 Pin **51...Rd7 52.Nf6+ Bxf6 53.Qxf6** White wants to mate with Rg5+. **53...Qxd4+ 54.Kh2** Intending Rg5+ and mate. **54...Kf8 55.Rxe6** 5.23/18

[⌓55.Qxe6 12.42/17 Qh6+ would kill now. Qxe5 56.Qxe5 Kg8 57.Qg5+ Kf8 58.Qh5 *(58.Qxg4 Ke8 59.Qh4 Rd2 60.Qe4+ Kd8 61.Rxf7 Rd7 62.Rf8+ Kc7 63.Qe6 Rh7+ 64.Kg1 Rh1+ 65.Kxh1 b5 66.Qc8#)* 58...Ke8 59.Qh8+ *(59.Qxg4 Kd8+-)* 59...Ke7 60.Re1+ Be6 61.Qg8]

55...Qxf6 56.Rexf6 Kg7 57.R1f4 Bd5 8.20/23

[⌓57...Rc7 5.08/17 58.Rb6 *(58.Rxg4+? too greedy. Kxf6 59.Rf4+ Ke5-+)* 58...Be8 59.Rxg4+ Kf7]

58.Rd6

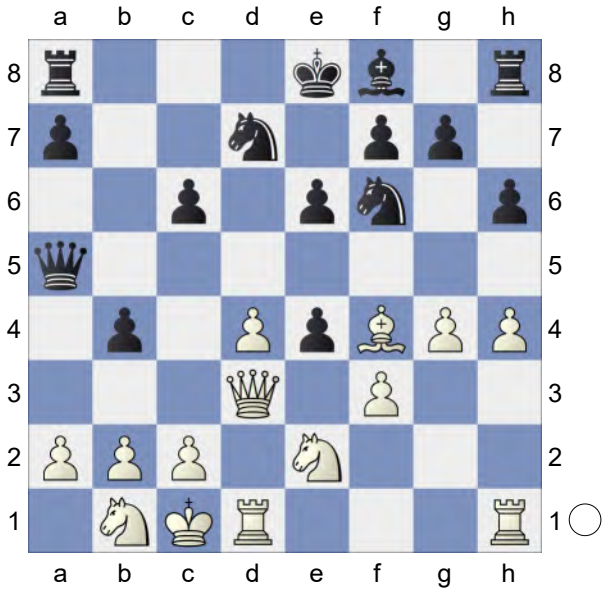
Weighted Error Value: White=0.44/ Black=0.57

[58.Rxg4+? loses. Kxf6 59.Rd4 Rh7+ 60.Kg1 Ke5-+]

1-0

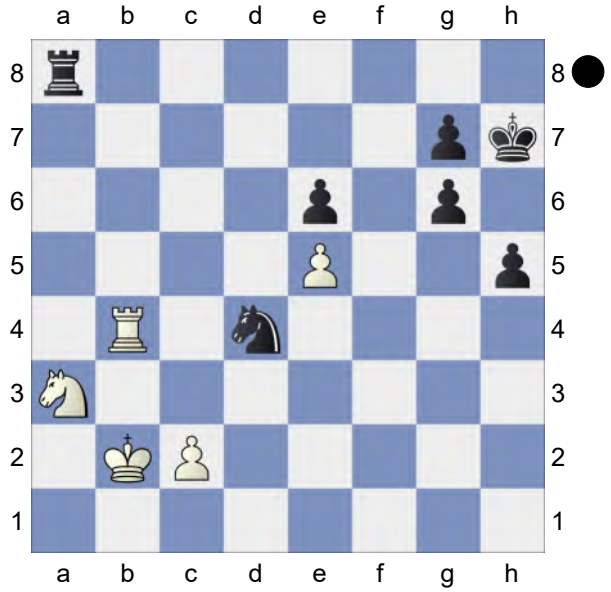
210 **A45**
□ **Niemann,Hans Moke** **2736**
■ **Aronian,Levon** **2742**
Niemann-Aronian 2025 (18) 21.06.2025
[TA]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N
[2...c5 3.d5 g6 4.e4 d6 5.Bb5+ *(5.Nf3 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.a4 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nbd7 11.Re1 a6 12.Bf1 e5 13.a5 Ne8 14.Bd3 Qh4 15.Qg4 Qxg4 16.hxg4 Rc8 17.b3 Nef6 18.g5 Ne8 19.g3 f6* 0-1 (79) Sadykov,R (2345)-Skliarov,V (2383) Julius Baer Play In rapid 2023 (3.76)*; 5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leis Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000) 5...Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 0-1 (57) Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig,F (1863) Rheinhessen-ch H1 op 1997 (2)]
[2...e6 3.e4 c5 4.d5 d6 5.Bb5+ Bd7 6.a4 e5 7.Nge2 g6 8.0-0 a6 9.Bxd7+ Nbxd7 10.Ng3 Bg7 11.Ra3 0-0 12.a5 h6 13.Qe2 Kh7 14.Nd1 Ne8 15.Ne3 Nc7 16.c4 Rh8 17.Bd2 0-1 (42) Obran,H-Renaud,G (2365) Saint Louis 132/(142) 2017 (10)]
3.Bf4 Bf5 4.f3 e6 5.g4 Bg6 6.h4 Black must now prevent h5. **6...h6 7.e3 c6 8.Bd3** The position is equal. **8...Bxd3 9.Qxd3 Nbd7 10.Nge2 b5 11.0-0-0 b4 12.Nb1** -0.51/18
[12.Na4= 0.06/20]
12...Qa5 -0.13/17
[12...c5!∓ -0.51/18 feels stronger.]
13.e4 -1.16/20
[13.g5= -0.13/17 keeps the balance. Nh5 14.g6]
13...dxe4∓
[13...Qxa2 14.g5 *(14.e5? Ng8∓)* 14...Nh5 15.g6∓]



Deflection **14.fxe4 Nxg4 15.Qf3** Dodges Nf2 **15...h5 16.e5** -1.67/18
[Better is 16.Bg5!∓ -0.63/17]
16...Qd5↑ Black is on the roll.
[16...Qxa2 17.Qxc6 Qd5 18.Qxd5 exd5 19.Rdg1]
17.Rhf1 Be7
[17...Qxa2 18.Bd2 *(18.Qxc6 Qd5±)* 18...Ndxe5 19.dxe5 Nxe5 20.Qe4±]
18.Qg3 -2.36/19
[18.Nd2∓ -1.44/19]
18...Qxa2 ...Nb6 is the strong threat.
19.Bg5 Bxg5+ 20.hxg5 Nb6 21.b3 Against Nc4 **21...Nd5 22.Rf3** -4.25/19 Dodges Nge3
[22.Rd2 -2.90/20 was necessary. Nde3 23.Re1]

22...a5 23.g6 fxg6 24.Nf4 a4 -2.82/20
[⌓24...0-0 -4.76/23 25.Nxg6 Rf7 *(25...Rxf3? 26.Qxf3 a4 27.bxa4-+)* 26.Rxf7 Kxf7]
25.bxa4? -4.70/19
[25.Nxd5 -2.82/20 cxd5 26.Qf4]
25...0-0 Black is clearly winning.
[25...Rxa4 26.Nxe6 Nc3 27.Rxc3 Qxe6 *(27...bxc3? 28.Nxc3 Qxe6 29.Nxa4-+)* 28.Rf3-+]
26.Rdf1 -7.87/22
[⌓26.Nxg6 -4.90/21 Rxf3 27.Qxf3 Qxa4 *(27...Nge3? 28.Ne7+ Nxe7 29.Qxe3-+)* 28.Rf1]
26...Rxf4
[26...Rxa4 27.Nxd5 Rxf3 28.Ne7+ Kh7 29.Qxf3=]
27.Rxf4 Nxf4
[Inferior is 27...Rxa4 28.Rxg4 Nc3 *(28...hxg4 29.Qf2=)* 29.Qf3= *(29.Nxc3? perishes. bxc3 30.Qxc3 hxg4-+)*]
28.Rxf4 Qxa4 29.Qd3 Kh7 30.Rf7 Nh6 31.Re7 Qa2 32.Rb7 Qd5 33.Rxb4 c5 34.dxc5 Qxc5 35.Rb5 Qg1+ 36.Kb2 Nf5 37.Na3 Qd4+ 38.Qxd4 Nxd4 39.Rb4

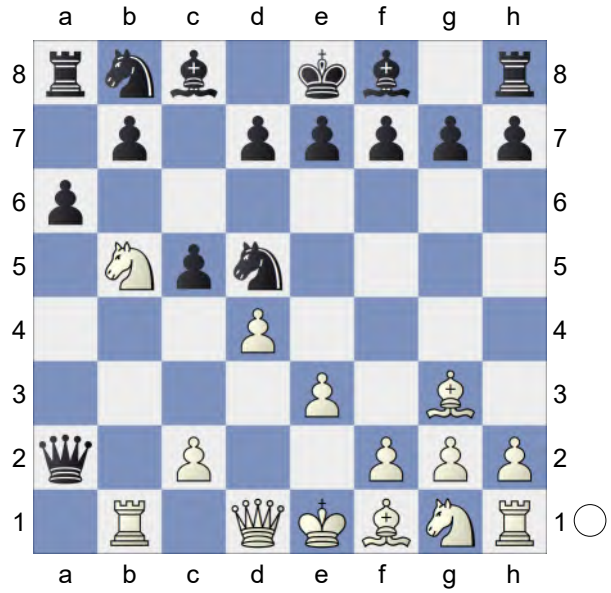


Rxa3! Remove Defender, Decoy
40.Rxd4 Endgame. KR-KR **40...Ra5 41.c4 g5 42.Kc3 g4 43.Kb4 Ra2 44.c5 g3** Strongly threatening ...g2. **45.c6 Rc2**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.63/ Black=0.32
0-1

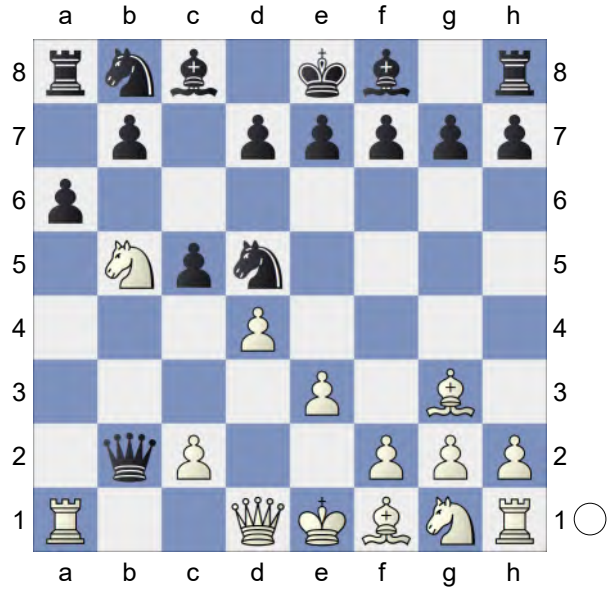
211 **A45**
□ **Chargemax23** **2735**
■ **Blueberry Pancakes** **2604**
Blitz 26.03.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min A45: Trompowsky Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4**
[2.a3 g6 3.Bf4 d6 4.e3 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 b6 7.0-0 Bb7 8.h3 Nbd7 9.c4 Ne4 10.Bh2 e5 11.d5 a5 12.b3 f5 13.Nfd2 Ndc5 14.Nxe4 Nxe4 15.Ra2 Bc8 16.f3 Nc5 Carlsen,M (2850)-Fressinet,L (2702) Berlin 2015 CBM 168 Extra [Schulz, Andre] 1-0 (44)]
2...c5 3.e3N
[3.d5 g6 4.Nc3 d6 5.e4 Bg7 6.Nf3 0-0
A) 7.a4 Na6 *(7...Bg4 8.Be2 Nbd7 9.0-0 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Ne5 11.Be2* 3 Benoni Setups-3...d6 Variation *)* 8.Be2 Nc7 9.0-0 Bg4 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Nd7 12.Qd2 a6 13.Be2 Rb8 14.a5 b5 15.axb6 Rxb6 16.Nd1 #2 13) Benoni and Benko Defense-3...d6 with 4...g6;
B) 7.Be2 b5 8.Bxb5 Nxe4 9.Nxe4 Qa5+ 10.Nc3 Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 Qxb5 Barsov-Garcia Castro Mondariz 2007]
3...Qb6 4.Nc3 Qxb2 5.Nb5 Nd5 6.Rb1 Qxa2 7.Bg3 And now c4 would win. **7...a6** 0.91/20

[7...cxd4= 0.00/25 8.e4 Qa5+ 9.Qd2 Qa2]



8.Ra1!± White has strong compensation. White is better. **8...Qb2**



9.c4! Nc3 2.33/20

[9...Qb4+? 10.Qd2 axb5 11.Rxa8 Qb1+ 12.Ke2+-]

[9...axb5± 1.01/19 10.Rxa8 bxc4 11.Rxb8 Kd8 12.dxc5 e6]

10.Nc7++- Kd8 11.Qc1 Qb4 White must now prevent ...Nb5+. **12.Qd2?** 0.68/20

[White has to play 12.Nxa8+- 2.71/27 Ne4+ 13.Kd1]

12...Ra7± Strongly threatening ...b6. **13.dxc5** Hoping for Ne6+! **13...Nc6!** Threatens to win with ...e6.

[13...d6? 14.cxd6 Nc6 15.dxe7+ Kxe7 16.Bd3+- *(16.Ne2 Ne4±)*]

14.Nd5 Nxd5 15.cxd5 Qxd2+ 16.Kxd2 Nb4 17.e4↑ White has some pressure. &Bianco is more active. **17...e6** 1.26/22 Black is on the road to losing.

[17...f6!± 0.65/22]

18.d6± Nc6 2.00/24

[18...f6± 1.17/24]

19.e5 f6 2.28/24

[19...g5 1.82/21 was necessary.]

20.f4+- g6 3.03/22

[⌓20...fxe5 1.97/21 21.fxe5 g6]

21.exf6 Bh6? 5.02/21

[21...b5 3.04/21 was worth a try. 22.Bh4 *(22.cxb6 Ra8±)* 22...Ke8]

22.Ne2 2.49/20

[⌓22.f7 5.02/21 Intending Bh4+ and mate. Ne7 23.Bd3]

22...Rf8 23.Bh4 aiming for f7+. **23...Ke8** 4.03/22

[⌓23...Rf7 2.80/25 24.g3 a5]

24.Bg5 Bxg5 25.fxg5 Kf7 26.h4 b6 27.cxb6 Rb7 28.Rb1 a5 29.Nc3 Nb4 30.Na4 Rb8 31.Bb5 Rd8 32.Rhc1 Bb7 33.Rc7 Bc6 34.Bxc6 Nxc6 35.Rb5 Nd4 36.Rb2 Nf5 37.b7 Nxd6 38.Kd3 Nc5 is the strong threat. **38...e5** 7.19/20

[⌓38...Ne8 4.45/18]

39.Rb6 Ke6? 7.90/20

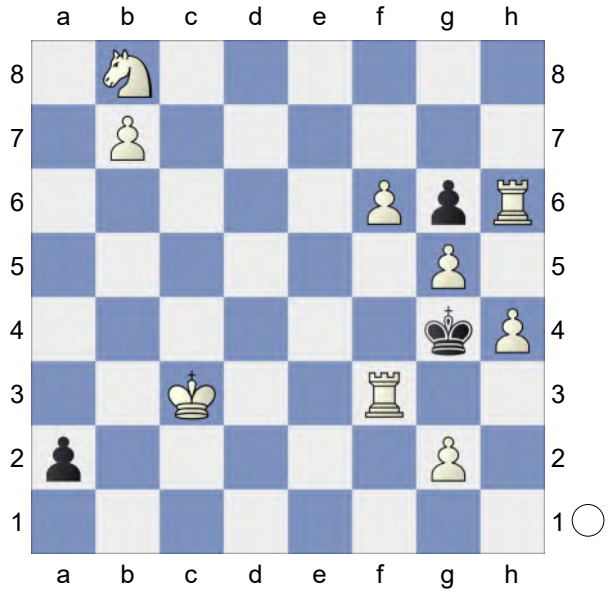
[39...Ne8 3.91/19]

40.Nc5+ Kd5 41.Na6 Nf5 42.Nxb8 11.54/18

[⌓42.Rc5# #1/16]

42...e4+ 43.Kc3 Nd4 44.Rc8 Ne2+ 45.Kb2 Nc3 46.Kxc3 White mates.

46...e3 47.Rxd8 Ke5 48.Re8+ Kf5 49.Rxe3 Kg4 50.Rf3 d5 51.Rb5 Kh5 52.Rxd5 a4 53.Rd6 h6 54.Rd7 a3 55.Rh7 Kg4 56.Rxh6 a2



57.Rg3+!! Weighted Error Value: White=0.37/Black=0.78
1-0

212 **A45**
□ **Captainbear Pika** **2734**
■ **Hkz2020** **2806**
Blitz 12.01.2023
[Kitty Kat]

A45: Trompowsky Attack **1.d4 Nf6**
2.Bf4
[2.a3 g6 3.Bf4 d6 4.e3 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 b6 7.0-0 Bb7 8.h3 Nbd7 9.c4 Ne4 10.Bh2 e5 11.d5 a5 12.b3 f5 13.Nfd2 Ndc5 14.Nxe4 Nxe4 15.Ra2 Bc8 16.f3 Nc5 Carlsen,M (2850)-Fressinet,L (2702) Berlin 2015 CBM 168 Extra [Schulz, Andre] 1-0 (44)]
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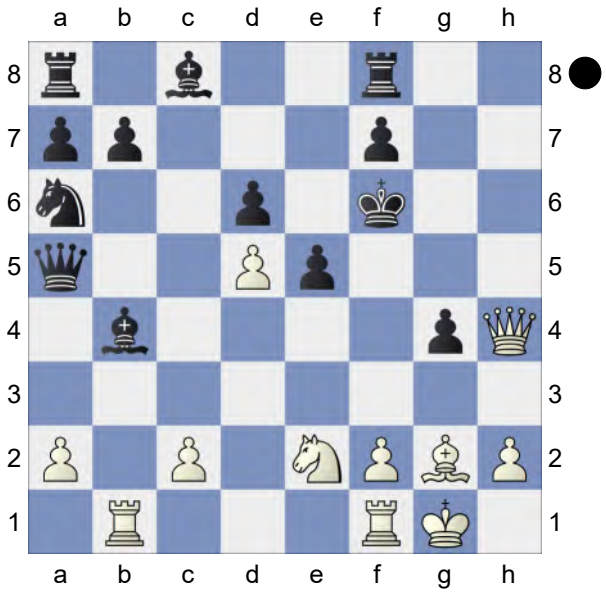
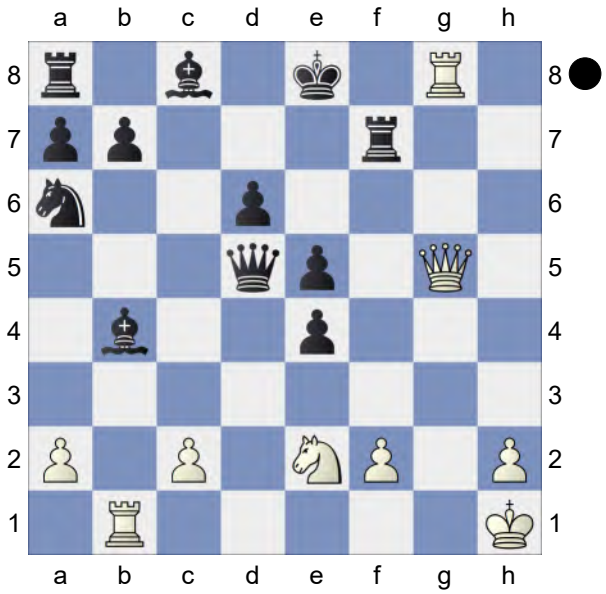
3...Qb6 4.Nc3 Qxb2 5.Nge2 cxd4 6.exd4 Qa3 0.31/19
[6...Qb6= -0.29/21]
7.g3 -0.52/22
[7.g4!± 0.31/19]
7...Qa5 8.Bg2 Black has an edge. **8...e6** 0.22/23
[⌓8...d5! -0.17/20]
9.0-0 -0.41/22
[9.d5!= 0.22/23]
9...Bb4 0.30/19
[9...d5!∓ -0.41/22]
10.Qd3= White has compensation.
10...0-0 11.d5 Na6 0.74/20
[11...Nxd5= 0.28/20 12.Nxd5 exd5]
12.Rab1 0.31/18
[12.a3!± 0.74/20 Bc5 13.Nd4]
12...d6± 13.Bg5 -0.32/18
[Better is 13.dxe6± 0.33/21 Bxe6 14.Bxb7 *(14.Bxd6 Bxd6 15.Qxd6 Rad8=)*]
13...e5 0.10/20
[13...Nc5∓ -0.32/18 14.Qf3 Bxc3 15.Nxc3 Nxd5 16.Nxd5 exd5]
14.Bxf6= gxf6 15.Ne4 f5 0.44/20
[15...Qd8= 0.10/21 is superior.]
16.Nf6+± Kg7 17.Nh5+ Pair of Knights!
17...Kh6 0.77/24
[17...Kh8± 0.33/21 was preferrable.]
18.g4!± fxg4
[18...Nc5? 19.Qe3+ f4 20.Nexf4!+-]

19.Nf6 Kg7 20.Qxh7+ -0.46/5
[20.Nh5+= 0.00/25 Kh8 21.Nf6]
20...Kxf6∓ Chess con chili. **21.Qh4+** -1.12/25
[21.c3!∓ -0.68/21 should be considered. Qd8 22.cxb4 *(22.Qh6+ Ke7∓)*]



21...Kg6!∓ aiming for ...Qd8. **22.Be4+** -1.57/18
[White has to play 22.Ng3 -0.78/20 f5 23.Qh5+ Kf6 24.f4 *(24.Qh6+? Ke7-+)*]
22...f5 23.Qxg4+ Kf6 -1.10/17
[Black should play 23...Kf7-+ -1.93/20 24.Qh5+ Ke7]
24.Qh4+ Kf7 25.Kh1? -3.68/22 Loses the game. **25...fxe4-+ 26.Rg1** White threatens Qh5+ and mate. **26...Qxd5** Black is clearly winning.
[26...Ke8? 27.Rg7 Qc7 28.Rxc7 Nxc7 29.Rxb4 Nxd5 30.Rxe4±]
27.Qh5+ Ke7 28.Rg7+ Rf7 29.Qg5+ Ke8 30.Rg8+

(Diagram)



Kd7!
[30...Rf8 31.Rxf8+ Kd7 32.a3 e3+ 33.f3+-]
31.c4 Qe6 32.Qd8+ Kc6 33.c5 Rd7 34.Qf8 Bxc5 ...Rf7 is the strong threat. **35.Nc3 e3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.57/Black=0.24 (precise)
0-1

213 **D00**
□ **Peradetlic83** **2732**
■ **Miki Train** **2680**
Blitz 18.02.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 1-0 (88)*; 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5*

Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7 Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig,F (1863) Mainz 1997 EXT 2000 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (57)*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) www.desc-online.de 2000 CBM 166 [Beliavsky, Alexander G] 1-0 (41)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]

3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.Qf3 b5 6.g4 b4! 7.Nce2 c5 8.Ng3 Black is slightly better. **8...Bb7 9.0-0-0** -0.93/23

[9.h4∓ -0.50/21 is superior.]

9...Qa5∓ 10.Kb1 Nbd7 Strongly threatening ...Rc8. **11.N1e2** -1.57/21

[⌓11.Bd3 -0.93/20]

11...Be7 -0.75/19

[⌓11...Rc8 -1.57/21 Hoping for ...c4. 12.Qg2 Nxg4]

12.Nc1 c4 -0.23/19

[12...Rc8∓ -0.70/20]

13.g5 -1.11/18

[13.Bxc4!= -0.23/19 was the only way to keep the balance. g5 14.Be5 *(14.Bxg5 dxc4 15.Qxb7 Rb8∓)*]

13...Ne4 ...Nc3+! is the strong threat.

14.Nxe4 dxe4 15.Qg3 -1.74/19

[15.Qh3∓ -1.33/17]

15...Rc8-+ 16.Bd6 Qd5

[Stronger than 16...Qxg5 17.Qxg5 Bxg5 18.Rg1=]

[16...Bxg5 17.a3∓]

17.Bxe7 Kxe7 18.Qh4 Kd8 0.00/17

[Black should try 18...c3∓ -1.40/19 aiming for ...cxb2. 19.bxc3 Rxc3 20.g6+ f6 21.gxh7 Qf5]

19.Bg2 -0.40/17

[19.g6+= 0.00/17 deserves consideration. f6 20.Ne2 *(20.gxh7 Ke7=)*]

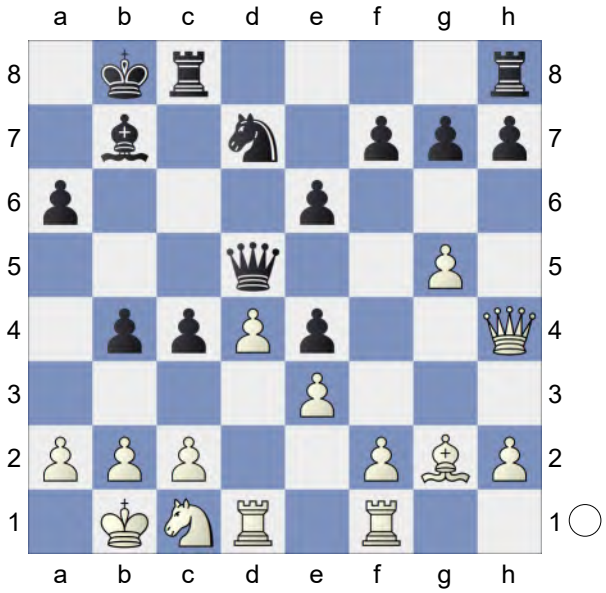
19...Kc7 0.00/19

[19...h6∓ -0.40/17 is more appropriate.]

20.Rhf1 Kb8? 1.32/18

[Much less strong is 20...Kb6 21.f3 h6 22.gxh6±]

[Black should play 20...h6= -0.22/18]



21.f3!± exf3? 3.05/18 Loses the game.

[21...Qb5± 1.12/18]

22.Bxf3+- Qa5 23.Bxb7 Kxb7 24.Rxf7 Rc7 25.Qe4+ Kb8? 4.27/18

[25...Qd5 2.50/18 26.Qh4 g6]

26.Qxe6 Rd8 27.Rxg7 c3 28.Rxh7? 1.79/18

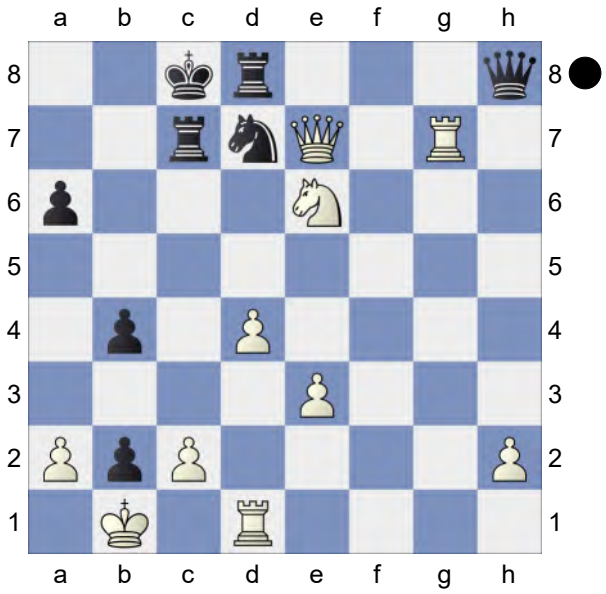
[28.Nd3 4.76/18]

28...cxb2? 4.60/18

[28...Nf8 1.79/18 was called for. 29.Qg8 Rxh7]

29.Nb3 Qxg5 30.Qe7? 2.68/17

[30.d5 6.80/19]
30...Qg8? 5.18/18
[30...Qxe7 2.68/17 31.Rxe7 Nb6 32.Rxc7 Kxc7]
31.Rg7 Qh8? 9.94/21
[31...Qf8 3.57/22 32.Rdg1 Qxe7 33.Rxe7 Nb6]
32.Nc5 Kc8 33.Ne6

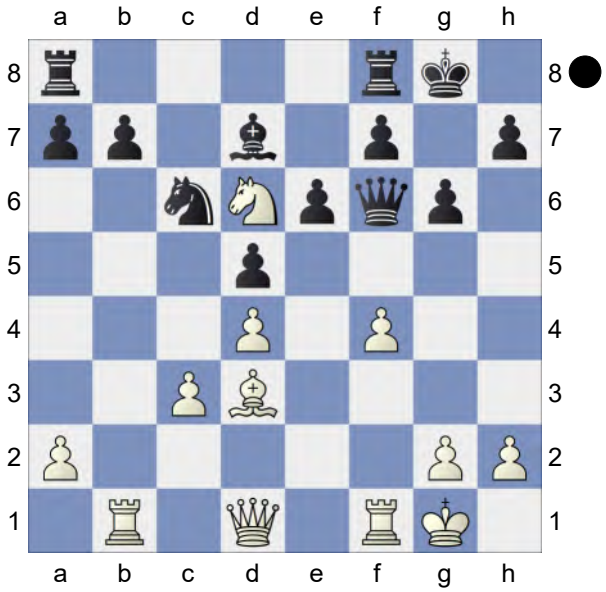


Threatens to win with Qd6. **33...Qh5 34.Qxd8+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.55/Black=1.00
1-0

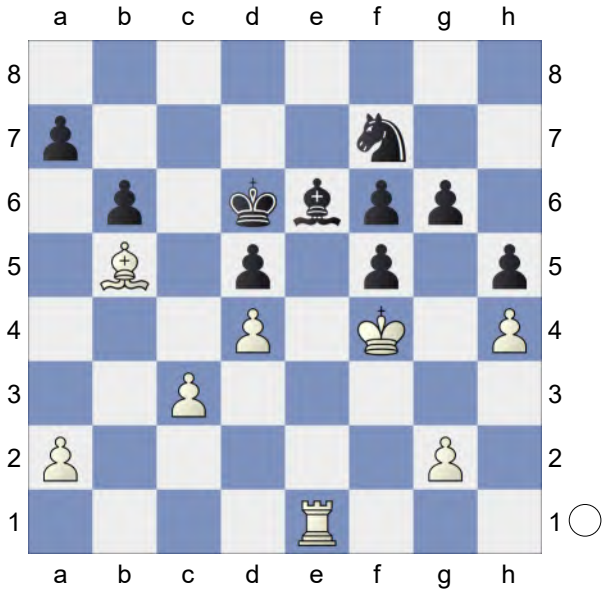
214 **A45**
□ **Nihalsarin2004** **2731**
■ **Yesaiedo** **2586**
Blitz 08.08.2020
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min A45: Trompowsky Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4**
[2.a3 g6 3.Bf4 d6 4.e3 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 b6 7.0-0 Bb7 8.h3 Nbd7 9.c4 Ne4 10.Bh2 e5 11.d5 a5 12.b3 f5 13.Nfd2 Ndc5 14.Nxe4 Nxe4 15.Ra2 Bc8 16.f3 Nc5 Carlsen,M (2850)-Fressinet,L (2702) Berlin 2015 CBM 168 Extra [Schulz, Andre] 1-0 (44)]
2...c5 3.e3N
[3.d5 g6 4.Nc3 d6 5.e4 Bg7 6.Nf3 0-0
A) 7.a4 Na6 *(7...Bg4 8.Be2 Nbd7 9.0-0 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Ne5 11.Be2* 3 Benoni Setups-3...d6 Variation *)* 8.Be2 Nc7 9.0-0 Bg4 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Nd7 12.Qd2 a6 13.Be2 Rb8 14.a5 b5 15.axb6 Rxb6 16.Nd1 #2 13) Benoni and Benko Defense-3...d6 with 4...g6;
B) 7.Be2 b5 8.Bxb5 Nxe4 9.Nxe4 Qa5+ 10.Nc3 Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 Qxb5 Barsov-Garcia Castro Mondariz 2007]
3...Qb6 4.Nc3 Qxb2 5.Nge2 cxd4 6.exd4 Qb6 7.Rb1 Qd8 8.Ng3 -0.48/22
[8.h4= -0.14/21]
8...e6 0.00/22
[8...g6!∓ -0.48/22]
9.Bd3= d5 1.49/25
[9...Be7= 0.00/22]
10.0-0? -0.25/26 &Bianco is much more active.
[10.Nb5!± 1.49/25 aiming for Nc7+. Na6 11.Nh5]
10...Bd6 11.Bg5 -0.57/27
[11.Bxd6!= -0.12/26 feels stronger. Qxd6 12.Nh5]
11...0-0∓ 12.Nb5 Be7 13.Nh5 -1.19/23
[White should try 13.Bf4!∓ -0.68/26 Ne8 14.c4 *(14.Qh5 f5∓)*]
13...Nc6 -0.88/24
[⌓13...Nxh5 -1.19/23 14.Qxh5 *(14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.Qxh5 g6∓)* 14...g6 15.Bxe7 Qxe7]
14.Bxf6 -1.44/25
[⌓14.Nxg7 -0.88/24 Kxg7 15.Bxf6+ Bxf6 16.Qg4+ Kh6 17.Nd6 *(17.Be2? Rg8-+)*]

14...Bxf6∓ 15.c3 -2.31/21
[15.Nxf6+∓ -1.31/21 might work better. Qxf6 16.c3 *(16.Qh5 g6∓)*]
15...g6 -1.08/19
[15...Be7-+ -2.31/21 and Black stays clearly on top. 16.Qc1 *(16.Qg4? g6-+)* 16...Bg5]
16.Nxf6+ Qxf6 17.f4 Bd7 18.Nd6 -1.46/19
[⌓18.Na3 -1.15/19]



18...b6! 19.Qe1 -2.33/21
[19.Qd2∓ -1.44/18]
19...Qe7 20.Nb5 Rac8 21.f5 -2.21/20
[21.Rb3 -1.74/20 was necessary.]
21...exf5 22.Qg3 Rfe8? 0.00/21
[22...Na5-+ -2.12/18 Hoping for ... Bxb5. 23.Rf3 Bxb5 24.Bxb5 Qc7]
23.Rbe1
[Much weaker is 23.Nd6 Qe3+ 24.Qxe3 Rxe3 25.Nxc8 Rxd3∓]
23...Qf6 White must now prevent ... Rxe1. **24.Rd1** -0.89/21
[24.Rxe8+= 0.04/23 Rxe8 25.Nc7]
24...Qe7 0.46/19
[24...Ne7∓ -0.89/21 And now ...Rc6 would win. 25.Qd6 Be6 26.Nxa7 Rxc3]
25.Nd6± Qe3+ 26.Qxe3 Rxe3 27.Nxc8 Bxc8 28.Rfe1 Rxe1+ 29.Rxe1 Endgame Re8+ is the strong threat. KRB-KBN **29...Be6! 30.Kf2** White has compensation. **30...Kf8 31.Ke3 Na5 32.Kd2 Ke7 33.h4 h5 34.Rh1** 0.12/27
[34.Ke3± 0.49/28]
34...Kd6 35.Re1 Nc6 36.Ke3 Nd8 0.84/22
[36...Na5= 0.27/24]
37.Kf4 0.52/22
[37.Bb5± 0.84/22]
37...f6! 38.Bb5 Strongly threatening Be8. **38...Nf7** 1.88/24
[38...Bd7± 0.55/20 39.a4 Ne6+ 40.Kf3 f4]



39.Be8!+- Nh8 40.Re3 Threatens to win with Rg3. **40...Ke7?** 5.19/23
[40...Nf7 1.74/22 is a better chance. 41.Re1 Ke7]

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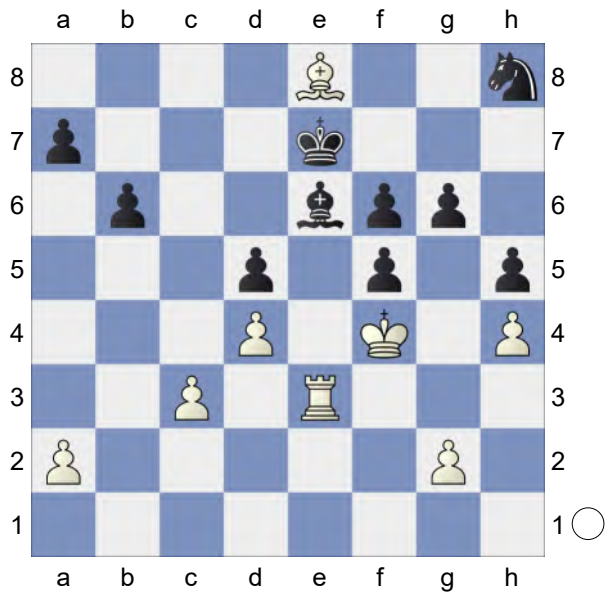
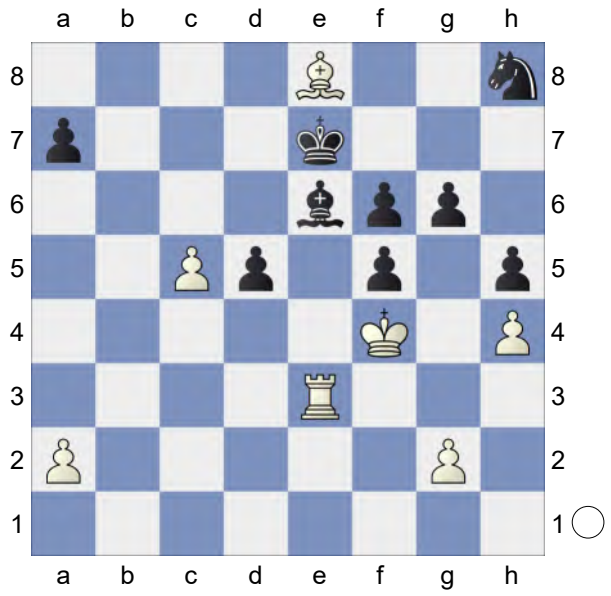


41.c4! White is clearly winning. **41...Kd6**
[41...dxc4 42.d5]
42.c5+ bxc5 43.dxc5+ Ke7



44.c6! d4
[44...g5+ 45.hxg5]

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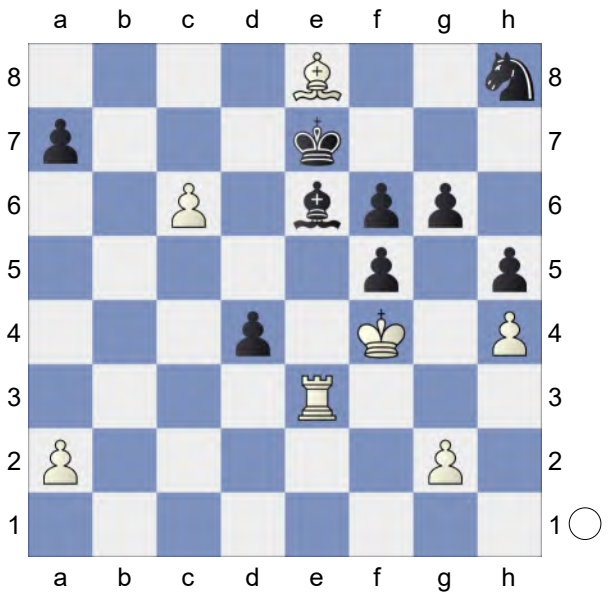

45.Rxe6+! Promotion **45...Kxe6**
[45...Kd8 46.Rd6+]
46.c7 g5+ 47.hxg5 fxg5+ 48.Kxg5 Ke5 49.c8Q d3 50.Qxf5+ Quite a comeback for White. Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) / Black=0.51
1-0

215 **D00**
□ **Aravindh,Chithambaram VR** **2731**
■ **Praggnanandhaa,Rameshbabu**
Titled Tue 11th Mar Early blitz (7)
[Kitty Kat]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.Nc3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Bd3 Nc6 7.Nce2 Bg4 8.h3** The position is equal. **8...Bh5 9.g4 Bg6 10.Nf3 e6 11.Ne5 Nxe5 12.Bxe5 Nd7 13.Bg3 Qb6 14.c3** -0.68/21
[14.a4= -0.28/17 is superior.]
14...Be7 -0.18/18
[14...Qxb2 15.Rb1 Qxa2 16.Rxb7]
[14...Bxd3∓ -0.68/21 15.Qxd3 Qxb2]
15.Bxg6= hxg6 16.Qb3 Qc6 17.Nf4

b5 18.Nd3 a5 19.a4 b4 20.Rc1 Qc4 21.Qd1 -1.12/21
[21.Qxc4∓ -0.49/23 dxc4 22.Ne5]
21...bxc3∓ 22.Rxc3 Qxd4 23.Kf1 -1.87/24
[23.0-0∓ -1.21/21 was called for.]
23...0-0-+ 24.Kg2 Rac8 25.Ne5 Qxd1 26.Rxd1 Nxe5 27.Bxe5 Bb4 28.Rg3 -2.19/22
[⌓28.Rxc8 -1.76/22 Rxc8 29.f4]
28...Rc2 29.h4 -2.28/22
[⌓29.g5 -1.86/22]
29...f6 30.Bd4 e5 31.Bc3 Bc5 -1.39/21
[Black should play 31...d4-+ -1.78/20 32.Bxb4 axb4]
32.Be1 -1.99/20
[32.Rd2∓ -1.39/21 Rxd2 33.Bxd2]
32...Bd4
[Worse is 32...Rxb2 33.Rxd5 Bd4 34.Rxa5∓]
33.h5 -2.64/21
[33.Rb3 -1.96/20 was worth a try.]
33...Kf7
[33...Rxb2 34.hxg6 f5 35.gxf5-+]
34.b4 -3.30/21
[⌓34.Rd2 -1.98/20 Rc4 35.b3]
34...axb4 35.Rb1 Rb8 36.a5 Ra2 37.a6? -5.45/21
[37.Rxb4 -3.38/22 might work better. Rxb4 38.hxg6+ Kxg6 39.Bxb4]

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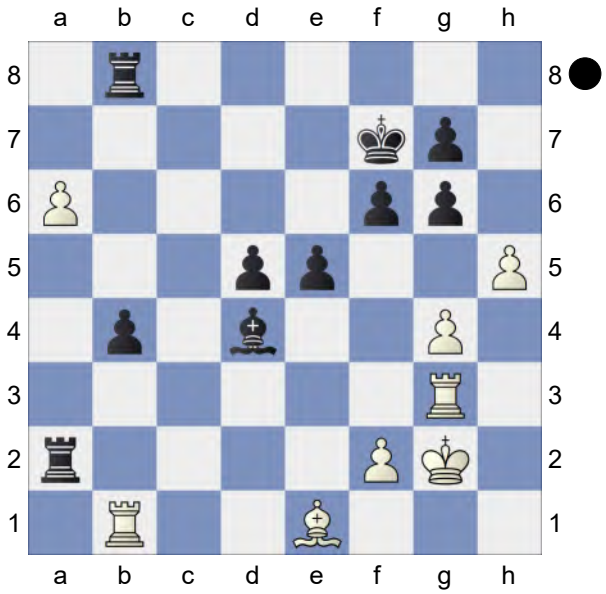

37...Rxa6 38.Rgb3 Ra2 39.Rxb4 Rxb4 40.Rxb4 gxh5 41.gxh5 Endgame KRB-KRB **41...Re2 42.Rb7+ Kg8 43.Kf1 Ra2 44.Rd7 Kh7 45.Rxd5 Kh6 46.Rd7 Rb2**
[46...Kxh5 47.Rxg7 f5 48.Rg3∓]
47.Rf7 Ra2? 0.01/22
[And not 47...Kxh5 48.Rxg7 f5 49.f3∓]
[Better is 47...Rb1-+ -2.81/24 ...Bc3 is the strong threat. 48.Ke2 Rb2+ 49.Kf1 Ra2]
48.Rd7!= White does not recover from this. **48...Ra7**
[Stronger than 48...Kxh5 49.Rxg7 f5 50.Rg3∓]
49.Bd2+ Kxh5 50.Rd8 Kg4

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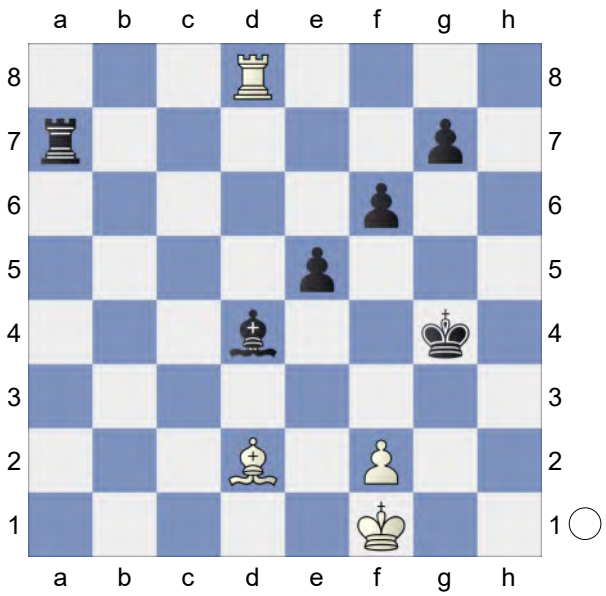

aiming for ...Kf3. **51.Ke2** **Kf5** Strongly threatening ...Ra2. **52.Rh8?** -6.43/26
[52.f3 -3.29/23]
52...g5 Threatens to win with ...Ra2. Black is clearly winning. **53.Rf8** **Ra2** **54.f3** **Bc3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.51/Black=0.36
0-1

216 **B13**
□ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2728**
■ **Piorun,Kacper** **2601**
France (ch-Int.-m/2-blitz) 144/(132) 2020
[Kitty Kat]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4** **Nf6** **2.Nc3** **d5** **3.Bf4** **c5** **4.e3** **cxd4** **5.exd4** **Nc6** **6.Nf3** -0.26/20 *. White is more active.
[6.Nb5± 0.93/20 Nb5-c7+ would now be deadly. e5 7.Bxe5 *(7.dxe5 a6±)*]
6...a6 0.10/18
[6...Bg4 -0.26/20 is superior.]
7.Ne5= **e6** **8.g3N** **Bd6** The position is equal. **9.Bg2** **0-0** **10.0-0** **Qc7** **11.Re1** **b5**
[11...Bd7! 12.Nb1 h6 13.c3 Ne7 14.Nd2 Be8 15.a4 Nc6∞ 16.Qe2 Rc8! 17.Ng6 Bxf4 18.Nxf4]
12.a4
[12.a3 Bb7 13.h4 Rac8 14.Na2 Bxe5 15.dxe5 Nd7 16.Qh5 Ne7 17.c3 d4 18.Bxb7 Qxb7 19.Rad1 Nf5 20.cxd4 Nb6 21.Nc3 Rfd8 22.Ne4 Nxd4 23.Rd3 Nf5 24.Qf3 Qa8 25.Bg5 Rxd3 26.Qxd3 Qd5 0-1 Firouzja,A (2767)-Carlsen,M (2832) Chess.com SpeedChess Final blitz 2024 (2.18)]
12...b4 **13.Na2** **a5N** 0.28/19
[⌓13...Bb7 -0.12/18 14.Qd2 a5 15.Nc1 Ne7 16.Nb3 Ne4 17.Qe3 f6 18.Nd3 Nf5 19.Qc1 Rac8 20.Bxd6 Nexd6 21.Ndc5 Nxd4 22.Nxd4 Qxc5 23.Nxe6 Qb6 24.Nxf8 Rxf8 25.Qf4 Nc4 26.b3 Ne5 27.Rad1 Rc8 28.Rxe5 fxe5 1-0 Gazi,M (2777)-Behrmann (2553) British Championship, Great Yarmouth 2007 (1.3)]
14.c3= **bxc3** **15.Nxc3**
[15.Rc1 keeps more tension. Bxe5 16.dxe5 cxb2 17.Rxc6 Qxc6 18.exf6 Ba6 19.Qd2]
15...Ba6∞ 2.71/21
[Black should play 15...Qb7± 0.55/18]

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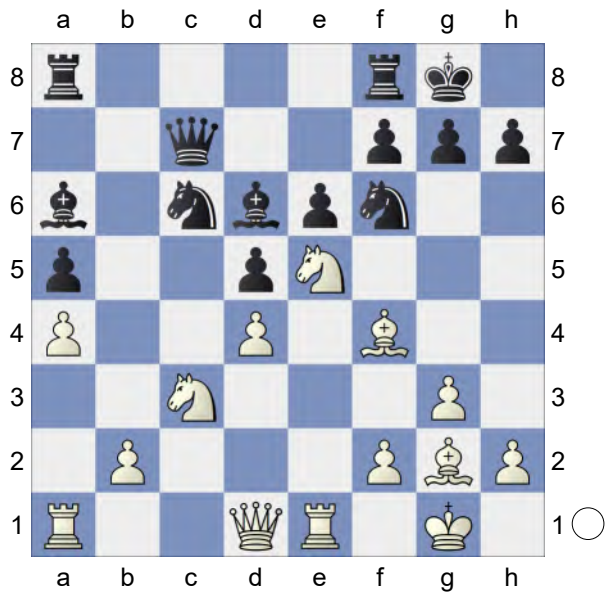
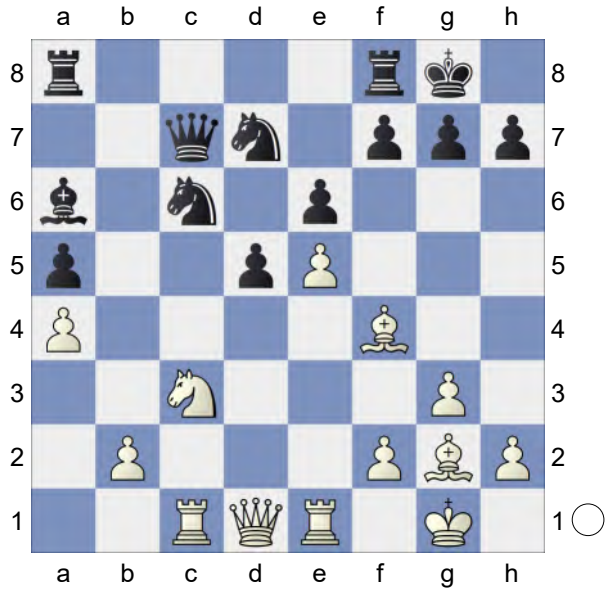


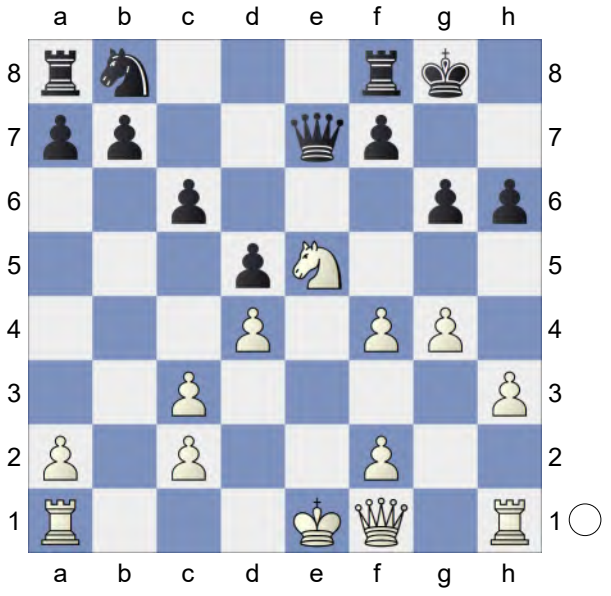
This move loses the game for Black.
16.Rc1!+-
[16.Nb5 Bxb5 17.axb5 Nb4=]
16...Bxe5? 4.29/21
[16...Nb4 2.36/20 was called for.]
17.dxe5 Nd7 6.25/19
[⌓17...Ne4 4.06/18 18.Nxd5 exd5 19.Qxd5 Nb4]



18.Nxd5! White is clearly winning.
18...exd5 19.e6 Discovered Attack
19...Qb7!? 20.Bxd5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) / Black=0.87
1-0

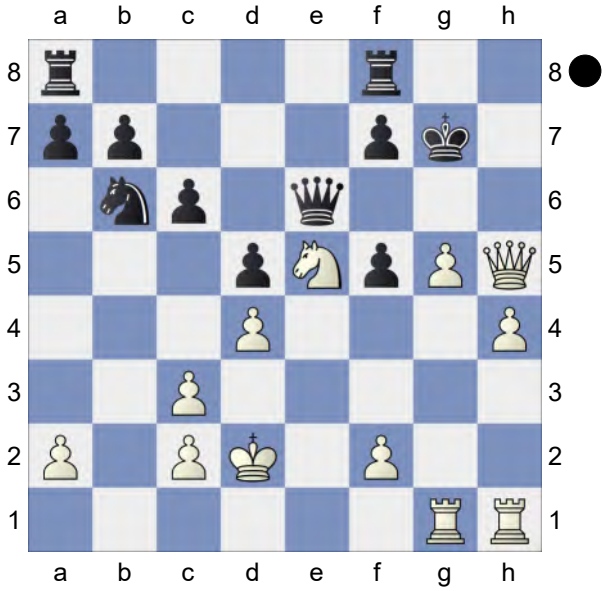
217 **D00**
□ **Erigaisi,Arjun Kumar** **2727**
■ **Murzin,Volodar** **2627**
World Blitz 2023 (8.16) 29.12.2023
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 Bf5 4.e3 e6 5.Bd3 Bd6 6.Nf3 0-0 7.Bxf5 exf5 8.Bg5** The position is equal. **8...c6 9.Qd3 h6 10.Bh4 g6 11.Ne5 Be7 12.h3 Ne4 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.g4 Qh4** 0.51/19
[14...Nd7∓ -0.40/21]
15.Qf1 -0.13/19
[White should play 15.Rf1± 0.51/19]
15...Nxc3 0.42/21
[15...c5!= -0.13/19]
16.bxc3± f4 0.87/21
[16...Qf6± 0.32/20]
17.exf4± Qe7



18.Kd2 0.56/19
[18.Qd3!± 1.11/19]
18...Nd7 0.97/20
[18...c5± 0.56/19 was preferrable.]

19.Qd3 0.56/18
[White should try 19.Re1± 0.97/20]
19...Nb6 1.04/19
[19...Nxe5!± 0.56/18 20.fxe5 c5]
20.h4 0.65/20
[20.Rae1± 1.04/19]
20...Qf6 1.10/19
[20...Nc4+!± 0.65/20 21.Nxc4 dxc4]
21.f5 &Bianco is more active. **21...gxf5** 1.70/20
[21...Nc4+± 0.88/18 22.Nxc4 dxc4 23.Qxc4 Qd6]
22.g5+-
[Don't do 22.gxf5?! Rae8±]
[22.Qxf5?! Qxf5 23.gxf5 f6 24.Rag1+ Kh7±]
22...Qe6 2.00/20
[⌓22...Nc4+ 1.65/21 23.Nxc4 dxc4]
23.Rag1 h5 2.35/22
[⌓23...Nc4+ 1.74/20 24.Nxc4 dxc4 25.gxh6+ Kh8]
24.Qf3 Kg7 25.Qxh5



g6 is the strong threat. **25...Rh8 26.Qf3 Rae8 27.h5 Nc4+ 28.Nxc4 dxc4 29.g6** aiming for h6+! Dancing on a razor blade.
[Much less strong is 29.Re1 Qd5 30.Qh3 Re4+-]
29...Qe4? 10.23/23
[29...Rh6 3.69/22 30.gxf7+ Kxf7]
30.Qxe4 fxe4 31.h6+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.29 (precise) /Black=0.38
1-0

218 **D00**
□ **Kingkong Bro2006** **2727**
■ **Scarlet Dawn** **2702**
Blitz 05.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 Bf5 4.f3 e6 5.e3 c5 0.29/20
[⌓5...h6 -0.07/15]
6.Nb5 Na6 Repels Nc7+ **7.c3 Be7 8.g4** White is slightly better. **8...Bg6 9.h4** aiming for h5. **9...h5 10.g5 Nd7 11.a4 0-0 12.Ne2 Re8 13.Bg3** -0.26/19
[White should try 13.Bh3± 0.46/17]
13...cxd4= 14.exd4 Bf5 0.50/19
[14...e5= 0.05/19 is more appropriate.]
15.Nf4 g6 0.70/17
[15...e5!= 0.25/18 deserves consideration. 16.Nxd5 *(16.Nxh5 g6=)* 16...exd4 17.Nxd4 Bc5+ *(17...Bxg5+? 18.Kf2+-)* 18.Be2 Bh7]
16.Be2 0.34/17
[⌓16.Bd3 0.70/17]
16...Nab8 17.Nd3 Na6 18.Kf2 Bf8 19.Nd6 -0.05/20
[19.Kg2± 0.49/17]
19...Bxd6 20.Bxd6 Rc8 21.a5 Nab8 22.Qb3 Black is weak on the dark squares **22...Nc6 23.Qxb7 Nxa5** 1.39/19
[Better is 23...Bxd3 0.88/19 24.Bxd3 Nf8 25.Bxf8 Rxf8]

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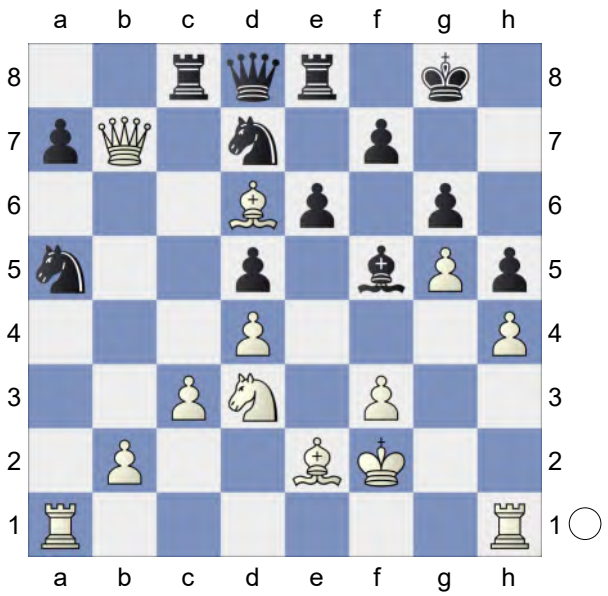
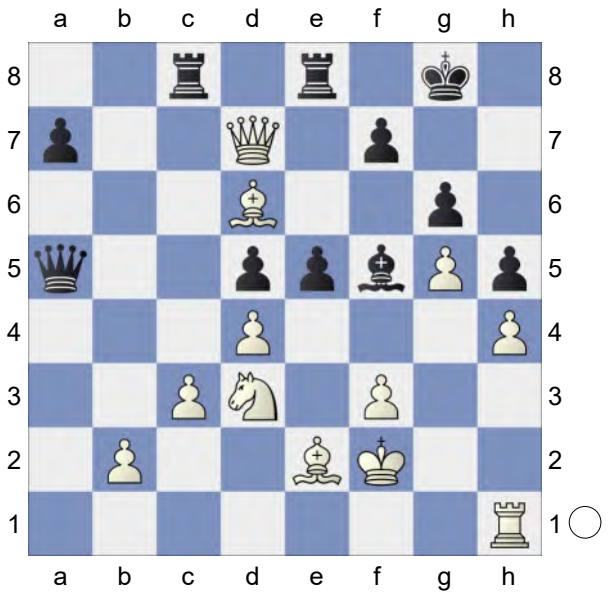


24.Rxa5!± Qxa5 25.Qxd7 Hoping for Ne5. **25...e5**



26.Qb7 exd4 3.50/20
[26...Bxd3 1.95/21 27.Bxd3 exd4]
27.Ne5+- Active counter play! **27...Be6**
28.cxd4 Qd2 29.Qb4
[Stronger than 29.Qxa7 Rc2 30.Re1 Rec8=]
29...Qf4 7.20/21
[29...Qc2 2.25/19 30.Qa3 Rcd8]

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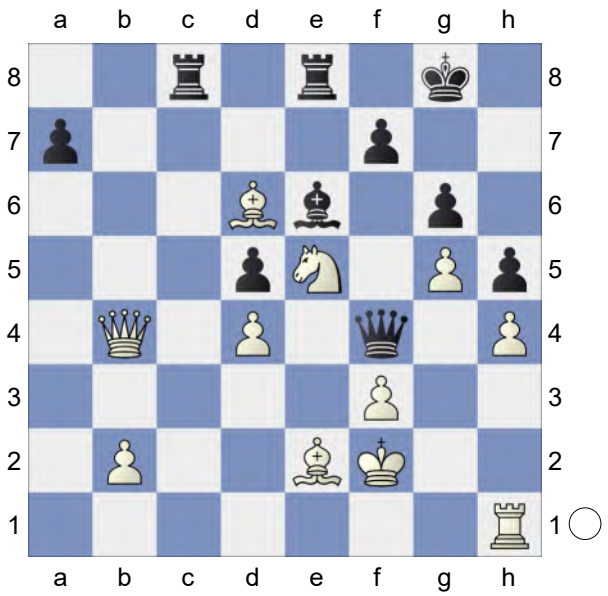

30.Nxg6! White is clearly winning.
30...Qf5 31.Ne7+ Rxe7 32.Bxe7 Rc2 33.Qb8+ Kh7 34.Qe5 4.91/20
[⌓34.Ke3 10.89/24 Rxe2+ 35.Kxe2]
34...Qg6 7.89/25
[⌓34...Qxe5 4.91/20 35.dxe5 d4]
35.Kg3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.55/Black=0.28 (precise)
1-0

219 **D00**
□ **Lalitaditaayyanar,Boominathan** **2727**
■ **Deslandes,Pascal** **2820**
WC-2011-T-00001 (10) 21.01.2015
[FS 106]

Kitty Kat: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines '
1.d4 Kitty Kat **1...Nf6 2.Nc3 d5**
Kitty Kat: 'N'
[2...c5 Kitty Kat 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.

desc-online.de 2000) 5...Bg7 6.Be2 (6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8 ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) 21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+ 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)) 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]

3.Bf4 e6 4.e3 Bb4 5.Nge2

[5.Nf3 Ne4]

[5.Bd3 c5 6.dxc5 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 Qa5 8.Bd6 Nbd7]

5...0-0 6.a3 Bd6 7.g3

[7.Bxd6 Qxd6 8.Ng3 c5]

7...b6 8.Bg2 Kitty Kat: 'The position is equal.' **8...Bb7 9.0-0 c5 10.Re1 Be7 11.h3 Nc6 12.g4 Rc8 13.Qd2 a6 14.dxc5 bxc5 15.Rad1 Qa5 16.Nc1** -0.81/19

[16.Ng3∓ -0.41/19 Kitty Kat]

16...c4 17.N1e2 Rfd8 18.Nd4 Qb6 19.Qc1 Nd7 20.g5 Bf8 21.h4 g6 22.h5 -0.91/20 **Bg7** -0.27/20

[22...Ne7∓ -0.91/20 (Kitty Kat) White must now prevent ...e6-e5. 23.Nf3 gxh5]

23.hxg6 -1.25/21

[23.h6= -0.27/20 Kitty Kat Nxd4 (23...Bxd4 24.exd4 a5 25.Qd2±) 24.hxg7]

23...hxg6 Kitty Kat: '∓' **24.Nf3** -1.38/19

[⌓24.Na4 -0.98/21 Kitty Kat Qa7 25.Ne2]

24...Nc5 25.Nh2 e5 26.Bg3

[26.Nxd5? Kitty Kat Rxd5 27.Rxd5 exf4-+]

26...Ne7 27.Ng4 e4

[27...Qe6]

28.f4 -3.08/19 Kitty Kat: '?'

[28.Bh3∓ -0.93/19 Kitty Kat]

28...Nf5 -1.35/21

[28...exf3-+ -3.08/19 (Kitty Kat) and Black stays clearly on top. 29.Bxf3 Nf5]

29.Bf2 Rb8 -1.29/21

[Better is 29...Ne6-+ -1.74/20 Kitty Kat 30.Kf1 Qc7]

30.Rd2 -1.95/19

[30.Bh3∓ -1.29/21 (Kitty Kat) was called for.]

30...Qe6 -1.23/22

[30...Ne6!-+ -1.95/19 Kitty Kat 31.a4 Rd6]

31.Bh3 0.01/17 Kitty Kat: '=' Kitty Kat: ' and White is okay.' **31...Qc6** Kitty Kat: '!'

32.Bg2 Qe6 0.01/17 Kitty Kat: '?'

[Black should play 32...Rd6∓ -1.50/19 (Kitty Kat) Threatens to win with ... Rb8-d8. 33.Kh2 Qc7]

33.Red1 -2.06/21 Kitty Kat: '?' Kitty Kat: '

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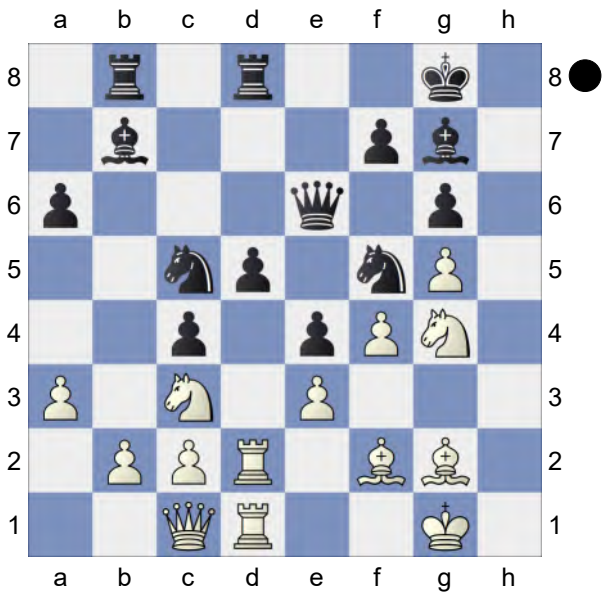
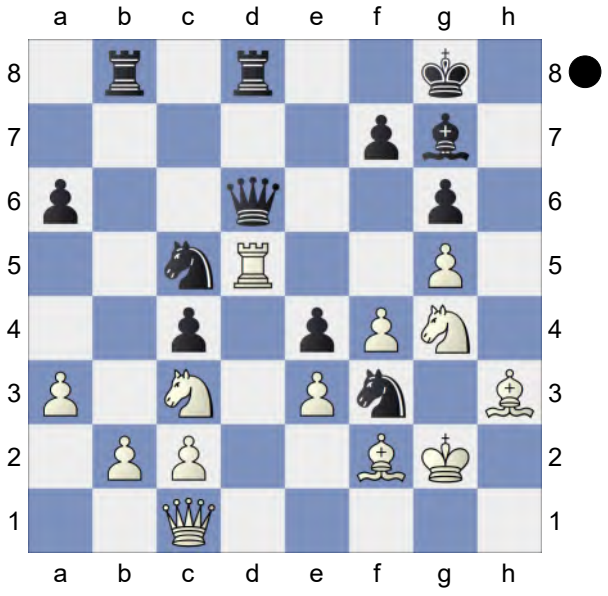
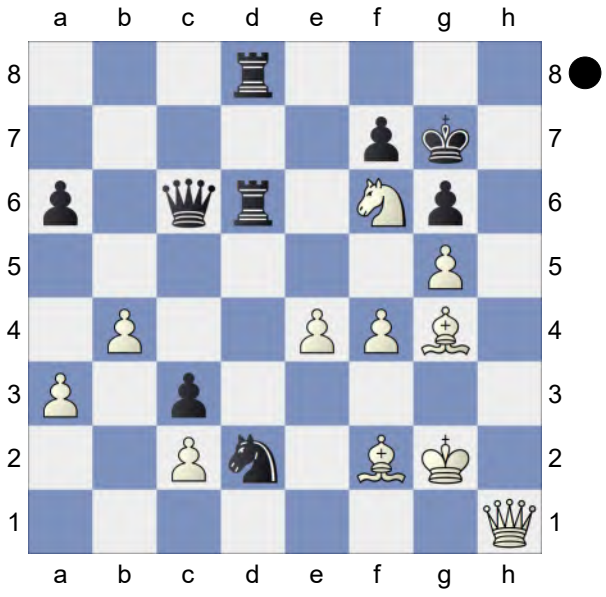


' **33...Nh4** -0.98/21 **34.Bh3**
[34.Bxh4 Qxg4 35.Bf2 d4 36.exd4 Ne6]
34...Nf3+ 35.Kg2 Qd6 Kitty Kat: '!' Kitty Kat: ' Black has more active pieces.' **36.Rxd5** -1.90/23
[36.Rd4∓ -1.07/21 Kitty Kat]
36...Bxd5 Kitty Kat: '-+' **37.Rxd5** Kitty Kat: '

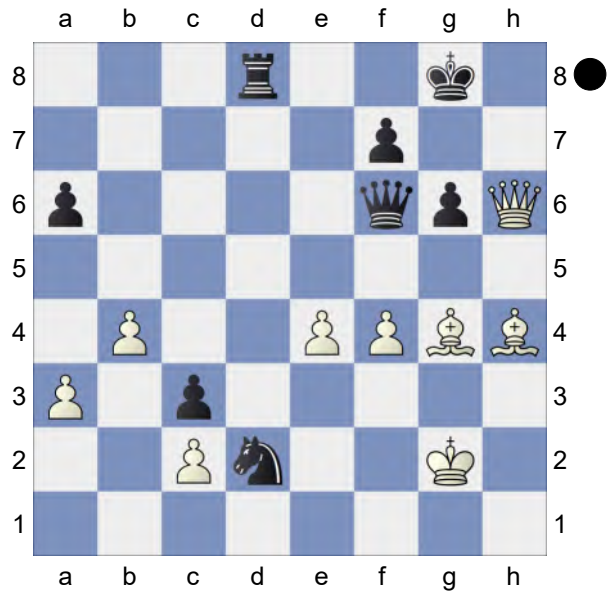


' **37...Qb6** Kitty Kat: '↑' Kitty Kat: ' Black has strong initiative.' **38.Rxc5** -2.10/23
[38.Qd1∓ -1.60/22 Kitty Kat]
38...Qxc5 -0.95/20
[38...Bxc3 -2.10/23 Kitty Kat: '-+' 39.Rxc4 Bxb2]
39.Nxe4 Kitty Kat: ' ∓ ' ' ∓ ' **39...Qc6**
40.Nef6+ -1.72/24
[40.Kxf3? Kitty Kat Re8 41.Kg3 *(41.Ne5? Bxe5 42.fxe5 Rxe5-+)* 41...Qxe4-+ *(41...Rxe4 42.Bg2∓)*]
40...Bxf6 Kitty Kat: '-+' **41.Nxf6+ Kg7 42.e4**
[42.Kg3 Kitty Kat]
42...Nd2 43.Bg4 c3
[43...Nxe4? Kitty Kat 44.Bf3 Qb7 *(44...c3? 45.b4+-)* 45.Bxe4 Qxb2 46.Qe3+- *(46.Qh1 Rh8±)*]
44.b4
[44.Qh1? Kitty Kat Rh8 *(44...cxb2 45.Qh6#)* 45.Qd1 cxb2 *(45...Nxe4? 46.Bd4-+)* 46.Qxd2 b1Q-+ *(46...b1B? 47.Qd4+-)*]
44...Rd6 Kitty Kat: ' ...Rd6xf6 is the strong threat.'
[44...Nxe4? Kitty Kat 45.Bf3+-]
45.Qe1 Rbd8 46.Qh1 Kitty Kat: '



' **46...Rxf6** 0.01/21
[46...Rh8 -1.07/23 Kitty Kat: '∓!' 47.Qe1 Qc4 48.Bc5 Rdd8]
[Stronger than 46...Nxe4 Kitty Kat 47.Qh6#]

47.Qh6+ Kitty Kat: '=' **47...Kg8 48.gxf6 Qxf6**
[Weaker is 48...Qxe4+ Kitty Kat 49.Kg1 Nf3+ 50.Bxf3]
49.Bh4 Kitty Kat: '



A strong pair of Bishops.' **49...Qd4** Kitty Kat: ' Dancing on a razor blade.' **50.Bxd8 Qxe4+ 51.Kg3** -12.10/23 Kitty Kat: '?'
[51.Kf2 -0.01/25 Kitty Kat: '=' Qd4+ *(51...Qxc2* Kitty Kat *52.Be7=)* 52.Ke2 *(52.Kg2 Qxd8 53.Be6 Qa8+ 54.Kh2 Qe4)* 52...Qxd8 53.Be6 *(53.Qh3)* 53...Qf6 54.Bd5]
51...Qe1+ Kitty Kat: '-+' Kitty Kat: 'Black is clearly winning.' **52.Kg2 Qf1+ 53.Kh2** Kitty Kat: ' Hoping for Bd8-b6.'
[53.Kg3 Ne4+ 54.Kh2 Qf2+ 55.Kh3 Qg3#]
53...Qf2+ 54.Kh1 Nf1 Kitty Kat: ' Weighted Error Value: White=0.37/ Black=0.23 (precise) '
0-1

220 **D00**
□ **Jobava,Baadur** **2727**
■ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2820**
77th Tata Steel GpA (10.5) 21.01.2015
[ChessBase]

Kitty Kat: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines '
1.d4 Kitty Kat Nigel Davies **1...Nf6 2.Nc3 d5** Kitty Kat: 'N'
[2...c5 Kitty Kat 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]
3.Bf4 Nigel Davies: 'The so-called 'Jobava London'. To a large extent the presence of strong grandmasters on the

White side can be explained by a desire to create original positions early on, when both sides will be on their own resources. The drawback is that White's moves don't make much sense from a strategic point of view. With 2 Nc3 White blocks his c-pawn after which e2-e4 is his major lever, but when White also plays 3 Bf4 it's difficult to see the e-pawn getting to e4 without making other concessions. My personal view is that 3 Bg5 makes more sense, which is covered in the next game.' Kitty Kat: 'Nigel Davies: 'The so-called 'Jobava London'. To a large extent the presence of strong grandmasters on the White side can be explained by a desire to create original positions early on, when both sides will be on their own resources. The drawback is that White's moves don't make much sense from a strategic point of view. With 2 Nc3 White blocks his c-pawn after which e2-e4 is his major lever, but when White also plays 3 Bf4 it's difficult to see the e-pawn getting to e4 without making other concessions. My personal view is that 3 Bg5 makes more sense, which is covered in the next game.'' **3...e6** Nigel Davies: 'A simple and logical answer. White's 4 Nb5 looks 'unproductive' because Black can easily defend the c7-pawn and then drive the knight back with ...c7-c6, but what is White's plan otherwise? This is a question that Jobava does not manage to answer.' Kitty Kat: 'Nigel Davies: 'A simple and logical answer. White's 4 Nb5 looks 'unproductive' because Black can easily defend the c7-pawn and then drive the knight back with ...c7-c6, but what is White's plan otherwise? This is a question that Jobava does not manage to answer.'' **4.e3 Bb4 5.Nge2** Nigel Davies: 'QUESTION: That move looks strange, what's White's idea? --- ANSWER: It is indeed an odd square for the knight which interferes with the development of the king's bishop.' Kitty Kat: 'Nigel Davies: 'QUESTION: That move looks strange, what's White's idea? --- ANSWER: It is indeed an odd square for the knight which interferes with the development of the king's bishop."

[White is concerned about Black's counterplay on the queenside; for example, Kitty Kat: 'White is concerned about Black's counterplay on the queenside; for example,' 5.Nf3 is met by Ne4]

[and 5.Bd3 can be answered by c5 6.dxc5 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 Qa5 8.Bd6 Nbd7 etc.]

5...0-0 6.a3 Bd6 Nigel Davies: '!' '!' Nigel Davies: 'Obviously Black has no interest in giving White the two bishops and relieving his development issues by capturing on c3. Black now has a very comfortable position whereas White needs to figure out how and where to develop his uncoordinated pieces.' Kitty Kat: 'Nigel Davies: '!' '!' Nigel Davies: 'Obviously Black has no interest in giving White the two bishops and relieving his development issues by capturing on c3. Black now has a very comfortable position whereas White needs to figure out how and where to develop his uncoordinated pieces.'' **7.g3** -0.31/20 Nigel Davies: 'Jobava's offbeat play has produced a completely original position, though one might wonder about the wisdom of throwing Caruana on his own resources.' Kitty Kat: 'Nigel Davies: 'Jobava's offbeat play has produced a completely original position, though one

might wonder about the wisdom of throwing Caruana on his own resources. "

[Objectively White might have been better off with the simple Kitty Kat: 'Objectively White might have been better off with the simple' 7.Bxd6 , after which Qxd6 8.Ng3 c5 is objectively equal.]

[7.h3= 0.05/20 (Kitty Kat) is superior.]

7...b6 Kitty Kat: ' ∓' **8.Bg2** Kitty Kat: 'The position is equal.' **8...Bb7 9.0-0 c5** Nigel Davies: 'This shows why it is better not to block your c-pawn by putting a knight in the way. Playing ...c7-c5 with Black, or c2-c4 with White, is a simple and natural way to put pressure on the centre.' Kitty Kat: 'Nigel Davies: 'This shows why it is better not to block your c-pawn by putting a knight in the way. Playing ...c7-c5 with Black, or c2-c4 with White, is a simple and natural way to put pressure on the centre.'' **10.Re1 Be7 11.h3 Nc6 12.g4** Nigel Davies: 'QUESTION: Should White be starting a pawn storm in front of his king? --- ANSWER: Probably it is not well advised, but this might be viewed as a generalized gain of space rather than an attacking gesture.' Kitty Kat: 'Nigel Davies: 'QUESTION: Should White be starting a pawn storm in front of his king? --- ANSWER: Probably it is not well advised, but this might be viewed as a generalized gain of space rather than an attacking gesture.'' **12...Rc8 13.Qd2 a6 14.dxc5** Nigel Davies: 'QUESTION: Doesn't that give Black a central pawn majority? I thought that Wilhelm Steinitz argued against such moves? --- ANSWER: Yes indeed, giving up the centre in this way does look like a further concession from a classical perspective. However, Jobava plays more in the style of Mikhail Chigorin, looking to create combinations, so such positional niceties are not the most important thing for him.' Kitty Kat: 'Nigel Davies: 'QUESTION: Doesn't that give Black a central pawn majority? I thought that Wilhelm Steinitz argued against such moves? --- ANSWER: Yes indeed, giving up the centre in this way does look like a further concession from a classical perspective. However, Jobava plays more in the style of Mikhail Chigorin, looking to create combinations, so such positional niceties are not the most important thing for him.'' **14...bxc5 15.Rad1 Qa5 16.Nc1 c4** Nigel Davies: 'Taking away squares from the c1-knight and potentially marking White's b2-pawn as a target.' Kitty Kat: 'Nigel Davies: 'Taking away squares from the c1-knight and potentially marking White's b2-pawn as a target.'' **17.N1e2 Rfd8 18.Nd4 Qb6 19.Qc1 Nd7 20.g5 Bf8 21.h4 g6 22.h5** -0.96/20 **Bg7** -0.33/20

[22...gxh5∓ -0.96/20 (Kitty Kat) Strongly threatening ...Bf8-g7. 23.Qd2 Ba8 *(23...Qxb2? 24.Rb1+-)*]

23.hxg6 -1.01/22

[White should play 23.h6∓ -0.33/20 Kitty Kat Nxd4 *(23...Bxd4 24.exd4 Ba8 25.Qd2±)* 24.hxg7]

23...hxg6 Kitty Kat: ' ∓' **24.Nf3 Nc5** -0.91/20 Nigel Davies: 'Black has established a powerful bind on the position and White's attempts to attack on the kingside look quite innocuous.' Kitty Kat: 'Nigel Davies: 'Black has established a powerful bind on the position and White's attempts to attack on the kingside look quite innocuous.''

[⌓24...Ne7 -1.27/21 Kitty Kat 25.Rd2

Nf5]
25.Nh2 -1.35/22
[Better is 25.Bg3 -0.91/20 Kitty Kat]
25...e5 26.Bg3 Ne7 27.Ng4 e4 Nigel Davies: 'QUESTION: Doesn't that give White the d4-square? --- ANSWER: True, but White is in no position to exploit it, and meanwhile the e4 wedge makes life unpleasant for White.' Kitty Kat: 'Nigel Davies: 'QUESTION: Doesn't that give White the d4-square? --- ANSWER: True, but White is in no position to exploit it, and meanwhile the e4 wedge makes life unpleasant for White."
[Having said that Black could also maintain his advantage with Kitty Kat: 'Having said that Black could also maintain his advantage with' 27...Qe6 .]
28.f4 -2.98/21 Kitty Kat: '?'
[28.Bh3∓ -1.07/19 Kitty Kat]
28...Nf5 -1.61/21
[⌓28...exf3 -2.98/21 Kitty Kat 29.Bxf3 Nf5]
29.Bf2 Kitty Kat: '-+' **29...Rb8 30.Rd2 Qe6** -1.13/21
[30...Ne6-+ -1.70/20 Kitty Kat 31.Qd1 Qa5 *(31...Qxb2? 32.Nxd5 c3 33.Ndf6+ Bxf6 34.Nxf6+ Kg7 35.Rd4-+)* 32.Nh6+ Bxh6 33.gxh6 Kh7 *(33...Nxh6 34.Bh4-+)*]
31.Bh3 0.01/17 Kitty Kat: '=' **31...Qc6** Kitty Kat: '!' Kitty Kat: ' ...d5-d4 would now be deadly.' **32.Bg2 Qe6** 0.01/17
[32...Rd6∓ -1.45/19 (Kitty Kat) ...Qc6-e8 is the strong threat. 33.Rdd1 Rbd8]
33.Red1 -2.34/21 Kitty Kat: '?' Kitty Kat: '

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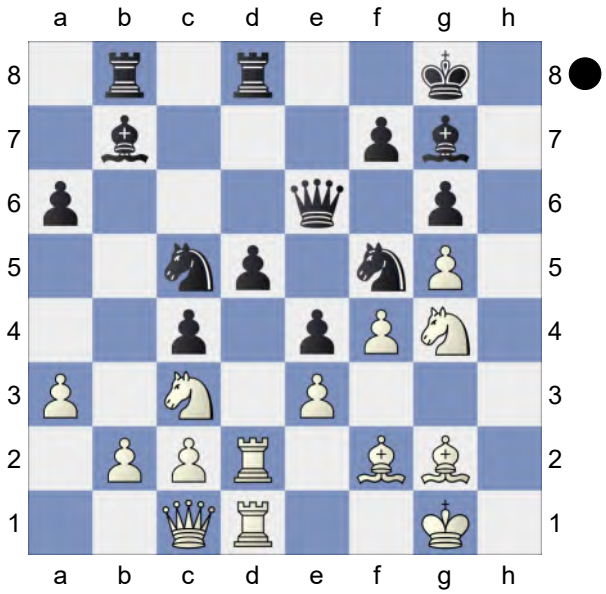


' **33...Nh4** Nigel Davies: '!' '!' Kitty Kat: '!' Kitty Kat: 'Nigel Davies: '!' '!'. Discovered Attack' **34.Bh3**
[After 34.Bxh4 -4.11/20 there follows Kitty Kat: '??' Kitty Kat: '34.Bg2-h3 -1.19 there follows' Qxg4 35.Bf2 d4 36.exd4 Ne6 , when the key f4-pawn falls.]
34...Nf3+ 35.Kg2 Qd6 Kitty Kat: ' Black is much more active.' **36.Rxd5** -1.97/23
[36.Rd4∓ -0.87/20 Kitty Kat]
36...Bxd5 37.Rxd5 Qb6 38.Rxc5 -2.52/24 Nigel Davies: 'Desperately trying to conjure up complications.' Kitty Kat: 'Nigel Davies: 'Desperately trying to conjure up complications."
[⌓38.Qd1 -1.68/22 Kitty Kat]
38...Qxc5 -1.35/21
[Black could also eliminate White's knight with 38...Bxc3 -2.52/24 , after which Kitty Kat: '-+!' '!' 39.Rxc4 Bxb2 is also winning for him.]
39.Nxe4 Kitty Kat: '∓' **39...Qc6 40.Nef6+**
[40.Kxf3? Kitty Kat Re8 41.Kg3 *(41.Ne5? Bxe5 42.fxe5 Rxe5-+)* 41...Qxe4-+ *(41...Rxe4 42.Bg2∓)*]
40...Bxf6 41.Nxf6+ Kg7 42.e4 Nd2 43.Bg4 c3

[43...Nxe4 Kitty Kat 44.Bf3 Re8 *(44...c3? 45.b3+-)* 45.Bd4+- *(45.Bxe4? Rxe4 46.Nxe4 Qxe4+ 47.Kg3 Rd8-+; 45.Qh1 Rh8+-)*]

44.b4

[44.Qh1? Kitty Kat Rh8 *(44...cxb2 45.Qh6#)* 45.Qc1 cxb2 *(45...Nxe4? 46.Bd4-+)* 46.Qxd2 b1Q-+ *(46...b1B? 47.Qd4+-)*]

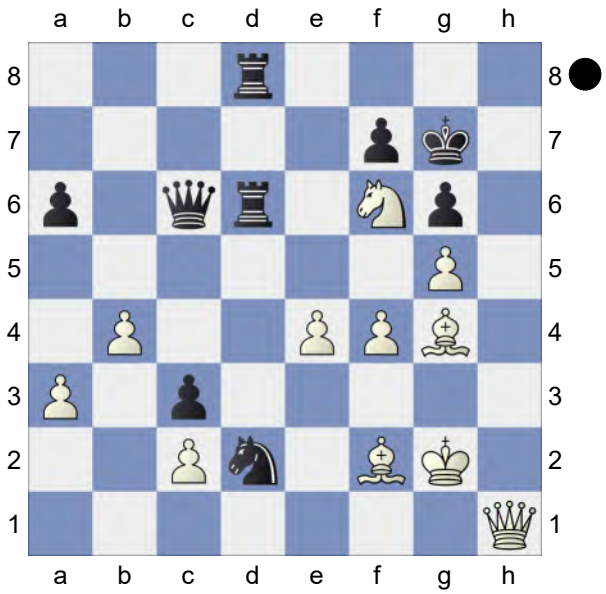
44...Rd6 Kitty Kat: ' Threatens to win with ...Rd6xf6.'

[44...Nxe4? Kitty Kat 45.Bf3+-]

45.Qe1 Rbd8 -1.01/23

[⌓45...Rxf6 -1.38/24 Kitty Kat 46.Bd4 Pin Qxe4+ *(46...Nxe4? 47.Bf3+-)* 47.Qxe4 Nxe4 48.gxf6+ Kg8 *(48...Nxf6 49.Bxc3 Rb6 50.Bf3=)*]

46.Qh1 Kitty Kat: '



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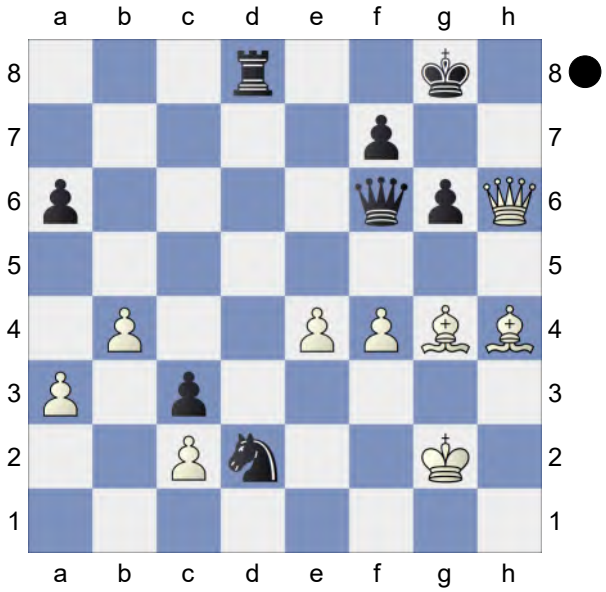
[46...Rh8! 47.Qe1 Qc4 48.Bc5 Rdd8 Kitty Kat: 'keeps the material, and although White's position retains compensation it is unclear if it is enough.' keeps the material, and although White's position retains compensation it is unclear if it is enough.]

[Weaker is 46...Nxe4 Kitty Kat 47.Qh6#]

47.Qh6+ Kg8 48.gxf6 Qxf6

[And not 48...Qxe4+ Kitty Kat 49.Kg1 Nf3+ 50.Bxf3]

49.Bh4 Kitty Kat: '



A strong pair of Bishops.' **49...Qd4** Kitty Kat: ' ↑' Kitty Kat: ' Black fights for an advantage. Some like it hot' **50.Bxd8** Kitty Kat: 'White recovers all of his material.' White recovers all of his material. **50...Qxe4+ 51.Kg3??** -16.37/22 Nigel Davies: 'This loses by force;' Kitty Kat: 'Nigel Davies: 'This loses by force;' An absolute blunder... and White still had plenty of time to calculate!' An absolute blunder... and White still had plenty of time to calculate!

[Nigel Davies: 'but after' 51.Kf2 -0.01/25 Nigel Davies: 'Black would pick up the bishop with' Kitty Kat: '=' 'Nigel Davies: 'Black would pick up

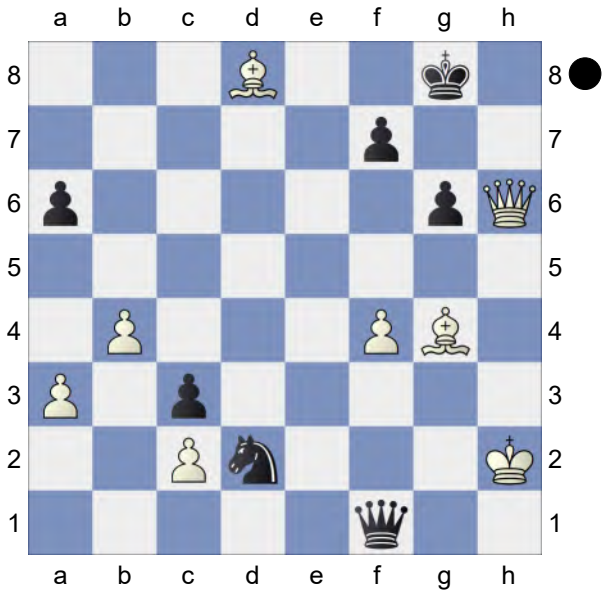
the bishop with'. Threatening mate with Bd8-f6.' Qd4+ Nigel Davies: 'and have a winning position. Jobava's move loses on the spot, but it's understandable that he wanted to put more problems in Black's way.' Kitty Kat: 'Nigel Davies: 'and have a winning position. Jobava's move loses on the spot, but it's understandable that he wanted to put more problems in Black's way.'' *(51...Qxc2* Kitty Kat *52.Be7=)*

A) 52.Kg2 -3.51/23 Kitty Kat: '??' Kitty Kat: '52.Kf2-e2 -0.01' Qxd8 53.Be6 -4.88/25 Kitty Kat: '?' Kitty Kat: ' Dodges Qd8-d5+' *(53.Qg5 -2.72/23* Kitty Kat *Qa8+ 54.Kg1)* 53...Qa8+ Kitty Kat: '-+' 54.Kh2 Qe4 Kitty Kat: 'is bad for White.' is bad for White.;

B) 52.Ke2! Qxd8 53.Be6! Kitty Kat: 'is fine for White. If the bishop is taken then a perpetual follows, if it isn't the bishop can retreat to d5 and put pressure on f7. ' is fine for White. If the bishop is taken then a perpetual follows, if it isn't the bishop can retreat to d5 and put pressure on f7. *(53.Qh3* -1.61/23 Kitty Kat: '?' Kitty Kat: '53. Bg4-e6 -0.01 is worse for White, but still would make Black work for it.' is worse for White, but still would make Black work for it.*)* 53...Qf6 54.Bd5=]

51...Qe1+ Kitty Kat: '-+' Kitty Kat: 'Now White is simply getting mated.' Now White is simply getting mated. **52.Kg2 Qf1+ 53.Kh2** Kitty Kat: '

[53.Kg3 -#3/8 Kitty Kat: '??' Kitty Kat: '53.Kg2-h2 0.01' Ne4+ 54.Kh2 Qf2+ 55.Kh3 Qg3#]



aiming for Bd8-b6.' **53...Qf2+ 54.Kh1 Nf1** Kitty Kat: 'There is no way to avoid Ng3+ except with Bh4, but that allows Qh2#. oops. Weighted Error Value: White=0.43/Black=0.21 (precise) ' There is no way to avoid Ng3+ except with Bh4, but that allows Qh2#. oops.

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□ **Erigaisi,Arjun Kumar** **2727**

■ **Mamedov,Rauf** **2651**

9th Gashimov Mem Blitz (2.1) 11.12.23

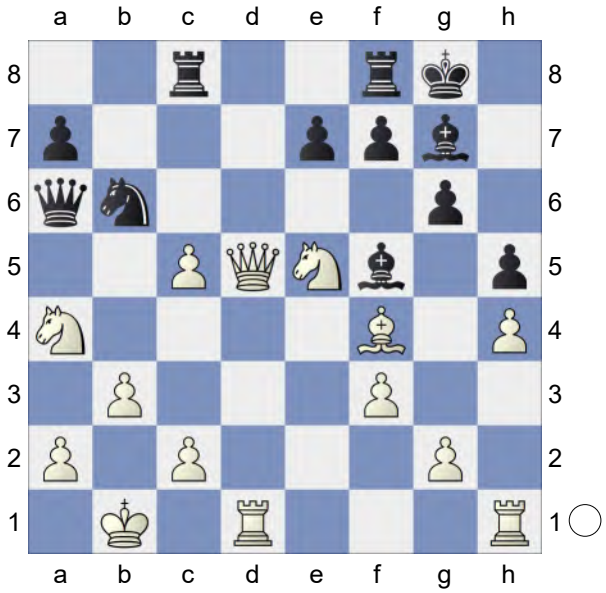
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3**

[2.Nf3 c5 3.e3 Nc6 4.c4 e6 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bb5 Nf6 7.0-0 cxd4 8.exd4 Bd6 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Bg5 Bg4 11.Bxf6 Qxf6 12.Nxd5 Qh6 13.h3 Bxf3 14.Qxf3 Nxd4 15.Qd3 Nxb5 16.Qxb5 a6 17.Qb6 ½-½ Erigaisi,A (2727)-Mamedov,R (2651) Gashimov Memorial Rapid 9th 2023 (2)]

2...Nf6 3.Bf4 g6 4.e3 Bg7 5.h4 h5 6.Nf3 Bg4 0.40/22

[6...0-0= -0.12/18]
7.Qd2± c5!? Exploring less charted territory. Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain. **8.Ne5!** White is slightly better.
8...cxd4 9.exd4
[9.Bb5+ Bd7 10.Nxd7 *(10.Qxd4 Bxb5 11.Nxb5 0-0∓)* 10...Nbxd7 11.exd4 *(11.Qxd4?! 0-0=)* 11...a6=]
9...Nc6 10.f3 Bf5 11.Bb5N
[Vorgänger: 11.0-0-0 Rc8 1.24/17 *(11...0-0± 0.57/19)* 12.Kb1 0.43/17 *(12.Nxc6± 1.24/17 bxc6 13.Ba6)* 12...Nb4 0.81/17 *(12...0-0± 0.43/17)* 13.Bb5+± Kf8 14.Ba4 b5 15.Bb3 a5 Strongly threatening ...a4. 16.g4? -1.64/17 *(16.a3± 0.73/20 Nxc2 17.Bxc2 Bxc2+ 18.Qxc2)* 16...hxg4-+ 17.fxg4 0-1 Satvik,S (1723)-Kiran,M (2133) New Delhi Parsvnath blitz op 18th 2020 (9)]
11...Rc8 12.0-0-0 Qb6 1.15/21
[12...Bd7± 0.70/21]
[⌓12...Nd7 0.88/19]
13.Bxc6+± 1.09/17
[White should play 13.Kb1 1.54/20]
13...bxc6± 14.Na4 Qa6 15.b3
[15.Nc5 keeps more tension. Qxa2 16.Qc3 Nd7 17.Nexd7 Bxd7 18.b3]
15...c5 16.dxc5 -0.01/23
[Only move: 16.Nxc5± 0.90/23 Qxa2 17.Qc3 Bxc2 18.Qxc2 Qa1+ 19.Kd2 Qxd4+ 20.Ned3]
16...0-0 0.60/20
[16...Nd7!= -0.01/23 17.Nxd7 *(17.Qxd5? Nxe5 18.Bxe5 Qe2-+)* 17...Bxd7]
17.Kb1 -0.01/21
[17.Qe3!± 0.60/20]
17...Nd7!= 18.Qxd5 -0.97/20
[18.g4= -0.28/19 Nxe5 19.Bxe5 *(19.gxf5 Nxf3 20.Qxd5 Qf6∓)* 19...Bxe5 20.gxf5 Qxa4 21.bxa4 Rb8+ 22.Kc1 Bb2+ 23.Kb1 Be5+ 24.Kc1 Bb2+ 25.Kb1 Bc3+ 26.Kc1 Bxd2+ 27.Rxd2]
18...Nb6? 0.95/23



19.Nxb6 0.01/25
[Better is 19.cxb6± 0.95/23 Rxc2 *(19...Bxc2+ 20.Ka1 Bxd1 21.Rxd1)* 20.g4 *(20.Nd3 Rxg2 21.Rh2 Rxh2=)* 20...hxg4 21.Nd3 *(21.fxg4 Rd2+ 22.gxf5 Rxd5=)*]
19...axb6 20.c6 b5→ ...Rc8-a8 is the strong threat. White needs to defend precisely. The board is on fire. Prevents a4. Threatens to win with ...Ra8. Black attacks. ...Rc8-a8 is the strong threat. White needs to defend precisely. The board is on fire. **21.g4 Bxc2+** 1.24/21 **22.Kxc2±** And now Kc2-b1 would win. aiming for Kb1. And now Kc2-b1 would win. **22...Qxa2+**

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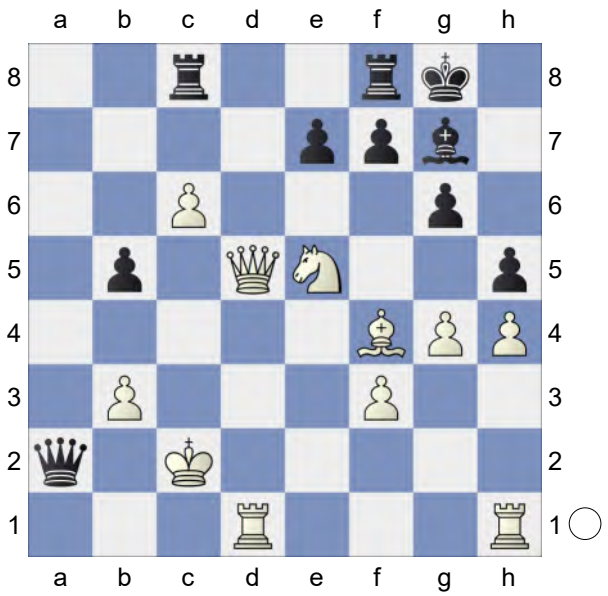

23.Kc3 0.40/22 Kb4 is the strong threat.
[23.Kc1!± 1.24/23]
[23.Kd3 Rfd8 24.Nd7 e6±]
23...b4+± 24.Kd3? -0.83/6
[24.Kc4? Qc2+ 25.Kd4 Rfd8-+ *(25...Qxc6? 26.Qxc6 Rxc6 27.gxh5+-; 25...Rcd8? 26.Ke3-+; 25...Qxc6? 26.Qxc6 Rxc6 27.gxh5+-; 25...Rcd8? 26.Bg3-+)*]
[24.Kxb4± 0.77/19 is forced if you want to stay better. Threatens to win with Ne5-d7. is the one way to stay ahead. Qc2 *(24...e6 25.Qc4 Rb8+ 26.Kc3)* 25.Nd7 Rxc6 26.Rc1 Skewer *(26.gxh5 Rfc8=; 26.Nxf8? Rb6+ 27.Ka5 Rxb3-+)* 26...Bc3+ 27.Kb5]

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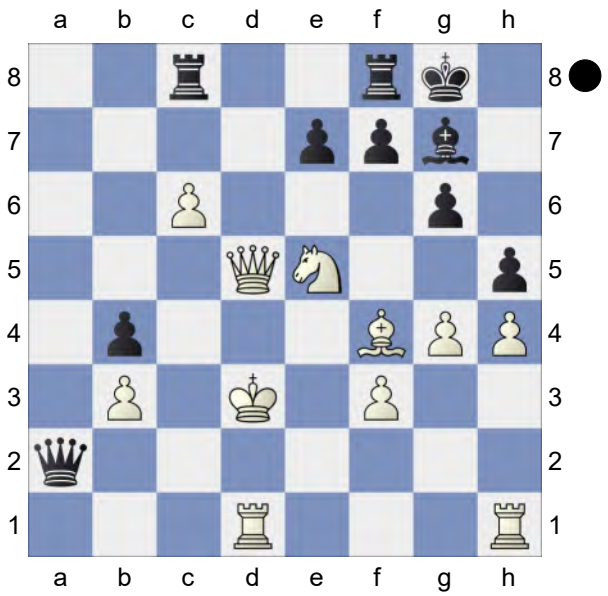
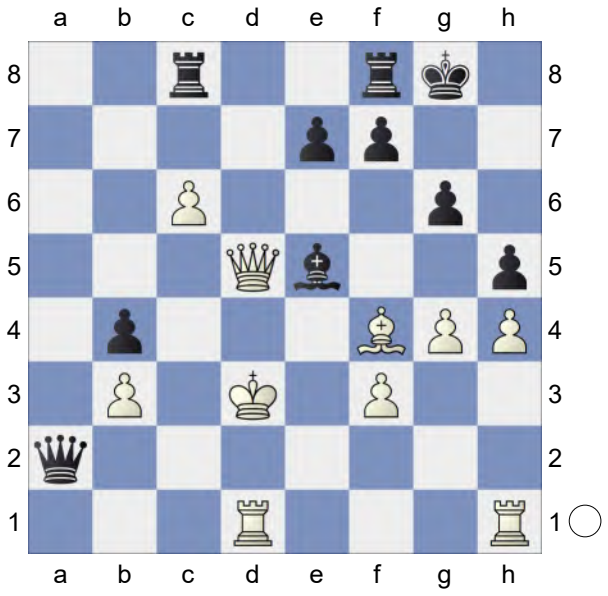


This costs White the game. [#]
24...Bxe5∓
[Worse is 24...Rfd8 25.Nd7 e6 26.Rd2 *(26.Qc4 Qa8∓)* 26...Qxd2+ 27.Bxd2=]



Deflection. Dancing on a razor blade.
25.Qxe5? -5.32/20
[But not 25.Bxe5? Rfd8-+ 26.Qd7 *(26.Qxd8+? Rxd8+ 27.Kc4 Qe2+ 28.Kxb4 Rxd1-+)* 26...Rxd7+ 27.cxd7 Rd8-+]
[25.Ke3 -1.99/21 Qa7+ *(25...Bxf4+*

26.Kxf4) 26.Ke4 Bxf4 27.Kxf4 Qb8+ 28.Qe5 Rxc6 29.Qxb8 Rxb8 30.gxh5]

25...Rxc6-+ 26.Qd5 -8.25/19

[⌓26.Rd2 -4.46/15 Qxb3+ 27.Ke2]

26...Rc3+ 27.Kd4 Qf2+

[27...Qxb3? perishes. 28.Qxb3 *(28.gxh5? Qc2-+)* 28...Rxb3 29.gxh5+-]

[27...Rxb3 28.Rh2 Qa3 29.Ke4-+]

28.Ke5 Rc5 Pin **29.gxh5 Rxd5+** -14.78/17

[⌓29...Rd8 -#8/18 30.Rd2 Rcxd5+ 31.Rxd5 f6+ *(31...Qb2+* gets mated. *32.Ke4 Qc2+ 33.Ke3 Rxd5 34.Rd1 Rxd1 35.hxg6 f5 36.Bh6 Qd2#)* 32.Ke6 Qb6+ 33.Kxe7 Rxd5 34.Rh3 *(34.h6 Qd8+ 35.Ke6 Qd7+ 36.Kxf6 Qf7#)* 34...Qb7+ *(34...gxh5* is a self mate. *35.Rg3+ Kh7 36.Rg2 Qd8+ 37.Kf7 Rd7+ 38.Ke6 Qe7+ 39.Kf5 Rd5+ 40.Be5 Qxe5#)* 35.Bc7 Qxc7+ 36.Kxf6 Qf7#]

30.Rxd5 Qe2+ 31.Kd4 Qxf3

Weighted Error Value: White=1.03/Black=0.67 Weighted Error Value: White=0.91/Black=0.47 Weighted Error Value: White=1.03/Black=0.67

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222 **D00**

□ **Erigaisi,Arjun Kumar** **2727**

■ **Abasov,Nijat Azad** **2641**

Gashimov Memorial Blitz 9th (14)

[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Bb4+ 5.c3 Ba5 6.e3 a6** Inhibits a2-a4. **7.Na3 0-0 8.Bd3** The position is equal. **8...Nbd7 9.Nf3 c5 10.0-0 Bc7** Prevents Bd6. **11.Nb1 Re8 12.Ne5** -0.44/22

[12.Nbd2= -0.07/21]

12...Nxe5!∓ 13.Bxe5 Nd7 0.04/20

[13...Bxe5∓ -0.42/21 deserves consideration. 14.dxe5 Nd7]

14.Bxc7= Qxc7 15.f4

[15.Qf3 is more complex. with more complications. is more complex. b5 *(15...Qd6 16.Qg3 e5 17.dxc5 Nxc5 18.Bc2)* 16.Nd2 Bb7 17.Qh3]

15...b5 16.Nd2 Rb8 17.Nf3 b4 0.80/22

[17...c4= 0.01/18 18.Bc2 Bb7 *(18...b4)*]

18.cxb4 c4 1.10/22

[Black should play 18...cxd4 0.74/21 19.Rc1 Qb6 20.Nxd4 e5 21.fxe5 Nxe5]

19.Rc1 0.01/21

[19.Qc2± 1.10/22]

19...Rxb4 0.98/22

[19...Qa7= 0.01/21 remains equal. 20.Bc2 Rxb4]

[19...Qb7= -0.12/19 20.Bc2 Qxb4]

20.b3!± Qa5 21.bxc4 Qxa2 1.95/24

[21...dxc4± 1.08/22 might work better. 22.Bxc4 *(22.Rxc4 Rxc4 23.Bxc4 Bb7±)* 22...Bb7]

22.c5 1.21/20 Hoping for Rc1-a1.

[⌓22.Ra1 1.55/22 Qb2 23.c5]

22...Nf6 1.99/22

[22...Qa3± 1.21/20 23.c6 Nf6]

23.Rc2 1.39/21

[23.Ra1+- 1.99/22 Qb3 24.Ne5]

23...Qa3 24.Qd2

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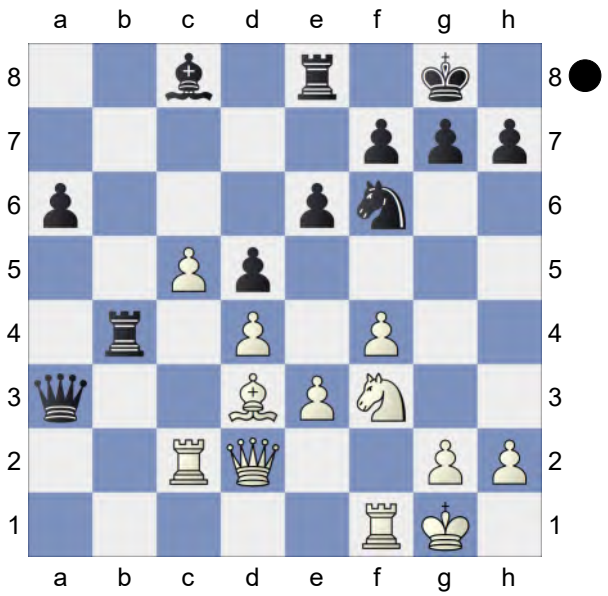

Strongly threatening Rc2-a2. [#] Hoping for Ra2. [#] Strongly threatening Rc2-a2. **24...Ne4 25.Bxe4 dxe4 26.Ne5 Qa4 27.Rfc1 Rb3** 2.18/19
[27...Rb7 1.79/18 was worth a try. 28.Ra2 Qb4]
28.Nc4 Rd8 29.Ra2 Qb5 30.Nd6 Qc6 2.29/23
[⌓30...Qd3 1.87/23 31.Qxd3 exd3]
31.Rb2+- Black is weak on the dark squares **31...Rd3** 2.50/21
[⌓31...Rxb2 1.84/22 32.Qxb2 Bd7]
32.Qe1+- Bd7 33.h3 aiming for Rb2-b7. **33...h6 34.Qh4** 1.94/22
[⌓34.Rb7 3.32/22]
34...Rf8 35.Qf2 Qd5 36.Rb6↑ White is in control. Prevents Bb5. White is in control. **36...a5** 2.49/22
[⌓36...Bb5 1.86/22 is a better defense. 37.Kh2 *(37.Rb1 Ra3; 37.Nxb5 axb5 38.c6 Qd6±)* 37...Rd8]

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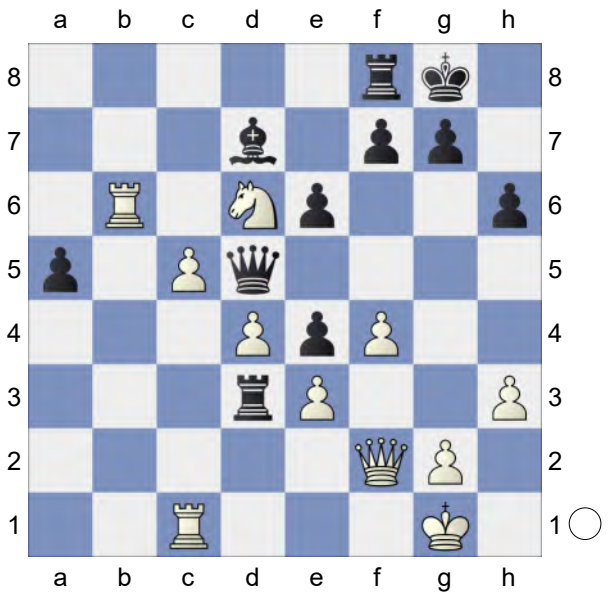


37.Nc4! a4 3.63/24
[⌓37...f6 2.29/21 38.Rd6 *(38.Nxa5 Qa8+-)* 38...Qb7]
38.Ne5 a3? 5.52/20
[38...Rc8 2.77/22 was necessary. 39.Nxd3 *(39.Rd6 Qxd6 40.cxd6 Rxc1+ 41.Kh2 Bc8+-)* 39...exd3]
39.Rd6 Qb3 40.Nxd3 exd3 41.Rxd7 Ra8 42.c6 c6-c7 would now be deadly. And now c7 would win. c6-c7 would now be deadly. **42...Qb2 43.Qxb2??** -3.68/17
[43.Rd1+- 6.74/23 and all is fine. Qb8 44.c7 *(44.Rxd3 a2+-)*]
[43.Rf1+- 6.95/20 Qb5 44.Qf3]
43...axb2-+ 44.Rf1
[44.Rb1? Ra1 45.Kf2 Rxb1]
44...Ra1 45.Rb7 d2 Threatens to win with ...Ra1xf1+. **46.c7** -6.69/26
[46.Rb8+ Kh7 47.Rxb2 Rxf1+ *(47...d1R? 48.Rbf2+-)* 48.Kxf1 d1Q+ *(48...d1B? 49.c7+-)* 49.Kf2 Qc1? *(49...Qa4-+)* 50.Rb7-+]
[⌓46.Rxb2 -4.69/27 Rxf1+ 47.Kxf1 d1Q+ 48.Kf2]
46...Rxf1+
[46...d1R 47.c8Q+ *(47.c8R+ Kh7±)* 47...Kh7 48.Qc2+ f5 49.Qc7

(49.Rxd1 Kg6 50.Rxb2 Ra3 51.Qc6 Rxe3 52.d5 Kh5 53.d6 g6) 49...Rxf1+ 50.Kh2 Rh1+ 51.Kg3]

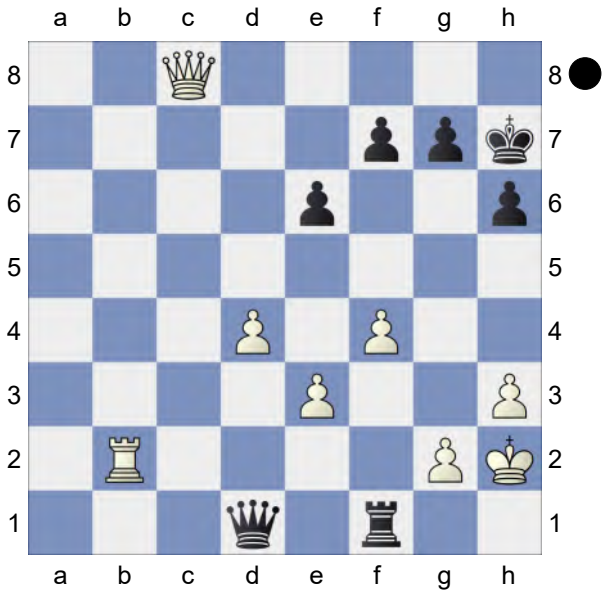
47.Kh2 -16.04/26

[⌓47.Kxf1 -4.89/26 d1Q+ *(47...d1R+? 48.Ke2±)* 48.Kf2 Qc2+ *(48...b1B? 49.c8Q+ Kh7 50.Rb2+-)* 49.Kg3]

47...d1Q

[Not 47...d1R 48.c8Q+ *(48.c8R+ Kh7=)* 48...Kh7 49.Qc2+ *(49.Rxb2 Rc1+-; 49.Rxb2 Rde1+-)*]

48.c8Q+ Kh7 (→ ...Qd1-e1) (→ ...Qe1) (→ ...Qd1-e1) **49.Rxb2**



Qe1!

[Weaker is 49...Rh1+ 50.Kg3 Qe1+ 51.Rf2∓]

50.Qc2+ f5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.47/Black=0.53 What a bad dream for White. Weighted Error Value: White=0.73/Black=0.46 Weighted Error Value: White=0.47/Black=0.53

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223 **D00**

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Blitz 20.06.2024

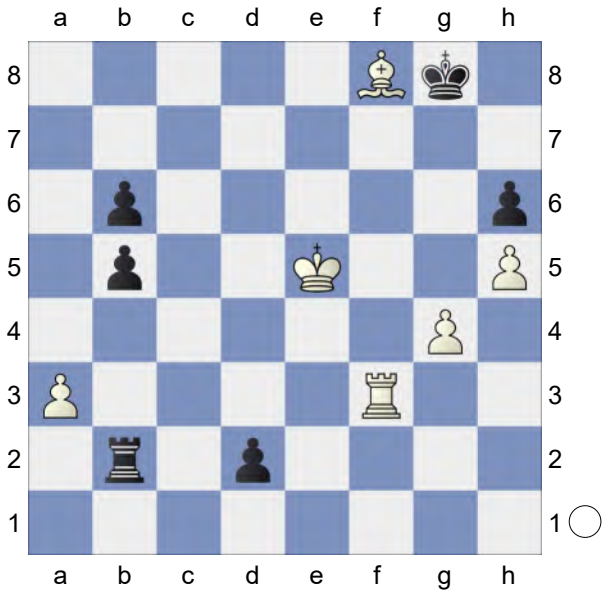
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.h3 Bf5 8.Bd3 The position is equal. **8...Bxd3 9.Qxd3 Rc8N**

[9...e6 10.0-0 *(10.Ne5 Rc8 11.0-0 Be7 12.Nxc6 Rxc6 13.Ne2 0-0 14.c3 b5 15.a3 Qb6 16.Be5 a5 17.Qg3 Nh5 18.Qf3 Nf6 19.Nf4 Nd7 20.Nd3 b4 21.cxb4 axb4 22.a4 Rfc8 23.a5 Qb5 24.Bf4 Ra8* Hess,R (2591)-Csonka,B (2498) Chess.com INT 2020 0-1*)* 10...Bd6 11.Bg5 *(11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.Rfe1 0-0 13.a3 b5 14.Ne5 Rac8 15.Nxc6 Rxc6 16.Nd1 Ne4 17.Re3 Rfc8 18.c3 Qb8 19.f3 Nd6 20.Nf2 a5 21.Ng4 R6c7 22.Re2 Nc4 23.Rae1 b4 24.axb4 axb4 25.cxb4 Qxb4* Sedlar,W (2084)-Schremser,A (1875) Columbus 2017 ½-½ (46) *)* 11...h6 12.Bh4 0-0 13.a3 Rc8 14.Rae1 *(14.Rfe1 b5 15.Ne5 Na5 16.Bxf6 gxf6 17.Ng4 h5 18.Ne3 f5 19.Nxf5 exf5 20.Qxf5 Rxc3 21.bxc3 Nc4 22.Qxh5 Bc7 23.a4 Qd6 24.g3 bxa4 25.Rxa4 a5 26.Re5 Bd8 27.Rxd5 Qc6 28.Rxc4 Qxc4* Kilic,E (2441)-Ziatdinov,R (2063) Chess.com INT 2024 1-0*)* 14...Be7 15.Bxf6 Bxf6 16.Nd1 Na5 17.c3 Nc4 18.Re2 Qb6 19.Rfe1 Rc6 20.Nh2 g6 21.Ng4 Bg7 22.f4 Qb5 23.Qf3 Rc7 24.Qg3 Miladinovic,I (2560)-Dizdarevic,E (2485) Belgrade 2010 1-0 (41)]

10.0-0 g6 0.25/17
[⩲10...e6 -0.22/17]
11.a3 Bg7 12.Ne2 0-0 13.Ng3 Qb6 14.Rab1 Rfd8 15.Rfe1 e6
[15...Ne4 seems wilder. 16.Nxe4 dxe4 17.Rxe4 Nxd4 18.c3 Ne6]
16.c3 Qb5 17.Qxb5 axb5 18.Ne5 -0.76/17
[18.Nf1= -0.14/17]
18...Nd7 0.00/20
[18...Bf8!∓ -0.76/17]
19.Nxd7 Rxd7 20.Ne2 f6 21.Be3 -0.22/18
[21.Nc1 0.14/20 should be considered.]
21...e5 22.dxe5 fxe5 23.Rbd1 Na5 24.Bc1 -0.43/18
[24.f4= -0.01/19]
24...Rcd8 0.08/21
[24...d4∓ -0.43/18]
25.Ng3 Kf7 26.Nf1 Nc4 27.Nd2 d4 ...dxc3 is the strong threat. **28.Ne4 Rd5 29.Rd3 h6 30.Red1 g5 31.g4 Kg6 32.Kg2 Rf8**
[32...Nd6!? 33.f3 Rc8=]
33.Rf3 -0.12/18
[33.Ng3± 0.31/20]
33...Rxf3= 34.Kxf3 Rd7 35.Ke2 Na5 36.Nc5 Rc7 37.Ne6 Rc6 38.Nxg7 Kxg7 39.cxd4 exd4 Endgame KRB-KRN **40.Bd2 Nb3** White must now prevent ...Rc2. **41.Kd3** Inhibits Rc2. **41...Rc4**
[41...Rf6!?]
42.Bb4 Nc1+!= 0.01/23
[42...Kg6= 0.17/22 remains equal.]
43.Kd2 0.01/25
[43.Ke4± 0.74/24 Ne2]
43...Nb3+ 44.Kd3 Kf6 0.36/24 **45.Ke4± Rc2 46.Rd3 Rxb2 47.f4** -0.01/23
[47.Rf3+± 0.31/22 Ke6 48.Rf5]
47...gxf4!= 48.Kxf4 b6 49.h4! Nc5 50.Rf3 -1.67/20
[50.Rd2= -0.26/21]
50...Kg6? 0.01/23
[Black should play 50...Ke6-+ -1.67/20 51.g5 hxg5+ 52.Kxg5 Rg2+ 53.Kf4 Rh2]
51.h5+ -0.35/22
[51.Ke5= 0.01/23 is superior.]
51...Kg7 -0.01/22
[51...Kf6∓ -0.35/22]
52.Ke5 d3 Threatens to win with ...d2.
53.Bxc5 KRB-KR **53...d2?** 5.07/25
[53...bxc5= 0.01/21 and Black is okay. 54.Rxd3 Re2+ 55.Kd6 c4]
54.Bf8++- Kg8



55.Rd3! 1.35/26 **Kxf8±**

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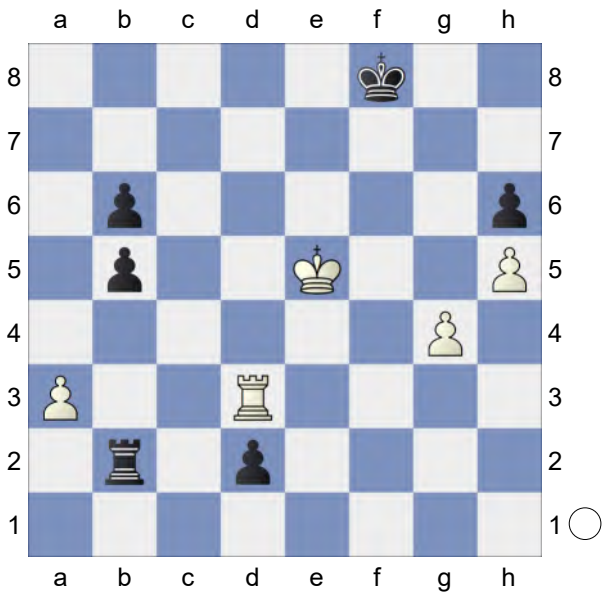

KR-KR **56.Kf6 Ke8** Against Rd8+ **57.Kg6** 0.68/21
[57.g5+- 2.01/24 Hoping for g6. Rc2 58.g6 *(58.gxh6 Rc6+ 59.Kg5 Rc5+ 60.Kg4 Rc4+ 61.Kg5 Rc5+ 62.Kh4 Rc4+ 63.Kg5 Rc5+=)*]
57...Rb3? 4.97/19 **58.Rxd2+- Rg3 59.Rd4 b4** 8.24/19
[⌓59...Rc3 4.50/18 60.Rd6 Rg3]
60.axb4 Ke7 61.Re4+ Kd6 62.Kxh6 Kd5 63.Rf4 Ke5 64.Rf5+ Ke6 65.Rg5 Rh3 66.Rg6+ Kf7 67.g5 Ra3 68.Kh7 Ra8 69.Rf6+ 16.83/18
[⌓69.Rxb6 #17/19 Ra7 70.h6 Ke8+ 71.Kg6 Kd8 72.h7 Kc7

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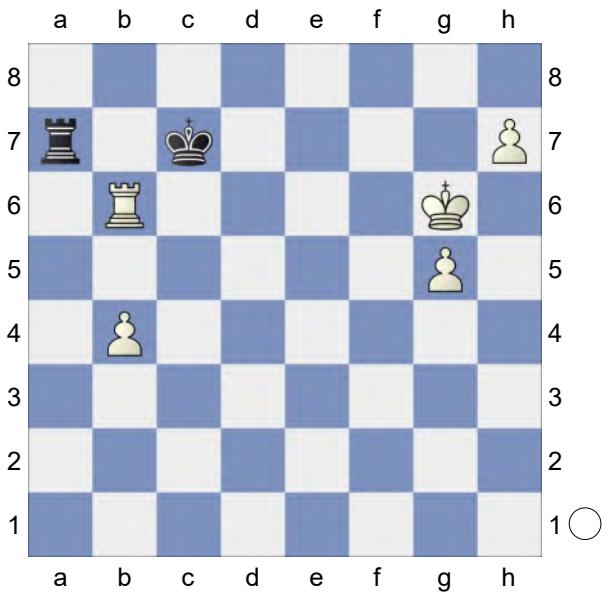

73.h8Q! Kxb6 74.Qd4+ Ka6 75.b5+ Kb7 76.Kf5]
69...Ke7 70.g6? 0.00/17 **Ra7?** #10/19
[70...Kxf6= 0.00/17 71.g7 Kf7]
71.Rf7+ Ke6 72.g7 10.32/22 **Kd5 73.Rxa7 Kc6 74.Rb7 Kb5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.29 (precise) / Black=0.42. Sensor Board Error (Ke4/e5)?
0-1

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□ **Erigaisi,Arjun Kumar** **2722**
■ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2859**
World Rapid Championship, Almaty (5.1)
[Richard Palliser]

Richard Palliser,MH: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines ' **1.d4** Richard Palliser,MH **1...Nf6 2.Nc3 d5** Richard Palliser,MH: 'N'
[2...c5 Richard Palliser,MH 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5*

17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7 ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000 *)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]

3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 b5!?

[Consistent in many ways, if far from forced. Of the alternatives, most notably Richard Palliser,MH: 'Consistent in many ways, if far from forced. Of the alternatives, most notably' 4...e6 was also met by 5.h4!? and then c5 6.g4!? - see Komodo Dragon-The Baron, World Computer Championship, Vienna 2022. Richard Palliser,MH: '- see Komodo Dragon-The Baron, World Computer Championship, Vienna 2022.']

5.h4!?

[Here too White can very much push the h-pawn, simply seizing some useful space while ignoring Black's queenside expansion. An aggressive alternative is Richard Palliser,MH: 'Here too White can very much push the h-pawn, simply seizing some useful space while ignoring Black's queenside expansion. An aggressive alternative is' 5.a3 e6 6.g4 , as we covered in Hebden-Baker, Guernsey 2019, and which is also Simon Williams' recommendation in his Chessable course on the Jobava-Prie. Richard Palliser,MH: ', as we covered in Hebden-Baker, Guernsey 2019, and which is also Simon Williams' recommendation in his Chessable course on the Jobava-Prie. ']

[Instead, both Caruana and Duda have been happy with Richard Palliser, MH: 'Instead, both Caruana and Duda have been happy with' 5.Bd3 , but this doesn't seem especially critical: e6 *(5...b4?! 6.Na4* followed by c2-c3 and Nf3-e5 should favour White,*;* but *5...Bb7!? 6.Nce2 e6 7.Nf3 c5 8.c3 Nc6* didn't look too bad for Black in Duda-Zakhartsov, Titled Tuesday Blitz 2023, and White could do with finding something more incisive here Richard Palliser, MH: 'didn't look too bad for Black in Duda-Zakhartsov, Titled Tuesday Blitz 2023, and White could do with finding something more incisive here'*)* 6.Nf3 Bb7 7.0-0 c5 8.Ne5 was Caruana-Zakhartsov, Titled Tuesday Blitz 2022, where Black might already have gone Richard Palliser,MH: 'was Caruana-Zakhartsov, Titled Tuesday Blitz 2022, where Black might already have gone' c4!? 9.Be2 Nbd7 , which looks quite pleasant for him.]

5...h5!?
[A novelty, as Carlsen decides to compete for the kingside. Previously, 5...e6 6.h5 h6 7.Nf3
A) 7...c5!? 8.Ne5 Nbd7 could well be the critical line, and if Richard Palliser,MH: 'could well be the critical line, and if' 9.g4?! -0.75/20 *(9.Qf3=* -0.11/19 Richard Palliser,MH*)* 9...Bb7 Richard Palliser,MH: ' ∓' 10.Bg2 Nxe5 11.Bxe5 Nd7 with advantage to Black as White is a bit stymied on the kingside Richard Palliser, MH: 'with advantage to Black as White is a bit stymied on the kingside';
B) ⌓7...Nbd7 -0.29/20 Richard Palliser,MH;
C) 7...Bd6 0.14/20 8.Ne5 Richard Palliser,MH: '=' Bb7 9.g4!? -0.18/18 had sounded the charge and been far from clear in Alekseenko-Bacrot, Internet (blitz) 2021. Richard Palliser,MH: 'had sounded the charge and been far from clear in Alekseenko-Bacrot, Internet (blitz) 2021.' *(9.Bd3±* 0.32/20 Richard Palliser,MH *)*]
6.Nf3 The knight eyes both e5 and g5, and to my eyes White already has a pleasant position, although presumably the world champion might disagree. Richard Palliser,MH: 'The knight eyes both e5 and g5, and to my eyes White already has a pleasant position, although presumably the world champion might disagree.' **6...e6 7.Bd3 Bb7**
[7...c5!? is preferred by the engines, preventing White's next and also refusing to fear Richard Palliser,MH: 'is preferred by the engines, preventing White's next and also refusing to fear' 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.e4 on account of b4 .]
8.Ne2! Now the c-pawn is free to shore up d4 and a timely Ng3 will both compete for e4 and apply some pressure to h5. Richard Palliser,MH: 'Now the c-pawn is free to shore up d4 and a timely Ng3 will both compete for e4 and apply some pressure to h5. White is slightly better.' **8...c5** Richard Palliser,MH: ' And now ...c5-c4 would win.' **9.c3 Nbd7 10.Ng5!?** Aggressive, but consistent with 5 h4 and why not leap forward so when Black has weakened himself with ...h5? Richard Palliser,MH: 'Aggressive, but consistent with 5 h4 and why not leap forward so when Black has weakened himself with ...h5?' **10...Qb6 11.a4!** Erigaisi is fighting hard to turn his superior development into a strong initiative. Richard Palliser,MH: 'Erigaisi is fighting hard to turn his superior development into a strong initiative.' **11...c4**
[11...bxa4!? is, perhaps unsurprisingly, preferred by the engines, but even here Richard Palliser,MH: 'is, perhaps unsurprisingly, preferred by the engines, but even here' 12.0-0 Be7 *(*and not *12...Qxb2??* 4.85/20 Richard Palliser,MH: '12...Bf8-e7 0.35' *13.Rb1)* 13.Qc2 looks like a pleasant edge for White who has taken control of e4 and who will attack should Black try and castle. Richard Palliser,MH: 'looks like a pleasant edge for White who has taken control of e4 and who will attack should Black try and castle. ']
12.Bc2 Bd6 0.87/21
[12...bxa4± 0.46/20 Richard Palliser, MH 13.0-0 *(13.Rxa4 Qxb2 14.Ra1*

Qb6=; 13.Bxa4 a5±) 13...Bc6]

13.0-0 Safely housing the king and Erigaisi must have been quite happy around here since it's far from obvious where Black's king will go. Richard Palliser,MH: ' ±' Richard Palliser,MH: 'Safely housing the king and Erigaisi must have been quite happy around here since it's far from obvious where Black's king will go.' **13...Ne4!?**

[A radical decision, but Carlsen presumably thought that he needed to try and change the nature of the position. Instead, Richard Palliser,MH: 'A radical decision, but Carlsen presumably thought that he needed to try and change the nature of the position. Instead,' 13...Bxf4 14.Nxf4 g6? 1.48/19 *(⌓14...bxa4* 0.94/19 Richard Palliser,MH *15.Bxa4 Bc6)* 15.Qb1! would have supported both Bxg6 and b2-b3 ideas, thereby leaving Black's position creaking, Richard Palliser,MH: 'would have supported both Bxg6 and b2-b3 ideas, thereby leaving Black's position creaking,']

[and 13...0-0 14.Bxd6 Richard Palliser,MH: '!' Qxd6 15.Nf4 also feels pretty sub-optimal for Black, and if Richard Palliser,MH: 'also feels pretty sub-optimal for Black, and if' g6? 2.19/22 *(15...b4±* 0.76/22 (Richard Palliser,MH) was called for.*)* 16.Bxg6! Richard Palliser,MH: '+-!' fxg6 17.Qc2 Ne4 18.f3 , regaining the material with a near-decisive advantage. Richard Palliser,MH: '!']

14.Bxe4 dxe4 15.Ng3

[With a double-attack, but 15.Bxd6!? Qxd6 16.Ng3 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Strongly threatening a4xb5.' Nf6 17.Qc2 might have been a simpler way to win a pawn. Yes, Richard Palliser,MH: 'might have been a simpler way to win a pawn. Yes,' Qc6 1.72/23 does hold on to e4, but the reason the engines aren't keen on this is Richard Palliser,MH: 'does hold on to e4, but the reason the engines aren't keen on this is' *(17...0-0±* 1.11/23 Richard Palliser,MH*)* 18.f3! Richard Palliser,MH: '+-!' exf3 19.Rxf3 followed by e3-e4 with a large advantage for White. Richard Palliser, MH: 'followed by e3-e4 with a large advantage for White.']

15...Be7! Black is still somewhat worse, but at least this way Carlsen is able to retain the bishop-pair. Richard Palliser, MH: 'Black is still somewhat worse, but at least this way Carlsen is able to retain the bishop-pair.' **16.Qc2** 0.70/21

[16.Nxh5 Richard Palliser,MH g6 17.Ng7+ Kf8 18.N7xe6+ fxe6∓]

[16.N3xe4 Richard Palliser,MH f6 17.b4 *(17.a5? Qc6-+)* 17...cxb3 *(17...fxg5 18.Nxg5 Qc6 19.f3∓)* 18.Qxb3 fxg5 19.Nxg5 Bxg5 20.hxg5 0-0 21.axb5 axb5-+]

[White should try 16.N5xe4± 1.26/21 Richard Palliser,MH Qc6 17.f3]

16...Qc6 1.11/22

[16...Bxg5± 0.70/21 Richard Palliser, MH 17.hxg5 f5]

17.Qxe4 0.62/22 Richard Palliser,MH: ' White is more active.'

[17.axb5!? 1.11/22 Richard Palliser, MH: '±' axb5 18.Qxe4 might have been more accurate, the main point being Richard Palliser,MH: 'might have been more accurate, the main point being. Hoping for Ra1xa8+.' Nb6 Richard Palliser,MH: 'Simple chess, but there was again' 19.Be5! Richard Palliser,MH: '!?' Richard

Palliser,MH: ', as per our last note but one.' Qxe4 1.39/23 *(19...f6?* 2.75/22 is surely not what Black should be doing and here White has at least the simple Richard Palliser,MH: '19... Be7xg5 0.86 is surely not what Black should be doing and here White has at least the simple' *20.Qg6+ Kd7 21.Nf3;* ⌓*19...Bxg5* 0.90/24 Richard Palliser,MH *20.Qxc6+ Bxc6 21.Rxa8+ Bxa8)* 20.N5xe4 when White will bring a piece to d6.]
[17.N3xe4 Richard Palliser,MH f5 *(17...Bxg5?! 18.d5=)* 18.axb5 axb5∓]

17...Nb6 1.22/24
[17...bxa4!? 0.62/22 Richard Palliser, MH: '⩱' 18.f3 Nf8! is a bit ugly, but the engines do appear to have a point that this may also not be too terrible for Black with ...f6 on the way. Richard Palliser,MH: 'is a bit ugly, but the engines do appear to have a point that this may also not be too terrible for Black with ...f6 on the way.']

18.axb5 axb5 19.Qxc6+
[Simple chess, but there was again 19.Be5!? , as per our last note but one.]

19...Bxc6 20.e4?! 0.77/20
[The pawn will prove a bit weak here and, as such, Richard Palliser,MH: 'The pawn will prove a bit weak here and, as such,' 20.Rxa8+ 1.18/22 Richard Palliser,MH: ' ⌓' Bxa8 21.Ra1 Na4 22.Ra2 followed by f2-f3 and e3-e4 was probably the way to go, even if White would still have had a lot of work ahead to break down Black's solid position. Richard Palliser,MH: 'followed by f2-f3 and e3-e4 was probably the way to go, even if White would still have had a lot of work ahead to break down Black's solid position.']

20...0-0 21.Nxh5?! 0.02/23
[Richard Palliser,MH: ' Better is' 21.f3 0.80/23 Richard Palliser,MH: ' ± ' g6 22.Ne2 was surely a better try, even if your money would most likely be on a draw after Richard Palliser,MH: 'was surely a better try, even if your money would most likely be on a draw after' Rxa1! 23.Rxa1 Ra8 , and if Richard Palliser,MH: ', and if. Inhibits Ra1-a6.' 24.Rxa8+ Bxa8 25.Kf2 Na4 26.Bc1 .]

21...Bxg5? 0.82/23
[Carlsen understandably heads for the safety of an opposite-bishop scenario, but he actually had even better in the shape of Richard Palliser,MH: 'Carlsen understandably heads for the safety of an opposite-bishop scenario, but he actually had even better in the shape of' 21...Na4! 0.02/23 when Black will regain the pawn on b2 with rough equality, in view of Richard Palliser,MH: '=!' 'when Black will regain the pawn on b2 with rough equality, in view of' 22.Ra2? -1.01/23 Richard Palliser,MH: ' *(22.Bc1?* -1.97/23 Richard Palliser,MH: '22.d4-d5 0.29

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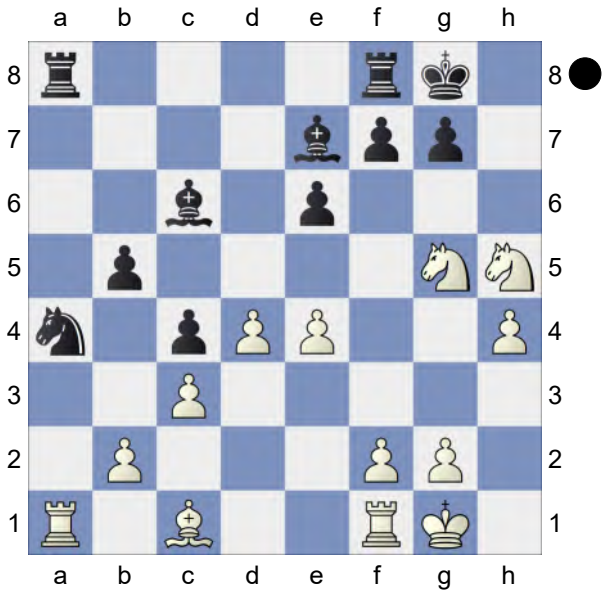
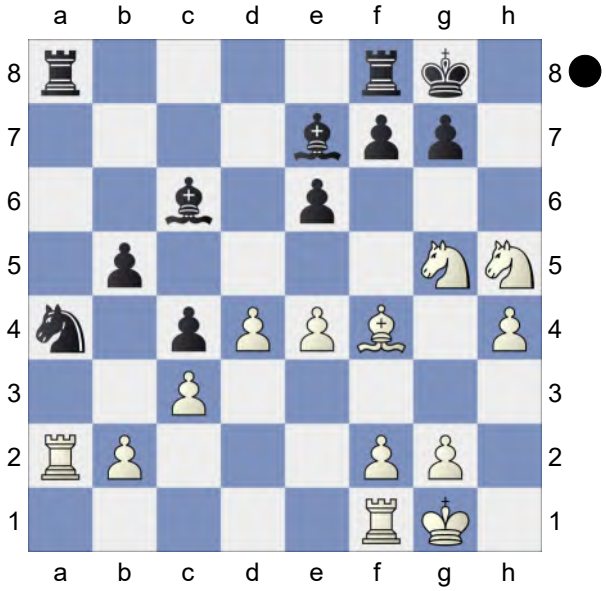


' *Nxc3!* also works; *22.d5*= 0.25/22 (Richard Palliser,MH) keeps the balance. *exd5 23.exd5 Bxd5 24.Rfb1)*



' 22...Nxc3! Richard Palliser,MH: '∓!' 23.Rxa8 Ne2+ 24.Kh2 Rxa8 with a significant advantage. Richard Palliser,MH: 'with a significant advantage.']

22.hxg5 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Ra1-e1 is the strong threat.' **22...Bxe4** **23.Be5** A logical attempt to probe on the kingside. Black is back under pressure. Richard Palliser,MH: 'A logical attempt to probe on the kingside. Black is back under pressure.' **23...Rxa1** **24.Rxa1** **Ra8** Richard Palliser,MH: ' Repels Ra1-a5' **25.Rxa8+!**

[Simple chess and even stronger than Richard Palliser,MH: 'Simple chess and even stronger than' 25.Re1!? Bg6 26.Nf4 , which also retains some pressure. Richard Palliser,MH: ', which also retains some pressure.']

25...Bxa8 Richard Palliser,MH: '±' Richard Palliser,MH: 'Endgame. KBN-KBN' **26.Bd6?** 0.53/23

[Undoing all his hard work over the previous few moves. With Black's bishop on a8, the g-pawn was edible, even it's far from clear to a human that after Richard Palliser,MH: 'Undoing all his hard work over the previous few moves. With Black's bishop on a8, the g-pawn was edible, even it's far from clear to a human that after' Richard Palliser,MH: ' White should play' 26.Bxg7! 0.99/25 Richard Palliser,MH: ' ± ' Kh7 *(26...Na4* Richard Palliser,MH *27.Be5)* 27.Bh6! Nd5 28.g4 Kg6 29.f4 b4 White will be able to win. However, the engines are surely correct that this should have been tried and then Richard Palliser,MH: 'White will be able to win. However, the engines are surely correct that this should have been tried and then' 30.cxb4 Nxb4 31.Nf6 Nd5 32.Nd7 Kh7 33.f5 , definitely with decent winning chances.]

26...Kh7 The king now has the option of g6 and White won't be able to both attack g7 and defend b2 against ...Na4 ideas. Richard Palliser,MH: 'The king now has the option of g6 and White

won't be able to both attack g7 and defend b2 against ...Na4 ideas.' **27.Nf4 Be4!** The bishop finds an even better diagonal than the so-called long one as Carlsen moves quickly to set up a blockade. Richard Palliser,MH: 'The bishop finds an even better diagonal than the so-called long one as Carlsen moves quickly to set up a blockade.' **28.f3 Bc2 29.Kf2 Nd5 30.Nh5** A final aggressive-looking move, but by now it was fairly clear that White's extra doubled g-pawn wasn't going to count for anything. Richard Palliser,MH: 'A final aggressive-looking move, but by now it was fairly clear that White's extra doubled g-pawn wasn't going to count for anything.' **30...Kg6 31.g4 f5!** Forcing further exchanges. **32.Kg3 fxg4 33.fxg4**

[33.Kxg4? (Richard Palliser,MH) is the wrong capture. Ne3+ 34.Kf4 Nf5 *(34...Kxh5 35.Kxe3 Kxg5 36.Bf8=)* 35.Nxg7 Kxg7-+ *(35...Nxd6 36.Nxe6 Nf7 37.d5±; 35...Nxg7? 36.Ke5-+)*]

33...Kf7 34.Nf4 Nxf4 35.Kxf4 Richard Palliser,MH: '=' Richard Palliser, MH: ' KB-KB ' **35...g6 36.Ke5** It's an active king, but unfortunately for White the opposition bishop can hardly be described either as inactive. Richard Palliser,MH: 'It's an active king, but unfortunately for White the opposition bishop can hardly be described either as inactive.' **36...Bd1 37.Bc5 Bxg4 38.Kd6 Bd1 39.Kc6 Ba4** Admittedly now the bishop is far from active, but Black can shuffle the king and, unsurprisingly, the players were now quick to agree to split the point. Richard Palliser,MH: 'Admittedly now the bishop is far from active, but Black can shuffle the king and, unsurprisingly, the players were now quick to agree to split the point. ' **40.Bb4 Ke8 41.Kd6 Kf7 42.d5** 0.01/40

[42.Ba5± 0.51/31 Richard Palliser, MH]

42...exd5 43.Kxd5 Bb3 44.Kc6 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) / Black=0.12 (very precise) '

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[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines

1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.g4 Bb4 6.Nge2 c5 0.78/19

[6...0-0= -0.12/20]

7.a3± Bxc3+ 8.Nxc3 White is better. **8...cxd4 9.exd4**

[Don't play 9.Qxd4?! Nc6 10.Qc5 Nxg4=]

9...Nc6 10.g5 &Bianco is more active. **10...Ne4 11.Nxe4 dxe4 12.Be3 e5** 1.10/25

[Black should try 12...0-0!± 0.58/18]

13.dxe5 0.38/24

[White should play 13.d5± 1.10/25 Ne7 14.d6]

13...Qa5+ 14.Qd2! Qxd2+ 15.Kxd2 Nxe5 16.Be2 Be6 0.97/19

[16...0-0± 0.31/22]

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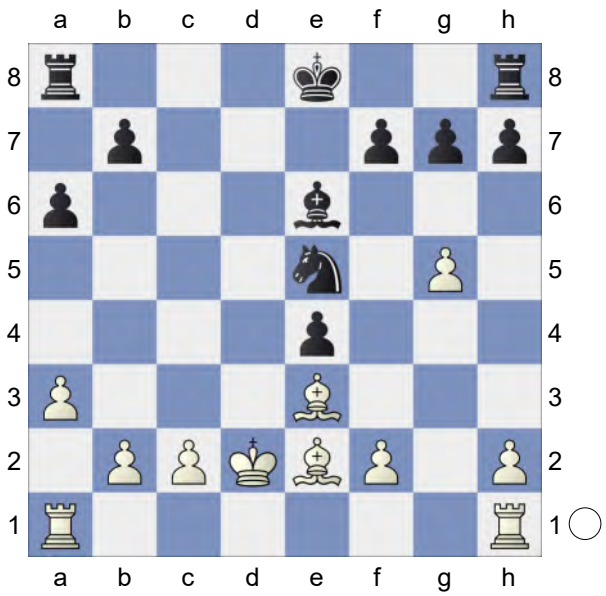
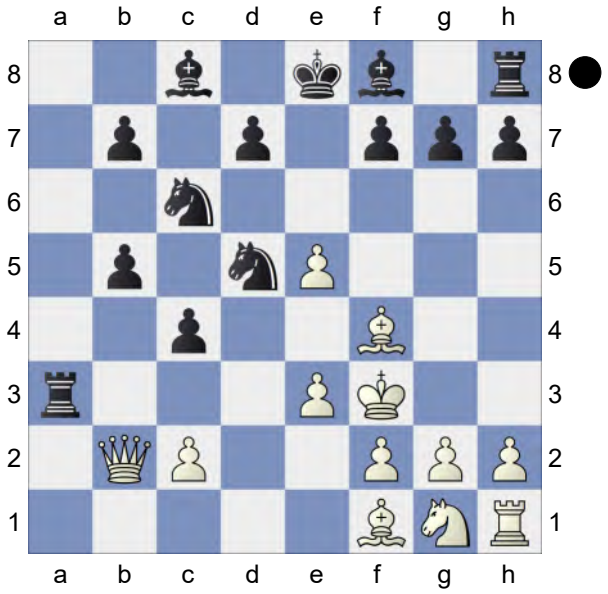


17.b3 0.27/21
[17.Bd4!± 0.97/19 f6 18.gxf6 gxf6 19.Ke3]
17...0-0-0+= 18.Kc3 Bg4! 19.Bxg4+ Nxg4 20.Bd4 f6 0.57/21
[20...Rhe8= 0.03/22]
21.Rae1!↑ White has good play.
21...Rd5 1.89/20 This move loses the game for Black.
[21...fxg5± 0.60/20 22.Rxe4 Nf6]
22.h3+-
[Don't take 22.Rxe4 Rxg5 23.h4 Rg6±]
22...Ne5 23.Rxe4 Nc6 24.gxf6 gxf6 25.Bxf6 Rf8 26.Bh4 Rf3+ 27.Re3 Rdf5 28.Rxf3 Rxf3+ Endgame KRB-KRN **29.Kd2 Nd4 30.Bg3 Nf5 31.Rg1 h5 32.h4 Kd7 33.Re1 Nxg3 34.fxg3 Rxg3 35.Re5 Rg2+ 36.Kc3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.24 (precise)
1-0

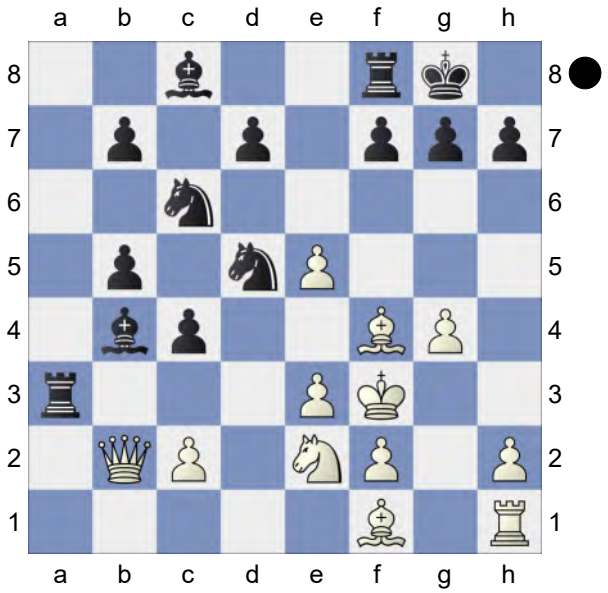
226 **A45**
□ **Federovski** **2720**
■ **Vistagausta** **2770**
Blitz 06.06.2020
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min A45: Trompowsky Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4**
[2.a3 g6 3.Bf4 d6 4.e3 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 b6 7.0-0 Bb7 8.h3 Nbd7 9.c4 Ne4 10.Bh2 e5 11.d5 a5 12.b3 f5 13.Nfd2 Ndc5 14.Nxe4 Nxe4 15.Ra2 Bc8 16.f3 Nc5 Carlsen,M (2850)-Fressinet,L (2702) Berlin 2015 CBM 168 Extra [Schulz, Andre] 1-0 (44)]
2...c5 3.e3N
[3.d5 g6 4.Nc3 d6 5.e4 Bg7 6.Nf3 0-0
A) 7.a4 Na6 *(7...Bg4 8.Be2 Nbd7 9.0-0 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Ne5 11.Be2* 3 Benoni Setups-3...d6 Variation *)* 8.Be2 Nc7 9.0-0 Bg4 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Nd7 12.Qd2 a6 13.Be2 Rb8 14.a5 b5 15.axb6 Rxb6 16.Nd1 #2 13) Benoni and Benko Defense-3...d6 with 4...g6;
B) 7.Be2 b5 8.Bxb5 Nxe4 9.Nxe4 Qa5+ 10.Nc3 Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 Qxb5 Barsov-Garcia Castro Mondariz 2007]
3...Qb6 4.Nc3 Qxb2 5.Nb5 Nd5 Strongly threatening ...Qb4+. **6.a3** Prevents Qb4+. **6...a6 7.Rb1 Qa2 8.Ra1** The position is equal. **8...Qb2 9.Rb1 Qa2 10.Qc1** aiming for Rb2. **10...axb5 11.Ra1 Qxa1 12.Qxa1 e5! 13.dxe5** 0.00/24
[White should play 13.Bxe5± 0.78/24 c4 14.Bxb8 Rxa3 15.Qc1 Bb4+ 16.Ke2]
13...c4 14.Ke2? -2.03/22
[14.Qd4!= -0.02/19 and White stays

safe. Nxf4 15.Qxf4 *(15.exf4 Nc6∓)*]
14...Nc6 15.Kf3 Rxa3 16.Qb2



Bb4 -0.79/22
[⌓16...Bc5! -1.45/19 And now ...Nd4+ would win. 17.Ne2 b4]
17.Ne2∓ Against Nd4+ **17...0-0 18.g4**



f6? 0.76/23
[18...d6!∓ -0.81/19 keeps the pressure on. White must now prevent ...c3. 19.exd6 Nxf4 20.Nxf4 Bxd6]
19.exf6± White now steadily converts the win. **19...Rxf6** 1.12/22
[⌓19...Nxf6 0.81/22 20.Kg2 *(20.c3 Be7=)* 20...d5]
20.h4 d6 2.20/23
[20...b6± 1.13/21]
21.Kg3 White has strong compensation. Dancing on a razor blade. **21...Be6 22.Bg2** Rd1 is the strong threat. **22...Ra5** 3.04/19
[22...Nxf4 1.85/21 was called for. 23.Nxf4 Rxf4 24.Kxf4 d5]
23.Ra1+- c3 24.Qc1 Rf8 25.Rxa5 Bxa5 26.Qd1 Nxf4 27.Nxf4 Bc4 5.56/21
[27...Bf7 3.83/20 keeps fighting. 28.Bxc6 bxc6 29.Qxd6 Bc4]
28.Bd5+ White is clearly winning. **28...Kh8 29.Bxc4** Remove Defender **29...bxc4 30.Qxd6 Bb4 31.Qd5 Be7 32.h5 Bf6 33.Qxc4 Rd8 34.Qe6 h6 35.Qe4 Ne7 36.Qxb7 Rd2 37.Qe4 Rd1 38.Kf3 Rd2 39.Kg2 Kg8 40.Ne6 Kf7 41.Kg3 Kg8 42.Nd4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.33/Black=0.61
1-0

227 **A45**
□ **Gmluke** **2719**
■ **Daneshvar,Bardiya** **2928**
Blitz 02.12.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min A45: Trompowsky Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4**
[2.a3 g6 3.Bf4 d6 4.e3 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 b6 7.0-0 Bb7 8.h3 Nbd7 9.c4 Ne4 10.Bh2 e5 11.d5 a5 12.b3 f5 13.Nfd2 Ndc5 14.Nxe4 Nxe4 15.Ra2 Bc8 16.f3 Nc5 Carlsen,M (2850)-Fressinet,L (2702) Berlin 2015 CBM 168 Extra [Schulz, Andre] 1-0 (44)]
2...c5 3.e3N
[3.d5 g6 4.Nc3 d6 5.e4 Bg7 6.Nf3

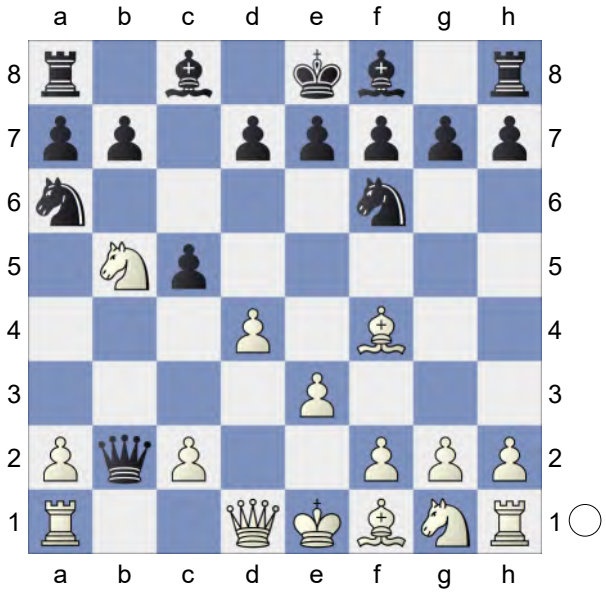
0-0

A) 7.a4 Na6 *(7...Bg4 8.Be2 Nbd7 9.0-0 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Ne5 11.Be2* 3 Benoni Setups-3...d6 Variation *)* 8.Be2 Nc7 9.0-0 Bg4 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Nd7 12.Qd2 a6 13.Be2 Rb8 14.a5 b5 15.axb6 Rxb6 16.Nd1 #2 13) Benoni and Benko Defense-3...d6 with 4...g6;

B) 7.Be2 b5 8.Bxb5 Nxe4 9.Nxe4 Qa5+ 10.Nc3 Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 Qxb5 Barsov-Garcia Castro Mondariz 2007]

3...Qb6 4.Nc3 Qxb2 5.Nb5 Na6 1.46/19

[5...Nd5= 0.00/20 remains equal.]

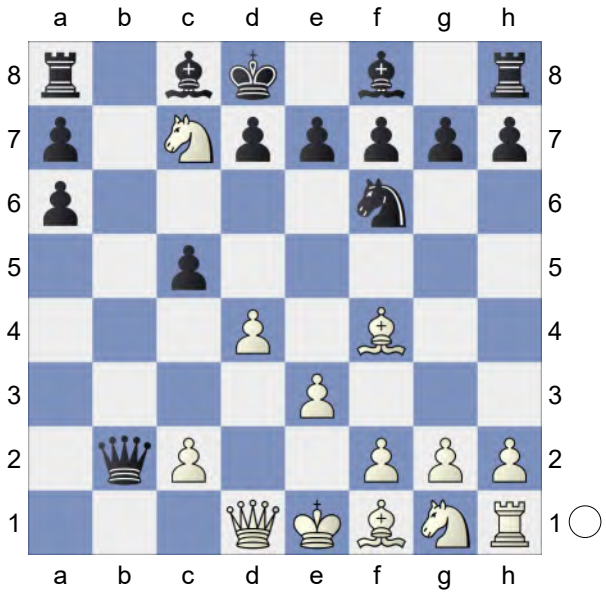


6.Rb1 0.00/24

[6.a3!± 1.46/19]

6...Qxa2= 7.Ra1 Qb2 8.Rxa6 -1.50/15 **bxa6∓ 9.Nc7+ Kd8**

(Diagram)



Threatens to win with ...Qb4+. **10.Nxa8 Nd5** Inhibits Bc7+. Strongly threatening ...e6. **11.Ne2** -2.25/20

[11.Nf3∓ -1.35/21 Bb7 12.Be2 *(12.dxc5? Nc3-+)*]

11...Bb7 12.dxc5 -2.67/18

[⌓12.Bb8 -1.77/18]

12...Bxa8 13.Qd2 Qa1+ 14.Nc1 -3.34/19

[⌓14.Qd1 -2.30/18 Qb2 15.Bg3]

14...Nxf4 15.exf4 e6 16.Be2 Bxg2 17.Rg1 Bc6

[Inferior is 17...Bxc5 18.Rxg2 Ba3 19.Kd1=]

18.Bd1 Bd5 19.Nb3 Bxb3 20.cxb3 Bxc5 21.Rg5 Qd4 22.Qc2 Bb6 23.Kf1 g6 24.Rg3 Qxf4 25.Rf3 Qc7 26.Qb2 Rf8 27.Qf6+ Ke8 28.Rc3 Qd8 29.Qe5 f6 30.Qe4 Kf7 31.Rd3 Kg7 32.h4 Qe7 33.h5 g5 34.h6+ Kh8 35.Bc2 Qf7 36.Qb7 Rd8 37.Rc3 Qf8 38.Qe4 Qxh6 39.Kg2 Qg6 40.Qb4 f5 White did not feel at home in the position after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.50/Black=0.36

0-1

228 **D00**
□ **Banknotehouse** **2718**
■ **Bata Njaa** **2687**
Blitz 07.06.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 1-0 (88)*; 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7* Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig,F (1863) Mainz 1997 EXT 2000 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (57)*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) www.desc-online.de 2000 CBM 166 [Beliavsky, Alexander G] 1-0 (41)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]
3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.g4 h6 6.h4 Bb4 7.Qf3 Ne4 Inhibits g5. **8.Nge2** White is slightly better. **8...c5** 0.85/21
[8...Nc6⩲ 0.51/20 should be considered.]
9.0-0-0± Nxc3 10.Nxc3
[10.bxc3 Ba3+ 11.Kd2 Nd7=]
10...Bxc3 11.bxc3 Strongly threatening Qg3. **11...Qa5** 1.12/18
[⌓11...Nc6 0.75/19]
12.Bd6 0.00/17
[12.g5!± 1.12/18]
12...cxd4 1.02/20
[12...Qxc3= 0.00/17 13.Kb1 *(13.Rd3 Qa1+ 14.Kd2 cxd4=)* 13...Qa5 14.dxc5 *(14.Bxc5 Nd7∓)* 14...Nd7]
13.exd4 Qxa2 1.93/20
[13...Nc6± 1.13/19]
14.Bd3+- Hoping for Kd2. This bishop pair is nice.
[Resist 14.Kd2?! Nc6±]
14...Qa5 2.74/22
[⌓14...Nc6 1.63/18]
15.g5 gxh6 is the strong threat. **15...Nc6 16.Kd2 Nxd4 17.Qf4** 1.17/19 Chess con chili.
[17.Qg3+- 2.55/20 and White stays clearly on top.]
17...Nb5? 3.31/20
[17...Nc6± 1.17/19 was worth a try.]
18.Bb4 Qb6 19.Bxb5+ 1.33/19
[19.Kc1!+- 2.69/20 is the precise move to win.]
19...axb5±
[19...Qxb5? 20.gxh6 a5 21.hxg7!+-]
20.Qe5→ 0.76/21 White attacks with force. &Bianco is more active.
[White should play 20.Kc1 1.30/18]
20...Qxf2+

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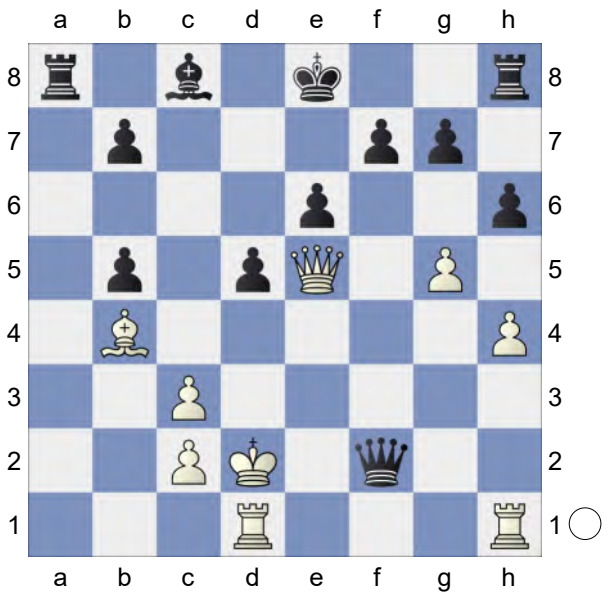
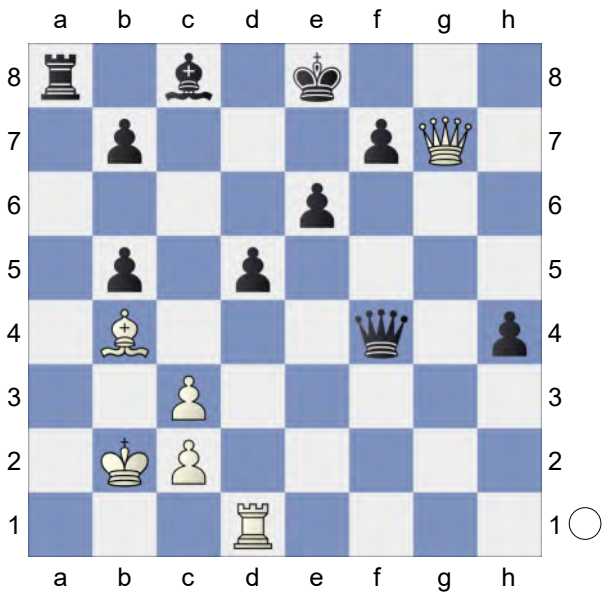


21.Kc1! hxg5? 5.39/22
[21...Ra2± 1.08/20 is a better chance. 22.Rd2 Qa7]
22.Qxg7+- Qf4+? 6.66/18
[22...Rxh4? gets mated. 23.Qf8+ Kd7 24.Qe7+ Kc6 25.Qd6#]
[22...Ra2 3.44/17 23.Qxh8+ Kd7]
23.Kb2 Rxh4 24.Rxh4 11.57/18
[⌓24.Qf8+ #16/17 Kd7 25.Rhf1 Qxb4+ 26.cxb4 Rh7 27.Qg8 f5 28.Qxh7+ Kd6 29.Qh8]
24...gxh4



25.Rf1!! 7.86/19 **Ra2+**
[25...Qxb4+ 26.cxb4]
26.Kxa2 Qc4+ 27.Kb2 Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/Black=1.50
1-0

229 **D00**
□ **Naiditsch,Arkadij** **2718**
■ **Harikrishna,Pentala** **2706**
76th Tata Steel Masters (9.3) 23.01.2014
[Ftacnik,L]

Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Jimmy Liew:'Ftacnik,L: 'Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Jimmy Liew: 'When a 2700 player loses in under 20 moves, that is something unusual and we should pay attention to what happened. Naiditsch did everything that one should not do in the Veresov. "" 'When a 2700 player loses in under 20 moves, that is something unusual and we should pay attention to what happened. Naiditsch did everything that one should not do in the Veresov. '' **1.d4** Ftacnik,Lubomir Ftacnik,Lubomir Ftacnik,Lubomir Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Ftacnik,L Ftacnik,L: 'Ftacnik,Lubomir'' **1...Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 Bf5** Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Richard Palliser: 'Black adds another piece to the battle for e4. Eric's recent practice has also seen him face:'''Richard Palliser: 'Black adds another piece to the battle for e4. Eric's recent practice has also seen him face:' Ftacnik,L: 'Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Richard Palliser: 'Black adds another piece to the battle for e4. Eric's recent practice has also seen him face:"" Richard Palliser: 'Black adds another piece to the battle for e4. Eric's recent practice has also seen him face:'

[a) 3...e6 4.e3 Bd6 *(4...Be7 5.Bd3 c5 6.dxc5 0-0 7.Nf3* is an important

alternative, as we've seen in the last two updates Richard Palliser: 'is an important alternative, as we've seen in the last two updates'*)* 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Bd3 c5 7.dxc5 Bxc5

A) Instead, 8.a3!? Nc6 9.0-0 Bd6 10.Bxd6 Qxd6 11.e4 Rd8 12.exd5 Nxd5 13.Nxd5 Qxd5 *(* Eric points out that Black should prefer *13...exd5!?* it may seem strange to voluntarily accept an IQP, but Black will be very solid after . ..Be6, ...Re8 and ...Rad8, and, moreover, it's not that easy for White to improve his troops here without allowing, say, a timely ...Bg4 Richard Palliser: 'it may seem strange to voluntarily accept an IQP, but Black will be very solid after . ..Be6, ...Re8 and ... Rad8, and, moreover, it's not that easy for White to improve his troops here without allowing, say, a timely ...Bg4' *)* 14.Qe2 Bd7 15.Rad1 Qh5 16.Rfe1 Ne7 17.Ne5 Qxe2 18.Rxe2 Bb5 19.Red2 gave White a small but clear pull in Prie-Lillo Castany, Divisio Honor 2013. Richard Palliser: 'gave White a small but clear pull in Prie-Lillo Castany, Divisio Honor 2013.';

B) 8.0-0 was Jobava-Malakhov, Warsaw (rapid) 2013, which we've also analysed before. Richard Palliser: 'was Jobava-Malakhov, Warsaw (rapid) 2013, which we've also analysed before.']

[b) 3...a6 4.e3 e6 5.Nf3 c5 6.a3 Nc6 7.h3!? (sensibly giving the London bishop a retreat square and avoiding walking into any ...c4 tempo gain) Richard Palliser: '(sensibly giving the London bishop a retreat square and avoiding walking into any ...c4 tempo gain)' Bd6 *(7...b5 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.Bd3 Bb7 10.0-0 Bd6 11.Re1!* has been used by Jobava, as we saw last month Richard Palliser: 'has been used by Jobava, as we saw last month'*)* 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.Bd3 Bd6 10.Bxd6 Qxd6 11.0-0 Ne5 12.e4! Nxf3+ *(* Eric's impressive idea was *12...dxe4 13.Bb5+!* , and if *Ke7 14.Qxd6+ Kxd6 15.Rfd1+ Ke7 16.Nxe5 axb5 17.Nxb5 Nd5 18.c4 Nf4 19.c5 f6 20.Nc4 Bd7 21.Nbd6 Bc6 22.b4* with some advantage*)* 13.Qxf3 d4 14.Ne2 0-0 15.Rad1 Qe5?! was Prie-Buscara, Montpellier 2013, where Eric points out that 16.Qg3! Qxg3 17.Nxg3 e5 18.f4 would have been pretty strong.]

[c) 3...c6 has been surprisingly popular against Eric: 4.Qd2 *(* the French GM's latest choice after he'd been using the more routine Richard Palliser: 'the French GM's latest choice after he'd been using the more routine' *4.e3* , with, for example, Prie-Dominguez Pons, Divisio Honor 2013, running Richard Palliser: ', with, for example, Prie-Dominguez Pons, Divisio Honor 2013, running' *g6 5.Be2 Bg7 6.h4!? Qb6 7.a3 Nbd7 8.Nf3 0-0 9.Ne5 Nxe5 10.Bxe5 Nd7 11.Bxg7 Kxg7 12.h5* , which was all very Barry-like and a touch better for White *)* 4...Bf5 5.f3 e6 6.g4 Bg6 7.h4 h6 8.e3 Nbd7 *(*or *8...Qa5 9.Nge2 Nbd7 10.a3 b5 11.Nc1! Qb6 12.Nd3 a6* , which was Prie-Tisseyre, Carcassonne 2014, and now I quite like Eric's suggestion of Richard Palliser: ', which was Prie-Tisseyre, Carcassonne 2014, and now I quite like Eric's suggestion of' *13.Bg2!? c5 14.dxc5 Nxc5 15.Ne5 Bh7 16.g5*

Nh5 17.Bh2 , which is at the least easier for White to play*)* 9.Nh3 Nb6 10.Bg3 Bd6 11.Nf4 Qc7 12.0-0-0 0-0-0 13.Nxg6 fxg6 14.Bxd6 Rxd6? (Black was worse in any case, but should have recaptured with the queen he now runs into trouble on the kingside surprisingly quickly) Richard Palliser: '(Black was worse in any case, but should have recaptured with the queen he now runs into trouble on the kingside surprisingly quickly)' 15.Bd3 Qf7 16.g5! hxg5 17.hxg5 Rxh1 18.Rxh1 Nh5 19.Qh2!! Qxf3 20.Qxd6 Qxh1+ 21.Nd1 Qh3 22.Bxg6 left White with a crushing initiative in Prie-Touzane, Albi 2013.]

[d) 3...g6 can easily transpose to a Barry, such as after 4.e3 Bg7 5.Be2 0-0 6.Nf3 , Prie-Torrecillas Martinez, Catalonia 2013.]

[e) 3...c5! remains the critical move in my view, if not in Eric's games. However, there was a recent test where Richard Palliser: 'remains the critical move in my view, if not in Eric's games. However, there was a recent test where' 4.e3 a6 *(4...cxd4 5.exd4 a6* is a simpler approach*)* 5.dxc5! (logically striving to open the position and show Black's last up as a luxury) Nc6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.Be2 e6 8.Na4 Ne4 9.h3 Bh5 10.0-0 Nxc5 11.Nxc5 Bxc5 12.Ne5 Bxe2 13.Qxe2 0-0 14.Nxc6 bxc6 15.c4 saw White seizing a small pull in Stripunsky-Perelshteyn, Ledyard 2014. Incidentally, it's well worth looking up this encounter to see a model rook ending. Richard Palliser: 'saw White seizing a small pull in Stripunsky-Perelshteyn, Ledyard 2014. Incidentally, it's well worth looking up this encounter to see a model rook ending.']

4.f3

[A new move for us. Previously, Aaron had shown that Richard Palliser: 'A new move for us. Previously, Aaron had shown that' 4.Qd2 e6 5.e3 c5 6.f3 Nc6 7.g4 Bg6 8.h4 h5 9.g5 Nd7 10.Nh3 Rc8 left White overextended and Black better in Ilic-Levi, Auckland 2000. Richard Palliser: 'left White overextended and Black better in Ilic-Levi, Auckland 2000.']

4...e6 Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Jimmy Liew:'Ftacnik,L: 'Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Jimmy Liew: 'Black cannot play this move against the Veresov proper with 3 Bg5 Bf5 because after 4 f3 e6?? White wins a piece with 5 e4. This is one of the drawbacks of 3 Bf4 instead of 3 Bg5; after 4...e6, Black can develop his pieces easily. Note that White cannot gain space in the centre as in the Veresov proper, because he is unable to play the important e2-e4 move. "" 'Black cannot play this move against the Veresov proper with 3 Bg5 Bf5 because after 4 f3 e6?? White wins a piece with 5 e4. This is one of the drawbacks of 3 Bf4 instead of 3 Bg5; after 4...e6, Black can develop his pieces easily. Note that White cannot gain space in the centre as in the Veresov proper, because he is unable to play the important e2-e4 move. "

[After 4...c6 Black will take longer to challenge on the queenside, so Richard Palliser: 'Black will take longer to challenge on the queenside, so' 5.g4! is suddenly quite logical. Following Richard Palliser: 'is suddenly quite logical. Following' Bg6 6.h4 h5 7.g5 Ng8 8.e4 e6 9.Nge2

Bd6 10.Qd2 Ne7 11.a3 b5 12.Bh3 White had a pleasant space advantage in Prie-Duff, Montpelllier 2013.]

5.Qd2

[Here too Eric has been tempted by 5.g4!? , with Bg6 6.h4 h6 quite a sensible reaction from Black in my view, refusing to fix the kingside. However, after Richard Palliser: 'quite a sensible reaction from Black in my view, refusing to fix the kingside. However, after' 7.Qd2 he should obtain some counterplay with c5 , *(*whereas *7...Bb4?! 8.a3 Bd6 9.Nh3 c6 10.e3 Qc7 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.Nf4 e5 13.Nxg6 fxg6 14.dxe5 Qxe5 15.0-0-0* left White with a great position and about to seize the initiative in Prié-Pilé, Rapide du Cap 2013. Richard Palliser: 'left White with a great position and about to seize the initiative in Pri<-Pil<, Rapide du Cap 2013.' *)*]

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[I can understand Naiditsch's desire to avoid 7.a3!? , but it's not clear this was any worse or more strange than his slightly unexpected choice. Black does have Richard Palliser: ', but it's not clear this was any worse or more strange than his slightly unexpected choice. Black does have' Nh5 *(7...a6 8.g4 Bg6 9.h4 h6 10.Nh3 b5* might be the critical line, which is perhaps roughly equal*)* 8.Be3 Na5 , but after 9.Bf2 Nc4 10.Qe1 Bg6 11.e4 White is actually quite well coordinated and neither black knight overly happy. Richard Palliser: 'White is actually quite well coordinated and neither black knight overly happy. ']

7...Bg6

[7...Nh5 is an interesting idea: Ftacnik, Lubomir: '(Ftacnik,L) is an interesting idea:' 8.Bd2!? *(* if White wants to keep his bishop he has to play *8.Be3* , which will really mess up his kingside development*)* 8...Nxd4 9.Qf2 Nc6 10.g4 d4 11.Nb1 Bh4 12.Qg2 Bxc2 13.Kxc2 Nb4+ 14.Bxb4 *(* or *14.Kc1 Nxa2+ 15.Kc2 Nb4+ 16.Kc1 Qd5 17.gxh5 Qc4+ 18.Bc3 Na2+ 19.Kc2 dxc3 20.Nxc3 Nxc3 21.bxc3 Qa2+ 22.Kc1 Be7* when mate is on the horizon*)* 14...Nf4 . This traps the queen and after 15.Nc3 *(15.e3 Nxg2 16.Bxg2 c5 17.Ba3 Bf2* wins another pawn since *18.exd4 cxd4 19.Nd2 Rc8+ 20.Kb1 Qc7 21.Nh3 Qc2+ 22.Ka1 Be3* loses a further piece*)* 15...Nxg2 16.Bxg2 e5 (White may have three minor pieces for the queen

and two pawns, but with his exposed king he has no time to organize his minor pieces) 17.e3 Qf6! 18.exd4 Qg6+ 19.Kb3 a5 20.Ba3 a4+ 21.Kc4 b5+ 22.Nxb5 Qc2+ Black forks the king and bishop on g2.]

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[9.e4 dxe4 10.fxe4 Nxd4 11.Be3 c5∓]

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9...Nh5! Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Jimmy Liew:'Ftacnik,L: 'Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Jimmy Liew: ''!''''' ''!''' **10.Be3** Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Jimmy Liew:'Ftacnik,L: 'Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Jimmy Liew: 'This is not a move White really wants to play, as mentioned earlier. '"' 'This is not a move White really wants to play, as mentioned earlier. "

[The alternatives are no better, though: 10.Be5 Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Ftacnik,L' Nxe5 11.dxe5 d4 12.Nce4 Qd5 and a white pawn drops.]

[10.Bg3 Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Ftacnik,L' Nxg3 11.hxg3 b5 (in the absence of

White's dark-square bishop, Black can confidently open up the game) 12.e3 b4 13.Nb1 a5 14.Bd3 Qd6 15.Bxg6 fxg6 16.g4 a4 when Black has a strong attack with moves like ...e5 and ...a3, focusing on the dark-square weaknesses.]

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[12.a3 cxd4 13.Bxd4 Nc6 14.e3 Nf6∓]

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[13...h5 also maintained a clear advantage and with no risk. Ftacnik, Lubomir: '(Ftacnik,L) also maintained a clear advantage and with no risk.']

14.f4 Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Jimmy Liew:'Ftacnik,L: 'Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Jimmy Liew: 'QUESTION: Didn't Black just blunder, leaving his bishop on g6 trapped?'''' 'QUESTION: Didn't Black

just blunder, leaving his bishop on g6 trapped?"

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A) 14...cxd4 15.Bxd4 Nxc2 Jimmy Liew: 'or' Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Ftacnik,L: 'Jimmy Liew: 'or'"' 16.Qd1!? *(16.Rxc2* Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Ftacnik,L' *Bxc2)* 16...Bg5 17.e3 Nxe3 18.Bxe3 Bxe3 19.hxg6 fxg6 20.Kb1 *(20.Bg2* Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Ftacnik, L' *Ne5 21.Kb1 Bxd2 22.Qxd2* when Black has quite a few pawns and a rook for two minor pieces*)* 20...Bxd2 21.Qxd2 Qf6 with too many pawns plus a rook for the pieces. Still, it's a little surprising that Naiditsch didn't consider this to offer him more swindling chances than the game. Richard Palliser: 'with too many pawns plus a rook for the pieces. Still, it's a little surprising that Naiditsch didn't consider this to offer him more swindling chances than the game.';

B) 14...Nxc2 15.Rxc2 Bxc2 16.Kxc2 cxd4 17.Bxd4 e5∓ Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Jimmy Liew:'Ftacnik,L: 'Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Jimmy Liew: " ∓"" " ∓"' 18.Be3 Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Ftacnik,L' d4 , which is a strong counter-fork.]

[Not another unexpected move you might be thinking, but just take a look at Richard Palliser: 'Not another unexpected move you might be thinking, but just take a look at' 14.a3 cxd4 15.Bxd4 Nxc2! 16.Rxc2 Bxc2 17.Kxc2 e5 18.Be3 d4 , when Black wins material,]

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15...Nb6 Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Richard Palliser: 'Ouch. Talk about the difference between a coordinated position and one which is the complete opposite. It's only move 15, but already the threat of ...Nc4 is a killer.'"Richard Palliser: 'Ouch. Talk about the difference between a coordinated position and one which is the complete opposite. It's only move 15, but already the threat of ...Nc4 is a killer.' Ftacnik, L: 'Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Richard Palliser: 'Ouch. Talk about the difference between a coordinated position and one which is the complete opposite. It's only move 15, but already the threat of ...Nc4 is a killer. '"' Richard Palliser: 'Ouch. Talk about the difference between a coordinated position and one which is the complete opposite. It's only move 15, but already the threat of ...Nc4 is a killer.' **16.dxc5** <xml✕:en>Naiditsch did not see how to hold his d4-square, but opening up the diagonal for the black bishop will result in his getting very short shrift.</:en ✕/ x m l > F t a c n i k , L u b o m i r : '<xml ✕ :en>'Ftacnik,L: '<xml✕:en>Naiditsch did not see how to hold his d4-square, but opening up the diagonal for the black bishop will result in his getting very short shrift.</:en ✕/ x m l > F t a c n i k , L u b o m i r : '<xml✕:en>Naiditsch did not see how to hold his d4-square, but opening up the diagonal for the black bishop will result in his getting very short shrift.</:en ✕/ xml> Jimmy Liew: '<xml ✕:en>Naiditsch did not see how to hold his d4-square, but opening up the diagonal for the black bishop will result in his getting very short shrift.</:en ✕/xml>"" Naiditsch did not see how to hold his d4-square, but opening up the diagonal for the black bishop will result in his getting very short shrift.</:en ✕/xml> Jimmy Liew: '<xml ✕:en>Naiditsch did not see how to hold his d4-square, but opening up the diagonal for the black bishop will result in his getting very short shrift.</ :en✕/xml>" Naiditsch did not see how to hold his d4-square, but opening up the

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[16.h5 Nc4 *(16...Bxc2 17.Rxc2 Nc4 18.Bd2 Nxc2 19.Kxc2 cxd4-+)*

A) 17.Rh3 Qb6 18.b3 *(18.dxc5 Nxa2+-+)* 18...Nxe3 19.Rxe3 cxd4-+;

B) 17.hxg6 Nxe3 18.Qe1 cxd4-+]

[16.b3 cxd4 17.Bxd4 Rc8 18.h5 Bxd4 19.Rxd4 Bxc2 20.Qd2 Rxc3 21.Rxb4 Qc7-+]

16...Bxc3 Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Jimmy Liew:'Ftacnik,L: 'Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Jimmy Liew: 'Basically it's game over as White cannot recapture."" 'Basically it's game over as White cannot recapture."

[16...Nc4 17.Bd4 Nxa2+ 18.Nxa2 Qa5 19.c3 Qxa2 20.e4 Qa1+ 21.Kc2 Qxb2+ 22.Kd3 Bxe4+ 23.Nxe4 dxe4+ 24.Ke2 *(24.Kxc4 b5+ 25.cxb6 Rac8+-+)* 24...Nxd2 25.Qxd2 Qb3-+]

17.cxb6

[Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Jimmy Liew:'Ftacnik,L: 'Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Jimmy Liew: 'Or"'' 'Or'' 17.bxc3 Nxa2+ 18.Kb2 Nc4+-+ Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Jimmy Liew:'Ftacnik,L: 'Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Jimmy Liew: ''-+''''' ''-+''' 19.Kxa2 Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Ftacnik,L' Qa5+ and mate in two.]

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[17...Qd7 18.f5 Nxa2+ 19.Kb1 Bxb2 20.c4 *(20.Kxa2 axb6+ 21.Kxb2 Qb5+-+)* 20...Nc3+ 21.Kxb2 Nxd1+ 22.Nxd1 Qa4-+]

18.bxc3 Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Richard Palliser: 'White has even managed to win a piece, but, of course, his king was never going to survive.'"Richard Palliser: 'White has even managed to win a piece, but, of course, his king was never going to survive.' Ftacnik,L: 'Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Richard Palliser: 'White has even managed to win a piece, but, of course, his king was never going to survive.'"" Richard Palliser: 'White has even managed to win a piece, but, of course, his king was never going to survive.'

[18.Bd4 Nxa2+ 19.Kb1 Qe8 20.f5 *(20.Rd3 Qa4 21.b3 Qa3 22.Rxc3 Nxc3+ 23.Bxc3 Rfc8 24.Bb2 Bxc2+ 25.Qxc2 Qa2+ 26.Kc1 Qxb3-+)* 20...Qa4 21.fxg6 Nb4-+]

[Likewise, 18.f5 Ftacnik,Lubomir:

'Ftacnik,L' Bxb2+ 19.Kxb2 Rxa2+ 20.Kb1 Qa8 mates.]

18...Nxa2+ 19.Kb2 Qd6 <xml✕:en>Should any player hit bad form during a tournament, it might be safer to resort to well-known opening positions after all. The chances of surviving beyond the 20th move must then be significantly higher...</:en ✕/xml> Ftacnik,Lubomir: '<xml✕:en>'Ftacnik,L: '<xml ✕:en>Should any player hit bad form during a tournament, it might be safer to resort to well-known opening positions after all. The chances of surviving beyond the 20th move must then be significantly higher...</:en ✕/xml> Ftacnik,Lubomir: '<xml ✕:en>Should any player hit bad form during a tournament, it might be safer to resort to well-known opening positions after all. The chances of surviving beyond the 20th move must then be significantly higher...</:en ✕/xml> Jimmy Liew: '. A good game to illustrate the danger in the opening of falling behind in development, if a painful one for fans of the New Veresov. White's 7th, 8th and 9th moves looked really bad. These three moves did nothing and basically gave Black three free moves, which is frankly three too many. <xml ✕:en>Should any player hit bad form during a tournament, it might be safer to resort to well-known opening positions after all. The chances of surviving beyond the 20th move must then be significantly higher...</:en ✕/xml>'' Ftacnik,Lubomir: '<xml ✕:en>Should any player hit bad form during a tournament, it might be safer to resort to well-known opening positions after all. The chances of surviving beyond the 20th move must then be significantly higher...</:en ✕/xml> Jimmy Liew: '. A good game to illustrate the danger in the opening of falling behind in development, if a painful one for fans of the New Veresov. White's 7th, 8th and 9th moves looked really bad. These three moves did nothing and basically gave Black three free moves, which is frankly three too many. <xml ✕:en>Should any player hit bad form during a tournament, it might be safer to resort to well-known opening positions after all. The chances of surviving beyond the 20th move must then be significantly higher...</:en ✕/xml>' Jimmy Liew: '. A good game to illustrate the danger in the opening of falling behind in development, if a painful one for fans of the New Veresov. White's 7th, 8th and 9th moves looked really bad. These three moves did nothing and basically gave Black three free moves, which is frankly three too many.'''' Should any player hit bad form during a tournament, it might be safer to resort to well-known opening positions after all. The chances of surviving beyond the 20th move must then be significantly higher...</:en ✕/xml> Jimmy Liew: '. A good game to illustrate the danger in the opening of falling behind in development, if a painful one for fans of the New Veresov. White's 7th, 8th and 9th moves looked really bad. These three moves did nothing and basically gave Black three free moves, which is frankly three too many. <xml ✕:en>Should any player hit bad form during a tournament, it might be safer to resort to well-known opening positions after all. The chances of surviving beyond the 20th move must then be significantly higher...</:en ✕/xml>'' Ftacnik,Lubomir:

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1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 Bf5

[3...e6 4.e3 Bd6 *(4...Be7 5.Bd3 c5 6.dxc5 0-0 7.Nf3)* 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Bd3 c5 7.dxc5 Bxc5

A) 8.a3 Nc6 9.0-0 Bd6 10.Bxd6 Qxd6 11.e4 Rd8 12.exd5 Nxd5 13.Nxd5 Qxd5 *(13...exd5)* 14.Qe2 Bd7 15.Rad1 Qh5 16.Rfe1 Ne7 17.Ne5 Qxe2 18.Rxe2 Bb5 19.Red2;

B) 8.0-0]

[3...a6 4.e3 e6 5.Nf3 c5 6.a3 Nc6 7.h3 Bd6 *(7...b5 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.Bd3 Bb7 10.0-0 Bd6 11.Re1)* 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.Bd3 Bd6 10.Bxd6 Qxd6 11.0-0 Ne5 12.e4 Nxf3+ *(12...dxe4 13.Bb5+ Ke7 14.Qxd6+ Kxd6 15.Rfd1+ Ke7 16.Nxe5 axb5 17.Nxb5 Nd5 18.c4 Nf4 19.c5 f6 20.Nc4 Bd7 21.Nbd6 Bc6 22.b4)* 13.Qxf3 d4 14.Ne2 0-0 15.Rad1 Qe5 16.Qg3 Qxg3 17.Nxg3 e5 18.f4]

[3...c6 4.Qd2 *(4.e3 g6 5.Be2 Bg7 6.h4 Qb6 7.a3 Nbd7 8.Nf3 0-0 9.Ne5 Nxe5 10.Bxe5 Nd7 11.Bxg7 Kxg7 12.h5)* 4...Bf5 5.f3 e6 6.g4 Bg6 7.h4 h6 8.e3 Nbd7 *(8...Qa5 9.Nge2 Nbd7 10.a3 b5 11.Nc1 Qb6 12.Nd3 a6 13.Bg2 c5 14.dxc5 Nxc5 15.Ne5 Bh7 16.g5 Nh5 17.Bh2)* 9.Nh3 Nb6 10.Bg3 Bd6 11.Nf4 Qc7 12.0-0-0 0-0-0 13.Nxg6 fxg6 14.Bxd6 Rxd6 15.Bd3 Qf7 16.g5 hxg5 17.hxg5 Rxh1 18.Rxh1 Nh5 19.Qh2 Qxf3 20.Qxd6 Qxh1+ 21.Nd1 Qh3 22.Bxg6]

[3...g6 4.e3 Bg7 5.Be2 0-0 6.Nf3]
[3...c5 4.e3 a6 *(4...cxd4 5.exd4 a6)* 5.dxc5 Nc6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.Be2 e6 8.Na4 Ne4 9.h3 Bh5 10.0-0 Nxc5 11.Nxc5 Bxc5 12.Ne5 Bxe2 13.Qxe2 0-0 14.Nxc6 bxc6 15.c4]

4.f3
[4.Qd2 e6 5.e3 c5 6.f3 Nc6 7.g4 Bg6 8.h4 h5 9.g5 Nd7 10.Nh3 Rc8]

4...e6
[4...c6 5.g4 Bg6 6.h4 h5 7.g5 Ng8 8.e4 e6 9.Nge2 Bd6 10.Qd2 Ne7 11.a3 b5 12.Bh3]

5.Qd2
[5.g4 Bg6 6.h4 h6 7.Qd2 c5 *(7...Bb4 8.a3 Bd6 9.Nh3 c6 10.e3 Qc7 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.Nf4 e5 13.Nxg6 fxg6 14.dxe5 Qxe5 15.0-0-0)*]

5...Be7
[5...Bd6 6.0-0-0 *(6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 g5 8.Bf2 Nbd7 9.0-0-0 c6 10.g4 Bg6 11.h4)* 6...Bxf4 7.Qxf4 Qd6 8.Qh4 h6 9.Kb1 Qe7 10.Qe1 Nbd7 11.e4 dxe4 12.fxe4 Bg4 13.Nf3 0-0-0 14.Rd3]
[5...Bb4 6.e3 0-0 7.g4 Bxg4 8.fxg4 Ne4 9.Nxe4 Bxd2+ 10.Nxd2 Qh4+ 11.Bg3 Qxg4 12.Be2 Qg5]

6.0-0-0 Nc6
[6...0-0 7.g4 Bg6 8.h4 h5 9.g5 Nfd7 10.e3 a6 11.Nh3 c5 12.Bxb8 Rxb8 13.Nf4 cxd4 14.exd4 Bb4 15.Bd3 Qb6 16.Bxg6 fxg6 17.Qe3 Bxc3 18.bxc3]
[6...c5 7.dxc5 Nc6 *(7...Nbd7 8.e4 dxe4 9.g4 Bg6 10.g5 Nh5 11.Be3 exf3 12.Bb5)* 8.e4 dxe4 9.Qe2 Qa5 10.fxe4 Bg4 11.Nf3]

7.Qe1
[7.g4 Bg6 8.a3 *(8.h4)* 8...h6 9.h4 Qd7 10.e3 a6 11.Nh3 0-0-0]
[7.a3 Nh5 *(7...a6 8.g4 Bg6 9.h4 h6 10.Nh3 b5)* 8.Be3 Na5 9.Bf2 Nc4 10.Qe1 Bg6 11.e4]

7...Bg6
[7...Nh5 8.Bd2 *(8.Be3)* 8...Nxd4 9.Qf2 Nc6 10.g4 d4 11.Nb1 Bh4 12.Qg2 Bxc2 13.Kxc2 Nb4+ 14.Bxb4 *(14.Kc1 Nxa2+ 15.Kc2 Nb4+ 16.Kc1 Qd5 17.gxh5 Qc4+ 18.Bc3 Na2+ 19.Kc2 dxc3 20.Nxc3 Nxc3 21.bxc3 Qa2+ 22.Kc1 Be7)* 14...Nf4 15.Nc3 *(15.e3 Nxg2 16.Bxg2 c5 17.Ba3 Bf2 18.exd4 cxd4 19.Nd2 Rc8+ 20.Kb1 Qc7 21.Nh3 Qc2+ 22.Ka1 Be3)* 15...Nxg2 16.Bxg2 e5 17.e3 Qf6 18.exd4 Qg6+ 19.Kb3 a5 20.Ba3 a4+ 21.Kc4 b5+ 22.Nxb5 Qc2+]

8.Nh3
[8.e4 0-0 *(8...dxe4 9.fxe4 Nxd4 10.Nb5)* 9.Qe3 a6 10.Nge2]

8...0-0 9.Nf2
[9.e4 dxe4 10.fxe4 Nxd4 11.Be3 c5]
[9.e3 Nb4 10.e4 c5 11.dxc5 Nc6]

9...Nh5 10.Be3
[10.Be5 Nxe5 11.dxe5 d4 12.Nce4 Qd5]
[10.Bg3 Nxg3 11.hxg3 b5 12.e3 b4 13.Nb1 a5 14.Bd3 Qd6 15.Bxg6 fxg6 16.g4 a4]

10...Nb4 11.Rd2
[11.Nd3 c5 12.Kb1 Nf6 *(12...Nxc2 13.Kxc2 c4)* 13.g4 cxd4 14.Bxd4 Nc6]

11...c5 12.g4
[12.a3 cxd4 13.Bxd4 Nc6 14.e3 Nf6]

12...Nf6 13.h4 Nd7
[13...Rc8 14.a3 *(14.h5 cxd4 15.Bxd4 Nxc2 16.Rxc2 Bxc2 17.Kxc2 e5 18.Bxe5 d4)* 14...Nxc2 15.Rxc2 cxd4 16.Bxd4 Bxc2

17.Kxc2 e5 18.Bxe5 d4 19.e4 Qb6] [13...h5]

14.f4

[14.h5

A) 14...cxd4 15.Bxd4 Nxc2 16.Qd1 *(16.Rxc2 Bxc2)* 16...Bg5 17.e3 Nxe3 18.Bxe3 Bxe3 19.hxg6 fxg6 20.Kb1 *(20.Bg2 Ne5 21.Kb1 Bxd2 22.Qxd2)* 20...Bxd2 21.Qxd2 Qf6;

B) 14...Nxc2 15.Rxc2 Bxc2 16.Kxc2 cxd4 17.Bxd4 e5 18.Be3 d4]

[14.a3 cxd4 15.Bxd4 Nxc2 16.Rxc2 Bxc2 17.Kxc2 e5 18.Be3 d4]

14...Bf6 15.Qd1

[15.f5 exf5 *(15...Qb6 16.fxg6 cxd4 17.Rxd4 Bxd4 18.gxh7+ Kxh7 19.Bxd4 Qxd4 20.e3)* 16.h5 f4 17.Bxf4 cxd4 18.Nb5 Qa5 *(18...Be4 19.Nxe4 dxe4)* 19.hxg6 Qxa2 20.Rd1 Qa1+ 21.Kd2 Qxb2 22.Rc1 fxg6]

15...Nb6 16.dxc5

[16.h5 Nc4 *(16...Bxc2 17.Rxc2 Nc4 18.Bd2 Nxc2 19.Kxc2 cxd4)*

A) 17.Rh3 Qb6 18.b3 *(18.dxc5 Nxa2+)* 18...Nxe3 19.Rxe3 cxd4;

B) 17.hxg6 Nxe3 18.Qe1 cxd4]

[16.b3 cxd4 17.Bxd4 Rc8 18.h5 Bxd4 19.Rxd4 Bxc2 20.Qd2 Rxc3 21.Rxb4 Qc7]

16...Bxc3

[16...Nc4 17.Bd4 Nxa2+ 18.Nxa2 Qa5 19.c3 Qxa2 20.e4 Qa1+ 21.Kc2 Qxb2+ 22.Kd3 Bxe4+ 23.Nxe4 dxe4+ 24.Ke2 *(24.Kxc4 b5+ 25.cxb6 Rac8+)* 24...Nxd2 25.Qxd2 Qb3]

17.cxb6

[17.bxc3 Nxa2+ 18.Kb2 Nc4+ 19.Kxa2 Qa5+]

17...axb6

[17...Qd7 18.f5 Nxa2+ 19.Kb1 Bxb2 20.c4 *(20.Kxa2 axb6+ 21.Kxb2 Qb5+)* 20...Nc3+ 21.Kxb2 Nxd1+ 22.Nxd1 Qa4]

18.bxc3

[18.Bd4 Nxa2+ 19.Kb1 Qe8 20.f5 *(20.Rd3 Qa4 21.b3 Qa3 22.Rxc3 Nxc3+ 23.Bxc3 Rfc8 24.Bb2 Bxc2+ 25.Qxc2 Qa2+ 26.Kc1 Qxb3)* 20...Qa4 21.fxg6 Nb4]

[18.f5 Bxb2+ 19.Kxb2 Rxa2+ 20.Kb1 Qa8]

18...Nxa2+ 19.Kb2 Qd6

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D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**

[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6*

27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+ 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]

3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.h4 c5!? An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante. **8.c3** The position is equal.

[8.a4 Bd7 9.Ne5 Nb4 10.g4 -0.54/20 *(10.c3=* -0.12/19 is more appropriate.*)* 10...a6 11.Nc3 -1.08/21 *(11.g5∓* -0.53/21 *Ne8 12.Nc3)* 11...cxd4∓ 12.exd4 Rc8! 13.f3 Dodges Nf6-e4 Be8 14.Bd3 -1.62/22 *(14.Nd3∓* -1.01/19 might work better.*)* 14...Nd7 15.g5 -2.63/21 *(15.Nxd7∓* -1.50/20 *Bxd7 16.Qd2)* 15...Nxe5 16.Bxe5 0-1 (26) Erigaisi,A (2718)-Caruana,F (2766) Chess.com INT 2022 0-1 (26) Erigaisi,A (2718)-Caruana,F (2766) Chess.com INT 2022]

8...Bd7 9.a4 Ne4N 0.62/19

[Vorgänger: 9...c4 10.b3 Qa5 11.bxc4 Bxb5! 12.axb5 Qxc3+ 13.Nd2 Nb4 14.Rc1 Repels Nb4-c2+ Nd3+ 15.Bxd3 Qxd3 16.Qe2 dxc4 17.Rxc4 Qa3 18.0-0 Rfc8 19.e4 a5 ½-½ (19) Najer,E (2676)-Sjugirov,S (2703) Cheboksary 2022 ½-½ (19) Najer,E (2676)-Sjugirov,S (2703) Cheboksary 2022]

[9...Bxb5= 0.05/21 10.axb5 *(10.Bxb5 c4=)* 10...Nc7]

10.h5 0.00/19

[10.Bd3!± 0.62/19]

10...h6 0.65/20

[10...c4!= 0.00/19]

11.Ne5 0.01/21

[11.Bd3!± 0.65/20]

11...Nb8 12.Bd3 a6 13.Na3

[13.Bxe4 keeps more tension. dxe4 14.Qg4 f5 15.Qg3]

13...Nc6 0.78/21

[13...Ng5= 0.17/19 keeps the balance.]

14.Bxe4 -0.01/22 **dxe4** 0.55/21

[14...Nxe5= -0.01/22 15.Bc2 Nc6]

15.Nxd7!± Qxd7 16.dxc5

[16.Nc4]

16...Rfd8 17.Qxd7 Rxd7 18.Ke2 Threatens to win with Na3-c4. **18...e5** 1.52/25

[Better is 18...Bxc5± 0.42/22 19.Nc4 Ne7]

19.Bg3 Bxc5 20.Nc4 Re8 21.b4 Bf8 22.b5 Na7 2.30/23

[22...Ne7± 1.30/22 was worth a try.]

23.Nxe5+-

[23.Bxe5 axb5 24.Nb6 Rdd8=]

23...Rd5 24.Rhd1 1.11/24

[24.c4+- 2.49/25 is more deadly. Rc5 *(24...Rdxe5? 25.Bxe5 Rxe5 26.Rhd1+-)* 25.Rhd1]

24...Rxd1± 25.Kxd1 0.01/25

[25.Rxd1± 1.40/25 axb5 26.a5]

25...axb5= 26.Kc2 Bd6! 27.Ng4 Bxg3 28.fxg3 Endgame. KRN-KRN **28...Rc8 29.Nf2 f5 30.g4 bxa4 31.gxf5**

[31.Rxa4!? Nb5□ 32.gxf5 Nxc3 33.Ra5=]

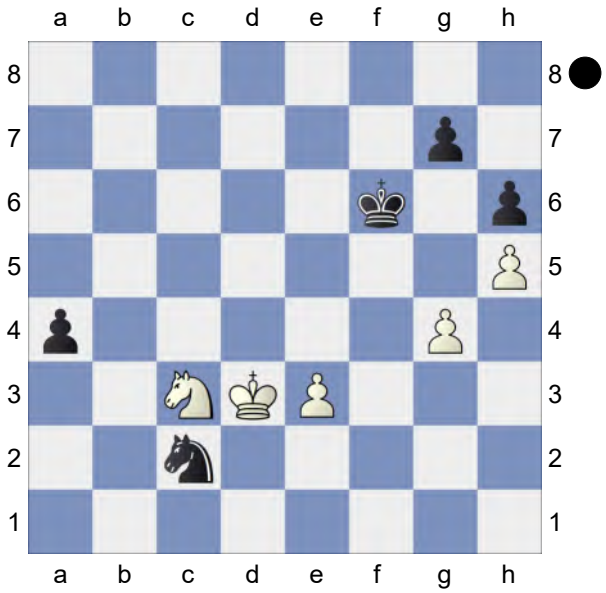
31...Rc4 32.Rb1 Inhibits Na7-b5. **32...b5 33.Rb4** -0.89/24

[33.g4= 0.00/24]

33...Rxb4∓ 34.cxb4 KN-KN **34...Nc6 35.Kc3 Ne7 36.Nxe4 Nxf5 37.Kd3 Kf7! 38.g4** -1.05/27

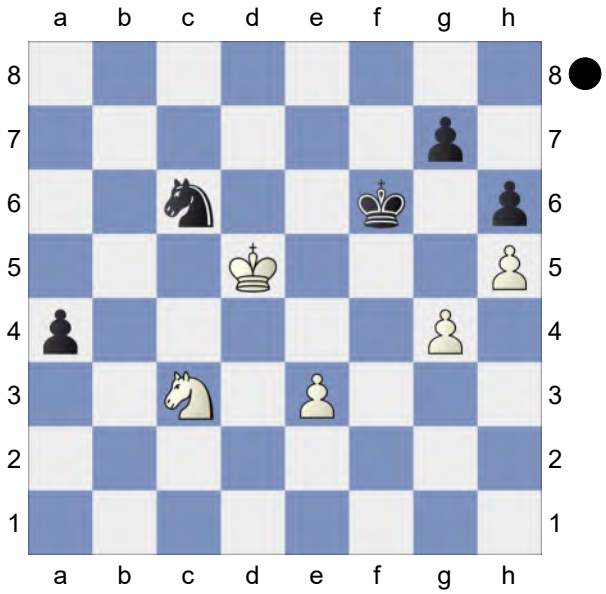
[White should try 38.Nc3!∓ -0.54/27]

38...Ne7 -0.50/27
[38...a3∓ -1.05/27 39.Kc3 *(39.gxf5? is the wrong capture. a2-+)* 39...Nxe3 40.Nd6+ Kf6 41.Nxb5 Nd5+ *(41...Nxg4 42.Nxa3 Ke6 43.Nc2∓)* 42.Kb3 Nxb4 43.Kxa3 Nd5]
39.Nd6+∓ Kf6 aiming for ...Ne7-d5.
40.Nxb5 Nd5 41.Nc3 Nxb4+ 42.Kc4 Nc2 43.Kd3



Nb4+ 0.01/25
[Black should play 43...Ne1+!∓ -0.82/25 44.Ke2 a3 45.Kxe1 Kg5]
44.Kc4= Nc6 45.Kd5 -1.13/29
[45.Nxa4= 0.00/30 Ne5+ 46.Kd4]

(Diagram)



45...Ne7+!∓ 46.Kc4? -4.99/27
[46.Kd6∓ -0.99/28 was the crucial defense.]
46...Kg5 47.Nxa4 Kxg4 48.e4? -4.56/26
[48.Kd3 -2.69/28 was the only chance.]
48...Kxh5-+ 49.Kc5 -10.02/27
[⌓49.Kd4 -4.52/27]
49...Kg4 50.Kd6 Ng6 And now ...h6-h5 would win. **51.Nc5 h5** ...h5-h4 is the strong threat. **52.e5 h4 53.e6 h3** Strongly threatening ...h3-h2. **54.Nd3 h2 55.Ne5+ Nxe5** Black mates. **56.e7 h1Q**
[Inferior is 56...h1R 57.e8Q Rd1+ 58.Ke6=]
57.e8Q

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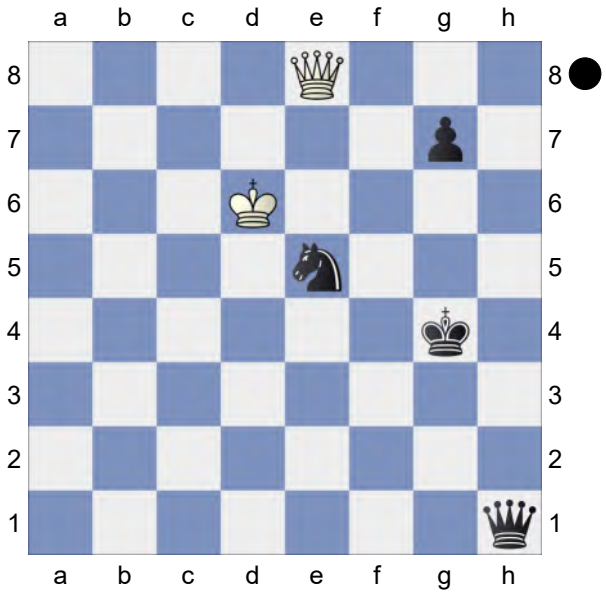


Qc6+! 58.Qxc6 Nxc6 59.Kxc6 g5 Black used his chance. Weighted Error Value: White=0.70/Black=0.20 (precise) **0-1**

232 **D00**
□ **Erigaisi,Arjun Kumar** **2718**
■ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2766**
Speed Chess Chess.com INT blitz (1.23)
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]
3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 Be7 6.h4 0-0 7.Nf3 c5!? A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante. **8.a4** The position is equal.
[8.c3 Bd7 9.a4 Ne4 0.67/18 *(*Better is *9...Bxb5*= 0.02/19 *10.axb5 Nb8)* 10.h5 0.13/19 *(10.Bd3±* 0.67/18 *)* 10...h6 11.Ne5 -0.01/21 *(11.Bd3±* 0.42/19 *)* 11...Nb8 0.37/21 *(11...cxd4=* -0.01/21 is more appropriate. *12.exd4 Nb8)* 12.Bd3!± Bd3xe4 would now be deadly. a6 13.Na3 Nc6 0.40/21 *(13...Ng5=* -0.01/19 *)* 14.Bxe4 -0.05/22 dxe4 0.49/22 *(14...Nxe5=* -0.05/22 *15.Bc2 Nc6)* 15.Nxd7± Qxd7 16.dxc5 0-1 (59) Erigaisi,A (2718)-Caruana,F (2766) Chess.com INT 2022 0-1 (59) Erigaisi,A (2718)-Caruana,F (2766) Chess.com INT 2022 *(16.Nc4)*]
8...Bd7 9.Ne5N
[Vorgänger: 9.c3 c4 10.b3 Qa5 11.bxc4 Black must now prevent Nf3-d2. Bxb5! 12.axb5 Qxc3+ 13.Nd2 Nb4 14.Rc1 Against Nb4-c2+ Nd3+

15.Bxd3 Qxd3 16.Qe2 dxc4 17.Rxc4 Qa3 18.0-0 Rfc8 19.e4 -0.46/21 *(19.Bg5= 0.01/21)* 19...a5 ½-½ (19) Najer,E (2676)-Sjugirov,S (2703) Cheboksary 2022 ½-½ (19) Najer,E (2676)-Sjugirov,S (2703) Cheboksary 2022]

9...Nb4 10.g4 -0.54/19

[10.c3= -0.17/19]

10...a6∓ 11.Nc3 -0.97/20

[11.g5∓ -0.59/21 Nh5 12.Qxh5 axb5 *(12...Nxc2+ 13.Kd1±)* 13.Rb1]

11...cxd4∓ 12.exd4 Rc8 13.f3 Prevents Nf6-e4 **13...Be8 14.Bd3** -1.63/22

[14.Nd3∓ -0.97/18]

14...Nd7-+ 15.g5 -2.58/22

[15.Nxd7∓ -1.58/20 Bxd7 *(15...Bxh4+ 16.Ke2=)* 16.Qd2]

15...Nxe5 -1.49/23

[Black should play 15...f6-+ -2.58/22 16.Nxd7 Qxd7 *(16...Bxd7? 17.Qe2∓)*]

16.Bxe5 -2.67/22

[16.dxe5∓ -1.49/23 Qb6 17.Ne2]

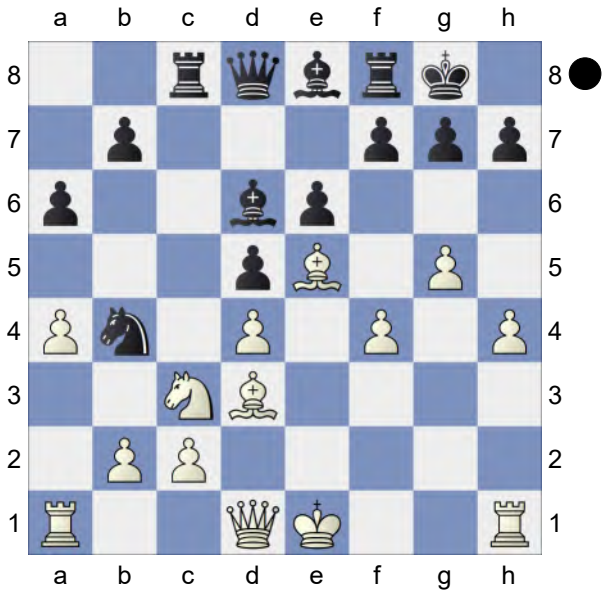
16...Bd6 -1.33/21

[16...f6-+ -2.67/22 17.gxf6 Bxf6]

17.f4 -2.00/22

[17.Qe2∓ -1.33/21 might work better.]

(Diagram)



17...Bxe5 -0.76/22

[17...f6!-+ -2.00/22 18.gxf6 Rxf6 *(18...gxf6 19.Rg1+ Kh8 20.Bxd6∓)* 19.Bxf6 Qxf6]

18.fxe5∓ Qb6 19.Rb1? -4.61/22 White does not recover from this.

[White has to play 19.Ne2!∓ -0.69/24]

19...Qxd4-+ 20.Qe2 Nc6 21.h5 Qxe5 22.g6 -5.89/20

[⌓22.h6 -3.72/21 f5 *(22...Qxg5 23.hxg7 Kxg7 24.Rxh7+ Kf6 25.Qf2+ Ke5 26.Ne4=)* 23.gxf6 gxf6 *(23...Rxf6? 24.hxg7 Bg6 25.Kd1-+)* 24.Kd1]

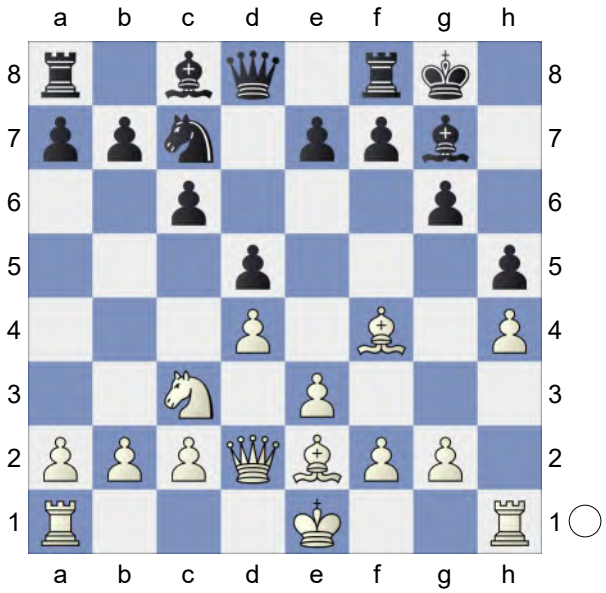
22...fxg6 Black is clearly winning.

23.hxg6 Bxg6 24.Bxg6 hxg6 25.Qxe5 Nxe5 26.Ke2 d4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.76/Black=0.38

0-1

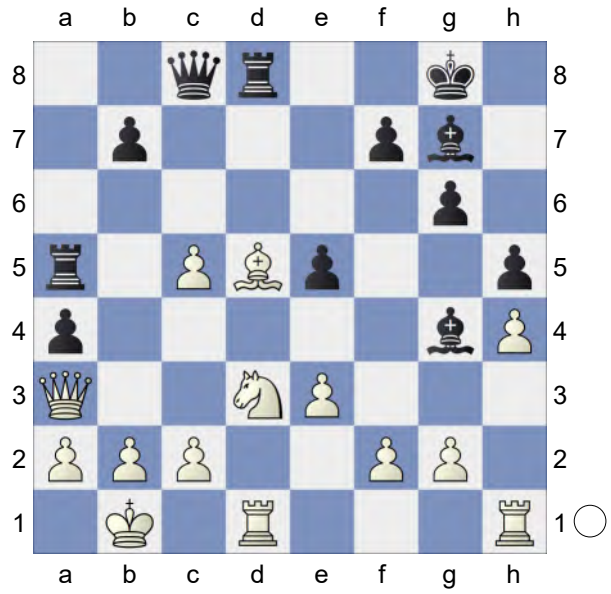
233 **D00**
□ **G0Dzilla** **2716**
■ **Tumaridodiegoni** **2624**
Blitz 22.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 1-0 (88)*; 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7* Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig, F (1863) Mainz 1997 EXT 2000 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (57)*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) www.desc-online.de 2000 CBM 166 [Beliavsky, Alexander G] 1-0 (41)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]
3.Bf4 g6 4.e3 Bg7 5.h4 h5 6.Nf3 0-0 7.Nb5 Na6 8.Be2 The position is equal.
8...Ne4 0.50/19
[8...Bf5= -0.17/21]
9.Nd2 -0.15/20
[9.c4± 0.50/19]
9...Nxd2 0.23/19
[⌓9...Nf6 -0.15/20]
10.Qxd2=
[10.Kxd2 c6 11.Nc3 c5∓]
10...c6 0.89/20
[10...Bf5± 0.36/19]
11.Nc3± Nc7



12.0-0-0! c5 1.44/21
[⌓12...Ne6 0.80/22]
13.Bxc7 1.12/16 &Bianco is more active.
[13.dxc5 e5 14.Bg3 Be6±]
[⌓13.Be5 1.44/21]
13...Qxc7 14.Nxd5 Qd8 2.02/18
[14...Qd6± 1.23/19 15.dxc5 Qxc5]
15.dxc5+- And now Nf6+! would win.
15...Be6 16.Nf4 Qc8 17.Kb1 1.40/20
[17.Qb4+- 1.97/18]
17...Bf5± 18.Qd5 1.19/17
[⌓18.Qb4 1.54/22]
18...e5 19.Nd3 0.48/17
[White should try 19.Nh3± 1.44/17]
19...Rd8± 20.Qc4 Be6 0.97/15
[20...b5!± 0.35/16 21.Qxb5 Rb8]
21.Qb4± a5 22.Qa4 0.54/19
[22.Qb5± 1.01/18]
22...Bd7± 23.Qa3 a4 1.08/18
[23...Qc6± 0.57/18]

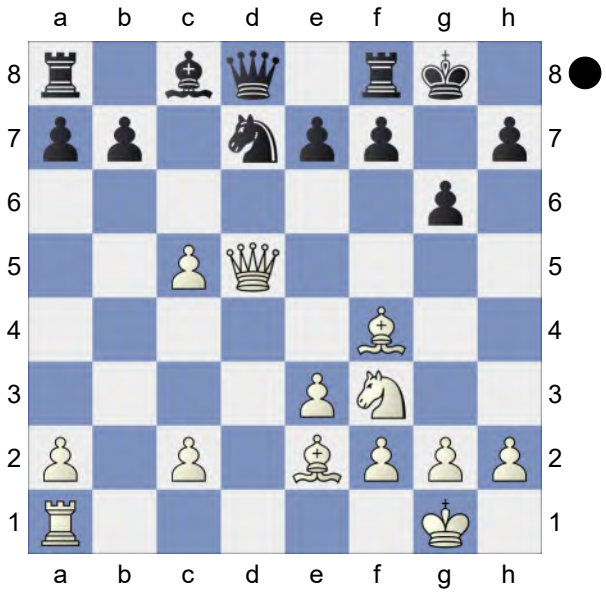
24.Bf3 0.70/18
[24.f3± 1.08/18]
24...Ra5 1.44/17
[24...Bc6!± 0.70/18]
25.Bd5 0.38/16
[25.Rd2± 1.44/17]
25...Bg4



26.Bf3 Threatens to win with Bxg4.
26...Be6 2.78/19 Loses the game.
[Better is 26...e4!± 0.58/18 27.Qb4 *(27.Bxe4 Bxd1 28.Qb4 Qc7∓)* 27...exf3 28.gxf3 *(28.Qxa5 fxg2 29.Rhg1 Bxd1-+)* 28...Bxf3 29.Qxa5 Bxd1 30.Rxd1 Bf6]
27.Qb4+- Ra7 28.Qb6 Qa8 29.Nb4 Rc8 30.Rd6 Ra5 31.c6 bxc6 32.Nxc6 e4 33.Bxe4
[But not 33.Qxa5 Qxa5 34.Nxa5 exf3 35.gxf3 Bf8+-]
[Less strong is 33.Nxa5 exf3 34.Nc6 fxg2±]
33...Kh7 5.97/21
[33...Rxc6 4.08/18 keeps fighting. 34.Rxc6 Re5]
34.Qxa5 Rb8 35.Qxa8 Weighted Error Value: White=0.37/Black=0.57
1-0

234 **D00**
□ **Artemiev,Vladislav** **2716**
■ **Grischuk,Alexander** **2777**
Speed Super Swiss KO 2020 blitz (2.3)
[GM Ivan Cheparinov]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 g6 4.e3 This is the main move. **4...Bg7 5.Nb5** Grischuk's favorite.
[Another plan is 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 It seems passive for White, but it was played by Magnus Carlsen recently, so it deserves attention. c5 Once again, this is the most natural continuation.
A) 7.dxc5 This is probably the best option. Nbd7!? This should be preferred *(over 7...Qa5)*
A1) 8.Nxd5 is also possible, since after Nxd5 9.Qxd5 Bxb2 White can sacrifice an exchange with 10.0-0 Bxa1 11.Rxa1



White definitely has compensation for the sacrificed material. The most practical solution is to give back the exchange with Qa5 12.Bh6 Qxc5 13.Qb3 *(13.Qxc5?! Nxc5*

14.Bxf8 Kxf8∓) 13...b6 14.Rd1 Nf6 15.Bxf8 Kxf8= as played in the game 0-1 (31) Sriram,J (2388)-Ganguly,S (2650) Bhubaneswar 2018;

A2) 8.0-0 Nxc5 9.Be5 b6!? is a nice pawn sacrifice. After 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.Qxd5 Bb7 12.Qxd8 Rfxd8⩲ and Black has a fantastic compensation thanks to the bishop pair. The knight on c3 is particularly awkwardly placed. 13.Nd1?! Rac8 14.Rc1 *(14.c3 e5)* 14...Nd3 15.Bxd3 Rxd3 16.cxd3 Rxc1 17.d4 Rc2∓ 0-1 (50) Blatny,P (2495)-Wojtkiewicz,A (2540) Corfu 1991;

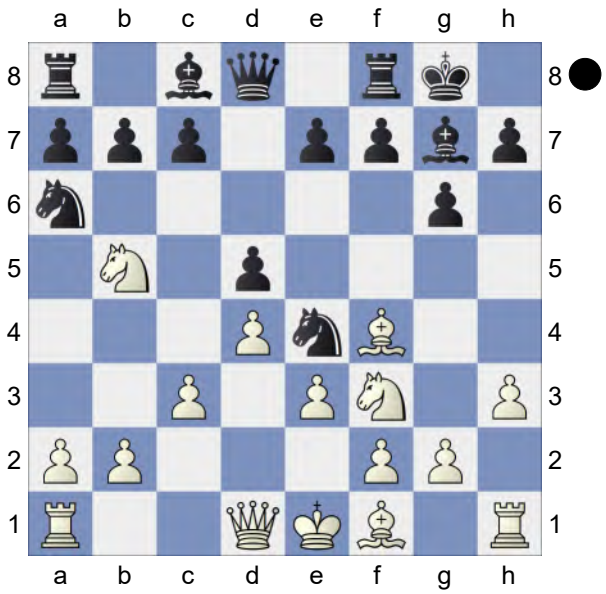
B) 7.0-0 cxd4 8.exd4 White's play in the opening was not ambitious and Black has several good options already. Bg4 preparing to swap the light-squared bishops. *(*or *8...Nc6 9.Ne5 Bf5 10.Nxc6 bxc6=)* 9.h3 *(9.Ne5 Bxe2 10.Nxe2 Qb6=)* 9...Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Nc6 11.Ne2 b5 12.c3 e6 Black seems to be doing very well in the reversed Carlsbad structure because he has a simple minority attack on the queenside while white bishop pair is ineffective. Black position already looks slightly more promising. 13.a3 a5 14.Nc1 b4 15.a4 *(15.Nd3 bxc3 16.bxc3 Ne4 17.Rc1=)* 15...Ne4 16.Bxe4 dxe4 17.Nb3 e5 18.dxe5 bxc3 19.bxc3 Nxe5 20.Bxe5 Bxe5∓ 1/2-1/2 (85) Carlsen,M (2837)-Ding,L (2774) Saint Louis 2017]

5...Na6 White's idea was to misplace the knight on a6, so that Black has a more difficult time centralizing it. **6.Nf3 Bg4!?** [6...0-0 7.h3 transposes to 6.h3 *(7.Be2* gives Black an additional option *Nh5!? 8.Bg5 f6 9.Bh4 g5 10.Bg3 c6 11.Nc3 e5⇄)*

A) 7...c6 8.Nc3 Nc7 *(8...c5* is not the same as in other lines because the knight is placed worse on the rim than on c6.*)* 9.Bd3 Nce8!? This is a better idea than 9...Ne6, with the following maneuver in mind: 10.0-0 Nd6 11.Re1 Bf5 12.Rc1 Rc8 13.Qe2 Nfe4= 1-0 (38) Alekseenko,K (2696)-Iljushenok,I (2516) chess.com INT 2020;

B) 7...Ne4!? The most aggressive option. The idea is to discourage white knight from retreating to c3.

B1) 8.c3



f6! This is the best plan for Black. The e5-break can be played without additional preparation since f2-pawn is hanging. *(* The idea behind 8. c3 is that after *8...c6 9.Na3 Qb6* he can protect the b2-pawn with *10.Qb3)* 9.Be2 c6 10.Na3 e5 White cannot take on e5, so 11.Bh2 is forced. Black has

many options, but the simplest one seems to be exd4 12.Nxd4 This may be the best option for White. *(12.exd4 Nc7 13.0-0 Ne6⇄;* The point is that after *12.cxd4 Qa5+! 13.Nd2 c5⇄* is unplesant for White.*)* 12...Nc7 13.0-0 f5 14.Nb1 Ne6 15.Nd2= Both sides have improved their knights. Although the position seems about equal, I prefer Black slightly because of the space advantage.;

B2) 8.Be2 c6 9.Na3 Now white knight is not placed well either. *(9.Nc3 Nxc3 10.bxc3 Qa5* is not a good structure for White.*)* 9...Qb6 10.Qc1 Bf5 11.0-0 c5 12.c3 Rac8⇄ Black has very good chances here.;

B3) 8.Nd2 It makes a lot of sense to try to immediately exchange the strong knight.

B3a) over 8...Nxd2 9.Qxd2 c6 10.Nc3 Nc7

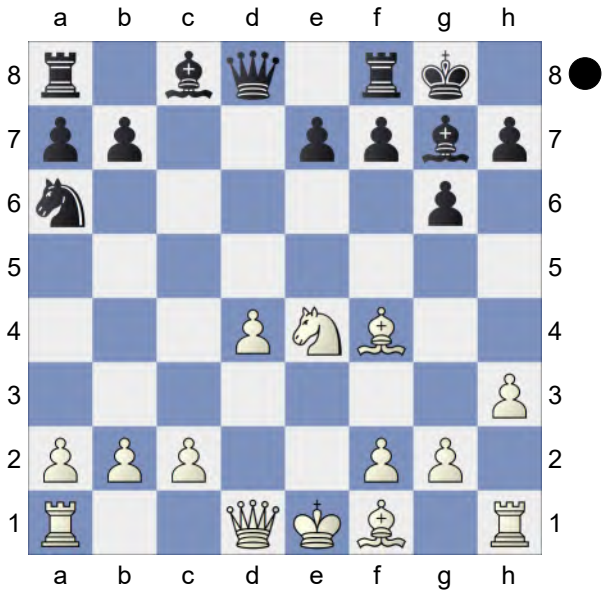
B3a1) 11.Bh2 Ne8!? *(11...Re8 12.Bd3 e5 13.dxe5 Bxe5 14.Bxe5 Rxe5 15.0-0-0 b5 16.h4∞)* 12.Bd3 Nd6 13.0-0 *(13.0-0-0?! b5!)* 13...Re8 14.Rfe1 e5 15.dxe5 Bxe5 16.Bxe5 Rxe5 17.e4 dxe4 18.Bxe4 Qe7 19.Bd3 Bf5=;

B3a2) 11.Be2?! Ne6! 12.Be5 *(12.Bg3 c5!)* 12...Bxe5 13.dxe5 d4 *(13...Qc7!? 14.f4 Rd8)* 14.exd4 Qxd4 15.Qxd4 Nxd4 16.Bd3 Rd8 17.0-0-0 Be6= 0-1 (63) Tabatabaei,M (2306) -Gupta,A (2562) Hamedan 2018;

B3b) 8...c6!? I prefer this move White needs to enter a forced line: 9.Nxe4 dxe4 10.Nc3 c5 Black is trying to open the center.

B3b1) Black has a nice position with the bishop pair after 11.Bxa6 cxd4 12.exd4 bxa6 13.Ne2 Qb6=;

B3b2) Another option is 11.Nxe4 cxd4 12.exd4



Qd5! This is the best option since white pieces are vulnerable. *(* White gets a better endgame in the case of *12...Qxd4?! 13.Qxd4 Bxd4 14.0-0-0)* 13.Nc3 Qf5 14.Be3 Nb4 The knight gets into the game with a tempo. Black has a strong initiative. 15.Rc1 Rd8⩱;

B3b3) 11.Be5 1/2-1/2 (78) Perelshteyn,E (2493)-Mikhalevski,V (2574) Saint Louis 2018This is the

safest option for White, but Black is not worse at all after 11...Bxe5 12.dxe5 Qb6 13.Qc1 *(13.Nd5 Qxb2)* 13...Qc7 14.Nxe4 Qxe5=]

7.Be2

[7.h3 Bxf3 8.Qxf3 c6 9.Nc3 Qa5]

7...c6 8.Nc3 Qb6 9.Rb1 Nd7 Black is getting ready to push ...e5 at the right moment. **10.0-0 0-0**

[10...Bxf3 11.Bxf3 e5 12.dxe5 Nxe5=]

11.e4 White plays in the center first, but this weakens the d4-pawn. **11...e6** A solid approach. Of course, Black has no problems in this type of position.

[I would prefer a more direct continuation 11...dxe4!? 12.Nxe4 Rad8 with a pressure against d4-pawn. Black is ready to carry out one of the central breaks.]

12.Be3 Rfd8 13.h3 Bxf3 14.Bxf3 Nc7 15.Qd2 Nb5! Solving the problem of misplaced knight. **16.Nxb5 Qxb5 17.c3 dxe4 18.Bxe4 Nb6=** The arising position is approximately equal because White's bishop pair is not effective. **19.Qc2 Nc4 20.Qb3 Qxb3 21.axb3 Nxe3 22.fxe3 a5 23.Ra1 e5 24.Ra4 f5 25.Bf3 h5 26.Rfa1 Bh6 27.Kf2 e4 28.Be2 f4 29.exf4 Bxf4 30.Rxa5 Rxa5 31.Rxa5 Bc1 32.Re5 Bxb2 33.Rxe4 Bxc3 34.Ke3 Kf8 35.Bc4 Re8 36.Rxe8+ Kxe8 37.Ke4 Ke7 38.d5 cxd5+ 39.Bxd5 b6 40.Bc4 Kf6 41.Bd3 Bb4 42.Bc2 Bc5**

½-½

235 **D00**

□ **Jobava,Baadur** **2716**

■ **Salgado Lopez,Ivan** **2605**

Yerevan 121/(117) 2014

[Ipatov,Alexander]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 Bf5 4.f3 e6 5.g4

[5.Qd2! Is White's most interesting move, in my opinion. But we will speak about it in the theoretical part.]

5...Bg6 6.h4 h6 7.e3 * 7...c6 GM Baadur Jobava: 'If you recall from the previous game, Mamedyarov played 7...c5, which allowed me to place a strong knight on b5. This time my opponent opts for a more conservative approach with 7...c6, which prevents the Nb5 ideas. In my opinion, 7...a6! is Black's best move, planning to play c7-c5 later. This way, White will not have Nb5 ideas.' **8.h5** GM Baadur Jobava: '?!' GM Baadur Jobava: 'This move is natural but it is a mistake. It is better for White to keep the pawn on h4.'

[8.Bd3! This move is preferable without the inclusion of h5-Bh7. Bxd3 9.Qxd3 The main difference here is that with the pawn still on h4, we have potential g5-hxg5-hxg5 ideas. From the previous game, you already know that when White's pawn is on h5, Black has the strong resource Nh7! to stop all g4-g5 ideas, and White cannot make much progress on the kingside. Bd6 10.Nge2± This is a better version for White compared to what happened in the game.]

8...Bh7 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Bd6 GM Baadur Jobava: '?!' GM Baadur Jobava: 'It is not ideal for Black to develop the bishop to d6 because when he captures on f4, White will recapture

with the e-pawn. Also, when Black's bishop is on d6, Black cannot develop a knight to d7 without playing a move like Qe7 or Qc7 first, which would cost another tempo.'

[10...b5! This is Black's strongest idea. He can then continue with Nbd7-Nb6-Be7-Nh7-00, and his position will be fine. For example: 11.Nge2 Nbd7 12.0-0-0 Be7 13.Kb1 Nb6 14.Rdg1 Nh7= 00 next, and Black is absolutely fine.]

11.Nge2N

[11.Bxd6]

11...Bxf4 12.exf4 GM Baadur Jobava: '!' GM Baadur Jobava: 'This is an important positional idea. Now we will play for the e5 square with a maneuvre like Qe3-Nc1-Nd3.' **12...Nbd7 13.Qe3** GM Baadur Jobava: '!' GM Baadur Jobava: 'The queen is ideally placed on e3 in this structure. Our plan is Nc1-Nd3, but by playing 13.Qe3, we are not committed to anything yet, and our opponent cannot be sure of our next move.' **13...Qe7** GM Baadur Jobava: 'I don't know if Black had some better ideas, but I think that the general evaluation would not change much: White is pressing.' **14.Nc1** GM Baadur Jobava: '!' GM Baadur Jobava: 'The start of our knight maneuvre.' **14...Nb6 15.b3** GM Baadur Jobava: '!' GM Baadur Jobava: 'OBviosuly we don't want to allow Nc4.' **15...Qa3** GM Baadur Jobava: 'My opponent places a queen on a3 so that I will not have long castle options, but my king will be fine also on the kingside as we will see.' **16.Kf2 0-0-0∞ 17.Kg3** The king is well-placed on g3. **17...Nfd7 18.Nd3 Rde8 19.Qc1!?** I am offering a queen exchange, and if Black exchanges queens, I can push a2-a4, which will gain space on the queenside. **19...Qd6** My opponent chose to keep the queens, which is a personal choice and not necessarily the best one objectively.

[Also in the endgame White's position is better, for example: 19...Qxc1 20.Raxc1 Kc7 21.Ne2 C2-c4 next. Kd6 22.c4±]

20.Ne5? This move looks natural but is a mistake. Now Black can exchange on e5 and then play for f7-f6.

[20.a4! This should have been my move, where I am better, for example: Kb8 21.a5 Nc8 22.Na4±]

20...Rhf8?

[20...Nxe5! This was the right way to punish my 20th move. 21.fxe5 Qc7= Black will continue with Nd7-f7-f6 and later g7-g5 ideas might come (maybe supported by a rook on g8) . The position is complicated, but Black is not worse objectively.]

21.a4

[21.Nd3± I had the chance to go back and continue in the previous style, with a2-a4 next. But of course it is difficult to go back like this in a game, and if I have played 20.Ne5, it means that I liked my chances also after Nxe5, even if most likely I was wrong.]

21...Nxe5 My opponent goes for it now, but the inclusion of the moves a4-Rhf8 is convenient for White. The move a2-a4 was indeed useful for White. In fact, Black's rook on h8 may need to be repositioned to g8 to support g7-g5 ideas, while the a2-a4 move was useful for White. **22.fxe5 Qc7 23.a5 Nd7 24.Qe3**

[24.a6± This is a move that I had to include. The point is that after 24...b6,

I can slowly prepare c2-c4, where Black's c6 square will be weak.]

24...f6 25.f4 Rf7

[25...a6= Black had to stop a5-a6 ideas. Then he can play Kb8-Rg8-Nf8-g5 with an interesting and complicated position.]

26.Ne2

[26.a6! Once again I had to include this move. b6 27.Ne2±]

26...c5?! My opponent plays this typical push, but now his king will be vulnerable.

[26...a6!]

27.c3 fxe5 28.dxe5! White is ready for b2-b4 ideas, and then our knight on e2 can get the excellent d4 square if Black's pawn disappears from c5. **28...Kb8 29.b4** Now I will play some natural attacking moves against the Black's king. **29...Rc8 30.Rhb1 Qd8 31.a6!** Finally I have played it. **31...b6 32.c4 d4 33.Qe4+-** White is strategically winning. We can continue with b4-b5, then transfer a knight to d3, and prepare slowly for f4-f5, possibly first doubling the rooks on the f-file. If Black manages to exchange queens, our king will have the strong e4 square. White's position is objectively winning.

1-0 (33) Jobava,B (2716)-Salgado Lopez, I (2605) Yerevan 2014 [GM Baadur Jobava]

236 **D00**

□ **Van Foreest,Jorden** **2714**

■ **Giri,Anish** **2773**

Oslo Esports Cup 2022 rapid (4.2)

[Richard Palliser]

Richard Palliser,MH: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines ' **1.Nc3!?** Richard Palliser, MH A very rare choice at such levels, if a move recommended of late by Lawrence Trent. Richard Palliser,MH: 'A very rare choice at such levels, if a move recommended of late by Lawrence Trent.' **1...d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5** The modern preference. **4...Na6 5.e3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.h4!?**

[Andrey Esipenko's idea, and one likely to come as a surprise to Black. Instead, Richard Palliser,MH: 'Andrey Esipenko's idea, and one likely to come as a surprise to Black. Instead,' 7.a3 Nh5 8.Be5 f6 9.Bg3 soon turned out well for White in Naroditsky-Ortiz Suarez, US Masters, Greensboro 2019, Richard Palliser, MH: 'soon turned out well for White in Naroditsky-Ortiz Suarez, US Masters, Greensboro 2019,']

[whereas 7.Ne5?! Ne4! 8.Bd3 -0.57/20 *(8.f3=* -0.09/20 Richard Palliser,MH *Nf6 9.Nc3)* 8...f6 wasn't too impressive for White in Paikidze-Zatonskih, US Women's Championship, Saint Louis 2018. Richard Palliser,MH: 'wasn't too impressive for White in Paikidze-Zatonskih, US Women's Championship, Saint Louis 2018.']

[You'll also find plenty of coverage of Richard Palliser,MH: 'You'll also find plenty of coverage of' 7.Be2 in the Archive, if not of the bold text move. Richard Palliser,MH: 'in the Archive, if not of the bold text move.']

7...c6

[7...Nh5 8.Bh2 now looks very strange for Black, although curiously the engines see nothing wrong with Richard Palliser,MH: 'now looks very strange for Black, although curiously the engines see nothing wrong with' Nf6 here *(*and not *8...Bxh4??* 2.81/20

Richard Palliser,MH: '8...Nh5-f6 0.01' *9.Be5 .)*]

8.Nc3 c5

[8...Qa5!? is another possible direction and a move I'm sure will be tested if 7 h4 becomes topical. Richard Palliser,MH: 'is another possible direction and a move I'm sure will be tested if 7 h4 becomes topical. ']

9.Ne5?!

[A novelty and probably not a great one, if clearly a very natural and tempting move. White had previously focussed on the immediate Richard Palliser,MH: 'A novelty and probably not a great one, if clearly a very natural and tempting move. White had previously focussed on the immediate' 9.h5!? , with h6 *(9...Ne4* was preferred in Esipenko-Zvjaginsev, Moscow (rapid) 2021, where *10.Bxa6! Nxc3 11.bxc3 bxa6 12.Ne5* should favour White*)* 10.g4!? Ne4 *(10...Nxg4 11.Rg1 f5 12.Ne5* surely offers reasonable compensation*)* 11.Nxe4 dxe4 12.Ne5 Nb4 13.c3 Nd5 14.Bg3 , leaving e4 tender and White with an edge in Matlakov-Azarov, Internet (rapid) 2021. Richard Palliser,MH: ', leaving e4 tender and White with an edge in Matlakov-Azarov, Internet (rapid) 2021. ']

9...Nb4! Giri takes the opportunity to involve his knight from the rim. Richard Palliser,MH: 'Giri takes the opportunity to involve his knight from the rim.' **10.h5 h6** Preventing any notion of h5-h6 with long-term gains makes sense, although it's clearly far from forced. Richard Palliser,MH: 'Preventing any notion of h5-h6 with long-term gains makes sense, although it's clearly far from forced.' **11.g4!?** Here we go... **11...Nh7!?** 0.22/18

[Electing to prevent g4-g5. To see just why, consider Richard Palliser,MH: 'Electing to prevent g4-g5. To see just why, consider' 11...cxd4 -0.27/21 Richard Palliser,MH: ' deserves consideration.' 12.exd4 Nc6? 0.29/21 *(12...Nd7* 0.12/18 is a much better choice Richard Palliser,MH: '12...Qd8-b6 -0.27 is a much better choice'*; 12...Qb6!∓* -0.44/21 Richard Palliser, MH *13.Be3 Nc6)* 13.g5 Richard Palliser,MH: '=' hxg5 14.Bxg5 when Rg1 and h5-h6 are threats and even Ne4 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Wards off Qd1-d2' 15.Nxe4 dxe4 0.80/22 *(15...Bxg5±* 0.42/24 (Richard Palliser,MH) was preferrable. *16.Nxc6 bxc6 17.Nxg5 Qxg5)* 16.Bxe7 Richard Palliser,MH: ' **±**' Qxe7 17.Nxc6 bxc6 18.Qe2 quite unpleasant for Black. Richard Palliser,MH: 'quite unpleasant for Black.']

[The immediate 11...Nd7! -0.03/20 was possible though when presumably van Foreest would have retained pieces. However, even after Richard Palliser,MH: '11...c5xd4 -0.54 was possible though when presumably van Foreest would have retained pieces. However, even after' 12.Nf3 cxd4 13.exd4 f5! the engines appear to be right to point towards trouble for White, not least in the event of Richard Palliser,MH: 'the engines appear to be right to point towards trouble for White, not least in the event of' 14.Rg1 e5! when the centre is opening much faster than he would like. As such, if White wants

to persist with 7 h4!?, he would do better to go back to 9 h5!? from what I can see. Richard Palliser,MH: 'when the centre is opening much faster than he would like. As such, if White wants to persist with 7 h4!?, he would do better to go back to 9 h5!? from what I can see.' *(14...fxg4!?* Richard Palliser,MH *15.Rxg4 g5=)*]

12.Bg2 -0.17/20

[12.Qd2 0.22/18 (Richard Palliser, MH) might be stronger.]

12...Bd7 13.0-0 -0.54/21

[Richard Palliser,MH: ' White should try' 13.dxc5 0.01/21 Richard Palliser, MH: '=' Bxc5 14.Qe2!? *(14.Qd2* Richard Palliser,MH*)* 14...Rc8 15.0-0-0 is the brave engine preference.]

13...Rc8 -0.14/21

[Sensible, as would have been 13...cxd4! -0.54/21 Richard Palliser, MH: '∓!' Richard Palliser,MH: ' should be considered.' 14.exd4 Nc6 when White is just looking rather overextended if you ask me. Richard Palliser,MH: 'when White is just looking rather overextended if you ask me.']

14.dxc5! Very sensibly taking the opportunity to transform the structure and thereby keep Black's play within manageable bounds. Richard Palliser, MH: '=!' Richard Palliser,MH: 'Very sensibly taking the opportunity to transform the structure and thereby keep Black's play within manageable bounds.' **14...Bxc5 15.a3**

[Missing 15.Ne4! when even Bb5 16.c4 is suddenly just very unclear from a structural perspective. Richard Palliser,MH: 'is suddenly just very unclear from a structural perspective.']

15...Nc6 Richard Palliser,MH: ' ...Nc6xe5 would now be deadly.' **16.Nxd7 Qxd7 17.e4?**

[17.Ne4 Bb6 18.c4! was still indicated, even if now Rcd8 19.cxd5 exd5 20.Nd6 d4 might be a little better for Black. Richard Palliser, MH: 'might be a little better for Black.']

17...d4 18.e5 The point of White's play, but the bridgehead on e5 isn't secure. Richard Palliser,MH: 'The point of White's play, but the bridgehead on e5 isn't secure. Against Bc5-d6' **18...Ng5?** 0.20/20

[18...f6! -0.65/20 would have left White significantly on the back foot, as shown by Richard Palliser,MH: ' ∓' 'would have left White significantly on the back foot, as shown by' 19.exf6 -1.27/21 *(19.b4∓* -0.70/20 Richard Palliser,MH *Be7 20.exf6)* 19...Nxf6 Richard Palliser,MH: '∓' 20.b4 Bb6 -0.81/21 *(⌓20...Bd6* -1.49/21 Richard Palliser,MH *21.Bxd6 Qxd6)* 21.Na4 Richard Palliser,MH: '∓' e5 -0.57/22 *(21...Nxh5∓* -0.98/22 Richard Palliser,MH *22.Nxb6 axb6 23.Bxh6 gxh6 24.gxh5 Qg7)* 22.Bg3 Richard Palliser,MH: ' ∓' e4 23.Nxb6 axb6 when Black's dominant centre and safer king count for much more than White's bishops. Richard Palliser, MH: 'when Black's dominant centre and safer king count for much more than White's bishops.']

19.Ne4 Nxe4 20.Bxe4 Richard Palliser, MH: '

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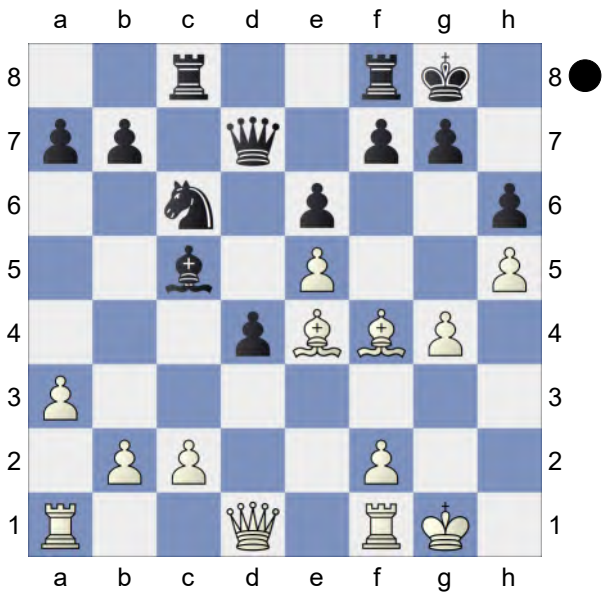
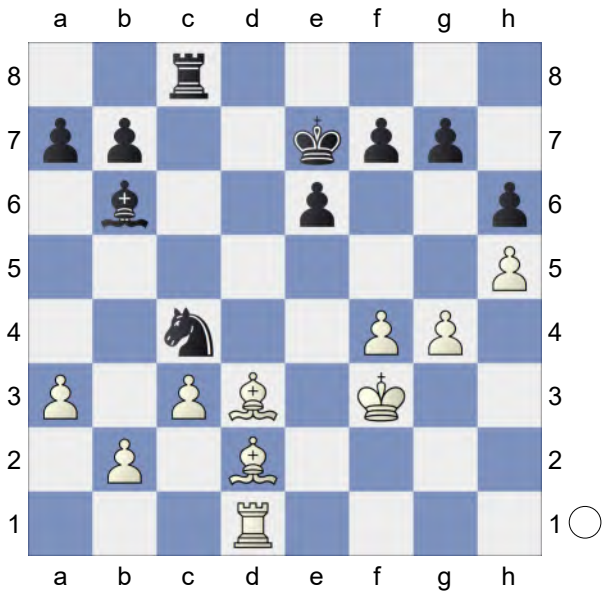


' **20...d3?** 0.82/21
[Giri moves to liquidate, but he would still have been fine after 20...f6 21.exf6 Rxf6 22.Bg3 Bd6 .]
21.Qxd3 Richard Palliser,MH: '±'
[Stronger than 21.cxd3 Richard Palliser,MH Bd4∓]
21...Qxd3 22.Bxd3
[Much weaker is 22.cxd3 Richard Palliser,MH Bd4∓]
22...Bd4 23.c3 Bxe5 24.Be3 And so Black has regained his pawn and swapped the queens, but is clearly in for a long defence up against the bishop-pair. Richard Palliser,MH: 'And so Black has regained his pawn and swapped the queens, but is clearly in for a long defence up against the bishop-pair.' **24...Bc7 25.Rad1** Richard Palliser,MH: ' White is more active.' **25...Bb6 26.Bc1 Ne5 27.Be2 Rfd8 28.Kg2 Kf8 29.f4** Beginning to expand. Matters look grim for Giri, but he is ever a good defender and finds a way to retain some coordination. Richard Palliser,MH: 'Beginning to expand. Matters look grim for Giri, but he is ever a good defender and finds a way to retain some coordination.' **29...Rxd1 30.Rxd1 Nc4! 31.Kf3** Richard Palliser,MH: ' Inhibits Nc4-e3.' **31...Ke7 32.Bd3 Na5 33.Bd2** 0.53/21 **Nc4** Richard Palliser,MH: '±' Richard Palliser,MH: '



' **34.Bc1** -0.01/20
[34.Bxc4!± 0.71/25 Richard Palliser, MH Rxc4 35.b3]
34...Na5 Richard Palliser,MH: '=!' **35.Bc2** 0.92/23 Richard Palliser,MH: '±'
[Or just 35.Be4!? Rc7 36.f5 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Black must now prevent f5xe6.' e5 when White can either probe with 37.Bd5 *(* or even get straight on with opening up the kingside with Richard Palliser, MH: 'or even get straight on with opening up the kingside with' *37.g5 hxg5 38.Bxg5+ f6 39.Bc1* , leaving Black under definite ongoing pressure in both cases. *)*]
35...Nc4 36.a4 Bc5 37.b3 Nd6 38.Bd2? -0.01/22 Richard Palliser,MH: '
[After some fine technical play, a slip. 38.Bd3! 0.95/22 would have prevented Black's next. Richard Palliser,MH: '±']

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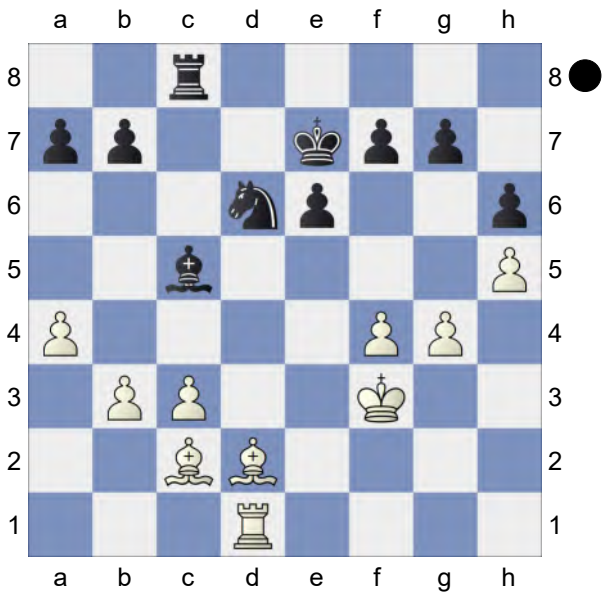


' **38...Bb4!** Suddenly Black is OK. Richard Palliser,MH: 'Suddenly Black is OK. Pin. The position is equal.' **39.c4** [39.cxb4 Richard Palliser,MH Rxc2] **39...Bxd2 40.Rxd2** Richard Palliser,MH: 'Endgame. KRB-KRN' **40...a5 41.Ke3 b6 42.Be4 Rc5 43.Bf3 f6 44.Rd1** Black is even nominally for choice with his dark-square grip, but it's extremely hard to see a great way for him to try and play on. Richard Palliser,MH: 'Black is even nominally for choice with his dark-square grip, but it's extremely hard to see a great way for him to try and play on.' **44...Nf7 45.Be4 Nd6 46.Bf3 Nf7 47.Be4 Nd6 48.Bf3** Richard Palliser,MH: ' Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) / Black=0.15 (very precise) '

½-½

237 **D00**

□ **Jobava,Baadur** **2713**

■ **Nepomniachtchi,Ian** **2730**

FIDE World Rapid 2014 (13.12) 18.06.14

[GM Baadur Jobava]

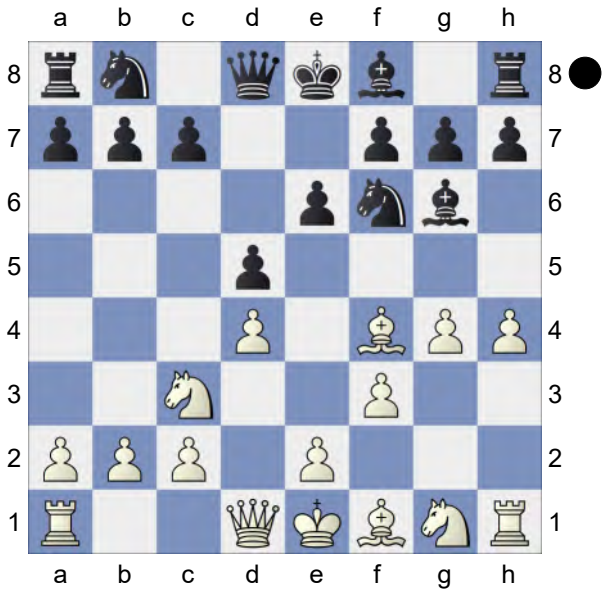
GM Baadur Jobava,MH: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines ' **1.d4** GM Baadur Jobava, MH **1...Nf6 2.Nc3 d5** GM Baadur Jobava,MH: 'N'

[2...c5 GM Baadur Jobava,MH 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000 *)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]

3.Bf4 Bf5 4.f3 e6 5.g4

[5.Qd2! Is White's most interesting move, in my opinion. But we will speak about it in the theoretical part. GM Baadur Jobava,MH: 'Is White's most interesting move, in my opinion. But we will speak about it in the theoretical part.']

5...Bg6 6.h4 GM Baadur Jobava,MH: '



Hoping for Nc3-b5.' **6...h6 7.e3**

[7.h5!? GM Baadur Jobava,MH Bh7□ 8.Qd2=]

7...a6! This is, in my opinion, Black's best continuation and one of the reasons why I recommend to play 5.Qd2 instead of 5.g4 that I used to play. 7...a6 it is better than 7...c5 because it doesn't allow Nb5 ideas, and it is better than 7...c6 because Black can now continue with c7-c5, where White doesn't have the Nb5 idea anymore. GM Baadur Jobava, MH: 'This is, in my opinion, Black's best continuation and one of the reasons why I recommend to play 5.Qd2 instead of 5.g4 that I used to play. 7...a6 it is better than 7...c5 because it doesn't allow Nb5 ideas, and it is better than 7...c6 because Black can now continue with c7-c5, where White doesn't have the Nb5 idea anymore.' **8.h5** GM Baadur Jobava, MH: 'The position is equal.'

[8.Bd3!? Probably it is better for White to play the immediate 8.Bd3, without the inclusion of h5-Bh7. GM Baadur Jobava,MH: 'Probably it is better for White to play the immediate 8.Bd3, without the inclusion of h5-Bh7. ' Bxd3 9.cxd3 c5 10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.d4= I am not going to discuss this position too much, which is equal, in my opinion. The point is that you shouldn't play 5.g4, and these games are useful for you to increase the general understanding of the position, and not for concrete theory. GM Baadur Jobava,MH: 'I am not going to discuss this position too much, which is equal, in my opinion. The point is that you shouldn't play 5.g4, and these games are useful for you to increase the general understanding of the position, and not for concrete theory.']

8...Bh7 9.Bd3 Bxd3

[9...c5! This is Black's best move, and the idea is always the same: Black's knight on h7 will be perfectly placed. GM Baadur Jobava,MH: 'This is Black's best move, and the idea is always the same: Black's knight on h7 will be perfectly placed.' 10.Bxh7 Nxh7∓ Black is slightly better.]

10.cxd3 My idea is that once Black plays c7-c5, I can capture on c5 and continue with d3-d4. The arising position will be equal. GM Baadur Jobava,MH: 'My idea is that once Black plays c7-c5, I can capture on c5 and continue with d3-d4. The arising position will be equal.'

[10.Qxd3 c5∓]

10...Bd6

[10...c5 11.dxc5 Bxc5 12.d4=

Equal playable position, where maybe I prefer a bit White's position because it's more flexible, but it's a matter of taste. GM Baadur Jobava,MH: 'Equal playable position, where maybe I prefer a bit White's position because it's more flexible, but it's a matter of taste.']

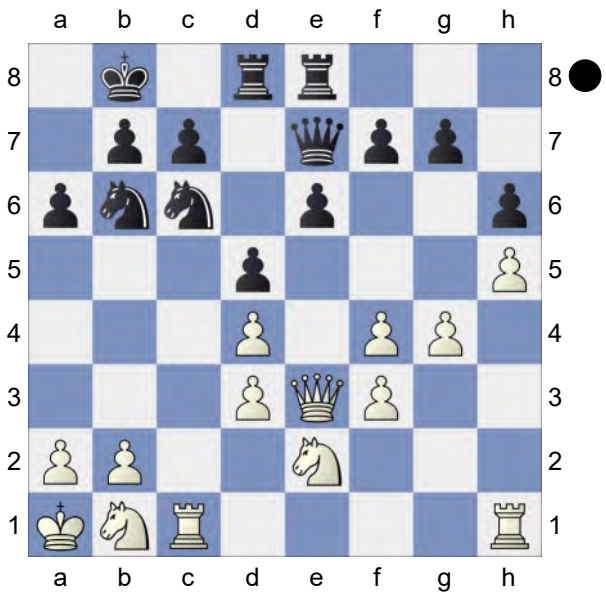
11.Nge2!? If Black takes I can retake with the knight, or with the pawn, depending on the situation. I don't want to say that 11.Nge2 is better than 11. Bxd6, it's just a move to maintain a bit more tension. GM Baadur Jobava,MH: 'If Black takes I can retake with the knight, or with the pawn, depending on the situation. I don't want to say that 11. Nge2 is better than 11.Bxd6, it's just a move to maintain a bit more tension.' **11...Nc6** I like this Black's idea. The idea is that he wants to continue with Qe7 and castle long.. In this sense the move c7-c5 could potentially weaken his king on the queenside. GM Baadur Jobava, MH: 'I like this Black's idea. The idea is that he wants to continue with Qe7 and castle long.. In this sense the move c7-c5 could potentially weaken his king on the queenside.' **12.Qd2** We are also preparing long castle. GM Baadur Jobava,MH: 'We are also preparing long castle.' **12...Qe7 13.0-0-0 0-0-0 14.Kb1** This move is always useful. I have some extra space on the queenside, but Black is solid, that's why the position is around equal in my opinion. GM Baadur Jobava,MH: 'This move is always useful. I have some extra space on the queenside, but Black is solid, that's why the position is around equal in my opinion.' **14...Kb8 15.Rc1 Bxf4 16.exf4?!** I wanted to try this option. But objectively 16.Nxf4 is better and the position is equal. 16.exf4 is an attempt to keep the game more interesting, but objectively is dubious. GM Baadur Jobava,MH: 'I wanted to try this option. But objectively 16.Nxf4 is better and the position is equal. 16.exf4 is an attempt to keep the game more interesting, but objectively is dubious.' **16...Nd7** Also a good move, even if I prefer the Ng8-Ne7 maneuver. Now Black wants to transfer his knight to b6. GM Baadur Jobava,MH: 'Also a good move, even if I prefer the Ng8-Ne7 maneuver. Now Black wants to transfer his knight to b6.'

[16...Ng8∓ This would have been a strong maneuver for Black, with the idea to transfer the knight to e7, from where it is more flexible as it eventually also supports the queenside.]

17.Qe3 As you know from previous games, our queen is usually well placed on e3. GM Baadur Jobava,MH: 'As you know from previous games, our queen is usually well placed on e3.' **17...Nb6 18.Ka1!?** A useful move. I am not opening my cards yet, and my idea could be Nb1-Nd2-Nb3. GM Baadur Jobava, MH: 'A useful move. I am not opening my cards yet, and my idea could be Nb1-Nd2-Nb3.' **18...Rhe8 19.Nb1!?** -0.94/21 GM Baadur Jobava,MH: '

[19.Rhe1∓ -0.49/22 (GM Baadur Jobava,MH) is more appropriate.]

(Diagram)



' **19...f6** GM Baadur Jobava,MH: '∓!' **20.Nd2 Qd6** -0.50/21 [20...e5∓ -0.92/21 (GM Baadur Jobava,MH) Strongly threatening ... e5xd4. 21.dxe5 fxe5] **21.Nb3** Now my knight is ready to jump on c5. GM Baadur Jobava,MH: ' ∓' **21...e5?!** Even for a strong player like Nepo, it was not easy to assess the position correctly. GM Baadur Jobava, MH: 'Even for a strong player like Nepo, it was not easy to assess the position correctly.' [21...Nc8! -0.42/21 It was better for Black to play like this. He could have continued with N8a7-b6-Kb7, slowly improving his position. Objectively he is a bit better. GM Baadur Jobava,MH: '21...e6-e5 -0.81 It was better for Black to play like this. He could have continued with N8a7-b6-Kb7, slowly improving his position. Objectively he is a bit better.'] **22.dxe5 fxe5 23.f5!?** I have an interesting 4 vs 2 majority on the kingside, which might be useful for the future. According to the engine the position is equal, but I would already take White in a practical game. Later on we had a big fight and I managed to win the game in the end, but this has little to do with our course. By showing you this game, I want to help you understand that the move 7...a6 is a real problem. GM Baadur Jobava,MH: 'I have an interesting 4 vs 2 majority on the kingside, which might be useful for the future. According to the engine the position is equal, but I would already take White in a practical game. Later on we had a big fight and I managed to win the game in the end, but this has little to do with our course. By showing you this game, I want to help you understand that the move 7...a6 is a real problem. Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.11 (very precise) . Loss on time!?' **23...Nd7 24.Qd2 Qb4 25.Qc2 Qb6 26.a3 Qe3 27.Rhf1 e4 28.dxe4 dxe4 29.fxe4 Rxe4 30.Rfe1 Nde5 31.Ned4 Qxe1 32.Nxc6+ Nxc6 33.Rxe1 Rxe1+ 34.Ka2 Re5 35.f6 gxf6 36.Qg6 Rg5 37.Qxh6 Rxg4 38.Qxf6 Rd6 39.Qf8+ Rd8 40.Qf3 Rh4 41.Nc5 Rh8 42.Qb3 b6 43.Nxa6+ Kb7 44.Nxc7 R8xh5 45.Nd5 Rxd5 46.Qxd5 Rd4 47.Qf7+ Kc8 48.b4 Rd7 49.Qf5 Kc7 50.Kb2 Re7 51.Qg5 Re5 52.Qg7+ Re7 53.Qg3+ Kb7 54.Qd3 Kc7 55.Kc3 Rd7 56.Qg3+ Kb7 57.Qf3 Kc7 58.Qf5 Re7 59.Kc4 Re5 60.Qf7+ Kd6 61.Qg6+ Kc7 62.Qh7+ Kd6 63.a4 Re7 64.Qh2+ Re5 65.a5 bxa5 66.b5 Ne7 67.b6 Nc6 68.Qd2+ Ke6 69.b7 a4 70.Qh6+ Kd7 71.Qxc6+ Kxc6 72.b8Q Rc5+ 73.Kb4 Rd5 74.Kxa4 Rd4+ 75.Kb3 Rd5 76.Qc8+ Kd6 77.Kc4 Re5 78.Qb8+ Ke6 79.Kd4 Rd5+ 80.Ke4 Rd7 81.Qe5+ Kf7 82.Kf5 Re7 83.Qh8 Rd7 84.Qh7+**

Ke8 85.Qg8+ Ke7 86.Ke5 Rc7 87.Qg7+ Kd8 88.Qf8+ Kd7 89.Kd5 Rc1 90.Qf5+ Ke8 91.Qg4 Re1 92.Kd6 Kf7 93.Qf3+ Ke8 94.Qg3 Rd1+ 95.Ke6
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World Rapid Championship, Dubai (3.1)
[Richard Palliser]

1.d4 Jimmy Liew **1...Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 Bf5**
[Another solid option is 3...e6 4.e3 Bd6 *(*we considered *4...Be7 5.Bd3 c5 6.dxc5 0-0 7.Nf3 Nbd7!? 8.b4!* back in Jobava-Andreev, Al-Ain Open 2013, back in Jobava-Andreev, Al-Ain Open 2013,*;* while in Jobava-Yudin, Dubai (rapid) 2014, while in Jobava-Yudin, Dubai (rapid) 2014, *4...c5 5.Nb5! Na6 6.c3 Be7 7.a4 0-0 8.h3 Ne8 9.Nf3 Nac7 10.Nxc7 Nxc7 11.Bd3* gave White an edge*)* 5.Nf3 0-0 and after 6.Bd3 b6 *(6...c5 7.dxc5 Bxc5* and then Eric's *8.a3!?* is another important line - see the Archive is another important line - see the Archive*)* 7.0-0 Bb7 8.Re1 *(* I'm not so sure what this achieves the immediate *8.Ne5 Nbd7 9.Qf3* looks more to the point*)* 8...Nbd7 9.Ne5 a6 10.Qf3 Be7 11.Qh3 while White was well set on the kingside, his misplaced queen's knight meant that while White was well set on the kingside, his misplaced queen's knight meant that c5 12.a3 c4 13.Be2 b5 gave Black sufficient counter-chances in Jobava-Radjabov, Dubai (rapid) 2014. gave Black sufficient counter-chances in Jobava-Radjabov, Dubai (rapid) 2014.]
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[I've previously described this as 'sensible', but I've previously described this as 'sensible', but 6...h5 7.g5 Nfd7 can hardly be ridiculous either and after can hardly be ridiculous either and after 8.e3 *(8.e4 dxe4 9.fxe4 Bb4 10.Bg2 e5!* gives Black sufficient counterplay*)* 8...Bd6 9.Nh3 Nc6 10.Nb5 Bxf4 11.Nxf4 Bf5 12.Bd3 Ne7 Black was quite solid in Jobava-S.Zhigalko, Dubai (blitz) 2014. Black was quite solid in Jobava-S.Zhigalko, Dubai (blitz) 2014.]
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10...Be7

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13.Ne2

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[ANSWER: Tactics can rebound on you without accurate calculation: 14...Nab8? is a blunder after 15.Nc7! e5 16.Nxa8 exf4 17.Nxf4 Nf6 18.Qf5 Nc6 19.g5 hxg5 20.h6 , which is a winning breakthrough on the kingside.]

15.Bd6

[After 15.0-0-0!? Qa5 16.Qc2 cxd4 17.exd4 White's attack should be faster as he can play g4-g5 to open lines on the kingside. Jimmy Liew: 'White's attack should be faster as he can play g4-g5 to open lines on the kingside. White's attack should be faster as he can play g4-g5 to open lines on the kingside.']

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[Black wants to land his knight on c4, but there's no time for that. As such, the solid Black wants to land his knight on c4, but there's no time for that. As such, the solid 16...Be7 was indicated when 17.Bxe7 Qxe7 18.g5!? hxg5 19.fxg5 Qxg5 20.h6 g6 21.Nd6 Rf8 22.h7+ Kh8 wouldn't have been the clearest of pawn sacrifices, obvious though White's compensation is. wouldn't have been the clearest of pawn sacrifices, obvious though White's compensation is.]

[Instead, 16...Bh4+ 17.Kf1 *(or 17.Kd2 Nf6)* 17...Be7 removes a key piece that controls the dark squares. Black is fine after the exchange of the bishops. Jimmy Liew: 'removes a key piece that controls the dark squares. Black is fine after the exchange of the bishops. removes a key piece that controls the dark squares. Black is fine after the exchange of the bishops.']

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further invitation to start opening the kingside with some sacrifices.' **17...hxg5 18.h6!** Here we go... Jimmy Liew: 'Richard Palliser: 'Here we go...'' **18...g6 19.fxg5 Bxg5 20.h7+** Jimmy Liew: 'Black's king will be much safer if it takes up position on h7.''Black's king will be much safer if it takes up position on h7. Richard Palliser: 'Jimmy Liew: 'Black's king will be much safer if it takes up position on h7.'" Jimmy Liew: 'Black's king will be much safer if it takes up position on h7. Black's king will be much safer if it takes up position on h7.' **20...Kg7**

[Neither was 20...Kh8 a complete panacea on account of 21.Be5+ f6 22.Nd6! Rf8 23.Bf4 when the black kingside is rather ragged and he must avoid when the black kingside is rather ragged and he must avoid Bxf4? 24.Nxf4 Qxd6 25.Nxg6+ Kg7 26.0-0-0 when the attack is crushing, in view of f5 27.Nxf8 Rxf8 28.h8Q+! Rxh8 29.Rdg1+ .]

21.Be5+ Jimmy Liew: '!' '!' '!''Richard Palliser: 'Jimmy Liew: '!''' **21...f6?!** Jimmy Liew: 'Richard Palliser: '?!"

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22.Nd6!? Jimmy Liew: 'Richard Palliser: '!?"

[Calmly building up with 22.Bf4 Nc4 23.b3 Na5 24.Rb1 was hardly bad, but Jobava is a man who likes to get on with things.]

[The best way for White to continue the attack was 22.Nf4 Bxf4 23.Bxf4 g5 24.0-0-0 with numerous attacking ideas. The most obvious is just Rd1-g1 followed by Rxg5+. Jimmy Liew: 'with numerous attacking ideas. The most obvious is just Rd1-g1 followed by Rxg5+. with numerous attacking ideas. The most obvious is just Rd1-g1 followed by Rxg5+.']

22...Rh8?

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23.Nf4 Jimmy Liew: '!' '!' '!''Richard Palliser: 'Jimmy Liew: '!''' **23...Bxf4** The knight had to go, but now Black's kingside will be fatally levered open in any case. Jimmy Liew: 'Richard Palliser: 'The knight had to go, but now Black's kingside will be fatally levered open in any case.'' The knight had to go, but now Black's kingside will be fatally levered open in any case. **24.Bxf4** Jimmy Liew: 'This is a slight inaccuracy. ''This is a slight inaccuracy. Richard Palliser: 'Jimmy Liew: 'This is a slight inaccuracy. '"

[After 24.Rg1! g5 25.exf4 fxe5 26.Rxg5+ Kf8 27.Rg8+! Rxg8 28.hxg8Q+ Kxg8 29.Qg6+ and mate next move. Jimmy Liew: 'and mate next move. and mate next move.']

24...g5

[Alternatively, 24...Rxh7 25.Kf2 Nc4 26.Rxh7+ Kxh7 27.Rh1+ Kg7 28.Bh6+ Kh7 29.Bf8+ with a decisive invasion.]

25.0-0-0! Nc4

[The bishop was immune in view of, amongst others, the pretty Jimmy Liew: 'Richard Palliser: 'The bishop was immune in view of, amongst others, the pretty'' The bishop was immune in view of, amongst others, the pretty 25...gxf4? Jimmy Liew: 'is met by a queen sacrifice: ''is met by a queen sacrifice: Richard Palliser: '?' Richard Palliser: 'Jimmy Liew: 'is met by a queen sacrifice: '" Jimmy Liew: 'is met by a queen sacrifice: is met by a queen sacrifice:' 26.Qg6+! Jimmy Liew: '!!' '!!' '!!''Richard Palliser: '!' Richard Palliser: 'Jimmy Liew: '!!'" Kxg6 *(or 26...Kf8 27.Qf7#)* 27.Rdg1# . Jimmy Liew: 'Richard Palliser: '."]

[while after 25...Qd7 26.Rdg1 Black is defenceless against 27 Rxg5+.]

26.Rh6!? Jimmy Liew: '!' '!' '!''Richard Palliser: '!?' Richard Palliser: 'Jimmy Liew: '!'"

[Typical Jobava, although he didn't

have to cash in immediately and would surely also have won after Typical Jobava, although he didn't have to cash in immediately and would surely also have won after 26.Nxc4 dxc4 27.Qc2 followed by a timely switch to the h-file.]

26...Kxh6

[Alternatively, 26...gxf4 27.Qg6+ Kf8 28.Qf7#]

[or 26...Nxd6 27.Qg6+ Kf8 28.Bxd6+ Qxd6 29.Qxf6+ and wins.]

27.Nf7+ Kg7 28.Nxd8 Raxd8 29.b3?! Jimmy Liew: 'Richard Palliser: '?!"

[I'm not so sure about this one, though. Instead, 29.Rg1 Rxh7 30.Bxg5! fxg5 31.Rxg5+ Kh8 32.Qf1! would have left Black unable to satisfactorily deal with the superior attacking force. would have left Black unable to satisfactorily deal with the superior attacking force.]

29...Nb6

[Likewise, 29...Nd6 30.Bxd6 Rxd6 31.Qb5 wins.]

30.Rg1 Rxh7 31.e4

[Once again, Jimmy Liew: 'Again, not bad, but ''Again, not bad, but Richard Palliser: 'Once again, Jimmy Liew: 'Again, not bad, but ''' 31.Bxg5!? Jimmy Liew: '!' '!' '!''Richard Palliser: '!?' Richard Palliser: 'Jimmy Liew: '!''' fxg5 32.Rxg5+ was possible, although only due to the strength of the unexpected follow-up Jimmy Liew: 'Richard Palliser: 'was possible, although only due to the strength of the unexpected follow-up'' was possible, although only due to the strength of the unexpected follow-up Kh8 33.dxc5 *(33.Qg6 Rf8* isn't so clear*)* 33...Nd7 34.c6! . Jimmy Liew: 'Richard Palliser: '.'' Nac5 35.Qg6 bxc6 36.Rh5 Rxh5 37.Qxh5+ Kg7 38.Qg5+ Kf7 39.Qxd8 was winning. Jimmy Liew: 'was winning. was winning.']

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[Following 31...Rc8 32.e5 f5 33.Bxg5 Kf7 White is winning, but still has some work to do.]

32.e5! Jimmy Liew: 'Richard Palliser: '!"

32...gxf4? Jimmy Liew: 'Richard Palliser: '?"

[32...Nd7 loses to 33.exf6 .]

33.Qg6 Rf8 34.exf6 The further advance of the pawn to f7 will leave Black unable to plug all the lines and so avert mate. Jimmy Liew: '. Black resigned as the threat of 35 f7 and 36 Qg8+ cannot be answered.''. Black resigned as the threat of 35 f7 and 36 Qg8+ cannot be answered. Richard Palliser: 'The further advance of the pawn to f7 will leave Black unable to plug all the lines and so avert mate. Jimmy Liew: '. Black resigned as the threat of 35 f7 and 36 Qg8+ cannot be answered.''' Jimmy Liew: '. Black resigned as the threat of 35 f7 and 36 Qg8+ cannot be answered. . Black resigned as the threat of 35 f7 and 36 Qg8+ cannot be answered.' The further advance of the pawn to f7 will leave

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□ **Jobava,Baadur** **2713**
■ **Van Wely,Loek** **2654**
FIDE World Rapid 2014 (15.19) 18.06.14
[Kuzmin,Alexey]

1.d4 GM Baadur Jobava GM Baadur Jobava **1...Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 g6**
[In the game Jobava,B-Savchenko,B/Minsk BLR 2014 Black preferred to play ...g6 after e3. In response Baadur proposed an interesting exchange sacrifice: 3...a6 4.e3 g6 5.h4 *(5.h3 Bg7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.Bd3)* 5...Bg7 6.h5!? Nxh5 7.Rxh5 gxh5 8.Qxh5 c6 9.Nf3 h6 10.0-0-0 Nd7 11.Qh2⩱]
4.Qd2 Bg7 5.Bh6 Bxh6
[After 5...0-0 6.Bxg7 Kxg7 7.0-0-0 chances are approximately equal, but Black has to play accurately to prevent his king being attacked. c6 *(7...c5!? 8.e3∞)* 8.h4 Qd6?! *(8...h5!? 9.f3 b5⇄)* 9.f3 *(9.e4!? dxe4 10.h5 Nxh5 11.Be2 Qf4 12.Bxh5 Qxd2+ 13.Rxd2 gxh5 14.Nxe4±)* 9...Nh5 10.e4 dxe4 11.g4! Ng3 *(11...e3! 12.Qxe3 Qf4 13.Qxf4 Nxf4 14.h5±)* 12.Nxe4 Nxe4 13.fxe4 Bxg4 14.Be2 Bxe2 15.Nxe2↑ Kashlinskaya,A-Videnova,I/Plovdiv BUL 2014]
6.Qxh6 c5 GM Baadur Jobava: 'This is a typical idea in the 3...g6 variation. However, in this specific situation, Black's king on g8 cannot castle safely, making the position risky for Black if the center opens too early.'
[6...Bf5!? is more careful. The idea is on 7.0-0-0 to continue Ng4 8.Qf4 Qd6!∞]
7.e3
[7.dxc5!? GM Baadur Jobava: 'Can be an interesting alternative.' Qa5 8.e3 Qxc5 9.Nf3 GM Baadur Jobava: 'White has a comfortable position. We'll explore this line further in the theoretical section.' Nc6 Lacking the possibility to castle short creates some problems for Black. 10.Bb5 Bf5 11.0-0±]
7...Nc6 GM Baadur Jobava: '?!' '?!'
[Black could also opt for 7...cxd4 GM Baadur Jobava 8.exd4 but needs to be careful. Nc6 *(8...a6!* This is Black's strongest continuation. The idea is to prevent Bb5, that is a very strong positional idea for White.*)* 9.Bb5! We will take on c6, and we will have then an excellent e5 square for our knight. White's position is not only better from the practical point of view, but also from the objective point of view. Qb6 *(9...Bd7 10.Bxc6 Bxc6 11.Nf3±)* 10.Nf3 Black is worse, for example: a6 *(10...Bg4?! 11.Ne5±)* 11.Bxc6+ bxc6 *(11...Qxc6 12.Ne5±)* 12.0-0-0 Rb8 *(12...Bg4* The idea to pin our knight is not working for concrete reasons: *13.Rhe1! Bxf3 14.Qg7+-)* 13.b3± It's very difficult for Black to create a counterplay on the queenside.]
8.0-0-0 GM Baadur Jobava: '?!' '?!' GM Baadur Jobava: 'This move is a mistake, as it allows Black to exploit a well-known idea from the French Steinitz variation.'
[8.dxc5]
[8.Bb5! (GM Baadur Jobava) is White's strongest move here. The idea is to exchange Black's knight on

c6, thereby weakening the e5 square. After Qb6 9.0-0-0± Black will play cxd4 sooner or later, and then we will transpose into the above comment in the 7...cxd4 variation.]

8...cxd4 GM Baadur Jobava: '?!' '?!'

[8...c4↑ (GM Baadur Jobava) b7-b5 next, and Black has a potentially strong attack on the queenside.]

9.exd4 GM Baadur Jobava: 'White's position is good again. Now, try to find Black's best move based on the ideas discussed earlier.' **9...Qd6±**

[9...a6± (GM Baadur Jobava) is Black's strongest move here. It's crucial to prevent Bb5, which could pose serious problems for Black.]

10.f3 GM Baadur Jobava: '?!' '?!' GM Baadur Jobava: 'This was a rapid game, and I played the standard move to control the e4 square. However, 10. Bb5 would have been much stronger.'

[10.h3!? looks more logical: a6 11.g4 b5 12.Nf3±]

[10.Bb5± (GM Baadur Jobava) As I have explained before, this is White's best direction in this position.]

10...a6 GM Baadur Jobava: '!' '!' GM Baadur Jobava: 'I delayed Bb5 for too long, and now my opponent finally plays this important move.' **11.Nge2** GM Baadur Jobava: 'My plan is to continue with Kb1, followed by Nc1, and then transfer my knight to d3 or b3, depending on the situation.' The black knight is restrained by the f-pawn. But in the same time the way to activate the white knight has become longer. **11...Bd7 12.Kb1± Rc8?!** GM Baadur Jobava: 'A standard but slow move. Black should have pushed the queenside pawns immediately.'

[12...0-0-0 seems more reliable.]

[12...b5! GM Baadur Jobava 13.Nc1 b4 14.N3e2 a5∞ a5-a4 next and the position is complicated.]

13.Nc1± GM Baadur Jobava: 'There's no need to fear Black's queenside attack, as it is difficult for Black to coordinate.' White retains a small advantage.

[But 13.Nf4! would be stronger: b5 14.g4↑]

13...Na5 GM Baadur Jobava: '?!' '?!'

[13...Ng8! (GM Baadur Jobava) is Black's best defensive move according to the engine. The idea is to force White's queen to leave the h6 square, allowing Black to return the knight to f6 and prepare to castle. After 14.Qe3 *(14.Qg7?! Qf6=)* 14...Nf6! And Black is now ready to castle. 15.Nd3 Of course White can repeat the moves, but we are slightly better objectively, so no need to go for a draw. *(15.g4 h5! 16.g5 Nh7∞* 00 next. *)* 15...h5∞ This is an other important move. Black prevents g2-g4 ideas, and Black can continue with 00 and Bf5. *(15...0-0?!* allows *16.g4±)*]

14.Nb3 GM Baadur Jobava: '!?' '!?' **14...Nxb3 15.axb3** GM Baadur Jobava: 'Now, my king is completely safe.' **15...b5** GM Baadur Jobava: 'My opponent attempts to create counterplay on the queenside, but it's too late.'

16.Bd3± Bf5 GM Baadur Jobava: '?' '?' GM Baadur Jobava: 'This is the final mistake. Black's king in the center will now face serious issues.' **17.Bxf5 gxf5 18.Rhe1** GM Baadur Jobava: 'It's quite surprising that a super GM like Van Wely ended up in a lost position by move 16. But this is exactly the power of the Jobava London System: you can secure a quick victory even against the strongest players in the world! The

positions are non-standard, and after studying this course, you'll navigate them much better than your opponents!' **18...Rg8 19.Nxd5** GM Baadur Jobava: '!' '!' GM Baadur Jobava: 'A nice tactical shot.' **19...Qxd5 20.Qxf6 e6 21.Rd2 Kf8 22.Re5 Qd7 23.d5 Rc7 24.Qh6+ Rg7 25.dxe6** GM Baadur Jobava: 'The game demonstrates how early queen activity, such as 6. Qxh6, can create immediate threats and disrupt the opponent's plans. In this case, it prevented Black from castling and made it difficult for Black to develop safely.' **1-0**

240 **D00**
□ **Jobava,Baadur** **2713**
■ **Winants,L** **2545**
41st Olympiad Open 2014 (5.8) 06.08.14
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 g6 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* 1-0 Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 2013*; 5.f4 Qa5 6.Bd2 Qb4 7.Qe2 Qxb2 8.Rb1 Qa3 9.e5 dxe5 10.fxe5 Nfd7 11.e6 fxe6 12.dxe6 Nf6 13.Nb5 Qxa2 14.Nc7+ Kd8 15.Rd1 Nc6 16.Bf4+ Nd4 17.Nxa8 Qxe6 18.Qxe6 Bxe6 19.c3 Bg4* 1-0 Genovese,A (2106)-Burk,E (1200) Germany senior ch-5 final 9901 1999*)* 5...Bg7 6.Bc4 *(6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.a4 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nbd7 11.Re1 a6 12.Bf1 e5 13.a5 Ne8 14.Bd3 Qh4 15.Qg4 Qxg4 16.hxg4 Rc8 17.b3 Nef6 18.g5 Ne8 19.g3 f6 20.Kg2 fxg5* 0-1 7.♗c4 ♕a5 8. ♕d2 e6_6062 (2345)-Jovic,A (2383) Gonfreville op 1979 (3.76)*)* 6...0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 1-0 Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) V0048 www.desc-online.de 2000 (7) gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8 21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9)]
3.Bf4 g6 4.Qd2 c6 5.f3 b5 6.a3 Bg7 7.Bh6 -0.10/18
[7.e4± 0.55/18]
7...Bxh6= 8.Qxh6 The position is equal. **8...Qd6 9.e3 e5 10.Bd3 Nbd7 11.Nge2 a6 12.b4 a5 13.0-0 exd4 14.Nxd4 Ne5** 1.00/18
[14...Bb7± 0.56/17 might be stronger.]
15.h3± Bd7 1.05/17
[15...Rg8± 0.68/18]
16.f4 Nxd3 17.cxd3 axb4 18.axb4 Ke7 19.Qg5 0.85/21
[19.Nce2+- 1.82/20 has better winning chances.]
19...Rhc8 1.62/21
[19...h6± 0.85/21 20.Qe5+ Qxe5 21.fxe5 Nh5]
20.Nce2 1.24/20 Excellent horsemanship.
[Better is 20.f5+- 1.62/21]
20...Kf8 21.Rxa8 Rxa8 22.f5 White is more active. **22...Qe5** 1.59/21

[22...Nh5!± 0.55/20]

23.h4 0.77/23

[⌓23.Nf3 1.59/21 Qxf5 24.Qh6+ Kg8 25.Ned4 Qxd3 26.Ne5 Discovered Attack, Double Attack]

23...Kg7 24.Nf3 0.36/24

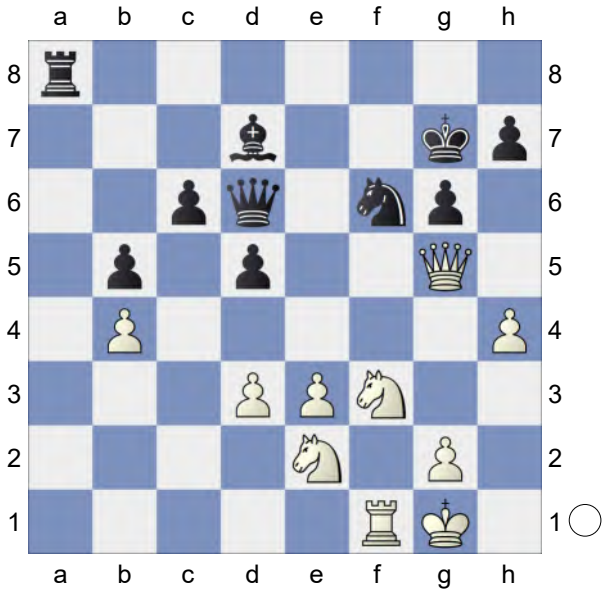
[24.fxg6± 0.83/22 Qxg5 25.hxg5]

24...Qd6 1.82/23

[Black should play 24...Qxf5± 0.36/24 25.Ne5 h6 26.Qxf6+ Remove Defender Qxf6 *(26...Kxf6 27.Nxd7+ Ke6 28.Rxf5±)* 27.Rxf6 Kxf6 28.Nxd7+ Ke6 29.Nc5+ Ke7]

25.fxg6+- fxg6 3.60/22

[25...h6 1.67/22 26.Qe5 Qxe5 27.Nxe5 fxg6]



26.Ne5 Re8 4.50/24

[26...Rf8 3.11/23 is a better defense. 27.Nd4 Bc8]

27.d4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.30/Black=0.51

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241 **D00**

□ **Jobava,Baadur** **2713**

■ **Winants,Luc** **2545**

Tromso Olympiad (5.8) 06.08.2014

[Richard Palliser]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 g6

This feels rather provocative, especially against Jobava. Tromso also saw Black test:

[a) 3...Bf5 4.f3 e6 5.g4 Bg6 6.h4 is quite an important line. Previously, we've seen

A) but as I remarked there, 6...h5!? 7.g5 Nfd7 can hardly be ridiculous either: 8.e3 a6 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 c5 is a how a few games have gone and now the critical 11.g6!? f6 12.Nge2 Nc6 13.a3 Qb6 14.Bh2!? 0-0-0 *(14...Qxb2 15.Kf2!* looks like decent compensation as *Qb6 16.Rab1 Qa7? 17.Nf4* is not really what Black wants to be doing*)* 15.0-0-0 left White for choice in Ipatov-Kantans, Tromso Olympiad 2014.;

B) 6...h6 in Jobava-Mamedyarov, World Rapid Championship, Dubai 2014,]

[b) Four rounds after our main game, Winants could be found on the white side and had to face 3...c6 4.e3 b5!? . Even to a non-classical mind this looks quite shocking (why not develop first?), and 5.Nf3 e6 6.Bd3 Nbd7 7.0-0? Be7 8.Ne5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 b4 10.Na4! gave White an edge in Winants-Saric, Tromso Olympiad 2014.]

4.Qd2 c6!?

[A new move for us and an attempt to avoid coming under a direct attack. However, 4...Bg7 5.Bh6 0-0 6.Bxg7

Kxg7 should be fully playable for Black, as we saw in Cabrera-Dvirnyy, Catalan League 2014.]

5.f3 If Black isn't going to complete his fianchetto, it must be sensible to take over the centre. **5...b5 6.a3** White often makes this little nudge in the Jobava-Prie. Here it's essential preparation for e2-e4, but in any case it's surprising how rarely the insertion of a2-a3 turns out to be a weakness, even when White goes long. **6...Bg7**

[Winants decides to allow the white bishop in after all. Previously, 6...Nbd7 had tried to gain a tempo, but, of course, White doesn't have to go Bh6 here and 7.e4 Nb6 8.e5 Ng8 9.Bd3 e6 10.Nh3 b4 11.Ne2 a5 12.0-0 was quite pleasant for him in Boguszlavszkij-Szegi, Kisber 2011.]

7.Bh6

[I'm not especially taken with Black's opening as here too one can make a decent case for 7.e4 , but Jobava prefers to get the bishops off.]

7...Bxh6 8.Qxh6 Qd6 9.e3

[Despite what I wrote above, 9.0-0-0?! a5 looks rather risky for White with his pawn not on a2,]

[and as 9.e4 dxe4 10.fxe4?! Qxd4 drops a pawn, Jobava has to proceed more slowly.]

9...e5 Winants counters classically, but even here White can claim an edge. **10.Bd3 Nbd7 11.Nge2** Harmoniously and swiftly developing. Meanwhile Black can't castle and might come under pressure in the centre (e3-e4 is in the air), and on the queenside (a3-a4). **11...a6 12.b4!** Not only does this prevent Black freeing his position with ... c5 (once again we find the early ...b5 not turning out well), but it may also mean that a3-a4 will come with even greater effect. **12...a5**

[Winants does his best to obtain some play. Instead, 12...Qf8 would have been rather slow and after 13.Qxf8+ Kxf8 14.a4 Black would have come under unpleasant pressure on the queenside.]

13.0-0 exd4 14.Nxd4 There was nothing wrong either with the other recapture, but Jobava always likes to play actively where possible. **14...Ne5 15.h3!** Another prophylactic move not immediately approved of by the engines. Now f3-f4 is coming and Black's position is just rather unpleasant. **15...Bd7 16.f4 Nxd3 17.cxd3 axb4?!**

[Black hopes to survive with his king on e7, but he is up against Jobava. Perhaps the grim 17...Ng8 had to be tried, and if 18.Qg7 Qf6 19.Qxf6 Nxf6 20.e4 0-0 when White is better, but with a lot of work still ahead.]

18.axb4 Ke7 19.Qg5!

[Pinning. At first 19.f5 looks quite good, but after g5! 20.Qxg5 Qxb4 Black is not without his chances in the resulting mess.]

19...Rhc8

[19...h6 was perhaps more principled, although after 20.Qe5+ Qxe5 21.fxe5 Nh5 22.Kf2 followed by g2-g4 and e3-e4 White would have obtained some advantage with his well-placed knights.]

20.Nce2 Kf8 21.Rxa8 Rxa8 22.f5!?

[Jobava wants to attack, but sticking with 22.Qe5 and a positional course was hardly weak.]

22...Qe5 23.h4?

[It's not impossible that the swift-moving Jobava had missed the tactic

in the next note. Correct was 23.Nf3! Qxf5 24.Qh6+ Kg8 25.Ned4 Qxd3 26.Ne5 Qd2 27.Rxf6 . Black can actually fight back here with Ra2 28.Qg5 Bxh3 , but after 29.Rxf7 Qxg2+ 30.Qxg2 Rxg2+ 31.Kh1 Rg3 32.Ndxc6 White should still win the ending.]

23...Kg7 Suddenly matters aren't so clear. **24.Nf3**

[At first 24.fxg6 Qxg5 25.hxg5 seems decisive, but after Ng4 26.Rxf7+? Kxg6 the bishop can't be taken due to the threat of mate on the back rank.]

24...Qd6?

[Collapsing. The bold 24...Qxf5 was required, refusing to fear 25.Ne5 h6 26.Rxf5 hxg5 27.Rxf6 *(27.Rxg5 Rh8* is also far from definitely good for White *)* 27...Kxf6 28.Nxd7+ Ke7 29.Ne5 gxh4 30.Nxc6+ Kd7 31.Ne5+ Ke6 when a draw might well have arisen.]

25.fxg6 fxg6?

[The worst of the kingside pawn moves. 25...h6 was a better try, although after 26.Qe5 Qxe5 27.Nxe5 fxg6 28.Nd4 Black would have found his c-pawn falling in view of Rc8? 29.Rxf6! .]

26.Ne5 Re8 27.d4

[Black is almost in zugzwang and even 27.d4 Rf8 28.Ng3 Ne8 doesn't save him, since 29.Rxf8 Kxf8 30.Qf4+ Ke7 31.Qf7+ Kd8 32.Qxh7 picks off some more pawns.]

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□ **Jobava,Baadur** **2713**

■ **Mamedyarov,Shakhriyar** **2743**

FIDE World Rapid 2014 (3.1) 16.06.2014

[Kuzmin,Alexey]

We are in the 3rd round of the World rapid Championship. The ratings should not confuse anyone, those are the rapid ratings. The tournament was played with 15+10 time control. Jobava won a brilliant game in his usual creative style. Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: 'We are in the 3rd round of the World rapid Championship. The ratings should not confuse anyone, those are the rapid ratings. The tournament was played with 15+10 time control. Jobava won a brilliant game in his usual creative style. Ipatov, Alexander: 'This duel of two super creative sharp players is perhaps the best game played in Dubai. ' D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines ' **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5**

[2...c5 Kuzmin,Alexey, MH 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000 *)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6*

27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+ 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]

3.Bf4

[3.Bg5 (Ipatov,Alexander) - 112/209]

3...Bf5 4.f3 e6 5.g4

[5.Qd2! Is White's most interesting move, in my opinion. But we will speak about it in the theoretical part. Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: 'Is White's most interesting move, in my opinion. But we will speak about it in the theoretical part.']

5...Bg6 6.h4 h6 7.e3 c5

[Undermining c7-c5 should be prepared. After Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: 'Undermining c7-c5 should be prepared. After Undermining c7-c5 should be prepared. After' Undermining c7-c5 should be prepared. After 7...a6 Black should successfully solve his opening problems. Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: 'Black should successfully solve his opening problems. Black should successfully solve his opening problems.' Black should successfully solve his opening problems.

A) Nakamura immediately preferred to offer the exchange Kuzmin, Alexey, MH: 'Nakamura immediately preferred to offer the exchange Nakamura immediately preferred to offer the exchange' Nakamura immediately preferred to offer the exchange 8.Bd3!? Perhaps this is more precise. The difference consists in the fact that having the pawn on h4 White keeps the possibility g4-g5. Kuzmin, Alexey, MH: 'Perhaps this is more precise. The difference consists in the fact that having the pawn on h4 White keeps the possibility g4-g5. Perhaps this is more precise. The difference consists in the fact that having the pawn on h4 White keeps the possibility g4-g5.' Perhaps this is more precise. The difference consists in the fact that having the pawn on h4 White keeps the possibility g4-g5. Bxd3 9.Qxd3 *(* Also possible is Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: 'Also possible is Also possible is' Also possible is *9.cxd3 Bd6 10.Nge2 Nc6 11.Qb3* with a complicated positional game. Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: 'with a complicated positional game. with a complicated positional game.' with a complicated positional game.*)* 9...c5⇄ Nakamura,H-Nepomniachtchi,I Rapid/Dubai UAE 2014 Nakamura,H-Nepomniachtchi, I Rapid/Dubai UAE 2014 Nakamura, H-Nepomniachtchi,I Rapid/Dubai UAE 2014 Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: 'Nakamura, H-Nepomniachtchi,I Rapid/Dubai UAE 2014 Nakamura, H-Nepomniachtchi,I Rapid/ Dubai UAE 2014 Nakamura,H-Nepomniachtchi,I Rapid/Dubai UAE 2014';

B) 8.h5 Bh7 9.Bd3

B1) 9...c5 followed by Nc6 was completely fine for Black in the Jobava-Hovhannisyan, Yerevan

2014 game. Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: 'followed by Nc6 was completely fine for Black in the Jobava-Hovhannisyan, Yerevan 2014 game.' 10.Nge2 Bxd3 11.cxd3 cxd4 12.Nxd4 Nbd7

B1a) 13.Nde2?! e5 14.Bg3 Bd6 15.d4 -0.31/20 *(15.Bh4=* 0.05/20 Kuzmin,Alexey, MH*)* 15...0-0∓ Jobava,B-Hovhannisyan,R /Yerevan ARM 2014 Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: 'Jobava,B-Hovhannisyan, R /Yerevan ARM 2014';

B1b) 13.Bg3 keeps the possibility of an active ♘f5 in the event of the move e6-e5. Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: 'keeps the possibility of an active Nf5 in the event of the move e6-e5. keeps the possibility of an active Nf5 in the event of the move e6-e5.' keeps the possibility of an active ♘f5 in the event of the move e6-e5. 13...Bc5 14.Qd2∞;

B2) 9...Bxd3 10.cxd3 Bd6 11.Nge2 Nc6 12.Qd2 Qe7 *(12...Bxf4!? 13.Nxf4 e5∞)* 13.0-0-0 0-0-0 14.Kb1 Kb8= Jobava,B-Nepomniachtchi,I / Rapid/Dubai UAE 2014 Kuzmin, Alexey, MH: 'Jobava, B-Nepomniachtchi,I /Rapid/Dubai UAE 2014']

[An example from a classically played game by Baadur where he showed great technique: Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: 'An example from a classically played game by Baadur where he showed great technique: '7...c6 (Ipatov,Alexander) 1 : 0 Jobava, Baadur 2716 - Salgado Lopez,Ivan 2605, Yerevan 2014. Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: '(Ipatov, Alexander) 1 : 0 Jobava, Baadur 2716 - Salgado Lopez,Ivan 2605, Yerevan 2014.']

[7...Be7= 0.00/20 Kuzmin,Alexey, MH]

8.h5

[8.Bd3 -0.18/20 Ipatov,Alexander Ipatov,Alexander Ipatov,Alexander: 'Boguszlavszkij,Jevgenyij 2256 - Turzo,Attila 2314, Budapest 2009' Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: '8.Nc3-b5 0.61 Ipatov,Alexander Ipatov,Alexander Ipatov,Alexander: 'Boguszlavszkij, Jevgenyij 2256 - Turzo,Attila 2314, Budapest 2009"]

[8.Nb5 (Ipatov,Alexander) De Smet, Karl - Da Fonseca,Iraja Leonardo, corr. 2009 Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: '(Ipatov, Alexander) De Smet, Karl - Da Fonseca,Iraja Leonardo, corr. 2009']

8...Bh7 9.Nb5 Na6 10.c3 Be7 11.Bd3

[11.Nh3! 0.57/20 Was White's best move. It is a logical one because we develop the knight, and we keep Bd3 options if needed. Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: '± 'Was White's best move. It is a logical one because we develop the knight, and we keep Bd3 options if needed.' Qb6 Was probably Black's best continuation. *(11...0-0* Is a very risky move for Black, because after Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: 'Is a very risky move for Black, because after' *12.Rg1±* We have very good chances for a direct attack on the kingside. Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: 'We have very good chances for a direct attack on the kingside.'*)* 12.a4 This move cannot be bad, and we are consolidating our knight on b5. Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: 'This move cannot be bad, and we are

consolidating our knight on b5.' c4 is Black's best continuation according to the engine. Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: 'is Black's best continuation according to the engine.' 13.b3! Here, I like to distract Black's pawn chain, and I am opening the position a bit more. Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: 'Here, I like to distract Black's pawn chain, and I am opening the position a bit more.' cxb3 14.Qxb3 Black's position is very difficult to play because there is no clear place for his king. for example, if he plays Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: 'Black's position is very difficult to play because there is no clear place for his king. for example, if he plays' 0-0 then he should be ready to face a direct attack, starting, for example, with Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: '!' Kuzmin, Alexey, MH: 'then he should be ready to face a direct attack, starting, for example, with' 15.g5→]

11...Bxd3

[11...0-0= 0.05/21 (Kuzmin,Alexey, MH) is superior.]

12.Qxd3 Nd7

[12...Qb6 with the idea of c4, because White can fortify it with Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: 'with the idea of c4, because White can fortify it with. ... c5-c4 is the strong threat.' 13.a4]

[12...Nh7! And Black is suddenly fine because he got the excellent h7 square for his knight. Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: 'And Black is suddenly fine because he got the excellent h7 square for his knight.']

13.Ne2

[13.Nh3! is stronger: GM Baadur Jobava: 'This is the best square for the White's knight. The point is that it is supporting g4-g5 ideas.' Kuzmin, Alexey, MH: 'is stronger: GM Baadur Jobava: 'This is the best square for the White's knight. The point is that it is supporting g4-g5 ideas.' is stronger:' is stronger: 0-0 1.04/20 GM Baadur Jobava: 'This is the move that Mamedyarov played after 13.Ne2, but now' Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: 'GM Baadur Jobava: 'This is the move that Mamedyarov played after 13.Ne2, but now" *(13...Nb6⩲* 0.44/18 Kuzmin,Alexey, MH*)* 14.Rg1!→ *(14.0-0-0* 0.01/19 And we are ready for Rdg1-g5. According to the engine, White's position is already winning. Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: '14.Rh1-g1 1.05 And we are ready for Rdg1-g5. According to the engine, White's position is already winning.' *)*]

[13.Nd6+ -0.19/21 ? would positonally be a good idea, but it does not work directly in view of Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: '13.Ng1-h3 0.57 ? would positonally be a good idea, but it does not work directly in view of' Bxd6 14.Bxd6 Qb6 ! with a double attack. Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: '! with a double attack. Prevents Qd3-b5']

13...0-0 14.a4

[14.Rg1↑ -0.15/19 Was a good option. Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: '14.a2-a4 0.21 Was a good option.']

[14.0-0-0↑ -0.40/20 Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: '14.Ke1-f2 0.12']

14...Bf6

[14...Re8 followed by Bf8 and e5 was probably stronger, but the text is also very natural. Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: 'followed by Bf8 and e5 was probably stronger, but the text is also very natural.']

15.Bd6 Re8

[15...Be7 -0.01/21 Kuzmin,Alexey,

MH: '=' Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: ' deserves consideration.']

16.f4

[16.0-0-0!? Kuzmin,Alexey, MH]

16...Nb6

[16...Bh4+ 0.21/23 It doesn't make much sense to force the king to move, because the position is closed and the king even feels comfortable at the middle of the board. GM Baadur Jobava: '!' '!' GM Baadur Jobava: 'This was Black's best move to force our king to choose. Probably 17.Kd1 is White's best, with a +0,30 engine evaluation, which means that White has good chances, but the position is still complicated.' Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: '=' '!' Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: 'It doesn't make much sense to force the king to move, because the position is closed and the king even feels comfortable at the middle of the board. GM Baadur Jobava: '!' GM Baadur Jobava: 'This was Black's best move to force our king to choose. Probably 17.Kd1 is White's best, with a +0,30 engine evaluation, which means that White has good chances, but the position is still complicated." Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: ' keeps the balance.' 17.Kf1 followed by Kg2 or Kd1-c2 is also possible. Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: 'followed by Kg2 or Kd1-c2 is also possible.' *(17.Kd1±* Kc2 next. Then Rag1-g5 ideas. *Be7* Kuzmin,Alexey, MH *)*]

17.g5

[17.b3 -0.75/22 ? is wrong because it only helps the black knight to occupy the c4 square. Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: '?' Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: '17.g4-g5 0.88 ? is wrong because it only helps the black knight to occupy the c4 square.' c4 !]

[17.dxc5 It is not logical to open the center because White has just launched a flank attack and to lead it succesfully, the center should be closed. Nc4 18.Ned4 Kuzmin,Alexey, MH Nxb2∓]

[17.Bxc5?! Kuzmin,Alexey, MH Nxc5 18.dxc5 Nc4=]

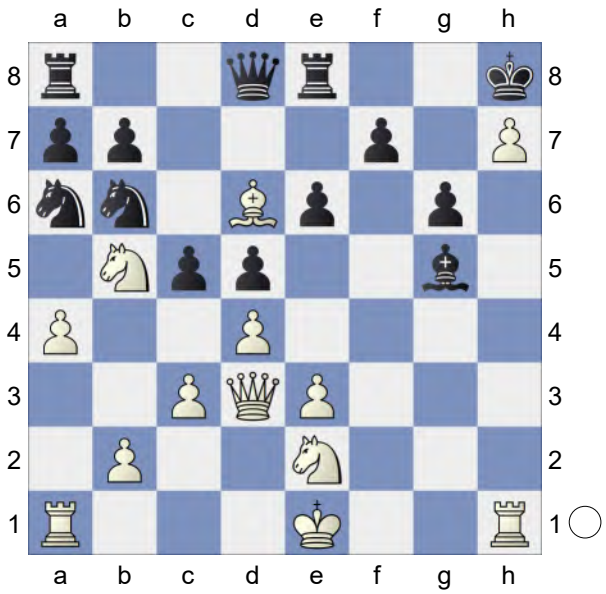
17...hxg5 18.h6 g6 19.fxg5

[19.Bxc5 Kuzmin,Alexey, MH Nxc5 20.dxc5 Nc4∓]

[19.dxc5?! Kuzmin,Alexey, MH Nd7 *(19...Nc4 20.h7+ Kg7 21.fxg5=)* 20.b4 Nxb4 21.cxb4 Bxa1=]

19...Bxg5 20.h7+ Kg7

[20...Kh8 1.79/20 is worse in view of Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: '20...Kg8-g7 1. 24



is worse in view of' 21.Be5+ ! Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: '!' f6 22.Nd6 ! Nf7 is threatening. Rf8 Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: ' Inhibits Nd6-f7+. ' 23.Bf4 ! The g6 pawn is hanging and the attack seems to break through. Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: '! The g6 pawn is hanging and the attack seems to break through.' Bxf4 7.57/22

Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: '??' *(23...cxd4±* 1.35/21 Kuzmin,Alexey, MH *24.exd4 Nc8)* 24.Nxf4 Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: '+-' Qxd6 loses to 25.Nxg6+ Kg7 26.0-0-0 [%t Shrt] +â âˆ⇗ and Rdg1 next wins.]

21.Be5+

[21.Bxc5? Kuzmin,Alexey, MH Nc4 22.0-0-0 Bxe3+ 23.Kb1 Nxc5 24.dxc5 Bxc5-+]

[21.dxc5 Kuzmin,Alexey, MH Nc4 22.Qd4+ Bf6∓ *(22...e5 23.Qxd5 Nxe3 24.Bxe5+ f6 25.Qxb7+ Kh8 26.Bd4=)*]

21...f6

[21...Bf6 1.17/20 Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: '±' 22.Nd6 Rf8 4.90/22 White wins nicely with Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: '?' *(22...Bxe5±* 1.08/20 (Kuzmin,Alexey, MH) is a better chance. *23.Nxe8+ Qxe8)* 23.Nxf7 ! Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: '+-' Rxf7 24.Nf4 ! [%t Shrt] +â âˆ⇗ There is no defence against the Qxg6 and Nxe6 threats.]

22.Nd6

[Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: ' White has to play' 22.Nf4! 5.40/22 Ipatov,Alexander Ipatov,Alexander Ipatov,Alexander: 'was even stronger, then' ! Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: '+-' 'Ipatov, Alexander Ipatov,Alexander Ipatov, Alexander: 'was even stronger, then' !' Bxf4 Diagram *(22...fxe5??* #4/10 is nicely refuted by Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: '22...Bg5xf4 4.23 is nicely refuted by' *23.h8Q+! ! Rxh8 24.Qxg6+ Kf8 25.Rxh8+ Ke7 26.Qxe6# #)*

A) 23.Rg1 !! It is very difficult to find such moves in a rapid game, even for such a resourceful player like Jobava. Black has no adequate defence. Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: '!! It is very difficult to find such moves in a rapid game, even for such a resourceful player like Jobava. Black has no adequate defence.' g5 Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: ' ...c5-c4 would now be deadly.' *(23...Bg5* #5/12 does not help because of the pin. Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: '23...g6-g5 4. 81 does not help because of the pin. ' *24.Rxg5* [%t Shrt] +â âˆ⇗ Kuzmin, Alexey, MH: '[%t Shrt] +â âˆ⇗' *)* 24.exf4 [%t Shrt] +â âˆ⇗ And the attack is breaking through: Kuzmin, Alexey, MH: '[%t Shrt] +â âˆ⇗ And the attack is breaking through:' fxe5 25.Rxg5+ Kh8 #9/18 *(25...Qxg5+-* 4.58/18 Kuzmin,Alexey, MH *26.fxg5 Re7)* 26.Qg6 Qe7 *(26...Re7 27.Qf6+* [%t Shrt] +â âˆ⇗ Kuzmin, Alexey, MH: '[%t Shrt] +â âˆ⇗' *)* 27.Nd6 ! Trying to deflect the queen from the g7 square with the threat of Nf7. Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: '! Trying to deflect the queen from the g7 square with the threat of Nf7.' Rf8 28.0-0-0 And Black gets mated. An illustrative line is: Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: 'And Black gets mated. An illustrative line is:' Nc4 29.Qg8+ ! Rxg8 30.hxg8Q+ Rxg8 31.Rh1+ Qh7 32.Nf7#;

B) 23.exf4 Kuzmin,Alexey, MH fxe5 24.dxe5 Qe7=;

C) 23.Bxf4 g5 Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: '±' 24.0-0-0! Ipatov,Alexander: 'Diagram

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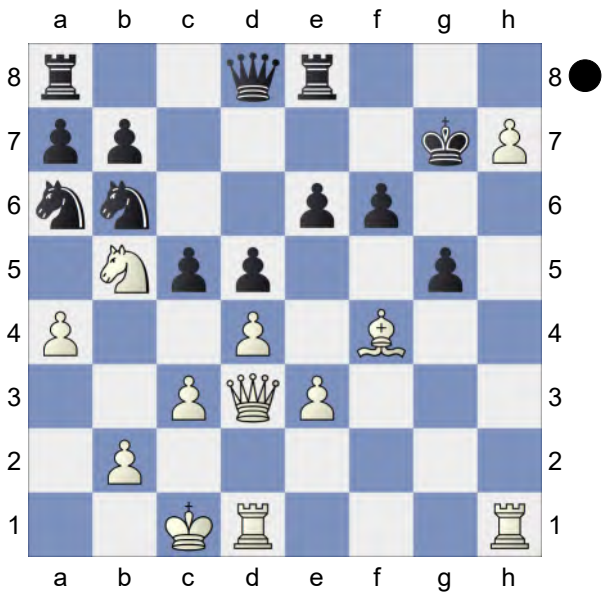
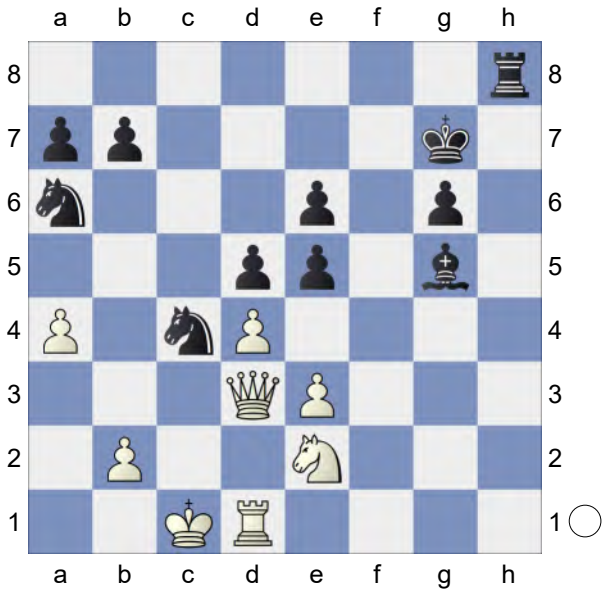


bishop is untouchable in view of' Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: 'Ipatov, Alexander: 'Diagram [#] bishop is untouchable in view of'' △gxf4 #4/10 *(24...c4+-* 2.59/19 Kuzmin,Alexey, MH *25.Qc2 Qe7)* 25.Rdg1+ Kh8 26.Qg6 Qe7 27.Qg8+ Rxg8 28.hxg8Q# #]

22...Rh8

[Ipatov,Alexander: 'Houdini claims that Black had to give up a queen and seek counterplay in the following variation:' Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: 'Ipatov, Alexander: 'Houdini claims that Black had to give up a queen and seek counterplay in the following variation:'' 22...fxe5 0.64/23 Ipatov,Alexander Ipatov,Alexander Ipatov,Alexander: '⌓' Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: ' ±' 'Ipatov, Alexander Ipatov,Alexander Ipatov, Alexander: ' ≥'' 23.Nxe8+ Qxe8 24.h8Q+ 0.76/5 Qxh8 Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: '±' 25.Rxh8 Rxh8 26.0-0-0 and despite the material advantage, the machine says Black has good drawing chances, but I believe the extra queen should give White excellent winning chances. Kuzmin, Alexey, MH: 'and despite the material advantage, the machine says Black has good drawing chances, but I believe the extra queen should give White excellent winning chances.' cxd4 27.cxd4 Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: ' And now Kc1-b1 would win.' Nc4 Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: '



' 28.Kb1 Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: '!' Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: ' Hoping for Qd3-b3.' e4 2.04/21 Ipatov,Alexander: 'Diagram *(28...Nb4±* 1.12/21 (Kuzmin,Alexey, MH) was called for. *29.Qc3 Be7)*

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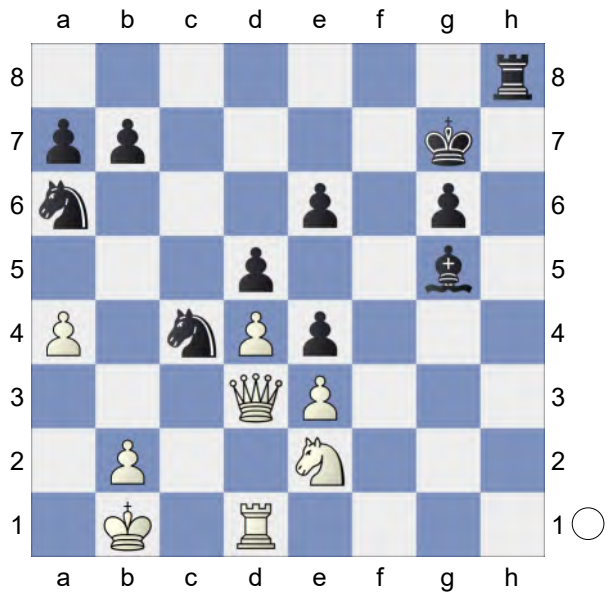

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23.Nf4 Bxf4 24.Bxf4

[24.Rg1 !! g5 *(24...Bg5* #7/16 Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: '24...g6-g5 4.37' *25.Rxg5* [%t Shrt] +â âˆ‡ *)* 25.exf4 *(25.Bxf4* Kuzmin,Alexey, MH *Nc4±)* 25...fxe5 26.Rxg5+ *(26.Nxb7* Kuzmin,Alexey, MH *Qf6±)*

A) 26...Qxg5+- 2.92/5 Kuzmin,Alexey, MH 27.fxg5

A1) 27...Rxh7 Kuzmin,Alexey, MH 28.0-0-0 *(28.Nxb7 Rh1+ 29.Kf2 Rxa1=)*;

A2) 27...cxd4;

B) 26...Kf8 #5/12 Diagram Kuzmin, Alexey, MH: '?' 27.Rg8+ ! Rxg8 28.hxg8Q+ Kxg8 29.Qg6+ [%t Shrt] +â âˆ‡ And mate on f7 will follow on the next move, either with the queen or the knight. Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: '[%t Shrt] +â âˆ‡ And mate on f7 will follow on the next move, either with the queen or the knight.']

24...g5

[24...Rxh7? Kuzmin,Alexey, MH 25.Rxh7+ Kxh7 26.0-0-0+- *(26.Nxb7 c4±)*]

25.0-0-0 Nc4

[25...gxf4 #2/6 White wins after all moves, but the most beautiful is Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: '?' Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: '25...Rh8-f8 3.82 White wins after all moves, but the most beautiful is' 26.Qg6+ !! Kxg6 27.Rdg1#]

[25...Rf8 Kuzmin,Alexey, MH 26.Rdg1]

26.Rh6

[26.Nxc4 dxc4 27.Qe2 with the idea to continue the attack with Qh5. Rxh7 *(27...gxf4 28.Qg2+ Kf7 29.Rhg1* [%t Shrt] +â âˆ‡ *)* 28.Rxh7+ Kxh7 29.Qh5+ Kg7 30.Rh1 Qh8 *(30...gxf4 31.Rg1+ Kf8 32.Qh7* ! [%t Shrt] +â âˆ‡ A silent move instead of some checks, White creates the inevitable mate threat on g7. *)* 31.Qf3 ! Qc8 Diagram 32.Bxg5 !! fxg5 33.Rf1 ! and Black cannot prevent the Qf6/Qf7 threats followed by Rh1. Qf8 34.Qxb7+ [%t Shrt] +â âˆ‡]

26...Kxh6

[26...Nxd6 #13/20 Ipatov,Alexander Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: '?' Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: '26...Kg7xh6 2.01 Ipatov, Alexander' 27.Qg6+ Kf8 28.Bxd6+

Qxd6 29.Qxf6+ Ke8 30.Qxh8++- [%t Shrt] +â âˆ⇗]

27.Nf7+

[27.Nxb7? (Kuzmin,Alexey, MH) loses. Qb6 28.Qc2 Qxb2+ *(28...Qxb7? 29.b3-+; 28...gxf4 29.Qh2+ Kg7 30.Rg1+ Kf7 31.Qh5+ Kf8 32.b4=)* 29.Qxb2 Nxb2-+]

27...Kg7 28.Nxd8 Raxd8 29.b3

[29.Rg1 4.13/22 !? was also good with the idea of Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: 'ⴰ' !? was also good with the idea of. Strongly threatening Bf4xg5!' Rxh7 5.16/22 *(29...Kf7* 3.52/19 (Kuzmin,Alexey, MH) was necessary. *30.Bxg5 fxg5 31.Rxg5 cxd4 32.exd4 Ne3 33.Qg6+ Ke7)* 30.Bxg5 ! Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: '+-' fxg5 31.Rxg5+ Kh8 32.Qf1 !! Kuzmin, Alexey, MH: '!! Against Rh7-h1. Intending Qf1-f6+ and mate.' Rg7 33.Qf6 Rdd7 34.Rh5+ Kg8 35.Qxe6+ Rdf7 36.Rxd5 [%t Shrt] +â âˆ⇗ Black has serious problems. Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: '[%t Shrt] +â âˆ⇗ Black has serious problems.']

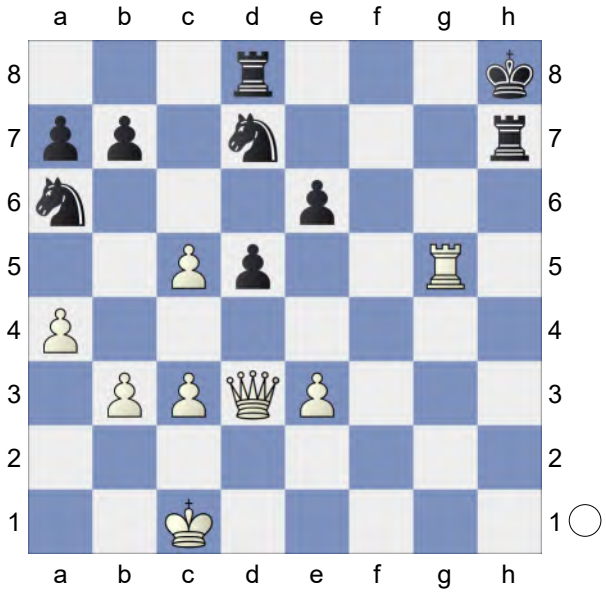
29...Nb6

[29...gxf4 7.25/22 Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: '?' Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: '29...Nc4-d6 2.19' 30.Rg1+ Kf8 31.Qg6 Ke7 32.bxc4 [%t Shrt] +â âˆ⇗]

[ⴰ29...Nd6 2.33/21 Kuzmin,Alexey, MH 30.Bxd6 Rxd6]

30.Rg1 Rxh7 31.e4

[Ipatov,Alexander: 'Baadur wants to open up the entire position!' Kuzmin, Alexey, MH: 'Ipatov,Alexander: 'Baadur wants to open up the entire position!' ' 31.Bxg5 4.06/22 Ipatov,Alexander Ipatov,Alexander Ipatov,Alexander: 'was also winning, e.g.' Ipatov,Alexander Ipatov,Alexander Ipatov,Alexander: 'was also winning, e.g.' was also winning. Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: ' ⴰ' 'Ipatov,Alexander Ipatov, Alexander Ipatov, Alexander: 'was also winning, e.g.' Ipatov,Alexander Ipatov,Alexander Ipatov, Alexander: 'was also winning, e.g.' was also winning.' fxg5 32.Rxg5+ *(32.dxc5* Kuzmin,Alexey, MH*)* 32...Kh8 Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: '+-' 33.dxc5! ! With a deadly threat on d4, so Black has to play Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: '! With a deadly threat on d4, so Black has to play. White threatens Qd3-d4+ and mate.' Nd7 Ipatov,Alexander: 'Diagram



' Ipatov,Alexander: 'Diagram [#]' but now Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: 'Ipatov, Alexander: 'Diagram [#]' Ipatov, Alexander: 'Diagram [#]' but now' 34.c6! ! and the knights are losing their stability. Black loses material. Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: '! and the knights are losing their stability. Black loses material.' Nac5 *(34...bxc6* Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: ' Threatens to win with ...Rd8-f8!' *35.Qxa6+-)* 35.Qg6 bxc6 36.Rh5! Rxh5 37.Qxh5+ Kg7 38.Qg5+ Kf7

39.Qxd8+-]

31...Kh8

[31...dxe4 4.84/21 Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: '?' Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: '31...Rh7-h6 2.90' 32.Qxe4 [%t Shrt] +â âˆ⇗ Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: '[%t Shrt] +â âˆ⇗']

[31...cxd4 32.e5 ! [%t Shrt] +â âˆ⇗]

[31...Rdh8 2.36/20 Kuzmin,Alexey, MH 32.Qf1 Kg6]

32.e5 gxf4

[32...Nd7+- 5.13/18 Kuzmin,Alexey, MH 33.exf6 c4]

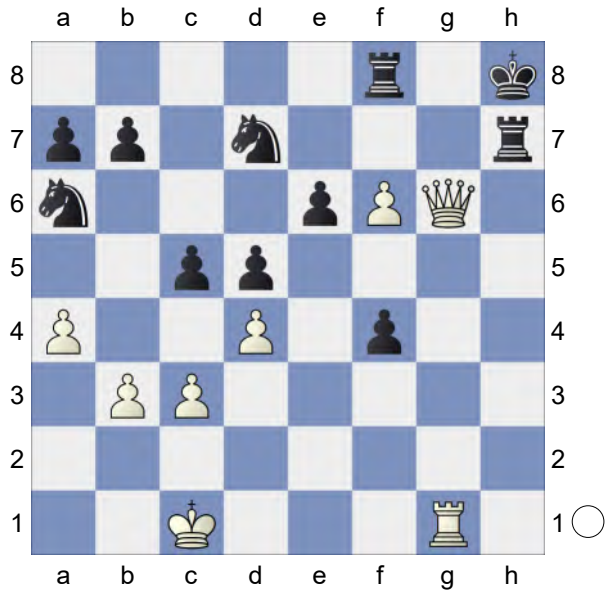
[32...c4 Kuzmin,Alexey, MH 33.Qg6]

33.Qg6 Rf8

[33...Nd7± 1.05/5 Kuzmin,Alexey, MH]

34.exf6 Nd7 #3/8 Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: '?' Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: '

[34...Nb4+- 2.16/5 Kuzmin,Alexey, MH 35.f7 *(35.cxb4 cxd4 36.f7 Rc8+ 37.Kb1 Rf8 38.Qf6+ Rg7 39.Qxg7#)* 35...Na2+ 36.Kb2 Rh2+ 37.Ka1 Rh7 38.Qf6+ Rg7 39.Qxg7#]



' **35.f7** with the threat of Qg8 Rxg8 fxg8Q mate! Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: '!' Kuzmin,Alexey, MH: 'with the threat of Qg8 Rxg8 fxg8Q mate! Deflection'

35...Rfxf7

[35...Rhxf7 36.Rh1+ [%t Shrt] +â âˆ⇗]

[35...cxd4 Kuzmin,Alexey, MH 36.Qg8+]

36.Qg8# 1-0 (36) Jobava,B (2713)-Mamedyarov,S (2743) Dubai 2014 CBM 160 Extra [Kuzmin,Alexey] Kuzmin, Alexey, MH: '1-0 (36) Jobava,B (2713)-Mamedyarov,S (2743) Dubai 2014 CBM 160 Extra [Kuzmin,Alexey]. Weighted Error Value: White=0.74/Black=1.24'

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□ **Lalitaditaayyanar,Boominathan** **2713**

■ **Yugoslav Qa5** **2678**

132/145 Karlsruhe (17) 20.06.2014

[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 Bf5 4.f3 e6 5.g4 Bg6 6.h4 h5 7.g5 Nfd7 8.e3** The position is equal. **8...Bd6** 0.79/21

[8...Nc6= 0.00/18 keeps the balance. 9.a3 Be7 10.Qd2 0-0 11.Nh3 Nb6 12.Bd3 Bxd3 13.cxd3 f6 14.0-0-0 e5 15.gxf6 Bxf6 16.dxe5 Bxe5 17.d4 Nxd4 18.exd4 Bxf4 19.Nxf4 Nc4 20.Qh2 1-0 Rouanet,L (2476)-Karpik,T (2067) FIDE World Cup 2013 (1)]

[8...a6 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.cxd3 Nc6 11.g6 fxg6 12.Bg5 Be7 13.f4 Nf6 14.Qb3 Qd7 15.Nf3 Ng4 16.Ke2 Bf6 17.Rac1 b6 18.Rc2 Ne7 19.Rhc1 0-0 20.Qa4 Qd8 21.Nd1 Ra7 22.Nf2 Nh6 23.Rg1 0-1 Jobava, B (2699)-Nakamura,H (2799) Khanty-Mansiysk FIDE GP 2015 (8)]

9.Nh3N 0.31/19
[White should try 9.Bxd6± 0.79/21 cxd6 10.Nge2]
9...Nc6 0.78/20
[9...Nb6± 0.31/19]
10.Nb5 -0.20/20
[10.Bxd6± 0.78/20 and Bd6-g3 should not be overlooked cxd6 11.Nf4 Ne7 12.e4 Theory-Bf5 #6 - 4... e6 The Jobava System]
10...Bxf4 11.Nxf4 Bf5 12.Bd3 Ne7 13.Qd2 a6 14.Nc3 next Bd3xf5 is good for White. **14...c5 15.0-0-0** -0.69/22
[15.Bxf5= 0.01/18 Nxf5 16.Nce2]
15...cxd4∓ 16.exd4 Bxd3 17.Nxd3 Qb6 18.Ne2 g6 19.Kb1 Nf5 20.c3 Qd6 21.f4 b5 Black is more active.
22.Ng1 -0.96/23
[22.Qe1∓ -0.57/18]
22...a5∓ 23.Nf3 Nb6 -0.69/20
[23...0-0∓ -1.15/19 24.Rc1 Rac8]
24.Nfe5∓ Nc4 25.Qf2 -1.12/22
[25.Nxc4∓ -0.58/21 bxc4 26.Ne5]
25...0-0 -0.59/21
[25...b4∓ -1.12/22 and ...b4xc3 should not be overlooked 26.Rc1 0-0]
26.Rc1 -1.05/21
[26.Nc5∓ -0.59/21]
26...Rfc8 27.Rhe1 b4
[27...Nxe5 simplifies 28.fxe5 Qb6 29.Nc5 b4]
28.Nc5 bxc3 -0.72/22
[Better is 28...Rab8 -1.12/22 29.cxb4 Rxb4]
29.bxc3 -2.10/23 Now White is beyond hope.
[29.Rxc3∓ -0.72/22 was worth a try. Rab8 30.Nxc4 dxc4 31.Rxc4]
29...Rab8+-+ 30.Ka1 Na3 Dodges Rc1-b1 **31.Re2**

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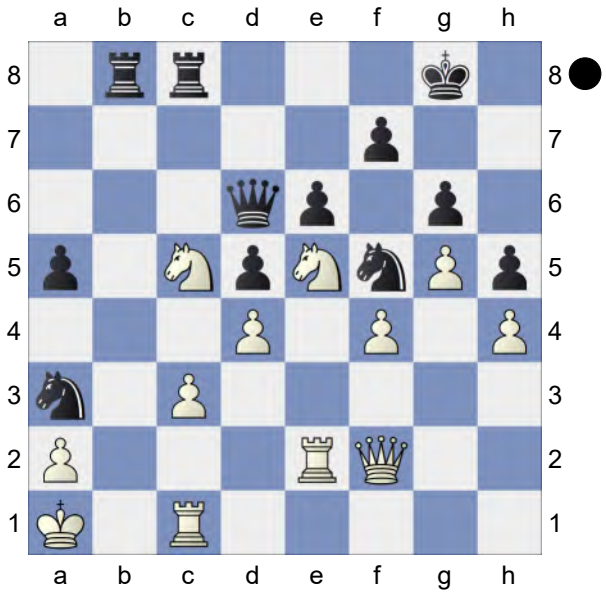
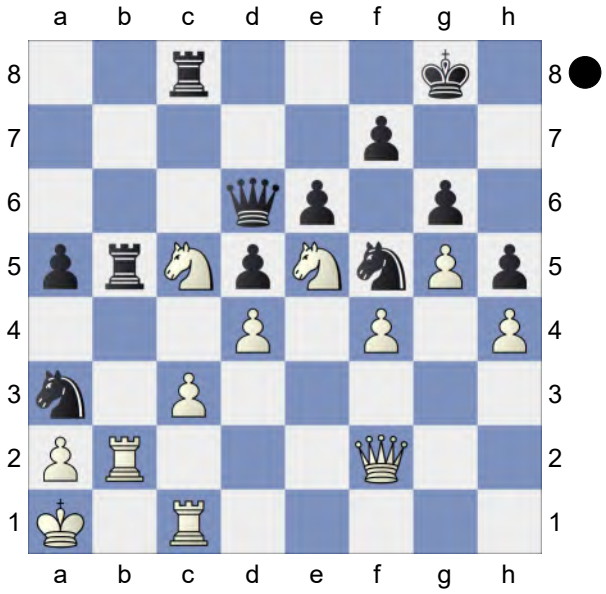
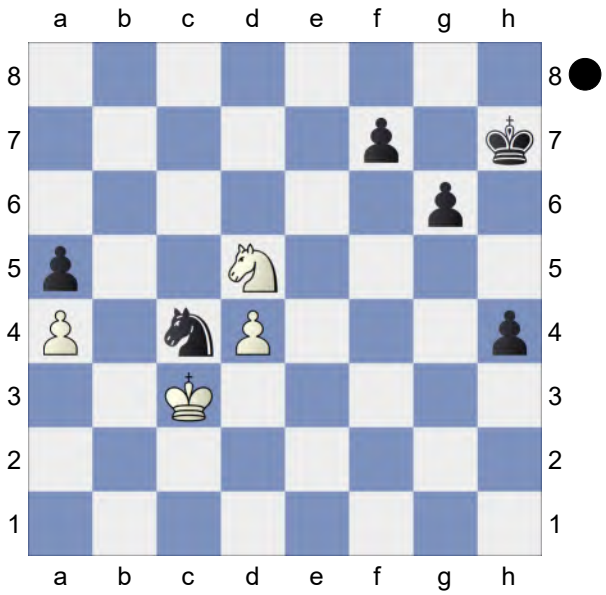


Rb5! 32.Rb2



Rcb8 33.Rxb5 Rxb5 34.Ned7 -4.43/23 Inhibits Qd6-b8.
[34.Ned3 -2.70/21]
34...Qc7 35.Qe2? -14.63/24
[35.Nf6+ -3.32/23 Kh8 36.Nfd7]
35...Qxf4 36.Nd3 Qe3 -4.39/27
[⌓36...Qxc1+ -#2/6 37.Nxc1 Rb1#]
37.Qd1 -13.65/23
[⌓37.Qxe3 -4.39/27 Nxe3 38.Ne1]
37...Nc4 -4.83/21
[⌓37...Nxd4 -13.65/23 (→ ... Qe3xc1+!) 38.Nf6+ Kh8]

38.Rb1 Rxb1+ 39.Qxb1 Threatening mate with Qb1-b8+. **39...Kg7**
[39...Nxh4 40.Qb8+ Kh7 41.Nf6+ Kg7 42.Qg8#]
40.N7c5 Qd2 41.Qb3 Nxh4 -5.90/21
[⌓41...Nfe3 -13.46/24 (→ ...a5-a4!) 42.Nxe6+ Kh7 *(42...fxe6 43.Qb7+ Kf8 44.Qc8+ Ke7 45.Qc7+ Ke8 46.Qc8+ Ke7 47.Qb7+ Kd8 48.Qb8+ Ke7 49.Qb7+ Kd8 50.Qb8+ Ke7 51.Qc7+ Ke8 52.Qb8+ Ke7=)*]
42.a4 Nf3 43.Nxe6+ Kh7
[Worse is 43...fxe6 44.Qb7+ Kg8 45.Qc8+ Kf7 46.Qd7+ Kf8 47.Qd8+ Kf7 48.Qf6+ Ke8 49.Qxe6+ Kf8 50.Qf6+ Ke8 *(50...Kg8 51.Qxg6+ Kf8 52.Qf5+ Ke8 53.Qe6+ Kf8 54.Qh6+ Ke8 55.Qh8+ Kf7 56.Qxh5+ Ke7 57.Qh7+ Kd6 58.Qg6+ Kc7 59.Qf7+ Kc8 60.Qe6+ Kc7 61.Qe7+ Kc8 62.Qf8+ Kc7 63.Qe7+ Kc8 64.Qf8+ Kc7 65.Qf7+ Kd6 66.Qf6+ Kc7 67.Qe7+=)* 51.Qe6+ Kf8 52.Qf6+ Kg8 53.Qd8+ *(53.Qxg6+ Kf8=)* 53...Kg7 *(53...Kh7 54.Qd7+ Kh8 55.Qd8+ Kg7 56.Qe7+ Kg8 57.Qd8+ Kh7 58.Qe7+ Kg8 59.Qe6+ Kg7 60.Qd7+ Kf8 61.Qd8+ Kg7 62.Qe7+ Kg8=)* 54.Qe7+ Kh8 55.Qd8+ Kg7 56.Qf6+ Kg8 57.Qxg6+ Kf8 58.Qf6+ Ke8 59.Qe6+ Kf8 60.Qh6+ Kg8 61.Qe6+ Kf8 62.Qf6+ Kg8 63.Qe6+ Kf8=]
44.Nef4 -11.26/22
[⌓44.Nf8+ -5.12/21 Kg8 *(44...Kg7? 45.Ne6+ Kh7 46.Nf8+ Kg8 47.Nxg6-+)* 45.Nxg6 Nxg5 *(45...Qxd3 46.Qb8+ Kg7 47.Qf8+ Kxg6 48.Qh6+ Kf5 49.Qh7+* Skewer, Double Attack *Ke6 50.Qxd3+-)* 46.Ne7+ Kg7 *(46...Kf8? 47.Nf5-+)* 47.Ne5]
44...Nxg5 45.Kb1 Qxd3+ Clearance **46.Nxd3 Nd2+ 47.Kc2 Nxb3 48.Kxb3** Endgame KN-KN. Black is two pawns up. **48...Ne4 49.Nf4 h4 50.c4 Nd2+ 51.Kc3 Nxc4 52.Nxd5**



h3! 53.Nf6+ Kg7 54.Ng4 Nb6 55.Kd3 f5 56.Nh2 Kf6 57.Ke3 g5 58.Kf3 Nxa4 59.Kg3 g4 60.Kf4 Nc3 61.Kg3 a4 -23.36/19 Weighted Error Value: White=1.23/Black=0.78
[⌓61...Ne4+ -#12/18 62.Kh4 a4 63.d5 g3 64.Kxh3 gxh2 65.Kxh2 a3 66.Kg2 a2 67.d6 a1Q *(67...a1B? 68.Kh3-+)* 68.d7 Qb2+ 69.Kh1 Ke7 70.d8B+ Kxd8 71.Kg1 Qf2+ 72.Kh1 Ng3#]
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244 **D00**
□ **Jobava,Baadur** **2713**
■ **Zhigalko,Sergei** **2678**
FIDE World Blitz 2014 (17.30) 20.06.2014
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 Bf5 4.f3 e6 5.g4 Bg6 6.h4 h5 7.g5 Nfd7 8.e3**

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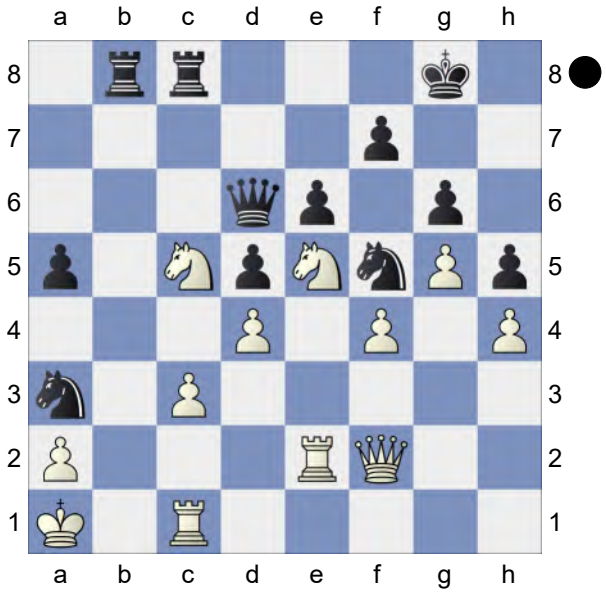
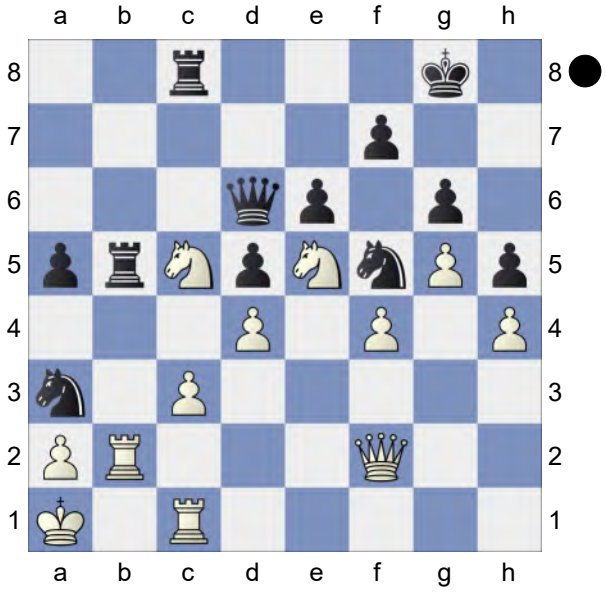
[8...a6 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.cxd3 Nc6 11.g6 fxg6 12.Bg5 Be7 13.f4 Nf6 14.Qb3 Qd7 15.Nf3 Ng4 16.Ke2 Bf6 17.Rac1 b6 18.Rc2 Ne7 19.Rhc1 0-0 20.Qa4 Qd8 21.Nd1 Ra7 22.Nf2 Nh6 23.Rg1 0-1 Jobava, B (2699)-Nakamura,H (2799) Khanty-Mansiysk FIDE GP 2015 (8)]
9.Nh3N 0.31/19
[9.Bxd6± 0.82/21 cxd6 10.Nce2]
9...Nc6 0.81/20
[9...Bb4± 0.31/19]
10.Nb5 -0.24/19
[10.Bxd6± 0.81/20 Strongly threatening Bd6-g3. cxd6 11.Nf4 Ne7 12.e4 Theory-Bf5 #6 - 4... e6 The Jobava System]
10...Bxf4 11.Nxf4 Bf5 12.Bd3 Ne7 13.Qd2 a6 14.Nc3 c5 15.0-0-0 -0.73/20
[15.dxc5= 0.16/20 Bxd3 16.Nxd3]
15...cxd4 16.exd4 Bxd3 17.Nxd3 Qb6 18.Ne2 g6 19.Kb1 Nf5 20.c3 Qd6 21.f4 b5 Black is more active. **22.Ng1** -1.14/20
[White should play 22.Qe1∓ -0.52/18]
22...a5 23.Nf3 Nb6 -0.64/21
[Black should play 23...0-0∓ -1.06/19 24.Nfe5 Rfc8 25.Nxd7 Qxd7]
24.Nfe5∓ Nc4 25.Qf2 0-0 26.Rc1 Rfc8 27.Rhe1 b4 28.Nc5 bxc3 -0.69/22
[28...Nxe5∓ -1.17/20 29.fxe5 Qc6]
29.bxc3 -2.14/22 This move loses the game for White.
[29.Rxc3∓ -0.69/22 Qd8 30.Rec1]
29...Rab8+-+ 30.Ka1 Na3 Prevents Rc1-b1. **31.Re2**



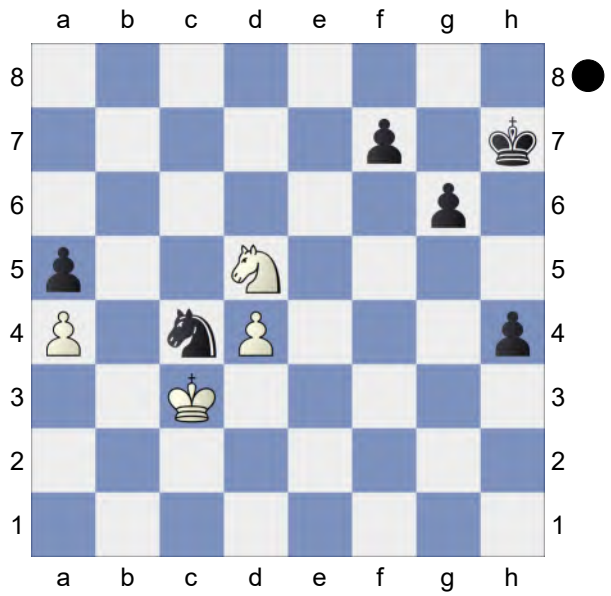
Rb5! 32.Rb2



Rcb8 33.Rxb5 -2.57/22
[⌓33.Rb3 -1.87/21 a4 34.Rxb5 *(34.Rxa3? Qb6-+)* 34...Rxb5 35.Ned3]
33...Rxb5→ Black attacks with force.
34.Ned7 -4.64/21 Dodges Qd6-b8
[34.Ned3 -2.57/19 might work better.]
34...Qc7 35.Qe2? -10.42/20

[35.Nf6+ -3.33/19 Kh8 36.Nfd7]
35...Qxf4 36.Nd3 Qe3 -4.84/24
[⧲36...Qxc1+ -#2/6 37.Nxc1 Rb1#]
37.Qd1 -12.93/20
[⧲37.Qxe3 -4.84/24 Nxe3 38.Ne1]
37...Nc4? -3.90/18
[37...Nxd4 -12.93/20 (→ ...Qe3xc1+!) 38.Nf6+ Kh8]
38.Rb1 -6.03/23
[⧲38.a4 -3.90/18 Rb7 39.N3c5 Rxd7 *(39...Rb2? 40.Nd3-+)* 40.Nxd7 Nxd4 *(40...Nxh4? 41.Ka2-+)* 41.Nc5 *(41.cxd4? Qa3+ 42.Kb1 Qb2#; 41.Nf6+? Kg7-+)*]
38...Rxb1+ 39.Qxb1 Intending Qb1-b8+ and mate. **39...Kg7**
[39...Nxh4 40.Qb8+ Kh7 41.Nf6+ Kg7 42.Qg8#]
40.N7c5 Qd2 41.Qb3 Nxh4 -5.73/20
[⧲41...Nfe3 -13.63/23 (→ ...Ne3-c2+) 42.Nxe6+ Kh7 *(42...fxe6 43.Qb7+ Kf8 44.Qb8+ Ke7 45.Qb7+ Kd6 46.Qb8+ Ke7 47.Qc7+ Ke8 48.Qb8+ Ke7=)* 43.Nf8+ Kg8 *(43...Kg7? 44.a3-+* Decoy *)*]
42.a4 Nf3 43.Nxe6+ Kh7!
[Weaker is 43...fxe6 44.Qb7+ Kg8 45.Qb8+ Kf7 46.Qc7+ Kg8 47.Qd8+ Kf7 48.Qf6+ Kg8 49.Qxe6+ Kg7 50.Qf6+ Kh7 51.Qf7+ Kh8 52.Qf6+ *(52.Qf8+ Kh7=)* 52...Kg8 53.Qxg6+ Kf8 54.Qf6+ Ke8 55.Qg6+ Kf8 56.Qh6+ Kf7 57.Qxh5+ Ke7 58.Qh7+ *(58.Qxf3 Qxc3+ 59.Ka2 Qc2+ 60.Ka1 Qxa4+ 61.Kb1 Nd2+ 62.Kc1 Nxf3 63.Nb2 Qb3)* 58...Kf8 59.Qf5+ Ke8 60.Qe6+ Kf8 61.Qf5+ Kg7 62.Qf6+ Kg8 63.Qg6+ *(63.Qxf3* gets mated. *Qxc3+ 64.Ka2 Qc2+ 65.Ka1 Qxa4+ 66.Kb1 Nd2+ 67.Kc1 Nxf3 68.Nf4 Qc4+ 69.Kd1 Qa2 70.Kc1 Qd2+ 71.Kb1 Nxd4 72.Nh5 Qc2+ 73.Ka1 Nb3#)* 63...Kf8 64.Qf6+ Kg8 65.Qd8+ Kg7 66.Qf6+ Kh7 67.g6+ *(67.Qxf3 Qxc3+ 68.Ka2 Qa3+ 69.Kb1 Nd2+ 70.Kc2 Qa2+ 71.Nb2 Nxf3 72.Kc3 Qb1 73.Nd3 Qa1+ 74.Kc2 Qxa4+ 75.Kb2 Qb5+ 76.Kc2 Qc4+ 77.Kb2 Qxd3 78.Ka2 Nxd4 79.Ka1 Qd1+ 80.Kb2 Qc2+ 81.Ka3 Nb5#; 67.Qf7+ Kh8=)* 67...Kh6 68.g7+ *(68.Qxf3 Qxc3+ 69.Ka2 Qc2+ 70.Ka1 Qxa4+ 71.Kb1 Nd2+* Discovered Attack, Double Attack *72.Kc1 Nxf3 73.Ne5 Qa1+ 74.Kc2 Qa2+ 75.Kc3 Ne1 76.Ng4+ Kxg6 77.Ne3 Kf7 78.Ng4 Qc2#)* 68...Kh7 69.g8Q+ Decoy *(69.Qxf3?* too greedy. *Qxc3+ 70.Ka2 Qa3+ 71.Kb1 Nd2+ 72.Kc2 Qa2+ 73.Nb2 Nxf3-+)* 69...Kxg8 70.Qg6+ *(70.Qxf3 Qxc3+ 71.Ka2 Qc2+ 72.Ka1 Qxa4+ 73.Kb1 Nd2+* Discovered Attack, Double Attack *74.Kc1 Nxf3 75.Nf4 Qc4+ 76.Kd1 Qa2 77.Kc1 Nxd4 78.Kd1 Qf2 79.Nxd5 Qc2+ 80.Ke1 Qe2#)* 70...Kh8 *(70...Kf8 71.Qf6+ Ke8 72.Qe6+ Kf8 73.Qf6+ Kg8 74.Qg6+ Kf8 75.Qf6+=)* 71.Qf6+ Kh7 72.Qf7+ *(72.Qxf3 Qxc3+ 73.Ka2 Qc2+ 74.Ka1 Qxa4+ 75.Kb1 Nd2+ 76.Kc1 Nxf3 77.Nf4 Qc4+ 78.Kd1 Qa2 79.Kc1 Nxd4 80.Kd1 Qf2 81.Nh3 Qe2+ 82.Kc1 Qc2#)* 72...Kh6 73.Qf6+ *(73.Qxf3? Qxc3+ 74.Ka2 Qa3+ 75.Kb1 Nd2+ 76.Kc2 Nxf3-+)* 73...Kh5 74.Qxf3+ Kh4 75.Kb1=]
44.Nef4 Nxg5 45.Kb1 Qxd3+ Clearance **46.Nxd3 Nd2+ 47.Kc2 Nxb3 48.Kxb3** Endgame KN-KN. Black is two pawns up. **48...Ne4 49.Nf4 h4 50.c4 Nd2+ 51.Kc3 Nxc4 52.Nxd5**

(Diagram)

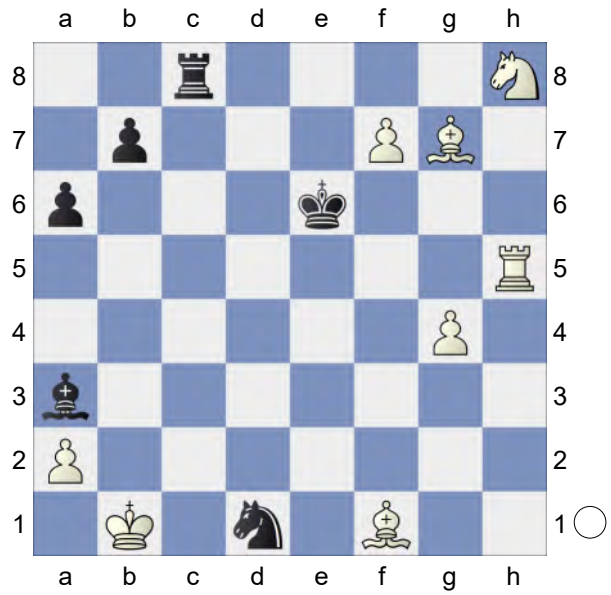


h3! And now ...h3-h2 would win. **53.Nf6+ Kg7 54.Ng4 Nb6 55.Kd3 f5 56.Nh2 Kf6 57.Ke3 g5 58.Kf3 Nxa4 59.Kg3 g4 60.Kf4 Nc3 61.Kg3 a4** Weighted Error Value: White=1.33/Black=0.69
0-1

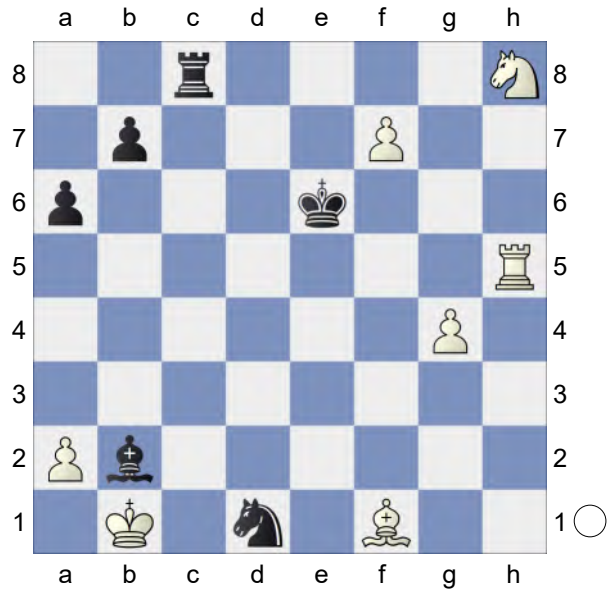
245 **D00**
□ **Donkindonat** **2712**
■ **Jarakkk** **2720**
Blitz 24.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* 1-0 Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 2013*; 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7* 0-1 Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig,F (1863) Rheinhessen-ch H1 op 1997 (2)*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* 1-0 Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) V0048 www.desc-online.de 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]
3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Ne5 Bf5 8.g4 White has an edge. **8...Bg6** 0.66/21
[8...Nxe5= 0.23/19 9.dxe5 Bxg4]
9.h4± Nxc6 is the strong threat. **9...Qb6 10.h5 Qxb2** 1.85/23
[10...Be4± 0.59/22 11.Nxe4 Nxe4]
11.Na4+- Qxd4 4.19/21
[11...Qxc2? 12.hxg6 Qe4+ 13.Qe2 Qxf4 14.gxf7+ Kd8 15.Nxc6+ bxc6 16.Nc5+-]
[11...Qa3 2.01/20 was called for.]
12.Qxd4 Nxd4 13.hxg6 Nxc2+ 14.Kd2 Nxa1 15.gxf7+ Kd8 16.Nb6
[16.Nc5 e6+-]
16...Ne4+ 17.Kc1 Rb8 8.32/20
[17...g5 3.55/19 18.Be3 *(18.Nxa8 gxf4+-)* 18...Rb8]
18.Ng6 Pin, Discovered Attack
[18.Nxd5 Rc8+ 19.Kb2 *(19.Bc4 b5±* Pin *)* 19...e6+- *(19...Nc2? 20.Bg2+-)*]
18...e5 19.Bxe5
[19.Nxh8 exf4 20.Rxh7 *(20.Nxd5 Rc8+ 21.Kb2 Nxf2∓)* 20...Kc7+-]

19...Bd6 20.Bxa1 This pair of bishops is nice. **20...Kc7 21.Nxd5+ Kc6 22.Nxh8 Kxd5 23.Bxg7 Rc8+ 24.Kb2 Nxf2 25.Rxh7 Nd1+ 26.Kb1 Ba3 27.Rh5+ Ke6**



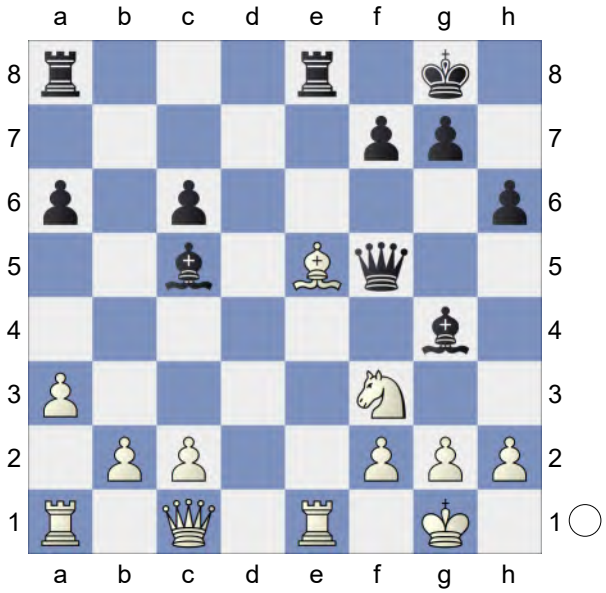
28.Bb2? 0.36/20 **Bxb2±**



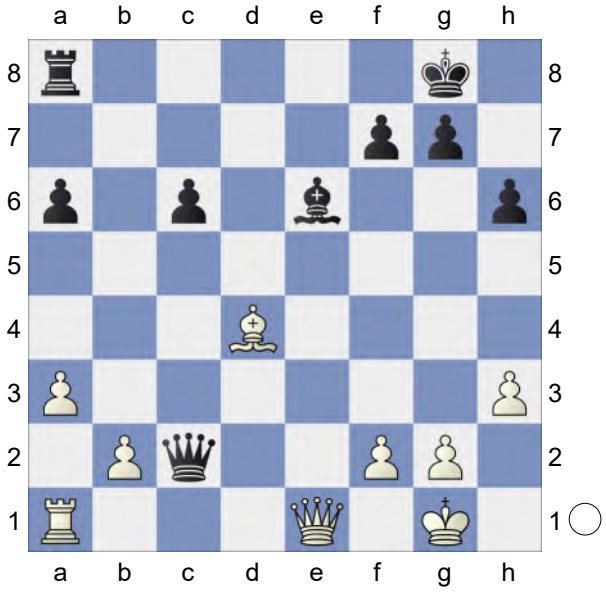
29.a4? -2.14/18 **Bxh8-+**
[29...Rxh8? 30.Rxh8 Kxf7 31.Bc4+ *(31.Rd8 Ne3+-)* 31...Kg6 32.Rd8+-]
30.Bc4+ -3.10/20
[⌓30.Rc5 -2.09/19 Rb8 *(30...Rxc5? 31.f8Q+-)* 31.Bc4+ Ke7 32.Rg5]
30...Ke7
[30...Rxc4 31.f8Q *(31.f8R? is the wrong capture. Bg7-+)* 31...Nc3+ 32.Kb2 Nxa4+ 33.Kb3 Rc3+ 34.Kxa4 Rc4+ 35.Kb3 Rc3+ 36.Kb4 a5+ 37.Kb5 *(37.Rxa5 Rc6+-)*]
31.Re5+? -13.15/25
[31.a5 -2.80/19]
31...Bxe5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.91/Black=0.77
0-1

246 **D01**
□ **Naroditsky,Daniel** **2711**
■ **Dominguez Perez,Leinier** **2656**
FIDE World Rapid and Blitz Championsh..
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 h6 5.a3 e6 6.Bd3 c5 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.Nf3** The position is equal. **8...Nc6 9.e4 0-0 10.0-0 dxe4 11.Nxe4 Nxe4 12.Bxe4 Qf6 13.Qc1 e5 14.Bg3 Re8 15.Re1 Bg4** 0.66/23
[15...Bf5= 0.30/21]
16.Bxc6± bxc6 17.Bxe5 Qf5



18.Nd4 Bxd4
[18...Qg6 19.c3]
19.Bxd4 Rxe1+ 20.Qxe1 aiming for h3.
20...Qxc2 21.h3 Be6 0.96/24
[21...Bd7± 0.40/24]



22.Rc1!→ Black is in trouble. **22...Qf5 23.Rxc6 Bd5 24.Rc3 Qe4**
[24...Bxg2? 25.Rg3 *(25.Kxg2 Qd5+ 26.f3 Qxd4=)* 25...Bc6 26.Rxg7+ Kf8 27.Rg3+- *(27.Qb4+ Ke8±)*]
25.Qxe4 Bxe4 Endgame KRB-KRB
26.Rg3 g6 1.65/22
[26...Bg6± 1.20/25 27.Kh2 Rd8]
27.Re3 Bd5 28.Re7 a5 1.72/24
[28...g5± 1.40/21 29.Rd7 Bc4]
29.b4+- axb4 30.axb4 g5 31.b5 Ra4 32.Be3 Rb4 33.b6 Kg7 34.Rd7 Ba8 2.91/26
[34...Be6± 1.59/23 is a better defense. 35.Bd4+ Kh7]
35.Bd4+ Kg6 36.Rd6+ Kh7 37.f3 Rb5 38.Rd7 1.91/24 **Kg6** 3.26/23
[⌓38...Bd5 1.91/24 39.g4 h5]
39.Rd6+? 0.01/24
[White should try 39.Rd8+- 3.26/23 Bd5 40.g4]
39...Kh7= 40.Kf2 1.51/25
[⌓40.Rd8+- 2.93/24 Bc6 41.Rf8]
40...Rb3? 4.50/24
[40...Rd5± 1.51/25 41.Rxd5 Bxd5]
41.Rd7+- Kg6 42.Rd8 Bb7 43.Rd6+ Kh7 44.Rd7 Ba6 45.Rxf7+ Kg6 46.Rf6+ 3.33/24 **Kh7 47.Rf7+?** 0.01/23
[47.g4+- 4.95/23 Threatens to win with Rf7+. Rd3 48.Rf7+ Kg8 49.Rd7 Rd2+ 50.Kg3]
47...Kg6= ⌓48.Rg7+ 7.55/26 **Kf5 49.Ra7 Bc8 50.Rf7+ Kg6 51.Rf6+ Kh7 52.Rc6 Ba6 53.g3 Rb1** 8.37/24
[⌓53...h5 4.06/24 54.Rf6 h4]
54.Rc7++- Kg6 55.g4 h5 56.Rc6+ Kh7 57.gxh5 Rb3 58.Be3 Rb5 59.h4 gxh4 60.Rc7+ Kg8 61.h6 Threatening mate with h7+. **61...Rh5 62.b7 Bxb7 63.Rxb7 h3 64.Kg1** 12.48/24
[⌓64.Kg3 #22/24 h2 65.h7+ Rxh7 66.Rxh7 Kxh7 67.Kxh2 Kg6 68.Kg3 Kf5 69.Kh4]
64...h2+ 65.Kh1 Black must now prevent Rg7+. **65...Rh3 66.h7+**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.61/ Black=0.31
1-0

247 **A45**
□ **Niemann,Hans Moke** **2711**
■ **Vitiugov,Nikita** **2678**
Niemann - Vitiugov Blitz (12.1) 18.08.24
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 a6N**
[3...c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 e6 6.Nb5 Na6 7.h4 Bd7 8.c3 Be7 9.a4 0-0 10.Bd3 Bc6 11.Nf3 Ne4 12.Qe2 f5 13.g3 Bf6 14.Ng5 Qd7 15.f3 Nac5 16.Bc2 a6 17.dxc5 axb5 18.fxe4

6) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5-5.exd4 e6 6.Nb5 Na6 #8 The Meanest Jobava London 2023 https://www.chessable.co [MH]]

4.e3 c5 5.dxc5 Nc6 6.Nf3 Prevents e5. White wants to play a3. **6...Bg4 7.Be2** aiming for 0-0. **7...e6 8.Na4!** Black must now prevent 0-0. The position is equal. **8...Nd7 9.0-0** b4! is the strong threat. **9...Nxc5 10.Nxc5 Bxc5 11.h3 Bh5 12.Rc1!?N** An interesting novelty. Eine interessante Neuerung.

[Vorgänger: 12.Ne5 0.02/24 12.Rc1 0.33 Bxe2 13.Qxe2 Rc8 14.c4 dxc4 1.34/23 *(14...Nxe5= 0.23/22* keeps the balance. *15.Bxe5 f6)* 15.Rfd1 Qh4 16.Nd7 Be7 17.Qxc4 Hoping for Qc3. Qh5 18.a4 0.47/19 *(18.Qc3± 1.23/21 f6 19.Qb3)* 18...Rd8± 19.Nb6? -5.27/21 *(19.Qb3!± 0.49/22 Bb4 20.Ne5 Rxd1+ 21.Rxd1 Nxe5 22.Bxe5)* 19...Rxd1+ 0-1 Tang,A (2490)-Wang, Y (2684) PRO League KO Stage rapid 2019 (2)]

12...0-0 13.c4 dxc4 14.Rxc4 Be7 15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.Bxe5 Qxd1

[16...Qa5 seems wilder. 17.Bc3 Qxa2 18.g4 Bg6]

17.Bxd1 Bg6 0.56/20

[17...Bxd1= 0.17/22 18.Rxd1 Rfd8 19.Rxd8+ Bxd8]

18.Rc7± Bf6 19.Bxf6 gxf6 20.Bf3 Rac8 21.Rfc1 &Bianco is more active. **21...Rxc7 22.Rxc7±** Endgame KRB-KRB **22...b5** 1.34/23

[⌓22...b6 0.91/21]

23.Ra7 0.83/21

[⌓23.b4! 1.34/23]

23...Rc8 24.Rxa6 0.28/21

[24.b4!± 0.72/25]

24...Rc1+!= 25.Kh2 Rc2 0.76/22

[25...Rb1!± 0.41/24]

26.b3 0.00/27

[White should try 26.b4!± 0.76/22]

26...Rxf2 27.Kg3 Rb2 28.e4 e5 29.Rxf6 Rxa2 30.Rb6 Rb2 31.Rxb5 Kg7 32.Rb7

[Resist 32.Rxe5?! Rxb3 33.Kf4 Rb7±]

32...Kh6 0.63/24

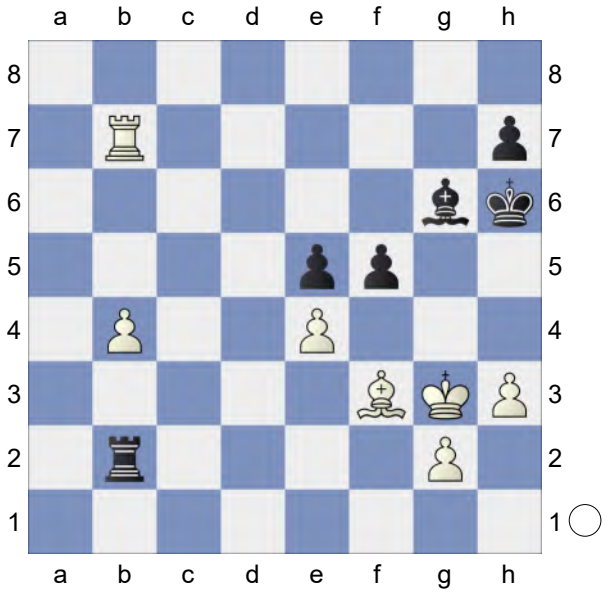
[32...Rd2= 0.23/31]

33.b4 0.17/23

[33.h4!± 0.63/24]

33...f5? 2.18/24

[33...Kg7= 0.17/23 and Black has nothing to worry.]



34.exf5? 0.58/20

[34.Kh4!+- 2.18/24]

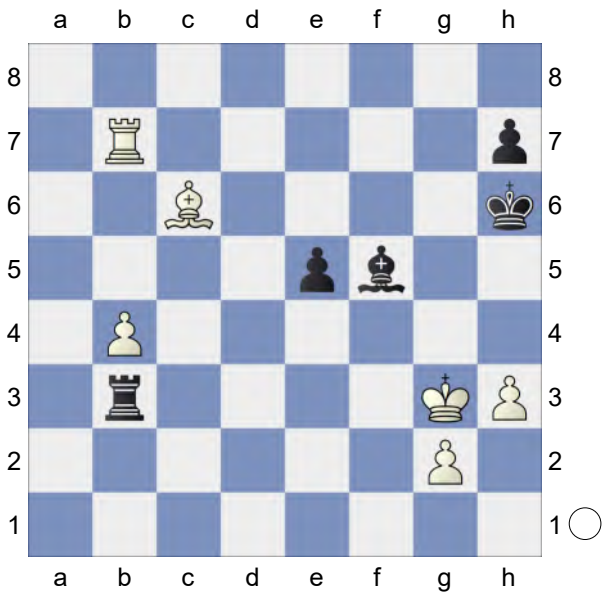
34...Bxf5± 35.Bc6 0.15/21

[35.Bd5± 0.46/20 was preferrable.]

35...Rb3+? 3.44/20

[35...Bd3= 0.15/21]

(Diagram)



36.Kh4!+- Threatens to win with g4. **36...Rc3 37.b5 Bd3 38.Re7 Rc4+ 39.g4 e4** 6.50/21
[⌓39...Rb4 4.37/21 40.Be8 Bxb5]
40.Re6+ Kg7 41.b6 Rb4 6.88/17
[⌓41...Kf7 4.05/19 42.Bd5 Rd4]
42.b7 White is clearly winning. **42...Kf7 43.Bd5** White wants to mate with Rxe4+. **43...Kf8 44.Rc6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.55
1-0

248 **D01**
□ **Naroditsky,Daniel** **2711**
■ **Amar,Elham** **2538**
FIDE World Rapid and Blitz Championsh..
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines A45: Trompowsky Attack **1.d4**
[1.e4 4]
1...Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N
[2...g6 3.Bf4 *(3.e3 b6 4.Qf3 d5 5.Qg3 Bg7 6.Be2 Bf5 7.Bd1 Na6 8.a3 c5 9.Nge2 Nc7 10.f3 0-0 11.Qf2 Re8 12.0-0 Bd7 13.Ng3 Bc6 14.Nce2 c4 15.c3 a5 16.Bd2 a4 17.Bc2 Nd7* Breder,D (2445)-Rogozenco,D (2519) Deutschland 86/(186) 2002 CI1-130 [Rogozenco, Dorian] (39)*)* 3...Bg7 4.e4 0-0 5.e5 Ne8 6.Qe2 d5 *(6...d6 7.0-0-0 Nd7 8.h4 c5 9.dxc5 Nxc5 10.h5 Qa5 11.Nd5 Qd8 12.exd6 exd6 13.Ne7+ Kh8 14.hxg6 fxg6 15.Nxg6+ Kg8 16.Ne7+ Kh8 17.Rxh7+ Kxh7 18.Qh5+ Bh6 19.Qxh6#* 11) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.Bf4 B-5.e5 Ne8 6.Qe2 d6 #20 The Meanest Jobava London 2023 https://www.chessable.co [MH]*)* 7.0-0-0 c5 8.dxc5 e6 9.h4 Qa5 10.h5 Qxc5 11.Be3 Qc7 12.hxg6 fxg6 13.f4 Nc6 14.Nf3 h6 15.Qf2 a6 16.Kb1 b5 17.Bd3 11) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.Bf4 B-5.e5 Ne8 6.Qe2 d5 #2 The Meanest Jobava London 2023 https://www.chessable.co [MH]]
[2...e6 3.Bf4 Bb4 4.e3 Ne4 5.Nge2 Nxc3 6.Nxc3 0-0 7.Bd3 d5 8.Qf3 c5 9.Qg3 cxd4 10.Bh6 g6 11.exd4 Re8 12.h4 Bf8 13.Bf4 Nc6 14.h5 13) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6-1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6 3.Bf4 Bb4 4 The Meanest Jobava London 2023 https://www.chessable.co [MH]]
3.Bf4 c5 4.Nf3 cxd4 5.Qxd4 Nc6 6.Qd3 e6 7.e4 Bb4 8.0-0-0 White has an edge. **8...Bxc3 9.Qxc3 0-0 10.exd5! Nxd5 11.Qa3** Black must now prevent c4. **11...Qb6**
[11...Bd7 4]
[11...Nxf4? 2.15/26 0 11...Bd7 0.27]
12.Bd6 Re8 13.Bc4 0.07/20
[13.Bc5± 0.42/19 Qc7 14.c4]
13...Bd7 14.Ne5 -0.43/18
[14.Bc5± 0.36/20 Qc7 15.Bxd5 exd5 16.Rxd5]
14...Nxe5∓ 15.Bxe5 A strong pair of Bishops. **15...Qxf2** Hoping for ...Ne3! **16.Rhf1** -0.82/19

[16.Qh3∓ -0.44/17]
16...Qe3+ 0.59/19
[16...Qxg2? 17.Rg1 Qg6 18.Qh3+-]
[16...Qh4∓ -0.82/19 17.Qf3 *(17.Bxd5 exd5 18.Qf3 Qg5+ 19.Kb1 Qg6∓)* 17...f6 18.Bxd5 exd5]
17.Qxe3± Nxe3 18.Rxd7 Nxc4 19.Bc3 f6 20.Rxb7 Reb8 21.Rd7 Nb6 22.Rd6 Re8 23.Rfd1 e5 24.b3 Rab8 25.a4 Rb7 2.54/22
[25...h5± 1.51/21 26.Be1 Kh7]
26.a5+- Nc8 27.Rc6 1.23/22
[27.Rd7!+- 2.33/22 Rxd7 28.Rxd7]
27...Ne7 0.73/18
[⌓27...Kf7 1.23/22]
28.Rc5
[28.a6!?]
28...a6 1.17/21
[⌓28...Kf7 0.72/18]
29.Rd6± Ra8 30.g4 Kf7 31.h4 h5 1.28/23
[⌓31...Ke8 0.88/22]
32.g5 0.74/21 &Bianco is more active.
[⌓32.gxh5 1.28/23 Nf5 33.Rb6]
32...Nf5 1.11/19
[Black should try 32...Raa7 0.74/21]
33.Rb6 Rxb6 34.axb6± Endgame KRB-KRN **34...Rb8 35.Rc7+ Kg6 36.b7 Nd6**
[36...Nxh4? 37.Bb4+-]
37.gxf6 gxf6 38.Rc6 Nf7 2.05/28
[38...Ne4± 0.69/22]
39.Rb6+- Bb4 is the strong threat.
[39.Rxa6 Rxb7 40.b4 Kf5=]
39...Kf5

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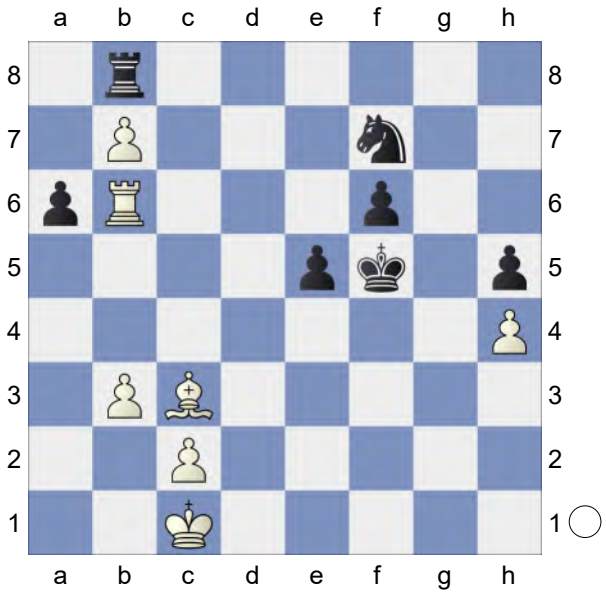
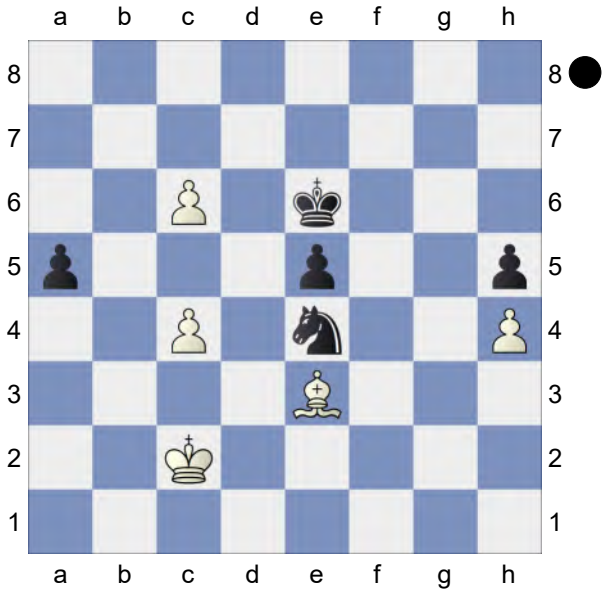


40.Bb4! Nd8 41.Be7 Nxb7 42.Bxf6? 0.41/22
[Don't take 42.Rxf6+ Ke4 43.Rb6 *(43.Rxa6 Rh8±)* 43...Kf3]
[42.b4+- 2.49/22]
42...Re8!± 43.Bg5
[But not 43.Rxa6 Nc5 44.Rc6 Ne6∓]
43...Nc5 44.b4 Ne4 45.Be3 Ra8 46.c4 a5 47.b5 Rc8 48.Rc6 Rxc6 49.bxc6= KB-KN **49...Ke6!** Strongly threatening ...Kd6. **50.Kc2** -0.90/24
[50.Kb2!∓ -0.44/25]



50...Kd6 -0.24/24
[50...a4!∓ -0.90/24 51.Bg1 Nd6]
51.Bb6? -2.10/26
[51.Kd3= -0.24/24 and White has nothing to worry. Ng3 52.Bf2]
51...Kxc6? 0.00/29
[51...a4-+ -2.10/26 52.c7 Kd7]
52.Bxa5 The position is equal. **52...Nd6 53.Kd3 e4+ 54.Kc3 Nf5 55.Bd8 Kc5 56.Bg5 e3 57.Kd3 e2 58.Bd2 Nxh4 59.Be3+ Kc6 60.Kxe2 Nf5 61.Bf4 Nd6 62.Bxd6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) /Black=0.20 (precise)
½-½

249 **D01**
□ **Naroditsky,Daniel** **2711**
■ **Vakhidov,Jahongir** **2546**
FIDE World Rapid and Blitz Championsh..
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines A45: Trompowsky Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...g6 3.Bf4 *(3.e3 b6 4.Qf3 d5 5.Qg3 Bg7 6.Be2 Bf5 7.Bd1 Na6 8.a3 c5 9.Nge2 Nc7 10.f3 0-0 11.Qf2 Re8 12.0-0 Bd7 13.Ng3 Bc6 14.Nce2 c4 15.c3 a5 16.Bd2 a4 17.Bc2 Nd7* Breder,D (2445)-Rogozenco,D (2519) Deutschland 86/(186) 2002 CI1-130 [Rogozenco, Dorian] (39)*)* 3...Bg7 4.e4 0-0 5.e5 Ne8 6.Qe2 d5 *(6...d6 7.0-0-0 Nd7 8.h4 c5 9.dxc5 Nxc5 10.h5 Qa5 11.Nd5 Qd8 12.exd6 exd6 13.Ne7+ Kh8 14.hxg6 fxg6 15.Nxg6+ Kg8 16.Ne7+ Kh8 17.Rxh7+ Kxh7 18.Qh5+ Bh6 19.Qxh6#* 11) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.Bf4 B-5.e5 Ne8 6.Qe2 d6 #20 The Meanest Jobava London 2023 https://www.chessable.co [MH]*)* 7.0-0-0 c5 8.dxc5 e6 9.h4 Qa5 10.h5 Qxc5 11.Be3 Qc7 12.hxg6 fxg6 13.f4 Nc6 14.Nf3 h6 15.Qf2 a6 16.Kb1 b5 17.Bd3 11) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.Bf4 B-5.e5 Ne8 6.Qe2 d5 #2 The Meanest Jobava London 2023 https://www.chessable.co [MH]]
[2...e6 3.Bf4 Bb4 4.e3 Ne4 5.Nge2 Nxc3 6.Nxc3 0-0 7.Bd3 d5 8.Qf3 c5 9.Qg3 cxd4 10.Bh6 g6 11.exd4 Re8 12.h4 Bf8 13.Bf4 Nc6 14.h5 13) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6-1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6 3.Bf4 Bb4 4 The Meanest Jobava London 2023 https://www.chessable.co [MH]]
3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.h3 Bd7 8.Ne5 The position is equal. **8...Be8 9.Be2 c6 10.Nc3 Qb6 11.a3 c5**
[11...Qxb2? 12.Na4 Bb4+ 13.Kf1 Qxa3 14.Rxa3 Bxa3 15.Bxa6 bxa6 16.Qd3+-]
12.0-0 Qxb2 0.29/23
[⌓12...Rc8 -0.07/17]
13.Qd2= cxd4 14.Qxd4 -0.37/23
[14.exd4± 0.45/22 Rc8 15.Nc4! dxc4 16.Rfb1 Bxa3 17.Be5 *(17.Rxb2 Bxb2 18.Ra5 Bxc3±)* 17...Qxa1 18.Rxa1]
14...Qb6∓
[14...Bxa3? 15.Nd3 *(15.Rfb1 Rc8±)* 15...Ne4 16.Nxb2+-]
[14...Qxc2? 15.Rfc1 Qb2 16.Rcb1+-]
15.Rab1

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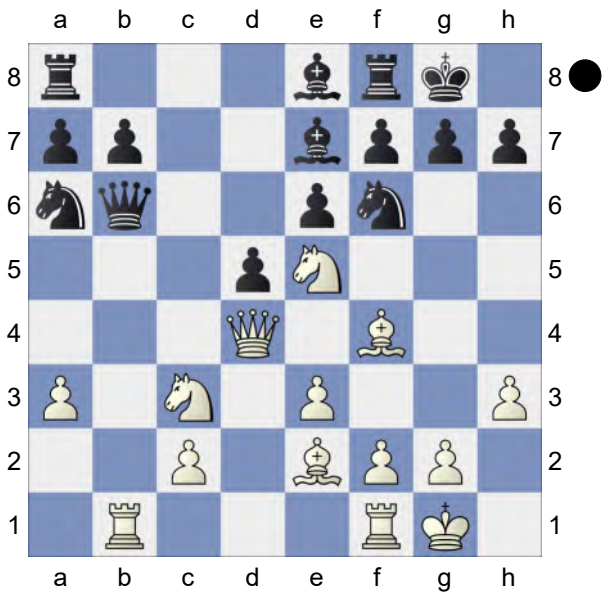
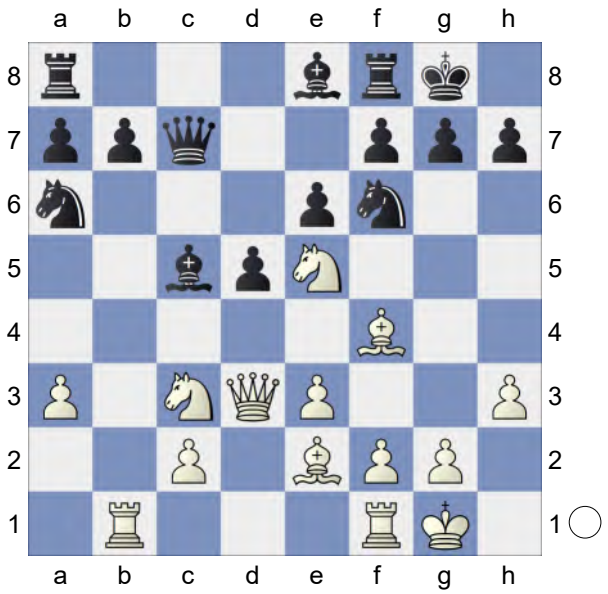
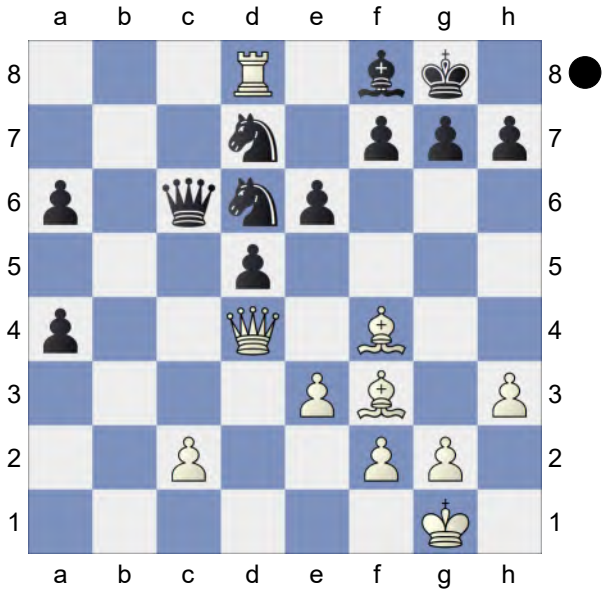


Bc5 0.12/21 **16.Qd3=**
[16.Rxb6 Bxd4 17.Rxb7 Nc5∓]
16...Qc7



17.Ng6! Discovered Attack **17...Qc8⇄** Black is not holding back
[17...Qd8 18.Nxf8]
18.Nxf8 Bxf8 19.Qd4 Nc5 Inhibits e4. **20.Nb5** -0.43/19
[20.Bf3= -0.01/20 was preferrable.]
20...Bxb5∓ 21.Bxb5 a6 22.Be2 b5= Against a4 **23.Bf3 Ra7** 0.76/20
[23...Qd8!∓ -0.52/17 stays ahead.]
24.a4!± bxa4 1.05/23
[24...Rb7!± 0.49/19]
25.Rb8 Qc6 26.Rfb1 -0.01/22
[26.Be5!± 0.88/21 Nfd7 27.Rxf8+! Nxf8 28.Bxg7]
26...Nfd7= 27.Rd8 Rb7 28.Rxb7 -0.76/24
[28.Rd1= -0.01/20 keeps the balance.]
28...Nxb7∓ Dancing on a razor blade. Pair of Knights! **29.Ra8 Nd6** 0.50/24
[29...a3∓ -0.83/21 30.Qa1 Nbc5]
30.Rd8 -0.73/23
[30.Qa7!± 0.50/24 is the one way to stay ahead.]



30...a3! aiming for ...Nc4. **31.Bxd6 Qxd6 32.Qa4**

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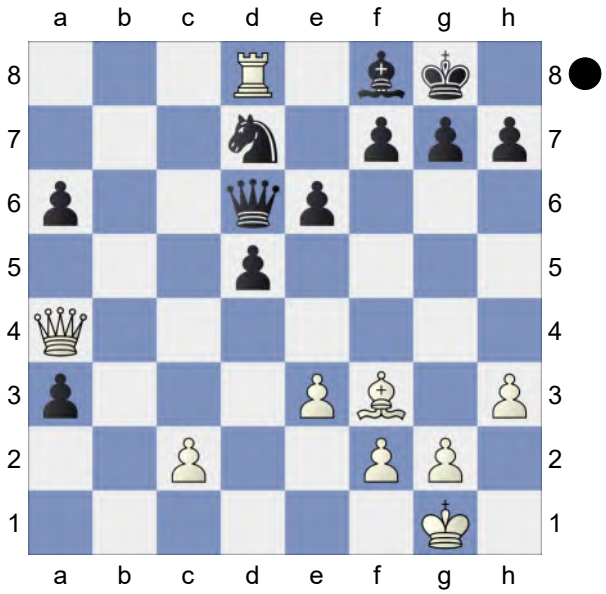
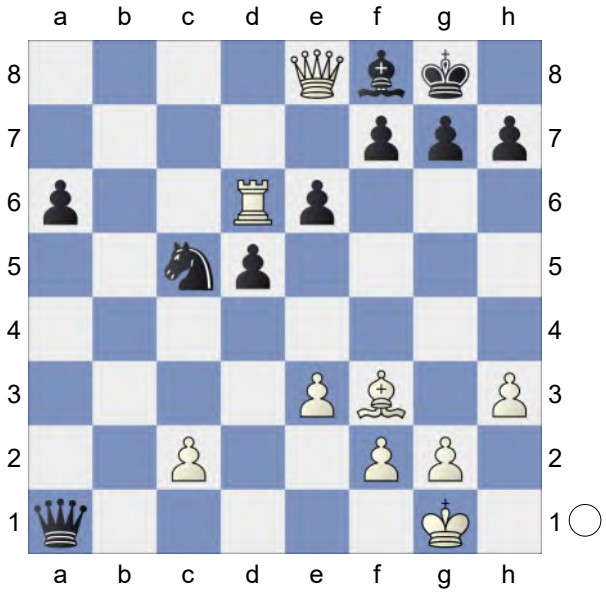


Nc5 0.28/28 **33.Qe8= a2 34.Rxd6 a1Q+**



35.Bd1! Qxd1+ 36.Kh2 Threatens to win with Rd8. **36...e5!**
[36...Qxc2? 37.Rd8 Nd7 38.Qxd7+-]
37.Rd8? -2.52/21
[37.Rc6= 0.19/25 and White is okay. Ne6 38.Rxe6 fxe6 39.Qxe6+ Kh8 40.Qf7]
37...Ne6-+ 38.Rd7 Qh5 39.Rxd5 Qf5 -1.66/23
[⌓39...Qe2 -3.54/25 White must now prevent ...Nc7. 40.Rxe5 Qxf2 41.Rxe6 fxe6 42.Qxe6+ Kh8 43.Qxa6 Qxe3]
40.f4 -2.12/22
[⌓40.Rd2 -1.66/23]
40...Nc7? -0.42/23
[40...Qxc2-+ -2.12/22 41.Rxe5 Qd3]
41.Qxe5 -1.62/22
[41.Rxe5∓ -0.42/23 Nxe8 42.Rxf5]
41...Qxe5 -0.85/21
[41...Qxc2-+ -1.62/22 42.Rd7 Ne6]
42.Rxe5∓ f6 43.Re4 a5 44.Rc4 -1.65/24
[44.Ra4∓ -0.75/21 was called for.]
44...Nd5-+ 45.e4 -2.61/22
[⌓45.c3 -1.63/21]
45...Nxf4 46.Rc8 Kf7 47.c3 Ne2 48.c4? -6.42/22
[48.Ra8 -3.76/23]
48...a4 Black is clearly winning. **49.c5 a3** Hoping for ...Nc1. **50.c6 Bd6+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.52/ Black=0.33
0-1

250 **D00**
□ **Erigaisi,Arjun Kumar** **2710**
■ **Navara,David** **2689**
Biel Blitz 56th (3) 22.07.2023
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.h4** Recently 7.Re1 got a lot of attention. 7.Te1 erhält neuerdings viel Aufmerksamkeit. Recently 7.Re1 got a lot of attention. 7.Te1 erhält neuerdings viel Aufmerksamkeit. **7...c5 8.c3** The position is equal. **8...Bd7 9.a4 Qb6**
[9...Ne4 10.h5 h6 11.Ne5 0-1 Hansen,V (2105)-Fontaine,R (2517) Dresden ZMD op 2004 (2) 0-1

Hansen,V (2105)-Fontaine,R (2517) Dresden ZMD op 2004 (2) Nb8 12.Bd3 a6 13.Na3 Nc6 14.Bxe4 And now Nxd7 would win. dxe4 15.Nxd7 Qxd7 16.dxc5]

10.Ne5 Be8 11.Bd3 c4N 12.Bc2 Bxb5 13.axb5 Qxb5 14.Qb1 h5 15.f3 White has compensation. **15...Nb8 16.g4 Nc6** 0.64/20

[16...Bd6!= 0.05/20]

17.g5↑ White fights for an advantage. **17...Ne8 18.Nd7 g6** 1.34/23 **19.Ba4** 0.84/22

[⌓19.Bxg6 1.34/23 fxg6 20.Qxg6+ Ng7 21.Nf6+ Bxf6 22.gxf6 Rxf6 23.Qxf6 Qxb2 24.0-0]

19...Qa6± 20.Rg1 White is much more active. **20...b5** 1.26/24 **21.Bc2 Qb7 22.Nxf8 Bxf8 23.e4?** -1.03/18

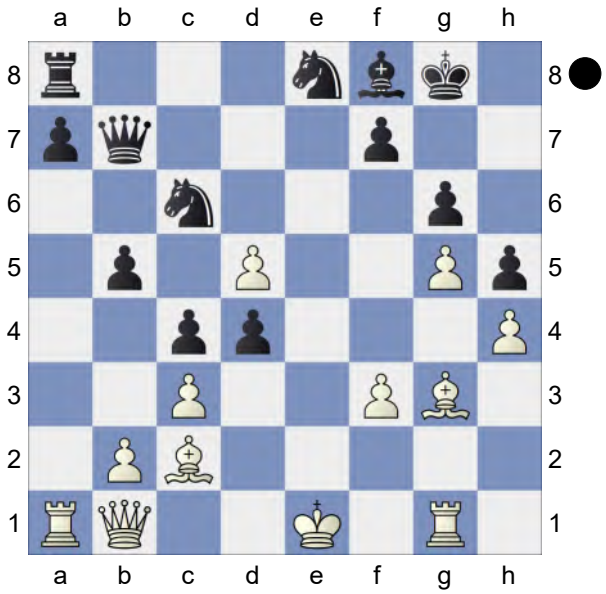
[23.Bxg6!± 0.82/19 is forced if you want to stay better. fxg6 24.Qxg6+ Ng7 25.Qh6]

23...e5∓ 24.Bg3 -2.55/18

[24.dxe5 d4 25.Rg2 *(25.e6 Ng7-+)* 25...Bc5]

[24.Bxe5∓ -0.90/19 Nxe5 25.dxe5]

24...exd4-+ 25.exd5



Ne7 -1.01/20

[25...d3!-+ -2.79/21 (→ ...Qe7+) 26.Bxd3 cxd3]

26.cxd4 Qxd5 27.Bf2 -1.79/22 Black converts the advantage convincingly.

[27.Be4∓ -0.60/21 Qxd4 28.Ke2]

27...Nd6

[27...Qxf3? 28.Be4 Qh3 29.Bxa8+-]

28.Be4 Qe6 29.Ra6 -2.28/23

[29.Kf1∓ -1.37/21 Nd5 30.Rh1]

29...Nd5 30.Kd1 -3.64/22

[30.Bg3 -2.26/22 was necessary.]

30...Rd8 -1.98/21

[⌓30...Rc8 -3.64/22 Threatens to win with ...c3. 31.Rxd6 Qxd6]

31.Bg3? -4.15/23

[31.Re1 -1.98/21]

31...c3 32.Bxd6 Bxd6

[32...Rxd6 33.Rxd6 Qxd6 *(33...Bxd6 34.Bxd5 Qxd5 35.Qd3∓)* 34.Bxd5 Qxd5 35.bxc3=]

33.Re1? -7.01/23

[33.Rc6 -3.08/22 c2+ 34.Rxc2]

33...Nb4? -1.52/21

[33...Rc8-+ -7.01/23 is more deadly. 34.Ke2 c2]

34.Ra3? -5.43/21

[34.Rxd6∓ -1.52/21 c2+ Zwischenzug *(34...Qxd6 35.bxc3 Nd5 36.Bxd5-+)* 35.Qxc2 Rxd6 *(35...Qxd6? 36.Qf2-+)* 36.Qc3]

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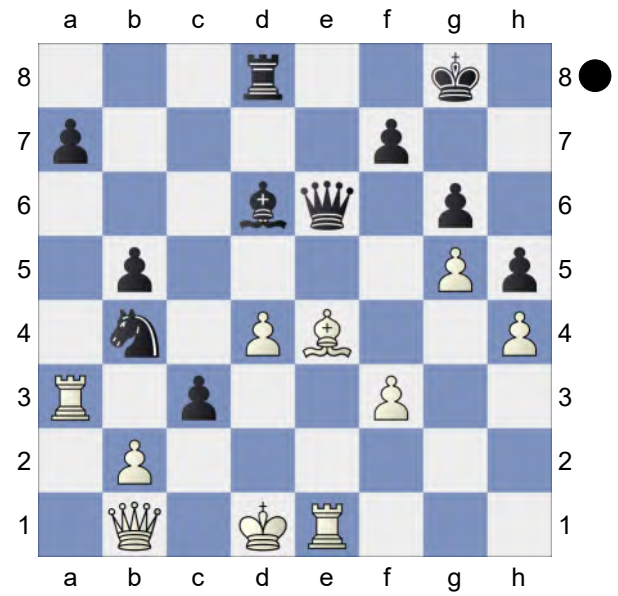
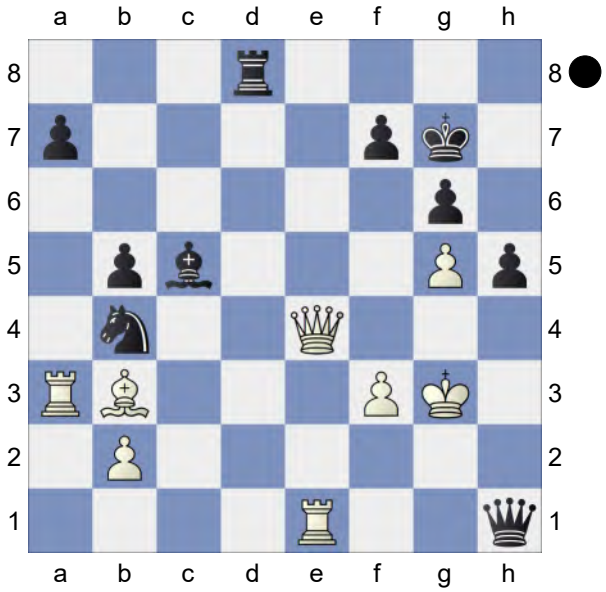


34...c2+! **35.Bxc2** **Qc4** **36.Bb3** -12.62/21
[⌓36.Rd3 -4.88/21 Nxd3 37.Bxd3 Qxd4 *(37...Qa4+? 38.Qc2-+)* 38.Re4 Qg1+ 39.Re1]
36...Qxd4+ **37.Ke2** Predecessor: Predecessor: **37...Kg7**
[37...Qxh4 38.Qxg6+ *(38.Rxa7 Qh2+ 39.Kf1 Qh3+ 40.Kf2 Qg3+ 41.Ke2 Qg2+ 42.Ke3 Bc5+ 43.Kf4 Qh2+ 44.Ke4 Rd4+ 45.Ke3 Rh4#)* 38...Kh8 39.Qf6+ *(39.Qxf7 Qh2+ 40.Kf1 Qh3+ 41.Ke2 Qg2+* Skewer, Double Attack *42.Ke3 Qxg5+ 43.Ke2 Bc5)* 39...Kh7 40.Qxf7+ *(40.Qxd8 Qh2+ 41.Kd1 Bc7+-)* 40...Kh8 41.Qf6+ Kh7 42.Qh6#]
38.Kf1 **Qxh4** -17.13/19
[⌓38...Bc5 -#10/20 39.Qxg6+ fxg6 *(39...Kxg6* gets mated. *40.Bxf7+* Remove Defender, Decoy *Kxf7 41.g6+ Kg7 42.Rae3 Nd5 43.Kf2 Qxh4+ 44.Kf1 Nxe3+ 45.Rxe3* Remove Defender *Bxe3 46.Kg2 Rd2+ 47.Kf1 Qh1#)* 40.Rxa7+ Kh8 *(40...Bxa7* is a self mate. *41.Re7+ Kh8 42.Rxa7 Nd3 43.Kg2 Qf2+ 44.Kh1 Nf4 45.Rh7+* Decoy *Kxh7 46.Bg8+ Rxg8 47.b4 Qg2#)* 41.Rh7+ Decoy Kxh7 42.Re7+ Bxe7 43.Kg2 Qxb2+ 44.Kh3 Qf2 *(44...Qxb3 45.Kg3 Qc2 46.Kh3 Qf2 47.f4 Rd3#)* 45.Be6 Qf1+ *(45...Qxf3+? 46.Kh2 Qf2+ 47.Kh3 Rd3#)* 46.Kh2 Bd6+ 47.f4 Bxf4#]
39.Qe4 **Qh1+**
[Not 39...Qxg5 40.Rxa7 Kh6 41.Rxf7=]
40.Kf2 **Bc5+** **41.Kg3**

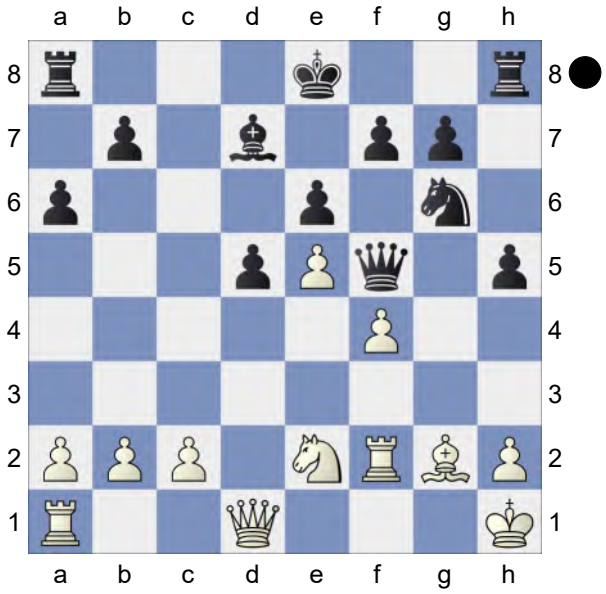


h4+! Weighted Error Value: White=1.10/ Black=0.76. Loss on time!?
1-0

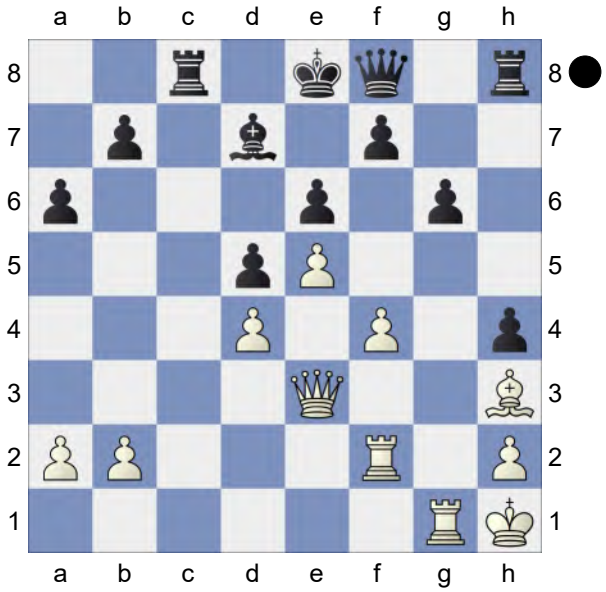
251 **D00**
□ **Dr Xstranger** **2710**
■ **Satunnainen** **2761**
Blitz 18.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+2sec B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4** **d5** **2.Nc3** **Nf6** **3.Bf4** **c5** **4.e3** **cxd4** **5.exd4** **a6** **6.Nf3** **Nc6** **7.Ne5** **Bd7** **8.g4** The position is equal.

8...e6 9.g5! Ng8 10.Bg2 -0.95/17
[Much worse is 10.Nxd7 Qxd7 11.Bh3 Qd8=]
[10.Nxc6± 0.34/19 stays ahead. Bxc6 11.Qd2]
10...Nxe5∓ 11.dxe5 Ne7 12.0-0 -1.68/20
[12.h4∓ -0.93/20]
12...Ng6-+ 13.Bg3 Qxg5 14.f4 Qf5 15.Ne2 Bc5+ 16.Kh1 -1.97/20
[16.Bf2 -1.63/17 is a better defense. Be7 17.c4]
16...h5 17.Bf2 -2.57/17
[⩲17.h3 -1.79/18]
17...Bxf2 18.Rxf2



Ne7? -0.20/20
[18...Nxe5!-+ -2.65/21 White must now prevent ...Qf6. 19.Nd4 *(19.Qd2 Qf6)* 19...Qf6]
19.Nd4= Qg6 20.Qd2 h4 21.Rg1 Hoping for Bxd5! **21...Qh6** 0.00/16
[21...Nf5∓ -0.39/18 deserves consideration. 22.Nxf5 *(22.Bh3? Ng3+ 23.Kg2 Ne2+ 24.Kf1 Qxg1+-+)* 22...Qxf5]
22.Bh3 -0.40/20
[22.Qb4= 0.00/16]
22...g6 23.c3 -0.67/18
[23.Qb4= -0.28/16]
23...Nc6 -0.25/17
[23...0-0-0∓ -0.67/18 is more appropriate.]
24.Qe3 -0.76/17
[24.Nb3!= -0.25/17 remains equal.]
24...Nxd4∓ 25.cxd4 Rc8 26.Qa3 Qf8 ...Qxa3 is the strong threat. **27.Qe3** -1.72/16
[27.Qb3∓ -0.55/18]



27...Qe7 -0.85/15
[27...Qb4!-+ -1.72/16 and Black stays clearly on top. 28.Rd2 Ba4]
28.Rc1 0-0 -0.45/21
[28...Rxc1+∓ -0.91/15 29.Qxc1 Qd8]
29.Rg1∓ Rc7 0.00/24
[Better is 29...Kh7!∓ -0.63/24]
30.f5= exf5 31.Qh6 Rfc8! 32.Rfg2 -0.38/21
[32.Bxf5= 0.00/23 Bxf5 33.Rxf5]
32...Rc6!∓ 33.Rg5! White threatens Rh5 and mate. **33...Rc1?** #5/20
[33...Qf8∓ -0.61/25 34.Qxh4 Rc1]

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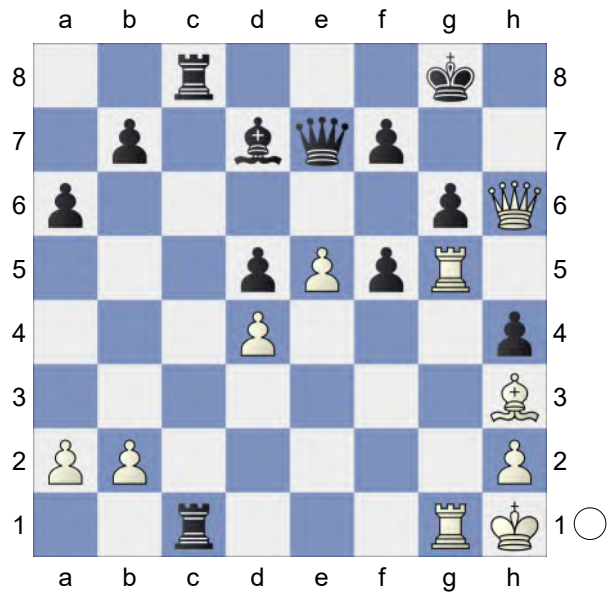
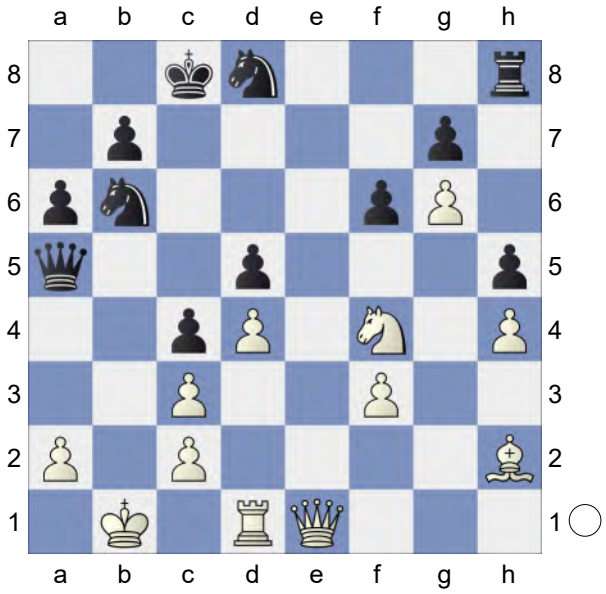


34.Rxg6+! D e m o l i t i o n **34...fxg6**
35.Qxg6+ What a bad dream for Black.
W e i g h t e d E r r o r V a l u e : White=0.25 (precise) /Black=0.47
1-0

252 **D00**
□ **Schmagendorfspieler** **2710**
■ **Occhess** **2845**
Blitz 31.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 Bf5 5.f3 e6 6.g4 Bg6 7.h4 Threatens to win with h5. **7...h5 8.g5** The position is equal. **8...Nfd7 9.Bd3! Bxd3 10.Qxd3 c5 11.g6 f6 12.0-0-0 Nc6 13.Nh3** -0.29/19
[White should try 13.Nge2± 0.44/17]
13...Qa5= 14.Kb1 0-0-0 0.27/18
[14...c4!∓ -0.31/20 15.Qd2 Bb4]
15.Bh2 c4! 16.Qd2 Bb4 17.Nf4 Rde8 0.22/20
[17...Nf8∓ -0.31/21]
18.e4 Nb6 19.exd5
[19.Nfe2 seems wilder. Na4 20.Rhg1 Nxc3+ 21.Nxc3 Kd7 22.Bf4]
19...exd5 20.Rhe1 -1.30/23
[20.Nfe2= 0.01/22]
20...Rxe1? 0.38/23
[20...Bxc3∓ -1.30/23 21.Qxc3 *(21.Rxe8+? Rxe8 22.Qxc3 Qxc3-+)* 21...Qxc3 22.bxc3 Na4]
21.Qxe1± Bxc3 22.bxc3 -2.19/22
[22.Qe6+= 0.28/22 and White is okay. Kd8 23.Qf7 *(23.bxc3 Re8=)*]
22...Nd8?? 3.12/22
[22...Qb5+ 23.Ka1 Nd7 24.Rb1+-]
[22...Na4!-+ -2.19/22 avoids the disaster. 23.Qe6+ Kb8 24.Ne2+ *(24.Nxd5+? Ka8-+)* 24...Ka8]



23.Qe7!+- Qb5+

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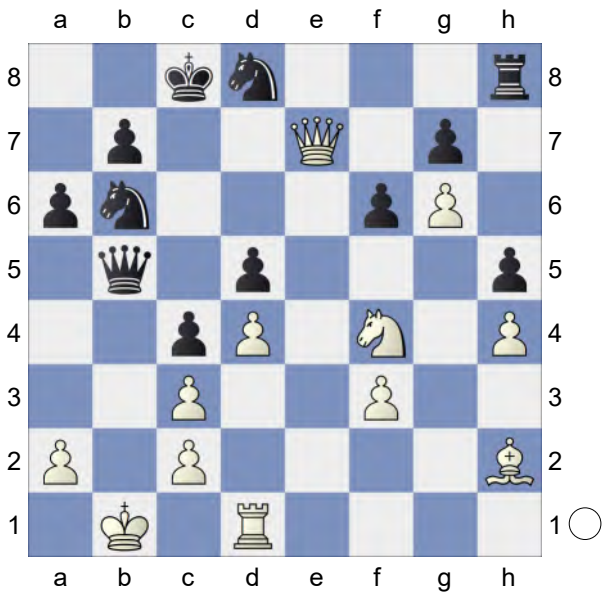

24.Ka1? 0.01/24
[Only move: 24.Kc1!+- 2.93/22]
24...Re8 0.51/22
[24...Na4!= 0.01/24 25.Rb1 *(25.Nd3 Qd7=)* 25...Re8 26.Nxd5 *(26.Rxb5 Rxe7 27.Rb1 Nxc3∓)* 26...Qxb1+ 27.Kxb1 Rxe7 28.Nxe7+ Kd7]
25.Qa3 Ne6? 4.97/25 Black is now going downhill.
[25...Na4!= 0.22/20 and Black stays safe.]
26.Rb1 Qc6 27.Nxh5 1.61/20
[⌓27.Nxe6 3.96/23 Qxe6 28.Qc5+ Qc6 29.Qxc6+ bxc6 30.Rxb6]
27...Rh8 2.66/21
[27...Kd7 1.61/20 was called for. 28.Ng3 Qa4]
28.Nf4 Nxf4 3.86/24
[28...Kd7 1.93/20 keeps fighting. 29.Nxe6 *(29.Re1 Re8+-)* 29...Kxe6]
29.Bxf4 Nd7? 6.96/22
[29...Kd7 3.17/22 30.h5 *(30.Re1 Nc8+-)* 30...Rg8]
30.Qe7 White is clearly winning. **30...b5**
31.Re1 Rxh4

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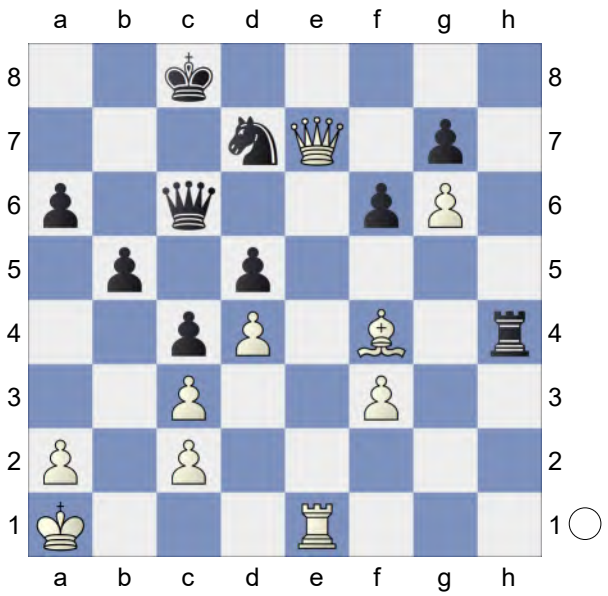


32.Re6! Qxe6 33.Qxe6 Threatening mate with Qe8+. **33...Rxf4** Endgame KQ-KRN **34.Qg8+ Kc7 35.Qxg7 Rxf3 36.Qf7 b4 37.cxb4 c3 38.a4 Rf1+ 39.Ka2 Rc1 40.Kb3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.71/Black=0.86
1-0

253 **D00**
□ **Jobava,Baadur** **2710**
■ **Zhao,Xue** **2567**
Tata Steel Challengers (3.7) 13.01.2014
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 g6 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* 1-0 Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 2013*; 5.f4 Qa5 6.Bd2 Qb4 7.Qe2 Qxb2 8.Rb1 Qa3 9.e5 dxe5 10.fxe5 Nfd7 11.e6 fxe6 12.dxe6 Nf6 13.Nb5*

Qxa2 14.Nc7+ Kd8 15.Rd1 Nc6 16.Bf4+ Nd4 17.Nxa8 Qxe6 18.Qxe6 Bxe6 19.c3 Bg4 1-0 Genovese,A (2106)-Burk,E (1200) Germany senior ch-5 final 9901 1999*)* 5...Bg7 6.Bc4 *(6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.a4 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nbd7 11.Re1 a6 12.Bf1 e5 13.a5 Ne8 14.Bd3 Qh4 15.Qg4 Qxg4 16.hxg4 Rc8 17.b3 Nef6 18.g5 Ne8 19.g3 f6 20.Kg2 fxg5* 0-1 7.♗c4 ♕a5 8. ♕ d2 e6_6062 (2345)-Jovic,A (2383) Gonfreville op 1979 (3.76)*)* 6...0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 1-0 Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) V0048 www.desc-online.de 2000 (7) gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8 21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9)]

3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 Preparing the advance c7-c5 with a preliminary ...a6 seems to be the most precise way for Black. **5.Nf3 c5 6.a3**

[6.dxc5 Bxc5 7.Bd3 Nc6 8.0-0 Bb4!? 9.Qd2 0-0 10.a3 Bd6= Kovalev,V-Lutsko,I/Minsk BLR 2014]

6...Nc6 7.h3

[7.Bd3 gives the possibility to play with tempo

A) 7...Bd6 0.17/19 7...c5-c4 -0.38 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.0-0 Bd6 10.Bxd6 leads to an equal position. *(10.Re1!?* is more interesting*)* 10...Qxd6 11.e4 d4 12.Ne2 e5= Rapport,R-Vitiugov,N/Caleta ENG 2014;

B) 7...c4!? 8.Be2 b5 9.0-0 Bd6 10.Ne5 Bb7= Stefanova,A-Kosintseva,T/Blitz /Khanty-Mansiysk RUS 2014]

7...b5 8.dxc5 The position is equal. **8...Bxc5 9.Bd3 Bb7 10.0-0 Bd6 11.Re1 0-0 12.Bxd6 Qxd6 13.e4 dxe4 14.Nxe4 Nxe4 15.Bxe4 Qe7 16.Qd2 Rfd8 17.Qf4 Na5=** Both sides' chances are equal. **18.Bd3** -0.21/19

[18.a4 0.26/18 deserves consideration.]

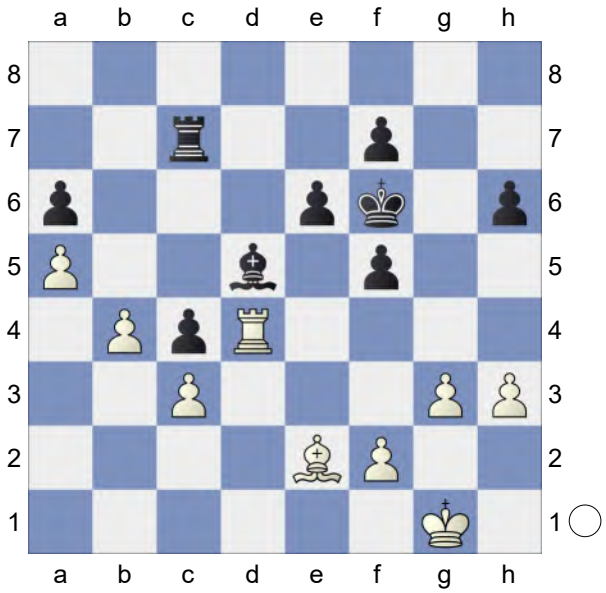
18...Qf6 19.Qxf6 gxf6 20.Nd2 Rac8 21.b4 Nc4 22.Nxc4 bxc4 23.Bf1 Rd2 24.c3 Bd5 0.72/23

[24...Rb2= -0.01/22]

25.Re2± Rxe2 26.Bxe2 Endgame KRB-KRB **26...Kf8 27.Rd1 f5 28.Rd4 Kg7 29.a4 Kf6** 1.47/22

[⌓29...a5 1.00/25]

30.a5 h6 31.g3 Rc7



32.Kf1! Rc8 33.Ke1 Rc7 34.Kd2 Rc8 2.20/24

[⌓34...Kg7 1.80/23 35.Ke3 Rc6]

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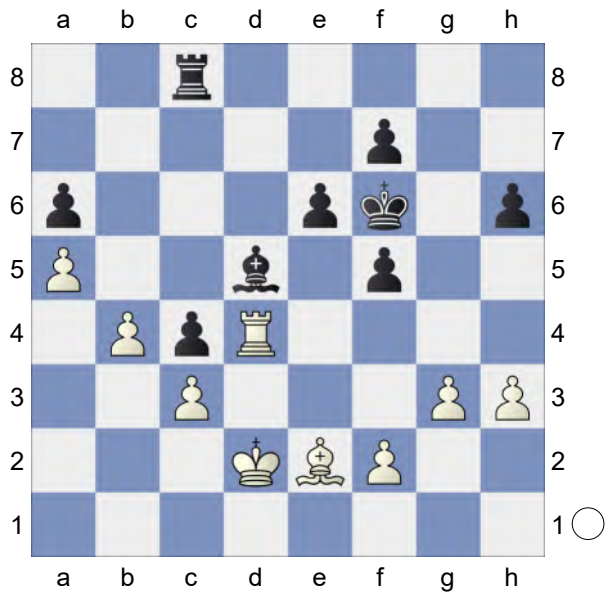

35.Ke3!+- Rc7 36.Bf3 Bxf3 37.Kxf3 KR-KR **37...Rc6 38.Rd7 h5?** 3.53/24
[38...e5 1.85/22 is a better defense. 39.Ke2 Ke6]
39.Ke2 e5? 4.64/23
[39...Kg7 2.67/21 40.Rb7 Rd6]
40.Rb7 Ke6 41.h4 and Rb7-b6 should not be overlooked **41...Rd6** 7.12/20
[41...f4 3.54/22 42.Rb6 Rxb6 43.axb6 fxg3 44.fxg3 Kd7]
42.Rb6 Kd5 43.Rxd6+ Kxd6 KP-KP. This move loses the game for Black. **44.f3** White is clearly winning.
44...e4 45.Ke3 Kd5 46.Kf4 f6 47.Ke3
[47.Kxf5 exf3 48.g4 f2 49.Kxf6 f1Q+ *(49...f1R+? 50.Kg5-+)* 50.Ke7 Qe2+ *(50...hxg4* is a self mate. *51.b5 Qf5 52.b6 Qg6 53.b7 Qg7+ 54.Kd8 Qxb7 55.Ke8 Ke6 56.h5 Qe7#)* 51.Kf7 Qxg4 52.Kf6 Qf3+ *(52...Qxh4+ 53.Kf7 Ke5 54.Kg7 Qf6+ 55.Kh7 Qf7+ 56.Kh6 Kf6 57.b5 Qg6#)* 53.Kg6 Ke6 *(53...Qxc3 54.Kg5 Qe5+ 55.Kg6 Ke6 56.b5 Qg3+ 57.Kh7 Kf6 58.bxa6 Qg7#)* 54.Kh6 Qf6+ *(54...Qxc3 55.Kg6 Qf6+ 56.Kxh5 Kf5 57.b5 Qh8#)* 55.Kxh5 Kf5 56.b5 Qh8#]
47...exf3 48.Kxf3 Kd6 49.Kf4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.59
1-0

254 **B13**
□ **Erigaisi,Arjun Kumar** **2710**
■ **Amin,Bassem** **2694**
Biel Blitz 56th (1) 22.07.2023
[Kitty Kat]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Ne5 Bd7 8.g4** The position is equal. **8...e6 9.g5** is the new trend. ist der neue Trend.
9...Ng8 10.Nxc6 Bxc6 11.Qf3
[11.h4 Bd6 12.Qd2 Ne7 13.Bd3 Qc7 14.Ne2 Bxf4 15.Qxf4 Qxf4 16.Nxf4 Kd7 17.Kd2]
11...Bd6 12.0-0-0 -0.33/21
[12.h4= 0.26/20]
12...Ne7 0.55/21
[Black should try 12...h6∓ -0.33/21]
13.Bd3± Qc7 0.94/22
[13...Bxf4+= 0.30/21 14.Qxf4 Qb8]
14.Bxd6± Qxd6 15.h4N g6 1.22/20
[15...0-0± 0.67/20]
16.Rde1 0.81/22
[⌓16.h5 1.22/20]
16...Rf8 17.h5 White has more active pieces. **17...0-0-0 18.Kb1 Nf5 19.Bxf5 exf5 20.hxg6 hxg6 21.a3 Rde8**

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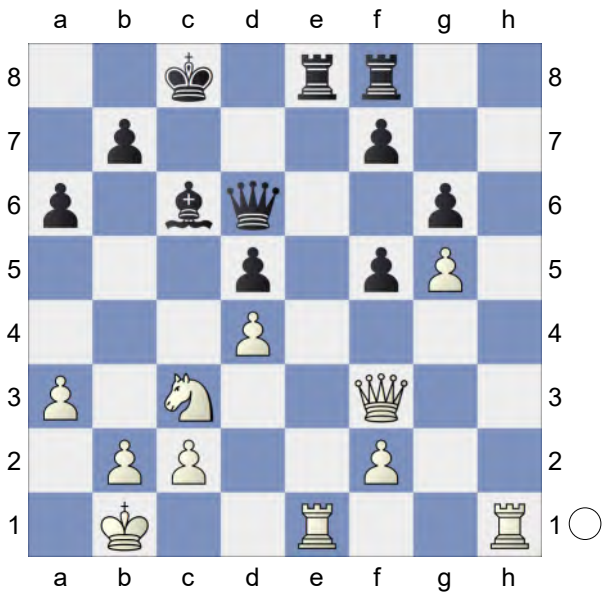

22.Rxe8+! Rxe8 23.Rh7 Re7 Black is weak on the dark squares **24.Kc1** 0.01/26
[Better is 24.Rh6± 1.08/22]
24...Kb8 0.47/23
[24...f6!= 0.01/26 25.Rxe7 Qxe7]
25.Kd2 Ka7 26.Qg3 Qd8 27.Qf4 Qe8 28.Rh3 Re6 1.15/23
[⌓28...Qf8 0.74/23]
29.Re3 Rxe3 30.Qxe3 Endgame. KQB-KQN **30...Qh8 31.b3 Qf8 32.a4 Qd8 33.Ne2 Qa5+** 1.67/25
[33...Ka8± 1.22/22 was called for. 34.Kc3 Qa5+ 35.Kb2 Qe1]
34.Kd1+- Qd8 Dodges Qe3-e7 **35.Kc1** 1.28/23
[White should play 35.Nc1+- 1.70/24]
35...Qa5 1.81/25
[35...f6± 1.28/23]

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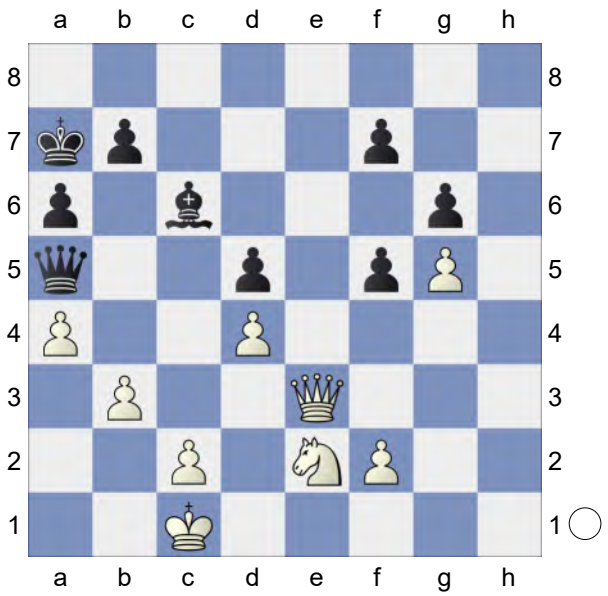

36.Nf4! Qd8 37.Nd3 Bd7 38.f4 Be6 2.21/25
[38...Be8 1.62/27 is a better defense. 39.Qe1 a5]
39.Nc5 Bc8 1.88/26
[39...Bd7± 1.50/26 40.Kb2 Ka8]
40.Qe5 b6 41.Nd3 Hoping for Qe5-g7. **41...Be6 42.a5** Deflection **42...bxa5 43.Nc5** 1.14/26
[⌓43.Kb2 1.56/25]
43...Qb6 2.07/27
[43...Bc8± 1.14/26 was necessary. 44.Nd3 Bb7]
44.Kb2 Qc6 45.Nxe6 fxe6 5.99/25 KQ-KQ
[45...Qxe6 1.86/25 is tougher. 46.Qc7+ Ka8 47.Qxa5 Kb7]
46.Qg7+ Kb6 47.Qxg6 a4 48.Qg8 Strongly threatening Qg8-b8+. **48...a3+** Predecessor: **49.Kxa3** Qg8-b8+ would now be deadly. **49...Qxc2 50.Qb8+ Ka5** ½-½ Dinh,N (2359)-Banh,G (2362) VIE-ch U13 Hanoi 2022 (8) **51.b4#** Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.62. An unexpected result.
½-½

255 **D00**
□ **Jobava,Baadur** **2708**
■ **Shalamberidze,Akaki** **2406**
Georgian Team Championship (1.3)
[Richard Palliser]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 Nf6 3.Nc3** Yet another route into the Jobava-Prie Attack. **3...e6** A solid approach. Of the wide range of alternatives, two combative ones caught the eye of late:

[a) Regular readers will know that I find 3...c5 quite critical and there have been a couple of recent tests of 4.e3 a6 *(4...cxd4 5.exd4 a6* is safer *)* 5.dxc5! , which continues to look like it should favour White, although Nc6 *(*or *5...Qa5!?* , which is tricky some time ago Eric pointed out that *6.Bxb8?! Rxb8 7.Qd4* is not the way to go, but White wasn't listening in Bentivegna-Gundavaa, Sliema 2014, and landed up worse after *e6 8.b4 Qc7 9.Nf3 b6! 10.cxb6 Rxb6 11.Rb1 Bd6 12.b5 0-0)* 6.Nf3 *(6.a3!* is probably more effective - see Nakamura-Fressinet, Dubai (rapid) 2014, in the Archive *)* 6...Bg4 7.h3 Bxf3 8.Qxf3 e6 *(8...e5? 9.Bg5* leaves d5 under huge pressure*)* 9.0-0-0 Qa5 10.Bd6 Bxd6 11.cxd6 Rc8 12.Bd3 0-0 13.Kb1 Rfd8 gave Black sufficient counterplay in Vaisser-Raznikov, Douglas 2014.]

[b) 3...g6!? 4.Qd2 Bg7 5.Bh6 0-0 6.Bxg7 Kxg7 7.e3 *(* an attempt to be solid before committing the king earlier this year we looked at Cabrera-Dvirnyy, Catalan League 2014, where *7.0-0-0 c5 8.dxc5 Qa5 9.Nxd5 Qxa2 10.Qc3* was rather unclear, but surely not better for White*)* 7...c5 8.dxc5 (the point of White's play) e5!? *(8...Qa5* also seems fine, and if *9.Ne4 Qxd2+ 10.Nxd2 a5! 11.c3 a4* , playing against b2-b4 before targeting c5*)* 9.0-0-0 Qa5 10.f4 exf4 11.exf4 Rd8 12.Nf3 Bg4 13.Be2 Bxf3 *(* once again I'm not sure there was anything wrong with the simple option, *13...Nc6)* 14.Bxf3 d4!? plunged the board into chaos in Winants-Edouard, Belgian League 2014.]

4.e3 Bb4 5.Bd3 c5 As an aggressive set-up as Black can muster after his third move, but once again White can flick in a little capture. **6.dxc5! Nbd7**

[Hardly terrible, but now White can overprotect c3. As I've mentioned before, 6...Bxc3+!? 7.bxc3 Qa5 is surely critical and it would be interesting to know what Jobava has in mind here. White can go 8.Bd6 , but after Nbd7 9.Ne2 Nxc5 10.f3 -0.19/19 *(10.0-0* 0.17/19 *)* 10...Qb6 Black must be OK.]

7.Nge2 Nxc5

[Three days earlier Jobava had faced 7...0-0 in the Tseshkovsky Memorial and after 8.Bd6 Re8 9.Bb5 a6 0.30/20 *(9...Ne4* -0.17/19 *)* 10.Bxd7= Nxd7 11.Qd4 Qa5 12.0-0-0!? -0.23/20 *(12.a3* 0.13/19 *Bxc5 13.Bxc5 Qxc5 14.0-0-0)* 12...Bxc5?! 0.27/20 *(12...b6!* would have been somewhat more challenging*;* ⌓*12...b6* -0.23/20 *)* 13.Bxc5= Qxc5 0.84/19 *(13...Nxc5±* 0.38/20 *14.Ng3 e5 15.Qxd5 Be6)* 14.e4!± Qxd4 15.Nxd4 0.65/19 *(15.Rxd4±* 1.04/20 *dxe4 16.Nxe4)* 15...dxe4± 16.Nxe4 had a very pleasant pull in Jobava-Korneev, Sochi 2014.]

8.a3 The position is equal. **8...Nxd3+ 9.Qxd3 Ba5**

[A new move I believe, but not one that dents the notion that White is slightly for choice. Previously, 9...Bd6 10.0-0-0 Bxf4 11.Nxf4 Threatens to win with e3-e4. Bd7 had been seen in Kopecek-Kubicek, Brno 2011. Now White might go

A) but that thematic Jobava move, 12.Qd4 , also springs to mind, and if 0-0 13.Nd3 Rc8 0.31/18 *(13...Qc7=* -0.08/17 deserves consideration.*)* 14.Ne5 with a central clamp and looming kingside attack.;

B) 12.f3 followed by advancing the kingside,]

10.0-0-0 0-0

[I also wondered about delaying castling with 10...Bd7 11.e4 Bc6?! 1.01/18 , but after *(11...0-0±* 0.65/20 *)* 12.e5± Nd7 13.Qg3! the position is starting to look like a rather good French for White.]

11.Bg5 Black might have the bishop-pair, but it's White's lone bishop which is the most powerful prelate for the time being. **11...h6**

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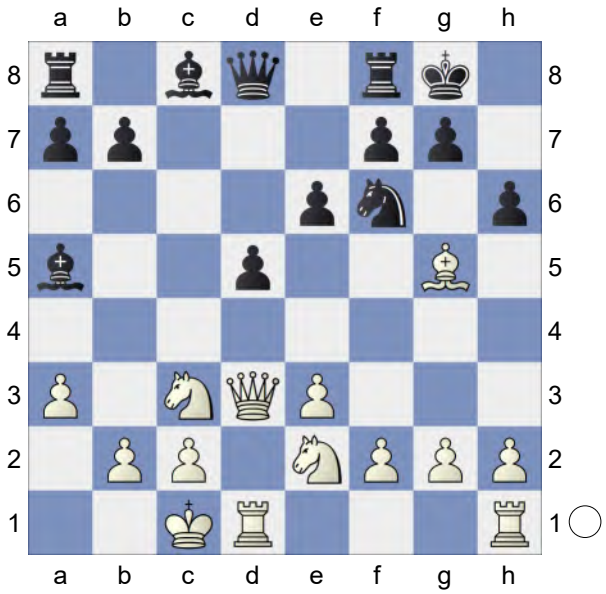


12.h4 0.01/19 One doesn't need to have the attacking prowess of Jobava to make such an advance, and already the Georgian star must have been delighted with how well his pet opening had once again turned out. **12...Bd7**

[12...hxg5? 1.91/20 12...Bc8-d7 -0.01 13.hxg5 would, of course, just be a massacre due to the pin on the d-file in the event of Ne4? 4.43/19 *(13...g6±* 1.49/19 *)* 14.Nxe4 ,]

[while the seemingly prudent 12...Re8? 1.67/19 12...b7-b5 -0.01 would also have been a major error in view of the fork 13.Bxf6! Qxf6 14.Qb5 , and if. Inhibits Ba5-b6. Qd8 15.Nxd5! .]

[12...hxg5 13.hxg5 Re8 14.gxf6 Qxf6 15.Qh7+ Kf8 16.Kb1+-]

13.g4 Here comes the main wave of the attack. Matters look grim for Shalamberidze, but Black need not panic just yet. **13...Bc6**

[13...hxg5? 14.hxg5 Re8 *(14...Nxg4 15.Qh7#; 14...Bxc3? 15.Nxc3 Re8 16.gxf6+-)* 15.gxf6 Qxf6 16.Rh3+-]

[13...Rc8!?]

14.Rh3 e5? 2.02/20

[Allowing White to add power to the pin down the h4-d8 diagonal was not wise. Black would have been better off with something like 14...Rc8 0.73/21 14...a7-a6 0.29 , although after 15.f4! 0.34/20 *(15.Bxf6* 0.21/19 15.Rd1-g1 0.61 *Qxf6 16.g5! Qg6!* isn't so clear*; 15.Rg1!±* 0.73/21 *)*

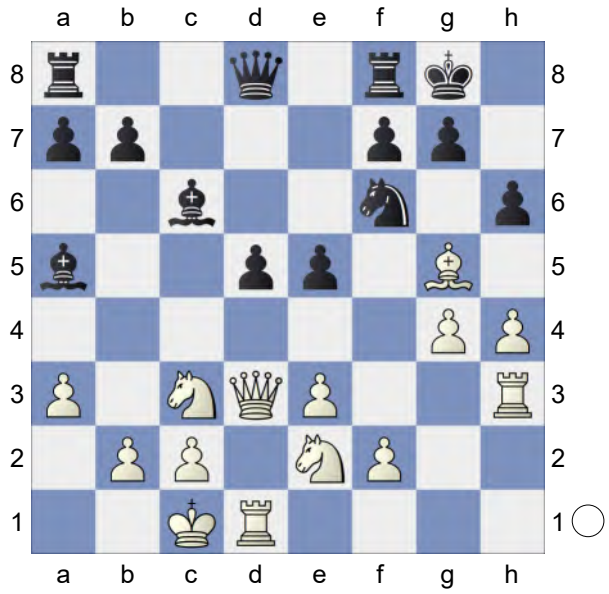
A) 15...hxg5?? 3.33/18 15...Rf8-e8 0.21 16.hxg5 Ne4? #4/10 *(16...Bxc3+-* 3.11/18 *17.Nxc3 Re8 18.gxf6 Qxf6)* 17.Rdh1 mates;

B) 15...Bb6± 0.34/20;

C) 15...Qe7 1.02/19 16.Kb1 White would have retained a pleasant edge, if still with a major decision to make over how best to effect a breakthrough.]

[14...hxg5? 15.hxg5 g6 *(15...Nxg4 16.Qh7#)* 16.Rdh1+- *(16.gxf6 Qxf6 17.Rdh1 Qg7)*]

[14...Re8± 0.33/21]



Black cannot hold the game after this.

15.Qf5!+- Re8

[Black isn't helped by the position of his a5-bishop in the case of 15...Bd7 2.61/21 15...d5-d4 1.67 16.Bxf6 Bxf5 17.Bxd8 Bxg4 18.Bxa5 Bxh3 19.Nxd5 ,]

[and 15...Bxc3 16.Nxc3 Qc8 3.13/23 *(16...Rc8* 2.09/20 might work better.*)* 17.Qxc8 Raxc8 18.Bxf6 gxf6 19.Nxd5 looks rather strong too.]

[15...hxg5 16.hxg5 Re8 17.gxf6 gxf6 18.Ne4+-]

[15...Bxc3 16.Nxc3]

16.Bxf6 Remove Defender, Deflection

16...Qxf6 17.Qxf6

[17.Nxd5 Qxf5 18.gxf5 Rad8∓]

17...gxf6 18.Nxd5 Bagging an important pawn. Meanwhile Black's bishops continue to fail to impress, in contrast to the holes in his kingside. **18...Re6 19.Ng3 Rd8 20.e4 Kf8 21.Nf5** Jobava is in complete control and only requires a few more moves to wrap things up. White is clearly winning. **21...Bb6 22.Nxb6** Excellent horsemanship. **22...Rxd1+ 23.Kxd1 axb6 24.Rd3**

[24.Nxh6 Bxe4 25.Nf5 Rc6+-]

24...h5 25.Rd8+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.39

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256 **D00**

□ **Jobava,Baadur** **2708**

■ **Korneev,O** **2581**

Tseshkovsky Mem 2014 (8.1) 24.09.2014

[Jimmy Liew]

1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.e3 Bb4 This is a logical continuation. Black pins the knight thus avoiding Nb5 ideas. **5.Bd3 c5** Black should play this move immediately.

[Instead, 5...0-0 6.Nge2 c5 runs into 7.a3 , forcing Black to give up his bishop for the knight.]

6.dxc5! QUESTION: Shouldn't White play 6 a3, virtually forcing 6...Bxc3+ as 6...Ba5 loses the pawn on c5?

[ANSWER: After 6.a3?! Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 Qa5 8.Qd2 c4 9.Be2 Ne4 Black wins the pawn on c3.]

6...Nbd7 QUESTION: Now why does Black not play 6...Bxc3+, wrecking the white pawns on the queenside?

[ANSWER: The dark-squared bishop is a very important piece here. Quite simply, Black will badly weaken his dark squares if he gives up the bishop. After 6...Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 Qa5 8.Bd6 Qxc3+ 9.Kf1 Nbd7 10.Rb1 an original position is reached. White has the pair of bishops, but his king has forfeited castling rights. This is not so bad, though, as he can tuck his king on h2 with moves like Ne2, h3, Kg1 and Kh2. From Black's point of view, he has the better pawn structure, but after a6 *(*not *10...Nxc5 11.Ne2 Qa3 12.Rb3 Qa5 13.Rb5* and a piece is lost*)* 11.Ne2 Qa5 (now Black is ready to take on c5 and White has to find a way to prevent this) 12.Qe1 Qxe1+ *(* alternatively, *12...Qxa2 13.Nc3 Qa5 14.Ra1 Qb4 15.Ra4 Qb2 16.Nb5 Kd8 17.c6 bxc6 18.Qa5+ Ke8 19.Nc7+ Kd8 20.Nxe6+ Ke8 21.Qd8#)* 13.Kxe1 White holds the advantage with his bishops and pressure down the b-file.]

7.Nge2 Now that the bishop is in no danger of being trapped, White secures his knight on c3. **7...0-0**

[Another game saw 7...Nxc5 8.a3 Nxd3+ 9.Qxd3 Bd6 *(9...Be7 10.Nb5 0-0 11.Nc7 Rb8 12.Nxd5* wins material for White*)* 10.0-0-0 Bxf4 11.Nxf4 Bd7 12.e4 Qc7 13.Qg3 Rc8 14.exd5 Ne4 . After . After 15.dxe6! Nxg3? *(* the best chance for Black was *15...Bxe6 16.Nxe6 Qxg3 17.hxg3 Nxc3 18.Nxg7+ Kf8 19.Ne6+ fxe6 20.bxc3 Ke7 21.Kb2* with a double-rook ending a pawn down *)* 16.exd7+ Kd8 17.hxg3 (the pawn on d7 is worth a rook) Rb8 18.Rhe1 *(18.Ne4* with the threats of Ng5 and Nd6 is also winning*)* 18...Qc5 19.Ne4 Qc4 20.Nd6 Qa2 21.Nxf7+ Kc7 22.Nd5+ Black had to resign in I. Kopecek-P.Kubicek, Brno 2011.]

8.Bd6 Re8 9.Bb5 a6

[Instead, if 9...Ne4 10.Qd4 Qa5 11.Bxd7 Bxd7 12.a3 Bxc3+ 13.Nxc3 Nxc3 *(*or *13...Nxd6 14.cxd6 Qa6 15.e4 Qxd6 16.0-0-0 Bc6 17.exd5 exd5* when White has the advantage because he has the better minor piece and also because of Black's IQP*)* 14.b4 Qa6 15.Qxc3 , which sees White retain the extra pawn and have slightly the better bishop. At the moment castling is not possible, but with the position being closed, he can just play f2-f3 and Kf2 when his king remains safe.]

10.Bxd7 Nxd7 11.Qd4 Qa5 12.0-0-0!? QUESTION: This is a rather surprising choice, putting the king on the queenside. This looks quite risky? ANSWER: The queenside is not the safest place for the white king, but Jobava is already anticipating the coming ending and queenside castling ensures that the rook goes to the d-file in one move which is very useful, as we will see later on. The problem is that Black is not forced to go into an ending. Keeping as many pieces as possible on the board favours him as the white king will, indeed, be uneasy on the queenside. QUESTION:

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[Instead, Black had the strong 12...b6! 13.Qf4 *(or 13.Bc7 Bxc5 14.Qa4 Qxa4 15.Nxa4 Ra7 16.Nxc5 Rxc7 17.Nxd7 Bxd7* and Black has some initiative*)* 13...Bxc5 14.a3 h6 *(*better than *14...e5 15.Bxc5 exf4 16.Bb4 Qxb4 17.axb4 fxe3 18.fxe3 Rxe3 19.Nf4 Bb7 20.Nfxd5 Re5 21.Nc7 Rd8 22.Rd2 Bc8 23.Rhd1* when White has pressure on the d-file *)* 15.Nd4 Bxd6 16.Qxd6 Qc5 17.Qg3 Bb7 18.Nb3 Qe7 and the position favours Black who has the open c-file.]

13.Bxc5 Qxc5 14.e4 White wastes no time and goes for the thematic e2-e4 break. **14...Qxd4 15.Nxd4 dxe4 16.Nxe4 Nf6** Black cannot waste time; he must complete his development even at the cost of weakening his pawn structure. **17.Nxf6+ gxf6** White has the edge in this ending as he controls the important d-file and because most of Black's pawns are on the same colour as his bishop. **18.Ne2 e5 19.Nc3 Be6 20.Nd5** This forces the exchange of minor pieces. White foresees that he will take control of the open d-file. **20...Bxd5 21.Rxd5 Kg7**

[Allowing exchanges only favours White: 21...Rad8 22.Rhd1 Rxd5 23.Rxd5 Re7 24.Kd2 Kg7 25.c4 f5 26.Rd6 and White pushes his queenside majority as in the game.]

22.Rhd1 Re6 23.Rd7 b5 24.R1d6 After the exchange of a pair of rooks, the white king will penetrate the queenside and win. Jobava shows good technique from this point on. **24...Rae8 25.Kd2 f5 26.b3 f4 27.g3 fxg3 28.hxg3 b4 29.c3 bxc3+ 30.Kxc3 h5 31.b4 e4 32.a4 e3 33.fxe3**

[White should really exchange rooks first to make things simple: 33.Rxe6 Rxe6 34.fxe3 Rxe3+ 35.Rd3 .]

33...Rxe3+ 34.Rd3 Rxd3+ 35.Rxd3 Re6 36.b5 axb5 37.axb5 Re4 38.b6 Re6 39.b7 Rb6 40.Rd7 Rb1

[There is a neat trick after 40...Kg6 41.Rd6+ and wins.]

41.Kc4 Kg6 42.Kc5 Kg5 43.Rxf7 Kg4 44.Rf4+ Kxg3 45.Rb4

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257 **A45**

□ **Forlan** **2708**

■ **Rexecutioner** **2589**

Blitz 18.08.2019

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min A45: Trompowsky Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4**

[2.a3 g6 3.Bf4 d6 4.e3 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 b6 7.0-0 Bb7 8.h3 Nbd7 9.c4 Ne4 10.Bh2 e5 11.d5 a5 12.b3 f5 13.Nfd2 Ndc5 14.Nxe4 Nxe4 15.Ra2 Bc8 16.f3 Nc5 Carlsen,M (2850)-Fressinet,L (2702) Berlin 2015 CBM 168 Extra [Schulz,

Andre] 1-0 (44)]

2...c5 3.e3N

[3.d5 g6 4.Nc3 d6 5.e4 Bg7 6.Nf3 0-0

A) 7.a4 Na6 *(7...Bg4 8.Be2 Nbd7 9.0-0 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Ne5 11.Be2* 3 Benoni Setups-3...d6 Variation *)* 8.Be2 Nc7 9.0-0 Bg4 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Nd7 12.Qd2 a6 13.Be2 Rb8 14.a5 b5 15.axb6 Rxb6 16.Nd1 #2 13) Benoni and Benko Defense-3...d6 with 4...g6;

B) 7.Be2 b5 8.Bxb5 Nxe4 9.Nxe4 Qa5+ 10.Nc3 Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 Qxb5 Barsov-Garcia Castro Mondariz 2007]

3...Qb6 4.Nc3 Qxb2 5.Nb5 Nd5 6.Rb1 Qxa2 7.Ra1 Qb2 8.Rb1 The position is equal. **8...Qa2 9.dxc5** -0.87/22

[9.Ra1= 0.00/23 remains equal. Qb2 10.Rb1 Qa2]

9...Nxf4∓ 10.Nc7+ -0.38/5

[10.exf4∓ -0.72/22 Na6 11.Nf3]

10...Kd8∓ 11.Nxa8 Nd5 aiming for ...e6. **12.Ra1 Qb2 13.Qd4** -3.53/21

[13.Rxa7 -1.78/19 might work better. e6 14.Nb6 Bxc5 15.Nxd5 Bxa7 16.Nf4]

13...Qxd4? 0.00/24

[13...Qxc2 14.Bd3 Qb3 15.Rb1=]

[13...Nc3-+ -3.53/21 14.Kd2 Qxa1 15.Qxc3 Qxc3+ 16.Kxc3 e5]

14.exd4= Hoping for Nf3. **14...e5! 15.Rxa7** -1.12/24

[15.Bc4= 0.00/24 Nb4 16.Nf3]

15...exd4 -0.76/19

[⌓15...Nc6! -1.12/24 16.Ra2 Nc3]

16.Nb6∓ Bxc5 17.Nxc8 Kxc8 18.Ra8 Bb4+ 19.Kd1 -1.56/23

[⌓19.Ke2 -0.85/24]

19...Nc3+ 20.Kc1 Re8 (→ ...Re1+) **21.Nf3** Against Re1+ **21...Ne4?** -0.05/22

[21...b5!-+ -1.72/20]

22.Bc4=

[22.Nxd4? Nxf2 23.Rg1 Re1+ 24.Kb2 Nd1+ 25.Kb3 Bc5-+]

22...Nxf2 23.Rf1

[Resist 23.Bxf7 Re2 24.Bc4 *(24.Nxd4? Re7-+)* 24...d3 25.Bxd3 Nxd3+ 26.cxd3 Rxg2]

23...Ng4 White must now prevent ...Ne3.

24.Bxf7 -0.34/21

[24.Rd1= 0.00/22 is superior.]

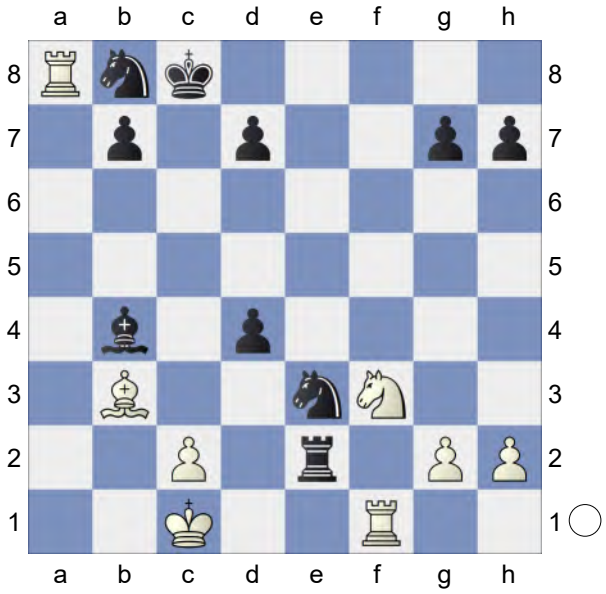
24...Re2 0.42/21

[24...Re4!∓ -0.34/21]

25.Bb3 0.00/24

[25.Nxd4± 0.42/21 Rxg2 26.Rf5]

25...Ne3



26.Nxd4! Rxg2 27.Rf7 -2.76/20

[27.Rh1!= 0.00/21]

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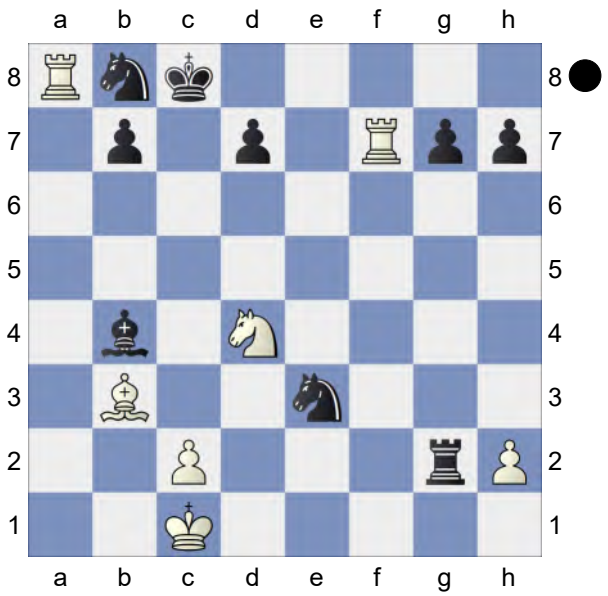
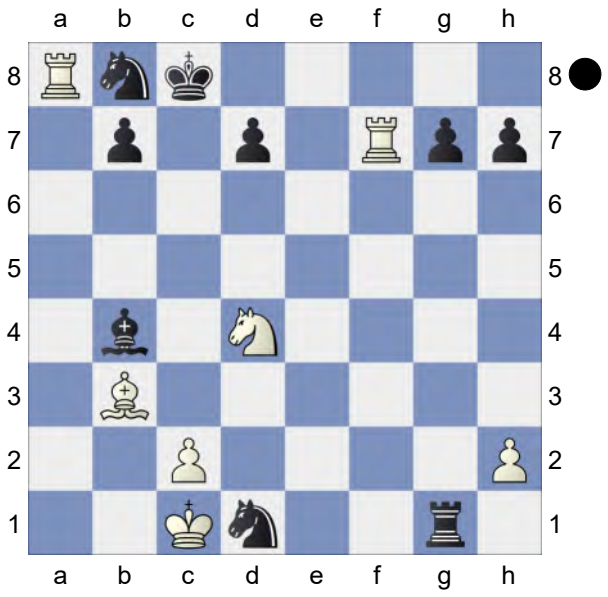


27...Rg1+!-+ 28.Kb2 Threatens to win with Be6! **28...Nd1+ 29.Kc1 Ne3+ 30.Kb2** Be6! is the strong threat. **30...Nd1+ 31.Kc1**



Ne3+? 0.00/63 Weighted Error Value: White=0.43/Black=0.37

[Black should try 31...Nc3+!-+ -2.37/27 32.Kd2 Rd1+ 33.Ke3 Bc5]

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258 **D00**

□ **Jobava,Baadur** **2706**

■ **Savchenko,Boris** **2556**

Bronstein Mem Open A 2014 (5.5)

[Richard Palliser]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 a6 Nabaty,Tamir: '!?' Nabaty,Tamir: 'This looks like a waste of time, but in fact it is an interesting option. The point is to prevent White from playing Nc3-b5 at any point and also prepare a future ...b7-b5 advance. No less importantly, Black does not yet show how he wants to develop his pieces.'

[Keeping White out of b5 and hinting at possible queenside expansion. Jobava later faced Nabaty,Tamir: 'Keeping White out of b5 and hinting at possible queenside expansion. Jobava later faced' 3...Bf5 and followed Eric with Nabaty,Tamir: 'and followed Eric with' 4.f3 e6 5.g4 *(* ambitious, but preferable to the *5.Qd2 Be7 6.0-0-0 Nc6 7.Qe1?! Bg6* of Naiditsch-Harikrishna, Wijk aan Zee 2014, as we've seen before Nabaty,Tamir: 'of Naiditsch-Harikrishna, Wijk aan Zee 2014, as we've seen before'*)* 5...Bg6 6.h4 h6 7.e3 *(* Eric has generally preferred *7.Qd2)* 7...a6 8.h5 Bh7 9.Bd3 c5 10.Nge2 Bxd3 11.cxd3!? cxd4 12.Nxd4 Nbd7 13.Nde2 e5 14.Bg3 Bd6 by when Black's strong centre offset White's extra kingside space in Jobava-Hovhannisyan, European Championship, Yerevan 2014. Nabaty, Tamir: 'by when Black's strong centre offset White's extra kingside space in Jobava-Hovhannisyan, European Championship, Yerevan 2014.']

[3...g6 4.Qd2!? Bg7 5.0-0-0

(5.Bh6!?) 5...0-0 6.h4!?↑ *(6.Kb1)*]
[Here we'll also look at other variations of the fianchetto set-up: 3...c6 4.e3 g6 5.Be2!? After 5.Be2 White actually shows more or less his plans. If he wanted to play Nf3 it is better to play with the bishop on d3 because the main idea is to push e3-e4 at some point. *(5.Nf3* This position can arise from the Gruenfeld Defence by this order : 1. d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4. Bf4 c6 5.e3. In that case also, it is not the most accurate for Black to play ...c7-c6. *)* 5...Bg7 6.h4!? One of those typical risky and unclear moves we find in these lines. Qb6 7.a3 Nbd7 *(7...Qxb2?? 8.Na4)* 8.Nf3 0-0 9.Ne5 Nxe5 10.Bxe5 Nd7 11.Bxg7 Kxg7 12.h5 and White got the intiative and good attacking chances without any Black counterplay to worry about. e5 13.b3 e4 14.Qd2 f5 15.0-0-0 Nf6 16.f4 exf3 17.gxf3 Nxh5 18.Rdg1 Kh8 19.f4+- Qc7 20.Bxh5 gxh5 21.Rxh5 Qe7 22.Kb2 Bd7 23.Ne2 Rae8 24.Nc1 Rg8 25.Rgh1 Rg7 26.R5h3 Reg8 27.Qh2 Be8 28.Nd3 h5 29.Ne5 Rh7 30.Qe2 Prie-Dominguez Pons, Catalunya 2013. White played the opening well and got an obvious big advantage after 12 moves. In the end, White lost the game but that does not change the assessment of the opening.]

4.e3 Nabaty,Tamir: 'Diagram

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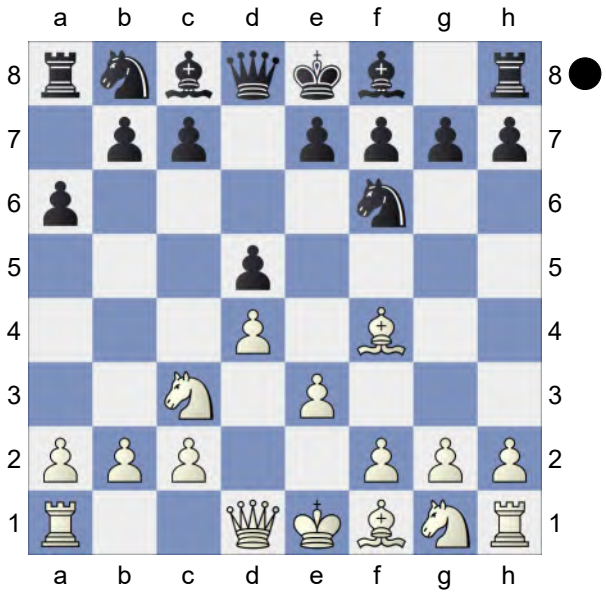
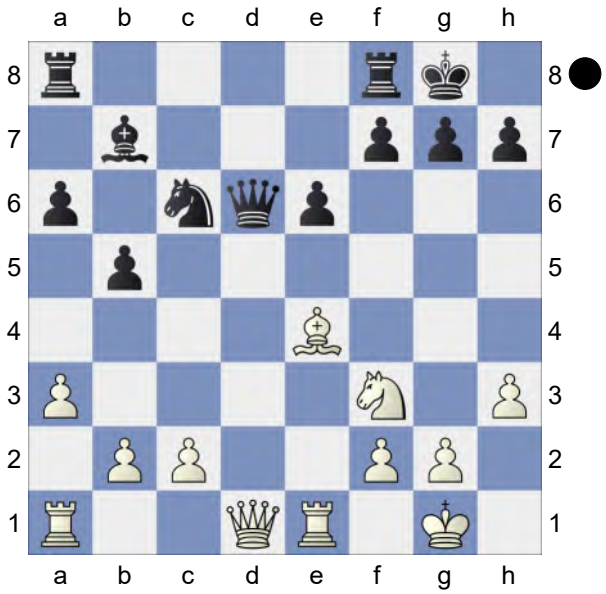


It is important to first play the move which you will need in any case and not to reveal what you want to do next. For example, if White started with 4.Nf3 after 4...Bf5 the idea from the previous game will not be possible anymore.'

4...g6!? Nabaty,Tamir: 'Richard Palliser: '!?"

[A new move for us. Previously we've just considered 4...e6 5.Nf3 *(5.g4!?)* 5...c5 , which would surely be a much more sensible choice against Jobava. 6.a3!? A prophylactic move. It looks like a waste of time again, but in fact it is almost always a good move in such positions. For example, after the expected ...b7-b5 (with or without ... cxd4) ...b5-b4 is prevented, and after 6...Nc6 7.Bd3, ...Nb4 is prevented. Also after ...Qb6, ...Qxb2 is prevented in view of Nc3-Na4 trapping the queen. Nc6 *(6...Nh5 7.Be5)* 7.h3 Another prophylactic move, making a hole for the bishop in case of ...Nh5 while also creating "luft" for the king after short castling. b5 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.Bd3 Bb7 10.0-0 Bd6 11.Re1 0-0 12.Bxd6 Qxd6 13.e4 dxe4 14.Nxe4

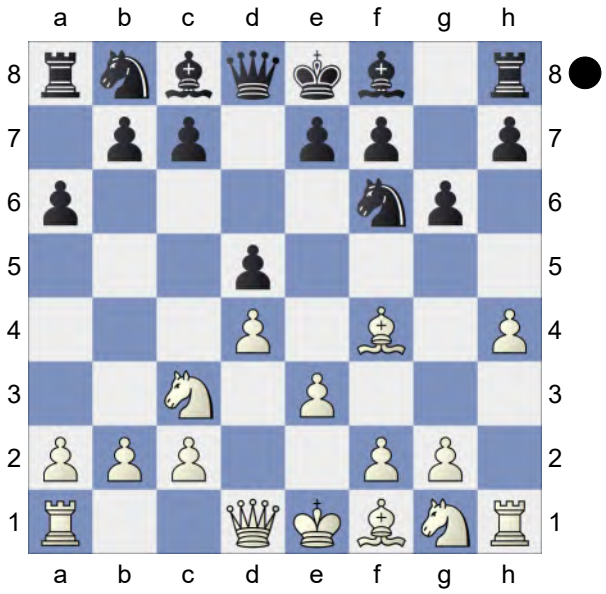
Nxe4 15.Bxe4 Diagram



Another position which can arise from the French Defense due to the pawn structure. Qe7 16.Qd2 Rfd8 17.Qf4 Na5 18.Bd3 Qf6 19.Qxf6 gxf6 20.Nd2 Rac8 21.b4 Nc4 22.Nxc4 bxc4 23.Bf1 Rd2 24.c3 Bd5?! *(24...Rc2 25.Rec1 Rb2)* 25.Re2!± Rxe2 26.Bxe2 After the exchange of Black's active rook on d2, White has a clear advantage in the endgame. Black has weak pawns on the queenside and doubled pawns on the kingside. In a pawn endgame, in almost every case, White will be winning due to outside passed pawn he can obtain whenever he wants. Kf8 27.Rd1 First White improves his pieces to the maximum extent possible: Rd4, a3-a4-a5, g2-g3, and king to the center. f5 28.Rd4 Kg7 29.a4 Kf6 30.a5 h6 31.g3 Rc7 Sadly, Black can only wait as he cannot bring the king to the queenside because after Rh4 the h6 pawn will fall. 32.Kf1 Rc8 33.Ke1 Rc7 34.Kd2 Rc8 35.Ke3 First step completed. Rc7 36.Bf3! Now White exchanges the bishops. Usually there is tendency for rook endgames to end in a draw. But in this case, due to the activity of White's rook compared to Black's passive one and the terrible weakness of Black's pawns, this is obviously not a draw. Bxf3 37.Kxf3 Rc6 38.Rd7 h5 39.Ke2 e5 40.Rb7 Ke6 41.h4 Rd6 42.Rb6 As I said before, almost every pawn endgame in this pawn structure should be winning for White. Kd5 43.Rxd6+ Kxd6 44.f3 e4 *(44...f6 45.g4+-)* 45.Ke3 Kd5 46.Kf4 f6 47.Ke3 exf3 48.Kxf3 Kd6 49.Kf4 1-0 Jobava-Zhao Xue, Wijk aan Zee 2014 *(49.Kf4 Ke6 50.b5)*]

[4...Bf5 5.f3 *(5.Bd3)* 5...c5!? 6.g4 cxd4 7.exd4 Bd7 8.Qd2 is unclear.]

5.h4! A novelty, if a move very in keeping with Jobava's ultra-aggressive style. Nabaty,Tamir: '!?' Nabaty,Tamir: 'Diagram



Here we go. Of course it was possible to play a more "solid" system with Nf3, Bd3, and 0-0 and try to push e4. But we did not played this line for "solidity", am I right? Richard Palliser: '!' Richard

Palliser: 'A novelty, if a move very in keeping with Jobava's ultra-aggressive style." **5...Bg7**

[5...h5 6.Qd2 Bg7 7.0-0-0 0-0 8.f3 and the h5-pawn can become a target in White's attack after g2-g4 at some point.]

6.h5!? Nabaty,Tamir: 'The point. White is sacrificing a whole exchange for the initiative. White's pieces spring to life and Black is left with future targets at h7 and f7.' **6...Nxh5 7.Rxh5 gxh5 8.Qxh5** This early exchange sacrifice is sometimes seen in the Dutch. There Black has, of course, weakened his kingside, but even with the pawn on f7 White has clear compensation. Nabaty, Tamir: 'Richard Palliser: 'This early exchange sacrifice is sometimes seen in the Dutch. There Black has, of course, weakened his kingside, but even with the pawn on f7 White has clear compensation.'' **8...c6 9.Nf3 h6** Good prophylaxis and essential to keep the knight out of g5. Nabaty,Tamir: 'Richard Palliser: 'Good prophylaxis and essential to keep the knight out of g5.'' **10.0-0-0 Nd7** Savchenko, hardly a dull player in his own right, has developed very sensibly so far. One might even consider questioning White's compensation, but Jobava finds a way to carry on disrupting and to make good use of his best minor piece. Nabaty, Tamir: 'Richard Palliser: 'Savchenko, hardly a dull player in his own right, has developed very sensibly so far. One might even consider questioning White's compensation, but Jobava finds a way to carry on disrupting and to make good use of his best minor piece.'' **11.Qh2!** Nabaty,Tamir: 'I like this move. White is clearly dominating the h2-b8 diagonal as I did in my game against Karen Grigoryan.' **11...Nf8 12.Bc7 Qd7 13.Be2**

[13.Na4 Ne6 14.Be5 Qd8 15.Qh5!? was an interesting alternative.]

13...Ne6 Nabaty,Tamir: 'A human move. Black is trying to remove White's bishop off his neck, but it is not a great position for the knight as it is blocks the develpoment of his own pieces, which do not feel "healthy" right now.'

[The knight is quite a good defender on f8, so perhaps Nabaty,Tamir: 'The knight is quite a good defender on f8, so perhaps' 13...b5!? could have been tried. At least this would have asked White what his plan was and Nabaty,Tamir: 'could have been tried. At least this would have asked White what his plan was and' 14.Be5 might even be met by Rg8!? *(14...Ne6* would transpose to the game *)* 15.Rh1 Qg4 .]

14.Be5 b5 Nabaty,Tamir: 'Richard Palliser: 'would transpose to the game'' **15.Rh1** Nabaty,Tamir: '!' Nabaty,Tamir: 'Baadur does not force things. He just improves his pieces, step by step.'

[15.Bxg7 is possible, but it also makes things easier for Black, because at least his light-squared bishop will finally find his freedom: Nxg7 16.Ne5 Qd6 17.Qg3 Nf5 18.Qf3 Be6]

15...f6 Nabaty,Tamir: 'A sad move as after this, the other black bishop will also start to cry. But what else?' **16.Bg3 Ng5 17.Ne1** Nabaty,Tamir: '!?' Nabaty, Tamir: 'Another interesting move. 17. Nh4 looks promising, but as I said before, White is not trying to force things. He just wants to improve the position of his own pieces. Soon the knight will come to

the great square on c5.'

[Black's light squares are a little tender after Nabaty,Tamir: 'Black's light squares are a little tender after' 17.Qh5+ Nf7 18.Nh4 0-0 , but ...Nh8 will help to cover them.]

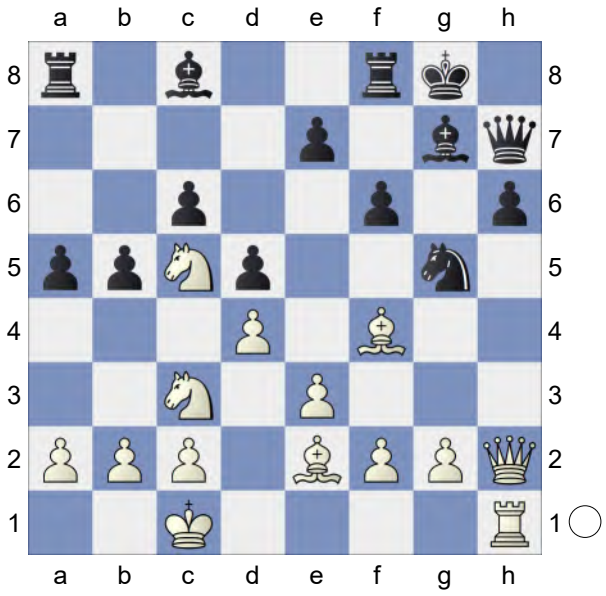
17...0-0 As Steve Giddins wrote in his notes for CHESS, "The king looks safe enough here for the time being, but White retains good positional compensation, and somehow, one feels that the Sword of Damocles still hangs over the black monarch." Nabaty,Tamir: '?!' Nabaty,Tamir: 'I think it is a bad practical decision to move Black's king into the line of fire. Richard Palliser: 'As Steve Giddins wrote in his notes for CHESS, "The king looks safe enough here for the time being, but White retains good positional compensation, and somehow, one feels that the Sword of Damocles still hangs over the black monarch.""

[I'm not even sure I would have castled, but handling such non-standard positions is never easy, especially when up against a fast-mover like Jobava. Nabaty,Tamir: 'I'm not even sure I would have castled, but handling such non-standard positions is never easy, especially when up against a fast-mover like Jobava.' 17...Ne4!? is a try to trade some pieces, but 18.Nxe4 dxe4 19.f3 Qe6 20.fxe4 Qxa2 21.Bh5+ Kf8 22.Nd3 retains undoubted compensation. Once again, the machine may feel that Black is OK, but in practice there's no doubt that his position is the harder to handle. Nabaty,Tamir: 'retains undoubted compensation. Once again, the machine may feel that Black is OK, but in practice there's no doubt that his position is the harder to handle.']

[It was probably better to sacrifice a pawn to gain a bit of activity for the black pieces: 17...h5!? 18.Nd3 h4! 19.Bxh4 Qd6 20.Qg1 Bf5 21.Qd1∞]

18.Nd3 Qf5 19.Bf4 a5 Finally Savchenko threatens to obtain some play of his own, but Jobava remains unfazed. Nabaty,Tamir: 'Richard Palliser: 'Finally Savchenko threatens to obtain some play of his own, but Jobava remains unfazed.'' **20.Nc5 Qh7?!** Nabaty,Tamir: 'Diagram

[This wastes time, but even 20...e5 21.Bd3 e4 22.Be2 wouldn't have been a panacea. As Giddins observes, White's extra knight is much more useful than Black's additional rook in this closed position. Nabaty,Tamir: 'wouldn't have been a panacea. As Giddins observes, White's extra knight is much more useful than Black's additional rook in this closed position. ']



Richard Palliser: '?!'' **21.g4** Nabaty,Tamir: '!' Nabaty,Tamir: 'It was

important to not let Black complete his develpoment with ...Bf5, and at the same time White threatens Be2-d3, starting the attack on Black's king.' **21...Qg6 22.Bc7!** Black has avoided having his queen entombed on h8, but now White is all set to expand and with tempo on the kingside. Nabaty,Tamir: 'White wants to play f2-f4 with f4-f5 or g4-g5 ideas. Richard Palliser: 'Black has avoided having his queen entombed on h8, but now White is all set to expand and with tempo on the kingside.'' **22...b4** Nabaty,Tamir: '?' Nabaty,Tamir: 'Black does not have any real attacking chances and 22. ...b4 just lets White get one more active piece.'

[22...Qf7 was a better try, aiming to exchange Black's strange looking knight for White's strong knight on c5 with 23.f4 Ne6]

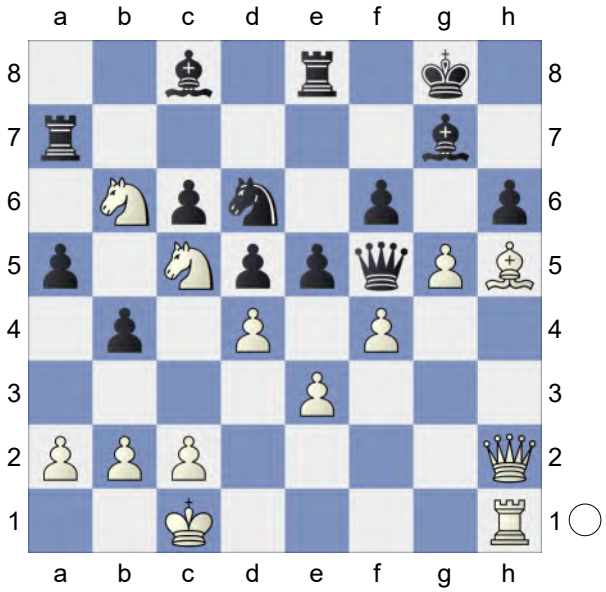
23.N3a4 e5

[23...Ne4 24.Nxe4 dxe4 25.Bc4+ Kh7 *(25...Kh8 26.Nb6 Bxg4 27.Nxa8 Rxa8 28.Bxa5!! Rxa5? 29.Qb8+)* 26.Nc5 Bxg4 27.Nxe4!±]

24.Nb6 Just look at those knights! Nabaty,Tamir: 'Richard Palliser: 'Just look at those knights!'' **24...Ra7 25.Bd6 Re8 26.f4 Nf7 27.g5!** Offering a piece to blow open lines on the kingside. Nabaty,Tamir: 'Richard Palliser: 'Offering a piece to blow open lines on the kingside.'' **27...Nxd6?** Nabaty,Tamir: 'Black cracks under the massive pressure of Jobava.'

[Black was actually still on the board, but now he quickly collapses. Necessary was Nabaty,Tamir: 'Richard Palliser: 'Black was actually still on the board, but now he quickly collapses. Necessary was'' 27...fxg5 when Nabaty,Tamir: 'Richard Palliser: 'when'' 28.Bb8 *(there's also Giddins' 28.Bxe5 Bf5 29.Bh5 Qh7 30.fxg5 hxg5* and then maybe the visually striking *31.Nbd7!?)* 28...Rae7 29.Bh5 Qf5 *(29...Qh7 30.Nxc8 Rxc8 31.fxg5 Nxg5 32.Bd6* and the game is far from being decided.*)* 30.fxe5 retains good compensation, albeit with everything still to play for.]

28.Bh5 Qf5 Nabaty,Tamir: 'Diagram



' **29.gxh6** Nabaty,Tamir: '!?' Nabaty,Tamir: 'From an objective point of view, 29. gxh6 and 29. Bxe8 are the same. But from a practical point of view, 29. gxh6 is stronger as it is hard for a human to realize that the strong, active white bishop is not worth less than the black rook on e8!'

[29.Bxe8 Nxe8 30.gxh6]

29...Ree7? Nabaty,Tamir: 'Savchenko falls into the trap!'

[Savchenko must have missed White's 33rd or he would have tried Nabaty,Tamir: 'Richard Palliser: 'Savchenko must have missed White's 33rd or he would have tried'' 29...exf4 , not that Nabaty,Tamir: 'was the last hope. Richard Palliser: ', not that''

30.Bxe8 Nxe8
A) 31.Nxc8 Qxc8 32.hxg7 *(32.Qxf4!?* (Another psychological move? :)) *)* 32...Rxg7 33.Qxf4 Qg4 White is obviously much better, but the game is not over yet.;
B) 31.hxg7 Rxg7 32.exf4 Be6 33.Re1 would exactly have been a bundle of fun for him.]
30.hxg7 Rxg7
[30...Qh3 31.Nxc8 Qxh2 32.Nxe7+]
31.fxe5 fxe5 There was nothing better with the d6-knight required to protect the bishop on c8. Nabaty,Tamir: 'Richard Palliser: 'There was nothing better with the d6-knight required to protect the bishop on c8.'' **32.Nxc8 Nxc8 33.Bg6!** I wouldn't be surprised if Jobava even saw this when he sacrificed the other bishop. Nabaty,Tamir: 'Richard Palliser: 'I wouldn't be surprised if Jobava even saw this when he sacrificed the other bishop.'' **33...Qxg6**
[It's going to be mate after Nabaty, Tamir: 'It's going to be mate after' 33...Rxg6 34.Qh8+ Kf7 35.Rh7+ .]
34.Qh8+ Kf7 It doesn't take long to realise that Nabaty,Tamir: 'Richard Palliser: 'It doesn't take long to realise that'' **35.Rf1+** Nabaty,Tamir: 'GM Baadur Jobava impressively showed how it is much easier to play with active pieces.' **35...Qf6**
[35...Ke7 36.Qf8#]
36.Rxf6+ Kxf6 37.Qh6+
[37.Qxc8 As we have seen, it is possible to get a lot of different types of positions which can arise from many chess openings. It just shows how creative and diverse this variation can be.]
37...Rg6 38.dxe5+ Kf7 39.e6+ Kf6 40.Qf8+ is completely hopeless. A wonderfully creative, energetic and anti-materialistic game from Jobava. Nabaty, Tamir: 'is completely hopeless. A wonderfully creative, energetic and anti-materialistic game from Jobava.' 1-0 (40) Jobava,B (2706)-Savchenko,B (2556) Minsk BLR 2014 [Richard Palliser]
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□ **Jobava,Baadur** **2705**
■ **Andreev,Eduard2** **2508**
Al-Ain Classic Open A 2013 (3.1)
[Kuzmin,Alexey]

1.d4 Richard Palliser **1...Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4** Richard Palliser: '!?' '!?' '!?' Richard Palliser: 'Along with the Nimzo-Larsen Attack, this remains a Jobava favourite and he's employed it on as many as three more occasions since our last update.' Richard Palliser: 'Along with the Nimzo-Larsen Attack, this remains a Jobava favourite and he's employed it on as many as three more occasions since our last update.' **3...e6** Richard Palliser: 'Freeing one bishop at the cost of another. Jobava's opponents appear unsure what is best here, with the alternatives including:' Richard Palliser: 'Freeing one bishop at the cost of another. Jobava's opponents appear unsure what is best here, with the alternatives including:'
[a) 3...a6 Richard Palliser 4.e3 e6 5.Nf3 c5 6.a3 *(* the Georgian no.1 is already gaining imitators and one day later Richard Palliser: 'the Georgian no.1 is already gaining imitators and one day later' *6.dxc5 Bxc5 7.Bd3* was preferred in V.Kovalev-Lutsko,

Minsk 2014, where *Nc6 8.0-0 Bb4 9.Qd2 0-0 10.a3 Bd6 11.e4 d4 12.Bxd6 Qxd6 13.Ne2 e5* was unbalanced but about equal*)* 6...Nc6 7.h3 b5 8.dxc5 (it's finally time to nip Black's queenside expansion in the bud) Richard Palliser: '(it's finally time to nip Black's queenside expansion in the bud)' Bxc5 9.Bd3 Bb7 10.0-0 Bd6 11.Re1! 0-0 *(11...Bxf4 12.exf4 Qc7 13.Qd2 0-0 14.Qe3* gives White a useful grip on d4 and e5*)* 12.Bxd6 Qxd6 13.e4 dxe4 14.Nxe4 Nxe4 15.Bxe4 gave White a tiny pull in Jobava-Zhao Xu, Wijk aan Zee 2014. Richard Palliser: 'gave White a tiny pull in Jobava-Zhao Xu, Wijk aan Zee 2014.']

[b) 3...c6 Richard Palliser 4.e3 g6 5.Bd3 Bg7 6.h3 0-0 7.Nf3 actually transposes to a line of the Barry and after Nbd7 8.0-0 c5 9.Nb5?! *(* too ambitious, although even something sensible like *9.dxc5 Nxc5 10.Be5* shouldn't favour the first player *)* 9...a6 10.Bc7 *(10.Nc7? Ra7* traps the errant knight*)* 10...Qe8 11.Nc3 b5 12.Re1 Bb7 13.a3 Ne4 Black was already better in Kocheev-Ziaziulkina, Minsk 2014, but White's play is not so hard to improve. Richard Palliser: 'Black was already better in Kocheev-Ziaziulkina, Minsk 2014, but White's play is not so hard to improve.']

[c) As I indicated last month, 3...c5! Richard Palliser 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 just looks like an easy equaliser.]

4.e3 Be7

[4...c5?! 5.Nb5! Na6 6.c3 Be7 7.a4 0-0 8.h3 Ne8 9.Nf3 Nac7 10.Nxc7 Nxc7 11.Bd3± 1/2 Jobava,B (2713)-Yudin,S (2546)/Dubai UAE 2014 (54)]

[In a later round Jobava had to face Richard Palliser: 'In a later round Jobava had to face' 4...Bb4!? (Richard Palliser) and 5.Nge2 *(5.Bd3* looks more natural, but Richard Palliser: 'looks more natural, but' *c5 6.dxc5* isn't as good as one might think: *Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 Qa5 8.Ne2 Qxc5 9.0-0 Nbd7* and White's pawn breaks have been kept under control*)* 5...0-0 6.a3 Bd6 7.Qd2 c5 8.0-0-0 Nc6 9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.Nd4 Bd7 11.Bd3 a6 12.h4 b5 left Black's attack looking the more potent in Jobava-Kravtsiv, Al-Ain 2013. I dare say Jobava has an improvement in mind (perhaps not going long), but this looks like another reasonable line for black players to investigate. Richard Palliser: 'left Black's attack looking the more potent in Jobava-Kravtsiv, Al-Ain 2013. I dare say Jobava has an improvement in mind (perhaps not going long), but this looks like another reasonable line for black players to investigate.']

5.Bd3 c5?! This is a bit untimely again and gives White some additional possibilities as well. **6.dxc5**

[6.Nb5!? Na6 7.c3]

6...0-0!

[6...Bxc5 7.Nb5!? Na6 8.Nf3 0-0 9.a3 *(*Also possible is *9.c3 Bd7 10.a4)* 9...b6? *(9...Bd7* is stronger: *10.0-0 Bxb5 11.Bxb5* but in this case White could get the pair of bishops.*)* 10.0-0 Bb7 11.Qe2 Be7 12.b4 Ne8 13.c4± Ibarra Jerez,J-Pilgaard,K/ Granada ESP 2014.]

7.Nf3 Nbd7?! Richard Palliser: '!?' '!?' '!?'

[Richard Palliser: 'A new move for us.

Indeed, as we saw last month,' Richard Palliser: 'A new move for us. Indeed, as we saw last month,' Correct was 7...Bxc5 8.0-0 Nc6 9.e4 Richard Palliser dxe4 10.Nxe4 Nxe4 11.Bxe4 Qf6! had been about equal at this stage in Jobava-Malakhov, European Rapid Championship, Warsaw 2013. Richard Palliser: 'had been about equal at this stage in Jobava-Malakhov, European Rapid Championship, Warsaw 2013.']

8.b4! Richard Palliser: 'Jobava is provoked and sees no reason not to ask Black: how will you regain your pawn?' Richard Palliser: 'Jobava is provoked and sees no reason not to ask Black: how will you regain your pawn?' **8...Nh5**

[Richard Palliser: 'Andreev is happy to hunt down the bishop-pair. In the only previous test of this position which I could find,' Richard Palliser: 'Andreev is happy to hunt down the bishop-pair. In the only previous test of this position which I could find,' 8...b6 Richard Palliser: 'but' 9.Nb5 Richard Palliser: '!' '!' '!' Richard Palliser: 'looks critical and, for example,' *(9.Nd4* Richard Palliser *Bb7! 10.c6 Qc8 11.cxb7 Qxc3+ 12.Kf1 Rae8* had favoured Black thanks to the ...e5 advance and White's king position, Lubbe-Gustafsson, Bonn 2011. Richard Palliser: 'had favoured Black thanks to the ...e5 advance and White's king position, Lubbe-Gustafsson, Bonn 2011.'*; 9.cxb6?* Richard Palliser *Bxb4* is one to avoid,*)* 9...bxc5 10.Bc7 Qe8 11.Nd6± Bxd6 Richard Palliser 12.Bxd6 c4 13.Be2 Ne4 14.Bxf8 Qxf8 15.a3 shouldn't give Black enough for the exchange Richard Palliser: 'shouldn't give Black enough for the exchange']

9.Rb1 Black doesn't have enough compensation. **9...a5?!** The weakening of the b5-square increases White's advantage.

[Richard Palliser: 'I'm not convinced that Black has quite enough for his pawn, but' Richard Palliser: 'I'm not convinced that Black has quite enough for his pawn, but' 9...Bf6 Richard Palliser: '!?' '!?' '!?' Richard Palliser: 'might have been a better try, reserving the right to evict a knight from b5:' Richard Palliser: 'might have been a better try, reserving the right to evict a knight from b5:' 10.Nb5 Nxf4 11.exf4 a6 12.Nbd4± *(12.Nd6* Richard Palliser *Bc3+ 13.Nd2 a5 14.a3 axb4 15.axb4 b6* seems OK for Black *)* 12...Qc7 Richard Palliser 13.Qd2 e5 14.fxe5 Nxe5 15.0-0 a5 16.a3 axb4 17.axb4 Nxf3+ 18.Nxf3 Bg4 when Black's bishop-pair and active pieces grant him some compensation. Richard Palliser: 'when Black's bishop-pair and active pieces grant him some compensation. ']

10.a3 Bf6 Richard Palliser: '?' '?' '?'

[This looks like our last variation, except that now the knight will prove something of a thorn in Black's side on b5. Richard Palliser: 'This looks like our last variation, except that now the knight will prove something of a thorn in Black's side on b5.' 10...axb4 Richard Palliser 11.axb4 Nxf4 12.exf4 Qc7 13.Qd2 b6 was a better try.]

11.Nb5 Nxf4 12.exf4 axb4 13.axb4 e5 14.fxe5 Nxe5 15.Nxe5 Bxe5 16.0-0± Richard Palliser: 'Andreev's

problem isn't just that White is a pawn ahead, but that his advanced queenside pawn clump provides a certain clamp. Black's only hope is to target the white kingside and quickly, but Jobava was unlikely to let a clear advantage such as this slip.' Richard Palliser: 'Andreev's problem isn't just that White is a pawn ahead, but that his advanced queenside pawn clump provides a certain clamp. Black's only hope is to target the white kingside and quickly, but Jobava was unlikely to let a clear advantage such as this slip.' White has got an extra pawn and a solid structure. **16...Qf6 17.f4** Richard Palliser: '!' '!' '!' Richard Palliser: 'Neat and instructive. White temporarily returns the extra pawn to maintain control and deny Black any real counterplay.' Richard Palliser: 'Neat and instructive. White temporarily returns the extra pawn to maintain control and deny Black any real counterplay.' **17...Bxf4 18.Qf3 Bb8**

[18...Be5 (Richard Palliser) may look more natural, but there's a tactic: 19.Bxh7+! Kxh7 20.Qh5+ Qh6 21.Qxe5 with an extra pawn and domination of the board.]

19.Qxf6 gxf6 20.Rxf6 Kg7 21.Rb6 Richard Palliser: '!' '!' '!' Richard Palliser: 'Black has been completely outplayed and can only really await his fate on the queenside.' Richard Palliser: 'Black has been completely outplayed and can only really await his fate on the queenside.' **21...Be5**

[Perhaps 21...Ra6 (Richard Palliser) was a better try, but it's hard to believe it would have affected the result after, say, Richard Palliser: 'was a better try, but it's hard to believe it would have affected the result after, say,' 22.Rxa6 bxa6 23.Nd4 Bf4 24.Kf2 .]

22.Re1

[Or just 22.Nd6 (Richard Palliser) , making full use of that very useful extra chap on c5.]

22...Re8 23.Kf1 Bg4 24.Nd6 Re6 25.h3 Bg3 26.Rb1 Rf6+ Richard Palliser **27.Kg1 Bxd6 28.cxd6 Bc8 29.Re1** is completely hopeless. 1-0 (29) Jobava,B (2705)-Andreev,E (2508) Al Ain 2013 CBM 162 [Kuzmin,Alexey]

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□ **Jobava,Baadur** **2705**

■ **Malakhov,Vladimir** **2716**

European Rapid Ch., Warsaw (9.2)

[Richard Palliser]

1.d4 d5 2.Nc3

[Seemingly hinting at a Veresov, but of late White has been experimenting with much more of a London-like follow-up. It's very hard though to believe that this isn't inferior to 2.Bf4 , which continues to receive Kamsky's seal of approval. He recently faced Nf6 3.e3 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nd2 e6 6.Ngf3 Bd6 7.Bg3 0-0 8.Bd3 b6 9.Ne5 Bb7 and then switched to 10.0-0 *(10.f4 Ne7 11.Qb1* was once mentioned by Eric and was White's choice in the earlier Kamsky-Dreev, Khanty-Mansiysk (blitz) 2013, where *Ng6 12.0-0 Nh5 13.Be1 cxd4 14.cxd4 Nf6 15.a3 Rc8 16.h3 Qc7* was very solid for Black*)* 10...Rc8 11.f4 Ne7 (again we see this important defensive resource) 12.Qb1!? *(* Kamsky evidently likes to generate a bit of pressure along the

diagonal so White had earlier preferred *12.Qf3* , albeit without showing anything particularly effective after *Ng6)* 12...Rc7 13.Bh4 Ng6 14.Bg5 Qa8! 15.f5? *(15.Bxf6 gxf6 16.Ng4* is more critical, but White won't manage to get f4-f5 in and *f5 17.Nf6+ Kh8 18.Qd1 Be7 19.Nh5 Rg8* looks satisfactory enough for the second player*)* 15...Nxe5 16.dxe5 Bxe5 17.Qe1 h6 , but had evidently made a bad miscalculation and eventually went down in Kamsky-Korobov, World Team Championship, Antalya 2013.]

2...Nf6 3.Bf4 e6

[Hardly terrible with White's knight on c3, but there's no need to block in the light-squared bishop. Moreover, Eric had already shown that 3...c5! 4.e3 *(4.e4!? Nxe4 5.Nxe4 dxe4* led to a rapid white win in Boguszlavszkij-Wang Xinyu, Budapest 2012, but this shouldn't be too scary for Black - see the Archive*)* 4...cxd4 5.exd4 a6 is a simple and effective method for Black. Jonny Hector has been testing this line as White of late, but I dare say that even he would have to admit that White's queen's knight is misplaced in this unusual type of Exchange Caro. Moreover, even 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Ne5 Bf5 8.g4! Nxe5 9.gxf5 Nc6 10.Qd3 g6 11.0-0-0 Bg7 12.h4 Qa5 didn't seem anything more than unclear in Hector-Andersen, Vaxjo 2013, although the highly-creative Swedish Grandmaster did go on to triumph.]

4.e3

[Jobava plays a la the London proper. Hector has tried 4.Nb5 , but after Na6 5.e3 Be7 6.Nf3 *(6.c4 0-0 7.Nc3 c5* can hardly be a bad version of a QGD for Black *)* 6...0-0 7.h3 Bd7 8.Ne5 Be8!? 9.a4 c6 10.Nc3 c5 11.Bxa6 bxa6 12.0-0 Qb6 Black enjoyed decent counterplay in Hector-Blomqvist, Vaxjo 2013, which was played after Hector-Andersen.]

4...Bd6 5.Nf3 0-0

[Malakhov is content to develop simply rather than increase White's grip on e5, but even 5...Bxf4 6.exf4 c5 should be fine for Black, especially as 7.dxc5 0-0 8.Bd3 Qe7 9.0-0 Qxc5 10.Ne5 Nc6 11.Qf3 d4! doesn't seem to lead to anything too amazing for White.]

6.Bd3 c5 7.dxc5

[This followed by the classic Colle central break makes good sense. More aggressive souls might want to go 7.Ne5 , but after Nc6 8.0-0 *(*and not, of course, *8.Ne2?? c4)* 8...a6 I'm not too sure what White's doing and ...Qc7 is on its way.]

7...Bxc5 8.0-0 Nc6 9.e4 The only consistent follow-up, if surprisingly a novelty according to the all-seeing oracle. **9...dxe4 10.Nxe4 Nxe4 11.Bxe4** The opening hasn't gone too badly for Jobava. Indeed, surprise is rarely a bad factor in a rapidplay game.

11...Qf6 12.Bg5?

[However, this is extremely optimistic and basically just loses a pawn. Correct was the sober 12.Qc1 when e5 would have led to rough equality after, say, 13.Bg5 Qd6 14.c3 Be6 .]

12...Qxb2 Malakhov is not an easy man to bluff. **13.Rb1**

[Alternatively, 13.Qd3 h6 14.Bh4 Qa3 and White's compensation is negligible.]

13...Qa3 14.Bc1!?
[White wants to clear the g5-square, but his priority should really have been a rook lift. After 14.Rb3 Qa4 15.Qd3 h6 16.Bf4 I don't entirely believe in White's attack, but at least this way Black would have had to proceed sensibly with something like Be7 *(*and not *16...Rd8? 17.Bxc6! .)*]
14...Qa4 15.Bxh7+ This was presumably the point behind his last move. Jobava likes to move very quickly, but sometimes such a practical approach can have its downsides. **15...Kxh7 16.Ng5+ Kg8 17.Qh5** This would be mate, but White has forgotten to ask himself a question one must always ask before making a Greek Gift sacrifice: can Black bring a queen or bishop to the b1-h7 diagonal to defend? **17...Qxc2** Embarrassingly for Jobava, the answer is yes. The game is up. **18.Rb3 Qg6 19.Qh4 e5**
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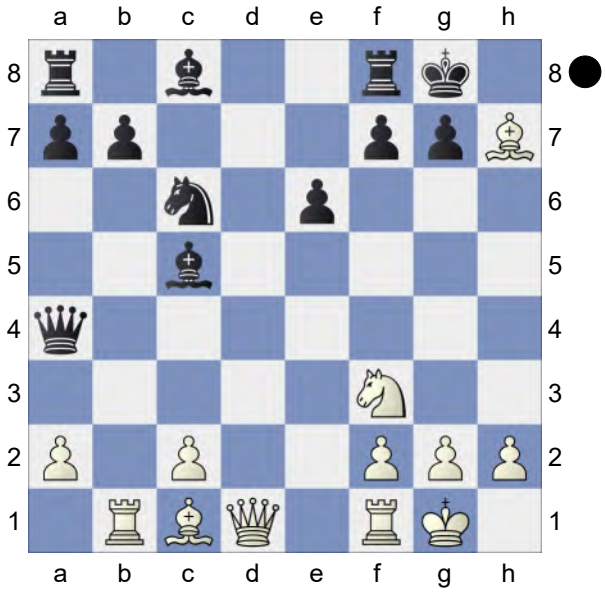
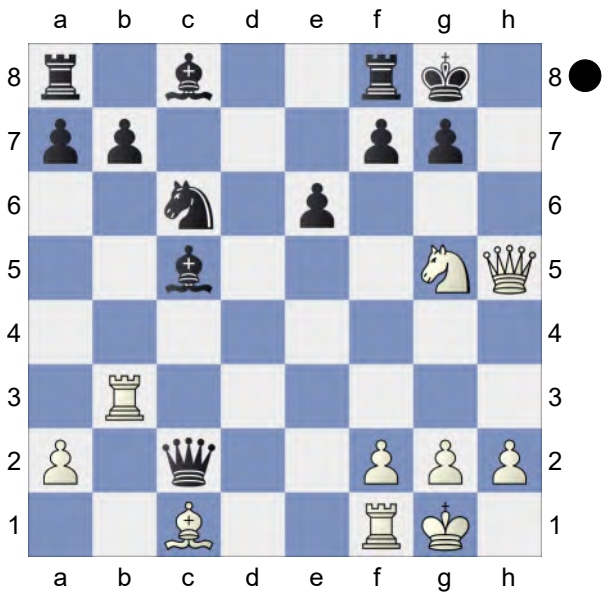
□ **Lalitaditaayyanar,Boominathan** **2705**
■ **Ahnert** **2716**
WC.2002.T.00001 (9.2) 15.12.2013
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.e3 Bd6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Bd3 c5 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.0-0** The position is equal. **8...Nc6 9.e4 dxe4 10.Nxe4 Nxe4**
[10...Be7 11.Nxf6+ Bxf6 12.Bd6 Re8 13.c3 e5 14.Be4 Bg4 15.Bc5 Qc7 16.Qa4 Bd7 17.Qc2 g6 18.Rfd1 Rad8 19.Bd6 Qb6 20.b4 Be6 21.Bc5 Qc7 22.a4 b6 23.Be3 Rxd1+ 24.Rxd1 Rc8 25.Rc1 ½-½ Hedman,J (2489)-Musielak,M (2543) POL-chT Ekstraliga 2019 (9)]
11.Bxe4 Qf6 12.Bg5N -0.34/18
[12.Qc1= 0.30/18 Nd4 *(12...h6 13.c3 e5 14.Be3 Bxe3 15.Qxe3 Re8 16.Rfe1 Bd7 17.Bxc6 Bxc6 18.Nxe5* 3) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 e6-6.Nf3 c5 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.O-O Nc The Meanest Jobava 2023 *)* 13.Re1]
12...Qxb2∓ 13.Rb1 Qa3 14.Bc1 Qa4 15.Bxh7+ -3.70/19



This move loses the game for White. **15...Kxh7-+ 16.Ng5+ Kg8** Black is clearly winning. **17.Qh5 Qxc2**
[17...Qxa2 18.Qh7#]
18.Rb3

(Diagram)



Threatening mate with Rb3-h3. **18...Qg6**
[And not 18...Qxa2 19.Qh7#]
19.Qh4 e5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.71/Black=0.05 (flawless)
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□ **Rapport,Richard** **2704**
■ **Sutovsky,Emil** **2624**
Tromso Olympiad (9.5) 11.08.2014
[Richard Palliser]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5
Jimmy Liew: '!?'
[Black's most principled and surely best move. Notably two Indian GMs whom one associates as being fairly correct players have dabbled too in the Jobava-Prie Attack of late. Both faced Black's most principled and surely best move. Notably two Indian GMs whom one associates as being fairly correct players have dabbled too in the Jobava-Prie Attack of late. Both faced 3...e6 , which continues to strike me as a little meek and after the highly creative 4.e3

A) 4...Be7 5.Nf3 a6 6.Bd3 Nbd7 was preferred in Ganguly-Arizmendi Martinez, Spanish Team Championship 2014, where was preferred in Ganguly-Arizmendi Martinez, Spanish Team Championship 2014, where 7.Ne5 *(7.e4!?* must be quite critical and after must be quite critical and after *dxe4 8.Nxe4 Nxe4 9.Bxe4 Nf6 10.Bd3 c5 11.dxc5 Bxc5 12.0-0* White should be slightly for choice in this French Rubinstein style position White should be slightly for choice in this French Rubinstein style position*)* 7...c5 8.a3 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 c4! 10.Be2 b5 11.Bf3 Bb7 12.Qe2 0-0 13.e4 b4 gave Black sufficient counterplay;
B) 4...Bd6 5.Bd3 b6 6.Bg5!? (ambitious, but a nice way to exploit Black's set-up now e3-e4 is threatened for sure) (ambitious, but a nice way to exploit Black's set-up now e3-e4 is threatened for sure) Bb7 7.Qf3 h6 8.Qh3! Nbd7 9.Nb5 White was hunting down the bishop-pair and went on to win in Harikrishna-Rakhmanov, Spanish Team Championship 2014. White was hunting down the bishop-pair and went on to win in Harikrishna-Rakhmanov, Spanish Team Championship 2014.]
[Before we return to our main game, please note that 3...g6 and Black's other third moves will be seen in Jobava-Winants.]
4.e3
[Since White has yet to play e2-e3, 4.Nb5 can be answered by Qa5+ .]
4...cxd4
[4...a6 is an interesting idea, inviting

White to win a pawn. However, after the accurate 5.dxc5 e6 6.Na4 *(6.b4?!* is a mistake as Black replies with *b6* and regains the pawn with advantage *)* 6...Nbd7 7.b4! (maintaining the captured pawn) b6 8.c6 e5 9.cxd7+! *(* much better than *9.Bg5 Qc7 10.cxd7+ Bxd7 11.c3 Ne4 12.Nf3 Nxc3 13.Nxc3 Qxc3+ 14.Nd2 Bxb4 15.a3 Bxa3 16.Be2 Bb4 17.Ra2 f6 18.Bh4 0-0 19.0-0 Bb5 20.Bxb5 axb5 21.Rc2 Qd3* , and if Black can play ...Bb4-c3 and ... b5-b4 he has very good compensation for the piece*)* 9...Bxd7 10.Bxe5 Bxa4 11.Qd4 Be7 12.Bd3 White has an extra pawn and excellent diagonals for his bishops. Once he completes his development with Ng1-f3 and 0-0, it is but a matter of time before he wraps up the game.]

5.exd4 a6 Sensibly preventing Nb5 while preparing to pin with the game continuation. Jimmy Liew: 'As we have seen in the previous games, this move is really necessary.' Sensibly preventing Nb5 while preparing to pin with the game continuation. **6.Nf3**

[White doesn't have to allow the pin, but he probably should. White doesn't have to allow the pin, but he probably should. 6.Be2 and various other sixth moves were considered by Eric in his coverage of Kovacevic-Kuljasevic, Sibenik 2010. and various other sixth moves were considered by Eric in his coverage of Kovacevic-Kuljasevic, Sibenik 2010.]

6...Bg4

[After 6...Nc6 7.Ne5 Bf5 8.g4 Nxe5 9.gxf5 Nc6 10.Qd3 g6 11.0-0-0 White had the edge in J.Hector-M. Andersen, Vaxjo 2013, and he won in 32 moves.]

7.h3 Jimmy Liew: 'QUESTION: Should Black now take the knight on f3? ANSWER: There is no clear reason whether to take or not, although if the knight is not taken, it will find a nice post on e5. It is a matter of taste whether one wishes to stop the knight occupying e5 by giving up the light-squared bishop. ' **7...Bxf3**

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C) 8.g4 Bg6

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wins for Black*)* 12...Qa5+ 13.c3 e6 14.b4 Bxb4 15.cxb4 Qxb4+ 16.Ke2 Nxg4 when Black has sufficient compensation for the piece.;

C2) 9.Qe2 Nc6 10.0-0-0 .]

8.Qxf3 Nc6 9.0-0-0 e6 10.g4! Even here this is a logical gain of space and we've now reached quite an important position. Black has a ready-made queenside attack, but White is not without his own attacking chances and does have the bishop-pair. Even here this is a logical gain of space and we've now reached quite an important position. Black has a ready-made queenside attack, but White is not without his own attacking chances and does have the bishop-pair. **10...Bb4!?** True to his wont, Sutovsky continues very aggressively, menacing ...Qa5, but this may not be best: Jimmy Liew: 'This is not a useful move for Black as White was already intending the familiar Nc3-e2-c1 manoeuvre when the knight on c1 will be an excellent defensive piece.' True to his wont, Sutovsky continues very aggressively, menacing ...Qa5, but this may not be best:

[a) 10...Qb6 11.g5 Nd7 12.Qe3 prepared h3-h4-h5 and gave White a definite edge in Bauer-Bindrich, Biel 2008, as pointed out by Eric. prepared h3-h4-h5 and gave White a definite edge in Bauer-Bindrich, Biel 2008, as pointed out by Eric.]

[b) Jimmy Liew: 'For '10...Bd6! was Eric's suggestion, challenging the bishop-pair. Moreover, this was adopted by a former world-class grandmaster the next time that Rapport reached this position. Rapport-Nikolic, Serbian Team Championship 2014, proceeded Jimmy Liew: 'see the next game.' was Eric's suggestion, challenging the bishop-pair. Moreover, this was adopted by a former world-class grandmaster the next time that Rapport reached this position. Rapport-Nikolic, Serbian Team Championship 2014, proceeded 11.Be3 *(11.g5 Bxf4+ 12.Qxf4 Nh5 13.Qe3 Qd6 14.h4 Na5* gives Black enough counterplay, as shown by Eric gives Black enough counterplay, as shown by Eric*)* 11...Qa5 *(* the queen actually gets a little in the way of the attack once White makes it clear he isn't going to be cleaned up by a rapid ... Nb4 as such, the queen actually gets a little in the way of the attack once White makes it clear he isn't going to be cleaned up by a rapid ... Nb4 as such, *11...b5!? 12.g5 Nd7 13.Kb1 Nb6* might well be more potent *)* 12.Kb1 Rc8 13.g5 Nd7 14.Bc1! (good defence, enabling the queen to cover the knight on c3) (good defence, enabling the queen to cover the knight on c3) b5 15.h4 Nb4?! *(* tempting, but I suspect that the slower *15...b4 16.Ne2 Qc7* followed by pushing the a-pawn was a better try*)* 16.a3 Nc6 17.Na2 Qb6 *(17...b4 18.axb4 Bxb4 19.h5* leaves White's king pretty safe, whereas the black monarch... leaves White's king pretty safe, whereas the black monarch...*)* 18.Qd3 by when Black couldn't really castle and White was slightly for choice, eventually going on to win. by when Black couldn't really castle and White was slightly for choice, eventually going on to win.]

11.Ne2! Good prophylactic play, preserving his structure. The move may look slow, but I haven't found a particularly good way for Black to exploit it. Good prophylactic play, preserving his structure. The move may look slow, but I haven't found a particularly good way for Black to exploit it. **11...Qa5 12.Kb1 Ne4 13.Nc1!** An important manoeuvre. The knight will cover its king and now White can both play to evict the knight from e4 and press ahead on the kingside. It's only a small edge, but Rapport has won the opening duel. An important manoeuvre. The knight will cover its king and now White can both play to evict the knight from e4 and press ahead on the kingside. It's only a small edge, but Rapport has won the opening duel. **13...Bd6**

[One might have expected 13...Qb6!? from Sutovsky, but after 14.Nb3 a5 15.a4 White should be solid enough on the queenside and fast enough on the other flank. White should be solid enough on the queenside and fast enough on the other flank.]

14.Nb3 Jimmy Liew: '!?' Jimmy Liew: 'This just invites Black to play ...a5-a4-a3, opening the a-file.'

[The alternative is 14.Bxd6 Nxd6 15.c3 Qc7 16.Bd3 (now Black cannot postpone the decision on which side his king would like to be much longer; it may look like Black has some sort of queenside attack, but this is not dangerous at all) Na5 17.h4 Nac4 18.g5 Qb6 19.b3 a5 20.a4 . This looks risky, but the white king is somewhat safer than it appears at first glance, Without the possibility of ...a5-a4, the black attack is halted.]

14...Qc7 15.Be3 Keeping the bishop-pair. Jimmy Liew: 'QUESTION: What do you think of White's decision to avoid exchanging bishops?'

[ANSWER: Logically speaking, White should exchange. His bishop on e3 is not such a great piece compared with the bishop on d6. Indeed, after 15.Bxd6 Qxd6 16.Bd3 Nf6 17.c3 White's pieces are all well placed, so exchanging should be the better choice.]

15...0-0

[Missing 15...a5! 16.a4 *(*this is necessary as after *16.Bd3 a4 17.Nc1 a3* Black just sacrifices a pawn to open the a-file*)* 16...0-0 17.Bd3 Nb4 notice how Black waits for the white bishop to go to d3 before playing this move; 18.Rc1 *(* now *18.c3 Nxd3 19.Rxd3 b5* supplies a strong attack*;* the pawn sacrifice cannot be accepted: *18.Bxe4?! dxe4 19.Qxe4 Qc4 20.Nc1 f5 21.Rd2 b5* and the black attack is unstoppable*)* 18...f5 19.gxf5 Rxf5 (this is better than recapturing with the pawn; Black opens the f-file for counterplay as his queenside attacking possibilities are diminished) 20.Qg2 Qd7 (this in-between move lures the bishop on d3 away from pressuring the e4-knight) 21.Bb5 Qf7 22.Rhf1 Bf4 23.c3 Nc6 . Chances are equal in this position.]

16.Rg1! b5?!

[This is too slow. Sutovsky should have preferred 16...a5! 17.a4 Na7 when he would always have had counter-chances on the queenside.]

17.Bd3 f5? Jimmy Liew: '?!'

[And this pawn thrust badly underestimates why White went Rg1 before Bd3. Jimmy Liew: 'Again, Black had a better alternative in ' 17...a5!

would have pitched a pawn, but was a much better try. 18.Bxe4 dxe4 19.Qxe4 a4 20.Nc5 a3 (this natural push weakens White's c3-square) 21.b3 Ne7 when his initiative on the queenside is well worth a pawn.]

18.gxf5 exf5 Jimmy Liew: '??' Jimmy Liew: 'This obvious recapture loses to a cunning sacrifice. '

[After 18...Rxf5 19.Qg2 Qf7 20.Bxe4 dxe4 21.Qxe4 Black is a pawn down, but at least he is not completely lost yet.]

19.Bh6 Suddenly Black has to either give up the exchange or allow White a scary-looking sacrifice. Jimmy Liew: '!' Jimmy Liew: 'Rapport thought for a long time before playing this, anticipating the coming complications after the sacrifice. ' Suddenly Black has to either give up the exchange or allow White a scary-looking sacrifice. **19...Rf7 20.Bxg7! Rxg7 21.Qxf5** White may only have two pawns for the piece at this stage, but d5 is falling and with it Black's entire position. White may only have two pawns for the piece at this stage, but d5 is falling and with it Black's entire position. **21...Kh8** Jimmy Liew: 'The point of the sacrifice becomes clear; Black cannot defend his light squares. '

[Unfortunately for Sutovsky, Jimmy Liew: 'while after ' 21...Ne7 22.Qe6+ Kh8 23.Rxg7 Kxg7 24.Rg1+ was too strong to allow, and if Kh8 *(24...Ng6 25.Qxd5* White will win back his piece and maintain a winning position.*)* 25.Bxe4 dxe4 *(25...Rf8 26.Bxd5* does not change the result *)* 26.Qf6# .]

[Indeed, after 21...Qf7 22.Bxe4 dxe4 23.Qxe4 Rc8 24.Rxg7+ the rook on c8 will be forked whichever way Black recaptures Kxg7 25.Qg4+]

22.Rxg7 Qxg7 23.Qxd5 Forking Black's knights and so regaining his material with interest. Forking Black's knights and so regaining his material with interest. **23...Nxf2 24.Qxc6 Rf8 25.Rc1** Jimmy Liew: 'The safe option. White has an extra pawn and a great position. Black can continue to play on, but the end result cannot really be changed. White also has the opportunity to grab all the black queenside pawns in return for the exchange. EXERCISE: Try working out if 25 Qxa6 is a better alternative.'

[ANSWER: After 25.Qxa6!? Nxd1 26.Qxd6 Nf2 27.Bxb5 Ne4 28.Qe5 Qxe5 29.dxe5 Rf5 30.a4 Rxe5 31.c4 the white pawns will win the day.]

25...Nxd3 26.cxd3 Qg3 Black has managed to muster some counterplay, but it isn't anywhere near enough for two pawns. Black has managed to muster some counterplay, but it isn't anywhere near enough for two pawns. **27.a3!? Bf4**

[27...Qxd3+ wins back a pawn, but allows White to take over the initiative with wins back a pawn, but allows White to take over the initiative with 28.Ka2 Bf4 29.Nc5 .]

28.Rd1 Qxh3 29.Nc5 Be3 30.Qe4 Qf3 31.Qe5+! Rapport wants to attack, not exchange queens. **31...Kg8 32.Re1 Bf2 33.Re4 Qf5 34.Qc7 Kh8 35.Ne6** The initiative continues to grow. **35...Rg8 36.d5** Jimmy Liew: 'The pawn is immune as the long dark-square diagonal is open for the white queen: 36...Qxd5 37 Qc3+ wins. ' **36...Bh4 37.Qc5 Bf6 38.Ka2** Sutovsky has resisted as well as he might over the last few moves, but now

allows his queen to be misplaced. Sutovsky has resisted as well as he might over the last few moves, but now allows his queen to be misplaced.
38...h5? 39.Rf4! Qg6
[39...Qe5? 40.d4 is a neat way to win material.]
40.d6 The d-pawn is simply too strong.
40...Bg7 41.Qf5 Kh7 42.d7 Qxf5 43.Rxf5 Kg6 44.Rf8 Finishing crisply. The pawn will queen. Jimmy Liew: '. A good example of many typical ideas in this line.'
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■ **Sutovsky,Emil** **2624**
41st Olympiad Open 2014 (9.5) 11.08.14
[Jimmy Liew]

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[For 10...Bd6 see the next game. see the next game.]

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□ **Bubeliang** **2703**

■ **Vahe Dan** **2759**

Blitz 13.04.2024

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines

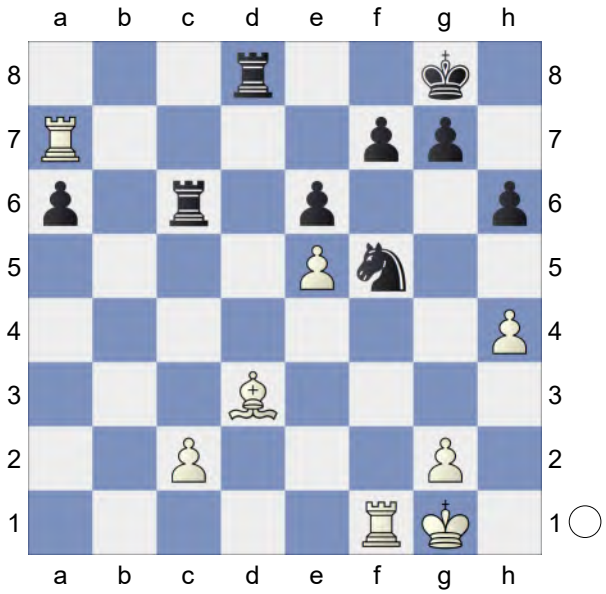
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N

[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* 1-0 Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 2013*; 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7* 0-1 Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig,F (1863) Rheinhessen-ch H1 op 1997 (2)*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* 1-0 Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) V0048 www.desc-online.de 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]

3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 b5 5.a3 e6 6.Nf3 Bb7 7.Bd3 Nbd7 8.Ne5 The position is

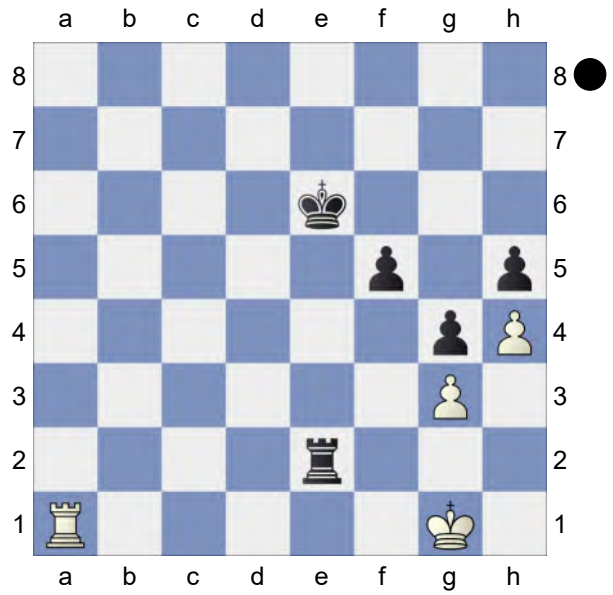
equal. **8...c5 9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.h4** -0.73/18
[10.Nxd7= -0.19/17 Nxd7 11.0-0]
10...Rc8 -0.35/18
[10...d4∓ -0.73/18 11.exd4 Bxd4 12.Nxd7 Qxd7]
11.0-0 -0.78/19
[11.Nxd7∓ -0.35/18 Qxd7 *(11...Nxd7 12.Qg4∓)* 12.Ne2]
11...0-0 12.Qe2 Nxe5 13.Bxe5 Bd6 14.Bxd6 Qxd6 15.Rad1 Rfd8 16.f3 h6 17.e4 b4 18.axb4 Qxb4 19.exd5 Qxb2 20.Ne4 Nxd5
[20...exd5?! 21.Ng3=]
21.Qf2 -1.96/22
[21.Rb1∓ -1.17/22 Qd4+ 22.Qf2 Qxf2+ 23.Rxf2]
21...Qb6 -1.16/19
[Better is 21...Nb4-+ -1.96/22 White must now prevent ...Nxd3! 22.Rb1 Qa3]
22.Qxb6∓ Nxb6 23.Rb1 Bxe4 24.fxe4 Nc4 Hoping for ...Nd2. **25.Rb7 Nd6** -0.72/24
[⌓25...Ne5 -1.31/21 26.Ra7 Rd6]
26.Ra7 Rc6 0.76/22
[26...Rf8∓ -0.65/21 keeps the upper hand.]
27.e5!± White is more active. **27...Nf5**

(Diagram)

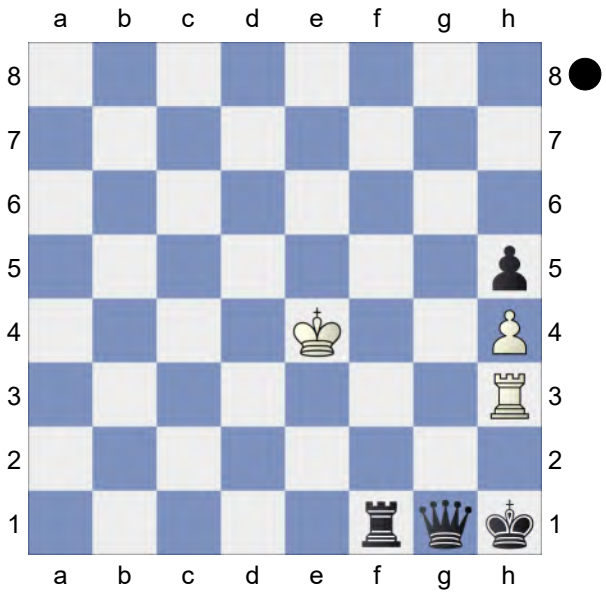


28.Bxf5 -0.09/21
[28.g4!± 0.97/24 g6 *(28...Nxh4 29.Rfxf7 g6 30.Kh2+-)* 29.gxf5 gxf5 30.Rxa6 *(30.Bxa6 Rxc2 31.Re1 Ra2=)*]
28...exf5= 29.Rxf5± Endgame. KRR-KRR **29...Rf8 30.Kh2 Rxc2 31.Rxa6 Re2 32.Ra3 Re8** -0.13/24
[32...g6∓ -0.57/23 deserves consideration. 33.Rf4 Rxe5]
33.Raf3 -0.58/23
[33.Ra7= -0.13/24]
33...Re7∓
[33...R8xe5 34.Rxf7 R5e4 35.R7f4=]
34.Ra3 R2xe5 35.Rxe5 Rxe5∓ KR-KR **36.Ra7 f6 37.g3 h5 38.Kh3 Kh7 39.Kg2 Kg6 40.Ra4!=** -0.01/32 **Rf5 41.Ra3 Re5** -0.01/32
[41...Rb5∓ -0.62/34]
42.Ra8 -0.59/31 **Kf5 43.Kf3 g6 44.Ra4 Rc5 45.Rf4+ Ke6 46.Re4+ Kd5** And now ...Rc3+ would win. **47.Ra4 Rc3+ 48.Kg2 Rc5** 0.01/21
[48...Rc4∓ -0.35/24 49.Ra7 Rc6]
49.Ra6 Ke5 50.Rb6 Kf5 51.Rb4 Re5 52.Rf4+ Ke6 53.Rf1 g5 54.Kh3 g4+ 55.Kh2 Re2+ 56.Kg1 f5 57.Ra1?

-3.90/26
[White should try 57.Kh1∓ -0.66/25]

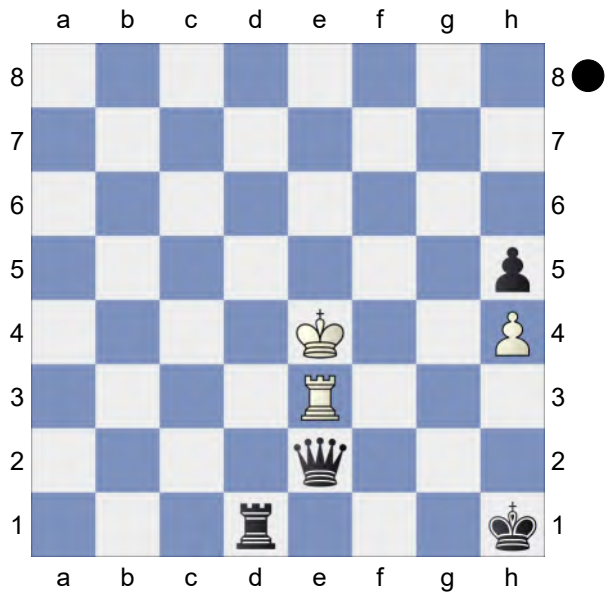


White is on the road to losing. **57...f4!-+** ...f3 would now be deadly. **58.gxf4**
[58.Ra6+ Ke5]
58...Kf5 59.Ra4 -19.44/28
[⌓59.Kf1 -4.85/29 Rb2 60.Ra5+ Kxf4 61.Rxh5]
59...g3 60.Ra8 Kg4 61.f5 Kh3 62.Ra1 Inhibits Re1+. **62...Rg2+**
[62...Kxh4 63.f6 Kh3 64.Rf1=]
63.Kh1= 0.01/27 **Rh2+?** -2.64/5
[63...Rf2 -15.78/30 64.Kg1 Rxf5 *(64...Kxh4? 65.Ra5-+)*]
64.Kg1 Rg2+? 0.01/27
[64...Kxh4 65.f6 Kh3 66.Rf1=]
[64...Rf2-+ -17.06/28 65.Ra6 Rxf5]
65.Kf1? -14.59/25 **Rf2+ 66.Ke1 Rxf5 67.Ke2 g2 68.Ke3 Kh2** -14.99/21
[⌓68...Rf1 -#12/21 69.Ra3 g1Q+ *(69...g1B+ 70.Ke2+ Kg2 71.Ra5∓)* 70.Ke2+ Kg4 *(70...Kxh4 71.Ra4+ Kh3 72.Ra3+ Kh2 73.Rc3 Qg2+ 74.Ke3 Qd5 75.Rc2+ Kg3 76.Rf2 Rd1 77.Rg2+ Kxg2 78.Kf4 Rd4+ 79.Ke3 Qe5#)* 71.Rb3 Re1+ *(71...Kxh4 72.Rb4+ Kh3 73.Rb3+ Kg2 74.Kd3 Qc5 75.Rb2+ Kf3 76.Rc2 Rd1+ 77.Rd2 Rxd2+ 78.Kxd2 Qc4 79.Kd1 Ke3 80.Ke1 Qe2#)* 72.Kd2 Qf2+ *(72...Kxh4 73.Rb4+ Kh3 74.Rb3+ Kg2 75.Ra3 Qf2+ 76.Kd3 Qe3+* Skewer *77.Kc4 Rc1+ 78.Rc3 Qxc3+ 79.Kd5 Qf6 80.Ke4 Rd1 81.Ke3 Qf3#)* 73.Kd3 Qc5 *(73...Qxh4 74.Rb4+ Kg3 75.Rxh4 Kxh4 76.Kd2 Re8 77.Kc3 Kg5 78.Kd4 h4 79.Kc4 h3 80.Kd5 h2 81.Kd6 h1Q 82.Kc5 Rc8+ 83.Kb6 Qb1+ 84.Ka7 Rh8 85.Ka6 Ra8#)* 74.Rc3 Re3+ 75.Kc2 Qxc3+ 76.Kb1 Re1+ 77.Ka2 Ra1#]
69.Ra2 Kh1 70.Ke4 Rf1
[Weaker is 70...g1R 71.Kxf5 Rg4 72.Kf6=]
71.Ra3 g1Q 72.Rh3+



Qh2!! 73.Ra3
[73.Rxh2+ Kxh2]
73...Qg2+ 74.Kd4 Qe2 75.Re3 Rd1+ 76.Ke4

(Diagram)

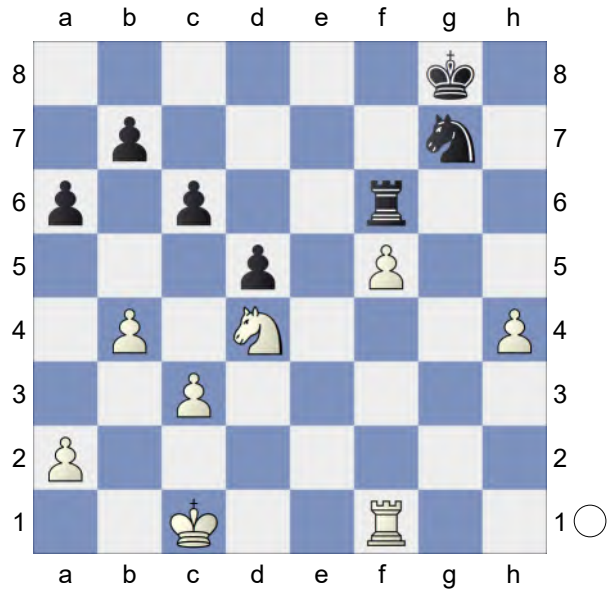


Qxe3+ -8.56/5 **77.Kxe3 Kg2 78.Kf4 Kh3 79.Kg5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.43/Black=0.21 (precise) . Sensor Board Error (Ke4/e5)?
1-0

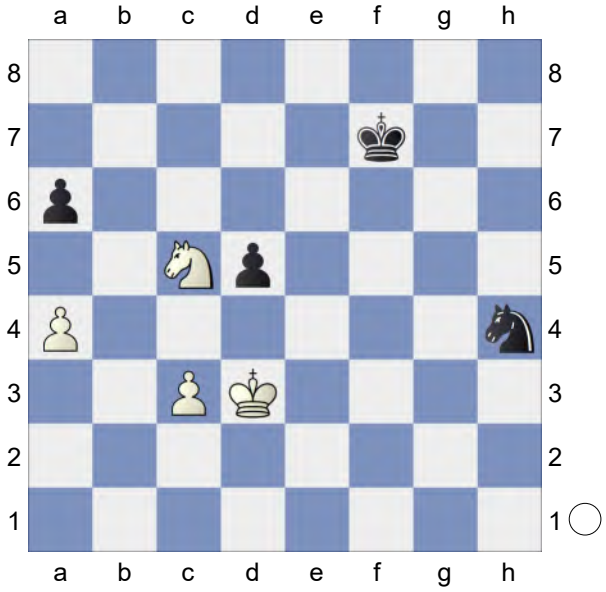
265 **D00**
□ **Hyperreal** **2702**
■ **Punchen** **2673**
Blitz 20.06.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines A45: Trompowsky Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...g6 3.Bf4 *(3.e3 b6 4.Qf3 d5 5.Qg3 Bg7 6.Be2 Bf5 7.Bd1 Na6 8.a3 c5 9.Nge2 Nc7 10.f3 0-0 11.Qf2 Re8 12.0-0 Bd7 13.Ng3 Bc6 14.Nce2 c4 15.c3 a5 16.Bd2 a4 17.Bc2 Nd7* Breder,D (2445)-Rogozenco,D (2519) Deutschland 86/(186) 2002 CI1-130 [Rogozenco, Dorian] (39)*)* 3...Bg7 4.e4 0-0 5.e5 Ne8 6.Qe2 d5 *(6...d6 7.0-0-0 Nd7 8.h4 c5 9.dxc5 Nxc5 10.h5 Qa5 11.Nd5 Qd8 12.exd6 exd6 13.Ne7+ Kh8 14.hxg6 fxg6 15.Nxg6+ Kg8 16.Ne7+ Kh8 17.Rxh7+ Kxh7 18.Qh5+ Bh6 19.Qxh6#* 11) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.Bf4 B-5.e5 Ne8 6.Qe2 d6 #20 The Meanest Jobava London 2023 https://www.chessable.co [MH]*)* 7.0-0-0 c5 8.dxc5 e6 9.h4 Qa5 10.h5 Qxc5 11.Be3 Qc7 12.hxg6 fxg6 13.f4 Nc6 14.Nf3 h6 15.Qf2 a6 16.Kb1 b5 17.Bd3 11) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.Bf4 B-5.e5 Ne8 6.Qe2 d5 #2 The Meanest Jobava London 2023 https://www.chessable.co [MH]]
[2...e6 3.Bf4 Bb4 4.e3 Ne4 5.Nge2 Nxc3 6.Nxc3 0-0 7.Bd3 d5 8.Qf3 c5 9.Qg3 cxd4 10.Bh6 g6 11.exd4 Re8 12.h4 Bf8 13.Bf4 Nc6 14.h5 13) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6-1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6 3.Bf4 Bb4 4 The Meanest Jobava London 2023 https://www.chessable.co [MH]]
3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Bb4+ 5.c3 Ba5 6.Nf3 a6 7.Na3 0-0 8.e3 The position is equal. **8...c6 9.Bd3 Bc7 10.Ne5 Nfd7 11.Qh5 g6 12.Qf3**
[12.Qh6 keeps more tension. Nxe5 13.dxe5 Nd7 14.Bg5]
12...Nxe5 13.dxe5 Nd7 -0.05/20
[13...Qh4∓ -0.38/19]
14.Qg3= f6 15.Bxg6 hxg6 1.33/21
[15...Nxe5= 0.01/20 remains equal. 16.Bc2+ Kh8]
16.Qxg6+ -0.01/5
[16.exf6± 1.33/21 Qxf6 17.Bxc7]
16...Kh8 Strongly threatening ...Qe7.
17.Qh5+= -0.01/22 Kg8 18.Qg6+ Kh8 19.h4? -1.82/23 **Qe7!-+**
[19...Bxe5 20.Qh5+ Kg8 21.Qg6+ Kh8 22.Qh5+ Kg8 23.Qg6+ Kh8=]
[19...Nxe5 20.Qh5+ Kg8 21.Rh3=]
20.exf6 Nxf6 21.Bxc7 Qxc7 22.Qh6+ Kg8 23.Rh3 Rg3+ is the strong threat.
23...e5? -0.01/22

[23...Ne4-+ -1.74/19 Threatens to win with ...Rf6. 24.f3 Rf6!]
24.Rg3+= Bg4 White should prevent ... Qh7. **25.f3** Pin **25...e4 26.Qg6+!**
[26.Rxg4+ Nxg4 27.Qe6+ Kh7∓ *(27...Rf7 28.Qxg4+ Kh8∓)*]
26...Kh8! 27.Qh6+ Nh7 0.53/21
28.Rxg4± exf3 29.gxf3 Rxf3 30.0-0-0 Qf7 1.41/20
[⌓30...Qe7 1.02/20]
31.Rf4 0.66/22 &Bianco is more active.
[31.e4± 1.41/20]
31...Rxf4 32.Qxf4 Qxf4 33.exf4 Endgame KRN-KRN **33...Rf8 34.Rf1 Nf6 35.Nc2 Nh5 36.f5 Kg8 37.Nd4 Ng7** 2.63/21
[37...Kf7± 1.14/20]
38.b4 1.14/20
[38.Rg1+- 2.63/21 and the rest is easy.]
38...Rf6



Prevents Ne6. **39.Kd2** 0.82/22
[White should play 39.a4! 1.16/22]
39...b6± 40.a4 0.01/19
[White should try 40.Rh1± 0.86/19]
40...c5 1.12/19
[40...Kf7!= 0.01/19]
41.bxc5 bxc5 42.Nb3 Rxf5 2.91/20
[⌓42...c4 1.83/20]
43.Rxf5+- Nxf5 44.Nxc5 Nxh4 KN-KN **45.Kd3**
[Don't take 45.Nxa6 Kf7 46.a5 Nf3+ 47.Kc2 Ke7+-]
45...Kf7

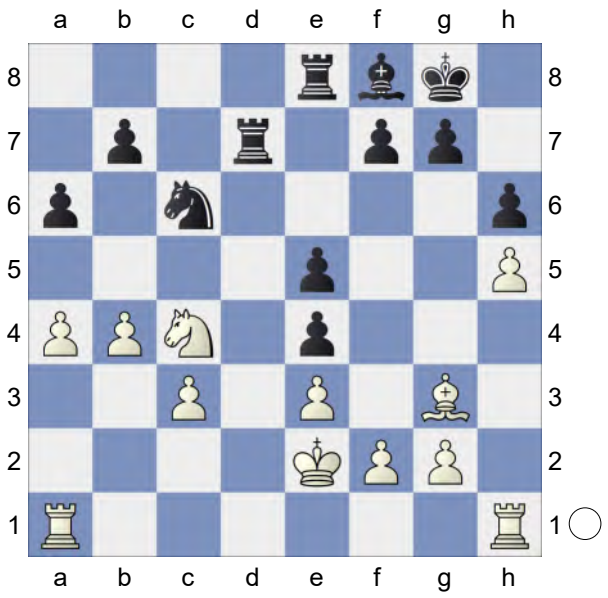


46.Kd4!
[46.Nxa6 Ke6 47.a5 Ng6+-]
46...Ke7 47.Kxd5
[Not 47.Nxa6 Kd6±]
47...Kd8? 14.75/31
[47...a5 3.16/27 48.Nb3 Kd7 49.Nxa5 Nf5]
48.Nxa6 5.47/27
[⌓48.a5 14.75/31 Kc7 49.Nxa6+ Kb7 50.Nb4]
48...Kc8 49.Nb4 Kb7 50.Kc5 Nf5 51.c4 Ne3 52.a5 Ka7 53.Kb5 Nf5 54.Nc6+ Kb7 55.a6+ Kc7 20.55/21
[⌓55...Ka8 4.47/21 56.c5 Ng3]
56.c5 Ne3 57.Na5 5.09/19
[⌓57.Nb4 18.94/22]
57...Nc2 #11/19
[57...Kb8+- 5.09/19 58.Nc6+ Ka8 59.Ne7 Nd1 60.c6 Nc3+ 61.Kb6 Na4+ 62.Ka5 Kb8 63.Kxa4 Kc7]
58.a7 White mates. **58...Nd4+ 59.Kc4 Nc6 60.a8Q** Quite a comeback for

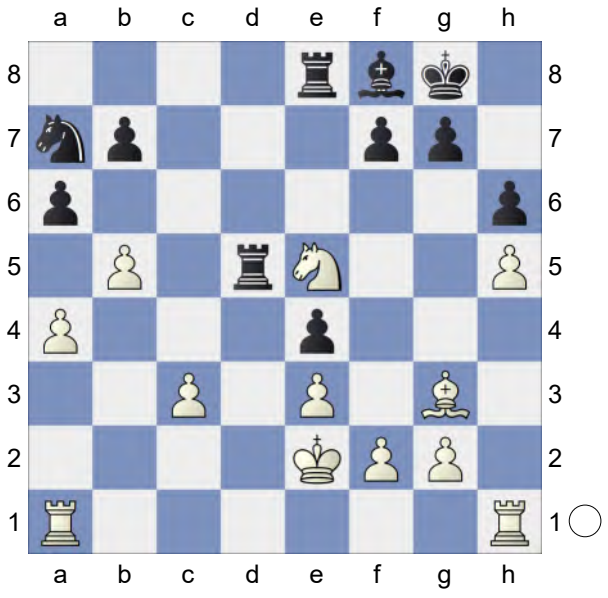
White. Weighted Error Value: White=0.38/Black=0.47
1-0

266 **D00**
□ **Erigaisi,Arjun Kumar** **2702**
■ **Madaminov,Mukhiddin** **2431**
Asian Continental op 20th (6) 08.06.23
[Kitty Kat]

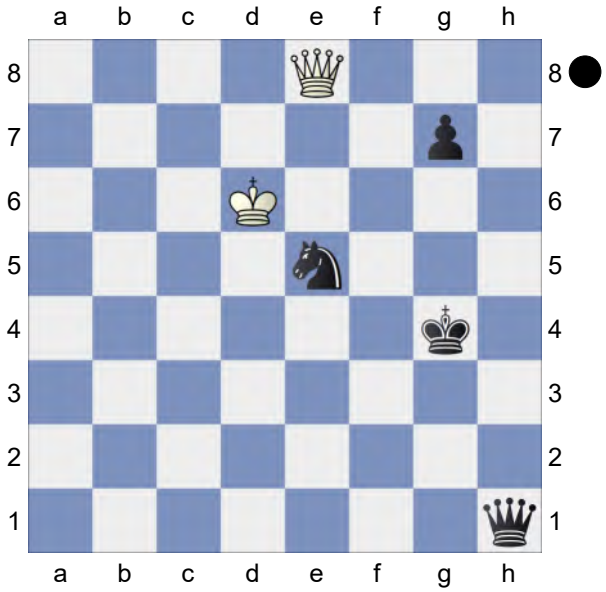
D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7 ½-½* Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8 ½-½* Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]
3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.h4 c5 8.c3 White has an edge.
[8.a4 Bd7 9.Ne5 Nb4 10.g4 a6 11.Nc3 cxd4 12.exd4 Rc8 13.f3 Be8 14.Bd3 Nd7 15.g5 Nxe5 16.Bxe5]
8...Bd7 9.a4 Ne4 0.82/18
[9...c4 10.b3 Qa5 11.bxc4 Bxb5 12.axb5 Qxc3+ 13.Nd2 Nb4 14.Rc1 Nd3+ 15.Bxd3 Qxd3 16.Qe2 dxc4 17.Rxc4 Qa3 18.0-0 Rfc8 19.e4 a5]
[9...Bxb5= 0.26/22 10.axb5 *(10.Bxb5 c4∓)* 10...Nc7]
10.h5 0.27/20
[10.Bd3!± 0.82/18]
10...h6 0.72/17 is cutting edge theory. ist die Avantgarde der Theorie.
[10...c4!= 0.27/20]
11.Ne5 0.13/19
[11.Bd3± 0.72/17]
11...Nb8 0.51/18
[11...cxd4= 0.13/19 deserves consideration. 12.exd4 Bxb5 13.Bxb5 *(13.axb5 Nb8±)* 13...Nb8]
12.Bd3!± a6 13.Na3 0.08/20 White is more active.
[White should play 13.Bxe4± 0.68/23 dxe4 14.Na3]
13...Nc6 0.67/21
[Black should try 13...Ng5= 0.08/20]
14.Bxe4 0.00/23 **dxe4** 0.67/19
[Better is 14...Nxe5= 0.00/23 15.Bb1 Nc6]
15.Nxd7! Qxd7 16.dxc5
[16.Nc4]
16...Rfd8 17.Qxd7 Rxd7 18.Ke2 Strongly threatening Na3-c4. **18...e5** 1.57/24
[18...Bxc5± 0.50/22 19.Nc4 Ne7]
19.Bg3± Bxc5 20.Nc4 Re8 21.b4 Bf8 (Diagram)



22.b5! Na7N 2.01/20
[22...Ne7± 1.56/23 might work better.]
23.Nxe5+-
[Less strong is 23.Bxe5 axb5 24.Nb6 Rdd8=]
23...Rd5



24.Rhd1 1.06/21
[24.c4!+- 2.36/24 and the rest is easy. Rdxe5 25.Bxe5 Rxe5 26.Rhd1]
24...Rxd1± 25.Kxd1 0.00/30
[25.Rxd1± 1.29/30 Rd1-d7 is the strong threat. axb5 26.Rd5 bxa4 27.Ra5]
25...axb5= 26.Kc2 Bd6 27.Ng4 Bxg3 28.fxg3 Endgame. KRN-KRN **28...Rc8 29.Nf2 f5 30.g4 bxa4 31.gxf5**
[31.Rxa4!? Nb5□ 32.Nd1=]
31...Rc4 32.Rb1 Against Na7-b5 **32...b5 33.Rb4 Rxb4 34.cxb4** KN-KN **34...Nc6 35.Kc3 Ne7 36.Nxe4 Nxf5 37.Kd3 Kf7 38.g4 Ne7 39.Nd6+ Kf6 40.Nxb5 Nd5 41.Nc3 Nxb4+ 42.Kc4 Nc2 43.Kd3! Nb4+ 44.Kc4 Nc6** White must now prevent ...Nc6-e5+. **45.Kd5 Ne7+ 46.Kc4?** -6.91/24
[46.Kd6= -0.13/21]
46...Kg5-+ 47.Nxa4 Kxg4 48.e4 Kxh5 aiming for ...Kh5-g4. **49.Kc5 Kg4** Threatens to win with ...h6-h5. **50.Kd6 Ng6 51.Nc5 h5 52.e5 h4** And now ... h4-h3 would win. **53.e6 h3 54.Nd3 h2 55.Ne5+ Nxe5 56.e7** Black mates. **56...h1Q**
[Weaker is 56...h1R 57.e8Q Re1 58.Qc8+ Kg5 59.Qc5=]
Predecessor: **57.e8Q**



Qc6+! 58.Qxc6 Nxc6 59.Kxc6 g5 ½-½ Benedetto,D (2305)-Gagliardi,V (2279) ITA-ch74 sf-B email 2021 Quite a comeback for Black. Weighted Error

Value: White=0.36/Black=0.14 (very precise) . An unexpected result.
½-½

267 **D00**
□ **Erigaisi,Arjun Kumar** **2701**
■ **Lenderman,Aleksandr** **2572**
PRO League Prelim 2023 rapid (5.2)
[Richard Palliser]

Richard Palliser,MH: 'B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack ' **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6**
[Sensibly ruling out Nb5 ideas once and for all, although this is far from obligatory, with Richard Palliser,MH: 'Sensibly ruling out Nb5 ideas once and for all, although this is far from obligatory, with' 5...Bg4 one decent alternative - see the Archive.]
6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Ne5 Bd7! A solid and important defensive idea, preventing any damage to Black's structure after an exchange on c6. Richard Palliser,MH: 'A solid and important defensive idea, preventing any damage to Black's structure after an exchange on c6. 7...Bd7 is better than 7...e6. 7...Ld7 ist besser als 7... e6.' 7...Bd7 is better than 7...e6. 7...Ld7 ist besser als 7...e6. **8.g4!** And Andrey Esipenko's pawn sacrifice remains a dangerous counter, as well as a move which I see was recommended in Simon Williams's 'Opening Repertoire: The Jobava London System'. Richard Palliser,MH: 'And Andrey Esipenko's pawn sacrifice remains a dangerous counter, as well as a move which I see was recommended in Simon Williams's 'Opening Repertoire: The Jobava London System'. The position is equal.'
8...e6
[Just a quick reminder that the pawn is largely poisoned, or at least that Richard Palliser,MH: 'Just a quick reminder that the pawn is largely poisoned, or at least that' 8...Nxe5 9.dxe5 Nxg4 10.Rg1! offers White promising compensation, as shown by Williams.]
9.g5 Ng8!?
[We've previously seen that 9...Nxe5 10.Bxe5 Ng8 11.h4 Ne7 12.Qe2 Nc6 was preferred in Erigaisi-Bluebaum, Internet (rapid) 2022, where White should likely have settled for Richard Palliser,MH: 'was preferred in Erigaisi-Bluebaum, Internet (rapid) 2022, where White should likely have settled for' 13.0-0-0 when after Richard Palliser,MH: '!' Nxe5 14.Qxe5 Qb8 15.Qe3 Qd6 16.Bd3 0-0-0 17.f4 his extra space offsets Black's solid position and bishop-pair. Richard Palliser,MH: 'his extra space offsets Black's solid position and bishop-pair.']
10.Nxc6 Bxc6 11.Qf3!?N
[Predecessor: A novelty, 11.h4 Bd6 12.Qd2 -0.08/22 having been preferred in Sadhwani-Firouzja, Airthings (rapid) 2023, where the engines ask why not Richard Palliser, MH: 'having been preferred in Sadhwani-Firouzja, Airthings (rapid) 2023, where the engines ask why not' *(12.Bxd6* 0.28/21 deserves consideration. *Qxd6 13.Qf3)*
A) Richard Palliser,MH: ' Black should try' 12...h5!? -0.08/22 , since Richard Palliser,MH: '=' 13.gxh6 -0.64/23 *(13.Bxd6=* 0.08/21 *Qxd6 14.Bd3)* 13...Bxf4 Richard Palliser,MH: ' ∓' 14.Qxf4

Rxh6 is certainly pretty pleasant for Black.;
B) 12...Ne7 0.49/21 13.Bd3 Qc7 14.Ne2 0.01/21 *(14.Bxd6± 0.51/22 Qxd6 15.0-0-0)* 14...Bxf4 Richard Palliser,MH: '=' 15.Qxf4 Qxf4 16.Nxf4 Kd7 17.Kd2 ½-½ (39) Sadhwani,R (2627)-Firouzja,A (2785) Chess.com INT 2023 Richard Palliser,MH: '½-½ (39) Sadhwani,R (2627)-Firouzja, A (2785) Chess.com INT 2023']

11...Bd6 12.0-0-0 -0.35/22
[12.h4= 0.23/20]

12...Ne7 0.51/20
[Natural development, but now White is able to take control. As such, here too touching the h-pawn may well be more critical: Richard Palliser,MH: 'Natural development, but now White is able to take control. As such, here too touching the h-pawn may well be more critical:' 12...h6!? -0.35/22 Richard Palliser,MH: ' ∓' 13.g6!? is possibly what Erigaisi intended, when Richard Palliser,MH: 'is possibly what Erigaisi intended, when' fxg6 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Strongly threatening ...Qd8-f6.' 14.Bxd6 Qxd6 15.Bh3 offers White some compensation, although like the engines I have my doubts as to the exact depth of it. Richard Palliser, MH: 'offers White some compensation, although like the engines I have my doubts as to the exact depth of it.']

13.Bd3 Keeping Black's knight out of f5 ahead of preparing to thematically expand with h4-h5. Richard Palliser,MH: 'Keeping Black's knight out of f5 ahead of preparing to thematically expand with h4-h5.' **13...Qc7** 0.71/21
[13...b5!? 0.27/23 wouldn't have been in keeping with Lenderman's largely solid style, but after Richard Palliser, MH: '=' 'wouldn't have been in keeping with Lenderman's largely solid style, but after' 14.h4 b4 15.Ne2 Bb5 Black would at least have managed to acquire a bit of counterplay. Richard Palliser,MH: 'Black would at least have managed to acquire a bit of counterplay.']

14.Bxd6 Richard Palliser,MH: '±'
14...Qxd6 15.h4 g6 1.03/22
[15...h6± 0.65/21]

16.Rde1
[16.h5! was likely more accurate as e5? 2.30/23 *(16...Rf8± 0.99/21 is a better defense. 17.Kb1 0-0-0)* 17.Qg3 is nothing to worry about. Richard Palliser,MH: 'is nothing to worry about.']

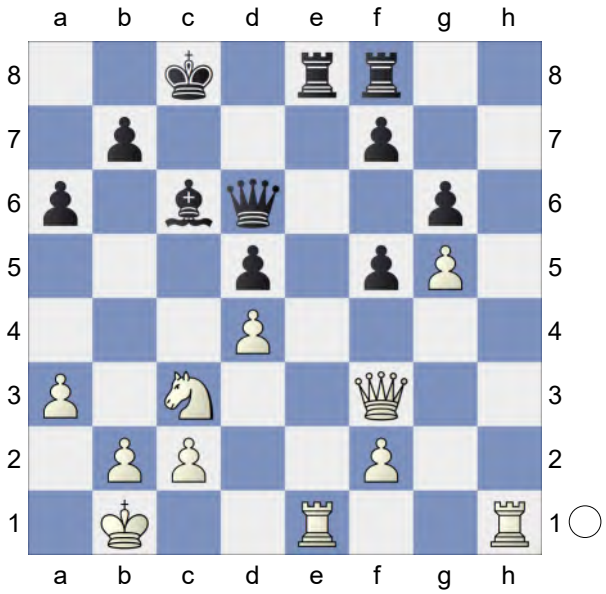
16...Rf8 1.08/22
[16...h5!? 0.69/22 pretty much forces White into Richard Palliser,MH: ' ±' 17.gxh6 Rxh6 , but this can't be more than slightly worse for Black, as with 18.h5 0.36/21 *(18.Kb1± 0.82/21)* 18...gxh5 Richard Palliser,MH: '±' 19.Re5 h4 .]

17.h5 White is now fully on track and Black's position already quite unpleasant due to his bad bishop and lack of both space and counterplay. Richard Palliser,MH: 'White is now fully on track and Black's position already quite unpleasant due to his bad bishop and lack of both space and counterplay. White is much more active.' **17...0-0-0**

18.Kb1 Erigaisi is in no rush, so calmly makes a small improvement to his position, one which tempts Lenderman into a big decision. Richard Palliser,MH: 'Erigaisi is in no rush, so calmly makes a small improvement to his position, one

which tempts Lenderman into a big decision.' **18...Nf5?! 19.Bxf5! exf5 20.hxg6**
[20.Re5 Rde8 21.Rhe1 also looks like a clear advantage to me, Richard Palliser,MH: 'also looks like a clear advantage to me,']
[and the engines even rather like his chances after the unhurried Richard Palliser,MH: 'and the engines even rather like his chances after the unhurried' 20.b3!? and Kb2.]
20...hxg6 21.a3
[I'd still prefer to go Richard Palliser, MH: 'I'd still prefer to go' 21.Re5! in part because now f6?! 22.gxf6 Qxf6 23.a4!? 0.68/20 retains a clear plus, and if *(23.Ne2± 1.26/20)* 23...g5!? 1.40/20 *(23...Rde8± 0.68/20)* 24.Rg1 Rde8 25.Rge1 .]
21...Rde8 1.14/22 Richard Palliser,MH: '
[Seeking salvation through exchanges. Black might also have done so with 21...f6!? 22.gxf6 *(22.Reg1!? fxg5 23.Rxg5 Rh8* Richard Palliser,MH: ' Inhibits Rh1-h6.' *24.Rhg1 Be8 25.Ne2* is how the engines prefer to retain the pressure Richard Palliser, MH: 'is how the engines prefer to retain the pressure'*)* 22...Qxf6 23.Re5 Rde8 , and if 24.Rhe1 Qh4! .]
[Better is 21...Rfe8 0.78/24]

(Diagram)



' **22.Rxe8+!** Erigaisi finds the right way to retain control and make progress. Richard Palliser,MH: 'Erigaisi finds the right way to retain control and make progress.' **22...Rxe8 23.Rh7 Re7** Richard Palliser,MH: ' Black is weak on the dark squares' **24.Kc1?** -0.01/23
[A seemingly natural choice, but it transpires that it's too early to centralise the king. As such, White should have improved his pieces with Richard Palliser,MH: 'A seemingly natural choice, but it transpires that it's too early to centralise the king. As such, White should have improved his pieces with' 24.Na2 Re1+ 1.05/23 *(24...f6!± 0.66/20 25.Rxe7 Qxe7)* 25.Nc1 Richard Palliser,MH: ' **±**' Qe7 26.Qf4 ,]
[or with 24.Rh8+ 0.95/24 Richard Palliser,MH: ' **±**' Kd7 25.Ka2!? , thereby keeping Black largely quite bottled up. Richard Palliser,MH: ', thereby keeping Black largely quite bottled up.']
24...Kb8?! 0.48/23
[This is hardly terrible, but 24...f6! -0.01/23 Richard Palliser,MH: '='

25.Rxe7 *(25.Rh8+ Kd7 26.gxf6 Qxf6* hits the rook and d4*; 25.Rh6 fxg5)* 25...Qxe7 26.gxf6 Qxf6

A) or 27.Nxd5 Qxd4 *(27...Qd8!? 28.c4□ Bxd5 29.cxd5 Qd6±)*;

B) 27.Ne2 g5 would appear to completely equalise. Richard Palliser,MH: 'would appear to completely equalise. Inhibits Ne2-f4. ']

25.Kd2 Ka7 26.Qg3! Regaining a fair degree of control. **26...Qd8** 0.81/24

[Likewise, 26...Qe6 Richard Palliser, MH: ' White must now prevent ...Qe6-e1+.'

A) 27.Qe5 Qd7 *(27...Qxe5 28.dxe5 f4 29.Kd3±)*;

B) 27.f4!? Re8 28.Rh2 would leave Black suffering, if still with definite chances to hold. Richard Palliser,MH: 'would leave Black suffering, if still with definite chances to hold.']

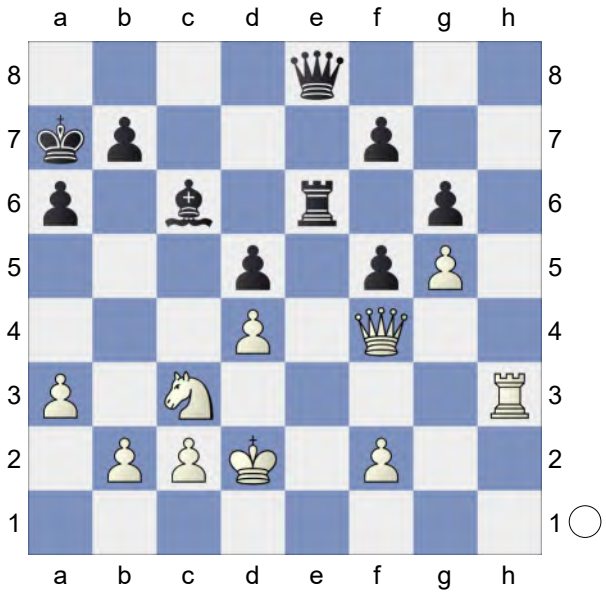
27.Qf4 Qe8?!

[Once again, 27...f6! was a much better defensive try. Richard Palliser, MH: 'was a much better defensive try. ']

28.Rh3! Now an invasion on e1 will lead nowhere and White can remove the rooks. Richard Palliser,MH: 'Now an invasion on e1 will lead nowhere and White can remove the rooks.' **28...Re6** 1.16/23 Richard Palliser,MH: '

[28...Qd8!? was likely a better defensive approach, based on the point Richard Palliser,MH: 'was likely a better defensive approach, based on the point' 29.Re3 Rxe3 30.Qxe3 0.34/23 *(*White should play *30.fxe3± 0.84/25 Qe7 31.Kd1)* 30...f6 . Richard Palliser,MH: '!']

[28...Rd7± 0.69/24]



' **29.Re3** Richard Palliser,MH: '!' **29...Rxe3 30.Qxe3** Richard Palliser,MH: 'Endgame. KQB-KQN' **30...Qh8** 1.39/24

[⌓30...Qd8 1.01/23]

31.b3! Creating a safe spot for the king if needed and also preparing to expand on the queenside. Matters are back to being most unpleasant for Black. Richard Palliser,MH: 'Creating a safe spot for the king if needed and also preparing to expand on the queenside. Matters are back to being most unpleasant for Black.' **31...Qf8 32.a4 Qd8 33.Ne2!** It's high time to improve the knight and meanwhile Black remains rather hampered by his bad bishop. Richard Palliser,MH: 'It's high time to improve the knight and meanwhile Black remains rather hampered by his bad bishop.' **33...Qa5+** 1.78/25

[33...Bd7± 1.17/20 was necessary. 34.Qg3 Qh8]

34.Kd1 Richard Palliser,MH: '+-' **34...Qd8** Richard Palliser,MH: ' Wards off Qe3-e7' **35.Kc1** 1.29/22

[35.Nc1+- 1.65/23]

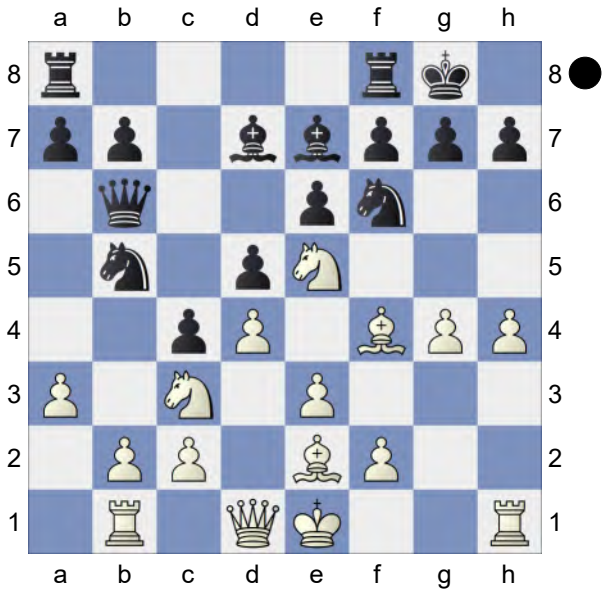
35...Qa5 1.86/24

[35...f6± 1.29/22]
36.Nf4 Qd8 37.Nd3 An ideal spot for the knight as Erigaisi continues to give a masterclass in how to play this type of queen and good knight against queen and bad bishop endgame. Richard Palliser,MH: 'An ideal spot for the knight as Erigaisi continues to give a masterclass in how to play this type of queen and good knight against queen and bad bishop endgame.' **37...Bd7 38.f4 Be6** 1.97/27
[38...Be8± 1.51/26 39.Qe1 a5]
39.Nc5 Bc8 40.Qe5 Beginning to invade. **40...b6** 2.18/25
[⌓40...Be6 1.63/26 41.Nxe6 fxe6 42.Qxe6 Qc7]
41.Nd3 Be6
[41...a5!? 42.Qf6! is a big call, but after Qxf6 43.gxf6 Richard Palliser, MH: ' aiming for Nd3-e5.' Be6 44.Ne5 Kb7 3.47/33 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Prevents Ne5-c6. ' 45.Kd2 Richard Palliser,MH: '+-' Kc7 46.c4 2.02/26 *(⌓46.Kd3 3.37/29)* 46...Kd6 Richard Palliser,MH: '+-' 47.Kd3 it's zugzwang.]
42.a5!? A tempting move as time ran low, although objectively speaking White should probably have preferred to reroute his queen and free e5 for the knight. Richard Palliser,MH: 'A tempting move as time ran low, although objectively speaking White should probably have preferred to reroute his queen and free e5 for the knight. Deflection' **42...bxa5 43.Nc5** 1.06/27
[⌓43.Kb2 1.55/25]
43...Qb6 2.14/28
[43...Bc8± 1.06/27 44.Nd3 a4]
44.Kb2 Qc6 45.Nxe6! Shades of Fischer-Petrosian as White gives up his beautiful knight to simplify favourably. Richard Palliser,MH: 'Shades of Fischer-Petrosian as White gives up his beautiful knight to simplify favourably.' **45...fxe6?** 5.74/24 Richard Palliser,MH: ' KQ-KQ'
[Losing in straightforward fashion, although in the long run after Richard Palliser,MH: 'Losing in straightforward fashion, although in the long run after' 45...Qxe6 1.86/28 Richard Palliser, MH: ' is a better chance.' 46.Qc7+! *(46.Qxe6? 0.01/35* Richard Palliser, MH: '46.Qe5-c7+ 1.80' *fxe6 47.Ka3 Kb7! 48.Ka4 Kb6 49.c3 Kc6 50.Kxa5 Kb7* is only a draw it seems*)* 46...Ka8 47.Ka3! 1.17/24 White would surely have prevailed in any case. *(47.Qxa5+- 2.06/25 Kb7 48.Qb4+ Kc7 49.Qf8)*]
46.Qg7+ Kb6 9.44/25
[⌓46...Qb7 4.41/24 47.Qxg6 a4 48.Qxe6 axb3 49.cxb3 *(49.Qxf5 bxc2+ 50.Kxc2 Qb5+-)* 49...Qc7 50.Qxf5 a5]
47.Qxg6 The protected g-pawn's a winner and Black's counterplay is now a classic case of too little, too late. Richard Palliser,MH: 'The protected g-pawn's a winner and Black's counterplay is now a classic case of too little, too late.' **47...a4 48.Qg8!** Black's king is actually not so happy here and, indeed, the finish comes sooner than you might have expected. Richard Palliser,MH: 'Black's king is actually not so happy here and, indeed, the finish comes sooner than you might have expected. Hoping for Qg8-b8+.' **48...a3+ 49.Kxa3!** Richard Palliser,MH: ' Qg8-b8+ is the strong threat.' **49...Qxc2? 50.Qb8+ Ka5 51.b4#** Richard Palliser,MH: ' Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very

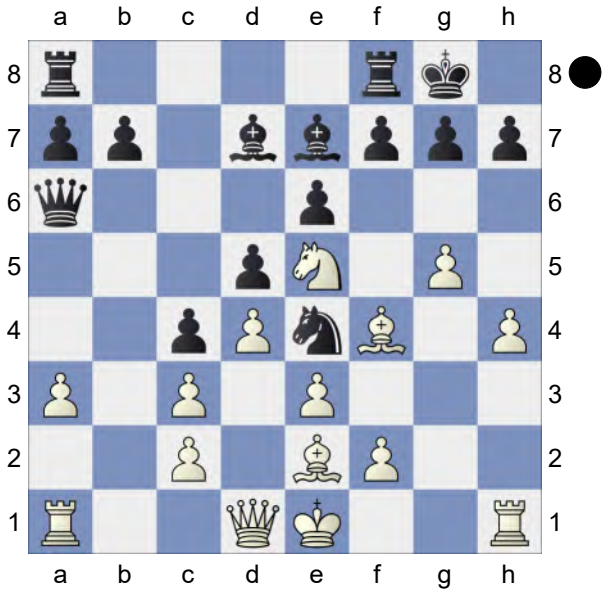
precise) /Black=0.57'
1-0

268 **D00**
□ **Erigaisi,Arjun Kumar** **2701**
■ **Mishra,Abhimanyu** **2550**
28th Sigeman & Co 2023 (6.1) 09.05.23
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.h4 c6 8.Nc3 Qb6 9.a3 c5**
[9...Qxb2? 10.Na4 Bb4+ 11.Nd2 Bxd2+ 12.Kxd2 Ne4+ 13.Ke1+-]
10.Rb1
[10.h5 h6 11.Ne5 Bd7 12.Nxd7 Nxd7 13.Bb5 Nf6 14.a4 Qa5 15.Kf1 Nb8 16.dxc5 a6 17.Bd3 Qxc5 18.g4 Nh7 19.Qf3 Nc6 20.Qg3 f6 21.e4 d4 22.Ne2 Ng5 23.Bd2 e5 24.Kg2 Nb4 Hoeffer,D (2322)-Bargsten,J (2238) Verden an der Aller 2025 0-1 (48)]
10...Bd7 11.Bd3 c4 12.Be2 Nc7N
[12...Qd8 13.Ne5 Be8 14.g4 Nd7 15.Nf3 Nc7 16.g5 b5 17.h5 f6 *(17...Nb6 18.Ra1 a5 19.Qc1 Nc8 20.Nb1 Nd6 21.Nbd2 b4 22.h6 g6 23.axb4 axb4 24.Kf1 Ncb5 25.Rxa8 Qxa8 26.Kg2 c3 27.Nb3 Nc4 28.bxc3 Nxc3 29.Bd3 Ba4 30.Nc5 Bc6 31.Nb3 Ba4 32.Kh2* Raspfish (2959)-Torombot (2984) Blitz 2024 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (60) *)* 18.gxf6 Nxf6 19.h6 g6 20.Ne5 a5 21.Bf3 b4 22.axb4 axb4 23.Ne2 Ra6 24.Ra1 Rb6 25.Ng1 Nb5 26.Kf1 Kh8 27.Rh2 Juegel,M (2160)-Hariman,A (2132) ICCF 2023 update Okt.-Dez. [Methling,Ludger] 1-0 (69)]
[12...Be8 13.h5 h6 14.Ne5 Qd8 15.Bf3 Nb8 16.e4 Nc6 17.exd5 Nxd5 18.Nxd5 exd5 19.0-0 Nxe5 20.dxe5 Bc6 21.Be3 Bg5 22.Bd4 Re8 23.g3 f5 24.exf6 Bxf6 25.Bxf6 Qxf6 26.Bxd5+ Kh8 27.Bxc6 Basso,P (2482)-Valenzuela Gomez,F (2363) La Nucia 2024 ½-½ (42)]
13.Ne5 Nb5 14.g4



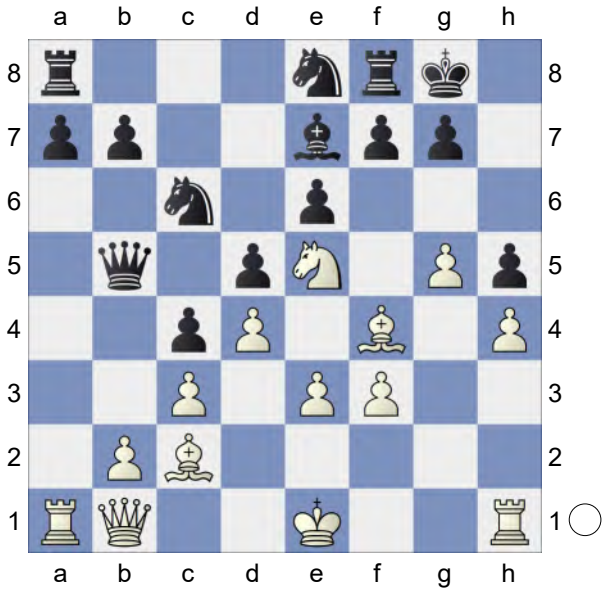
g5 is the strong threat. **14...Nxc3 15.bxc3 Qa6 16.Bf3** Strongly threatening g5.
[Much weaker is 16.g5 Ne4 17.Ra1 *(17.Nxd7 Nxc3 18.Qc1 Bxa3∓)*



17...Nxc3!∓]
16...Bc6
[16...Bxa3? 17.g5 Ne4 18.Bxe4+- *(18.Nxd7? Nxc3 19.Nxf8 Nxd1-+)*]
17.g5 Nd7 18.Nxd7 Bxd7 19.Ra1 Bd6
[19...Bxa3? 20.0-0+-]
20.h5 Bxf4 21.exf4 Qd6 22.Qd2 f6 aiming for ...fxg5. **23.g6 h6** -0.02/22
[23...Rae8∓ -0.42/19]
24.0-0= f5 25.Rfb1 b6 26.Re1 Rfe8 0.61/20
[26...b5= 0.14/21 should be considered.]
27.Re5 0.01/21
[27.Qe3± 0.61/20]
27...Re7 28.Kg2 Rae8 29.Kg3 Kf8 30.Kg2 Kg8 31.Kg3 Kf8 32.Kg2 Kg8! 33.Kg3 Kf8 Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.06 (flawless)
½-½

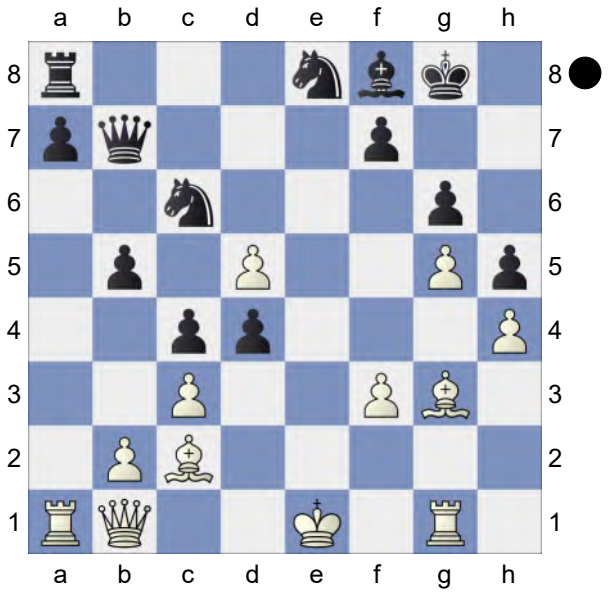
269 **D00**
□ **6.Na3 cd4 7.cd4 Bd7** **2701**
■ **Smetanin,Anatoly** **2523**
corr (1.1) 01.05.2023
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.h4 c5**
[7...c6 8.Nc3 c5 9.Ne5 Bd7 10.g4 Be8 11.Bxa6 bxa6 12.g5 Ne4 13.Nxe4 dxe4 14.dxc5 Qa5+ 15.c3 Rd8 16.Qc2 Qxc5 17.Qxe4 Bd6 18.0-0-0 Bb5 19.Rd4 Bxe5 20.Qxe5 Qxe5 21.Bxe5 Rxd4 22.exd4 1-0 Lai,D (2073)-Wernberg,H (2209) Titled Tuesday intern op 07th Jan Early blitz 2025 (5)]
8.c3 The position is equal. **8...Bd7 9.a4 Qb6N**
[9...Ne4 10.h5 h6 11.Ne5 Nb8 12.Bd3 a6 13.Na3 Nc6 14.Bxe4 dxe4 15.Nxd7 Qxd7 16.dxc5 Rfd8 17.Qxd7 Rxd7 18.Ke2 e5 19.Bg3 Bxc5 20.Nc4 Re8 21.b4 Bf8 22.b5 Na7 23.Nxe5 Rd5 24.Rhd1 0-1 6. ♘a3 cd4 7.cd4 ♗d7 (2718)-Deslandes,P (2766) FIDE GP Moscow rapid 2002 (1.29)]
10.Ne5 Be8 11.Bd3 c4 12.Bc2 0.02/20
[12.Bb1± 0.42/20]
12...Bxb5 0.61/19
[12...Nb8!= 0.02/20]
13.axb5± Qxb5 14.Qb1 h5 15.f3 0.01/18
[15.Bg5± 0.88/19]
15...Nb8 0.93/19
[15...Qb6= 0.01/18]
16.g4± White has strong compensation.
16...Nc6 1.46/21
[16...Qb6± 0.67/19]
17.g5 Ne8

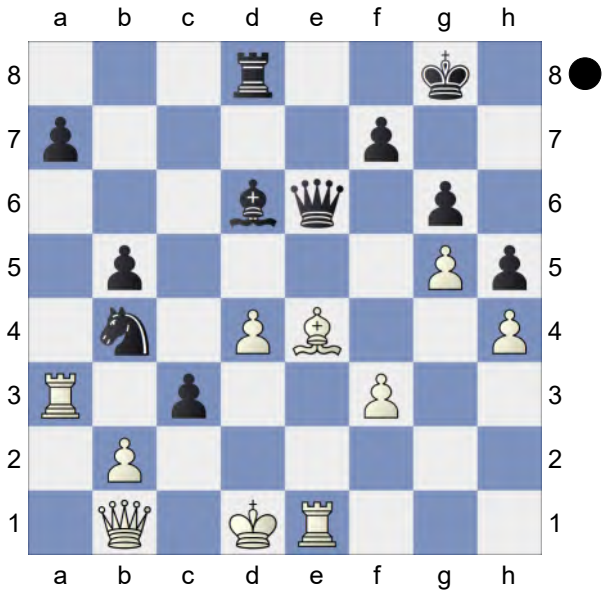


18.Nd7 0.94/19
[⌓18.Ba4! 1.53/20 Qb6 19.Nd7]
18...g6 2.09/20 **19.Ba4 Qa6 20.Rg1** 0.76/19

[White should try 20.0-0 1.36/19]
20...b5 1.16/22 **21.Bc2 Qb7 22.Nxf8 Bxf8 23.e4?** -0.92/18
[23.Bxg6!± 1.32/18 is necessary to keep the advantage. fxg6 24.Qxg6+ Ng7 25.Qh6]
23...e5∓ 24.Bg3 -3.38/17
[24.Bxe5∓ -0.88/19 Nxe5 25.dxe5]
24...exd4-+ 25.exd5



Ne7 -0.77/20
[25...d3!-+ -3.63/20 (→ ...Qb7-e7+) 26.Bxd3 cxd3 27.Qxd3 *(27.dxc6 Qe7+)* 27...Na5]
26.cxd4
[26.d6? d3 27.Bxd3 *(27.dxe7 Qxe7+)* 27...cxd3 *(27...Qxf3? 28.Be2+-)* 28.Qxd3 Nf5-+]
26...Qxd5 -0.07/20
[26...Rd8∓ -0.84/18 27.Qd1 Bg7 *(27...Nxd5 28.Kf2-+; 27...Rxd5 28.Be4∓; 27...Qxd5 28.Be4∓)*]
27.Bf2? -1.91/20
[27.Be4= -0.07/20 Qxd4 28.Kf1]
27...Nd6 -1.47/20
[27...Qxf3? 28.Be4 Qf4 29.Bxa8+-]
[27...Qe6+-+ -1.91/20 28.Be4 a6]
28.Be4∓ Qe6↑ Black is in control.
29.Ra6 -2.67/19
[29.Kf1∓ -1.22/20 was called for. Nd5 30.Rh1]
29...Nd5 aiming for ...Ra8-c8. **30.Kd1?** -3.98/18
[30.Bg3 -2.16/19]
30...Rd8? -1.56/17
[30...Rc8-+ -3.98/18 31.Re1 c3 32.Bxg6 Qh3 *(32...Qxg6? 33.Qxg6+ fxg6 34.bxc3-+)*]
31.Bg3? -3.97/21
[31.Re1∓ -1.56/17]
31...c3 32.Bxd6 Bxd6
[32...Rxd6 33.Rxd6 Bxd6 34.Bxd5 Qxd5 35.bxc3∓]
33.Re1? -5.58/19
[33.Rc6 -2.90/18 b4 *(33...cxb2? 34.Qxb2 Ne7 35.Rc2-+)* 34.Qd3]
33...Nb4? -1.83/20
[33...Rc8 -5.58/19 34.Bxd5 Qxd5]
34.Ra3? -5.02/20
[34.Rxd6 -1.83/20 c2+ Zwischenzug *(34...Qxd6 35.bxc3 Nd5 36.Qb3∓)* 35.Qxc2 Rxd6 *(35...Qxd6 36.Qd2-+)* 36.Qc3]



34...c2+!-+ 35.Bxc2 Qc4 36.Bb3 -8.71/22
[⌓36.Bxg6 -5.01/21 Qxd4+ 37.Rd3

Nxd3 38.Qxd3]

36...Qxd4+ 37.Ke2 Kg7 (→ ...Bd6-g3!)

[37...Qxh4 38.Qxg6+ Kh8 39.Qf6+ *(39.Qxf7 Qh2+ 40.Kf1 Qh3+ 41.Ke2 Qg2+ 42.Ke3 Qxg5+ 43.Ke2 Bc5)* 39...Kg8 40.Qxf7+ *(40.Qxd8+ Bf8+-)* 40...Kh8 41.Qf6+ Kh7 42.Qh6#]

38.Kf1 Qxh4 -16.37/19

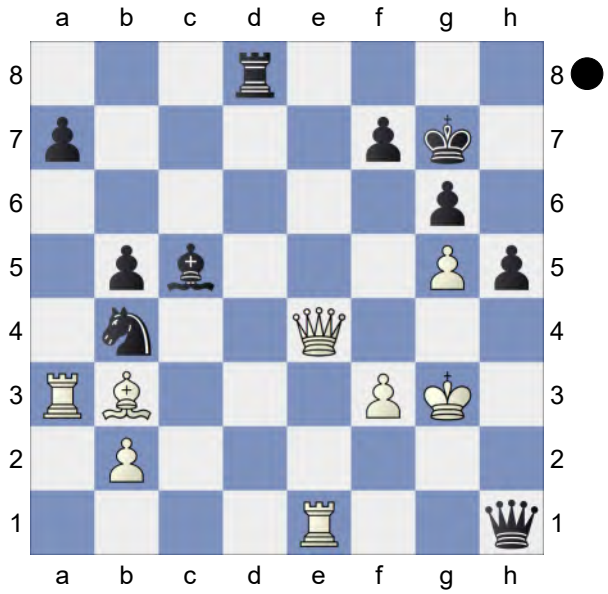
[⌓38...Bc5 -#10/20 39.Qxg6+ fxg6 *(39...Kxg6 40.Bxf7+* Remove Defender, Decoy *Kxf7 41.g6+ Kg7 42.Kg2 Qd2+ 43.Kh3 Qxe1 44.Rxa7+ Bxa7 45.Kh2 Bb8+ 46.f4 Qf2+ 47.Kh3 Rd3#)* 40.Rxa7+ Kh8 *(40...Bxa7* is a self mate. *41.Re7+ Kh8 42.Rxa7 Qxa7 43.Bd5 Rxd5 44.Kg2 Rd2+ 45.Kg3 Qf2+* Deflection *46.Kf4 Nc6 47.Ke4 Qd4#)* 41.Rh7+ Decoy Kxh7 42.Re7+ Bxe7 43.Kg2 Qd2+ *(43...Qxb2+ 44.Kg3 Qxb3 45.Kg2 Rd2+ 46.Kg3 Bd6+* Deflection *47.Kh3 Qxf3#)* 44.Kh3 Qf2 *(44...Qxb2 45.Kg3 Qxb3 46.Kh3 Qxf3+ 47.Kh2 Qf2+ 48.Kh3 Rd3#; 44...Qd7+ 45.Kg3 Qf5 46.f4 Qg4+ 47.Kf2 Bc5+ 48.Kf1 Qg1+ 49.Ke2 Qf2#)* 45.Bg8+ Kxg8 46.b3 Kh7 47.f4 Rd3#]

39.Qe4 Qh1+

[Less strong is 39...Qxg5 40.Rxa7 Kh6 41.Rxf7∓]

40.Kf2 Bc5+ 41.Kg3

(Diagram)



h4+! Weighted Error Value: White=1.19/ Black=0.85

0-1

270 **D00**

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■ **Tang,Andrew** **2523**

ChessKid Play-In Match rapid (1.1)

[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.h4 c5 8.c3** The position is equal. **8...Bd7 9.a4 Qb6!?N** An interesting novelty. Eine interessante Neuerung. An interesting novelty. Eine interessante Neuerung.

[Predecessor: 9...Ne4 0.65/17 9...Bd7xb5 0.06 10.h5 h6 11.Ne5 0.08/20 *(*White should play *11.Bd3±* 0.59/19 *)* 11...Nb8 12.Bd3! a6 13.Na3 Nc6 14.Bxe4 -0.07/22 dxe4 0.46/22 *(14...Nxe5=* -0.07/22 *15.Bc2 Nc6)* 15.Nxd7± Qxd7 16.dxc5 0-1 Erigaisi,A (2718)-Caruana,F (2766) Speed Chess Chess.com INT blitz 2022 (1.29) Erigaisi,A (2718)-

Caruana,F (2766) Speed Chess Chess.com INT blitz 2022 (1.29) 0-1 *(16.Nc4)*]

10.Ne5 Be8 11.Bd3 c4 12.Bc2 0.01/20

[12.Bb1± 0.39/20]

12...Bxb5 0.54/20

[12...Nb8!= 0.01/20]

13.axb5± Qxb5 14.Qb1 Threatens to win with g2-g4. **14...h5** 1.01/20

[14...Bd6± 0.58/21 might be stronger.]

15.f3 0.11/21

[White should try 15.Bg5!± 1.01/20]

15...Nb8 0.64/19

[15...Qb6= 0.11/21]

16.g4 White has compensation. **16...Nc6** 1.58/22

[16...Bd6!± 0.48/21]

17.g5± Ne8 18.Nd7 0.96/21

[18.Ba4+- 1.64/21 Qb6 19.Nd7]

18...g6? 2.75/22 **19.Ba4** 1.35/23

[19.Bxg6+- 2.75/22 fxg6 20.Qxg6+ Ng7 21.Nf6+ Rxf6 22.gxf6 Bxf6 23.Qxf6 Qxb2 24.0-0]

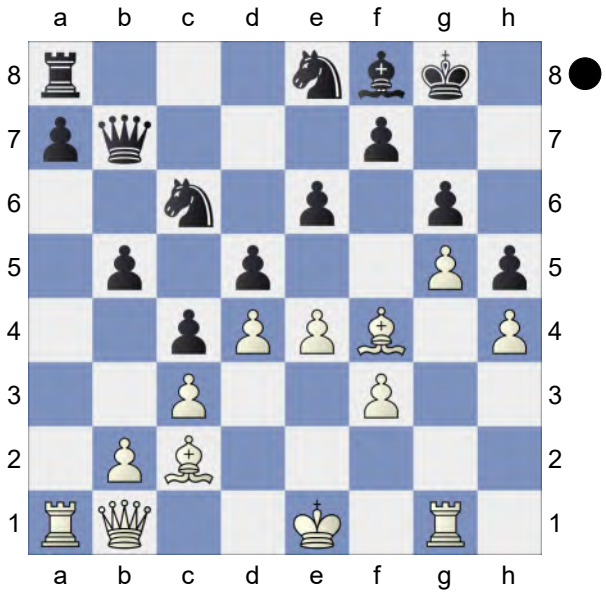
19...Qa6 20.Rg1 0.70/21

[Better is 20.0-0± 1.25/19]

20...b5± 21.Bc2 Qb7 22.Nxf8 Bxf8 23.e4? -0.94/20

[23.Bxg6!± 1.09/19 keeps the pressure on. fxg6 24.Qxg6+ Ng7 25.Qh6]

(Diagram)

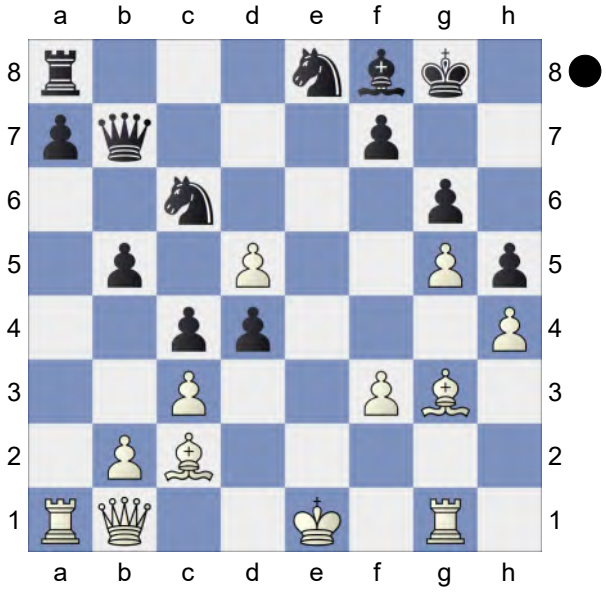


23...e5!∓ 24.Bg3 -3.21/19

[24.dxe5 d4 25.cxd4 *(25.e6? Ng7-+)* 25...Nxd4±]

[24.Bxe5∓ -0.79/20 Nxe5 25.dxe5]

24...exd4-+ 25.exd5



Ne7 -1.03/21

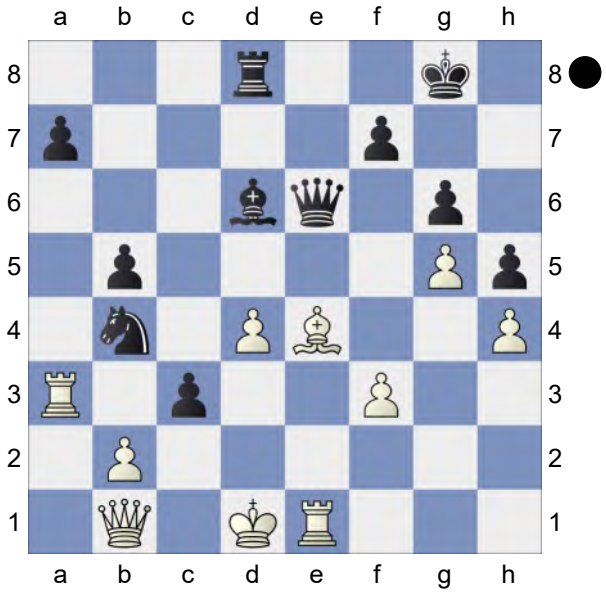
[25...d3!-+ -3.59/21 is more deadly. (→ ...Qb7-e7+) 26.Bxd3 cxd3 27.Qxd3 Na5]

26.cxd4∓ Qxd5 -0.14/21

[26...Nxd5∓ -0.95/21 Hoping for ... Ne8-g7. 27.Be5 Qb6]

27.Bf2? -1.70/21 Black continues to play

with concentration.
[27.Be4= -0.14/21 Qxd4 28.Ke2]
27...Nd6 -1.08/20
[27...Qxf3? 28.Be4 Qh3 29.Bxa8+-]
[27...Qe6+-+ -1.70/21 28.Kf1 Qh3+ 29.Ke2 Nd6]
28.Be4 Qe6 29.Ra6 -2.74/21
[29.Kf1∓ -1.41/20 is a better defense. Nd5 30.Bxd5 Qxd5 31.Kg2]
29...Nd5-+ 30.Kd1? -3.73/21
[30.Bg3 -2.14/20]
30...Rd8 Strongly threatening ...Rd8-c8.
31.Bg3? -4.66/21
[31.Re1 -2.31/19]
31...c3 32.Bxd6 Bxd6
[32...Rxd6 33.Rxd6 Bxd6 34.Re1=]
33.Re1? -6.14/21
[33.Rc6 -2.89/19 Nb4 34.Rxd6 Qxd6 *(34...c2+? 35.Qxc2 Qxd6 36.Qc3-+)* 35.bxc3]
33...Nb4? -1.62/22
[33...Rc8 -6.14/21 34.Ke2 c2]
34.Ra3? -5.69/19
[34.Rxd6 -1.62/22 was the crucial defense. c2+ Zwischenzug *(34...Qxd6 35.bxc3 Nd5 36.Qb3∓)* 35.Qxc2 Qxd6 36.Qc3]



34...c2+! 35.Bxc2 Qc4 36.Bb3 -8.21/24
[⌓36.Bxg6 -4.92/23 Qxd4+ 37.Rd3 Nxd3 38.Qxd3]
36...Qxd4+ 37.Ke2 Kg7
[37...Qxh4 38.Qxg6+ *(38.Rxa7 Qh2+ 39.Kf1 Qh3+ 40.Kf2 Qg3+ 41.Ke2 Qg2+ 42.Ke3 Bc5+ 43.Kf4 Qh2+ 44.Ke4 Rd4+ 45.Ke3 Rh4#)* 38...Kh8 39.Qf6+ *(39.Qxf7 Qh2+ 40.Kf1 Qh3+ 41.Ke2 Qg2+* Skewer, Double Attack *42.Ke3 Qxg5+ 43.Ke2 Bc5)* 39...Kh7 40.Qxf7+ *(40.Qxd8 Qh2+ 41.Kd1 Bc7+-)* 40...Kh8 41.Qf6+ Kh7 42.Qh6#]
38.Kf1 Qxh4 -16.52/20
[⌓38...Bc5 -#10/20 39.Qxg6+ fxg6 *(39...Kxg6* is a self mate. *40.Bxf7+ Kg7 41.Rae3 Nc2 42.Bxh5 Nxe1 43.Re7+ Kf8 44.Rf7+ Kg8 45.Rf8+ Kxf8 46.Kxe1 Qf2#)* 40.Rxa7+ Kh8 *(40...Bxa7* leads to mate. *41.Re7+ Kh8 42.Rxa7 Nd3 43.Rh7+ Kxh7 44.Kg2 Qf2+ 45.Kh1 Nf4 46.Bg8+ Kxg8 47.b4 Qg2#)* 41.Rh7+ Decoy Kxh7 42.Re7+ Bxe7 43.Kg2 Qxb2+ 44.Kh3 Qf2 *(44...Qxb3 45.Kg3 Rd2 46.Kf4 Bd6+ 47.Ke4 Qe6#)* 45.Be6 Qf1+ *(45...Qxf3+? 46.Kh2 Qf2+ 47.Kh3 Rd3#)* 46.Kh2 Bd6+ 47.f4 Bxf4#]
39.Qe4 Qh1+
[Worse is 39...Qxg5 40.Rxa7 Kh6 41.Rxf7=]
40.Kf2 Bc5+ 41.Kg3

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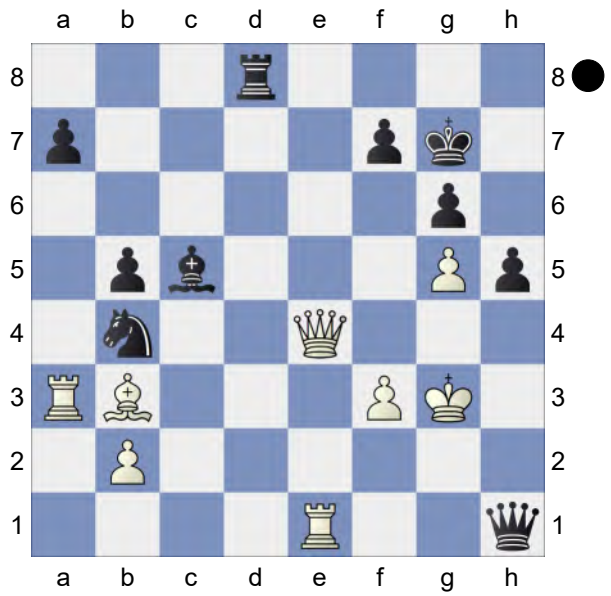

h4+! Weighted Error Value: White=1.13/ Black=0.80
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271 **D00**
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FIDE World Championship (8) 22.05.15
[Egil Fagerbekk]

Kitty Kat: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines '
1.d4 Kitty Kat **1...Nf6** **2.Nc3** **d5** Kitty Kat: 'N'
[2...c5 Kitty Kat 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]
3.Bf4 **Bf5** **4.f3** **e6** **5.g4**
[5.Qd2]
5...Bg6 **6.h4** Kitty Kat: ' Hoping for h4-h5.' **6...h5**
[6...h6
A) 7.h5 Bh7 8.e3 Bd6 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Nc6 11.Nge2 Bxf4 12.exf4 *(12.Nxf4 e5 13.Nfe2 Qd6)* 12...Qd6 13.0-0-0 0-0-0 14.Kb1 a6 15.Qe3 Nd7 16.Nc1 Nb6 17.Nd3 Nc4 18.Qf2 b6 19.Rhe1 Kb7 20.a3 f6;
B) 7.e3 a6 *(7...c6 8.h5 Bh7 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Bd6 11.Nge2 Bxf4 12.exf4 Nbd7 13.Qe3 Qe7 14.Nc1 Nb6 15.b3 Qa3 16.Kf2 0-0-0 17.Kg3 Nfd7 18.Nd3 Rde8 19.Qc1 Qd6)*
B1) 8.h5 Bh7 9.Bd3 c5 10.Nge2 Bxd3 11.cxd3 cxd4 12.Nxd4 Nbd7 13.Nde2 e5 14.Bg3 Bd6 15.d4 0-0 16.Qb3 Qe7 *(16...Re8 17.Nxd5 Nxd5 18.Qxd5 Nf6 19.Qb3 exd4 20.e4 Nxe4 21.fxe4 Rxe4)* 17.Bh4 exd4 18.Nxd5 Qe5

19.Nxf6+ Nxf6 20.Nxd4 Nd5 21.Nf5 Nxe3 22.Qxe3 *(22.Nxe3 Rfe8 23.Kf2 Bc5 24.Rae1)* 22...Qxb2;
B2) 8.Bd3 Bxd3 9.Qxd3 c5 10.Nce2 Nc6 11.c3 Bd6 12.0-0-0 Qe7 13.Bxd6 Qxd6 14.Nh3 0-0-0 15.Kb1 Kb8]

7.g5 Nfd7 8.e3 Kitty Kat: 'Black is slightly better.' **8...a6** 0.11/20
[8...c5 9.Nb5 Na6 10.c3 Be7 11.Bd3 Bxd3 12.Qxd3 g6 13.Ne2 Qb6 14.a4 0-0 15.Bg3 Rfe8 16.0-0]
[8...Bd6 9.Nh3 *(9.Bxd6 cxd6 10.Nh3 Nc6 11.Nf4)* 9...Nc6 10.Nb5 Bxf4 11.Nxf4 Bf5 12.Bd3 Ne7 13.Qd2 a6 14.Nc3 c5 15.0-0-0 cxd4 16.exd4 Bxd3 17.Nxd3 Qb6 18.Ne2 g6]
[8...Bb4∓ -0.43/19 Kitty Kat]

9.Bd3 Kitty Kat: '=' **9...Bxd3 10.cxd3** -0.51/22
[10.Qxd3= 0.05/24 Kitty Kat c5 11.g6]

10...Nc6
[10...c5 11.dxc5 Bxc5 12.d4 Be7 13.Nge2 Nc6 14.Qd2 Rc8]

11.g6 -0.99/21
[11.Nge2 Bd6 12.Qd2 Qe7 13.0-0-0 0-0-0]

11...fxg6 Kitty Kat: ' ∓' **12.Bg5 Be7 13.f4**
[13.Nh3 0-0 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.Ng5 Qd6 16.f4 Ne7]

13...Nf6 14.Qb3 -1.45/22
[⩲14.Qd2 -1.04/23 Kitty Kat]

14...Qd7 15.Nf3
[15.Bxf6 gxf6 16.0-0-0 0-0-0 17.Nf3 Bd6 18.Rhg1 Ne7]
[15.Qxb7 Rb8 16.Qxa6 Nb4]

15...Ng4 16.Ke2 Bf6 -1.16/22
[16...0-0-+ -1.69/21 Kitty Kat 17.Nd1 Qd6]

17.Rac1
[17.Qxb7? Kitty Kat 0-0 *(17...Rb8? 18.Qxa6 0-0 19.b4-+)* 18.Bxf6 Rfb8-+ *(18...gxf6? 19.Qb3-+; 18...gxf6? 19.Qb3-+)*]

17...b6 18.Rc2 -1.80/22
[18.Qa4∓ -0.90/18 (Kitty Kat) is a better defense.]

18...Ne7 Kitty Kat: '-+' Kitty Kat: ' Strongly threatening ...Ne7-f5.' **19.Rhc1 0-0 20.Qa4 Qd8** -1.18/18
[20...Qxa4 21.Nxa4]
[20...c6 21.Nd1 a5 22.Nf2 b5 23.Qb3 Nf5]
[Black should play 20...Qd6-+ -1.78/22 Kitty Kat 21.Nd1 Rfc8]

21.Nd1 Kitty Kat: ' ∓' **21...Ra7 22.Nf2 Nh6**
[22...Nxf2 23.Kxf2]

23.Rg1 -0.96/20
[23.Nh3∓ -0.44/21 Kitty Kat]

23...Nf7 24.Qa3 -1.14/20
[24.Nh3!∓ -0.65/19 Kitty Kat]

24...Kh7
[24...Bxg5 (Kitty Kat) simplifies 25.hxg5 a5 26.Rgc1 Qd7]

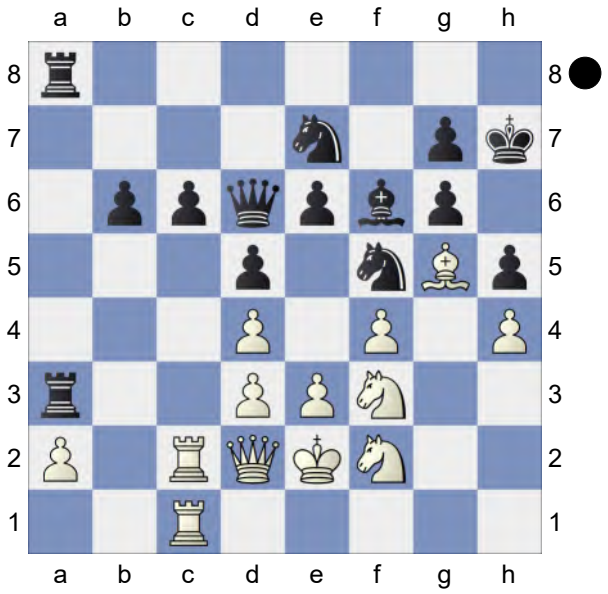
25.Nh3 Nd6 26.Ne5 Ndf5 27.b4
[27.Qa4]

27...Qd6
[27...Nxh4 Kitty Kat 28.Bxh4 Bxh4 29.Nf3∓]

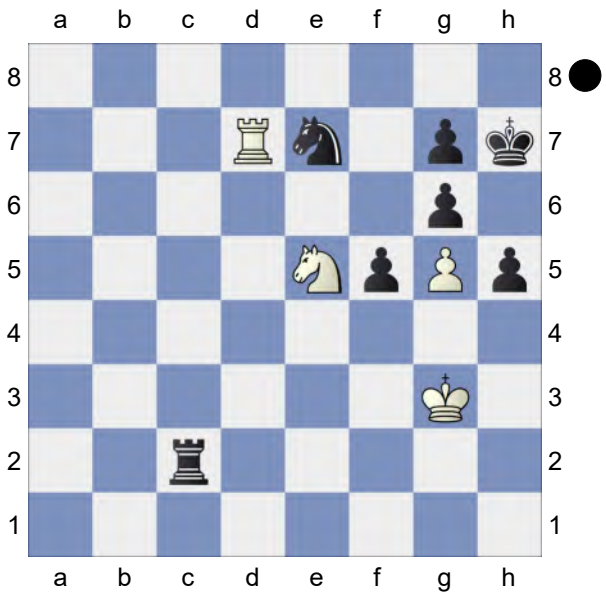
28.Qc3
[28.Qb2 c6
A) 29.a4 a5 30.bxa5 *(30.b5 cxb5 31.Qxb5 Nxe3 32.Kxe3 Nf5+ 33.Kd2 Nxd4 34.Qb2 Nxc2 35.Kxc2 Rc7+ 36.Kb1 Rfc8)* 30...Rxa5 31.Qxb6 Rxa4;
B) 29.Rgc1 Rc8 30.a4 a5 31.bxa5 Rxa5 32.Qxb6 Rxa4]

28...c6
[28...Nxh4?! Kitty Kat 29.Bxh4 Bxh4 30.Nf3=]

29.Nf3 -1.58/17
[White should try 29.a4 -0.93/18 Kitty Kat]
29...a5 Kitty Kat: ' The board is on fire. Black is more active.' **30.bxa5** -2.42/19
[⩲30.Rb1 -1.70/18 Kitty Kat]
30...Rxa5 Kitty Kat: '-+' **31.Qd2 Ra3 32.Rgc1 Rfa8 33.Nf2** Kitty Kat: '



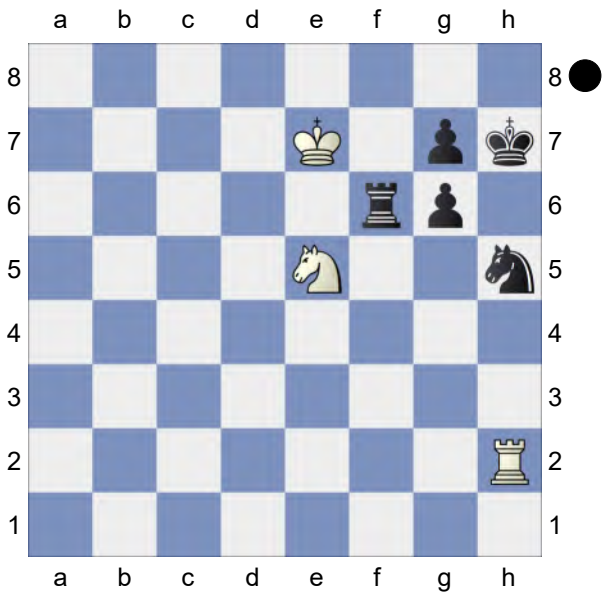
' **33...c5** Kitty Kat: '!' Kitty Kat: ' Deflection' **34.dxc5 bxc5 35.Rxc5**
[35.Bxf6 gxf6 36.Rxc5 Rxa2 37.R5c2 Rxc2 38.Rxc2 Kg7]
35...Rxa2 Kitty Kat: ' Pin' **36.R5c2 Rxc2 37.Qxc2** -4.44/22 Kitty Kat: '?'
[37.Rxc2 -2.31/21 Kitty Kat Ng3+ 38.Ke1]
37...Ng3+ 38.Ke1 Qb4+ 39.Qd2 Qxd2+ 40.Nxd2 Nef5 41.e4 Bxg5 Kitty Kat: '!'
[Not 41...Nxh4 Kitty Kat 42.Nh3∓]
42.hxg5 Nd4 43.Nh3 Ra3 44.f5 exf5
[44...dxe4 45.fxg6+ *(45.dxe4 gxf5 46.Rc4 e5)* 45...Kxg6 46.Kf2 Ra2]
[Stronger than 44...Rxd3 Kitty Kat 45.fxg6+ Kxg6 46.Nf4+ Kxg5 47.Nxd3+-]
45.exd5 Nge2 Kitty Kat: ' Dodges Nh3-f4'
[45...Rxd3 46.Nf4 Ra3 *(46...Nf3+* Kitty Kat *47.Kf2 Rxd2+ 48.Kxf3=)* 47.d6 Ra6 48.Nc4 Ne4 49.d7 Ra2 50.Ne5 *(50.d8Q Nf3+ 51.Kf1 Ng3#)* 50...Rh2 51.Kf1 Nd2+ 52.Ke1 N2f3+ 53.Nxf3 Nxf3+ 54.Kf1]
46.Rc8 Kitty Kat: ' Black must now prevent d5-d6.' **46...Rxd3 47.Nc4** Kitty Kat: ' Nc4-d6! is the strong threat.'
47...Rxh3 48.Ne5 Nf3+ 49.Nxf3 Kitty Kat: 'Endgame. KRN-KRN' **49...Nf4**
[49...Rxf3 50.Kxe2 Rf4 51.d6 Rd4 52.Rd8 h4 53.Kf2 Rd3 54.Kg2 f4 55.Rf8]
50.Kf2 Nxd5 51.Ne5 -2.84/31
[51.Rb8 -1.97/24 Kitty Kat: ' ⩲' Nf4 52.Ne5 Nd3+ 53.Kg2 Nxe5 54.Kxh3 Nf3]
51...Rc3 Kitty Kat: '!' **52.Rd8 Ne7** -1.48/27
[Better is 52...Rc2+-+ -2.96/27 Kitty Kat 53.Kg3 Nb6]
53.Rd7 -3.20/26 Kitty Kat: '?'
[53.Nf7 Rc8]
[53.Re8∓ -1.48/27 (Kitty Kat) was the only defense.]
53...Rc2+ 54.Kg3 Kitty Kat: '



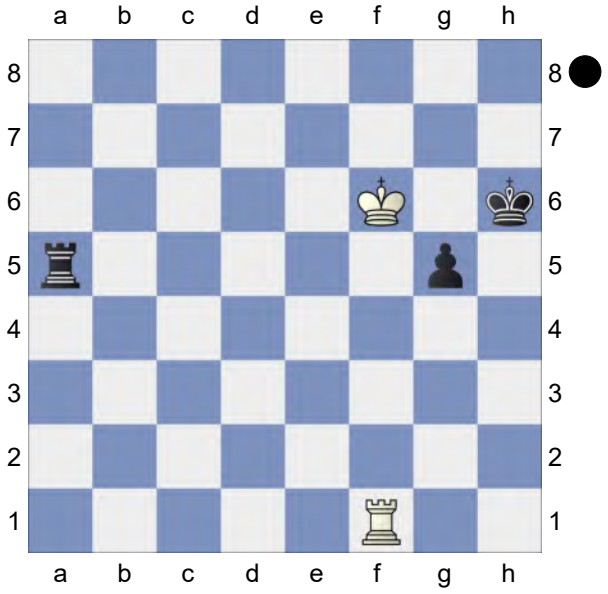
' **54...f4+** -2.10/26 Kitty Kat: '!' **55.Kxf4**

Nf5 56.Rd8 -4.31/23 Kitty Kat: '?'
[56.Kf3 -2.04/22 (Kitty Kat) was necessary.]
56...Rf2+ 57.Ke4 Ng3+ Kitty Kat: '!'
58.Kd3 h4 -0.41/19 Kitty Kat: '?'
[58...Rf5 Kitty Kat: '?' 59.Nd7 Kitty Kat: '-+' Ra5 *(59...Rxg5 60.Nf8+ Kh6 61.Ne6)* 60.Nf8+ Kg8 61.Nxg6+ *(61.Ke3 Kf7)* 61...Kf7 62.Nf4 Rxg5]
[58...Rf1 -4.14/21 Kitty Kat: '-+' Kitty Kat: ' Threatens to win with ...Rf1-d1+. ' 59.Nd7 h4 *(59...Rf3+? Kitty Kat 60.Kd4-+)* 60.Nf8+ Kg8 61.Nxg6+ Kf7 62.Ne5+ Ke6 63.Re8+ Kf5]
59.Rd4 Kitty Kat: ' ∓' **59...Nf5** Kitty Kat: '?' **60.Rd8** Kitty Kat: ' Intending Ne5-f7 and mate.' **60...Ng3** Kitty Kat: '-+'
61.Rd4 Rf5 62.Rxh4+ Nh5 63.Ke4 Kitty Kat: ' Rh4xh5+! would now be deadly.' **63...Rxg5 64.Kd5** -0.97/25
[64.Kd4∓ -0.39/29 Kitty Kat]
64...Rg1 -0.45/26 **65.Ke6** -1.11/23
[65.Kd4!∓ -0.45/26 Kitty Kat]
65...Rf1 -0.47/28
[65...Kg8 Kitty Kat]
[65...Rg2∓ -1.11/23 Kitty Kat 66.Kf7 Rf2+ 67.Ke6 Rf6+ 68.Kd5 Rf1]
66.Rh2 Rf6+ -0.50/25 **67.Ke7** -2.43/26 Kitty Kat: '?' Kitty Kat: '
[67.Kd5 -0.50/25 Kitty Kat: ' ∓' Kg8 *(67...Rf8 68.Ke6 Ra8 69.Rh1 Ra6+ 70.Kd5)* 68.Nxg6 Rxg6 69.Rxh5 Rf6 70.Rh1 g6 *(70...g5 71.Rg1)* 71.Ke5 Kg7 72.Rg1 Rf5+ 73.Ke4 Kf6 74.Rg3]

(Diagram)



' **67...Kg8** Kitty Kat: '-+!' **68.Nxg6** -6.80/23 Kitty Kat: '?'
[68.Rh1 Nf4 69.Kd7 g5 70.Rg1 Ng6 71.Nd3 Rf5 72.Ke6 Ra5]
[68.Ra2 -2.42/20 Kitty Kat]
68...Rxg6 Kitty Kat: 'Black is clearly winning.' **69.Rxh5** Kitty Kat: ' KR-KR'
69...Ra6 70.Rf5 g6 71.Rf6 Ra7+ 72.Ke6 Kg7 Kitty Kat: ' (→ ...Ra7-a6+)'
73.Rf3 Ra5 74.Rf7+ Kh6 75.Rf1 g5 76.Kf6 Kitty Kat: '



' **76...Ra4** Kitty Kat: '!' **77.Rh1+ Rh4 78.Rg1 Rf4+ 79.Ke5 Kg6 80.Rh1 Ra4**

Kitty Kat: ' Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/Black=0.27 (precise) '
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□ **Jobava,Baadur** **2699**
■ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2799**
KM FIDE GP 2015 (8.4) 22.05.2015
[Sumets,Andrey]

1.d4 10 Sumets,A **1...Nf6** 11 **2.Nc3** 11 **d5** 58 Aaron Nimzowitsch evaluated this position in Black's favour. 1. ♘f3 d5 2.d3 ♘c6?! 3.d4! White is better (annotated by A. Nimzowitsch). However nowadays many things have changed and modern GMs doesn't put their trust in general considerations. Aaron Nimzowitsch evaluated this position in Black's favour. 1. ♘f3 d5 2.d3 ♘c6?! 3.d4! White is better (annotated by A. Nimzowitsch). However nowadays many things have changed and modern GMs doesn't put their trust in general considerations. **3.Bf4** 7 This line has become very popular in rapid and blitz tournaments. This line has become very popular in rapid and blitz tournaments. **3...Bf5** 53 **4.f3** 20 **e6** 28 **5.g4** 6
[5.Qd2 GM Baadur Jobava: '!' '!' GM Baadur Jobava: 'Is White's most interesting move, in my opinion. But we will speak about it in the theoretical part.' See the game Naiditsch,A - Harikrishna,P Wijk aan Zee 2014 (annotated by Ftacnik,L) See the game Naiditsch,A - Harikrishna,P Wijk aan Zee 2014 (annotated by Ftacnik,L)]
5...Bg6 3 **6.h4** 6 **h5** 5 GM Baadur Jobava: '!?' '!?' GM Baadur Jobava: 'In the previous games, we have seen 7...h6, but 7...h5 could be even more unpleasant for us to deal with.' Hikaru didn't want to allow White to play h5 and ♗d3. He plays this line with White, so he definitely understands all the details of White's setup. According to the database, Black has nothing to worry about after 6....h6. Hikaru didn't want to allow White to play h5 and ♗d3. He plays this line with White, so he definitely understands all the details of White's setup. According to the database, Black has nothing to worry about after 6....h6.
[6...h6
A) 7.h5 Bh7 8.e3 Bd6 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Nc6 11.Nge2 Bxf4 12.exf4 *(12.Nxf4 e5 13.Nfe2 Qd6=)* 12...Qd6 13.0-0-0 0-0-0 14.Kb1 a6 15.Qe3 Nd7 16.Nc1 Nb6 17.Nd3 Nc4 18.Qf2 b6 19.Rhe1 Kb7 20.a3 f6= Malakhov,V (2702)-Goganov,A (2609) 0-1 (56) St Petersburg RUS 2015. Malakhov,V (2702)-Goganov, A (2609) 0-1 (56) St Petersburg RUS 2015. White should play precisely to avoid a worse position. White should play precisely to avoid a worse position.;
B) 7.e3 a6 *(7...c6 8.h5 Bh7 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Bd6 11.Nge2 Bxf4 12.exf4 Nbd7 13.Qe3 Qe7 14.Nc1 Nb6 15.b3 Qa3 16.Kf2 0-0-0 17.Kg3 Nfd7 18.Nd3 Rde8 19.Qc1 Qd6=* Jobava,B (2716)-Salgado Lopez, I (2605) 1-0 (62)Yerevan 2014 *)*
B1) 8.h5 Bh7 9.Bd3 c5 10.Nge2 Bxd3 11.cxd3 cxd4 12.Nxd4 Nbd7 13.Nde2 e5 14.Bg3 Bd6 15.d4 0-0 16.Qb3 Qe7?! *(16...Re8! 17.Nxd5 Nxd5 18.Qxd5 Nf6 19.Qb3 exd4*

20.e4 Nxe4! 21.fxe4 Rxe4∓) 17.Bh4! exd4 18.Nxd5 Qe5 19.Nxf6+ Nxf6 20.Nxd4 Nd5 21.Nf5± Nxe3 22.Qxe3? *(22.Nxe3 Rfe8 23.Kf2 Bc5 24.Rae1+-)* 22...Qxb2∞ Jobava,B (2716)-Hovhannisyan, R (2611) 1/2 (49) Yerevan 2014;

B2) 8.Bd3 Bxd3 9.Qxd3 c5 10.Nce2 Nc6 11.c3 Bd6 12.0-0-0 Qe7 13.Bxd6 Qxd6 14.Nh3 0-0-0 15.Kb1 Kb8= Nakamura,H (2775)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2730) 1/2 (41)Dubai 2014]

7.g5 9 **Nfd7** 4 **8.e3** 7:23 **a6** 14 GM Baadur Jobava: '?!' '?!' GM Baadur Jobava: 'This standard move was good in the 6...h6 line, but here it is a waste of time.' Black shouldn't allow White to play ♘b5. For example Black shouldn't allow White to play ♘b5. For example

[8...c5?! 9.Nb5 Na6 10.c3 Be7 11.Bd3 Bxd3 12.Qxd3 g6 13.Ne2 Qb6 14.a4 0-0 15.Bg3 Rfe8 16.0-0± Nabaty,T (2585)-Codenotti,M (2374) 1-0 (25)Jerusalem Ech ISR 2015. Nabaty,T (2585)-Codenotti,M (2374) 1-0 (25)Jerusalem Ech ISR 2015. There is a big difference between knight on b5 and knight on a6. There is a big difference between knight on b5 and knight on a6.]

[8...Bd6 9.Nh3 *(9.Bxd6!? cxd6 10.Nh3 Nc6 11.Nf4)* 9...Nc6 10.Nb5 Bxf4 11.Nxf4 Bf5 12.Bd3 Ne7 13.Qd2 a6 14.Nc3 c5 15.0-0-0 cxd4 16.exd4 Bxd3 17.Nxd3 Qb6 18.Ne2 g6= Jobava,B (2713)-Zhigalko, S (2678) 0-1 (61) Dubai 2014. Jobava,B (2713)-Zhigalko, S (2678) 0-1 (61) Dubai 2014. It is not easy to suggest a reasonable plan for White. It is not easy to suggest a reasonable plan for White.]

[8...Be7! This is how the modern engine is playing this position. The idea is that after 9.Bd3 Black can just ignore the Bxg6 threat, and play 0-0! The point is that after 10.Bxg6 fxg6 Back's king will be very safe on h7, and Black can also use the open 'f' line for his rook on f8. Black's plan in this position is to continue with Nc6-e5. Here White is worse, and this is the second reason why I suggest playing 5.Qd2 instead of 5.g4 (we have already seen the first reason in the previous game of mine against Nepo) .]

9.Bd3 2:19 **Bxd3** 10

[9...Be7?! This move was good at move 8, but not now. 10.Bxg6 fxg6 11.Qd3± Because of the fact that Black has spent a tempo on 8...a6, now his king is still on e8 and and he will need to play Kf7 to defend the g6 pawn. If his king would have already been on g8, then after Kh7 Black's position is much better.]

10.cxd3 10 GM Baadur Jobava: 'Sometimes this idea is good, but here it is not great.'

[10.Qxd3! Of course I had to take back with the queen. Now I might have ideas like g5-g6. For example: c5 *(10...g6* Black prevents g5-g6, but now we are ready to play *11.e4±* And Black is under some pressure, mostly because he has spent two tempi for a6 ang g6, which are useful moves but not the priority. Next we can continue with long castle ad then slowly prepare the f4-f5 push.*)* 11.g6! f6 12.Nge2∞ The position is objectively equal but practically very

interesting.]

10...Nc6!?N 8:26 Hikaru doesn't want to trade White's doubled pawn. Hikaru doesn't want to trade White's doubled pawn.

[10...c5 11.dxc5 Bxc5 12.d4 Be7 13.Nge2 Nc6 14.Qd2 Rc8=]

11.g6?! 5:22 GM Baadur Jobava: 'I understood that my position started to be risky from a strategic point of view, and I decided to complicate things, but objectively, this is a bad pawn sacrifice.' Such moves look very nice. White sacrifices a pawn in order to create weaknesses in Black's camp and to launch a strong attack. However, as we can see, Black has too many pieces on the kingside and objectively this move deserves another assessment '?'. Such moves look very nice. White sacrifices a pawn in order to create weaknesses in Black's camp and to launch a strong attack. However, as we can see, Black has too many pieces on the kingside and objectively this move deserves another assessment '?'.

[11.Nge2 Bd6 12.Qd2 Qe7 13.0-0-0 0-0-0= with an approximately equal position. with an approximately equal position.]

11...fxg6 5:57 Black has an extra pawn, which controls important light squares on the kingside. Black has an extra pawn, which controls important light squares on the kingside. **12.Bg5** 1:28 **Be7** 1:28 GM Baadur Jobava: ' ∓' '∓' GM Baadur Jobava: 'Black is already much better. I managed to put up a good resistance, but Hikaru played well and won the game. The rest is not important for our course. By showing this game my main intent was to introduce you to the h7-h5 variations and show you the strong 7...Be7! idea, that is refuting my 5.g4 variation. For this reason in the theoretical part we will study the more clever 5.Qd2 move.' **13.f4** 18

[13.Nh3 0-0 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.Ng5 Qd6 16.f4 Ne7∓]

13...Nf6 2:33 Black's knight is heading for g4. Black's knight is heading for g4. **14.Qb3** 1:09 **Qd7** 7:21 **15.Nf3** 29

[15.Bxf6 Computer's advice. It looks very sad for White. Computer's advice. It looks very sad for White. gxf6 16.0-0-0 0-0-0 17.Nf3 Bd6 18.Rhg1 Ne7∓]

[15.Qxb7?? Rb8 16.Qxa6 Nb4-+]

15...Ng4∓ 50 White is a pawn down and he has a vulnerable king as 'compensation'. White is a pawn down and he has a vulnerable king as 'compensation'. **16.Ke2** 2:33 **Bf6** 2:33 **17.Rac1** 1:21 **b6** 1:38 **18.Rc2** 11:13 **Ne7** 6:47 **19.Rhc1** 3:01 **0-0** 1:55 The kingside is the safest place on the board for Black's king. White's king won't be in smooth waters till the end of the game. The kingside is the safest place on the board for Black's king. White's king won't be in smooth waters till the end of the game. **20.Qa4** 8:16 Offering the exchange of queens . Offering the exchange of queens . **20...Qd8** 8:58

[20...Qxa4? 21.Nxa4 and White will gain a pawn. and White will gain a pawn.]

[20...c6!? 21.Nd1 a5 22.Nf2 b5 23.Qb3 Nf5!∓]

21.Nd1! 43 **Ra7** 7 **22.Nf2** 22 **Nh6!** 5:11 Black needs to keep the knights on the board. Black needs to keep the knights on the board.

[22...Nxf2?! 23.Kxf2∓ and soon White will think about counterplay on the

kingside. and soon White will think about counterplay on the kingside.]

23.Rg1 6:29 Probably Baadur should have kept his rooks on the c-file. Probably Baadur should have kept his rooks on the c-file. **23...Nf7** 3:10 **24.Qa3** 1:08 **Kh7** 1:08 **25.Nh3** 1:58 **Nd6** 11:28 **26.Ne5** 1:30 **Ndf5** 1:21 **27.b4?!** 5:07

[27.Qa4]

27...Qd6 5:15 **28.Qc3?!** 32

[After the game Baadur suggested After the game Baadur suggested 28.Qb2 c6

A) 29.a4 a5 30.bxa5 *(30.b5 cxb5 31.Qxb5 Nxe3! 32.Kxe3 Nf5+ 33.Kd2 Nxd4 34.Qb2 Nxc2 35.Kxc2 Rc7+ 36.Kb1 Rfc8-+)* 30...Rxa5 31.Qxb6 Rxa4∓;

B) 29.Rgc1 Rc8 30.a4 a5 31.bxa5 Rxa5 32.Qxb6 Rxa4 Black has an advantage but the game isn't over yet. Black has an advantage but the game isn't over yet.]

28...c6 17 **29.Nf3** 6:05 **a5!** 1:34 **30.bxa5** 8 **Rxa5** 19 White's position is hopeless. Black will double rooks on the a-file and the he will play c5. As you can see White doesn't have any counterplay. White's position is hopeless. Black will double rooks on the a-file and the he will play c5. As you can see White doesn't have any counterplay. **31.Qd2** 6:25 **Ra3** 27 **32.Rgc1** 2:14 **Rfa8** 2:43 **33.Nf2** 54 **c5!** 1:02 **34.dxc5** 25 **bxc5** 5 **35.Rxc5** 52

[35.Bxf6 gxf6 36.Rxc5 Rxa2 37.R5c2 Rxc2 38.Rxc2 Kg7-+]

35...Rxa2 7 **36.R5c2** 4 **Rxc2** 4:37 **37.Qxc2** 22 **Ng3+** 2:15 **38.Ke1** 1:24 **Qb4+** 3:50 **39.Qd2** 16 **Qxd2+** 11 **40.Nxd2** 0 **Nef5-+** 0 **41.e4** 2:17 **Bxg5** 2:47 **42.hxg5** 2:21 **Nd4** 1:41 **43.Nh3** 4 **Ra3** 5:29 **44.f5** 48 The last chance. The last chance. **44...exf5?** 10 This is a piece of carelessness. This is a piece of carelessness.

[Nakamura could have won the game immediately Nakamura could have won the game immediately 44...dxe4 45.fxg6+ *(45.dxe4 gxf5 46.Rc4 e5-+)* 45...Kxg6 46.Kf2 Ra2-+]

45.exd5 33 **Nge2!** 5

[45...Rxd3? 46.Nf4 Ra3 47.d6 Ra6 48.Nc4 Ne4 49.d7 Ra2□ 50.Ne5 *(50.d8Q?? Nf3+ 51.Kf1 Ng3#)* 50...Rh2 51.Kf1 Nd2+ 52.Ke1 N2f3+ 53.Nxf3 Nxf3+ 54.Kf1=]

46.Rc8 58 **Rxd3** 7:54 **47.Nc4!** 4:02 **Rxh3** 4:54 **48.Ne5** 4 **Nf3+** 1:32 **49.Nxf3** 4 **Nf4□** 5

[49...Rxf3? 50.Kxe2 Rf4 51.d6 Rd4 52.Rd8 h4 53.Kf2 Rd3 54.Kg2 f4 55.Rf8 and the position is drawish. and the position is drawish.]

50.Kf2 31 **Nxd5** 47 **51.Ne5** 2:59

[51.Rb8 Nf4 52.Ne5 Nd3+! 53.Kg2 Nxe5 54.Kxh3 Nf3-+ The knight + 4 pawns are much stronger than the rook. The knight + 4 pawns are much stronger than the rook.]

51...Rc3 40 **52.Rd8** 1:25 **Ne7** 54 **53.Rd7** 15:52

[53.Nf7 Rc8-+]

53...Rc2+ 15:12 **54.Kg3** 6 **f4+-+** 13:19 **55.Kxf4** 51 **Nf5** 5 **56.Rd8** 1:30 **Rf2+** 3:17 **57.Ke4** 3 **Ng3+** 38 **58.Kd3** 3 **h4?** 29 A mistake, Black loses a very important pawn. It could cost him a half point. A mistake, Black loses a very important pawn. It could cost him a half point.

[58...Rf5 59.Nd7 Ra5 *(59...Rxg5?? 60.Nf8+ Kh6 61.Ne6+-)* 60.Nf8+ Kg8 61.Nxg6+ *(61.Ke3 Kf7-+)* 61...Kf7 62.Nf4 Rxg5-+]

[58...Rf1 probably this is more convincing. probably this is more convincing. 59.Nd7 h4 60.Nf8+ Kg8 61.Nxg6+ Kf7 62.Ne5+ Ke6 63.Re8+ Kf5-+]

59.Rd4 5 **Nf5** 1:58 **60.Rd8!** 0 Threatening ♘f7. Threatening ♘f7.

60...Ng3 0 **61.Rd4** 0 **Rf5** 2:45 **62.Rxh4+** 1 **Nh5** 1 **63.Ke4** 1:19 **Rxg5** 2 Black still has some chances to win the game but I think that objectively the position is rather drawish. Black still has some chances to win the game but I think that objectively the position is rather drawish. **64.Kd5** 28 **Rg1** 4:17 **65.Ke6** 1:19 **Rf1** 13 **66.Rh2** 1:44 **Rf6+** 2:41 **67.Ke7?** 52

[67.Kd5! Kg8 *(67...Rf8 68.Ke6 Ra8 69.Rh1 Ra6+ 70.Kd5* Black can't improve his position. Black can't improve his position.*)* 68.Nxg6 Rxg6 69.Rxh5= There is a huge difference between king on e7 and on d5. For example There is a huge difference between king on e7 and on d5. For example Rf6 70.Rh1 g6 *(70...g5 71.Rg1)* 71.Ke5 Kg7 72.Rg1 Rf5+ 73.Ke4 Kf6 74.Rg3=]

67...Kg8 1:09 **68.Nxg6** 11:28 This leads to a lost rook endgame, but even after the more stubborn continuation This leads to a lost rook endgame, but even after the more stubborn continuation

[68.Rh1 Nf4 69.Kd7 g5 70.Rg1 Ng6 71.Nd3 Rf5 72.Ke6 Ra5 White's position is lost. White's position is lost.]

68...Rxg6 1:08 **69.Rxh5** 3 **Ra6!-+** 6 **70.Rf5** 18 **g6** 18 **71.Rf6** 8 **Ra7+!** 4 **72.Ke6** 4 **Kg7** 3 **73.Rf3** 2:43 **Ra5!** 6:08 Now the white king can't cross the 5th rank. Now the white king can't cross the 5th rank. **74.Rf7+** 5 **Kh6** 4 **75.Rf1** 2 **g5** 1:15 **76.Kf6** 2:25 **Ra4!** 18 **77.Rh1+** 8:59 **Rh4** 6 **78.Rg1** 31 **Rf4+** 4 **79.Ke5** 2 **Kg6** 6 **80.Rh1** 2:07 **Ra4** 11 Then he would play g4, ♔g5 and ♖a3 etc. Then he would play g4, ♔g5 and ♖a3 etc.

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□ **Rapport,Richard** **2698**
■ **Horvath,Jozsef1** **2526**
36. Zalakaros Open 2017 (7.6) 24.05.17
[Richard Palliser]

Richard Palliser,MH: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines ' **1.Nc3** Richard Palliser, MH **1...d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6**

[When Magnus Carlsen essayed the Jobava-Prie in the warm-up, pairing-determining blitz tournament in Norway he twice faced 3...a6 and after 4.e3 Bf5 *(4...e6 5.g4!?* was certainly most creative in Carlsen-Caruana, Stavanger (blitz) 2017 the g-pawn might even be touched, whereas after the arguably slightly slow *c5 6.g5 Nfd7 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.a3 b5 9.h4 Bb7 10.h5* White's kingside expansion was already looking quite useful*)* 5.Bd3 Bxd3 6.cxd3! (to control e4 and also so White doesn't have to move his knight from c3 to involve the c-pawn) e6 7.Nf3 Bd6 8.Bg5 Nbd7 9.0-0 h6 10.Bh4 0-0 11.e4 White had an edge in Carlsen-Nakamura, Stavanger (blitz) 2017.]

4.e3

[Jobava hasn't been too busy in his pet line of late, but we shouldn't forget that last year he was seizing

the chance to exploit the absence of ... a6, going on to defeat Topalov in the Olympiad after 4.Nb5!? - see the Archive.]

4...Bd6

[As we've noted before, both this and 4...Bb4!? should be fine for Black.]

5.Nf3 0-0

[In an earlier round, one of Rapport's opponents had taken up the gauntlet with 5...Bxf4 6.exf4 , but Qd6!? *(6...0-0 7.Bd3 b6 8.Ne2 Ba6 9.Ne5 c5 10.c3* seemed fairly comfortable for Black in Cordova-Kovalyov, San Salvador 2016, as can be found in the Archive *)* 7.Ne5 a6 8.Qf3! c5 9.dxc5 Qxc5 10.0-0-0 Nc6 11.Kb1 b5 12.Nxc6 Qxc6 13.Bd3 Bb7 0.48/19 *(13...b4=* -0.01/19 (Richard Palliser, MH) is more appropriate. *14.Ne2 a5)* 14.Rhe1 0-0-0 15.Qg3 left White with both the initiative and an edge in Rapport-Nemeth, Zalakaros 2017 note how useful the doubled f-pawns are for generating pressure down the e-file and clamping on e5.]

6.Bd3 Nc6?!

[Imitating his opponent and hoping for a Bxd6 cxd6 exchange, but I'm not totally convinced by this. Preferable is the classical 6...c5 , as we first considered in Jobava-Malakhov, Warsaw (rapid) 2013.]

7.Bg5!

[Crossing Black's plans, while if 7.0-0 I wonder if Horvath wouldn't have gone in for Nxd4!? 8.Nxd4 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Black must now prevent Nd4-f3.' e5 .]

7...b6

[This feels slightly at odds with Black's last. 7...Be7 was played in a very lowly-rated correspondence encounter and after 8.a3 White should have decent chances for an edge, perhaps following with Qe2 and a kingside expansion a la the game.]

[As such, we should consider too 7...Nb4!? when the bishop might just retreat, but 8.e4 dxe4 9.Nxe4 Nxd3+ 10.Qxd3 Be7 11.Nxf6+ Bxf6 12.h4 looks like a decent enough version of a Rubinstein French for White.]

8.a3 Richard Palliser,MH: 'White is slightly better.'

[Preventing .. .Nb4 and refusing to allow Black plenty of simplification, as 8.e4 dxe4 9.Nxe4 Be7 10.Nxf6+ Bxf6 11.Bxf6 Qxf6 12.Be4 Bb7 13.0-0 would have done.]

8...Bb7 9.Qe2 Be7

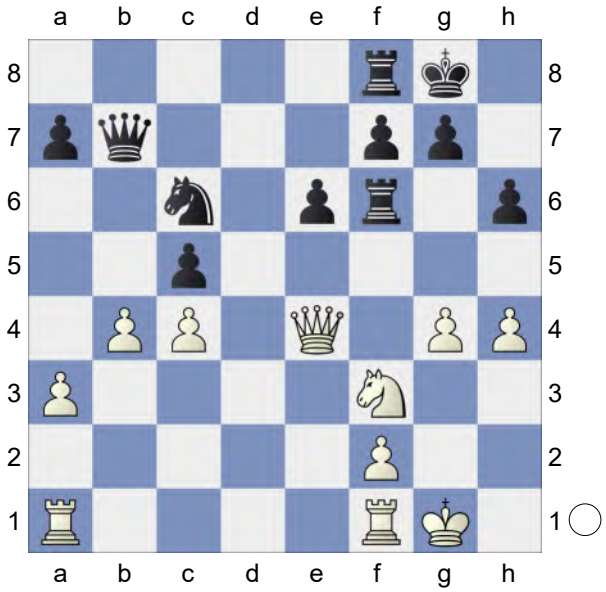
[9...Ne7!? would have been a more dynamic approach, menacing ...Ne4, and one which I suspect Rapport might have met with 10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.0-0-0 .]

10.h4!? Predicting Rapport's moves is never easy. First he makes a useful kingside advance and only then will he break in the centre. **10...Na5 11.e4 dxe4 12.Nxe4 Nxe4 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxe4 c5** So simplification is happening after all, and just what is that pawn doing on h4? **15.Bxb7 Qxb7**

[15...Nxb7!? might have been a touch more prudent, and if 16.d5 -0.22/21 *(*White should try *16.0-0-0±* 0.37/20 Richard Palliser,MH*)* 16...Rfe8 0.17/19 . *(16...e5* -0.22/21 (Richard Palliser,MH) is superior. *)*]

16.dxc5! bxc5 17.b3 Claiming a structural plus so on the queenside had to be critical, although even here it's hard to believe that Black should be in too much danger, despite his currently offside knight. **17...Rad8 18.0-0 Rd5**

19.Qe4 Now it becomes clear that rather than a weakness, we should view h2-h4 as a useful move since it allows White Ng5 ideas. **19...h6**
[19...Rc8!? would have looked to get in a timely ...c4 and after 20.Ng5 g6 21.Qe3 Qe7 followed by ...Nc6 Black should really be OK.]
[Likewise, 19...Nc6 20.Rad1 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Nf3-g5 would now be deadly.' *(or 20.Ng5* 0.01/21 Richard Palliser,MH: '20.Ra1-d1 0.37' *g6* Richard Palliser,MH: '!'*)* 20...Qd7 21.Rxd5 Qxd5 22.Qxd5 exd5 23.Re1 Rd8 should be defensible.]
20.b4!? From here until the end of the game, one simply has to admire Rapport's use of his foot soldiers. **20...Nc6** 0.48/23
[20...Rd7= 0.10/22 Richard Palliser, MH 21.Qxb7 Nxb7]
21.c4 Richard Palliser,MH: ' ± ' **21...Rf5?** 1.18/22
[Presumably played hoping for a ... Rxf3 shot and to avoid Ne5 ideas, but it seems that Black had to allow 21...Rd7 0.41/24 Richard Palliser,MH: '±' 22.b5 *(22.bxc5* -0.01/22 Richard Palliser,MH: '22.b4-b5 0.53' *Rfd8 23.Rab1 Qc7* would be a lot of activity for a pawn*)* 22...Na5! *(22...Nd4* 0.70/25 Richard Palliser, MH: '22...Nc6-a5 0.31' *23.Qxb7 Rxb7 24.a4* might be possible, but White's queenside pawns give him whatever winning chances are going*)* 23.Qxb7 -0.10/24 *(23.Qc2!±* 0.49/22 Richard Palliser,MH*)* 23...Rxb7 Richard Palliser,MH: '=' 24.Rac1 Rd8 , counterattacking against c4 and defending actively.]
22.g4! -0.12/23
[22.b5± 1.18/22 Richard Palliser,MH Na5 23.Qxb7 Nxb7 24.Rad1]
22...Rf6? Richard Palliser,MH: '=?' Richard Palliser,MH: '
[22...Rxf3 1.53/20 Richard Palliser, MH: '?' Richard Palliser,MH: '22...Rf5-f6 -0.06' 23.Qxf3 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Hoping for b4-b5.' Qc7 shouldn't give Black enough for an exchange, of course, but still much better this than the game, where Horvath has rather lost the thread.]

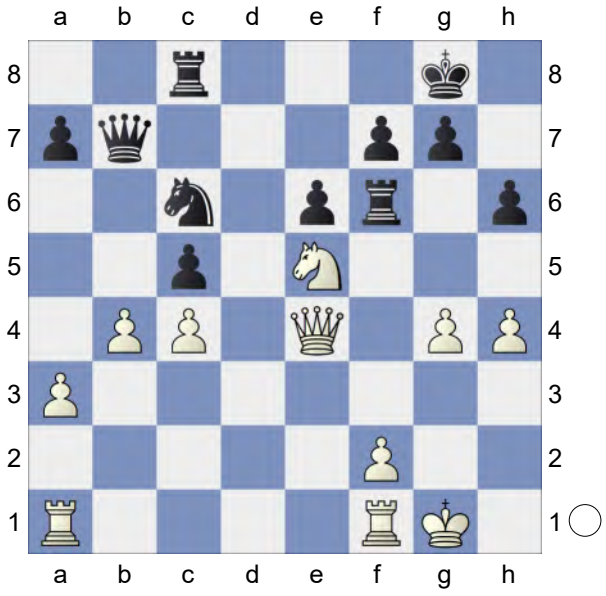


...Qb7-c7 is the strong threat.' **23.Ne5** Richard Palliser,MH: '!'
[23.bxc5 Richard Palliser,MH e5 24.Rfd1 *(24.Nxe5 Re6∓)* 24...Rf4-+]
23...Rc8 3.70/22 Richard Palliser,MH: ' This move loses the game for Black.'
[23...Qc7± 1.07/22 Richard Palliser, MH 24.Nxc6 *(24.Qxc6 Qxe5 25.Rae1 Qc3∓)* 24...Rf4]
24.b5 Richard Palliser,MH: '+-'
[Inferior is 24.bxc5 Richard Palliser, MH Qc7 25.Nxc6 Rf4∓]
24...Na5 25.Qxb7 Nxb7 26.f4 Locking Black's rook out of the game on f6 and effectively thus deciding proceedings. **26...Rd8 27.Nc6**

Richard Palliser,MH: ' Prevents Nb7-a5' **27...Rd7 28.g5**
[28.Nxa7 Richard Palliser,MH Na5 29.Nc6 Nxc6 30.bxc6 Rc7=]
28...hxg5 29.hxg5 Richard Palliser,MH: 'White is clearly winning.' **29...Rf5 30.Rad1!**
[30.Nxa7 Richard Palliser,MH Na5 31.Nc8 Nxc4=]
30...Rc7
[Richard Palliser,MH: ' Of course not' 30...Rxd1 31.Rxd1 Richard Palliser,MH: ' And now Nc6-e7+ would win.' Rxf4 32.Rd7 traps the helpless black knight, but do also just compare the difference between the two sides' pieces at the end of the game. *(32.Nxa7 Richard Palliser,MH Rxc4 33.Rd7 Rc1+ 34.Kf2 Na5=)*]
31.a4 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) / Black=0.43'
[Not 31.Nxa7 Richard Palliser,MH Na5 32.b6 Rb7±]
1-0

274 **D00**
□ **Salman,Fatima** **2698**
■ **Ivitza,Paul** **2526**
Korinthos m rapid (7.6) 24.05.2017
[Kitty Kat]

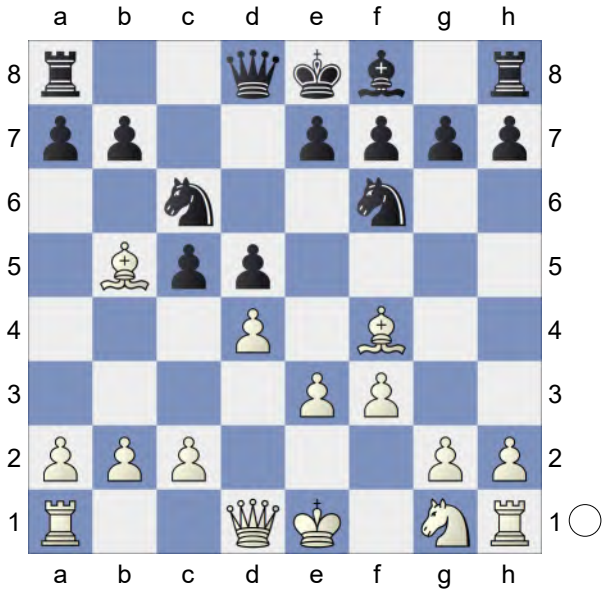
D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.Nc3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.e3 Bd6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Bd3 Nc6**
[6...c5 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.0-0 Nc6 9.e4 dxe4 10.Nxe4 Be7 11.Nxf6+ Bxf6 12.Bd6 Re8 13.c3 e5 14.Be4 Bg4 15.Bc5 Qc7 16.Qa4 Bd7 17.Qc2 g6 18.Rfd1 Rad8 19.Bd6 Qb6 20.b4 Be6 21.Bc5 ½-½ Stefanova,A (2489)-Lagno,K (2543) Wch Rapid (Women) 2014 (9)]
7.Bg5 b6N 0.56/20
[7...Nb4= 0.10/20]
[7...h6 8.Bh4 e5 9.Bxf6 Qxf6 10.Nxd5 Qe6 11.dxe5 Nxe5 12.Nc3 Nxd3+ 13.Qxd3 Bd7 14.0-0-0 Rad8 15.a3 Bc6 16.Nd4 3) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 e6-5.Bd3 O-O 6.Nf3 Nc6 #5 The Meanest Jobava 2023]
8.a3 0.08/19
[8.e4± 0.56/20 dxe4 9.Nxe4]
8...Bb7 9.Qe2 Be7 10.h4 Na5 11.e4 dxe4 12.Nxe4 Nxe4 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxe4 c5 15.Bxb7 Qxb7 16.dxc5 bxc5 17.b3 Rad8 18.0-0 Rd5 19.Qe4 h6 20.b4 Nc6 0.56/21
[20...Rd7= 0.14/19 21.Rfe1 cxb4]
21.c4± Rf5 1.23/21
[21...Rd7± 0.45/21]
22.g4 Rf6 Threatens to win with ...Qb7-c7. **23.Ne5**
[23.bxc5 Qc7 24.Rad1 Qf4∓ *(24...Rf4? 25.Rd7∓)*]
23...Rc8 3.70/22
[23...Qc7= -0.01/21 and Black is okay. 24.Nxc6 *(24.Qxc6 Qxe5 25.Rae1 Qf4∓)* 24...Rf4]



Black cannot hold the game after this. **24.b5+-**
[24.bxc5 Qc7 25.g5 hxg5 26.Qxc6 *(26.hxg5? too greedy. Rf5-+)* 26...Qxc6 27.Nxc6 Rxc6 28.hxg5 Rf5-+]
24...Na5 25.Qxb7 Nxb7 26.f4 Rd8 27.Nc6 Repels Nb7-a5 **27...Rd7 28.g5**
[28.Nxa7 Na5 29.g5 Rf5∓]
28...hxg5 29.hxg5 White is clearly winning. **29...Rf5 30.Rad1**
[30.Nxa7 Na5 31.Nc8 Nxc4=]
30...Rc7 31.a4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.51
[Weaker is 31.Nxa7 Na5+-]
1-0

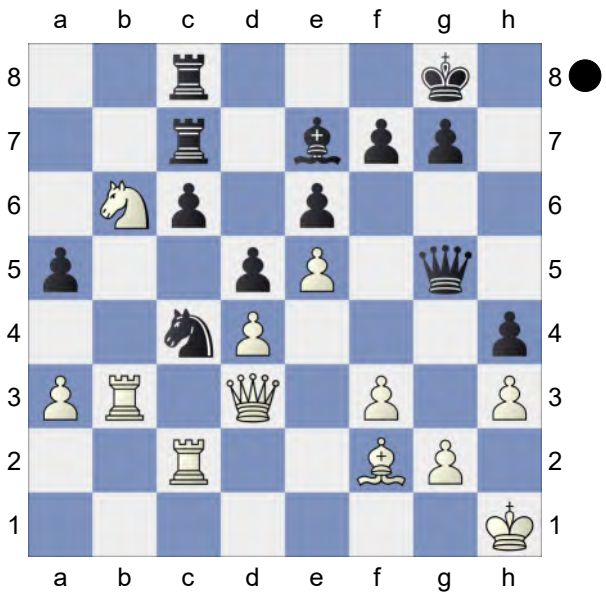
275 **A45**
□ **Sevian,Samuel** **2696**
■ **Duda,Jan Krzysztof** **2740**
World Rapid 2024 (6.7) 27.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 Bg4 5.f3 Bd7 6.Nb5N**
[6.g4 h6 7.h4 Nc6 8.Qd2 Qa5 9.Nb5 Qxd2+ 10.Kxd2 Rc8 11.c3 a6 12.Na3 e6 13.Nc2 Kd8 14.Ne2 Ne8 15.Ng3 cxd4 16.exd4 Bd6 17.Bxd6 Nxd6 18.Bd3 Na5 19.Ne3 Bb5 20.Bxb5 axb5 Bluebaum,M (2647)-Dubov,D (2707) Chess.com INT 2024 Mega2024 Update 29 [Kiitty Kat] ½-½ (55)]
[6.dxc5 e6 7.Nb5 Bxb5 8.Bxb5+ Nc6 9.b4 Nh5 10.Ne2 Nxf4 11.exf4 Be7 12.Nd4 Qc7 13.Qd2 0-0 14.Bxc6 bxc6 15.0-0 a5 16.a3 Rfb8 17.c3 h5 18.Nb3 h4 19.Rfe1 g6 20.Qd4 Bf8 Henriquez Villagra,C (2591)-Dubov,D (2708) Chess.com INT 2024 Mega2024 Update 14 [Kitty Kat] 0-1 (64)]
6...Bxb5 7.Bxb5+ Nc6



Strongly threatening ...Qa5+. **8.c3 e6 9.Ne2 a6 10.Bxc6+ bxc6 11.0-0 Be7 12.Qa4 Qb6 13.b4 cxb4 14.cxb4 0-0 15.Rfc1 Rfc8! 16.Rab1 Nd7 17.Bg3 Qb7 18.Nc3 Nb6 19.Qc2** -0.97/20
[19.Qd1∓ -0.50/21]
19...Nc4∓ 20.Qd3 Bxb4 21.Na4 Qe7 22.h3 a5 23.Kh2 h6 24.Rb3 Ra7 25.e4 h5 26.Rc2 h4 27.Bf2 Qg5 28.a3 -1.75/21
[28.Nc5∓ -1.26/19 was called for.]
28...Bd6+-+ 29.Kh1 -1.40/21
[29.e5-+ -1.83/21 Be7 30.Nb2]
29...Rac7 30.e5 -1.45/20
[⌓30.Bg1 -1.10/20]
30...Be7 31.Nb6 -1.84/22
[31.Qc3∓ -1.26/19 was worth a try.]

(Diagram)



31...Nxb6! 32.Rxb6 g6 -1.19/21
[32...c5-+ -1.84/23 33.Rc3 c4]
33.Be3∓ Qf5 34.Qxf5 gxf5 35.Rc3 -2.61/24
[35.a4∓ -1.38/24]
35...c5-+ 36.Ra6 -4.48/24
[⌓36.dxc5 -3.13/22 Bxc5 37.Bxc5 Rxc5 38.Rxc5 Rxc5 39.Ra6]
36...cxd4 37.Rxc7 Rxc7 38.Bxd4 Endgame KRB-KRB **38...Bg5 39.g4?** -6.28/24
[39.Kg1 -3.38/25]
39...hxg3 40.Rxa5 Rc4 41.Bb6 d4 42.Ra8+ Kg7 43.Bd8 Bxd8 44.Rxd8 KR-KR **44...f4 45.h4 f6 46.Rd7+ Kg6 47.h5+ Kg5 48.exf6 Kxf6** -8.05/22
[⌓48...Kh4 -#10/22 49.Rb7 d3 50.Kg2 d2 51.Rd7 Rc2 52.Kg1 Kh3 53.Kf1 g2+ 54.Ke2 g1Q 55.Rxd2 Qh2+ 56.Kf1 Rc1+ 57.Rd1 Rxd1#]
49.h6 e5 50.h7 Rc1+? -3.45/5
[50...Rc8 -9.49/25 51.Rc7 Rh8]
51.Kg2 Rc2+ 52.Kf1 Rf2+ 53.Kg1 Rh2 54.Kf1 Ke6 55.Rg7 d3 56.Rg6+ Kf5 57.Rd6 Rxh7 58.Rxd3 Rh1+ 59.Kg2 Rh2+ 60.Kg1 Ra2 (→ ...e4) **61.Rb3 Rd2** -11.27/23
[⌓61...e4 -#20/21 62.Rb5+ Kg6 63.Rb6+ Kg5 64.Rb5+ Kh4 65.Rf5 Rxa3 66.Kf1 exf3 67.Rxf4+ Kh3 68.Ke1 Ra1+ 69.Kd2 f2 70.Ke2 g2 71.Rf3+ Kg4 72.Rxf2 g1Q 73.Rf3 Re1+ 74.Kd2 Kxf3 75.Kc2 Qb6 76.Kd3 Rc1 77.Kd2 Qe3#]
62.a4 Ra2 63.Rb4 Kg5 White must now prevent ...Rf2. **64.Rb5 Kf5?** -0.01/27
[64...Ra1+-+ -9.26/29 65.Kg2 Kf5]
65.Rb4!= Ke6 66.Rb6+ Kd5 67.Rb4 Ra3 68.Kg2 Ra2+? 0.01/24
[68...Ke6-+ -9.41/27 69.Rb6+ Kd7 70.Rb7+ Kc6]
69.Kg1 Rf2 70.Rb5+ Kd4 71.Rb4+ Kc5 72.Rb5+ Kd6 73.Rb6+ Kd7 74.Rb3 Ra2 ...e4! is the strong threat. **75.Rb4 Kc6 76.Rc4+ Kd5?** -0.01/26
[Black should play 76...Kd6-+ -5.26/28 77.Rb4 Kd5 78.Rb5+ Kd4 79.Rb4+ Ke3 80.Rb3+ Ke2]
77.Rb4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.76/Black=0.57. An unexpected result.
½-½

276 **D00**
□ **Darkalekhine** **2696**
■ **Ciderdrinker** **2746**
Blitz 24.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 1-0 (88); *5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6*

11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7 Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig,F (1863) Mainz 1997 EXT 2000 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (57)*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) www.desc-online.de 2000 CBM 166 [Beliavsky, Alexander G] 1-0 (41)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]

3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.g4 c5 6.g5 Nfd7 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.h4 White is slightly better. **8...b5 9.a3 Nb6 10.b3** 0.03/19

[10.h5± 0.61/17]

10...cxd4 11.exd4 Bd6 0.29/18

[⌓11...b4 -0.18/21 12.axb4 Bxb4]

12.Qd2= Ra7 13.Bd3 Bxf4 14.Qxf4 Qc7 0.71/18

[14...0-0= 0.27/18]

15.Ne2 0.06/18

[15.Qe3!± 0.71/18]

15...Qxf4 16.Nxf4 Bd7 1.07/20

[16...f6= 0.04/19 keeps the balance.]

17.Kd2 Ke7 18.h5 Kd6 19.Rae1 Raa8 1.19/19

[⌓19...h6 0.85/20]

20.h6 g6 21.c3 Rhc8 22.Nh2? -0.97/18

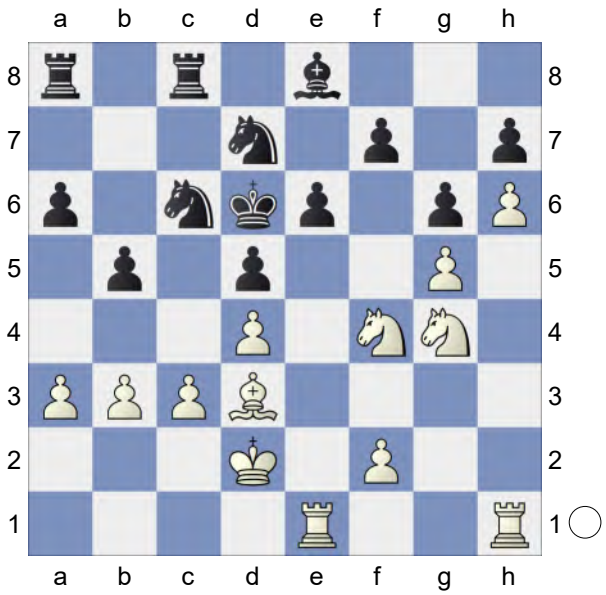
[22.Re3± 1.03/17 keeps the pressure on.]

22...Be8? 1.33/17

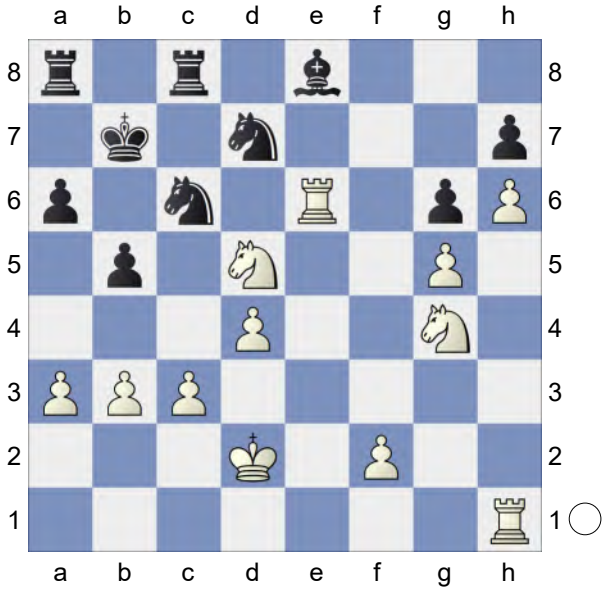
[22...e5∓ -0.97/18 stays on course. 23.Ne2 *(23.dxe5+ Nxe5 24.Be2 a5∓)* 23...e4]

23.Ng4± Nd7 2.37/17

[23...a5± 1.16/18 keeps fighting.]



24.Bxg6!+- fxg6 25.Rxe6+ Kc7 26.Nxd5+ Kb7



27.Re7 -2.56/18 Against Bf7 **27...Nxe7-+ 28.Nxe7 Rd8 29.Re1 Bf7** Prevents Ng8. **30.d5 Re8 31.c4 a5 32.Nf6 Nxf6 33.gxf6 Kb6 34.Kc3 a4** aiming for ...axb3. **35.b4?** -3.93/24

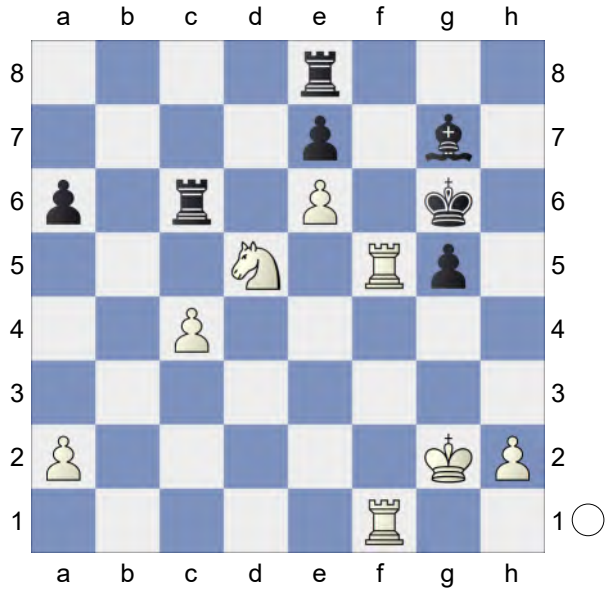
[35.Rb1 -2.24/20]

35...bxc4 36.Kxc4 Rad8 37.Rd1 Rd6 Quite a comeback for Black. Weighted Error Value: White=0.54/Black=0.37
0-1

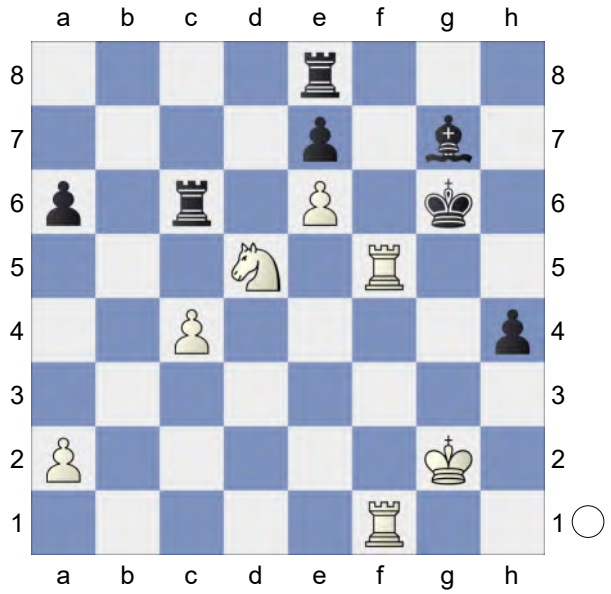
277 **D00**
□ **Cocheverde** **2695**
■ **Dasecho** **2693**
Blitz 01.06.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 1-0 (88)*; 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7* Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig,F (1863) Mainz 1997 EXT 2000 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (57)*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) www.desc-online.de 2000 CBM 166 [Beliavsky, Alexander G] 1-0 (41)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]
3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Ne5 Bf5 0.63/20
[7...Bd7= 0.09/22]
8.g4!± White is slightly better. **8...Bd7 9.g5**
[9.Nxd7 Qxd7 10.Bg2 h6=]
9...Ne4 10.Nxd5? -1.33/20
[10.Nxd7?! Nxc3 11.bxc3 Qxd7∓]
[10.Nxe4± 0.78/19 keeps the pressure on. Hoping for Nc5. Nxe5 11.Bxe5 dxe4 12.c3]
10...Nxe5!∓
[10...Qa5+?! 11.c3 Nxe5 12.dxe5=]
11.dxe5 Bc6 -0.97/21
[⌓11...e6 -1.29/23 12.Ne3 *(12.Nc3 Qa5∓)* 12...Bb4+ 13.Ke2 *(13.c3? Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bxc3+ 15.Ke2 Bxa1-+)* 13...Qb6]
12.Ne3 Qxd1+ 0.08/19
[12...Qa5+!∓ -1.25/19 13.c3 Nxc3!]
13.Rxd1= Nxg5 14.Bg2↑ White fights for an advantage. **14...Bxg2 15.Nxg2 Ne6 16.Bg3 g5 17.Ne3 f6 18.Nd5** -0.33/23
[18.h4= 0.27/26]
18...f5!∓ aiming for ...f4. **19.f4 Bg7** 0.18/20
[19...gxf4∓ -0.41/17 20.Nxf4 Nxf4 21.Bxf4 Rg8]
20.fxg5= Kf7? 2.15/21
[20...Rc8= 0.14/22 and Black has nothing to worry.]
21.0-0 Rhe8 22.Rxf5+ Kg6 23.Rdf1 1.14/18
[23.Rf2+- 1.99/20]
23...Rad8± 24.c4 Nxg5? 3.95/23
[24...b5± 0.85/20 is a better chance.]
25.Bh4? 0.85/18
[25.h4!+- 3.95/23 and the rest is easy. Ne6 26.Nc7!]
25...h6 26.Bxg5 hxg5 27.e6

Threatens to win with Rf7. **27...Rd6?** 2.03/20
[27...Bxb2± 0.45/20 28.Kg2 Rd6]
28.b3+- b5 29.Kg2 1.14/20
[29.c5+- 2.80/23 Bd4+ 30.Kh1 Bxc5 31.h4 *(31.Nc7 Rh8=)*]
29...bxc4± 30.bxc4 Strongly threatening h4! **30...Rc6** 1.52/21
[Black should play 30...Bd4 0.93/20]



31.h4! gxh4

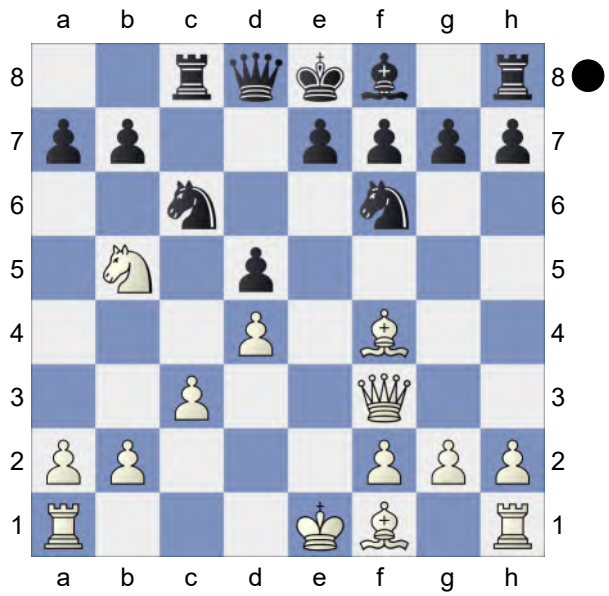


32.Kh3 -0.02/22
0x0.001d6b67c29bdp-1022s more active pieces.
[32.R5f4!± 1.43/23 Rg4+ is the strong threat. Bf6 33.Rg4+ *(33.Nxf6 exf6 34.Rxf6+ Kg7±)* 33...Kh6 34.Nxf6 exf6 35.Rh1 *(35.Rxf6+ Kh5±; 35.Rxh4+ Kg5=)*]
32...Rxc4 33.R5f3 Bf6 34.Nxf6 exf6 35.Rxf6+= Endgame KRR-KRR **35...Kg7 36.Rf7+ Kg6 37.Rg1+ Kh6 38.Rf6+ Kh7 39.Rf5 Kh6** Against Rh5+ **40.Re5 Rc6 41.Kxh4 Rcxe6?** #1/16
[41...Rc4+= 0.02/18 42.Kh3 *(42.Rg4 Rxg4+ 43.Kxg4 Kg6=)* 42...Rc3+ 43.Kg2 Kg6]
42.Rh5# Weighted Error Value: White=0.45/Black=0.52
1-0

278 **D00**
□ **Neverhood** **2692**
■ **Alphagoose** **2692**
Blitz 19.02.2024
[Kitty Kat]

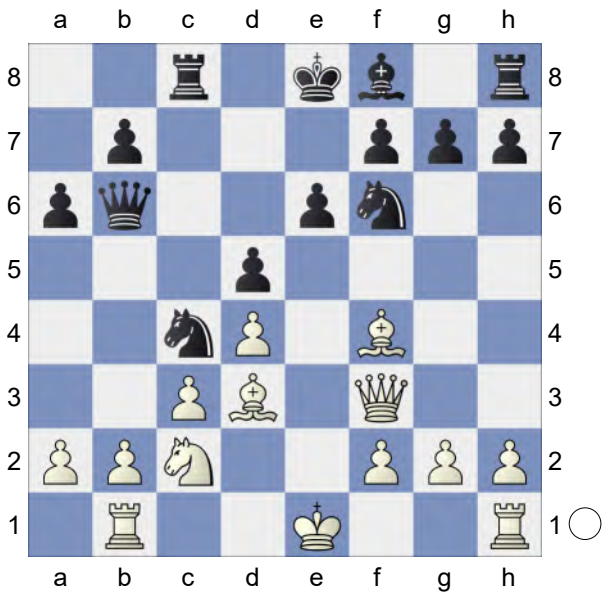
B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 Nf6 3.Nc3 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 Bg4 6.Nf3** -0.31/21
[6.Be2= 0.01/22 Bxe2 7.Qxe2 *(7.Ngxe2 Nc6=)*]
6...Bxf3 0.53/20
[6...Nc6∓ -0.31/21]
7.Qxf3± Hoping for Bxb8.
[But not 7.gxf3 a6=]
7...Nc6 8.Nb5 -0.53/20
[8.0-0-0± 0.44/19]
8...Rc8∓ 9.c3 -1.08/21
[White should play 9.0-0-0∓ -0.49/18]

(Diagram)



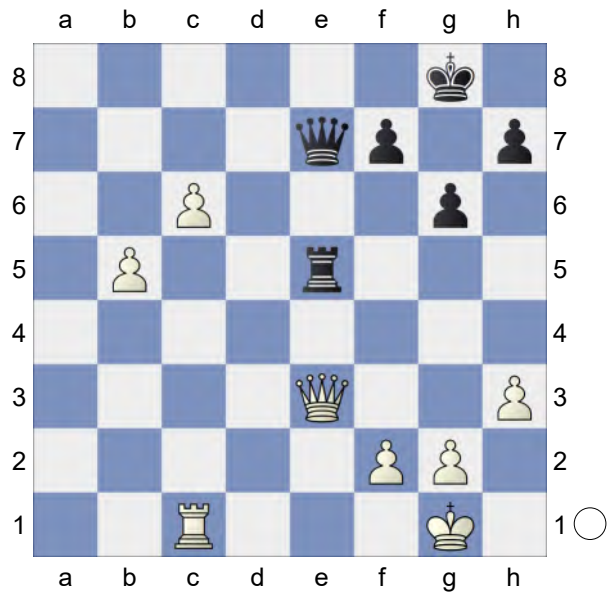
9...a6 -0.28/21
[9...e6!∓ -1.08/21 And now ...a6 would win. 10.Bd3 a6]
10.Na3= Qb6! 11.Rb1 -0.47/22
[11.0-0-0!= -0.07/23 should be considered.]
11...e6 0.00/21
[11...Qa5!∓ -0.47/22 is more appropriate.]
12.Nc2 Na5 0.13/20
[⌓12...Ne4 -0.19/20]
13.Bd3 Nc4 0.86/17
[13...Rxc3= 0.00/17 14.Bb5+ Qxb5 15.Qxc3 Nc6]

(Diagram)



14.0-0!↑ White is in control. **14...Bd6 15.Bg5 Be7 16.Bxc4** 0.37/20
[White should try 16.b3± 0.88/17 Nd6 17.c4]
16...Rxc4± 17.Ne3 Rc8 18.Rfe1 Qd8 1.74/17 This costs Black the game.
[18...0-0± 0.40/17]
19.Bxf6+- Bxf6 2.10/17
[19...gxf6 1.72/18 was worth a try. 20.c4 dxc4]
20.Nxd5! 0-0 2.95/17
[⌓20...Rb8 2.08/18 21.Nf4 0-0]
21.Nxf6+ Qxf6 22.Qxb7 a5 23.Qa6 Ra8 24.Qd3 Rfb8 25.b3 a4 26.c4 Rd8 27.Red1 axb3 28.axb3 Ra2 29.Qe3 g6 30.h3 Rc2 31.Rbc1 Rb2 32.Rb1 2.33/17
[⌓32.c5 3.98/16]
32...Ra2? 4.53/18
[32...Rxd4 2.33/17 33.c5 *(33.Rxd4 Rxb1+ 34.Kh2 Rxb3=)* 33...Rxb1 34.Rxb1 Qf5]
33.b4 White is clearly winning. **33...Rc2 34.c5 Rc4 35.b5 e5 36.dxe5 Rxd1+ 37.Rxd1** KQR-KQR **37...Qe7 38.c6 Rc5 39.Rc1 Rxe5**

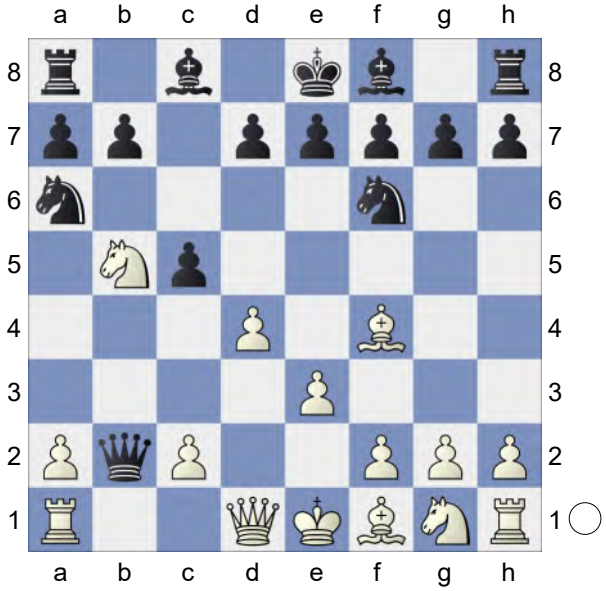
(Diagram)



40.Qxe5!! Qxe5 41.c7 Qxb5 42.c8Q+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.29 (precise) /Black=0.51
1-0

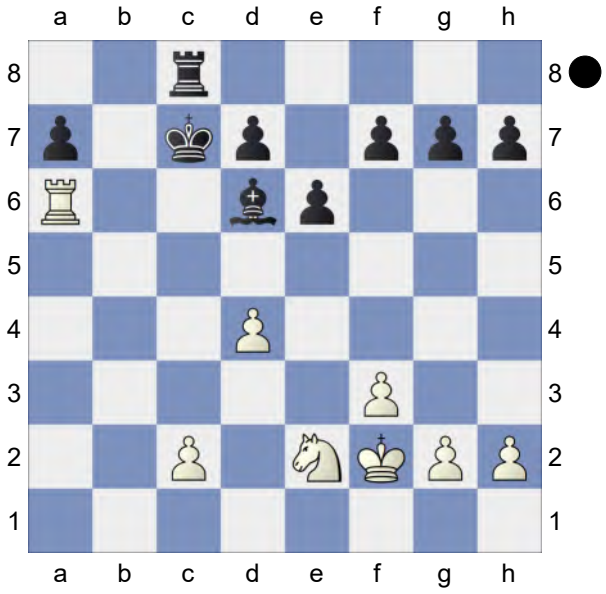
279 **A45**
□ **Rurep26** **2691**
■ **Niper13** **2639**
Blitz 30.03.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min A45: Trompowsky Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4**
[2.a3 g6 3.Bf4 d6 4.e3 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 b6 7.0-0 Bb7 8.h3 Nbd7 9.c4 Ne4 10.Bh2 e5 11.d5 a5 12.b3 f5 13.Nfd2 Ndc5 14.Nxe4 Nxe4 15.Ra2 Bc8 16.f3 Nc5 Carlsen,M (2850)-Fressinet,L (2702) Berlin 2015 CBM 168 Extra [Schulz, Andre] 1-0 (44)]
2...c5 3.e3N
[3.d5 g6 4.Nc3 d6 5.e4 Bg7 6.Nf3 0-0
A) 7.a4 Na6 *(7...Bg4 8.Be2 Nbd7 9.0-0 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Ne5 11.Be2* 3 Benoni Setups-3...d6 Variation *)* 8.Be2 Nc7 9.0-0 Bg4 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Nd7 12.Qd2 a6 13.Be2 Rb8 14.a5 b5 15.axb6 Rxb6 16.Nd1 #2 13) Benoni and Benko Defense-3...d6 with 4...g6;
B) 7.Be2 b5 8.Bxb5 Nxe4 9.Nxe4 Qa5+ 10.Nc3 Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 Qxb5 Barsov-Garcia Castro Mondariz 2007]
3...Qb6 4.Nc3 Qxb2 5.Nb5 Na6? 1.80/20
[5...Nd5= 0.00/19 and Black has nothing to worry.]



6.Rb1? 0.00/21
[Only move: 6.a3!+- 1.80/20]
6...Qxa2= 7.Ra1 Qb2 ...Nb4 is the strong threat. **8.Rxa6** -1.00/16 **bxa6∓ 9.Nc7+ Kd8 10.Nxa8 Nd5** -1.14/19 Prevents Bc7+.
[⌓10...Bb7 -1.50/19 aiming for ...Nd5. 11.Nf3 Nd5]
11.Ne2 -2.16/19
[11.Nf3∓ -1.14/19 Bb7 12.Be2 *(12.dxc5? Nc3-+)*]
11...Bb7 12.Nc7 -2.35/20
[⌓12.Bb8 -1.93/17]
12...Nxc7-+ 13.f3 Nd5 14.Kf2 Nxf4

15.Nxf4 cxd4 16.Qxd4 Qxd4
[16...Qxc2+ 17.Be2 e6 18.Nd3∓]
17.exd4 e6 18.Bd3 Kc7 19.Ra1 Bd6 20.Ne2 Rc8
[Not 20...Bxh2 21.g3=]
21.Bxa6 Bxa6 -1.46/17
[Stronger than 21...Bxh2 22.g3=]
[21...Be7-+ -1.92/19 22.c4 Bxa6 23.Rxa6 Kb7]
22.Rxa6 Endgame



KRB-KRN **22...Ra8**
[22...Bxh2 23.g3=]
23.Ke3 Be7
[Weaker is 23...Bxh2 24.f4∓]
24.Kd3 -1.76/24
[24.c4∓ -1.39/21 might work better.]
24...Kb7 25.Ra4 a5 26.c3 f5 27.Nc1 Bd8 28.Nb3 Bc7 29.Nc5+ -1.66/20
[29.h3∓ -1.27/21]
29...Kc6 30.c4 -3.14/25
[30.g3 -1.70/20 was necessary.]
30...Bxh2 31.Nb3 Bc7 32.Kc3 g5 33.Nc1 -3.86/19
[⌓33.g4 -2.44/16]
33...h5 34.Ne2 g4 35.f4 h4 36.d5+ exd5 37.Nd4+ Kb7 38.cxd5 Bxf4 39.Nxf5 Be5+ 40.Kd3 h3 41.Rxg4 h2 42.Rh4 a4 Hoping for ...a3. **43.g3 a3** And now ...a2 would win. **44.Ne3 a2 45.Nc2** Prevents Ra3+. **45...Bxg3 46.Na1 Bxh4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.78/Black=0.36
0-1

280 **D00**
□ **Donkindonat** **2691**
■ **Fanfanfan** **2828**
Blitz 26.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 1-0 (88) *20.Nb2 Bh6 21.Bxh6 Nxh6 22.Qd2 Nd7 23.h3 Qe7 24.Nc4 h4 25.Nh1 g5 26.Nf2 Rb7 27.Ng4 Rg8 28.Nce3 Nb8 29.Qe2 Ra7 30.Nc4 Nd7 31.Nge3 b5 32.Na5 Rc7 33.axb5 axb5 34.Bxb5 Nf6* Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 1-0 (88)*; 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7* Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig,F (1863) Mainz 1997 EXT 2000 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (57) *20.Rb3 Qa7 21.Qc4 Rfe8 22.Kh1 Rab8 23.Rxb8 Qxb8 24.b3 Qb5 25.Nb2 Rxe4 26.Qxe4 Qxf1+ 27.Ng1 f5 28.Qe7 Nxd5 29.Qxd7 Nxf4 30.Qd8+ Kg7 31.Qg5 Ne2 32.Qe3 Nd4 33.Nc4 f4 34.Qc3 Kg8*

Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig,F (1863) Mainz 1997 EXT 2000 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (57) *)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) www.desc-online.de 2000 CBM 166 [Beliavsky,Alexander G] 1-0 (41) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) www.desc-online.de 2000 CBM 166 [Beliavsky,Alexander G] 1-0 (41)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston cxb4 18.Na2 Na6 19.Nxb4 Nxb4 20.Qxb4 Nf6 21.Bxb5 Nxe4 22.Qxe4 Rxb5 23.Ra7 Re8 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]

3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Ne5 Prevents Bg4. **7...Bd7 8.Qd2** The position is equal. The position is equal. **8...e6 9.f3 Bb4 10.a3 Qa5 11.Rb1 Be7 12.Be2 Rc8 13.g4** -0.37/22

[13.Nxc6= -0.06/23 is more appropriate. Bxc6 14.0-0]

13...h6 14.h4 Qb6 15.Nxc6 Rxc6 0.13/21

[15...Bxc6∓ -0.40/21 16.Kf2 Nd7 -0.12/19 *(16...0-0∓* -0.48/20 deserves consideration. *)*]

16.Na4= Qd8 17.b4 Rc8 18.Nc5 Bc6 19.c3 0.17/18

[19.Bd3± 0.48/19]

19...b6 0.74/19

[19...Nd7= 0.17/18]

[19...0-0= 0.24/20]

20.Nxa6± Nd7 1.04/18

[20...0-0± 0.51/19]

[20...Bb7± 0.70/23]

21.b5!↑ White has strong initiative. Black is under strong pressure. **21...Bb7 22.Nb4! Bxh4+ 23.Kf1** 0.56/19

[White should try 23.Kd1± 1.11/20]

23...Be7 0.80/20 Inhibits g5.

[23...g5!± 0.42/17 24.Nc6 0.03/20 *(24.Be3±* 0.39/20 should be considered. *)* 24...Qf6]

24.Kg2 Nf8 25.Bd3 Nh7 1.08/21

[25...g5!± 0.51/21 26.Be5 0.44/21 *(*White should play *26.Be3±* 0.95/21 *)* 26...f6!]

26.a4 Black must now prevent Nc6! And now Nc6! would win. **26...Nf6?** 2.52/20

[26...Ng5± 1.12/20 is a better defense.]

27.Bc2? 0.89/21

[27.Nc6!+- 2.18/17 and the rest is easy. is the precise move to win. Bxc6 28.bxc6]

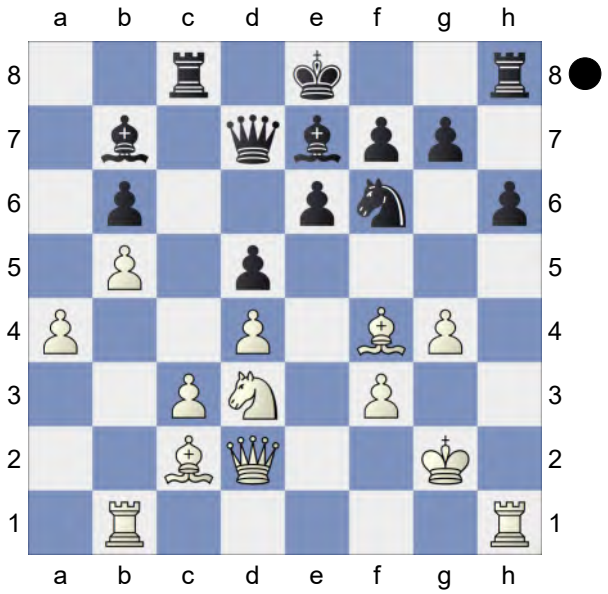
27...Qd7 1.84/17

[27...Bd6± 0.81/17]

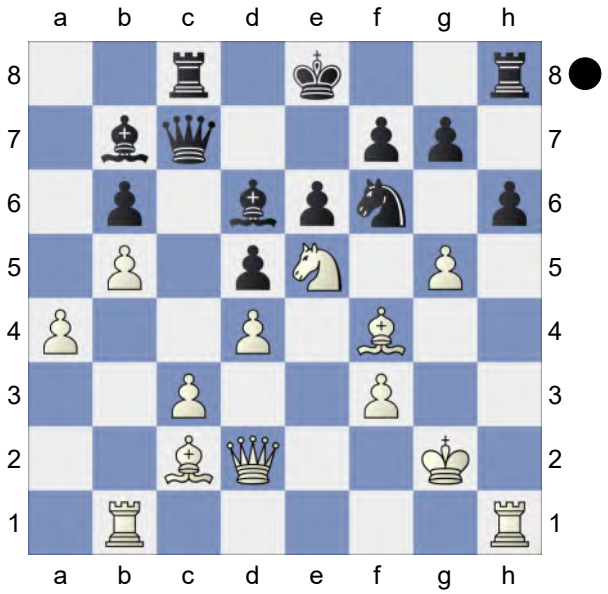
28.Nd3? -0.25/20

[Better is 28.g5+- 1.97/18]

(Diagram)



28...Bd6 0.68/20
[28...Ne4!∓ -0.34/20 29.Qe3 aiming for Ne5. *(29.fxe4?* -1.90/20 29.Qe1 -0.41 *dxe4 30.Kf2* Ne5 is the strong threat. *exd3-+; 29.Qe1 Rxc3)* 29...Rxc3!]
29.Ne5 Qc7 30.g5 -0.78/23
[30.a5!± 0.64/20 stays ahead. keeps the upper hand.]

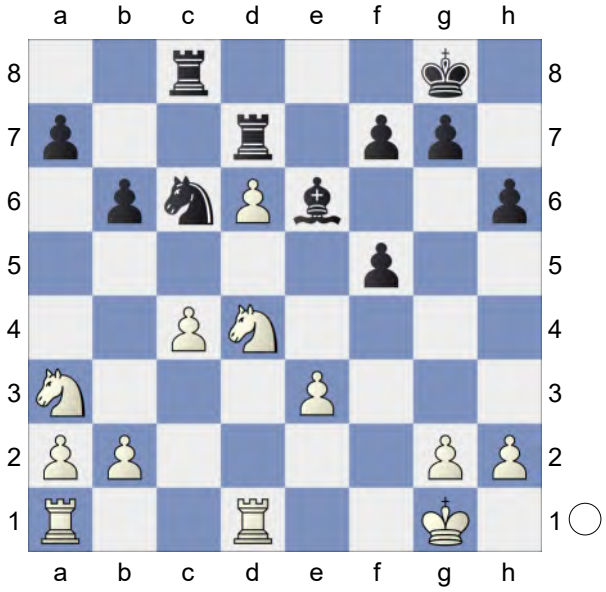


30...Nd7!∓ 31.g6? -2.56/19 This move loses the game for White.
[31.Qe2∓ -0.72/20]
[31.Nd3∓ -0.87/22 might work better.]
31...Nxe5-+ 32.dxe5 Bxe5 33.gxf7+ Kxf7 34.Bxe5 Qxe5 35.Rb4 -3.90/22
[⌓35.Rbc1 -2.61/16 keeps fighting.]
35...Qxc3 36.Rf4+ Ke7 37.Qxc3 Rxc3 38.Bg6 Threatens to win with Rf7+. Hoping for Rf7+. **38...Rf8** Against Rf7+ **39.Rxf8 Kxf8 40.Ra1** Black is clearly winning. **40...d4 41.a5 bxa5 42.Rxa5 Rxf3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.45/ Black=0.22 (precise) . Weighted Error Value: White=0.40/Black=0.18 (very precise)
0-1

281 **C02**
□ **Shirov,Alexei** **2689**
■ **Huebner,Robert** **2588**
16th Puhajarve Rapid (6.1) 27.11.2015
[Kitty Kat]

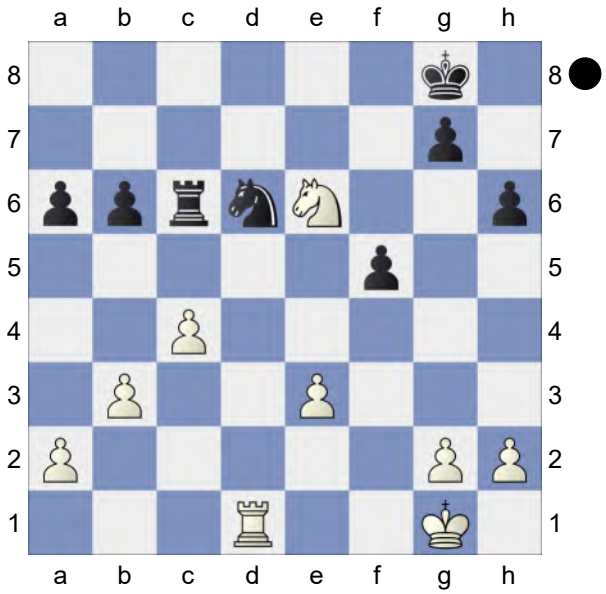
C02: French: Advance Variation **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Bd7 6.Be2 Nge7 7.0-0 Nf5 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.Bd3 0-0 10.Bxf5N** 0.11/19
[10.b4± 0.51/19 should be considered. Be7 11.b5]
[10.Nbd2 Bb6 11.Re1 Rc8 12.Nb3 h6 13.Bxf5 exf5 14.Be3 Be6 15.Bxb6 Qxb6 16.Qd2 Rfd8 17.Nbd4 Ne7 18.h4 a5 19.a4 Qc5 20.h5 Qc4 21.Re3 Nc6 22.b3 Qc5 23.Nb5 Ne7 24.Nfd4 f4 Nepomniachtchi,I (2770)-Abdusattorov,N (2769) Chess.com INT 2024 1-0 (33)]
10...exf5= 11.Qxd5 The position is equal. **11...Bb6 12.Bg5 Qc7 13.Na3** Threatens to win with Nb5. **13...Be6 14.Qd6 Qxd6**
[14...a6 seems wilder. 15.Rfe1 h6 16.Be3 Rad8]

15.exd6 h6 16.Be3 Bxe3 17.fxe3 Rad8 18.Rfd1! Rd7 19.c4! b6 20.Nd4 0.27/22
[White should play 20.Rd2± 1.14/20]
20...Rc8 1.01/22
[20...Ne5= 0.27/22 remains equal.]



21.Nxe6 0.31/17
[21.b3!± 1.01/22]
21...fxe6± 22.Rd2 Ne5 23.Rad1↑ White has the initiative. **23...Rc6 24.b3 Nf7** 0.96/20
[24...Ng4!= 0.29/19]
25.Nb5± &Bianco is more active. **25...a6** 2.29/21
[25...Kh7± 0.82/18]
26.Nc7+- Rdxd6 27.Rxd6 Nxd6 28.Nxe6? -0.06/20 Endgame
[28.Nxa6± 1.59/27 Nb4 is the strong threat. Ne4 29.Nb8]

(Diagram)

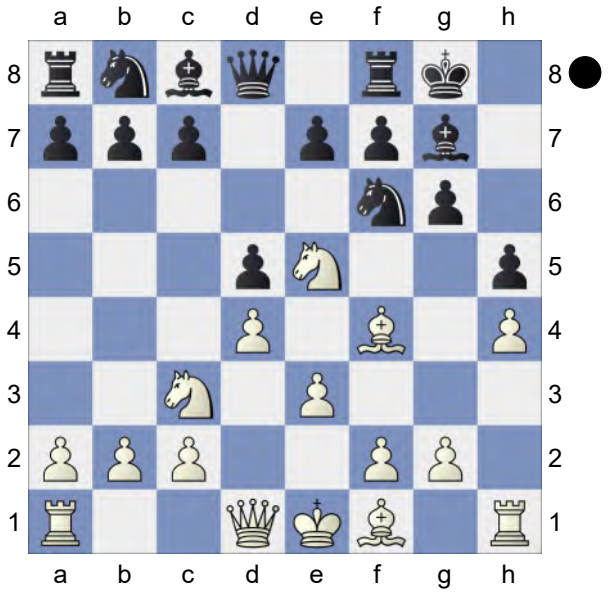


KRN-KRN **28...Nf7?** 2.07/22
[28...Nxc4!= -0.06/20 29.Rd8+ *(29.bxc4 Rxe6)* 29...Kf7]
29.Nd4 Rd6 2.31/23
[⌓29...Rc5 1.77/18 30.a4 Re5]
30.Kf2 g6 2.44/20
[30...Ng5 1.95/20 was called for. 31.b4 Rd7]
31.Ke2 Ng5 32.Nf3 Re6 33.Rd8+ Kf7 34.Nd4 Re4 35.g3 Ne6 36.Rd6 Nxd4+ 37.Rxd4 KR-KR **37...Re6 38.Rd7+ Kf6 39.b4 Kg5 40.Ra7 a5 41.b5 Kg4 42.Ra6 g5 43.c5 f4** 5.93/20
[43...Re5 3.76/20 keeps fighting. 44.cxb6 *(44.Rxb6 Rxc5 45.Kd3 a4±)* 44...Rxb5]
44.gxf4 gxf4 45.cxb6 Rxe3+ 46.Kd2 Re5 47.Rxa5 f3 48.b7 Re8 12.30/15
[⌓48...Re2+ 5.15/16 49.Kc3 Re3+ 50.Kd4 f2 51.Kxe3 f1Q 52.Ra4+ Kf5]
49.Ra8 f2 50.Rxe8 f1Q Prevents Rf8. **51.b8Q Qf2+ 52.Kc3 Qc5+ 53.Kb3 Qd5+ 54.Kb4 Qd2+ 55.Kc5 Qc3+ 56.Kb6 Qd4+ 57.Kb7 Qd5+ 58.Ka6 Qxa2+ 59.Kb6 Qf2+ 60.Kc7 Qc5+ 61.Kd7 Qf5+ 62.Re6 Qf7+ 63.Re7**

Qf5+ 64.Ke8 White wants to mate with Qg3+. **64...Qg6+ 65.Kd8 Qg8+ 66.Kc7 Qc4+ 67.Kb6 Qd4+ 68.Ka6 Qa4+ 69.Kb6** Intending Qg3+ and mate. **69...Qd4+ 70.Kc6** Qg3+ would kill now. **70...Qc4+ 71.Kd6** Black must now prevent Qe8. **71...Qf4+ 72.Re5** White threatens Qc8+ and mate. **72...Qf6+ 73.Kc5 Qf2+ 74.Kc6** Threatening mate with Qc8+. **74...Qf6+ 75.Qd6** White mates. **75...Qf3+ 76.Qd5 Qc3+ 77.Kd7 Qc2 78.Re4+ Kh3 79.Qh5+ Kg2 80.Re2+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) /Black=0.47 **1-0**

282 **A45**
□ **Sevian,Samuel** **2689**
■ **Robson,Ray** **2693**
ch-USA 2024 Saint Louis USA (2.2)
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 g6 4.e3 Bg7 5.h4 h5 6.Nf3**
[6.Nb5!? Na6□ 7.Nc3=]
6...0-0 7.Ne5

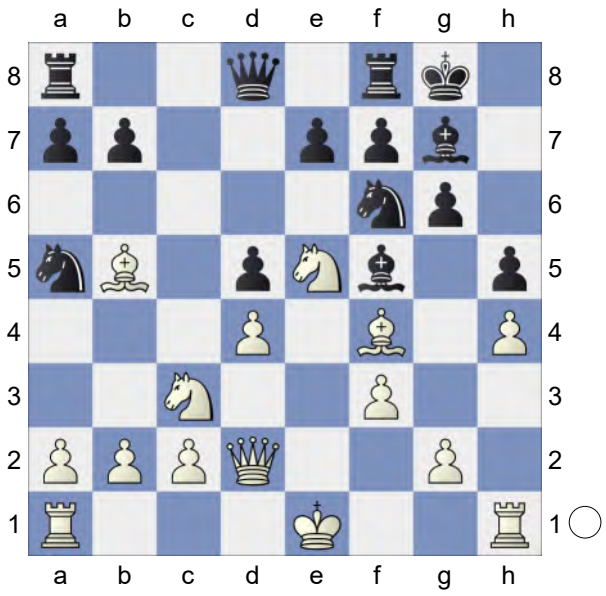


c5! 8.Qd2 Black has an edge. The position is equal. Black has an edge. **8...cxd4 9.exd4 Nc6 10.f3** Prevents Ng4. **10...Bf5! 11.Bb5 Na5N** 1.20/21
[11...Rc8= -0.28/24 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.Na4 Nd7 14.Nxd7 Bxd7 15.Nc5 e5 16.Bxe5 Re8 17.0-0-0 Bxe5 18.dxe5 Rxe5 19.Qd4 Rf5 20.Rd3 Qc7 21.g3 Re8 22.f4 Bc8 23.Re3 Rxe3 24.Qxe3 d4 25.Qxd4 Rd5 26.Qc3 Siddharth,J (2457)-Sriram,J (2317) Dhaka 2024 1-0 (61)]
[11...Nxe5 12.dxe5 Nd7 13.0-0-0 Nxe5 14.Rhe1 *(14.Qxd5 e6 15.Qxd8 Rfxd8 16.Rhe1 Rxd1+ 17.Rxd1 Bf6 18.Ne4 Bxe4 19.fxe4 a6 20.Bxe5 Bxe5 21.Be2 Bf6 22.Rd7 b5 23.g4 hxg4 24.Bxg4 Bxh4 25.b3 Kf8 26.c4 bxc4 27.bxc4 Rc8 28.Be2 Rc5* Bortnyk,O (2607)-Paravyan,D (2612) Chess.com INT 2023 0-1 (65)*)* 14...d4 *(14...Nc4 15.Bxc4 dxc4 16.Qxd8 Raxd8 17.Rxd8 Rxd8 18.Rxe7 Bf6 19.Rxb7 Bxh4 20.Rxa7 g5 21.g3 gxf4 22.gxh4 Bh3 23.Rc7 Bg2 24.Rxc4 Bxf3 25.Rxf4 Bg4 26.a4* Ilinca Ilinca, F (2386)-Aliyev,R (2338) Chess.com INT 2024 1-0 (38)*)* 15.Bxe5 Bxe5 16.Rxe5 dxc3 17.Qxc3 Qb6 18.Qd4 Rac8 19.c3 Qxd4 20.Rxd4 Rc7 21.g4 hxg4 22.fxg4 Be6 23.a4 Kg7 24.h5 Rh8 25.Bd3 gxh5 26.gxh5 1-0 8.g3 ♗d7`9. ♗g2 (2718)-Grube,J (2764) KAZ-ch Semey 2022 (5.1) b6 27.Be2 Rc5 28.Re3 Rg5 29.b4 Kf6 30.Kd2 Rd5 31.Rxd5 Bxd5 32.c4 Bb7 33.a5 e5 34.Ra3 Rd8+ 35.Kc3 Kg5 36.Ra1 Be4 37.axb6 axb6 38.Ra6 Rb8 39.Ra7 Rf8 40.Rd7 Kf4 41.h6 1-0 6.♘a3 cd4 7.cd4 ♗d7 (2718)-Grube,J (2764) Cheliabinsk Lozovatsky Memorial-A 2023 (5.1)

Bg6 42.c5 bxc5 43.bxc5 Bf5 44.Re7 Kg5 45.Rxe5 Kf6 46.Rd5 Rh8 47.Bd3 Bxd3 48.Kxd3 Kg6 49.Rd6+ f6 50.c6 Rf8 51.Kd4 Kxh6 52.c7 Rc8 53.Rxf6+ Kg7 54.Rc6 Kf7 55.Kc5 Ke7 56.Kb6 Erigaisi,A (2689)-Dominguez Perez,L (2754) (ol) 154/(180) Chennai 2022]

[11...Nb4!? 12.Ba4 Rc8=]

[11...Qc8 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.Na4 Rb8 14.0-0-0 Qa6 15.b3 c5 16.dxc5 Rfc8 17.Rde1 Nd7 18.Nxd7 Bxd7 19.Bxb8 Bxa4 20.Be5 Bc6 21.Bxg7 Kxg7 22.Rxe7 Qxa2 23.Qd4+ Kg8 24.Rhe1 Qa3+ 25.Kd2 1-0 (25) Papayan,O (2183)-Korol,D (2287) Chess.com INT 2024]



12.g4!± Be6 0.53/17

[Better is 12...hxg4= 0.01/19 13.h5 gxf3]

13.0-0-0± White has more active pieces.

13...Rc8 14.Kb1 Qb6 White must now prevent ...Rxc3! ...Rxc3! is the strong threat. White must now prevent ...Rxc3!

15.Be2! &Bianco is more active.

15...Nc4 1.65/21

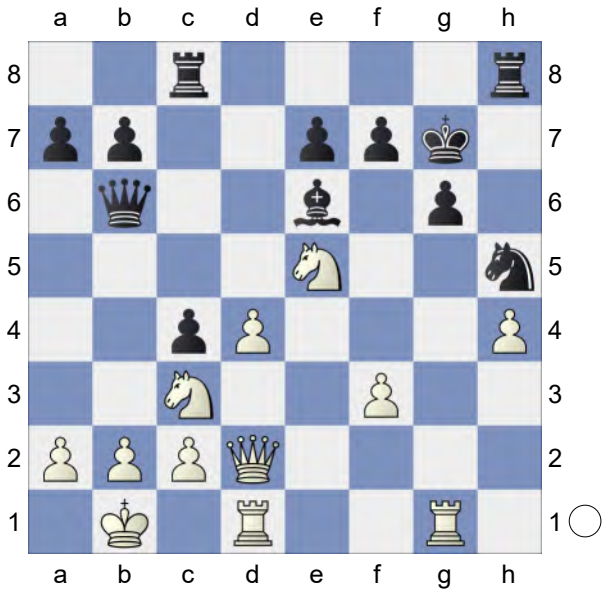
[15...Rxc3± 1.10/21 16.Qxc3 hxg4]

16.Bxc4+- dxc4 17.Bh6! Rfd8

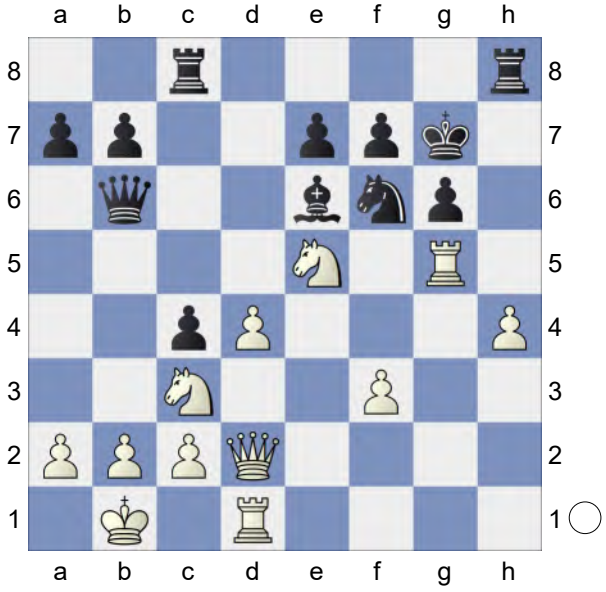
[17...hxg4? 18.h5 Nxh5 19.Bxg7 *(19.fxg4 Bxe5 20.gxh5 Rfd8+-; 19.Nxg4 Bh8+-)* 19...Kxg7 20.Rxh5!+- *(20.fxg4 Bxg4 21.Nxg4 Rh8+-; 20.Nxg4 Rh8±)*]

18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.gxh5! Really sharp!

19...Nxh5 20.Rhg1 Rh8

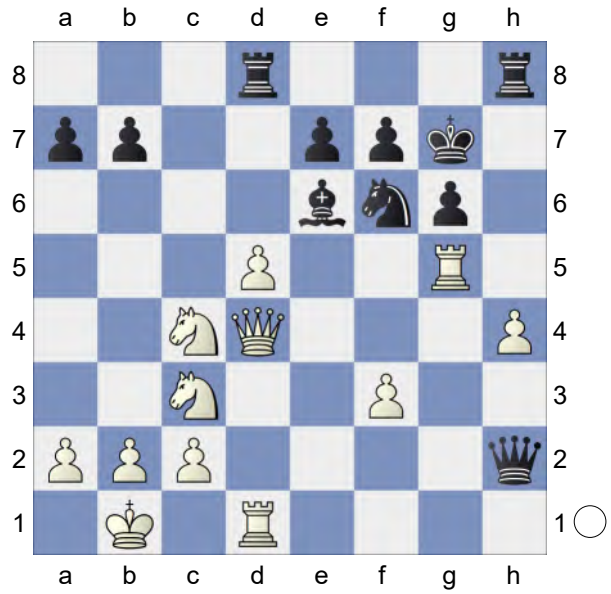


21.Rg5! Nf6



22.d5! Rcd8 23.Nxc4 A dynamic duo of knights. Pair of Knights! A dynamic duo of knights. **23...Qc7 24.Qd4** Threatens to win with h5. Black must now prevent

h5! Threatens to win with h5. **24...Qh2**



25.Ne3 0.95/18 aiming for Nf1.

[Worse is 25.Qxa7 Qxh4 26.Qg1 Nxd5 *(26...Qxc4 27.dxe6 Rxd1+ 28.Qxd1=)* 27.Nxd5 Bxd5 *(27...Qxc4? 28.b3-+)* 28.Rgxd5 Rxd5 29.Rxd5 Qxc4=]

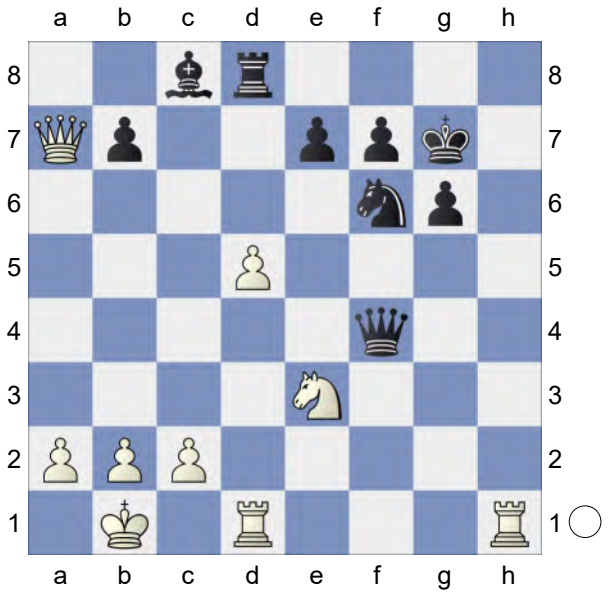
[⌓25.b3! 1.59/19]

25...Rxh4± 26.Qxa7 Bc8 27.Rgg1↑ White is in control. Keeping Black busy. White is in control. **27...Rf4?** 3.25/19 Loses the game.

[27...Rh3± 1.30/20 is a better defense.]

28.Rh1+- Qg3 29.Ne2 Qxf3 30.Nxf4 Qxf4

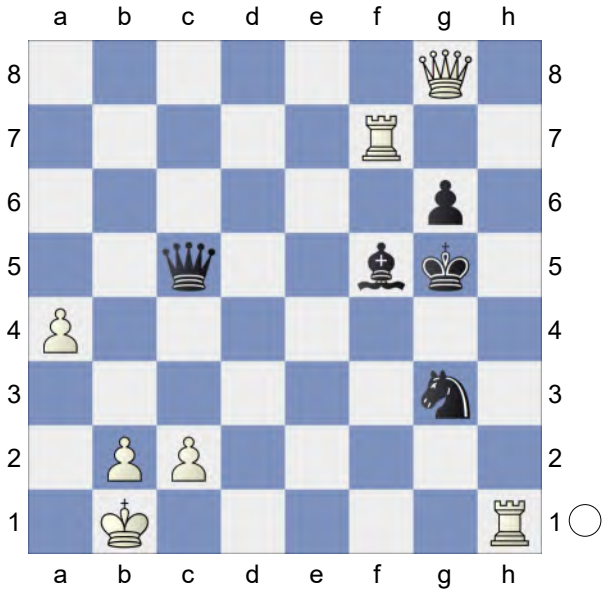
(Diagram)



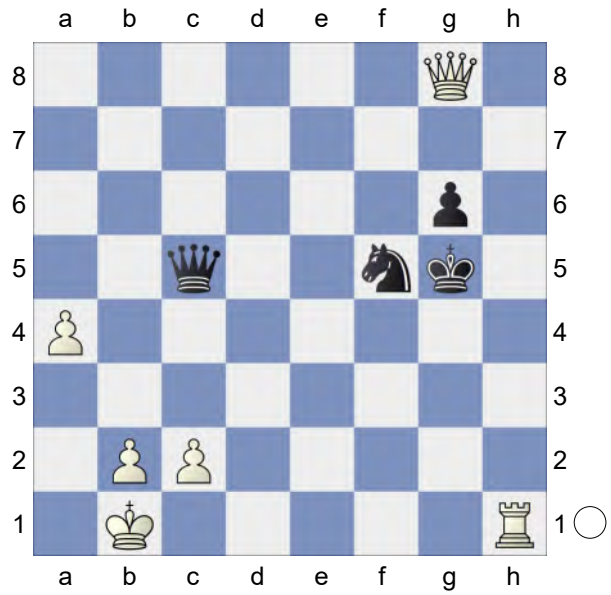
31.Qa5! Re8 32.Qc3 Bd7 33.Rd4 Qe5 34.Nc4 Qg5 8.15/20

[⌓34...Qf5 4.31/23 35.Rdh4 g5]

35.Rdh4 Prevents Rh8 White threatens Rh7+ and mate. Prevents Rh8 **35...Rg8 36.d6 exd6 37.Nxd6** White wants to mate with Rh7+. Rh7+ would kill now. White wants to mate with Rh7+. **37...Kf8 38.Nxb7 Be6 39.Qd4 Nh5 40.Nc5** Nxe6+ would now be deadly. **40...Bf5 41.a4 Ng3 42.Qd6+ Qe7 43.Qb8+ Kg7 44.Rh7+ Kf6 45.Qxg8 Qxc5 46.Rxf7+ Kg5**



47.Rxf5+! Nxf5 Endgame.
[47...Kxf5 48.Rd1]



KQR-KQN Endgame KQR-KQN Endgame. [#] KQR-KQN **48.a5! Nd4**
[48...Qe3 49.Qd8+]
49.Rg1+ Kf4 50.Qxg6 Rg4+ would kill now. White wants to mate with Rg4+. Rg4+ would kill now. **50...Nf3 51.Qg4+** White mates. **51...Ke3 52.Rg3 Kd2 53.Qf4+ Ke1 54.Rxf3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) / Black=0.30 Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.17 (very precise) Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.30
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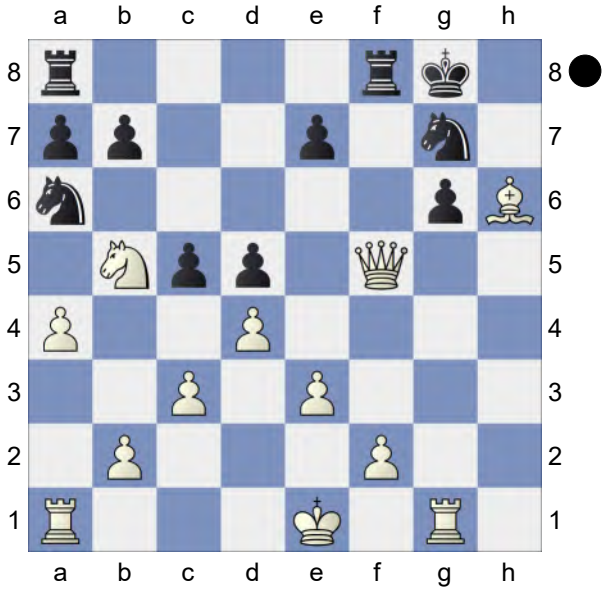
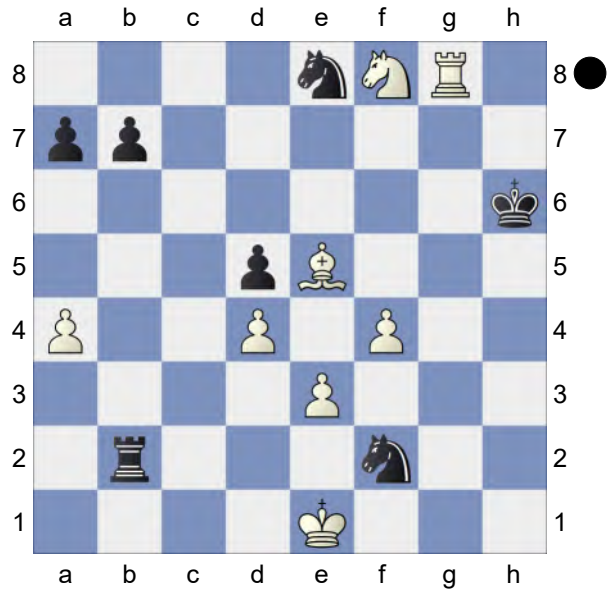
283 **D00**
□ **Automaticmind** **2689**
■ **Bardyk01** **2716**
Blitz 25.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 g6 4.e3 Bg7 5.h4 h5 6.Be2 c5 7.Nb5 Na6 Prevents Nc7+. **8.c3** White is slightly better. **8...0-0 9.a4 Bd7 10.Nf3 Rc8** 0.92/19
[Black should try 10...Ne4± 0.40/17]
11.Ne5 Ra8 12.g4 White has more active pieces. **12...hxg4 13.Nxg4 Nh5 14.Nh6+** 0.40/20
[Better is 14.Ne5± 0.86/18 Nxf4 15.exf4]
14...Bxh6 1.70/20
[14...Kh7!± 0.40/20 15.Bxh5 Bxh6]
15.Bxh6+- Ng7 16.h5 Bf5 2.31/18
[⌓16...Qb6 1.70/15 17.Qd2 Qf6]
17.Bd3 1.36/19
[White should play 17.dxc5+- 2.31/18 Strongly threatening Rg1. Rc8 18.Nxa7 Rxc5 19.Bxa6]
17...Qc8 18.hxg6 fxg6 19.Rg1 Bxd3? 3.37/20
[19...Kh7± 1.34/18 might work better.]
20.Qxd3 Qf5 21.Qxf5



Remove Defender **21...Rxf5 22.Rxg6 Rf7 23.0-0-0 Kh7** Black is weak on the dark squares **24.Rdg1 Nf5 25.Bf4 cxd4?** 5.45/23
[25...Rg7 3.12/22]
26.cxd4 Rg7 27.R6g5 Rxg5 28.Rxg5

[28.Bxg5?! Rc8+ 29.Kd2 Nb4+-]
28...e6 29.Kd2 Nb4 30.f3 Rc8 31.Nc7
[31.Nxa7 Rc2+ 32.Kd1 Rxb2=]
31...Ng7 32.Be5 Ne8 6.64/25
[32...Nf5 3.80/23 33.Rg2 *(33.Nxe6 Rc2+ 34.Ke1 Nd3+ 35.Kf1 Rf2+ 36.Kg1 Rxf3=)* 33...Kh6]
33.Nxe6 Rc2+ 34.Kd1 Rxb2 35.Nf8+ Kh6 36.Rg8 5.81/23
[⌓36.Bf4 #8/18 Rb1+ 37.Ke2 Rb2+ 38.Kf1 *(38.Kd1 Rb1+ 39.Ke2 Rb2+ 40.Kf1 Rf2+* Decoy *41.Kxf2 Nd3+ 42.Kg3 Nxf4 43.exf4 Nd6 44.Kg4 Nf7 45.Rg6#)* 38...Rf2+ Decoy 39.Kxf2 Nd3+ 40.Kg3 Nxf4 41.exf4 Nf6 42.Kh4 Nh7 43.Rg6#]
36...Nd3 37.f4 2.30/24
[⌓37.Rh8+ 5.48/21 Kg5 38.Ne6+ Discovered Attack Kg6 39.Rxe8 Nf2+ 40.Ke1 Nd3+ 41.Kf1]
37...Nf2+ 38.Ke1



Nd3+ 39.Kf1 Kh5 40.Rg5+ Kh4? 4.80/23 **41.Ng6+ Kh3 42.f5 Nxe5** 9.21/20
[⌓42...Rf2+ 4.06/19 43.Kg1 Rf3 44.Nf4+ Nxf4 45.exf4 *(45.Bxf4 Nf6±)* 45...a6]
43.dxe5 Endgame. KRN-KRN **43...d4 44.exd4 Nc7 45.f6** Threatening mate with f7. **45...Nd5 46.f7 Ne3+ 47.Ke1 Nc2+ 48.Kd1 Nxd4 49.Kc1** 9.92/19
[⌓49.f8Q #7/16 Rb1+ 50.Kd2 Nb3+ 51.Kc3 Rc1+ 52.Kxb3 *(52.Kb2 Rb1+* Decoy *53.Kxb1 Nd2+ 54.Ka2 Nf3 55.Qxf3+ Kh2 56.Qh5#)* 52...Rb1+ 53.Kc2 Rc1+ 54.Kxc1 Kh2 55.Qh8#]
49...Ne6 50.Nf4+ Promotion, Double Attack. Weighted Error Value: White=0.63/Black=0.96
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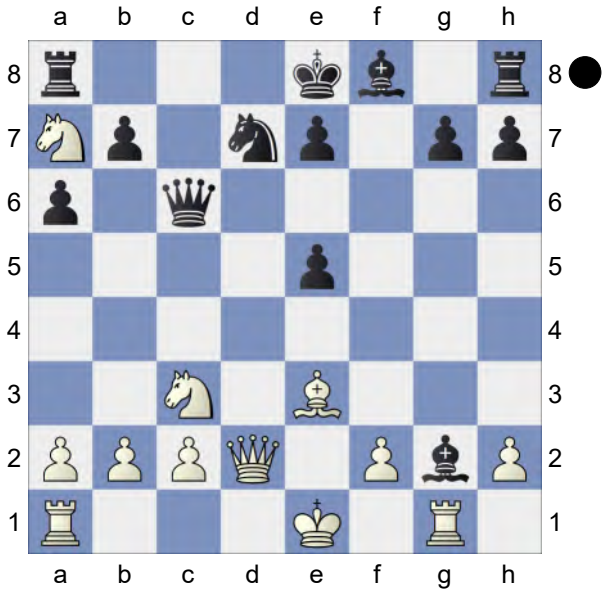
284 **D00**
□ **Nihal,Sarin** **2687**
■ **Le,Tuan Minh** **2598**
Titled Tue 7th Jan Early blitz (10) 7.1.25
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.Nc3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bf4 c5 4.e4 cxd4 5.Qxd4 Nc6 6.Bb5 Bd7 7.Bxc6 Bxc6 8.e5** The position is equal. **8...Nd7 9.e6 fxe6 10.Nf3 Qb6 11.Qd2 d4 12.Nxd4** Leaves trodden paths. Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade.
[12.Qxd4 simplifies Bxf3 13.Qxb6 Nxb6 14.gxf3 g6 15.Be5]
12...Bxg2 13.Ndb5 e5
[13...Bxh1 keeps more tension. 14.Nc7+ Kf7 15.Qxd7 g5]
14.Be3
[14.0-0-0 Qc6 15.Rhg1 a6 *(15...exf4 16.Nd4±* Deflection*)* 16.Qxd7+ *(16.Rxg2 exf4 17.Na3 b5∓)* 16...Qxd7∓]
14...Qc6 15.Rg1 a6 16.Na7N -0.71/21
[16.Nc7+ Qxc7 17.Rxg2 Qc6 *(17...Nf6 18.0-0-0 Rd8 19.Qxd8+ Qxd8 20.Rxd8+ Kxd8* 16. Jobava & Veresov Systems-Jobava London

System 3.Bf4 â *21.Rg5 e6 22.Rxe5 Bd6 23.Rg5 g6* #13 17) Jobava London-2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e4*)* 18.Rg1 0-0-0 0.70/21 *(18...Nf6=* -0.01/21 *)* 19.0-0-0± e6 20.Qe2 Bb4? 3.64/23 *(20...Nf6±* 0.48/21 *)* 21.Rg4!+- Bc5 22.Rxg7? 1.40/22 ;½-½ Thomforde Toates,N (2124)-Bok, B (2614) Titled Tuesday intern op 26th Dec Late blitz 2023 (6) *(22.Bxc5+-* 3.72/23 is the precise move to win. *h5 23.Rc4)*]

[16.Nc7+= -0.17/23 keeps the balance. Qxc7 17.Rxg2]



16...Rxa7! 0.04/21 **17.Bxa7= Bf3 18.Be3** -0.34/20

[White should try 18.Rg3± 0.35/20]

18...e6 0.27/20

[18...Nf6∓ -0.34/20]

19.Ne2! Qd5 0.97/21

[19...Kf7= 0.25/21]

20.0-0-0 Qxd2+ 21.Rxd2 Nf6 22.Nc3 Bc6 23.Rg5 Nd7 24.Rg4 h5 25.Rg5 0.59/20

[25.Rg1± 0.97/19]

25...Kf7±

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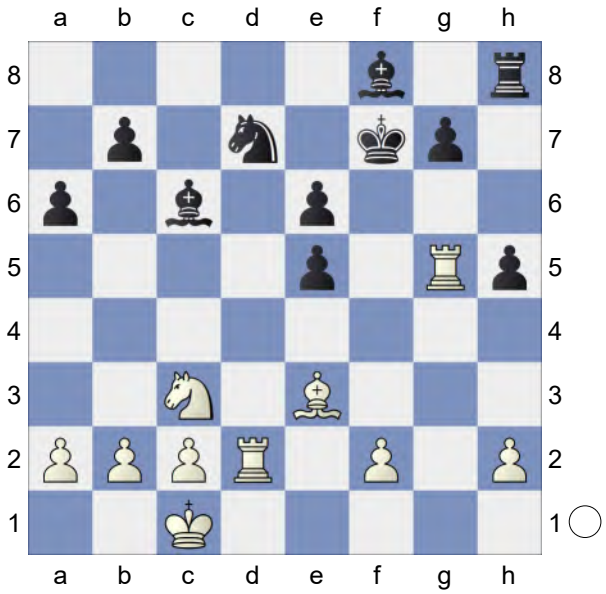


26.Ne4 0.17/21 White has more active pieces. **26...Nf6!= 27.Nd6+ Bxd6 28.Rxd6 Ne4 29.Rxc6 bxc6** 1.40/20

[29...Nxg5!± 0.43/21 30.Rc7+ Kf6]

30.Rxe5± Endgame KRB-KRN **30...Nf6 31.h3** Prevents Nf6-g4 **31...Nd5 32.Bd2 h4** 1.43/21

[Black should try 32...c5 0.98/22]

33.c4± Nf6 34.b4 Rd8 2.04/21

[34...Rh5± 1.25/21 keeps fighting. 35.Rg5 Rxg5 36.Bxg5 Nd7]

35.Kc2+- Rd4 36.Kc3 1.18/22

[36.f3!+- 2.28/23]

36...Re4± 37.Rc5 -0.01/22

[White must play 37.Ra5+- 1.84/22]

37...Re2= 38.f3 -1.37/22

[38.Rxc6= 0.28/21 Rxf2 39.Rc7+ *(39.Rxa6 Ne4+ 40.Kd3 Nxd2-+)* 39...Kg8 40.Kc2]

38...Rh2!∓ 39.Rxc6 Rxh3 40.b5

[40.Rxa6? Rxf3+ 41.Kd4 h3-+]

40...axb5 -0.86/18

[⌓40...Rxf3+ -1.42/21 41.Kc2 axb5 42.cxb5 h3]

41.cxb5 Rxf3+ 42.Kb4? -3.92/22

[42.Kc2∓ -1.06/19]

42...h3 43.Rc1 Rd3 44.Bg5 Nd5+ 45.Kc5 Rc3+ -0.01/22

[45...Kg6∓ -1.08/18 46.Bd8 Nc3 *(46...h2 47.Rh1∓)*]

46.Rxc3= Nxc3 KB-KN. Black is a pawn up. **47.Bf4 Nd5** 6.40/23 Against b5-b6

[47...Nxa2? loses. 48.b6+-]

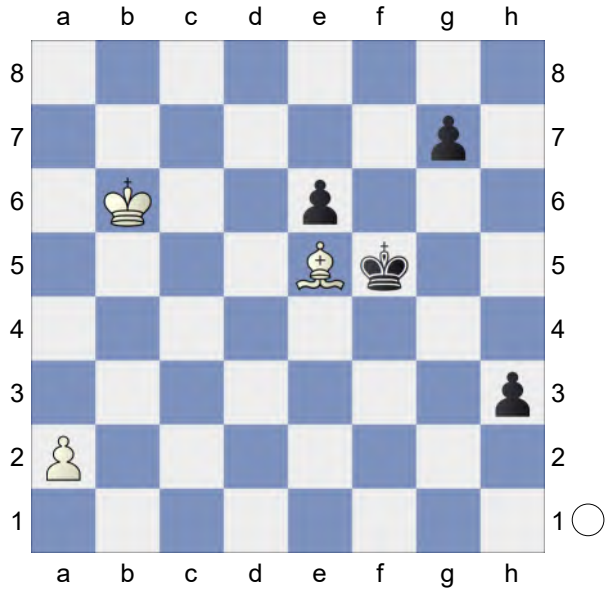
[47...Kf6= -0.01/20]

48.Be5 Kg6? 6.69/23

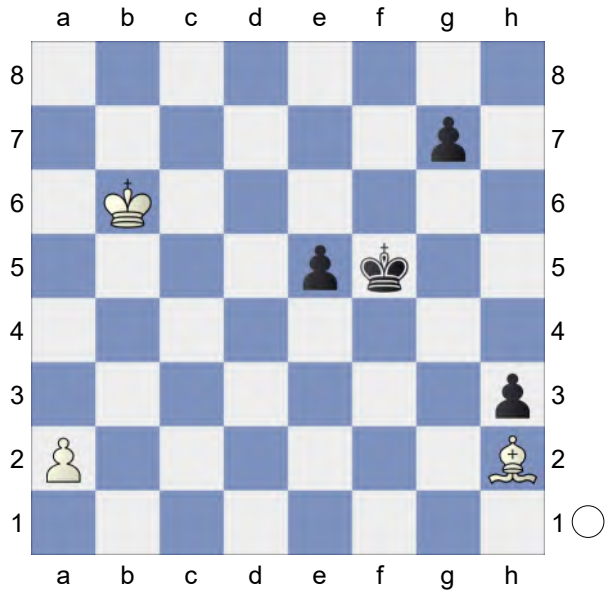
[48...g5 3.96/21]

49.b6 Nxb6 50.Kxb6+- KB-K3P

50...Kf5



51.Bh2 Hoping for a2-a4. **51...e5**



52.Kc5! Threatening mate with a2-a4.

52...Ke4? #16/22

[52...Ke6+- 3.60/23 53.a4 e4]

53.a4 White mates. **53...Kf3 54.Bxe5 g5 55.a5 g4 56.a6 g3 57.a7 g2 58.a8Q+**

[Stronger than 58.a8B+ Ke2 59.Bh2 Kf1=]

58...Kf2 59.Bh2 What a bad dream for Black. Weighted Error Value: White=0.40/Black=0.39

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285 **A45**

□ **Fritzbryanporras** **2687**

■ **Blueberry Pancakes** **2561**

Blitz 23.01.2022

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min A45: Trompowsky Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4**

[2.a3 g6 3.Bf4 d6 4.e3 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 b6 7.0-0 Bb7 8.h3 Nbd7 9.c4 Ne4 10.Bh2 e5 11.d5 a5 12.b3 f5 13.Nfd2 Ndc5 14.Nxe4 Nxe4 15.Ra2 Bc8 16.f3 Nc5 Carlsen,M (2850)-Fressinet,L (2702) Berlin 2015 CBM 168 Extra [Schulz, Andre] 1-0 (44)]

2...c5 3.e3N

[3.d5 g6 4.Nc3 d6 5.e4 Bg7 6.Nf3 0-0

A) 7.a4 Na6 *(7...Bg4 8.Be2 Nbd7 9.0-0 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Ne5 11.Be2* 3 Benoni Setups-3...d6 Variation *)* 8.Be2 Nc7 9.0-0 Bg4 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Nd7 12.Qd2 a6 13.Be2 Rb8 14.a5 b5 15.axb6 Rxb6 16.Nd1 #2 13) Benoni and Benko Defense-3...d6 with 4...g6;

B) 7.Be2 b5 8.Bxb5 Nxe4 9.Nxe4 Qa5+ 10.Nc3 Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 Qxb5 Barsov-Garcia Castro Mondariz 2007]

3...Qb6 4.Nc3 Qxb2 5.Nb5 Nd5 Threatens to win with ...Qb4+. **6.Rb1 Qxa2 7.Ne2** -1.35/18
[7.Ra1= 0.00/21 keeps the balance. Qb2 8.Rb1]
7...a6 0.00/19
[7...Qa5+!∓ -1.35/18 8.Qd2 Qxd2+ 9.Kxd2 Na6]
8.Nbc3? -1.99/24
[8.Ra1!= 0.00/19 Qb2 9.Rb1]
8...Qa5!-+ 9.Qd2 Nxc3 -0.53/21
[9...Nxf4-+ -2.13/20 10.Nxf4 cxd4 11.exd4 e6]
10.Nxc3 -1.28/20
[White should try 10.Qxc3∓ -0.53/21 Nc6 11.Qxa5 *(11.dxc5 Qxc3+ 12.Nxc3 e5∓)* 11...Nxa5 12.Nc3]
10...cxd4 11.exd4 g6? -0.06/19
[11...d5∓ -1.58/21 Hoping for ...Nc6. 12.Bd3 e6]
12.Bc4↑ White has the initiative. **12...d6** And now ...Nc6 would win. **13.Nd5 Qd8** 2.48/22
[13...Nc6= -0.02/20]
14.0-0!+- Black must now prevent Rfe1.
[14.Nb6 Ra7=]
14...Nc6? 2.59/20
[14...b5= 0.27/21 and Black stays safe.]

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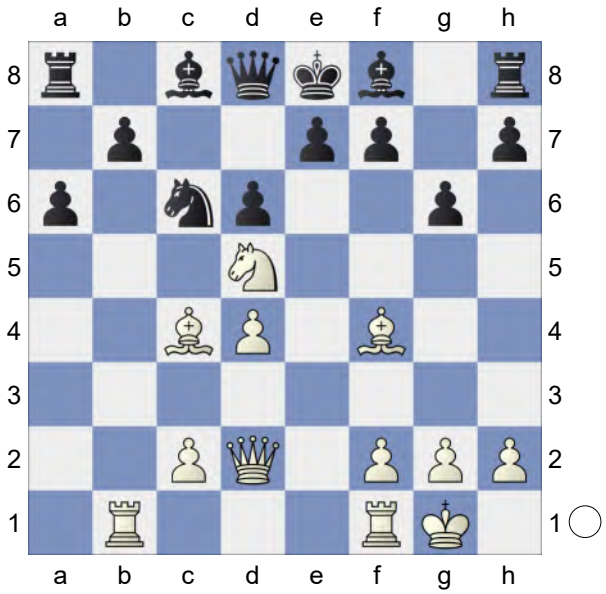
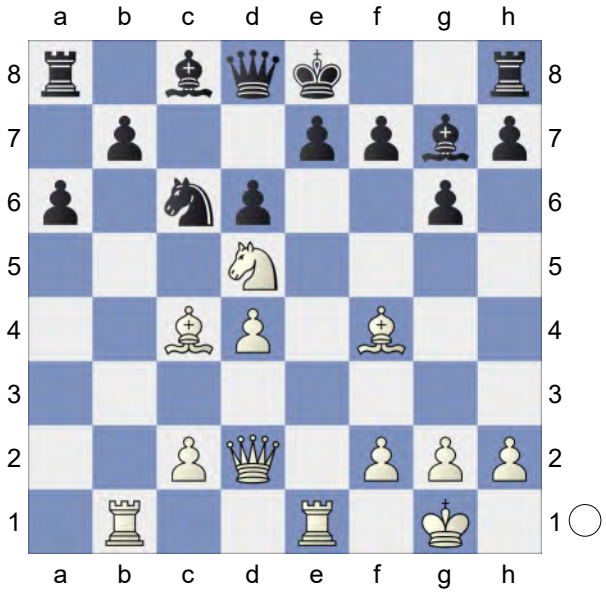


15.Rfe1! Bg7



Prevents Nf6+. **16.Bg5! Be6**

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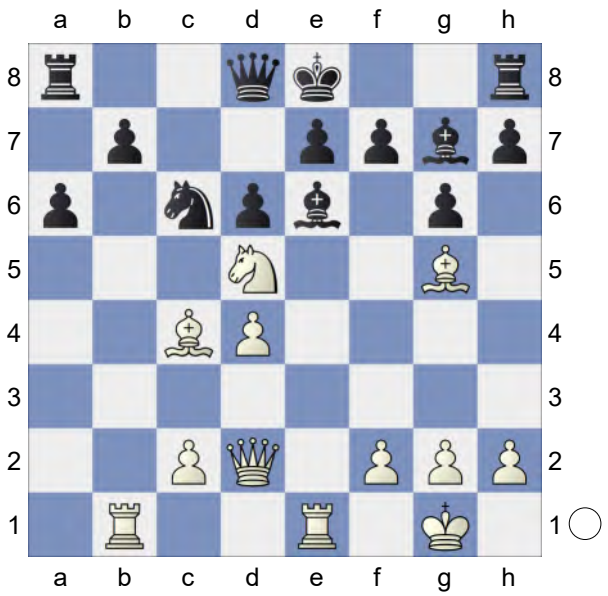
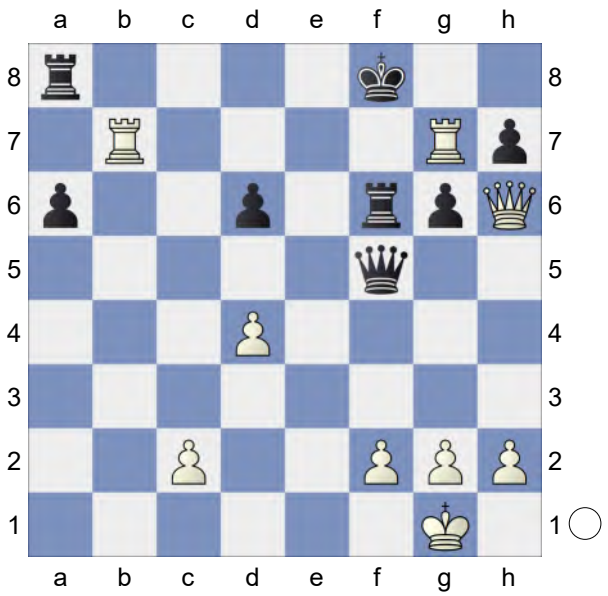


17.Nxe7 Nxe7
[17...Qa5 18.Qf4]
18.Bxe6
[Less strong is 18.Rxb7 0-0 19.Bxe6 *(19.Bxe7 Qc8±)* 19...fxe6±]
18...fxe6 19.Rxe6
[Weaker is 19.Rxb7 0-0+-]
19...0-0 5.16/21
[⌓19...Bf8 3.56/17 20.Rxb7 Rc8]
20.Rxe7 Qc8 21.Rbxb7 Bf6 22.Bxf6 Rg7+ would kill now. **22...Rxf6 23.Rg7+** White mates. **23...Kf8 24.Qh6 Qf5**



25.Rg8+!! Kxg8 26.Qg7# Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) / Black=1.13
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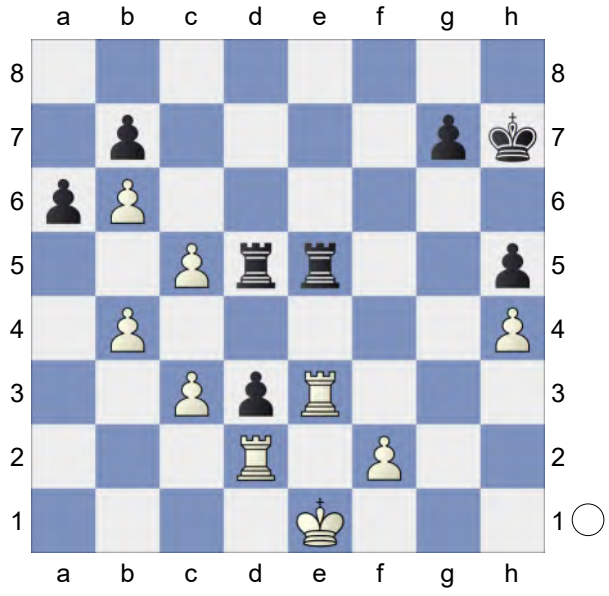
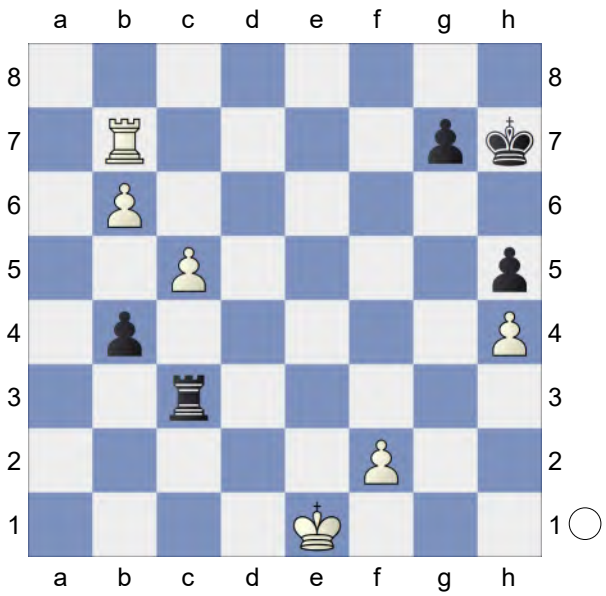
286 **A45**
□ **Nihal,Sarin** **2687**
■ **Galchenko,Matvey** **2438**
Titled Tue 11th Feb Early blitz (8)
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e4 Nxe4 5.Nxe4 dxe4 6.dxc5 Qxd1+ 7.Rxd1 Nc6 8.Bc4N** The position is equal.
[8.Be3 e5 9.f3 exf3 10.Nxf3 f6 11.Bc4 Bg4 12.0-0 Rd8 13.h3 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Nd4 15.c3 Nf5 16.Bb5+ Ke7 17.Bf2 a6 18.Ba4 g6 19.Rxd8 Kxd8 20.Rd1+ Kc8 21.Bd7+ Kc7 22.Be6 Bh6 Bortnyk,O (2603)-Prazak, D (2321) chess.com INT 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (31)]
[8.a3 e5 9.Be3 f5 10.g3 f4 *(10...Be6 11.Bb5 Be7 12.f4 Bf6 13.Rd6 Ke7 14.c3 Rhd8 15.Bxc6 bxc6 16.fxe5 Bxe5 17.Bg5+ Bf6 18.Bxf6+ Kxf6 19.Rxc6 Rac8 20.Rxc8 Rxc8 21.b4 Rd8 22.Ne2 Rd3 23.c6 Ke5 24.b5 g6 25.a4* G0Dzilla (2739)-Lintchevski,D (2892) Blitz 2024 [Kitty Kat] 0-1 (43)*)* 11.gxf4 exf4 12.Bxf4 Bxc5 13.b4 Bb6 14.Bc4 Bg4 15.Ne2 Rf8 16.Bg3 Rc8 17.Bb5 a6 18.Ba4 Bf3 19.Rg1 g6 20.c4 Bc7 21.Bxc7 Rxc7 22.Rd5 Ke7 Monoboy2016 (2749)-Realdavidnavara (2897) Blitz 2024 [monko] ½-½ (45)]
8...e5 9.Be3 Bf5 0.75/20
[9...f5= -0.03/19 remains equal.]
10.Ne2± Be7 11.Nc3 Bg6 12.h4 h5 13.Nd5 0x0.0010f922457fdp-1022s

more active pieces. The black rooks are badly placed. **13...Bd8** Against Nc7+ **14.c3 0-0 15.b4 Kh7 16.a4 f5 17.g3** Prevents f4. **17...Bf7 18.Be2 Rc8 19.a5 a6 20.Nb6 Bxb6** 1.68/20
[20...Rc7± 1.15/20 was worth a try.]
21.axb6+- f4 22.gxf4 exf4 23.Bxf4 Bg3 is the strong threat. **23...Bb3 24.Rb1** 0.97/21 **Bc2** 1.52/21
[⌓24...Rxf4 0.97/21 25.Rxb3 Ne5]
25.Rb2± Threatens to win with Bd6. **25...Bd3** 2.72/21
[25...Rxf4± 1.37/21 26.Rxc2 a5]
26.Bd6+- Strongly threatening Bxd3. **26...Rf5 27.Rh3 Re8 28.Re3 Rd5** 4.22/22
[⌓28...Bxe2 2.98/21 29.Rbxe2 g5 30.hxg5 *(30.Rxe4 Rxe4 31.Rxe4 gxh4+-)* 30...Rxg5 31.Rxe4 Rxe4 32.Rxe4 Rg7]
29.Rd2 Ne5 6.99/23
[29...Rh8 3.95/21 30.f3 Bxe2]
30.Bxe5 White is clearly winning. **30...Rexe5 31.Bxd3 exd3**



32.Rdxd3!! Rxd3
[32...Rxe3+ 33.Rxe3]
33.Rxe5 aiming for Re7. **33...Rxc3** KR-KR **34.Re7 a5 35.Rxb7 axb4**



36.Rxg7+!! Kxg7 37.b7 Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.42
1-0

287 **D00**
□ **Alekseenko,Kirill** **2687**
■ **Kazakov,Mikhail** **2513**
Speed Chess Q1 blitz (4) 10.11.2022
[Kitty Kat]

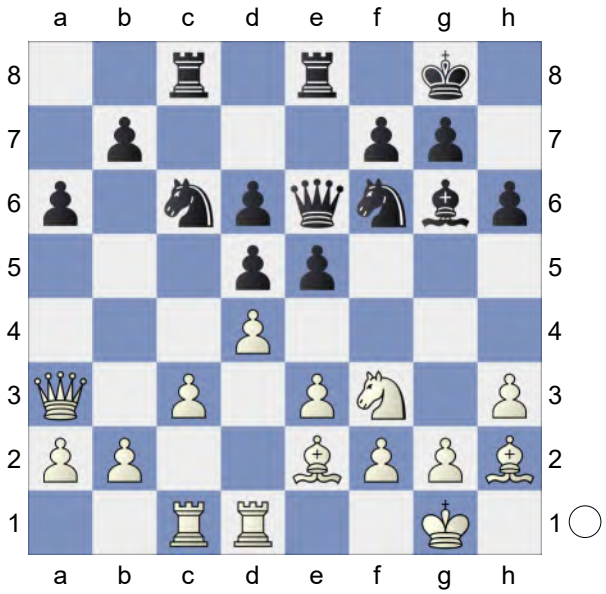
D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5*

Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8 ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]

3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Bd6 5.Nxd6+ cxd6 6.e3 0-0 7.Nf3 h6 now supersedes 7... Bg4. löst 7...Lg4 inzwischen ab. now supersedes 7...Bg4. löst 7...Lg4 inzwischen ab. **8.h3** White is slightly better. **8...Qe7 9.Be2N Nc6 10.0-0 e5 11.Bh2 a6**

[11...Bf5 12.c3 Rfe8 13.Qb3 a6 14.Rfd1 0-1 (55) Efroimski,M (2317)-Khomeriki,N (2315) Batumi 2019 0-1 (55) Efroimski,M (2317)-Khomeriki,N (2315) Batumi 2019 Rac8 15.Rac1 Bg6 16.Qa3 Qe6

(Diagram)



17.c4! Be4 18.dxe5 dxe5]

12.c3 Bf5 13.a4 Rfe8 14.Re1 Rad8 15.Qb3 Qc7 16.Rad1 Na5 17.Qa3 0.24/19 **Ne4 18.Qa2 Nf6** 0.97/22

[18...Nc4± 0.36/21]

19.b4± Nc6 20.Qb3 Rc8 21.dxe5 0.35/22

[21.Rc1± 0.77/18]

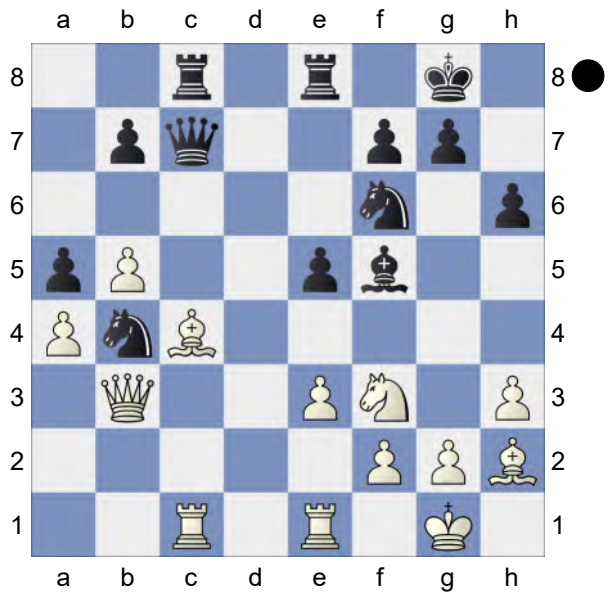
21...dxe5 22.c4 -0.06/22

[22.Qb2± 0.67/19]

22...dxc4= 23.Bxc4 a5 24.b5 Nb4 25.Rc1

[25.Nxe5 is more complex. Rxe5 26.Bxe5 Qxe5 27.Bxf7+ Kh7 28.e4]

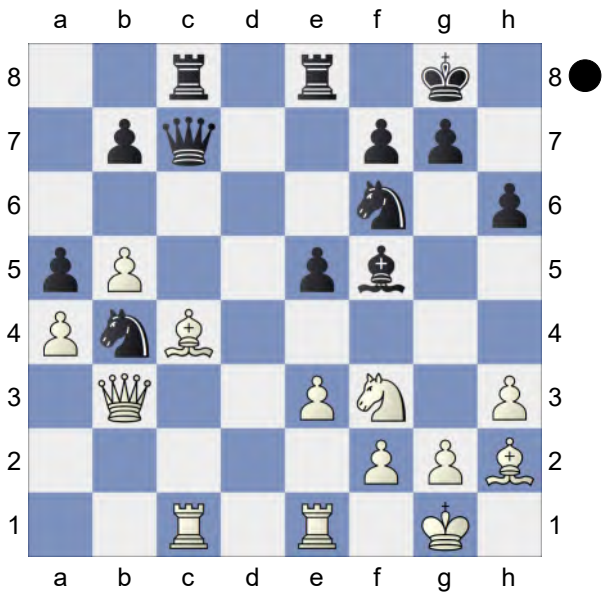
(Diagram)



aiming for b5-b6! **25...Bc2! 26.Rxc2 Nxc2 27.Qxc2** -3.55/23 This move loses the game for White.
[27.Nxe5!= -0.24/24 and White is okay. Rxe5 *(27...Nxe1? too greedy. 28.Bxf7+ Kh7 29.Qb1+ Nc2 30.Bg6+ Kh8 31.Nf7++-)* 28.Qxc2 Qxc4 29.Qxc4 Rxc4 30.Bxe5]
27...Qxc4-+ 28.Qf5 -5.38/24
[28.Qd1 -3.32/23]
28...Qxa4 29.Bxe5 Qe4 30.Qxe4 Nxe4 31.Bd4 Rc2 32.Ra1 Ra8
[32...Nxf2 33.Ne1 Re2 34.Kf1=]
33.Ne5 Nxf2 34.Nd7 Ne4 35.Nb6 Rd8 36.Rxa5 h5 37.h4 Rd6 (→ ...Rd6-g6) **38.Kf1 Rf2+ 39.Ke1 Rxg2** Strongly threatening ...Rd6-g6. **40.Ra8+** Vorgänger: Vorgänger: **40...Kh7 41.Re8 Ng3 42.Nc4 Rg6** Threatens to win with ...Rg6-g4. **43.Ne5 Rf6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.67/Black=0.38. Loss on time!?
1-0

288 **A45**
□ **Alekseenko,Kirill** **2687**
■ **Duda,Jan Krzysztof** **2731**
Titled Tue 22nd Nov Early blitz (5)
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Bd6 5.Nxd6+ cxd6 6.e3 0-0 7.Nf3 h6N** An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante.
[7...Nc6 8.Be2 e5 9.dxe5 dxe5 10.Nxe5 Bf5 11.0-0 Nb4 12.Nd3 Nxd3 13.cxd3 d4 14.Bf3 Nd5 15.Bxd5 Qxd5 16.e4 Bxe4 17.dxe4 Qxe4 18.Qd2 Rfe8 19.Rfe1 Qd5 20.Rxe8+ Rxe8 21.Re1 Re4 22.f3 1-0 Jendryschik,L-Loeffelholz,S Wolfsburg op-C 2024 (5)]
8.h3 White has an edge. **8...Qe7 9.Be2 Nc6 10.0-0 e5 11.Bh2 a6N**
[Predecessor: 11...Bf5 12.c3 Rfe8 13.Qb3 a6 14.Rfd1 Rac8 15.Rac1 Bg6 16.Qa3 Qe6 17.c4! Be4 18.dxe5 dxe5 1-0 (43) Alekseenko,K (2563)-Nuristani,I (2058) Sochi 2017]
12.c3 Bf5 13.a4 Rfe8 14.Re1 Rad8 15.Qb3 Qc7 16.Rad1 Na5 17.Qa3 Ne4 18.Qa2 Nf6 0.88/20
[18...Nc4± 0.41/20 feels stronger.]
19.b4± Nc6 20.Qb3 0.49/16
[20.b5± 0.93/17 Na5 21.dxe5 *(21.bxa6 bxa6 22.dxe5 dxe5±)* 21...dxe5 22.bxa6]
20...Rc8± 21.dxe5 0.28/20
[21.Bf1± 0.65/16]
21...dxe5 0.66/17
[21...Nxe5= 0.28/20 22.Rc1 Nd3 23.Bxd3 Bxd3]
22.c4 -0.02/19
[22.Qb2± 0.66/17]
22...dxc4 23.Bxc4 a5 24.b5 Nb4 25.Rc1



Hoping for b5-b6!. **25...Bc2! 26.Rxc2 Nxc2 27.Qxc2** -3.34/21 White does not recover from this.

[27.Nxe5= -0.13/21 Rxe5 *(27...Nxe1 28.Bxf7+ Kh7 29.Qb1+ Qc2 30.Bg6+ Kg8 31.Bxc2+-)* 28.Qxc2 Qxc4 29.Qxc4 Rxc4 30.Bxe5]

27...Qxc4-+ 28.Qf5 -5.33/20

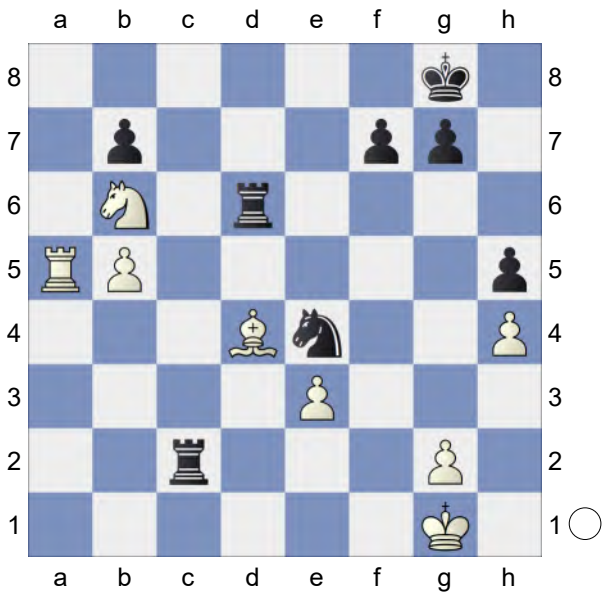
[28.Qd1 -3.30/21 was necessary.]

28...Qxa4 29.Bxe5 Qe4 30.Qxe4 Nxe4 31.Bd4 Rc2 32.Ra1 Ra8

[32...Nxf2 33.Ne1 Rd2 *(33...Re2 34.Kf1∓)* 34.Nf3=]

33.Ne5 Nxf2 34.Nd7 Ne4 35.Nb6 Rd8 36.Rxa5 h5 37.h4 Rd6

(Diagram)



(→ ...Rd6-g6) **38.Kf1 Rf2+ 39.Ke1 Rxg2 40.Ra8+ Kh7 41.Re8 Ng3 42.Nc4 Rg6** and ...Rg6-g4 would now be decisive **43.Ne5 Rf6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.63/Black=0.31

0-1

289 **D00**

□ **Brodsky,Michail** **2687**

■ **Ferri,Stefano** **2731**

Koop Tjuchem (5) 22.11.2022

[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Bd6 5.Nxd6+ cxd6 6.e3 0-0 7.Nf3 h6N**

[7...Nc6 8.Be2 e5 9.dxe5 dxe5 10.Nxe5 Bf5 11.0-0 Nb4 12.Nd3 Nxd3 13.cxd3 d4 14.Bf3 Nd5 15.Bxd5 Qxd5 16.e4 Bxe4 17.dxe4 Qxe4 18.Qd2 Rfe8 19.Rfe1 Qd5 20.Rxe8+ Rxe8 21.Re1 Re4 22.f3 1-0 Jendryschik,L-Loeffelholz,S Wolfsburg op-C 2024 (5)]

8.h3 White has an edge. **8...Qe7 9.Be2 Nc6 10.0-0 e5 11.Bh2 a6**

[11...Bf5 12.c3 Rfe8 13.Qb3 a6

14.Rfd1 Rac8 15.Rac1 Bg6 16.Qa3 Qe6 17.c4 Be4 18.dxe5 dxe5]

12.c3 Bf5 13.a4 Rfe8 14.Re1 Rad8 15.Qb3 Qc7 16.Rad1 Na5 17.Qa3 Ne4 18.Qa2 Nf6 0.85/20

[18...Nc4± 0.45/21]

19.b4± Nc6 20.Qb3 Rc8 21.dxe5 dxe5 0.68/18

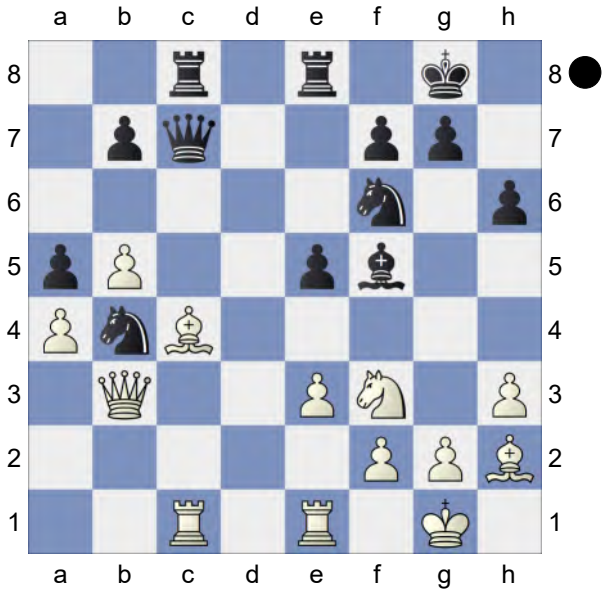
[⌓21...Nxe5 0.32/20 22.Nd4 Bh7]

22.c4 -0.13/21

[22.Qb2± 0.68/18]

22...dxc4= 23.Bxc4 a5 24.b5 Nb4 25.Rc1

[25.Nxe5 Rxe5 26.Bxe5 Qxc4 27.Qxc4 Rxc4]



Hoping for b5-b6!. **25...Bc2 26.Rxc2 Nxc2 27.Qxc2** -3.54/21 This costs White the game.

[27.Nxe5∓ -0.37/21 Rxe5 *(27...Nxe1? loses. 28.Bxf7+ Kh7 29.Bg6+ Kh8 30.Nf7++-* Discovered Attack *)* 28.Qxc2 Qxc4 29.Qxc4 Rxc4 30.Bxe5]

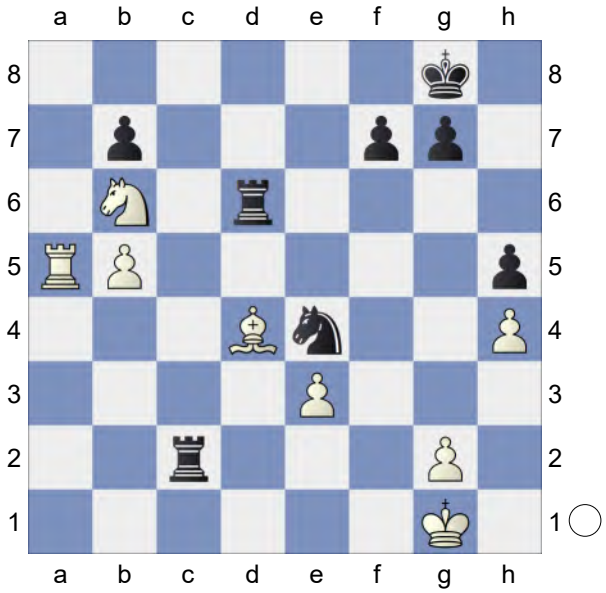
27...Qxc4-+ 28.Qf5 -5.32/22

[⌓28.Qd1 -3.45/21]

28...Qxa4 29.Bxe5 Qe4 30.Qxe4 Nxe4 31.Bd4 Rc2 32.Ra1 Ra8

[32...Nxf2 33.Ne1 Re2 34.Kf1=]

33.Ne5 Nxf2 34.Nd7 Ne4 35.Nb6 Rd8 36.Rxa5 h5 37.h4 Rd6



(→ ...Rd6-g6) **38.Kf1 Rf2+ 39.Ke1 Rxg2 40.Ra8+ Kh7 41.Re8 Ng3 42.Nc4 Rg6** Threatens to win with ... Rg6-g4. **43.Ne5 Rf6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.62/Black=0.26 (precise)

0-1

290 **D00**

□ **Alekseenko,Kirill** **2687**

■ **Narayanan,Sunilduth Lyna** **2673**

Speed Chess Q1 blitz (6) 10.11.2022

[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**

[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2

(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8 ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) 21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+ 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)) 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]

3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.g4 c5
[5...Bb4!?]

6.g5 Nfd7 Exploring less charted territory. Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain. '!?' Exploring less charted territory. Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain. **7.h4 Nc6 8.Nf3N** White has an edge. **8...b5 9.Ne2 Bb7 10.Bg2 Be7 11.c3 f5** 1.29/18
[11...0-0 12.0-0 Nb6 13.Ng3 f6 1.12/18 *(13...a5± 0.45/18)* 14.Qd3 0.28/20 *(14.gxf6!± 1.12/18 Bxf6 15.Nh5)* 14...f5= 15.Ne5 -0.62/20 *(15.Ne2± 0.40/19)* 15...Nxe5!∓ 16.Bxe5 Nc4 17.b3 Nxe5 18.dxe5]
[11...a5= 0.20/20]

12.Nc1 0.47/20
[12.gxf6± 1.29/18 Bxf6 13.Bg3]

12...c4 13.Ne2 0-0 14.0-0 a5 15.Kh1 0.08/19
[15.Bg3± 0.48/18]

15...b4= 16.Rg1 a4 17.a3 bxa3 18.bxa3 Na5 19.Ne5 -0.46/21
[19.Bh3= -0.01/20 was preferrable.]

19...Nb3∓ 20.Ra2 Ra6 0.49/20
[20...Nxe5!∓ -0.39/20 21.Bxe5 Bd6]

21.Nxd7 -0.42/20
[21.Nxc4± 0.49/20 Bc6 22.Ne5]

21...Qxd7 22.Be5 Bd6 23.Bxd6 -0.69/22
[23.f4!= -0.22/22]

23...Qxd6 24.Nf4 Rb6 25.Bf3 Bc6 26.Qf1 -0.92/21
[26.h5∓ -0.51/20]

26...Rfb8 -0.49/20
[26...Na5∓ -0.92/21]

27.Bd1 -0.90/19
[27.Qh3∓ -0.49/20]

27...Na5∓ 28.Bc2 -1.33/20
[⌓28.g6 -0.88/19 h6 29.Bc2]

28...Rb2 29.Qa1 Rxa2 30.Qxa2 Bd7 -0.01/20
[30...Rb3!∓ -1.29/20 Threatens to win with ...e6-e5! 31.g6 *(31.Bxb3? cxb3 32.Qb2 Nc4-+)* 31...h6 *(31...Rxc3 32.gxh7+ Kxh7 33.Qb1+-)*]

31.Rb1 -0.58/22
[31.h5 Nb3∓]
[31.g6!= -0.01/20]

31...Nb3
[31...Rb3!? 32.Ra1 *(32.Bxb3? cxb3 33.Qe2 Nc4-+)* 32...Be8= *(32...Rxc3 33.Bxa4 Bxa4 34.Qd2=)*]

32.Bd1 Rb6 -0.07/23
[32...Be8∓ -0.44/24]

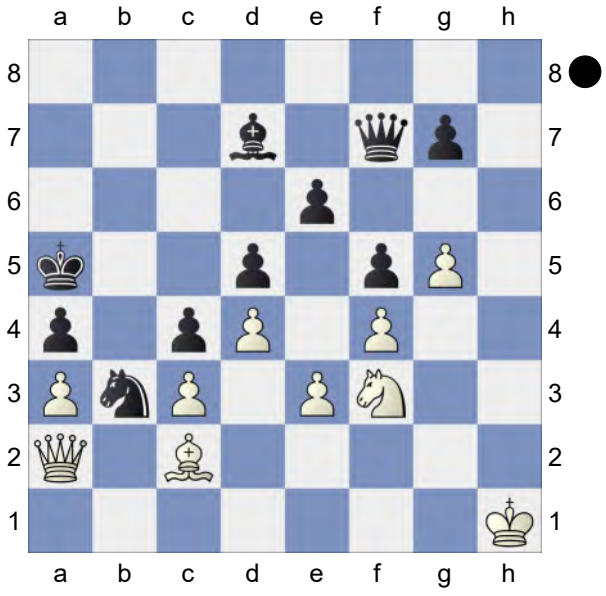
33.Kg1 Qb8 34.Qb2 Rb5 35.Qa2 Qb6
[35...Nxd4 36.Rxb5 Nxb5 37.Qb2±]

36.Bc2 -0.73/21
[36.Qc2= -0.23/22 keeps the balance.]

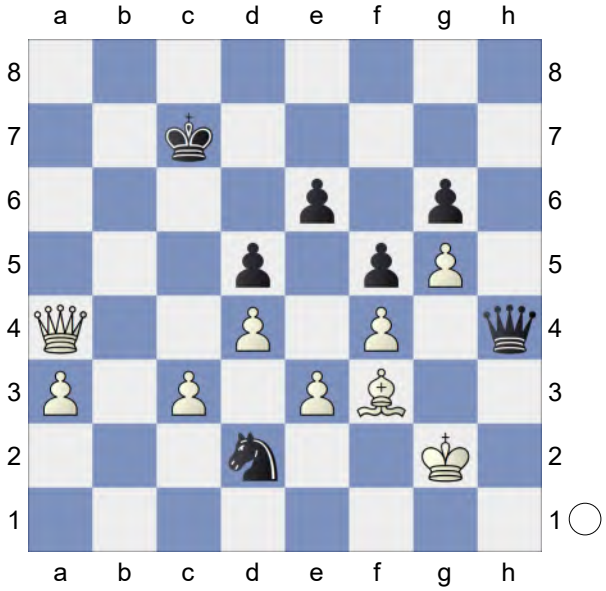
36...Qd6 -0.15/21
[Black should play 36...Qa5∓ -0.73/21]

37.Rd1 -0.65/21
[37.Bd1= -0.15/21]

37...Kf8 38.f3 Ke7 39.Kg2 Kd8 40.Ne2 Kc7 41.Nf4 -1.39/21
[41.Rh1∓ -0.61/20]
41...Kb6 -0.71/20
[⌓41...e5 -1.39/21 42.dxe5 Qxe5 43.Bxb3 axb3 *(43...cxb3 44.Qd2∓)*]
42.Rb1 -1.35/21
[⌓42.g6 -0.71/20 h6 43.Rb1]
42...Ka5 -0.36/20
[Better is 42...e5∓ -1.35/21 43.Ne2 h6]
43.Rd1 -0.88/20
[43.Nh5∓ -0.36/20]
43...Rb8 44.Ne2 Rh8 -0.39/20
[44...h6∓ -0.86/20 White must now prevent ...h6xg5. 45.f4 Be8]
45.f4 h6 46.Ng1 hxg5 47.hxg5 Qe7 -0.21/23
[47...Qf8∓ -0.57/23 48.Nf3 Be8]
48.Nf3= Qf7 -0.01/24
[48...Be8!∓ -0.40/24 feels stronger.]
49.Rh1 -0.75/25
[49.Qb1= -0.01/24]
49...Rxh1∓ 50.Kxh1



Qh5+! 51.Kg2 Be8 0.01/28 Black is more active.
[51...Nd2∓ -1.11/28 52.Nxd2 Qe2+ 53.Kg3 Qxd2]
52.Bd1= Qg4+ 53.Kf2? -4.46/28
[53.Kh2!= -0.01/29 and White is okay.]
53...Bh5-+ 54.Qc2 Qh3 55.Be2 g6? -0.41/28
[55...Qh1-+ -3.76/25 56.Qd1 Qxd1 57.Bxd1 Bxf3 58.Bxf3 Nd2]
56.Qd1∓ Bxf3 57.Bxf3 Endgame. KQB-KQN **57...Qh4+** -0.01/27
[57...Qh2+∓ -0.46/27 58.Bg2 Qh8]
58.Kg2= Kb5 59.Qb1 Kc6 60.Qf1 Kd6 61.Qd1 Ke7 62.Qf1 Kf7 63.Bd1 Ke7 Vorgänger: Vorgänger: **64.Bf3 Kd6 65.Qe2 Kc6?** 11.48/29
[65...Kd7= -0.01/27]
66.Qxc4++- Kd6 67.Qb4+
[67.Qxa4 Nd2+-]
67...Kc7 68.Qxa4? 1.89/25
[68.c4 9.51/28]
68...Nd2



69.Qa7+! Kd6 2.91/30
[⌓69...Kc8 1.98/28]
70.Qa6+ ½-½ (71) Short,N (2646)-Esipenko,A (2593) Moscow 2018
70...Kd7 2.64/25
[⌓70...Kc7 1.99/29]
71.Qe2? 0.50/27
[71.Qb7++- 2.64/25 Kd6 72.Qb8+

Ke7 73.Qc7+ Ke8 74.Qd6 Nxf3 75.Qxe6+ *(75.Kxf3 Qh1+ 76.Kf2 Qh4+ 77.Kg2 Qg4+ 78.Kf2 Qh4+ 79.Ke2 Qg4+ 80.Ke1 Qg3+ 81.Ke2 Qg4+ 82.Kf2 Qh4+=)* 75...Kf8 76.Qf6+ *(76.Kxf3 Qh1+ 77.Kf2 Qh2+ 78.Kf3 Qh3+ 79.Ke2 Qg2+ 80.Ke1 Qg3+ 81.Kf1 Qf3+ 82.Ke1 Qg3+ 83.Kd1 Qf3+ 84.Kd2 Qf2+ 85.Kd1 Qf1+ 86.Kd2 Qg2+ 87.Kc1 Qf1+ 88.Kd2 Qf2+ 89.Kd1 Qf1+ 90.Kd2=)* 76...Kg8 77.Qxg6+ *(77.Kxf3 Qh1+ 78.Ke2 Qg2+ 79.Kd1 Qf3+ 80.Ke1 Qxe3+ 81.Kd1 Qd3+ 82.Ke1 Qxc3+ 83.Ke2 Qc2+ 84.Ke3 Qc3+ 85.Kf2 Qd2+ 86.Kf1 Qd3+ 87.Ke1 Qe3+ 88.Kd1 Qd3+ 89.Ke1 Qe4+ 90.Kd2 Qxf4+ 91.Kc2 Qh2+ 92.Kb1 Qg1+ 93.Kc2 Qh2+ 94.Kb1 Qg1+ 95.Kb2 Qh2+ 96.Kb1=)* 77...Kh8 78.Qf6+ *(78.Kxf3 Qf2+ 79.Kxf2=)* 78...Kg8 79.Qxf5 *(79.Kxf3 Qh3+ 80.Ke2 Qg2+ 81.Kd1 Qf3+ 82.Kc2 Qe2+ 83.Kb3 Qc4+ 84.Kb2 Qe2+ 85.Ka1 Qe1+ 86.Ka2 Qe2+ 87.Kb3 Qc4+ 88.Kb2 Qb5+ 89.Kc1 Qf1+ 90.Kb2 Qb5+ 91.Kc1 Qf1+ 92.Kd2 Qf2+ 93.Kd1 Qf3+ 94.Kc2 Qe2+ 95.Kb1 Qd1+ 96.Kb2 Qe2+ 97.Kb3=)* 79...Ne1+ 80.Kf1]

71...Nc4 72.a4 Kc7 1.51/25

[Black should try 72...Qh8!± 0.58/24]

73.Qf2± Qxf2+? 3.06/28

[73...Qh8± 1.37/24 keeps fighting. 74.Kg3 Kb8]

74.Kxf2 KB-KN **74...Kb6?** 6.38/29

[74...Nb2 3.09/26 75.a5 Nc4]

75.Be2 Strongly threatening Be2xc4.

75...Nd2? 7.10/27

[75...Nd6 3.46/27 76.Bd3 Ka5]

76.Bb5+- White is clearly winning.

76...Ne4+ 77.Kf3 Nd6 78.Bd7 Ka5 79.Bxe6 Kxa4 80.Bxd5 Kb5 81.e4 Never resign too early! Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/Black=0.33. Loss on time!?

0-1

291 **A45**

□ **Alekseenko,Kirill** **2686**

■ **Jakubowski,Krzysztof** **2475**

Titled Tue 21st Feb Early blitz (2)

[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**

[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5

axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]

3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.g4 c5 6.g5 Nfd7 7.h4 Nc6 8.Nf3 White is slightly better. **8...b5 9.Ne2!?** Exploring less charted territory. Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain. **9...Bb7 10.Bg2 Be7 11.c3 f5N** 1.14/21

[Vorgänger: 11...0-0± 0.40/23 12.0-0 Nb6 13.Ng3 f6 14.Qd3 0.18/20 *(14.gxf6± 0.80/17 Rxf6 15.dxc5 Bxc5 16.Bg5)* 14...f5 15.Ne5 -0.44/18 *(White should play 15.Qe2± 0.38/21)* 15...Nxe5!∓ 16.Bxe5 Nc4 17.b3 Nxe5 18.dxe5 ½-½ (97) Madaminov,M (2258)-Kadam,O (2114) Chess.com INT 2020 ½-½ (97) Madaminov,M (2258)-Kadam,O (2114) Chess.com INT 2020]

12.Nc1 0.31/22

[12.gxf6± 1.14/21 Nxf6 13.Ng5]

12...c4± 13.Ne2 0-0 14.0-0 a5 15.Kh1 b4 16.Rg1 a4 17.a3 bxa3 18.bxa3 Na5 0.38/16

[18...Ra6= 0.00/19]

19.Ne5 -0.38/25

[19.Ne1± 0.38/16]

19...Nb3 20.Ra2 Ra6 0.60/19

[20...Nxe5!= -0.10/21 21.Bxe5 Bd6]

21.Nxd7 -0.10/19

[21.Nxc4± 0.60/19 Bc6 22.Ne5]

21...Qxd7= 22.Be5 Bd6 23.Bxd6 -0.82/20

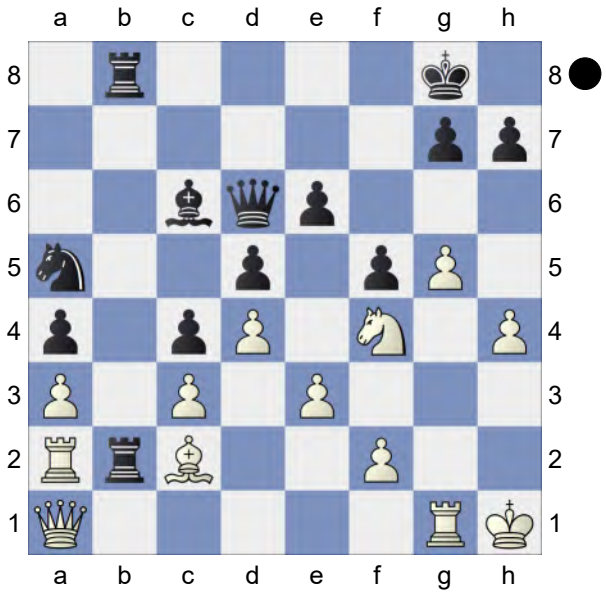
[23.f4!= 0.00/20]

23...Qxd6∓ 24.Nf4 Rb6 25.Bf3 Bc6 26.Qf1 Rfb8 27.Bd1 Na5 28.Bc2 -1.61/19

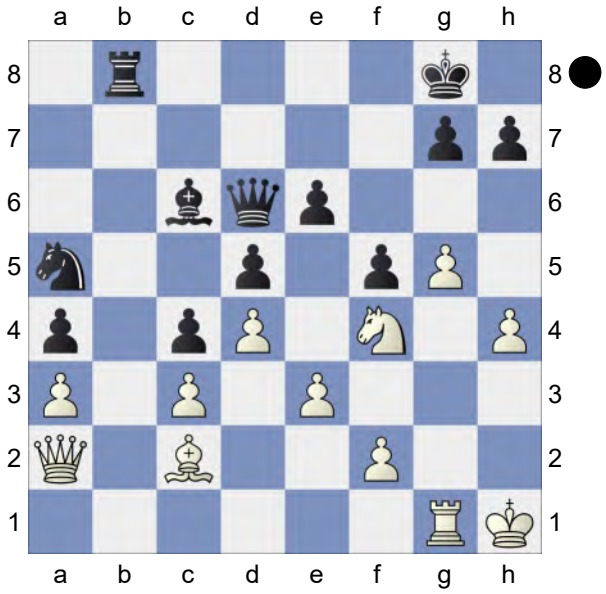
[28.Qg2∓ -0.77/20]

28...Rb2-+ 29.Qa1

(Diagram)



Rxa2 30.Qxa2



Bd7 -0.64/22

[30...Rb3!-+ -1.84/18 31.g6 *(31.Bxb3? cxb3 32.Qd2 Nc4-+)* 31...h6 *(31...Rxc3 32.gxh7+ Kxh7 33.Qb1±)*]

31.Rb1

[31.h5 e5 32.dxe5 Qxe5=]

31...Nb3

[31...Rb3!?]

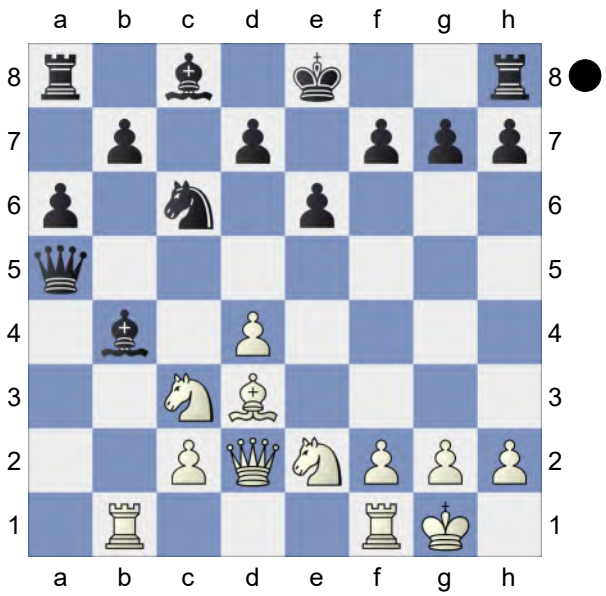
32.Bd1 Rb6 33.Kg1 Qb8 34.Qb2 Rb5 35.Qa2 Qb6 -0.07/22

[35...Nxd4 36.Rxb5 Nxb5 37.Qb2=]

[35...Kf8∓ -0.56/22]
36.Bc2 -0.51/23
[36.Qc2= -0.07/22 is superior.]
36...Qd6 37.Rd1 -0.73/20
[37.Bd1!= -0.19/19]
37...Kf8 38.f3 Ke7 39.Kg2 Kd8 40.Ne2 Kc7 41.Nf4 Kb6 42.Rb1 -1.67/20
[42.g6∓ -0.82/19 h6 43.h5]
42...Ka5 -0.85/20
[42...e5-+ -1.67/20 43.dxe5 Qxe5 44.Bxb3 Remove Defender *(44.Rd1? d4-+)* 44...cxb3]
43.Rd1 Rb8 44.Ne2 -1.21/19
[⌓44.Kf2 -0.77/18]
44...Rh8 -0.40/19
[44...e5∓ -1.21/19 Threatens to win with ...h7-h6. 45.f4 exf4 46.Nxf4 Ka6]
45.f4∓ h6 46.Ng1 -0.77/22
[46.g6∓ -0.34/17 was preferrable.]
46...hxg5 47.hxg5 Qe7 Strongly threatening ...Qe7-f7. **48.Nf3 Qf7 49.Rh1** -0.58/25 Prevents Qf7-h5.
[49.Rg1= 0.00/20]
49...Rxh1 50.Kxh1 Qh5+ 51.Kg2 Be8 0.00/24
[Black should try 51...Nd2∓ -0.65/25 52.Nxd2 Qe2+ 53.Kg3 Qxd2]
52.Bd1!= Qg4+ 53.Kf2? -4.97/25
[53.Kh2!= 0.00/24]
53...Bh5-+ 54.Qc2 Qh3 55.Be2 g6? -0.28/20
[Better is 55...Qh1-+ -4.06/24 56.Qb2 Bg4]
56.Qd1= Bxf3
[56...Kb6 looks sharper. 57.Qb1 Kc7 58.Qe1 Kd6]
57.Bxf3 Endgame. KQB-KQN **57...Qh4+ 58.Kg2 Kb5 59.Qb1 Kc6 60.Qf1 Kd6 61.Qd1 Ke7 62.Qf1 Kf7 63.Bd1 Ke7 64.Bf3 Kd6 65.Qe2 Kc6?** 7.76/30
[65...Nc1= 0.00/37 66.Qb2 Nb3]
66.Qxc4++- Kd6 67.Qb4+
[67.Qxa4 Nd2±]
67...Kc7 68.Qxa4? 2.04/21
[68.Qe7+ 8.69/19 Kb8 69.Qd6+ *(69.Qxe6 Nd2+-)* 69...Ka7 70.Qc7+ *(70.Qxe6 Nd2+-)* 70...Ka8 71.Qc6+ Ka7 72.Qxa4+ Kb8 73.Qxb3+ Kc7 74.Qb4]
68...Nd2 69.Qa7+? 2.15/23
[69.Qa5+!± 0.42/25 Kb7 70.Be2]
69...Kd6? 4.14/28 **70.Qa6+** 2.27/26 **Kd7** 3.65/23
[70...Kc7 2.27/26 is a better defense. 71.Qxe6 Nxf3]
71.Qe2? 0.29/25
[71.Qb7++- 3.65/23 Kd6 72.Qb8+ **A)** 72...Ke7 73.Qc7+ Kf8 74.Qd8+ Kg7 75.Qe7+ Kh8 76.a4 *(76.Qxe6 Nxf3 77.Qc8+ Kg7+-)*; **B)** 72...Kd7 73.Be2]
71...Nc4 1.44/23
[71...Nxf3!= 0.29/25 remains equal. 72.Kxf3 Qh5+ 73.Kf2 Qh2+ 74.Ke1 Qg1+ 75.Kd2 Qb1]
72.a4± Kc7 73.Qf2 Qxf2+? 5.71/25
[73...Qh8± 1.57/19 is tougher. 74.Kg3 Qc8]
74.Kxf2 KB-KN. White is clearly winning. **74...Kb6 75.Be2** Be2xc4 is the strong threat. **75...Nd2 76.Bb5 Ne4+ 77.Kf3 Nd6 78.Bd7 Ka5 79.Bxe6 Kxa4 80.Bxd5 Kb5 81.e4** A wild game. Weighted Error Value: White=0.32/ Black=0.27 (precise)
1-0

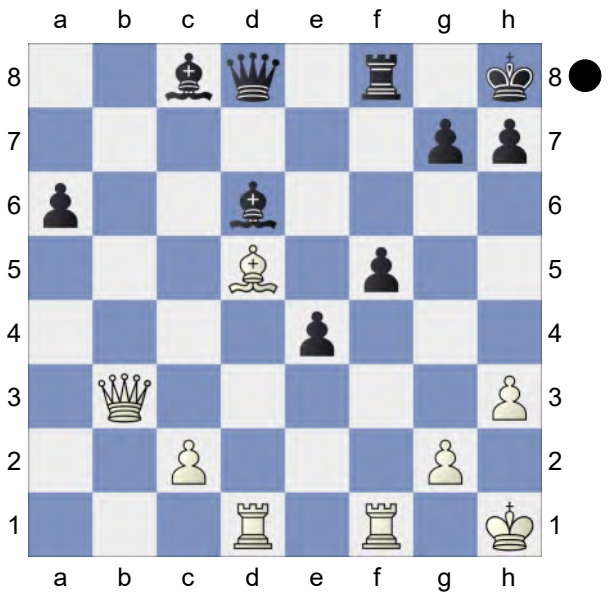
292 **A45**
□ **Fritzbryanporras** **2683**
■ **Blueberry Pancakes** **2565**
Blitz 23.01.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min A45: Trompowsky Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4**
[2.a3 g6 3.Bf4 d6 4.e3 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 b6 7.0-0 Bb7 8.h3 Nbd7 9.c4 Ne4 10.Bh2 e5 11.d5 a5 12.b3 f5 13.Nfd2 Ndc5 14.Nxe4 Nxe4 15.Ra2 Bc8 16.f3 Nc5 Carlsen,M (2850)-Fressinet,L (2702) Berlin 2015 CBM 168 Extra [Schulz, Andre] 1-0 (44)]
2...c5 3.e3N
[3.d5 g6 4.Nc3 d6 5.e4 Bg7 6.Nf3 0-0
A) 7.a4 Na6 *(7...Bg4 8.Be2 Nbd7 9.0-0 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Ne5 11.Be2* 3 Benoni Setups-3...d6 Variation *)* 8.Be2 Nc7 9.0-0 Bg4 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Nd7 12.Qd2 a6 13.Be2 Rb8 14.a5 b5 15.axb6 Rxb6 16.Nd1 #2 13) Benoni and Benko Defense-3...d6 with 4...g6;
B) 7.Be2 b5 8.Bxb5 Nxe4 9.Nxe4 Qa5+ 10.Nc3 Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 Qxb5 Barsov-Garcia Castro Mondariz 2007]
3...Qb6 4.Nc3 Qxb2 5.Nb5 Nd5 6.Rb1 Qxa2 7.Ne2 -1.42/18
[7.Bg3= 0.00/23 keeps the balance. Na6 8.Ra1]
7...a6 0.00/20
[7...Qa5+!∓ -1.42/18 8.Qd2 Qxd2+ 9.Kxd2 Na6]
8.Nbc3? -2.12/22
[8.Ra1!= 0.00/20 and White stays safe. Qb2 9.Rb1]
8...Qa5!-+ 9.Qd2 Nxf4 10.Nxf4 cxd4 11.exd4 e6 12.Bd3 Bb4 13.Nfe2 Nc6 14.0-0

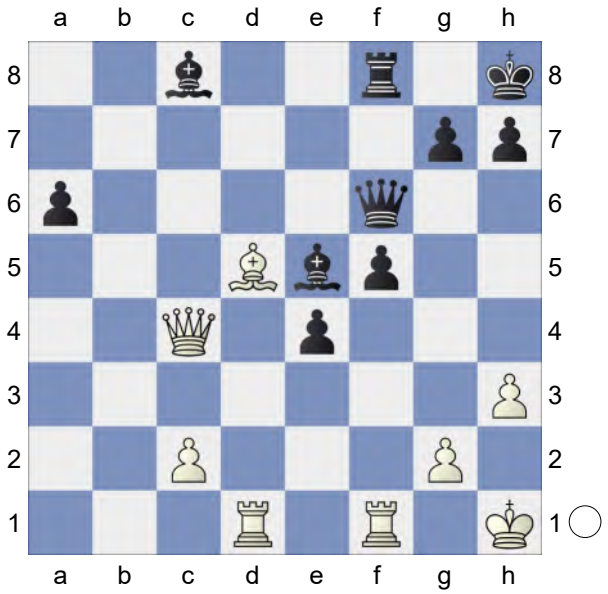


Nxd4 15.Ra1
[15.Nxd4 Bxc3]
15...Qe5 16.f4 -5.17/20
[⌓16.Nxd4 -3.58/19 Qxd4 17.Nb5 Bxd2 18.Nxd4]
16...Nxe2+ 17.Qxe2 Qxc3 18.Rab1 0-0 19.f5 f6 20.fxe6 dxe6 21.Kh1 Bc5 22.Qf3 Qe5 23.Rbe1 Qg5 24.Be4 e5 25.Bd5+ Kh8 26.h3 Bd7 27.Bxb7 Rab8 White must now prevent ...Bb5. **28.Rd1 Bc8 29.Be4 f5 30.Bd5 e4 31.Qc3 Bb4 32.Qc7 Qd8?** -1.13/18 **33.Qxb8∓ Bd6** 0.00/25
[33...Qe7∓ -1.26/21 ...e3 is the strong threat. 34.Qb6 a5]
34.Qb3 -1.44/19
[34.Qa7= 0.00/25]

(Diagram)



34...Qe7! aiming for ...Qe5. **35.Qc3 Be5** -1.15/23
[Better is 35...Rd8 -1.49/22 36.Bc6 h6]
36.Qc4 -2.01/19
[36.Qa5∓ -1.15/23 was worth a try.]
36...Qf6? 1.40/20
[36...h6-+ -2.01/19 Strongly threatening ...a5. 37.Bc6 Bg3]



37.Qe2? -1.67/20
[37.Bxe4!± 1.40/20 is forced if you want to stay better. a5 38.Qd5]
37...Bd7?? 2.39/21
[37...Bc7-+ -1.67/20 And now ...Qe5 would win. 38.Qe3 Qe5]
38.Bxe4!+- Pin **38...Be8** 5.72/22
[38...Qg6 2.31/20 39.Qf2 *(39.Rxd7 Qg3=)* 39...Rg8 40.Rxd7 *(40.Bxf5 Bxf5 41.Qxf5 Qg3=)* 40...fxe4]
39.Bxf5 Qe7 40.Bg4 Rf6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.59/Black=0.26 (precise) . Loss on time!?
0-1

293 **D00**
□ **Erigaisi,Arjun Kumar** **2681**
■ **Sjugirov,Sanan** **2696**
Chess.com RCC Wk17 Swiss rapid (9)
[Richard Palliser]

Richard Palliser,MH: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines ' **1.d4** Richard Palliser,MH **1...d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 Bf5**
[Erigaisi has also faced 3...c5 of late, after which Richard Palliser, MH: 'of late, after which' 4.e3 Qa5 *(4...cxd4 5.exd4 a6* is somewhat more usual when *6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Ne5 Bd7 8.g4* is Andrey Esipenko's fairly dangerous pawn sacrifice White strives to open lines and while Richard Palliser,MH: 'is Andrey Esipenko's fairly dangerous pawn sacrifice White strives to open lines and while' *e6 9.g5 Nxe5 10.Bxe5 Ng8 11.h4 Ne7 12.Qe2 Nc6* kept them closed in Erigaisi-Bluebaum, Internet (rapid) 2022, I'd imagine most Jobava-Prie practitioners would be quite happy here as White after castling or pushing the f-pawn, but Richard Palliser,MH: 'kept them closed in Erigaisi-Bluebaum, Internet (rapid) 2022, I'd imagine most Jobava-

Prie practitioners would be quite happy here as White after castling or pushing the f-pawn, but' *13.Nxd5?* was not so wise in the game where fortunately for Erigaisi, Bluebaum missed Richard Palliser,MH: 'was not so wise in the game where fortunately for Erigaisi, Bluebaum missed' *Qa5+ 14.Nc3 Ba3!*) 5.dxc5 (ever a critical choice when the bishop on f8 isn't ready to recapture) Qxc5 6.Nf3 (a little strange *6.Nb5! Na6 7.Nf3 Bd7 8.a4* is surely the way to go, with a classic bind and pleasant edge for White, and as recommended by Simon Williams Richard Palliser,MH: 'is surely the way to go, with a classic bind and pleasant edge for White, and as recommended by Simon Williams') 6...Bg4? 7.Bxb8? (*7.Nb5! Na6 8.c3* takes full control of the position Richard Palliser,MH: 'takes full control of the position') 7...Rxb8 8.Bb5+ Kd8 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 e6 11.g4 h6 was just rather murky and unbalanced in Erigaisi-Durbayli, Internet (rapid) 2022. Richard Palliser,MH: 'was just rather murky and unbalanced in Erigaisi-Durbayli, Internet (rapid) 2022.']

4.e3

[A new trend or just a sign that Black is fine after we've considered expansion with Richard Palliser,MH: 'A new trend or just a sign that Black is fine after we've considered expansion with' 4.f3 e6 5.g4 Bg6 6.h4 , but the text can hardly be bad of course. Richard Palliser,MH: ', but the text can hardly be bad of course.']

4...e6 5.Bd3

[This natural move is new for us. Instead, 5.Nf3 a6 6.Ne5 Nbd7 7.g4!? sounded the charge in Chigaev-Iskandarov, World Junior, Khanty-Mansiysk 2015, which you'll find in the Archive, Richard Palliser,MH: 'sounded the charge in Chigaev-Iskandarov, World Junior, Khanty-Mansiysk 2015, which you'll find in the Archive,']

[while 5.f3 Bd6 6.Nge2 Nc6!? seems OK for Black, as we've also considered before. Richard Palliser, MH: 'seems OK for Black, as we've also considered before.']

5...Bg6

[Retreating so is fairly standard in such positions, hoping to obtain a strengthened kingside after an exchange on g6, while also denying White the option of Richard Palliser, MH: 'Retreating so is fairly standard in such positions, hoping to obtain a strengthened kingside after an exchange on g6, while also denying White the option of' 5...Bxd3 6.cxd3!? .]

6.h4! I rather like this advance, refusing to let Black sit comfortably on the kingside and forcing an exchange on d3 since Black cannot really, of course, any longer respond by nudging his own h-pawn forwards. Richard Palliser,MH: 'I rather like this advance, refusing to let Black sit comfortably on the kingside and forcing an exchange on d3 since Black cannot really, of course, any longer respond by nudging his own h-pawn forwards.' **6...Bd6 7.h5 Bxd3 8.Qxd3** Richard Palliser,MH: 'The position is equal.' **8...Bxf4!?**

[A big decision, doubling the pawns, but allowing White a firm grip on the e5-square. Previously, Richard Palliser,MH: 'A big decision, doubling

the pawns, but allowing White a firm grip on the e5-square. Previously,' 8...Nbd7 had seen Black trying to take control of e5 after an exchange on d6 in Potkin-Khairullin, Sochi 2020, where Richard Palliser,MH: 'had seen Black trying to take control of e5 after an exchange on d6 in Potkin-Khairullin, Sochi 2020, where' 9.Nf3 h6 10.0-0-0 Qe7 11.Kb1 0-0-0 12.Bxd6 Qxd6 13.e4 dxe4 14.Nxe4 left White slightly for choice, in part thanks to his Caroesque, cramping pawn on h5. Richard Palliser,MH: 'left White slightly for choice, in part thanks to his Caroesque, cramping pawn on h5. ']

9.exf4 0-0?!

[A risky choice and I suspect that Black would have done better with something like Richard Palliser,MH: 'A risky choice and I suspect that Black would have done better with something like' 9...h6 10.0-0-0 Qd6 11.Qe3 Nbd7 , much though I slightly like White who must have an edge after Richard Palliser,MH: ', much though I slightly like White who must have an edge after' 12.Nf3 and Ne5.]

10.Nf3 0.16/21

[In true AlphaZero fashion, the latest engines all want to go 10.h6!? 0.58/21 Richard Palliser,MH: ' ⩲' g6 11.Nf3 , but Erigaisi understandably sees no reason to rush such a potentially important decision on the kingside. Richard Palliser,MH: ', but Erigaisi understandably sees no reason to rush such a potentially important decision on the kingside.']

10...c5 11.dxc5! As we've already noted, this is ever a good pawn to swipe when Black lacks an immediate and natural recapture. Richard Palliser,MH: 'As we've already noted, this is ever a good pawn to swipe when Black lacks an immediate and natural recapture.'

11...Na6 0.78/20

[Stockfish really thinks that Black had to go 11...h6!? 0.30/21 Richard Palliser,MH: '=' 12.0-0-0 *(*even *12.g4!? Nxg4 13.Rg1 f5 14.0-0-0* isn't totally ridiculous Richard Palliser,MH: 'isn't totally ridiculous'*)* 12...Nbd7 , although after 13.Nd4 Nxc5 14.Qe3 I'm not sure that many humans would feel overly comfortable as Black with g2-g4-g5 on its way. Richard Palliser,MH: 'I'm not sure that many humans would feel overly comfortable as Black with g2-g4-g5 on its way.']

12.0-0-0 0.20/23

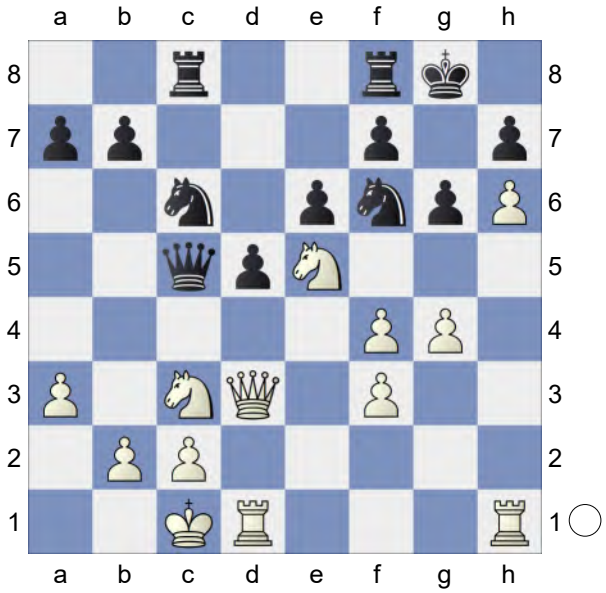
[Better is 12.h6!⩲ 0.78/20 Richard Palliser,MH]

12...Rc8 0.88/19

[I'm guessing that Sjugirov played this after spotting the problems with Richard Palliser,MH: 'I'm guessing that Sjugirov played this after spotting the problems with' 12...Nxc5 0.70/21 Richard Palliser,MH: '12...h7-h6 0.27' 13.Qd4 Nce4 , namely 14.h6 and if g6? 8.01/22 *(14...Nxc3⩲* 0.68/20 Richard Palliser,MH *15.Qxc3 Qd6)* 15.Nxe4! Richard Palliser,MH: '+-!' dxe4 16.Qe5 , which wins material and the game in view of Qe7 17.Rd7! .]

[Once again, the engines feel that 12...h6 0.20/23 had to be tried and they're likely right - for reasons we'll now see. Richard Palliser,MH: '=' 'had to be tried and they're likely right - for reasons we'll now see.' Richard Palliser,MH: ' remains equal.']

13.h6! At last. Richard Palliser,MH: '±!'
13...g6 1.08/21
[13...Nxc5!? 0.58/23 Richard Palliser, MH: '±' 14.Qd4 Nce4 15.hxg7 Re8 feels pretty desperate, but equally might also have been a better try. Richard Palliser,MH: 'feels pretty desperate, but equally might also have been a better try.']
14.Ne5 0.62/22
[Centralising and strong, but 14.Qd4!? 1.08/21 Richard Palliser,MH: '±' '!' Nxc5 15.Ne5 was probably even better when b4 and Nd7 is the threat. Richard Palliser,MH: '!' Richard Palliser,MH: 'was probably even better when b4 and Nd7 is the threat.']
14...Qe7 15.a3 0.45/22 Sensibly keeping Black out of b4 while also threatening to advance there himself. Richard Palliser,MH: 'Sensibly keeping Black out of b4 while also threatening to advance there himself. White is much more active.'
[15.c6± 0.85/20 Richard Palliser,MH]
15...Qxc5 Richard Palliser,MH: '±'
[The knight on a6 finds itself misplaced and is quickly rerouted after this, but unfortunately for Black, Richard Palliser,MH: 'The knight on a6 finds itself misplaced and is quickly rerouted after this, but unfortunately for Black,' 15...Nxc5 0.89/22 Richard Palliser,MH: '15...Qe7xc5 0.44' 16.Qd4 Richard Palliser,MH: '!' Rfd8 17.Kb1 Ne8 wouldn't have been a panacea either: 18.g4! f6 19.Nd3 when the pressure will only continue to increase after Rhe1.]
16.f3 Nb8! 17.g4 Nc6 1.19/22 Black would love to exchange on e5 and close down the diagonal towards g7, but Erigaisi was, of course, never going to permit that. Richard Palliser,MH: '
[Black should try 17...Rfd8 0.74/21 Richard Palliser,MH]



Black would love to exchange on e5 and close down the diagonal towards g7, but Erigaisi was, of course, never going to permit that.' **18.Qe2** 0.47/21
[18.Nxc6! 1.19/22 Richard Palliser, MH: ' ±!' Rxc6 19.Rhe1 Rfc8 1.37/22 *(⌓19...Qc4* 0.94/20 Richard Palliser, MH *)* 20.Kb1 followed by f4-f5 would also have been rather strong. Richard Palliser,MH: 'followed by f4-f5 would also have been rather strong. ']
18...d4 19.Ne4?! Richard Palliser,MH: '↑' Richard Palliser,MH: ' White has good play.'
[Black is definitely back in the game after this, whereas Richard Palliser, MH: 'Black is definitely back in the game after this, whereas' 19.Na4
A) or 19...Qa5? 1.30/24 Richard Palliser,MH: '19...Qc5-d5 0.47' 20.Nxc6 Rxc6 21.Rxd4 , and if Richard Palliser,MH: ', and if. g4-g5 would now be deadly.' b5?

5.77/24 *(21...Rfc8!± 0.64/23* Richard Palliser,MH *)* 22.Qe5;
B) 19...Qd6 Richard Palliser,MH: '!' Richard Palliser,MH: ' aiming for ... Nf6-d5.' 20.Kb1 Rfd8 21.Nc3 Qc5 22.Ne4 Nxe4 23.Qxe4 Nxe5 24.fxe5 would have kept White firmly in the driving seat thanks to his safer king. Richard Palliser,MH: 'would have kept White firmly in the driving seat thanks to his safer king. ']

19...Nxe4 20.Qxe4 Rfd8?! Richard Palliser,MH: ' Wards off Ne5-d7'

[A little slow, in contrast to which Richard Palliser,MH: 'A little slow, in contrast to which' 20...f5! 21.Qe2 Nxe5 22.fxe5 fxg4 23.fxg4 Rf4 wouldn't have been too bad at all for Black now that he should no longer be getting mated. Richard Palliser, MH: 'wouldn't have been too bad at all for Black now that he should no longer be getting mated.']

21.Rd2

[21.Nd3!? was one way to fight against the concept of ...f5, which was now on again. Richard Palliser,MH: 'was one way to fight against the concept of ...f5, which was now on again.']

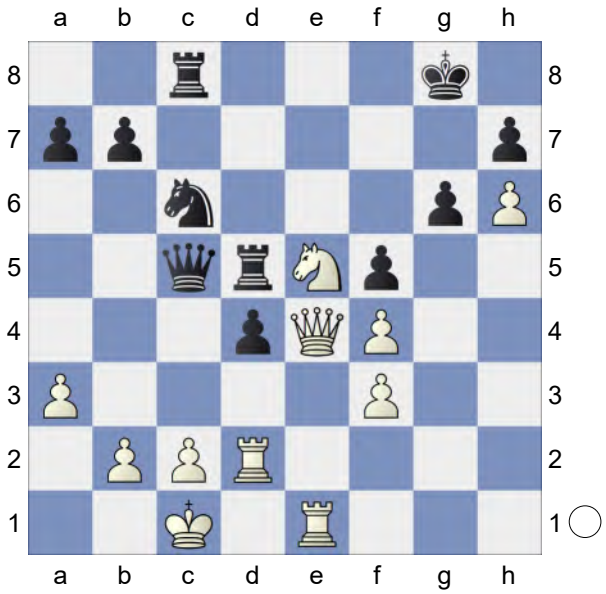
21...Rd5?! 22.Re1 0.01/24

[22.Kb1± 0.41/22 (Richard Palliser, MH) might be stronger.]

22...b5? 2.59/23 Richard Palliser,MH: ' This move loses the game for Black.'

[22...f5!? 0.60/24 was still possible, although now White does have Richard Palliser,MH: '22...Nc6xe5 0. 01 was still possible, although now White does have' 23.gxf5! exf5 Richard Palliser,MH: '

(Diagram)



' 24.Qd3 , and if Richard Palliser,MH: '!' Richard Palliser,MH: ', and if. And now Qd3-b3 would win.' Nxe5 25.Rxe5 Rxe5 26.fxe5 Qxe5 27.Qb3+ Kf8 Richard Palliser,MH: '!' 28.Qxb7 with some advantage. Richard Palliser,MH: 'with some advantage.']

[22...Nxe5= 0.01/24 (Richard Palliser, MH) and Black has nothing to worry. 23.fxe5 d3]

23.Nxf7! Ouch. Yes, the rook on c8 is a loose piece and Sjugirov's position now collapses like a house of cards. Richard Palliser,MH: '+-!' Richard Palliser,MH: 'Ouch. Yes, the rook on c8 is a loose piece and Sjugirov's position now collapses like a house of cards. Discovered Attack' **23...e5?** 4.30/23

[23...Re8 2.74/21 Richard Palliser, MH: ' might work better.' 24.Ng5 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Black must now prevent Qe4-d3!' b4 was probably the last try.]

24.Nxe5 Nxe5 25.fxe5 d3 26.c3

[26.Rxd3? Richard Palliser,MH Qxc2#]

26...a5 7.09/24 Richard Palliser,MH: '?'

[26...Qc4 3.74/23 Richard Palliser,MH 27.e6 Qxe4 28.Rxe4 Kf8 29.Rf4+ Ke7 30.Rf7+ Kxe6 31.Rxh7 a5]

27.Rxd3 Simple chess. White is now three pawns to the good and, no less importantly, g7 is still under his control. Richard Palliser,MH: 'Simple chess. White is now three pawns to the good and, no less importantly, g7 is still under his control. White is clearly winning.'

27...Rxd3 28.Qxd3 b4 29.axb4 axb4 30.Qd7 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) /Black=0.45'

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RUS-chT Rapid (Women) (5.8) 03.06.22

[Richard Palliser,MH]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**

[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]

3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5

[The topical move, although I still suspect many club players will prefer 4.e3 , as covered, or so I'm told, in Simon Williams's forthcoming repertoire for Everyman Chess.]

4...Na6

[Erigaisi has also faced 4...Bb4+!? 5.c3 Ba5 and following 6.e3 a6 7.Na3 Nbd7 8.Nf3 0-0 White wasted no time in regrouping with 9.Nb1 , which led in Erigaisi-Dubov, Internet (rapid) 2022, after c5!? 10.dxc5 Bc7 11.Bxc7 Qxc7 12.b4 b6 13.cxb6 Nxb6 14.Be2 e5 to a position where the engines slightly prefer White, but from a practical perspective at least it would be surprising if Black didn't have decent play for his pawn.]

5.e3 Be7 6.h4!?

[Immediately! Only in April's update did we see the no less striking and closely-related 6.Nf3 0-0 7.h4!? c6 8.Nc3 c5 in Van Foreest-Giri, Oslo Esports Cup (rapid) 2022, where I suspected that White should now go 9.h5!? .]

6...c6 7.Nc3 c5 8.Nf3 Play now looks very likely to transpose to our previous note, but actually it never does as

Harsha now elects not to castle. The position is equal. **8...Bd7!?** **9.Ne5** A thematic leap, not least when Black's knight is on the rim rather than c6. **9...Nb4?!**

[Heading for c6 is sensible, but also rather slow. Black needed to disrupt with 9...Qb6! when 10.Qd2 *(10.Nxd7 Nxd7 11.Bb5* is also possible, but here Black has at least *Rd8)* 10...Rc8 remains pretty unclear and certainly I wouldn't feel too confident as White going 11.0-0-0 here, *(*with *11.Rh3!?* perhaps a good way to cover across to c3 and so safely continue to swap b2 for b7. *)*]

10.g4! Another thematic move and one which seizes the initiative. **10...0-0** 0.64/22 Brave, but at least this way the knight obtains a retreat square on e8.

[10...Qa5= 0.19/18]

11.dxc5± This wasn't essential, but it certainly doesn't do White any harm to take the options of ...cxd4 and ...c4 off the table. White is more active. **11...Bxc5 12.g5 Ne8 13.h5**

[13.Qd2 simplifies Nc6 14.0-0-0 Bd6 15.Nxd7 Qxd7 16.h5]

13...f6?! 1.12/19

[An understandable bid for freedom and to fight back on the kingside, but it seems that nothing too awful should be happening to Black after 13...Bd6 , and if 14.g6 0.13/20 *(14.Nxd7 Qxd7 15.a3 Nc6 16.Qd2* followed by 0-0-0 should at least favour White*; 14.Nxd7± 0.49/21 Qxd7 15.Bxd6 Nxd6 16.a3)* 14...fxg6= 15.hxg6 h6 .]

[13...Bd6± 0.34/20]

14.gxf6± Nxf6 15.Rg1 0.35/20

[Eyeing g7 while getting off the h1-a8 diagonal. This makes a lot of sense, although even after 15.Qd2 d4 16.exd4 Bxd4 17.h6]

[and 15.Qe2!? d4 1.11/21 *(15...Nc6± 0.54/19)* 16.exd4± Bxd4 Hoping for ...Nf6-d5. 17.0-0-0! White should be doing quite well.]

[15.Bh3!± 1.03/18]

15...Be8!±

[Good defence. Erigaisi's idea against 15...d4 was presumably 16.h6! g6 *(16...dxc3?* 2.06/20 16...g7-g6 0.79 *17.Rxg7+ Kh8 18.Nxd7 cxb2 19.Rb1 Qa5 20.Bc4!* seems to be winning for White*)* 17.a3! , and if dxc3 1.22/22 *(*Black should try *17...dxe3* 0.81/20 *18.fxe3 Nc6 19.Nxd7 Qxd7 20.Qxd7 Nxd7)* 18.axb4± Bxb4 19.b3 when White is in control and menaces a rather large sacrifice on g6.]

[15...Nxh5? 16.Qxh5 Rc8 *(16...Nxc2+? 17.Kd1+-)* 17.Bh6+-]

16.Bh3? -1.04/23

[Losing the thread. White should have settled for simply 16.h6 g6! ...d5-d4 is the strong threat. 17.a3 Nc6 and only then 18.Bh3 , thereby preserving control and a definite plus.]

[16.h6± 0.57/21 keeps the upper hand. g6 17.Qe2]

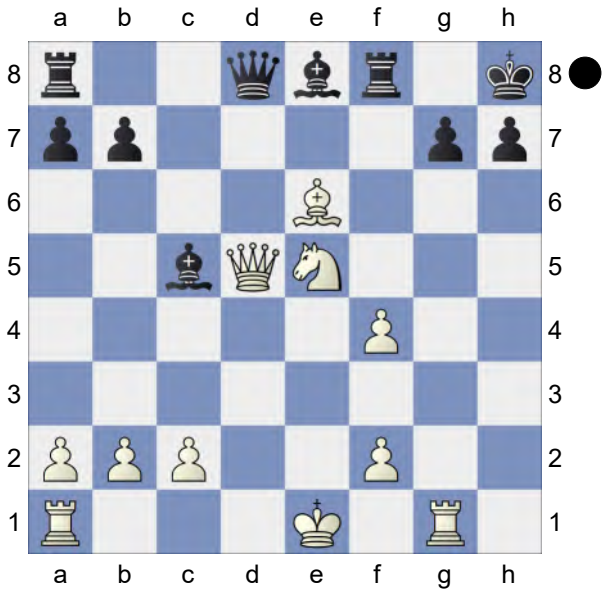
16...Nxh5!∓

[16...Bxh5!? 17.Bh6 g6 was also promising.]

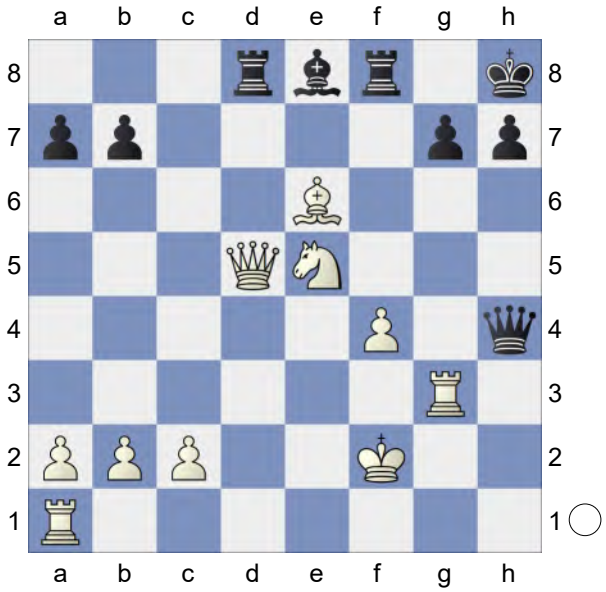
17.Bxe6+ Kh8 18.Nxd5 The point of White's play, but his huddle of centralised pieces creates a strange impression and, moreover, they are vulnerable. **18...Nxd5** -0.48/21

[18...Rf6! would have been hard to spot in a rapid game, but after 19.Nxf6 *(*or, and importantly, *19.Bg5 Rxe6! 20.Bxd8 Rxd8* when Black will pick up

a third piece as well as the initiative for the queen) 19...Qxf6 there wouldn't have been anything for the king on h8 to fear, in contrast to which its counterpart would very much have felt the heat.]
[Black should play 18...Rf6!∓ -1.33/22 19.Nxf6 Qxf6]
19.Qxd5∓ Nxf4 20.exf4



Bxf2+ 2.71/21 Black is weak on the light squares. This costs Black the game. **21.Kxf2+-** aiming for Qd5xd8. **21...Qh4+** 3.46/23
[⌓21...Qf6 2.46/21]
22.Rg3 1.83/22
[Or even 22.Kg2! Black must now prevent Rg1-h1. And now Rg1-h1 would win. Rxf4 23.Raf1 Prevents Rf4-f2+. Prevents Rf4-f2+. Qg5+ 24.Kh2 when the bishop can drop back to h3.]
[⌓22.Kg2 3.46/23 Rg1-h1 is the strong threat. Strongly threatening Rg1-h1. Rxf4 23.Raf1 Against Rf4-f2+ *(23.Qxb7? -#1/6 23.Ra1-f1 3.49 Rf2#)*]
[⌓22.Kg2 3.11/22 Rg1-h1 would now be deadly. Rxf4 23.Raf1 *(23.Qxb7? Rf2#)*]
22...Rd8? 3.79/23
[22...Qh2+ 23.Qg2 Rxf4+ was a better try, if still rather good for White after 24.Rf3! Rxf3+ 25.Nxf3 Qc7 .]
[⌓22...Qh2+ 1.75/23 23.Qg2 Rxf4+ 24.Rf3 Rxf3+ 25.Nxf3 Qc7]
[⌓22...Qh2+ 1.83/22 23.Qg2 Rxf4+ 24.Ke3 Qh6]



23.Nf3!
[23.Qxb7?? -14.93/25 23.Ne5-f3 4.01 Qh2+ *(23...Qxf4+? -0.01/23 23...Qh4-h2+ -14.30 24.Rf3-+; 23...Rxf4+? 24.Qf3-+; 23...Rd2+? 24.Ke1-+)* 24.Kf3 Bh5+ 25.Bg4 Rd2-+]
[23.Qxb7? Qh2+ *(23...Qxf4+ 24.Rf3=)* 24.Kf3 Bh5+ 25.Bg4 Rd2-+]
23...Rxf4
[The black queen suddenly lacks a great square in view of 23...Qf6 24.Qe5]
[and 23...Qe7 5.20/22 23...Rd8xd5 3.50 24.Qe5 followed by Rh1.]
24.Rh1! It's all over bar a few final

desperate kicks. Deflection. White is clearly winning.

[24.Qxb7? -15.93/23 24.Ra1-h1 4.45 too greedy. Rd2+ 25.Ke1 Qxg3+ 26.Kxd2 Qf2+ *(26...Rxf3? 27.Qxf3 Qxf3 28.Bc4-+)* 27.Kc1 Qe3+ *(27...Qxf3?* -0.15/22 27...Qf2-e3+ -15.36 *28.Qxf3 Rxf3 29.Kd2=; 27...Rxf3? 28.b3-+; 27...Qf1+? 28.Kd2-+)* 28.Kd1 Rxf3-+]

[24.Qxb7? loses. Rd2+ 25.Ke1 Qxg3+ 26.Kxd2 Qf2+ 27.Kc1 Qe3+ *(27...Qxf3 28.Qxf3 Rxf3 29.Kd2∓)* 28.Kd1 Rxf3-+]

24...Qxh1 7.92/27

[⌓24...Rxd5 4.69/22 25.Rxh4 Rd2+ 26.Ke3 Rxh4]

[⌓24...Rxd5 4.87/21 25.Rxh4 Rd2+ 26.Ke3 Rxh4]

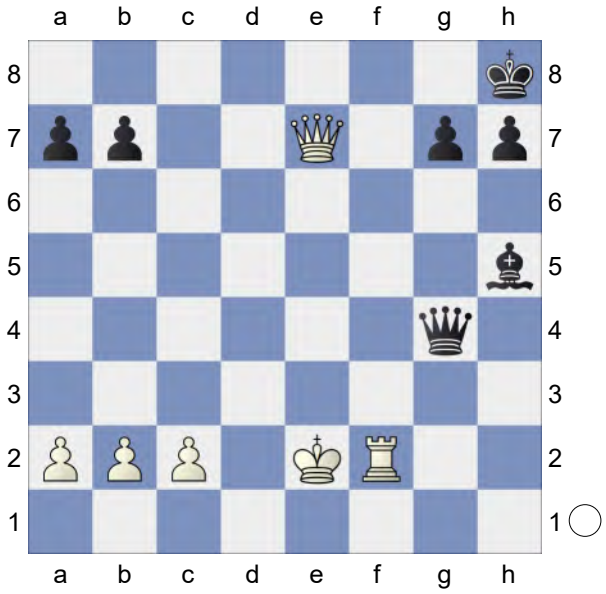
25.Qxd8 Rf8 26.Qe7 Qh2+ 27.Kf1

[27.Rg2? 0.01/31 27.Kf2-f1 6.64 Rxf3+! 28.Kxf3 Bc6+ 29.Ke3 Qe5+ 30.Kf2 Qf4+ 31.Kg1 Qc1+ 32.Kh2 Qf4+ 33.Rg3 Qd2+! 34.Kh3 Qh6+ 35.Kg4 Qg6+ 36.Kh3 *(36.Kf4 Qe4+ 37.Kg5 Qg6+ 38.Kh4 Qe4+ 39.Rg4 Qe1+ 40.Rg3 Qe4+ 41.Kh3 Qh1+ 42.Kg4 Qe4+ 43.Kg5 Qg6+ 44.Kf4 Qe4+ 45.Kg5=)* 36...Qh6+ 37.Kg4 Qg6+ 38.Kh4 *(38.Kf4 Qe4+ 39.Kg5 h6+ 40.Kh5 Qe5+ 41.Kh4* Qe7-f8+ would kill now. *Qe4+ 42.Kh5 Qe5+ 43.Kh4* Threatening mate with Qe7-f8+. *Qe4+ 44.Kh5=)* 38...Qh6+ 39.Kg4=]

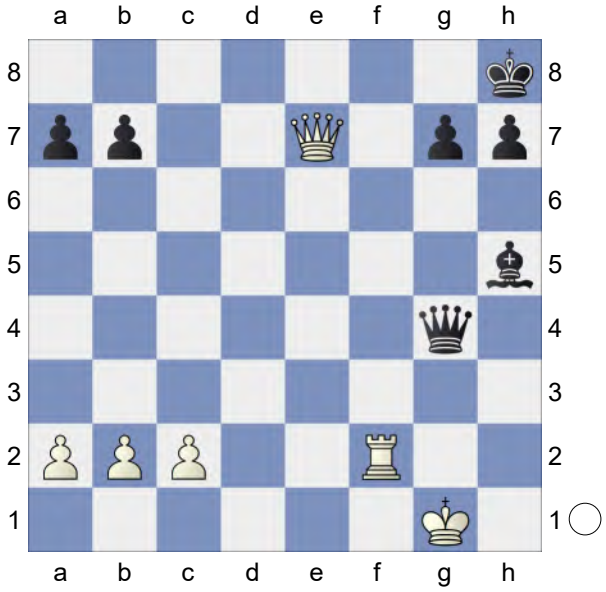
[Not 27.Rg2 Rxf3+ 28.Kxf3 Bc6+ 29.Ke3 Qe5+ 30.Kd2 Qf4+ *(30...Bxg2 31.Qf8#)* 31.Ke2 Qf3+ 32.Ke1 Qe3+ 33.Re2 Qg1+ 34.Kd2 Qd4+ 35.Ke1 Qg1+ 36.Kd2 Qd4+ 37.Kc1 Qg1+ 38.Kd2=]

27...Rxf3+ 28.Rxf3 Qh1+ 29.Ke2 Qg2+ 30.Rf2 Bh5+ 31.Kd3!

[Weaker is 31.Bg4? 1.71/25 31.Ke2-d3 7.15 Qxg4+



32.Kf1! Qc4+ 33.Kg1 Qg4+ 2.23/26 *(33...h6* 1.67/28 was called for. *34.Qd8+ Kh7)*



34.Kh2!+- h6±]

[Stronger than 31.Bg4 Qxg4+ 32.Kf1 Qd1+ 33.Qe1 Qxe1+ 34.Kxe1 Kg8±]

31...Bg6+ 32.Kc3 Qg3+ 33.Kc4 b5+ 34.Kd5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.36/Black=0.58

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Blitz 29.08.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min A45: Trompowsky Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4**
[2.a3 g6 3.Bf4 d6 4.e3 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 b6 7.0-0 Bb7 8.h3 Nbd7 9.c4 Ne4 10.Bh2 e5 11.d5 a5 12.b3 f5 13.Nfd2 Ndc5 14.Nxe4 Nxe4 15.Ra2 Bc8 16.f3 Nc5 Carlsen,M (2850)-Fressinet,L (2702) Berlin 2015 CBM 168 Extra [Schulz, Andre] 1-0 (44)]
2...c5 3.e3N
[3.d5 g6 4.Nc3 d6 5.e4 Bg7 6.Nf3 0-0
A) 7.a4 Na6 *(7...Bg4 8.Be2 Nbd7 9.0-0 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Ne5 11.Be2* 3 Benoni Setups-3...d6 Variation *)* 8.Be2 Nc7 9.0-0 Bg4 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Nd7 12.Qd2 a6 13.Be2 Rb8 14.a5 b5 15.axb6 Rxb6 16.Nd1 #2 13) Benoni and Benko Defense-3...d6 with 4...g6;
B) 7.Be2 b5 8.Bxb5 Nxe4 9.Nxe4 Qa5+ 10.Nc3 Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 Qxb5 Barsov-Garcia Castro Mondariz 2007]
3...Qb6 4.Nc3 Qxb2 5.Nb5 Nd5 6.Rb1 Qxa2 Strongly threatening ... Qa5+. **7.Bg3 a6** 1.20/19
[7...cxd4= 0.00/22 keeps the balance. 8.e4 Qa5+ 9.Qd2 Qa2]

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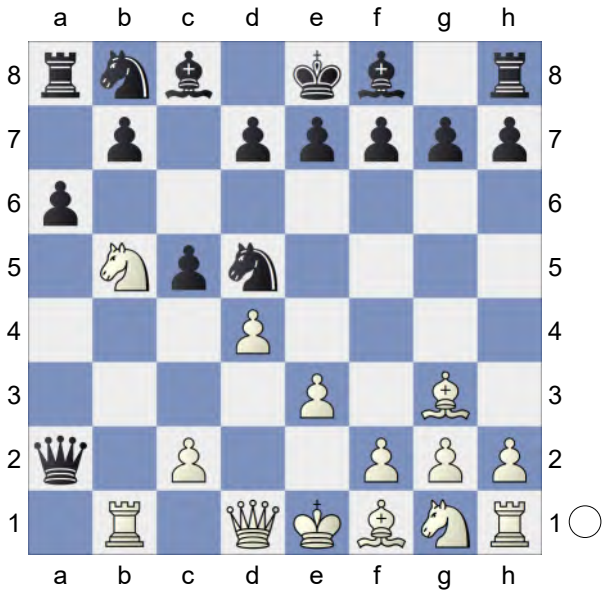
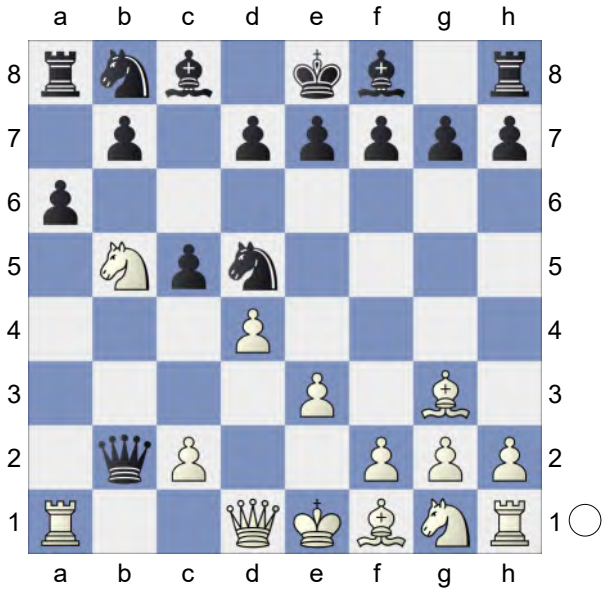


8.Ra1!± White has strong compensation. &Bianco is more active. White is better.
8...Qb2



9.Rb1! 0.86/24 **Qa2**

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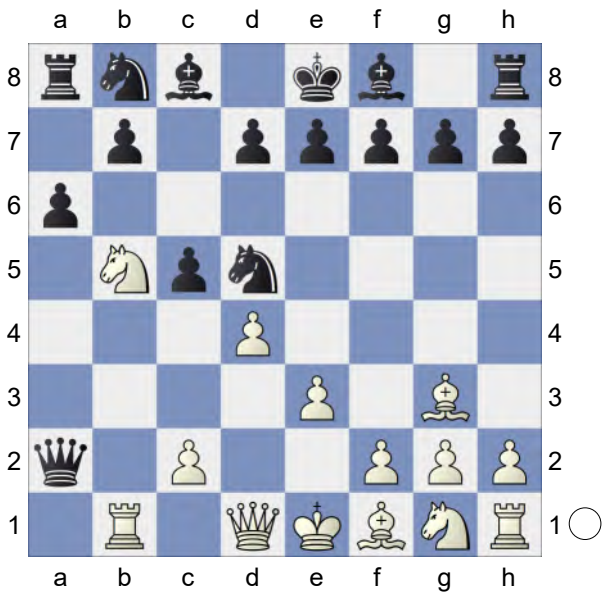
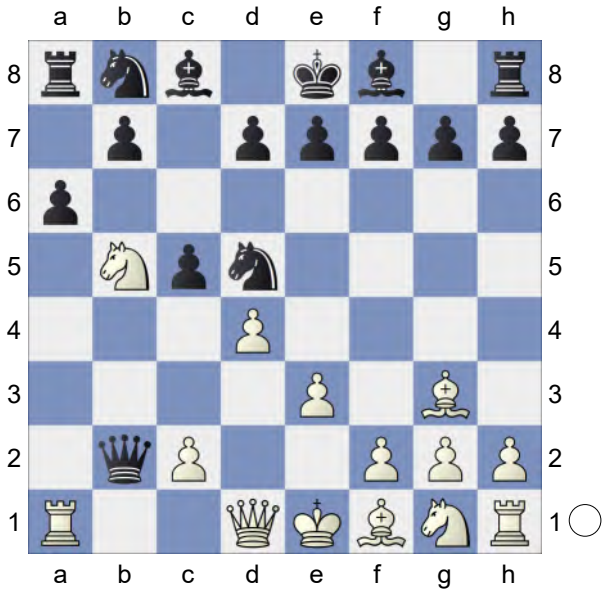


10.Ra1! Qb2



...Nc3 is the strong threat. **11.Rb1** 0.00/24

[11.c4!± 0.73/23 axb5 12.Rxa8 bxc4 13.dxc5 *(13.Bxb8 Qb4+ 14.Qd2 Qb1+ 15.Qd1 Qb4+ 16.Qd2 Qb1+ 17.Ke2 c3=; 13.Rxb8 Kd8+-)*]

11...Qxb1? 1.65/19 **12.Nc7++-**

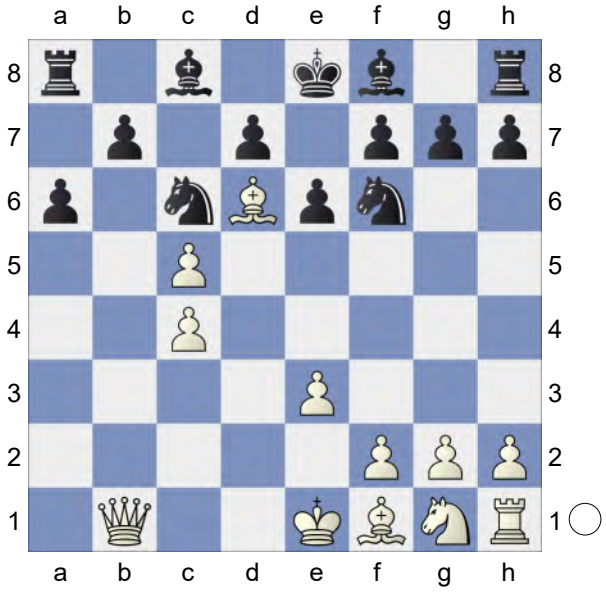
[Much less strong is 12.Qxb1 axb5 13.Bxb8 *(13.dxc5 Nc6±; 13.Bxb5 Nc3±)* 13...Rxb8±]

12...Nxc7 13.Qxb1 Nd5 14.dxc5 e6 15.c4 Nf6 16.Bd6 1.29/19

[White should try 16.Qb6+- 1.67/21 Hoping for Bxb8. Nc6 17.Bd3]

16...Nc6 2.56/19

[16...Bxd6± 1.29/19 was worth a try. 17.cxd6 a5]



17.Bxf8! Kxf8 18.Nf3 g6 19.Qa1 Ke7 20.Be2 Rd8 21.0-0 Ne4 22.Qa3 f5 23.Bd3 aiming for Bxe4. **23...Nf6 24.Rd1 h6 25.h3 Kf7 26.Qc3 a5 27.Bc2 Ra6 28.Ra1 b6 29.Ne5+ Nxe5 30.Qxe5** And now Qc7 would win. **30...bxc5 31.Qxc5** 1.43/22

[31.Qc7+- 1.97/21 Rg8 32.Ba4 *(32.Qxc5 Bb7±; 32.Rxa5 Rxa5 33.Qxa5 Bb7±)*]

31...Bb7? 4.01/23

[31...Ra8± 1.43/22 is a better defense. 32.Rxa5 Bb7]

32.Rxa5? 0.05/25

[32.Qc7+- 4.01/23 Raa8 33.Qxb7]

32...Rc8⇄ Black is fighting back **33.Qb5 Rxa5 34.Qxa5 Rxc4 35.Qb5 Bd5 36.Bd3 Rc1+ 37.Kh2 Bc6 38.Qb2 Rc5 39.f3 Nd5** 0.46/23

[39...Ra5= 0.09/23]

40.Qh8 0.11/22

[40.e4± 0.46/23 Nf6 41.Qb4]

40...Nxe3? 4.69/22
[40...Nf6!= 0.11/22]
41.Qd4 Rd5 42.Qxe3 White is clearly winning. **42...g5 43.Bc4 f4 44.Qc3 Rc5 45.Qd4 Rf5 46.Qh8 Rf6 47.Qh7+ Ke8 48.Bd3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.38/Black=0.58
1-0

296 **A45**
□ **Erigaisi,Arjun Kumar** **2681**
■ **Harsha,B** **2547**
MPL Indian Chess Tour #2 (5.8) 03.06.22
[Richard Palliser]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5
[The topical move, although I still suspect many club players will prefer 4.e3 , as covered, or so I'm told, in Simon Williams's forthcoming repertoire for Everyman Chess.]
4...Na6
[Erigaisi has also faced 4...Bb4+!? 5.c3 Ba5 and following 6.e3 a6 7.Na3 Nbd7 8.Nf3 0-0 White wasted no time in regrouping with 9.Nb1 , which led in Erigaisi-Dubov, Internet (rapid) 2022, after c5!? 10.dxc5 Bc7 11.Bxc7 Qxc7 12.b4 b6 13.cxb6 Nxb6 14.Be2 e5 to a position where the engines slightly prefer White, but from a practical perspective at least it would be surprising if Black didn't have decent play for his pawn.]
5.e3 Be7 6.h4!?
[Immediately! Only in April's update did we see the no less striking and closely-related 6.Nf3 0-0 7.h4!? c6 8.Nc3 c5 in Van Foreest-Giri, Oslo Esports Cup (rapid) 2022, where I suspected that White should now go 9.h5!? .]
6...c6 7.Nc3 c5 8.Nf3 Play now looks very likely to transpose to our previous note, but actually it never does as Harsha now elects not to castle. **8...Bd7!?** **9.Ne5** A thematic leap, not least when Black's knight is on the rim rather than c6. **9...Nb4?!**
[Heading for c6 is sensible, but also rather slow. Black needed to disrupt with 9...Qb6! when 10.Qd2 *(10.Nxd7 Nxd7 11.Bb5* is also possible, but here Black has at least *Rd8)* 10...Rc8 remains pretty unclear and certainly I wouldn't feel too confident as White going 11.0-0-0 here, *(*with *11.Rh3!?* perhaps a good way to cover across to c3 and so safely continue to swap b2 for b7. *)*]
10.g4! Another thematic move and one which seizes the initiative. **10...0-0** Brave, but at least this way the knight obtains a retreat square on e8. **11.dxc5** This wasn't essential, but it certainly doesn't do White any harm to take the options of ...cxd4 and ...c4 off the table.
11...Bxc5 12.g5 Ne8 13.h5 f6?!
[An understandable bid for freedom and to fight back on the kingside, but it seems that nothing too awful should be happening to Black after 13...Bd6 , and if 14.g6 *(14.Nxd7 Qxd7 15.a3 Nc6 16.Qd2* followed by 0-0-0 should at least favour White*)* 14...fxg6 15.hxg6 h6 .]
14.gxf6 Nxf6 15.Rg1
[Eyeing g7 while getting off the h1-a8 diagonal. This makes a lot of sense, although even after 15.Qd2 d4 16.exd4 Bxd4 17.h6]
[and 15.Qe2!? d4 16.exd4 Bxd4 17.0-0-0! White should be doing quite well.]
15...Be8!

[Good defence. Erigaisi's idea against 15...d4 was presumably 16.h6! g6 *(16...dxc3? 17.Rxg7+ Kh8 18.Nxd7 cxb2 19.Rb1 Qa5 20.Bc4!* seems to be winning for White*)* 17.a3 , and if dxc3 18.axb4 Bxb4 19.b3 when White is in control and menaces a rather large sacrifice on g6.]

16.Bh3?

[Losing the thread. White should have settled for simply 16.h6 g6 17.a3 Nc6 and only then 18.Bh3 , thereby preserving control and a definite plus.]

16...Nxh5!

[16...Bxh5!? 17.Bh6 g6 was also promising.]

17.Bxe6+ Kh8 18.Nxd5 The point of White's play, but his huddle of centralised pieces creates a strange impression and, moreover, they are vulnerable. **18...Nxd5**

[18...Rf6! would have been hard to spot in a rapid game, but after 19.Nxf6 *(*or, and importantly, *19.Bg5 Rxe6! 20.Bxd8 Rxd8* when Black will pick up a third piece as well as the initiative for the queen*)* 19...Qxf6 there wouldn't have been anything for the king on h8 to fear, in contrast to which its counterpart would very much have felt the heat.]

19.Qxd5 Nxf4 20.exf4 Bxf2+??

[Tempting, but flawed. Instead, with 20...Qe7 21.Nd3 Bd6 22.0-0-0 Bxf4+ 23.Kb1 Bc6 Black would have been slightly for choice with his bishops and/or pressure against f2.]

21.Kxf2 Qh4+ 22.Rg3

[Or even 22.Kg2! Rxf4 23.Raf1 Qg5+ 24.Kh2 when the bishop can drop back to h3.]

22...Rd8?

[22...Qh2+ 23.Qg2 Rxf4+ was a better try, if still rather good for White after 24.Rf3 Rxf3+ 25.Nxf3 Qc7 .]

23.Nf3! Rxf4

[The black queen suddenly lacks a great square in view of 23...Qf6 24.Qe5]

[and 23...Qe7 24.Qe5 followed by Rh1.]

24.Rh1 It's all over bar a few final desperate kicks. **24...Qxh1 25.Qxd8 Rf8 26.Qe7 Qh2+ 27.Kf1 Rxf3+ 28.Rxf3 Qh1+ 29.Ke2 Qg2+ 30.Rf2 Bh5+ 31.Kd3! Bg6+ 32.Kc3 Qg3+ 33.Kc4 b5+ 34.Kd5**

1-0

297 **A45**

□ **Jpablito** **2681**

■ **Niper13** **2672**

Blitz 11.10.2021

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min A45: Trompowsky Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4**

[2.a3 g6 3.Bf4 d6 4.e3 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 b6 7.0-0 Bb7 8.h3 Nbd7 9.c4 Ne4 10.Bh2 e5 11.d5 a5 12.b3 f5 13.Nfd2 Ndc5 14.Nxe4 Nxe4 15.Ra2 Bc8 16.f3 Nc5 Carlsen,M (2850)-Fressinet,L (2702) Berlin 2015 CBM 168 Extra [Schulz, Andre] 1-0 (44)]

2...c5 3.e3N

[3.d5 g6 4.Nc3 d6 5.e4 Bg7 6.Nf3 0-0

A) 7.a4 Na6 *(7...Bg4 8.Be2 Nbd7 9.0-0 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Ne5 11.Be2* 3 Benoni Setups-3...d6 Variation *)* 8.Be2 Nc7 9.0-0 Bg4 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Nd7 12.Qd2

a6 13.Be2 Rb8 14.a5 b5 15.axb6 Rxb6 16.Nd1 #2 13) Benoni and Benko Defense-3...d6 with 4...g6; **B)** 7.Be2 b5 8.Bxb5 Nxe4 9.Nxe4 Qa5+ 10.Nc3 Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 Qxb5 Barsov-Garcia Castro Mondariz 2007]

3...Qb6 4.Nc3 Qxb2 5.Nb5 Na6 1.04/21

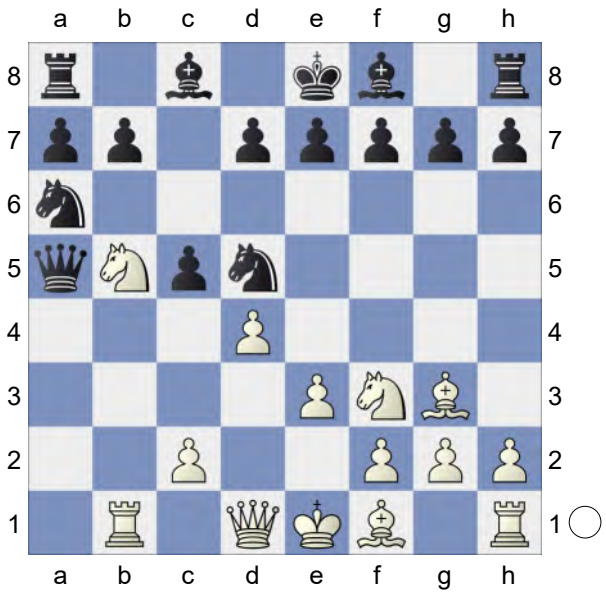
[5...Nd5= 0.28/17]

6.Rb1 0.00/23

[6.a3!± 1.04/21 Strongly threatening Bc4. Nd5 7.Rb1]

6...Qxa2= 7.Nf3 Nd5 8.Bg3 The position is equal. **8...Qa5+** 0.75/19

[8...Nab4= -0.24/21 9.Bd3 Nxd3+ 10.cxd3 Qa5+ 11.Qd2 Qxd2+ 12.Kxd2 a6]



9.Nd2!± White has strong compensation.

9...d6 1.18/20

[⌓9...Ndc7 0.72/20]

10.Ra1 0.39/18

[10.e4± 1.18/20 Ndc7 11.Ra1]

10...Qd8!±

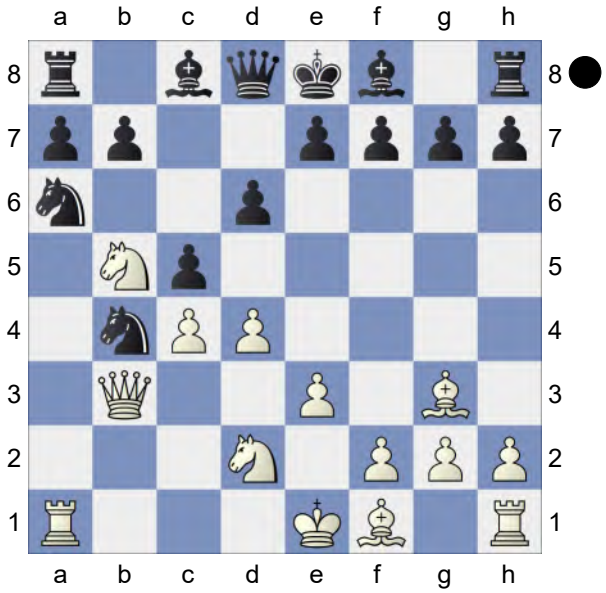
[Weaker is 10...Qb4 11.Qf3 Be6 12.c4±]

11.c4 -1.01/21

[11.Qf3= 0.28/18 Nab4 12.Bc4]

11...Ndb4∓ 12.Qb3 -1.53/17

[⌓12.Qa4 -0.82/17 Bd7 13.dxc5]



12...Bf5 -0.69/20

[12...g6!∓ -1.53/17 Hoping for ...cxd4. 13.Qa4 Bd7 14.dxc5 dxc5]

13.e4∓ Bd7 14.d5 -1.27/20

[14.dxc5∓ -0.61/21 dxc5 15.Be2]

14...g6 15.f3 -2.29/19

[15.Qb2∓ -1.14/19 Rg8 16.Nc3]

15...Bg7 16.Rb1 0-0 17.Be2 Nc7 18.0-0 a6 19.Nc3 b5 20.f4 Rb8 21.e5 bxc4 22.Qxc4 Bb5 23.Nxb5 Nxb5 24.Nf3 -3.54/21

[24.Rbd1 -2.41/17 was called for.]

24...Na3-+ 25.Qe4 Nxb1 26.Rxb1 dxe5 27.fxe5 Qxd5 -1.49/17

[27...Na2-+ -2.67/21 28.Rxb8 Qxb8]

28.Qf4? -5.20/19 White does not recover from this.

[28.Rxb4∓ -1.49/17 was the crucial defense. e6 29.Rc4]

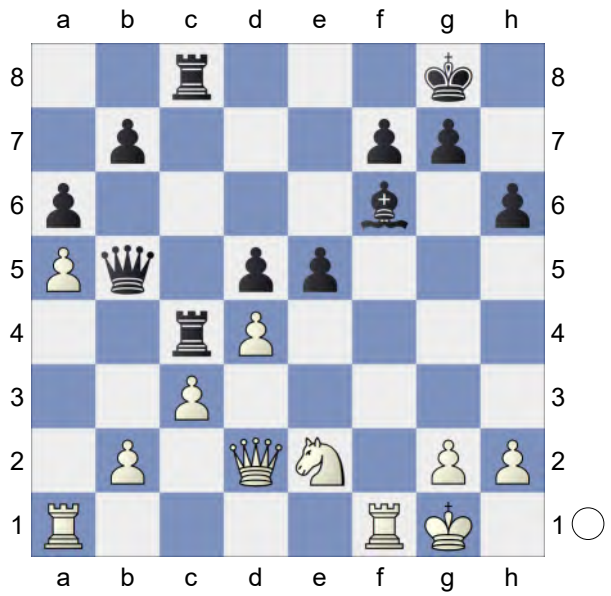
28...Nc2 29.Rd1 Nd4 30.Nxd4 cxd4 31.Rxd4 Rb1+ Black is clearly winning. **32.Kf2 Qc5 33.Qe3 e6 34.Bf4 Rb4 35.Rxb4 Qxb4 36.h4 a5 37.h5 Rc8** ...a4 is the strong threat. **38.h6 Bf8**

aiming for ...Bc5. **39.Qd2 Qxd2 40.Bxd2 a4 41.Bd1 a3** Threatens to win with ...a2. **42.Bb3 Rb8 43.Bc4 Rb2** And now ...a2 would win. **44.Ke3 a2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.67/ Black=0.34
0-1

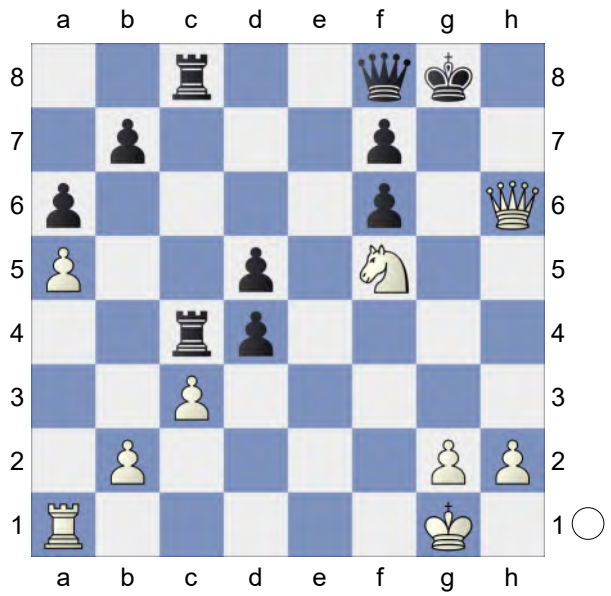
298 **D00**
□ **Zheskiyestzhi** **2680**
■ **Vladimirovich9000** **2839**
Blitz 29.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 1-0 (88)*; 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7* Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig, F (1863) Mainz 1997 EXT 2000 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (57)*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) www.desc-online.de 2000 CBM 166 [Beliavsky, Alexander G] 1-0 (41)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]
3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 a6 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Be2 Bg4 0.24/21
[⌓6...cxd4 -0.19/20 7.Nxd4 *(7.exd4 Bf5=)* 7...Bd7]
7.Ne5 -0.14/21
[⌓7.dxc5 0.24/21 e6 8.Na4]
7...Bxe2= 8.Nxe2 e6 9.0-0 -0.29/21
[9.Nxc6 0.12/19 was preferrable. bxc6 10.0-0]
9...Rc8 10.c3 Bd6 11.f3 0-0 12.Nxc6 Rxc6 13.Bg5 h6 14.Bh4 Be7 15.a4 Qb6 16.a5 -1.00/17
[16.Qc2∓ -0.50/16]
16...Qb5 -0.40/18
[16...Qxb2∓ -1.00/17 17.Rb1 Qa2]
17.Ra3 -0.95/17
[White should play 17.Qc2∓ -0.40/18]
17...Rc7 -0.46/18
[17...Qxb2∓ -0.95/17 18.Rb3 Qa2]
18.Bxf6 -0.94/18
[18.Ra2∓ -0.46/18]
18...Bxf6∓ 19.Qd2 Rfc8 -0.57/17
[19...e5∓ -1.01/19]
20.f4∓ Be7 21.Raa1 cxd4 -0.15/18
[21...Rc6∓ -0.59/16]
22.exd4= Rc4 23.f5 -1.01/18
[23.Qd3= -0.14/18]
23...e5 0.39/19
[23...Bg5∓ -1.01/18 24.Qd3 exf5]
24.f6!± Bxf6

(Diagram)



25.Rxf6 gxf6 26.Ng3! exd4? 3.93/26
[26...Qe8± 0.36/18]
27.Qxh6? 0.06/18
[27.Nh5+- 3.93/26 Kh7 28.Qd3+ Kh8 29.Nxf6 Kg7 30.Qh7+ Kxf6 31.Rf1+ Ke5 32.Qxf7]
27...Qe8!= aiming for ...Qe3+.
[27...dxc3 leads to mate. 28.Nh5 Qc5+ 29.Kh1]
[27...Qxb2? 28.Rf1 Qxc3 29.Nf5 Qe3+ 30.Nxe3 dxe3 31.Qxf6+-]
28.Nf5 Inhibits Qe3+. **28...Qf8**



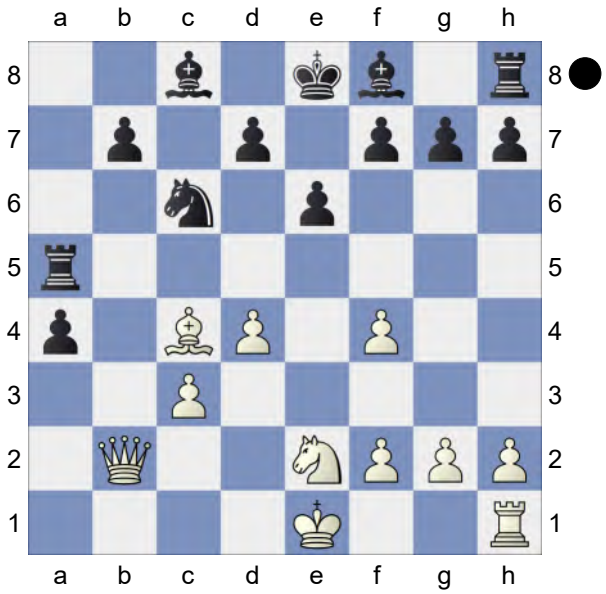
Prevents Qg7+. Hoping for ...Qxh6.

29.Qxf6 dxc3 30.bxc3
[Don't do 30.Ne7+ Kh7±]
30...R8c6 31.Ne7+ Kh7 32.Qf5+ Kg7 33.Qg5+ Rg6 34.Nxg6 Dancing on a razor blade. **34...Qe7?** #6/21
Weighted Error Value: White=0.36/ Black=0.45
1-0

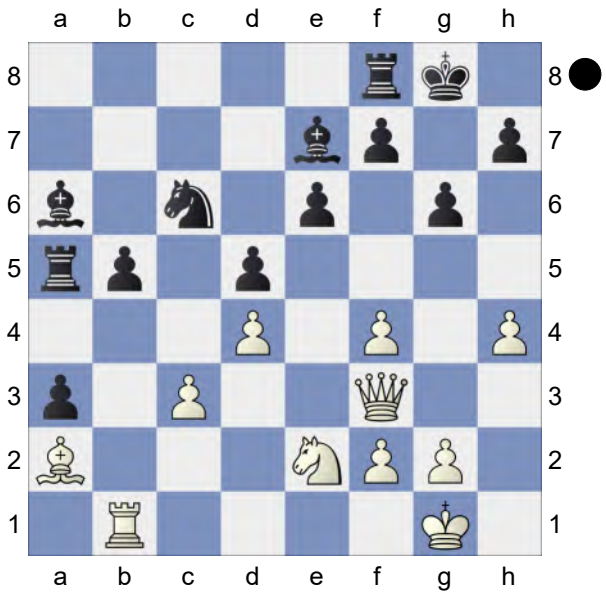
299 **A45**
□ **Faridzeynalov86** **2679**
■ **Niper13** **2746**
Blitz 09.01.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min A45: Trompowsky Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4**
[2.a3 g6 3.Bf4 d6 4.e3 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 b6 7.0-0 Bb7 8.h3 Nbd7 9.c4 Ne4 10.Bh2 e5 11.d5 a5 12.b3 f5 13.Nfd2 Ndc5 14.Nxe4 Nxe4 15.Ra2 Bc8 16.f3 Nc5 Carlsen,M (2850)-Fressinet,L (2702) Berlin 2015 CBM 168 Extra [Schulz, Andre] 1-0 (44)]
2...c5 3.e3N
[3.d5 g6 4.Nc3 d6 5.e4 Bg7 6.Nf3 0-0
A) 7.a4 Na6 *(7...Bg4 8.Be2 Nbd7 9.0-0 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Ne5 11.Be2* 3 Benoni Setups-3...d6 Variation *)* 8.Be2 Nc7 9.0-0 Bg4 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Nd7 12.Qd2 a6 13.Be2 Rb8 14.a5 b5 15.axb6 Rxb6 16.Nd1 #2 13) Benoni and Benko Defense-3...d6 with 4...g6;
B) 7.Be2 b5 8.Bxb5 Nxe4 9.Nxe4 Qa5+ 10.Nc3 Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 Qxb5 Barsov-Garcia Castro Mondariz 2007]
3...Qb6 4.Nc3 Qxb2 5.Nb5 Nd5 6.a3 Against Qb4+ **6...a6 7.Rb1 Qa2 8.Ra1**

The position is equal. **8...Qb2 9.Rb1 Qa2 10.Qc1 axb5 11.Ra1 Qxa1 12.Qxa1 Nxf4 13.exf4 c4! 14.Qb2 Ra5** Strongly threatening ...d5. **15.a4** 0.06/22
[15.d5± 0.40/22 might be stronger.]
15...bxa4 0.76/25
[15...d5= 0.06/22]
16.Bxc4 Threatens to win with Qc3.
16...e6! 17.Ne2 0.00/23
[17.Nf3± 0.42/21]
17...Nc6 18.c3 -0.83/23
[18.0-0= 0.12/20]



18...a3 -0.36/22
[18...b5!∓ -0.83/23 19.Bd3 *(19.Bxb5? a3-+)* 19...a3]
19.Qd2∓ b5 0.36/24
[19...d5∓ -0.40/22 20.Bb3 Bd7]
20.Ba2!± And now d5 would win. White has compensation. **20...d5 21.0-0 Be7 22.Rb1** Prevents b4. **22...0-0 23.Qd3** -1.02/23
[23.f5= 0.30/18]
23...Ba6∓ 24.Qf3 -1.78/20
[24.Qd2∓ -1.04/23 was called for.]
24...g6? 0.17/20
[Better is 24...b4-+ -1.78/20 ...Bxe2 is the strong threat. 25.f5 Bxe2 26.Qxe2 bxc3]
25.h4 -1.25/23
[25.f5!= 0.17/20 remains equal.]



25...b4! 26.cxb4 -2.62/23
[26.f5∓ -1.26/22]
26...Nxb4-+
[Weaker is 26...Bxb4 27.f5=]
27.Nc1 Nxa2 28.Nxa2 Bc4
[Not 28...Bxh4 29.Qc3 Ra4 30.Qc6∓]
29.Ra1 Rb8 30.h5 Rb2 31.Nc3 a2 aiming for ...Ra3. **32.h6 Bf8** This bishop pair is nice. **33.f5 Bxh6 34.fxe6 fxe6** -1.40/22 Active counter play!
[Black should play 34...Ra7-+ -2.52/24 35.Qf6 fxe6 36.Qxe6+ Rf7]
35.Qf6? -3.20/26 This move loses the game for White.
[35.Qh3∓ -1.40/22 Kg7 36.Qxe6]
35...Ra6 36.Qd8+ Bf8 37.Kh2? -4.50/23
[37.Qc7 -2.58/24]
37...Rxf2 38.Nxa2 Raxa2 39.Rg1 -8.63/20
[⌓39.Rxa2 -4.44/20 Rxa2 40.Qf6]

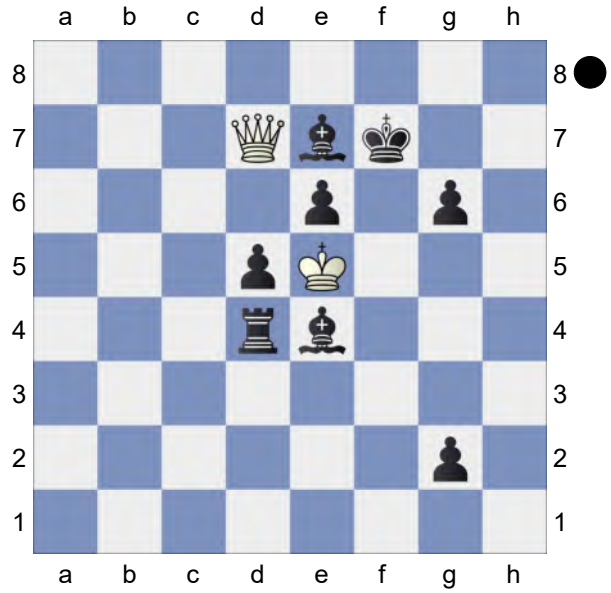
39...Kf7 Hoping for ...Bd3. **40.Qd7+ Be7** White must now prevent ...Bf1. **41.Kh3 h5 42.Re1 Rae2 43.Rxe2 Rxe2 44.g4 Re3+ 45.Kg2 hxg4** (→ ...Bd3) **46.Kf2 Rf3+ 47.Kg2 Bd3 48.Kg1 Be4** -26.52/25

[⌓48...g3 -#27/32 49.Qc7 Be4 50.Qf4+ Bf6 51.Qc7+ Kg8 52.Qb6 Kh7 53.Qb4 Rd3 54.Qb7+ Kh6 55.Qb1 Bxd4+ 56.Kf1 g2+ 57.Ke2 Re3+ 58.Kf2 Rb3+ 59.Ke2 Rxb1 60.Kd2 Rb2+ 61.Ke1 g1Q#]

49.Kg2 g3 50.Kh3 Rd3 51.Kg4 Rxd4 -10.39/24

[⌓51...Bf5+ -#3/23 52.Kf4 g5+ 53.Ke5 Re3#]

52.Kf4 g2 Black mates. **53.Ke5**



Bf5! 54.Kxd4

[54.Qxe7+ Kxe7]

54...g1Q+ 55.Ke5 Qg3+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.95/Black=0.29 (precise)

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300 **A45**

☐ **Bsleeping79** **2678**

■ **Harrypress1** **2519**

Blitz 14.04.2024

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min A45: Trompowsky Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4**

[2.a3 g6 3.Bf4 d6 4.e3 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 b6 7.0-0 Bb7 8.h3 Nbd7 9.c4 Ne4 10.Bh2 e5 11.d5 a5 12.b3 f5 13.Nfd2 Ndc5 14.Nxe4 Nxe4 15.Ra2 Bc8 16.f3 Nc5 Carlsen,M (2850)-Fressinet,L (2702) Berlin 2015 CBM 168 Extra [Schulz, Andre] 1-0 (44)]

2...c5 3.e3N

[3.d5 g6 4.Nc3 d6 5.e4 Bg7 6.Nf3 0-0

A) 7.a4 Na6 *(7...Bg4 8.Be2 Nbd7 9.0-0 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Ne5 11.Be2* 3 Benoni Setups-3...d6 Variation *)* 8.Be2 Nc7 9.0-0 Bg4 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Nd7 12.Qd2 a6 13.Be2 Rb8 14.a5 b5 15.axb6 Rxb6 16.Nd1 #2 13) Benoni and Benko Defense-3...d6 with 4...g6;

B) 7.Be2 b5 8.Bxb5 Nxe4 9.Nxe4 Qa5+ 10.Nc3 Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 Qxb5 Barsov-Garcia Castro Mondariz 2007]

3...Qb6 4.Nc3 Qxb2 5.Nb5 Nd5 6.Rb1 Qxa2 Hoping for ...Qa5+. **7.Ra1 Qb2 8.Bxb8?** -2.21/20

[8.Nf3= 0.00/23 cxd4 9.Rb1]

8...Rxb8? 0.00/19

[8...Nc3!-+ -2.21/20 9.Qc1 *(9.Nc7+ Kd8∓)* 9...Qxc1+ 10.Rxc1 Nxb5]

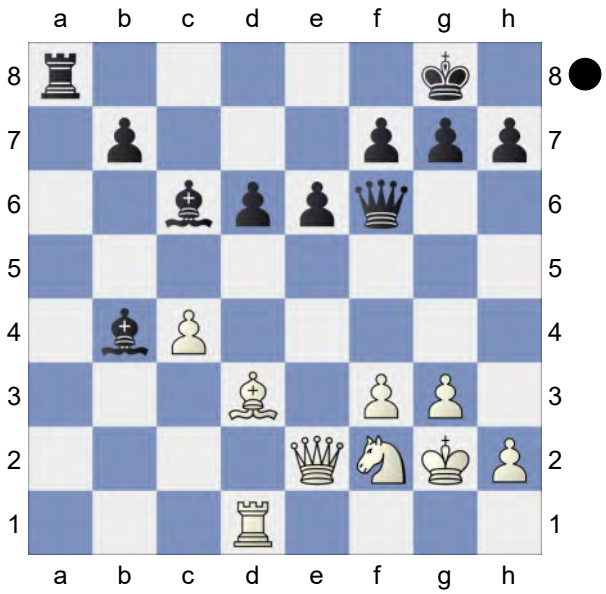
9.Rxa7? -3.12/20

[9.Rb1= 0.00/19 Qa2 10.Ra1]

9...cxd4 -1.76/19

[⌓9...c4 -3.12/20 10.e4 Nf6 11.Nc7+ Kd8]

10.exd4 e6 11.Bd3 Bb4+ 12.Kf1 0-0 -0.42/20
[12...Nc3∓ -1.29/20 13.Qa1 Qxa1+ 14.Rxa1 b6]
13.Nh3? -2.50/21
[Better is 13.Ne2!∓ -0.42/20]
13...d6 14.g3 -3.04/18
[⌓14.Ra1 -2.16/20 Nc3 15.Nxc3 Bxc3 16.Rb1]
14...Bd7-+ 15.c4 Nc3
[Wrong is 15...Bxb5? 16.cxb5 Rfc8 17.Qf3]
16.Nxc3 Qxc3 17.Kg2 Bc6+ 18.f3 Ra8 19.Rxa8 Rxa8 20.Qe2 Inhibits Ra2. **20...Qxd4 21.Rd1** Threatens to win with Bxh7+! **21...Qf6** Strongly threatening ...Ra2! **22.Nf2?** -6.96/20
[22.Be4 -3.65/18]



22...Ra3 -3.10/20
[⌓22...Ra2!! -6.96/20 23.g4 Rxe2 24.Bxe2 Qe5]
23.h4? -7.16/20
[23.Be4 -3.10/20]

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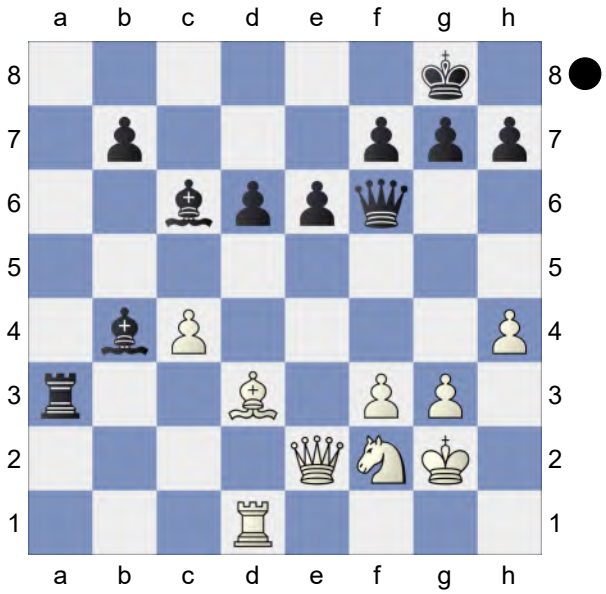

23...Rb3 -3.30/19
[⌓23...Ra2!! -7.16/20 24.c5 *(24.Kf1 Rxe2)* 24...Rxe2 25.Bxe2 Bxc5]
24.Ne4 Bxe4 -1.89/22
[⌓24...Qb2 -3.30/20 White must now prevent ...h6. 25.Nf2 Qxe2 26.Bxe2 Kf8]
25.Qxe4 Rb2+ 26.Kh3 g6 27.Qxb7 -3.01/23
[27.Rb1 -1.75/19 was called for.]
27...Kg7 28.Qe4 Bc5 29.h5 Qf5+ -1.89/23
[⌓29...Rf2 -3.44/20 30.f4 Qb2]
30.Qxf5 gxf5 Endgame KRB-KRB
31.g4 Rf2? -0.10/21
[31...fxg4+!-+ -1.96/21 32.fxg4 Rb3]
32.Kg3? -1.91/19
[32.gxf5= -0.10/21 Rxf3+ 33.Kg4]
32...fxg4! 33.fxg4 Rb2 -0.67/22
[33...h6-+ -1.87/21 34.Be4 Rb2]
34.g5!∓

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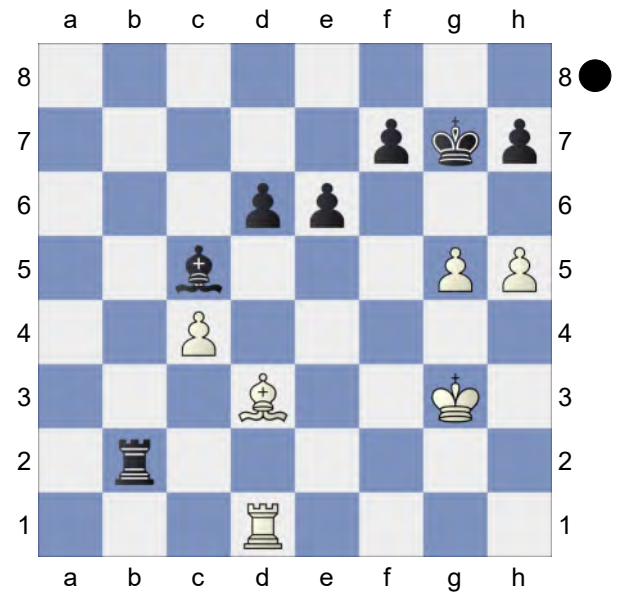
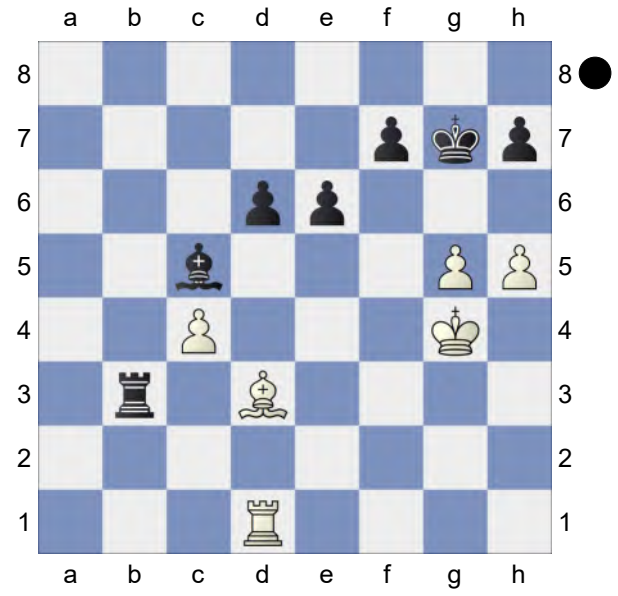
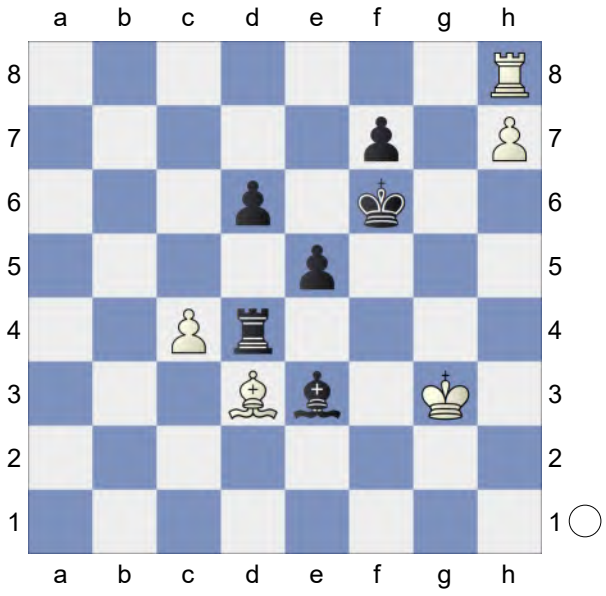


Rb3 -0.04/25
[Black should try 34...h6!∓ -0.79/25 35.g6 Rb3 36.gxf7 Rc3]
35.Kg4 -2.90/21
[35.h6+!= -0.04/25 Kg8 36.Kf4]



35...Rb2? -0.04/20
[35...h6!-+ -2.90/21 36.Bf1 Rc3]
36.Ra1? -3.23/24
[36.h6+= -0.04/20 and White has nothing to worry. Kg8 37.Rb1 f5+ 38.gxf6]
36...Rg2+ 37.Kf4 e5+ 38.Kf5 aiming for h6+. **38...Rf2+ 39.Kg4 Rf4+** -0.17/16
[39...h6∓ -1.31/23 40.Rf1 Rg2+ 41.Kh3 Rxg5]
40.Kg3= Be3 0.10/21
[⌓40...h6 -0.23/22 41.Rf1 Rd4 42.gxh6+ Kxh6]
41.Ra8? -2.01/21
[41.h6+= 0.10/21 and White is okay. Kf8 42.Bxh7 Bf2+ 43.Kg2]
41...h6-+ 42.gxh6+ Kxh6 43.Rh8+ Kg5 ...Bf2+ is the strong threat. **44.h6?** -4.17/22
[44.Be2 -2.27/18 keeps fighting.]
44...Kf6?? 5.49/24
[44...e4-+ -4.17/22 and life is good for Black. 45.Be2 Bf2+ 46.Kg2 Bd4 47.Rg8+ Kxh6]
45.h7 Rd4 7.62/19
[⌓45...Bf2+ 4.84/22 46.Kg2 Be3]



46.Rg8!+- Bf4+
[46...Rxd3 47.h8Q+]
47.Kf2 Rxd3 48.h8Q+ Kf5 49.Qh7+ White mates. **49...Ke6 50.Qxd3 e4 51.Qxe4+ Kd7 52.Qxf4 Kc6 53.Qxf7 Kc5 54.Rg5+ d5 55.Rxd5+ Kxc4 56.Rd6+ Kc5 57.Qc7+ Kb5 58.Rb6+**

Ka5 59.Qa7# Weighted Error Value: White=0.91/Black=0.81
1-0

301 **D00**
□ **Esipenko,Andrey** **2677**
■ **Van Foreest,Jorden** **2671**
83rd Tata Steel Masters (12.5) 30.01.21
[Richard Palliser]

Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: 'B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack ' **1.d4** Richard Palliser, Kitty Kat **1...d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4** Another Jobava-Prie and in a game which Esipenko really needed to win, coming off the back of his defeat at the hands of Aryan Tari and trailing van Foreest by half a point (and Giri by a further half more) . **3...c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 Bg4!?**

[A provocative choice, but also a fairly topical one and a move which is far from bad. A simple and decent alternative is 5...a6 , simply preventing Nb5, as well as Bb5. We last considered this and the key line 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Ne5 Bd7! in the lively encounter that was Trent-Abergel, Gibraltar 2020 - see the Archive.]

6.f3 The alternatives were tested in two recent online blitz games:

[a) 6.Be2 Bxe2 7.Qxe2 a6 Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: ' Wards off Nc3-b5' 8.Nf3 Nc6 9.0-0 e6 10.Rad1 *(maybe 10.Nd1!?* , not that Black should have any problems after *Bd6)* 10...Bb4 was already pretty comfortable for Black in Koc-A.Saric, Internet (blitz) 2020.]

[b) 6.Nce2 -0.41/20 improves the problematic piece, but Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: '6.f2-f3 0.09 improves the problematic piece, but' Nc6 7.c3 e6 8.h3 Bh5 9.g4!? Bg6 10.Bg2 -0.83/20 *(10.Qb3∓* -0.35/18 (Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat) deserves consideration.*)* 10...h5! -0.28/20 *(10...Qb6∓* -0.83/20 Richard Palliser, Kitty Kat *11.b3 Ba3)* 11.g5 Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: '=' Ne4 merely gave Black good counterplay in Madaminov-Shimanov, Internet (blitz) 2021. Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: 'merely gave Black good counterplay in Madaminov-Shimanov, Internet (blitz) 2021.']

6...Bd7

[A new move for us and a very sensible one, Eric having long ago pointed out that 6...Bf5?! 0.94/19 Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: '6...Bg4-d7 0.09' 7.Nb5! Na6 Richard Palliser, Kitty Kat: ' Inhibits Nb5-c7+.' 8.c3 g6?! 1.49/21 *(⌓8...h5* 0.76/19 Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat*)* 9.Qe2! was rather good for White in Chernyshov-Overbeck, Pardubice 2010.]

7.Nb5 Bxb5 8.Bxb5+ Nc6 And so White has acquired the bishop-pair, but he would likely prefer not to have a pawn on f3 here and Black should be fine, enjoying a solid position and the typical queenside counterplay such Exchange Caro structures tend to offer. **9.c3 e6 10.Be3!?**

[A new move, getting out of the way of ...Bd6. Indeed, I'm fairly confident van Foreest would have met 10.Ne2 with Bd6 , as actually occurred in a game last year: 11.Bg5 Qb6 12.a4 a6 13.Bd3 Qc7 14.g3 was Miladinovic-Iordachescu, Internet (blitz) 2020, and

now maybe Na5!? might have been tried, and if 15.b3 h6 16.Be3 h5!? with a complex struggle ahead.]

10...Bd6 11.f4 The point of the young Russian's play becomes clear. White will establish his traditional grip on the e5-square after all. Can Black use his small lead in development to create some counterplay? **11...Qc7 12.g3 0-0 13.Nf3 Na5!** Yes, is the answer, as again we see this thematic knight manoeuvre. Dare I say with ...a6 and ...b5 on the way, as well as the hole on e4, that van Foreest was already allowing himself too dream of reaching '+4' or at least of playing for a win as Black? **14.Bd3 Nc4 15.Bc1!?** Keeping the two bishops, but while White will be able to untangle with b3 and Bb2/Bd2, it's pretty clear that he cannot hope to be better once Black activates his second knight. **15...b5 16.0-0 Ne4**

[Very natural and tempting, but there was also 16...Be7!? to enable the knight on c4 to retreat to d6.]

17.Qe2 f5

[17...b4!? is a typical Stockfish idea, but it's likely correct that Black has full compensation for the pawn after 18.Bxe4 dxe4 19.Qxe4 bxc3 20.bxc3 Nb6 , and if 21.Ng5 g6 followed by ... Rfc8.]

18.b3! Nb6?!

[Clearly 18...Nxc3? 1.19/24 Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: '18...Nc4-a3 0.24' 19.Qxe6+ Kh8 20.Bxf5 Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: '!' Rae8 21.Qd7 would not be wise,]

[and 18...Na3!? feels a little hard to believe, although it may well be playable,]

[but there was certainly 18...Na5! , as now the potentially pressure against b3 keeps White's queenside ambitions in check after 19.Bb2?! *(White should probably prefer to head for the messy and roughly balanced alternative that is 19.Bxb5 Nxc3 20.Qxe6+ Kh8 21.Bd7)* 19...a6 .]

19.Bd2?!

[Returning the favour, but it's not immediately obvious why the engines are clamouring for 19.Bb2! . Doesn't the bishop just bite on granite here? The answer is revealed after a6 20.a4! bxa4 21.c4! when Black just seems to be in trouble. Clearly c4-c5 is threatened and even Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: 'when Black just seems to be in trouble. Clearly c4-c5 is threatened and even. Threatens to win with c4-c5.'

A) 21...axb3? 0.71/21 Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: '21...Bd6-b4 0.19' 22.c5 Bxc5 1.32/21 *(⌓22...Be7* 0.72/20 Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat*)* 23.Rfc1 just leaves White winning a piece and most likely on the dark squares too;

B) 21...Bb4! 22.c5 Nd7 23.bxa4 is likely in White's favour with ideas of Ng5 very much in the position.]

19...a6 20.Rac1

[Now 20.a4!? -0.42/21 Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: '20.Rf1-b1 -0.06' bxa4 21.c4! isn't quite so good as Black has Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: 'isn't quite so good as Black has. Black must now prevent c4-c5.' axb3! 22.c5 Bxc5 Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: '!'

A) or 23.Rac1

A1) 23...Rfb8!? Richard Palliser, Kitty Kat 24.dxc5 b2 *(24...Nxc5 25.Ng5±)* 25.cxb6 Qxb6+

(25...bxc1Q 26.Rxc1 Qxb6+ 27.Be3=) 26.Be3 bxc1N 27.Rxc1= Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: '=' Qd6±;

A2) 23...Nc4 24.Bxc4 Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: '!' b2 25.Rc2 Ba3 26.Bd3 Qb6 when the b-pawn is a big one and Black should have enough compensation;

B) 23.dxc5 Nc4 followed by ...Rfb8 or 24.Bxc4 Qxc5+ 25.Be3 Qxc4 26.Qb2! Qc3 27.Bd4 Qxb2 28.Bxb2 a5 when Black is rather weak on the dark squares, but it is four pawns for the piece and I'm happy to trust the engines that Black is most likely OK.]

20...Rac8 Ruling out c3-c4. Black is certainly now OK and Esipenko is quick to switch focus. **21.Ne5 Qe7 22.g4?!** -0.72/24

[Very ambitious, even if White needed to win and had already taken some positional liberties. Moreover, if he wanted to go g3-g4, it was better to begin with 22.Rc2 -0.20/22 and only after Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: '=' Rc7 consider 23.Be1 *(*or even *23.g4?!* . Here too I can't fully believe the immediate break, although after *Nxd2 24.Qxd2 fxg4* Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: '!' *25.Nxg4 Qh4 26.Ne5* White does likely have a superior version of the game and should be able to defend on the kingside with Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: '!' *Bxe5 27.fxe5 Rcf7 28.Qe3 .)*]

22...Nxd2 23.Qxd2 fxg4?! -0.23/19

[Keeping things simple and under control. The engines prefer the maximalist 23...Bxe5! -0.81/21 Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: ' ∓' 24.dxe5 Qc5+ *(*or *24...fxg4* -0.46/21 Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: '24...Qe7-c5+ -0.83' *25.f5 Nd7)* 25.Kh1

A) 25...d4!? 0.01/20 is what you'd really like to do as Black, but White very much has his own play too after Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: '25...f5xg4 -0.35 is what you'd really like to do as Black, but White very much has his own play too after' 26.gxf5 Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: '!' dxc3 27.Qc2 Nd5 28.f6 -0.96/23 *(*White should try *28.fxe6∓* -0.37/23 Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat *h6 29.b4 Nxb4 30.Bh7+ Kh8 31.Qe4)* 28...gxf6 Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: '∓' Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: ' aiming for ...f6-f5.' 29.Qg2+ Kf7! Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: ' Strongly threatening ...Nd5-e3.' 30.f5! when absolutely anything might happen, and in practice you'd surely take White;

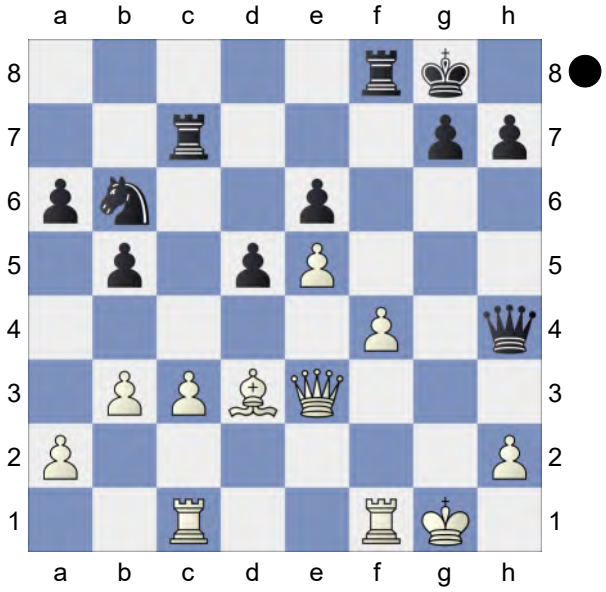
B) 25...fxg4 26.f5 . This is likely slightly or perhaps even clearly better for Black after Nd7! 27.Rce1 Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: '!' *(27.fxe6?* -1.45/21 Richard Palliser, Kitty Kat: '27.Rc1-e1 -0.24' *Nxe5* heads for f3*)* 27...Qc6 , although even here matters are still pretty messy following Richard Palliser, Kitty Kat: ', although even here matters are still pretty messy following. ...Nd7-c5 is the strong threat.' 28.f6 .]

24.Nxg4 Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: '='

24...Qh4 It feels like this should be strong, but Esipenko is now able to hold his position together. **25.Ne5 Rc7 26.Qe3 Bxe5 27.dxe5!?** -0.46/21 Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: '

[Still striving for complications rather

than simplification and rough equality after 27.fxe5 Rcf7 .]
[Better is 27.Qxe5= 0.08/22 Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat Rc6 28.Qe3]



' **27...d4!** By no means forced, but certainly a dangerous pawn sacrifice from a practical perspective. Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: ' ↑!' Richard Palliser, Kitty Kat: 'By no means forced, but certainly a dangerous pawn sacrifice from a practical perspective. Black is more active.' **28.Qxd4!**
[Pretty essential or at least 28.cxd4?! -0.54/22 Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: '28.Qe3xd4 -0.14' Rxc1 Richard Palliser, Kitty Kat: '!' 29.Rxc1 -1.81/23 *(29.Qxc1∓ -0.72/24* Richard Palliser, Kitty Kat *Nd5 30.Be4 Nxf4 31.Kh1)* 29...Nd5 -0.81/22 *(29...Rxf4-+* -1.81/23 (Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat) and Black stays clearly on top. Hoping for ...Qh4-g5+. *30.Kh1 Rf2)* 30.Qg3 Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: ' ∓' Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: '

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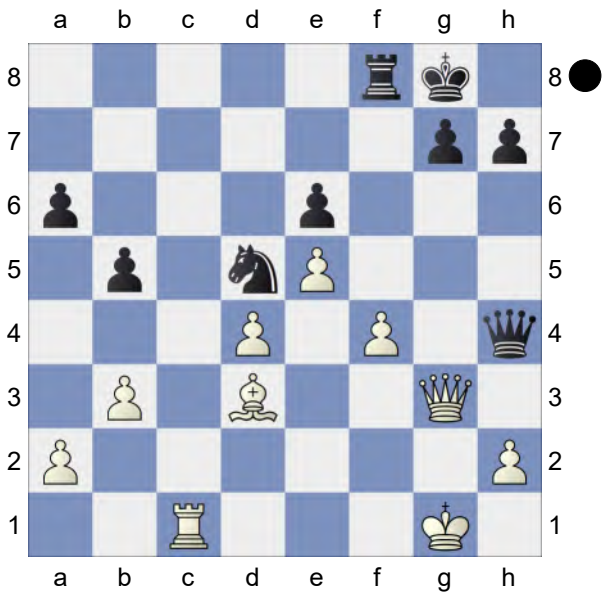

Repels Qh4-g5' Qh6! would have left Black calling the shots.]
28...Rd7 29.Qxb6 Qg4+
[Of course not 29...Rxd3?! Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat 30.Qxe6+ Kh8 31.Rc2±]
30.Kh1 Rxd3 Threatening ...Rd2, as well as just ...Rf3. White is able to prevent both those ideas, but in any case Black enjoys sufficient activity for his pawn. **31.Qf2** Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: ' Against Rd3-d2' **31...Rfd8** Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: ' Black has compensation.' **32.Qg2 Qf5 33.Rc2** -0.70/22 Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: ' Inhibits Rd3-d2.'
[33.Rf2 -0.74/22 might have been a safer defence, and if Richard Palliser, Kitty Kat: '33.Qg2-g5 -0.35

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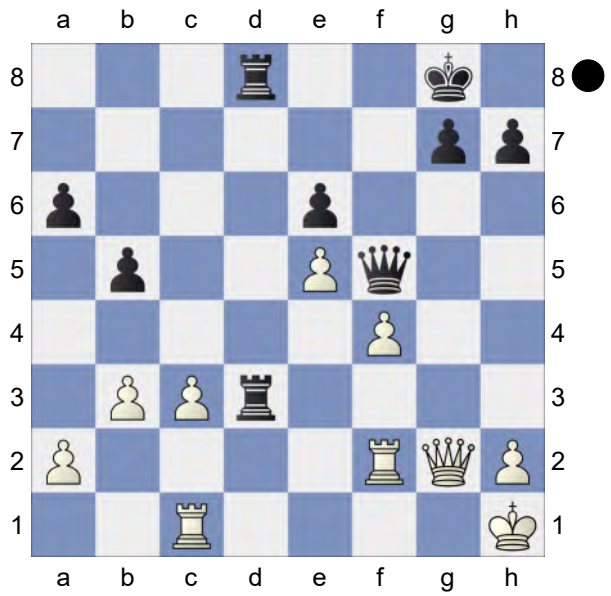

might have been a safer defence, and if' Rd1+ -0.33/24 *(33...a5!∓* -0.74/22 Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat*)* 34.Rxd1 Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: ' ∓' Rxd1+ 35.Rf1 .]

[33.Qg5= -0.30/23 Richard Palliser, Kitty Kat]

33...Rd1 34.Rcf2 Pretty much an only move, but with White now rather tied down, van Foreest is able to turn up the pressure. **34...h5!? 35.Kg1 h4**

[Possibly 35...R1d3!? , keeping pieces on and leaving White with moves to find was a better winning try. Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: ' simplifies' 36.c4 Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat bxc4 37.bxc4 Rc3]

36.Qg5! Esipenko rushes to exchange the queens and White is now sufficiently active too to ensure Black can do no more than draw. **36...Qh3 37.Qg6** Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: '!' Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: 'The position is equal.' **37...Rxf1+ 38.Rxf1 Rd2 39.Qe8+ Kh7 40.Qh5+ Kg8 41.Qe8+** Richard Palliser, Kitty Kat: ' Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.08 (flawless) '

½-½

302 **D00**

□ **Oparin,Grigoriy** **2676**

■ **Shuvalova,Polina** **2456**

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[Kitty Kat]

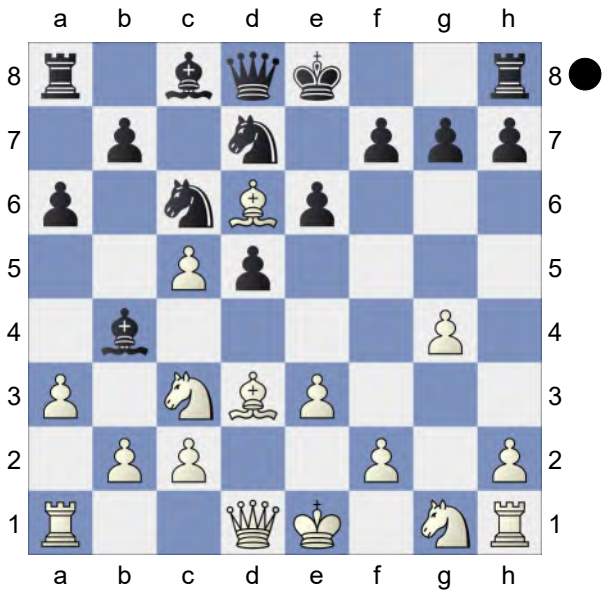
D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.Nc3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.g4 Bb4 6.Bd3** -0.27/19

[⌓6.Nge2 0.07/19]

6...c5= 7.dxc5 -0.99/21

[7.g5!= -0.28/20 remains equal. Nfd7 8.Nf3]

7...Nc6 White must now prevent ...e5. **8.Bd6** Black is better. **8...Nd7 9.a3**



Nxc5! Strongly threatening ...Bxc3+. **10.axb4 Nxd3+ 11.cxd3** Nb5! is the strong threat. **11...Qxd6 12.b5**

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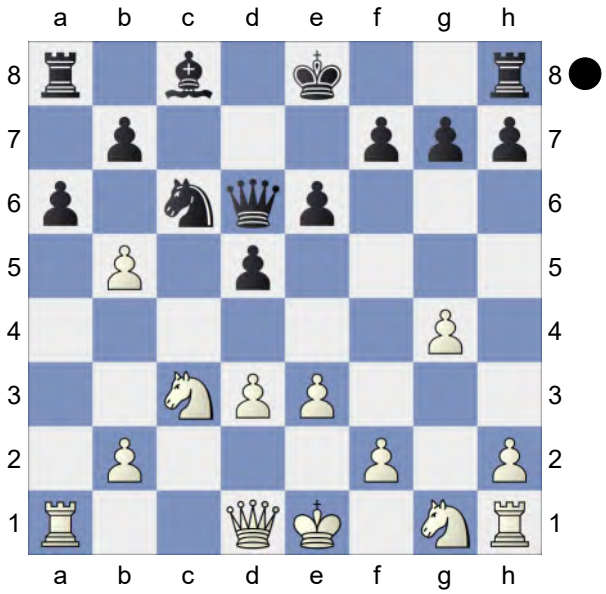
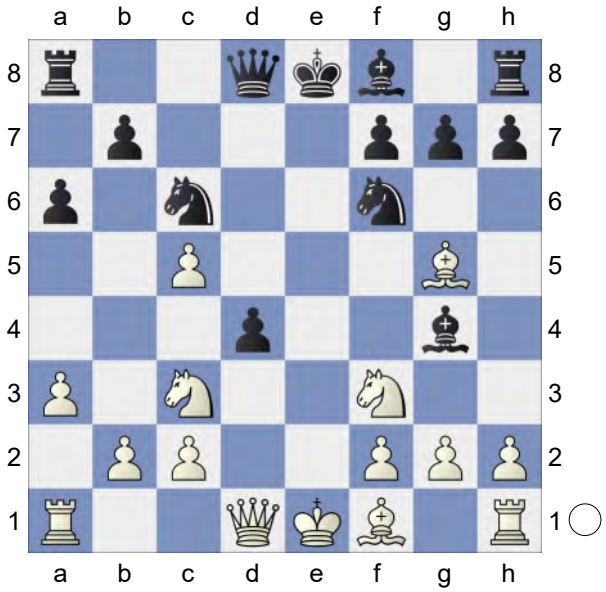


Ne5 -0.28/20
[12...d4!∓ -0.74/20 13.bxc6 *(13.Ne4 Qb4+)* 13...dxc3 14.bxc3 Qxc6]
13.Nf3 0-0 14.Nxe5 Qxe5 15.d4 Qd6 16.0-0 Bd7 17.bxa6 Rxa6 18.Qe2 Rfa8 19.Rxa6 Qxa6 20.Qxa6 Rxa6 Endgame KRB-KRN **21.Rc1 Kf8 22.f3 Ke7 23.Kf2 g5 24.e4 Rb6 25.Rc2 Kd6 26.Ke3 f6 27.h4 h6 28.Rh2** And now hxg5 would win. **28...Rb3 29.hxg5 hxg5 30.exd5 exd5 31.Kd3 Bb5+ 32.Kc2 Bc4 33.Rh6 Ke6 34.f4** aiming for fxg5. **34...gxf4 35.g5! Kf5** 5.46/27
[35...Ke7= 0.12/27 36.Rxf6 b5]
36.g6+- Threatening mate with g7. **36...Ke6 37.Rh8** Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.38
1-0

303 **D00**
□ **G0Dzilla** **2676**
■ **Giangsonluong** **2513**
Blitz 06.02.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 *(3...Qa5 4.Bd2 b5 5.e4 b4 6.e5 bxc3 7.Bxc3 Qa4 8.exf6 Qe4+ 9.Qe2 Qxe2+ 10.Bxe2 gxf6 11.d6 e5 12.Bf3 Nc6 13.Bxc6 dxc6 14.f4 Bxd6* 0-1 (14) Reynolds,R (2565)-Zanetti,A (2389) ICCF 1993*)* 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Be2 0-0 10.0-0 a6 11.Nd2 Rb8 12.Nc4 b5 13.axb5 axb5 14.Na5 Qe8 15.Nc6 Rb7 16.Ra5 Nb8 17.Nxb8 Rxb8 18.Qd3 Qd8 19.Ra7 b4* Yakimenko,A-9. ♘c3 ♘e7 10. ♘e4 NO 1975 Telechess CBM 89 [Xie,Jun; Ye, Jiangchuan] 0-1 (44)*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.a4 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nbd7 11.Re1 a6 12.Bf1 e5 13.a5 Ne8 14.Bd3 Qh4 15.Qg4 Qxg4 16.hxg4 Rc8 17.b3 Nef6 18.g5 Ne8 19.g3 f6 20.Kg2 fxg5* Sadykov,R (2345)-Skliarov,V (2383) Chess.com INT 2023 0-1 (79)*; 6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Gyula 2000 CBM 076 [Alterman,Boris] 1-0 (41)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs

Hartston]
3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 c5 5.dxc5 Nc6 6.Nf3 Prevents e5. next a3 is good for White. **6...Bg4 7.a3** -0.18/18
[7.Be2± 0.31/18]
7...e5!= 8.Bg5 Bxf6 is the strong threat. Black has an edge. **8...d4** 0.87/20
[8...e4!= -0.12/21 9.h3 Be6]
9.exd4± exd4 1.16/19
[Black should play 9...Nxd4 0.74/20 10.Be2 Bxc5]



10.Qe2+ 0.62/20
[White should try 10.Ne4!± 1.16/19]
10...Be7 0.93/19
[10...Be6!± 0.62/20 11.Ne4 Be7]
11.Bxf6 dxc3 12.Rd1↑ White is really pushing.
[Much weaker is 12.Bxg7?! Bxf3 13.gxf3 cxb2 14.Bxb2 *(14.Bxh8 Qa5+ 15.Qd2 bxa1Q+ 16.Bxa1 Qxa3∓)* 14...Qa5+ 15.Qd2 Qxd2+ 16.Kxd2 0-0-0+ 17.Bd3 Rhf8±]
[Much less strong is 12.Bxc3 0-0±]
12...Qc7 2.42/20
[12...gxf6± 1.55/19 13.Rxd8+ Rxd8 14.bxc3 0-0]
13.Bxg7+- Rg8 14.Bxc3 Kf8 15.Qe3 Hoping for Qh6+. **15...Rg6** Inhibits Qh6+. **16.Bc4** Against Re6. aiming for 0-0. **16...Bg5?** 5.94/21
[16...Re8 1.73/20 17.0-0 Bf6]
17.Nxg5 Bxd1 18.Nxh7+ Kg8 19.Nf6+ Rxf6 20.Bxf6 This bishop pair is nice. **20...Qd7 21.Qg5+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=1.21
1-0

304 **D00**
□ **Najer,Evgeniy** **2676**
■ **Sjugirov,Sanan** **2703**
Russian Championship, Cheboksary (7.5)
[Richard Palliser]

Richard Palliser,MH: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines ' **1.d4** Richard Palliser,MH **1...Nf6 2.Nc3 d5** Richard Palliser,MH: 'N'
[2...c5 Richard Palliser,MH 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000 *)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5*

32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+ 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]

3.Bf4 e6

[Another important line is, of course, 3...g6 4.e3 Bg7 when White can push the h-pawn or prefer 5.Nb5 Na6 6.h3 0-0 7.Nf3 and now Ne4! still looks like the critical response. Here it's important that white players know what to do and don't go Richard Palliser,MH: 'still looks like the critical response. Here it's important that white players know what to do and don't go' 8.Bd3?! *(* please see the Archive for some exploration of the alternatives, including the Nepomniachtchi-approved Richard Palliser,MH: 'please see the Archive for some exploration of the alternatives, including the Nepomniachtchi-approved' *8.c3 c6 9.Na3)* 8...c6 9.Nc3 when Nxc3 *(* far stronger than Richard Palliser, MH: 'far stronger than' *9...Nd6?! 10.h4!?* , as in Grover-Hesham, Kimberley 2022, which can also be found in the Archive Richard Palliser, MH: ', as in Grover-Hesham, Kimberley 2022, which can also be found in the Archive'*)* 10.bxc3 Qa5 11.Qd2 *(*even *11.0-0!? Qxc3 12.Bxa6 bxa6 13.Qb1 c5 14.Qb3* probably doesn't offer White enough for his pawn, which is why 8 Bd3 should likely be swerved Richard Palliser,MH: 'probably doesn't offer White enough for his pawn, which is why 8 Bd3 should likely be swerved'*)* 11...c5?! *(11...Nc5!* gives Black the advantage *)* 12.h4? h5? *(* missing a big chance: *12...c4! 13.Be2 Nc5! 14.0-0 Ne4 15.Qe1 Nxc3* when White is just in huge trouble Richard Palliser,MH: 'when White is just in huge trouble'*)* 13.Ne5!? c4 14.Be2 Nc7? 15.g4! and suddenly matters were far from clear with White quickly going on to win in T. Wall-Ashton, Ilkley 2022. Richard Palliser,MH: 'and suddenly matters were far from clear with White quickly going on to win in T.Wall-Ashton, Ilkley 2022.']

4.Nb5 The topical continuation, forcing Black to misplace a piece to defend c7. Richard Palliser,MH: 'The topical continuation, forcing Black to misplace a piece to defend c7.' **4...Na6 5.e3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.h4!?** Andrey Esipenko's idea, if a move which is far from forced, and we've explored several alternatives in recent years - see the Archive. Richard Palliser,MH: 'Andrey Esipenko's idea, if a move which is far from forced, and we've explored several alternatives in recent years - see the Archive.' **7...c5**

[The major alternative is 7...c6 when 8.Nc3

A) 8...Bd7!? 0.40/19 was preferred in Erigaisi-Martirosyan, Sharjah 2022, but after Richard Palliser,MH: '8...Qd8-a5 -0.15 was preferred in Erigaisi-Martirosyan, Sharjah 2022, but after' 9.h5 c5?! 1.11/22 *(9...h6=* 0.13/19 Richard Palliser, MH *)* 10.h6! Richard Palliser,MH: '±!' Richard Palliser,MH: ' aiming for h6xg7.' g6 it's hard not to believe

that White has made good, long-term, AlphaZeroesque progress on the kingside, with now Richard Palliser,MH: 'it's hard not to believe that White has made good, long-term, AlphaZeroesque progress on the kingside, with now' 11.Bxa6 bxa6 12.dxc5 Bxc5 13.Bg5 looking rather suspect for Black White will move the queen - to d4 if the black bishop retreats to e7 - castle long and begin to expand with Ne5 Richard Palliser,MH: 'looking rather suspect for Black White will move the queen - to d4 if the black bishop retreats to e7 - castle long and begin to expand with Ne5';

B) 8...c5 9.Ne5?! Nb4! 10.h5 h6 11.g4!? already setting the board on fire in a game we analysed earlier this year, Van Foreest-Giri, Oslo Esports Cup (rapid) 2022. Richard Palliser,MH: 'already setting the board on fire in a game we analysed earlier this year, Van Foreest-Giri, Oslo Esports Cup (rapid) 2022.']

8.a4 Richard Palliser,MH: 'The position is equal.' **8...Bd7 9.c3** Najer obtains the thematic Jobava-Prie queenside clamp, but this position may be the exception to the rule that setting it up guarantees White a pleasant edge. Richard Palliser, MH: 'Najer obtains the thematic Jobava-Prie queenside clamp, but this position may be the exception to the rule that setting it up guarantees White a pleasant edge.' **9...c4!** A fairly essential advance, fighting back on the queenside. **10.b3!?**

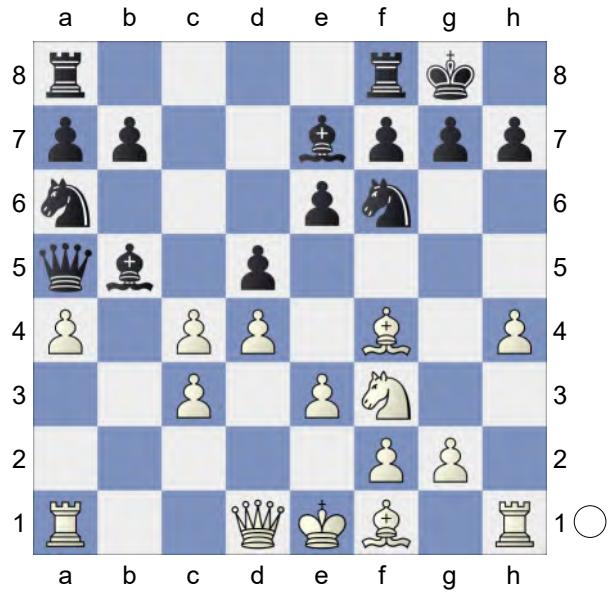
[A new try, if very logical, of course. Previously, 10.Ne5? -0.52/20 Richard Palliser,MH: '10.b2-b3 0.26' Bxb5 11.axb5 Nc7 12.g4 Nxb5 13.f3 -0.97/18 *(13.Bg2=* -0.28/18 (Richard Palliser,MH) remains equal.*)* 13...Bd6 had seen White coming up short in Fiorito-Doshi, Internet (blitz) 2022. Richard Palliser,MH: 'had seen White coming up short in Fiorito-Doshi, Internet (blitz) 2022.']

10...Qa5 Keeping up the pressure and now White must decide whether to force matters or drop his knight back. Richard Palliser,MH: 'Keeping up the pressure and now White must decide whether to force matters or drop his knight back.' **11.bxc4** -0.70/21

[The former path, but the alternative, Richard Palliser,MH: 'The former path, but the alternative,' 11.Nd2!? 0.06/20 , may be more promising: Richard Palliser,MH: '=' cxb3 Richard Palliser, MH: '!' 12.Nxb3 Qb6 13.a5 Qd8 14.Nd2! *(* keeping Black out of e4 and also, importantly, freeing up b3 for another piece in contrast, Richard Palliser,MH: 'keeping Black out of e4 and also, importantly, freeing up b3 for another piece in contrast,' *14.Bd3?* -0.75/23 Richard Palliser,MH: '14.Nb3-d2 0.15' *Bxb5 15.Bxb5 Rc8* gives Black too much counterplay*)* 14...Bxb5 0.51/19 *(14...Ne8!?* -0.01/21 is probably the critical line Richard Palliser,MH: '=' 'is probably the critical line'*)* 15.Bxb5 Richard Palliser,MH: ' ⩲' Rc8 16.Qb3 when White's bishops and potential pressure against b7 give him a pleasant edge. Richard Palliser,MH: 'when White's bishops and potential pressure against b7 give him a pleasant edge.']

11...Bxb5 Richard Palliser,MH: '∓!'

Richard Palliser,MH: '



Remove Defender' **12.axb5 Qxc3+ 13.Nd2 Nb4** Sjugirov continues to find all the right moves. Has Black too much counterplay or is White going to be able to stabilise the position and take control? Richard Palliser,MH: 'Sjugirov continues to find all the right moves. Has Black too much counterplay or is White going to be able to stabilise the position and take control?' **14.Rc1** Richard Palliser,MH: ' Prevents Nb4-c2+' **14...Nd3+ 15.Bxd3 Qxd3** A largely forced passage of play and now White really needs to offer an exchange of queens. Richard Palliser,MH: 'A largely forced passage of play and now White really needs to offer an exchange of queens.' **16.Qe2 dxc4!** Preventing any notion of a dangerous pawn roller with c4-c5. **17.Rxc4 Qa3!?**

[Opting for activity, although Black should also be OK after 17...Qxe2+ 18.Kxe2 Nd5 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Inhibits Rc4-c7.' 19.Bg3 Rfc8 , and if 20.Rhc1 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Dodges Nd5-c3+' Rxc4 21.Rxc4 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Strongly threatening e3-e4.' f5! 22.f3 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Black should prevent e3-e4.' a6 23.bxa6 bxa6 24.e4 Nf6 when a draw begins to look likely.]

18.0-0 Rfc8 19.e4 -0.40/21

[Better is 19.Bg5= 0.16/21 Richard Palliser,MH]

19...a5 Richard Palliser,MH: '!' Richard Palliser,MH: ' Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.04 (flawless) '

[A sudden end to what has been a pretty well played game, but after 19...a5 20.bxa6 *(20.Bg5* -0.64/21 Richard Palliser,MH: '20.Bf4-c7 -0.17' *Rxc4 21.Qxc4* would be a rather risky try for more*)* 20...Qxa6 Richard Palliser,MH: ' ...Rc8xc4 would now be deadly.' 21.Rxc8+ Rxc8 22.Qxa6 bxa6 23.Ra1 Bb4! the players would likely have begun to liquidate. Richard Palliser,MH: 'the players would likely have begun to liquidate.']

½-½

305 **D00**

□ **Donkindonat** **2675**

■ **Interestinglandscape** **2651**

Blitz 16.03.2024

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6N

[5...e6 6.Nb5 Na6 7.h4 Bd7 8.c3 Be7 9.a4 0-0 10.Bd3 Bc6 11.Nf3 Ne4 12.Qe2 f5 13.g3 Bf6 14.Ng5 Qd7 15.f3 Nac5 16.Bc2 a6 17.dxc5 axb5 18.fxe4 6) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.

Bf4 c5-5.exd4 e6 6.Nb5 Na6 #8 The Meanest Jobava London 2023 https://www.chessable.co [MH]]

6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Ne5 Prevents Bg4. **7...Bd7 8.Qd2** The position is equal. **8...e6 9.f3 Qb6 10.0-0-0 Rc8 11.a3** Inhibits Bb4. **11...Na5 12.g4 Be7**

[12...Bb5!?]

13.h4 -0.61/17

[13.Qe1= -0.13/18 might be stronger.]

13...Bb5∓ 14.h5 -1.37/17

[Better is 14.Bxb5+∓ -0.42/18 axb5 15.Qe2]

14...h6 -0.44/17

[14...Nd7∓ -1.37/17 White must now prevent ...Bxf1. 15.Bxb5 axb5]

15.g5 -0.92/20

[15.Bxb5+∓ -0.44/17 axb5 16.Qe2]

15...hxg5 0.02/19

[15...Bxf1∓ -0.92/20 16.Rdxf1 *(16.gxf6? gxf6 17.Ng4 Nc4-+)* 16...Nd7 17.gxh6 gxh6]

16.Bxg5= aiming for h6. **16...Nxh5** 3.87/20

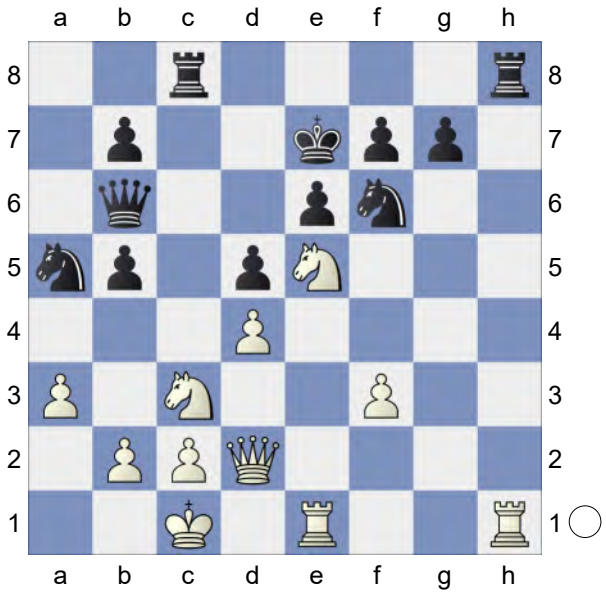
[16...Bxf1∓ -0.35/16 stays ahead. 17.Rdxf1 Nc4 18.Nxc4 Rxc4]

17.Bxe7 Kxe7 18.Bxb5 axb5 19.Rde1 2.12/18

[⌓19.Qg5+ 3.91/21 f6 20.Qg6]

19...Nf6

(Diagram)

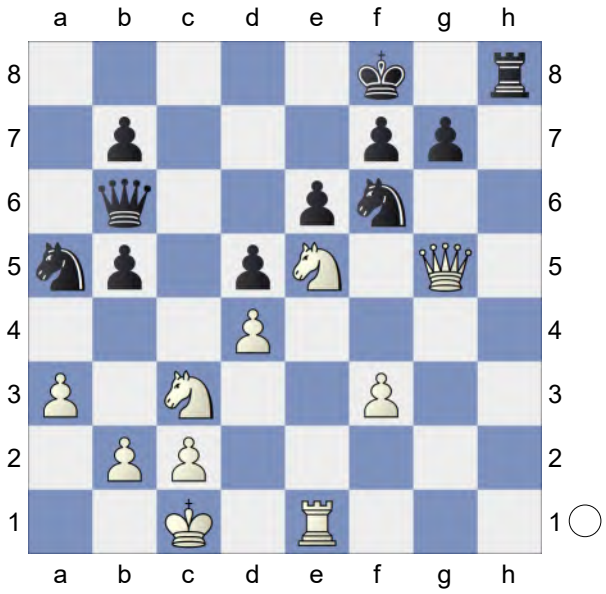


20.Rxh8 1.30/18

[20.Nxd5+!+- 2.67/23 and the rest is easy. Nxd5 21.Qg5+ Nf6 22.Rxh8 Rxh8 23.Qxg7]

20...Rxh8± 21.Qg5 &Bianco is more active. **21...Kf8** 3.98/20

[21...Qd8± 1.19/18]



22.Qxf6!!+- Remove Defender **22...gxf6**

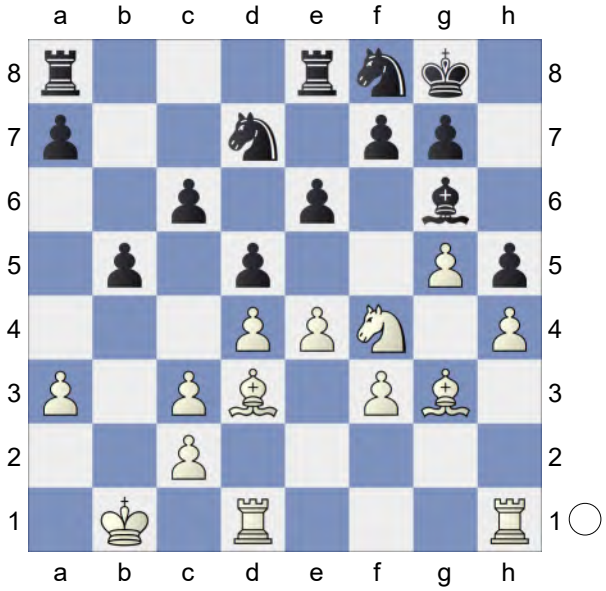
[22...Nb3+? 23.cxb3 gxf6 24.Nd7+ Ke7 25.Nxb6+-]

23.Nd7+ Ke7 24.Nxb6 Kd6 25.b4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.37/

Black=0.70
1-0

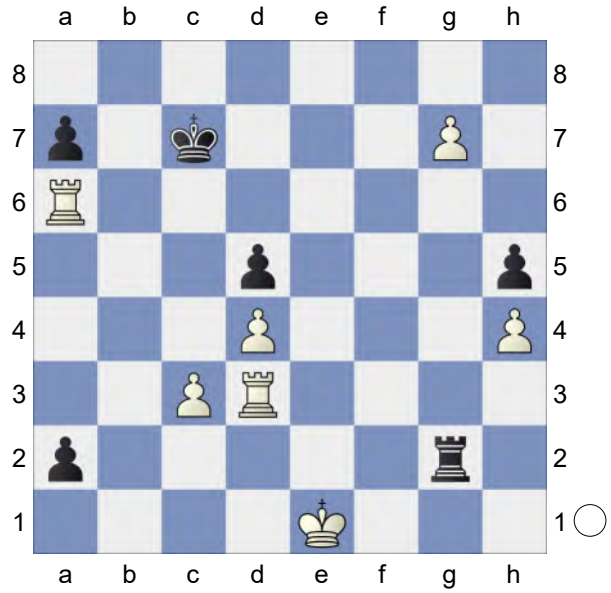
306 **D00**
□ **Ganzin** **2675**
■ **Romsta** **2593**
Blitz 09.02.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c6N**
[3...c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 e6 6.Nb5 Na6 7.h4 Bd7 8.c3 Be7 9.a4 0-0 10.Bd3 Bc6 11.Nf3 Ne4 12.Qe2 f5 13.g3 Bf6 14.Ng5 Qd7 15.f3 Nac5 16.Bc2 a6 17.dxc5 axb5 18.fxe4 6) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5-5.exd4 e6 6.Nb5 Na6 #8 The Meanest Jobava London 2023 https://www.chessable.co [MH]]
4.f3 Bf5 5.g4 Bg6! 6.h4 And now h5 would win. **6...h5** 0.52/18
[6...h6!= 0.17/23]
7.g5± Nfd7 8.e4 White is slightly better.
8...e6 9.Nge2 0.23/19
[9.exd5± 0.57/20 exd5 10.Bd3]
9...Be7 0.91/17
[9...Nb6= 0.23/19]
10.Qd2 0.00/18
[10.Bh2± 0.91/17]
10...0-0 0.58/18
[10...Nb6!= 0.00/18]
11.Bg3 Re8 12.Nf4 Nf8! 13.0-0-0 &Bianco is more active. **13...Nbd7 14.Bd3** 0.24/20
[14.Nxg6± 0.93/15 Nxg6 15.a3]
14...Qa5 0.67/18
[14...Bb4!= 0.24/20]
15.Kb1 0.28/17
[15.Nxg6± 0.67/18 should be considered. Nxg6 16.a3]
15...Bb4!= 16.a3 Bxc3 17.Qxc3 Qxc3 18.bxc3 b5 0.78/18
[18...Nb6!= 0.23/17 keeps the balance.]



19.a4!↑ White is in control. **19...bxa4 20.Ka2 Reb8?** 3.06/17 White now steadily converts the win.
[Black should try 20...Nb6± 0.48/18]
21.Rb1? 0.83/19
[21.Nxg6+- 3.06/17 and the rest is easy. Nxg6 22.Bxb8 Rxb8 23.exd5 cxd5 24.Bxg6 fxg6 25.Rhe1]
21...Nb6? 2.93/20
[21...Rxb1± 0.83/19 22.Rxb1 Nb6]
22.Nxg6+- Nxg6 23.Bxb8 Rxb8 24.exd5 cxd5 25.Bxg6 fxg6 Endgame KRR-KRN **26.f4 Rc8 27.Rh3 Kf7** 2.46/24
[⌓27...Nc4 1.78/17 28.Rb7 a6]
28.Rb5 Ke7 29.Rc5 Inhibits Rc7.
29...Rf8? 4.48/19
[29...Kd6 2.72/24 might work better. 30.Rxc8 Nxc8]
30.Rc7+ Kd6 31.Rxg7 Rxf4 32.Rxg6 Rf2 33.Re3 White is clearly winning.
33...Rxc2+ 34.Kb1 Rh2 35.Rgxe6+

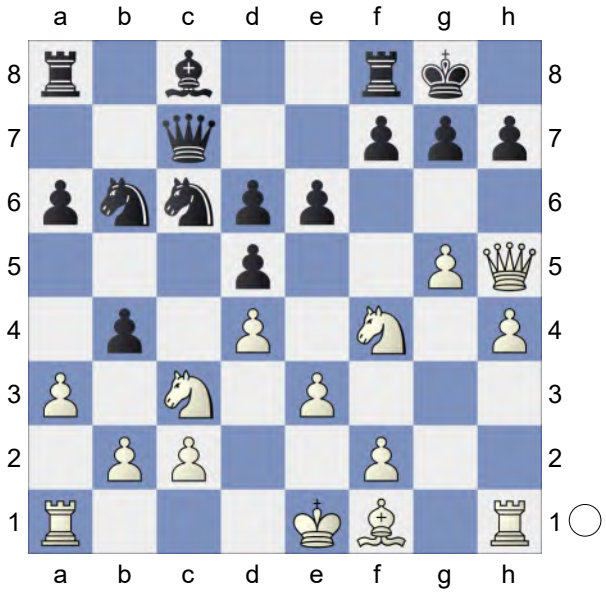
Kc7 36.Rg3 Nc4 37.g6 Rh1+ 38.Kc2 Rh2+ 39.Kd1 a3 40.g7 a2 41.Ra6 Nb2+ 42.Ke1 Nd3+ 43.Rxd3 Rg2



44.Rxa2! Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=0.52
1-0

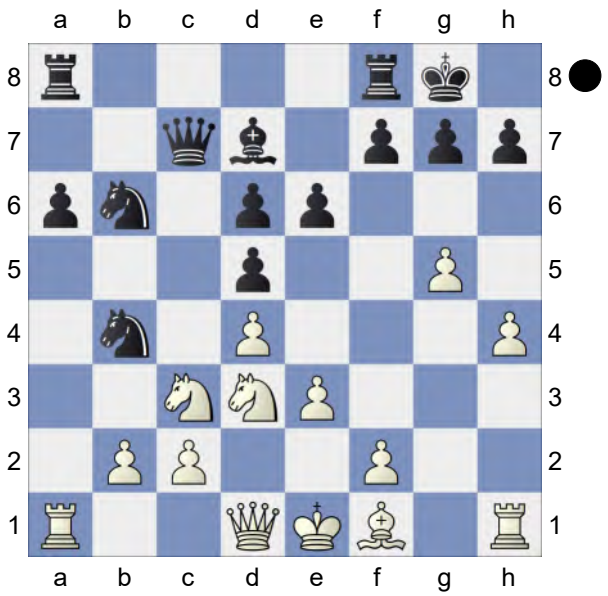
307 **A45**
□ **Niemann,Hans Moke** **2675**
■ **Jakubowski,Krzysztof** **2467**
Titled Tue 13th Feb Early blitz (2)
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 a6N**
[3...c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 e6 6.Nb5 Na6 7.h4 Bd7 8.c3 Be7 9.a4 0-0 10.Bd3 Bc6 11.Nf3 Ne4 12.Qe2 f5 13.g3 Bf6 14.Ng5 Qd7 15.f3 Nac5 16.Bc2 a6 17.dxc5 axb5 18.fxe4 6) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5-5.exd4 e6 6.Nb5 Na6 #8 The Meanest Jobava London 2023 https://www.chessable.co [MH]]
4.e3 e6 5.g4 Bb4 6.Nge2 0-0 7.a3 Bd6 0.36/21
[7...Be7= 0.00/22]
8.g5± White is slightly better. **8...Nfd7** 0.91/20
[8...Ne8!± 0.33/21]
9.Bxd6± cxd6 10.h4 0.69/21
[10.Rg1± 1.00/22]
10...b5± 11.Bg2 0.29/22
[11.Nf4± 0.65/18]
11...Nb6 12.Nf4 -0.01/18
[12.Qd3± 0.42/20]
12...Nc6= 13.Qh5 -0.39/20
[13.Nd3= 0.02/17]
13...Qc7 0.12/19
[13...Ne7∓ -0.39/20]
14.Bf1 Black must now prevent Bd3.
14...b4

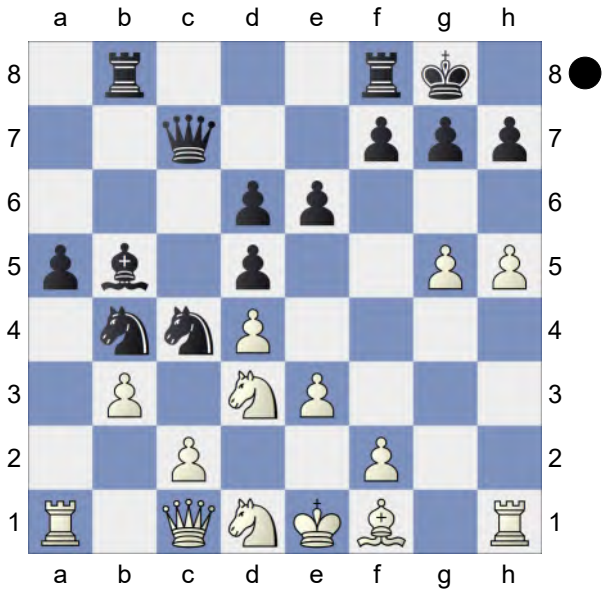


15.axb4 -0.86/16
[15.Bd3!= 0.27/19 g6 16.Qh6 bxc3 17.bxc3]
15...Nxb4∓ Threatens to win with ...e5.
16.Qd1 Bd7 -0.36/19
[16...e5∓ -1.15/19 17.Nd3 Bg4!]
17.Nd3 -0.91/18
[17.Bg2∓ -0.36/19]

(Diagram)

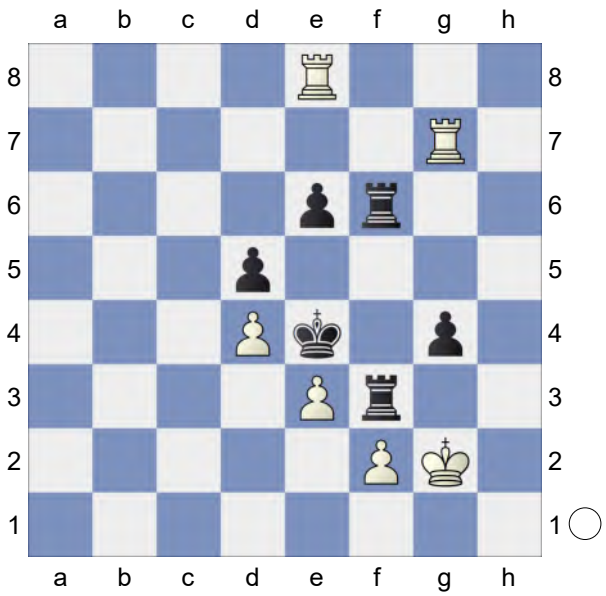


17...a5! 18.h5 Nc4 19.Qc1 Rab8 20.Nd1 Bb5 -0.57/20
[Black should play 20...a4∓ -0.99/17]
21.b3 -1.02/18
[21.h6∓ -0.57/20 g6 22.f4]



21...Na3! 22.Nxb4 axb4 23.c3 -1.35/18
[⌓23.Bxb5 -1.00/17 Nxb5 24.Ra4]
23...Rfc8 ...Bxf1 is the strong threat.
24.g6 -2.29/20
[24.h6∓ -1.22/17]
24...fxg6
[And not 24...hxg6 25.hxg6 Bxf1 26.Kxf1]
25.hxg6 hxg6 26.Bxb5 Nxb5 -0.57/17
[26...Rxb5∓ -1.54/23 27.Rg1 Qf7]
27.Qb1∓ Qf7 28.cxb4 Nc3 29.Qd3 -1.98/21
[29.Nxc3∓ -0.47/20 Rxc3 30.Rh2]
29...Nxd1? -0.30/21
[29...Ne4-+ -1.98/21 aiming for ...Qf3. 30.b5 Qf3]
30.Rxd1 Qf3 31.Rg1 Rf8 32.Rf1 -1.16/21
[32.Qe2∓ -0.43/22]
32...Rxb4 -0.53/16
[32...Qg2∓ -1.16/21 33.b5 Ra8]
33.Qxg6 Qf7 -0.06/18
[33...Rxb3∓ -0.70/22 34.Qxe6+ Kh7]
34.Rg1? -#1/19
[34.Qxf7+= -0.06/18 Kxf7 35.Rb1]
34...Rxb3? -0.06/22
[34...Qxf2# -#1/19 mates]
35.Qxf7+
[35.Rd2 is more complex. Rfb8 36.Qxf7+ Kxf7 37.Rg3]
35...Kxf7 Endgame KRR-KRR **36.Ke2 Ra8 37.Rd2 Rh8 38.Rc1 Rh2 39.Rc7+ Kf6 40.Rd7 Rb6 41.Rc2 g5 42.Kf3 Rh3+ 43.Kg4 Rh4+ 44.Kg3 Rh8 45.Rcc7 Rf8 46.Kg4 Rb1 47.Rh7 Rg1+ 48.Kf3 Kg6+ 49.Ke2 Rg2 50.Rcg7+ Kf6 51.Kf1 Rg4 52.Rd7 Kf5 53.Rxd6 Rh4 54.Re7 Rf6 55.Kg2 g4 56.Re8 Rh3 57.Rd7 Rf3** And now ...Ke4 would win. **58.Rg7 Ke4?** 5.01/31
[Better is 58...Rh3± 0.33/21]

(Diagram)



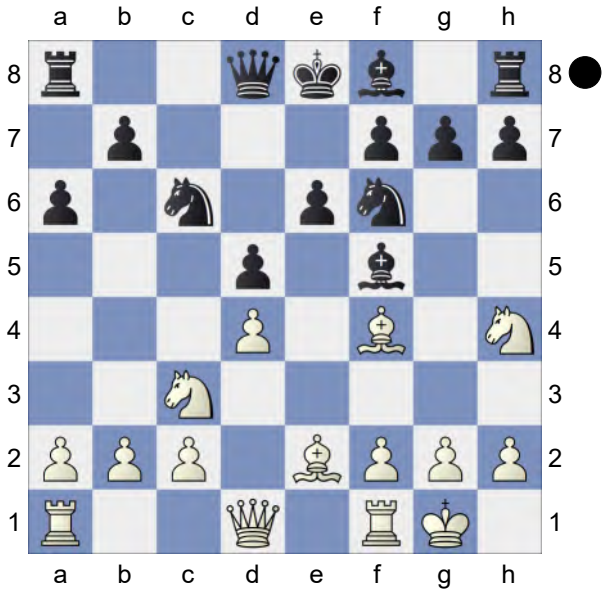
59.Rxg4+? 0.00/32
[59.Rxe6+!+- 5.01/31 Kd3 60.Rxf6 Rxf6 61.Kf1]
59...Kd3= The position is equal. **60.Rf4 R3xf4 61.exf4 Rxf4** Hoping for ...Re4. **62.Rxe6 Kxd4** KR-KR **63.Kg3 Rf8 64.f4 Kc3 65.Kf3 d4 66.Rc6+ Kd2 67.Ke4 d3 68.Rd6 Re8+ 69.Kf5 Ke2 70.Kg6 d2 71.f5 d1Q 72.Rxd1 Kxd1 73.f6 Ke2 74.f7 Rf8 75.Kg7 Rxf7+ 76.Kxf7** What a fight! Weighted Error Value: White=0.37/Black=0.45
½-½

308 **A45**
□ **Erigaisi,Arjun Kumar** **2675**
■ **Adams,Michael** **2698**
27th Sigeman & Co 2022 (6.2) 08.05.22
[Kitty Kat]

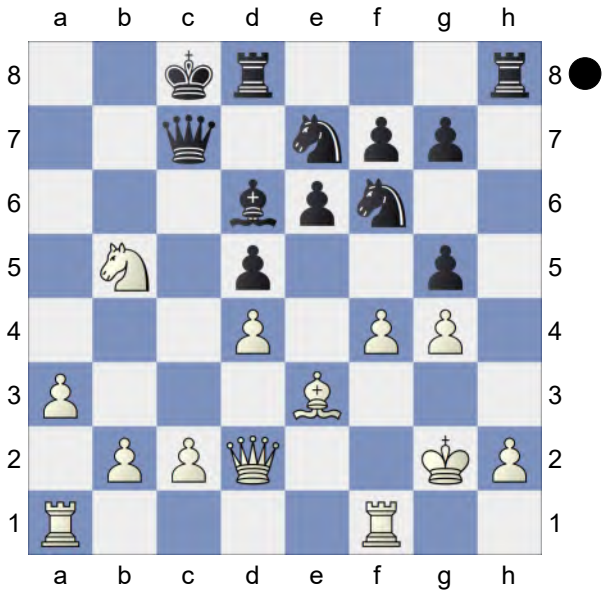
D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.Ne5 Bd7**
[7...Nd7 8.a3 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 c6 10.Nc3 Nb8 11.Bd3 Nd7 12.Qh5 g6 13.Qh6 Nxe5 14.dxe5 f6 15.Bxg6 hxg6 16.Qxg6+ Kh8 17.Qh6+ Kg8 18.Qg6+ Kh8 19.h4 Bc5 20.Qh6+ Kg8 21.Qg6+ Kh8 22.Na4 Bortnyk,O (2608)-Sargsyan,S (2649) Chess.com INT 2024 Mega2024 Update 48 [Kitty Kat] 1-0]
8.Be2N
[8.h4 c6 9.Nc3 c5 10.a3 Be8 11.h5 h6 12.g4 Nd7 13.Bxa6 Nxe5 14.Bxb7 Rb8 15.Bxe5 Rxb7 16.Rb1 Bc6 17.0-0 f5 18.Ne2 fxg4 19.Nf4 Bd7 20.Qxg4 Rf5 21.Qxg7# 1-0 (21) Bortnyk,O (2608)-Melaa,S (2315) Chess.com INT 2024]
8...Be8 9.0-0 c5 10.a4 Nb4 11.c3 Nc6 12.Nxc6 Bxc6 13.Nc7 Rc8 14.Nb5 Ra8 15.dxc5 Bxc5 16.a5 Qe7 17.Be5 Bxb5 18.Bxb5 Bd6 19.Bxd6 Qxd6 20.Ra4 Rfd8 21.Bd3 Rac8 22.h3 g6 23.Rb4 Rc7 24.Qe2
[24.Be2 keeps more tension. Kg7 25.Qd4 Rc5 26.Rxb7 Rxa5 27.c4]
24...Qe7 25.Rd1 Rc5 26.Ra1 Kg7 27.Qd1 Qc7 28.Qb3 Rd7 29.Rb5 Rxb5 30.Qxb5 Rd6 31.Qb4 e5 Inhibits Qd4.
[31...a6 looks sharper. 32.Qf4 Nd7 33.Be2 e5]
32.Be2 Rc6 33.Rd1 Rc5 34.a6 The position is equal. **34...bxa6 35.Bxa6 Ra5 36.Be2 Qb6 37.Qxb6 axb6 38.c4 Kf8 39.Kf1 dxc4 40.Bxc4 Ke7** An interesting draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) / Black=0.05 (flawless)
½-½

309 **D00**
□ **Zheskiyestzhi** **2675**
■ **Invisibleguest2023** **2881**
Blitz 29.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack
1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Be2 Nc6 7.Nf3 Bf5! 8.0-0 The position is equal. **8...e6 9.Nh4** -0.52/18
[9.Na4= -0.14/16 deserves consideration.]

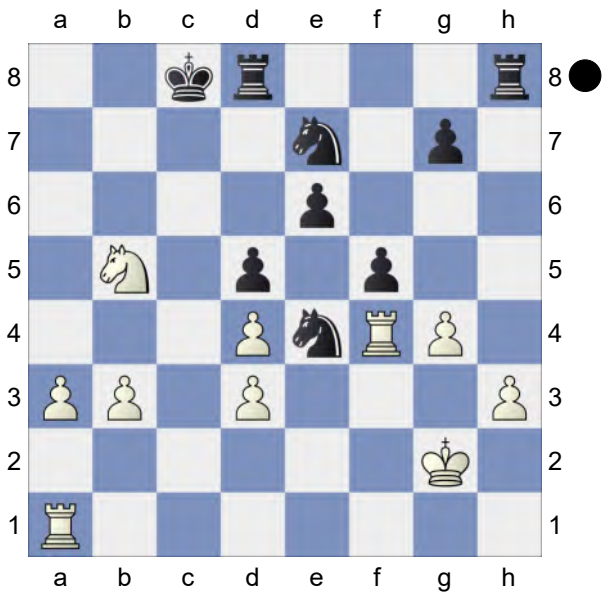


9...Be4 -0.02/18
[Black should try 9...Nh5!∓ -0.52/18 10.Bxh5 Qxh4]
10.f3 -0.78/19
[10.g3= -0.02/18]
10...Bg6∓ 11.Be3 Bd6 12.Nxg6 -1.50/20
[12.g3∓ -0.70/19]
12...hxg6 13.f4 -1.53/18
[⩲13.g3 -0.87/17]
13...Ne7 -0.97/15
[⩲13...g5 -1.53/18 Threatens to win with ...gxf4. 14.Rb1 Qb6 15.fxg5 Bxh2+ 16.Kf2 Ne4+ 17.Nxe4 dxe4]
14.g4 -2.36/18
[14.g3∓ -0.97/15]
14...b5 15.a3 -1.92/19
[15.Qe1∓ -1.51/17]
15...Qc7 16.Kg2 -2.95/17
[16.Qe1 -1.96/16 was necessary.]
16...g5-+ 17.Qd2 0-0-0 -1.58/18
[17...Ng6-+ -3.61/17 is more deadly. 18.Bf3 Nh4+ 19.Kh1 gxf4]
18.Bxb5? -3.20/19
[18.h3∓ -1.58/18 might work better. gxf4 19.Bxf4]
18...axb5 Chess con chili. **19.Nxb5**



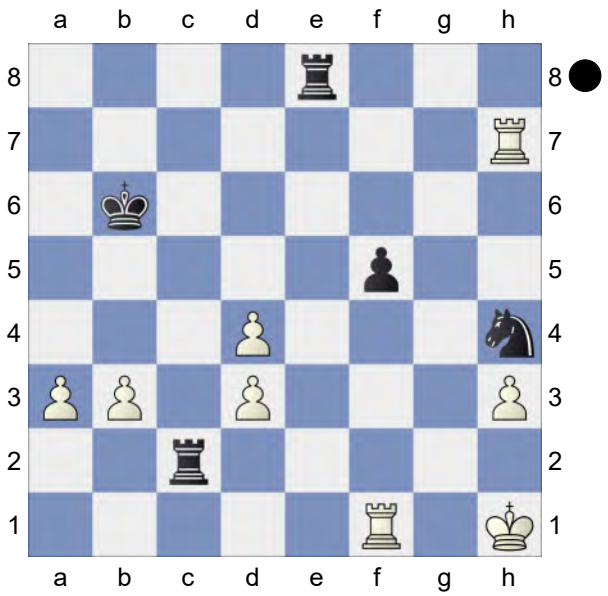
Ne4! 20.Qd3
[20.Nxc7 Nxd2]
20...Qc4 -1.52/17
[20...Qb8-+ -3.76/18 has better winning chances. 21.Nxd6+ Rxd6]
21.h3? -3.44/19
[21.b3∓ -1.52/17 keeps fighting. Qxd3 22.cxd3]
21...Bxf4 22.Bxf4 gxf4 23.Rxf4 f5 24.b3 Qxd3 25.cxd3

(Diagram)



Ng6! 26.Rff1
[26.Rc1+ Kb8]
26...Nd6 27.Rac1+ Kb8 28.Rc6? -4.26/18
[28.Nc7 -2.08/16]
28...Nxb5
[Not 28...Nh4+ 29.Kg3 Nxb5 30.Rb6+ Ka8 31.Rxb5-+]
29.Rb6+ Ka7 30.Rxb5 Rc8
Hoping for ...Rc2+. **31.gxf5 exf5**
aiming for ...Rc2+. **32.Rxd5 Rc3**
33.Rd7+ Kb6 34.Rxg7 -2.55/20
[34.Rd6+∓ -1.52/21 Rc6 35.Rxc6+ Kxc6 36.Kg3]
34...Nh4+ 35.Kh2? -3.84/23
[35.Kg3 -2.15/22 only move.]
35...Rc2+ 36.Kh1 Re8 White must now prevent ...Re3. **37.Rh7?** -#6/20
[37.Rg3-+ -2.42/20]

(Diagram)



37...Ree2! -7.99/26 **38.Rh6+**
[38.Rg7 Rh2+]
38...Kc7 (→ ...Rh2+) **39.Rh7+ Kd6**
White did not feel at home in the position after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.82/Black=0.51
0-1

310 **D00**
□ **Jobava,Baadur** **2673**
■ **Sarana,Alexey** **2432**
European Rapid Championship, Minsk (1..
[Richard Palliser]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 e6
[Luke McShane was yet another strong grandmaster to dabble in this theory-avoiding, semi-topical line of late. He had to face 3...c6 4.f3 Bf5 5.g4 Bg6 6.h4 h6 7.e3 e6 and here notably held back on the development of the king's bishop: 8.Nh3!? Bd6 9.Qd2 Qc7 10.0-0-0 Nbd7 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.Nf4 0-0-0 13.Rg1 , which left White with a pleasant edge in McShane-Levene, London (rapid) 2015, and Luke went

on to record the first of his 9(!) victories in this strong, 10-round tournament.]

4.e3 Be7

[In Minsk, albeit the preceding blitz event, Jobava also had to face 4...Bd6 5.Nf3 a6 6.Bd3 h6 , which feels a little slow. The position after 7.0-0 c5 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.e4 should be compared with our main game and dxe4 10.Nxe4 Nxe4 11.Bxe4 Qxd1 12.Rfxd1 Nd7 13.c4 g5 14.Bd2 a5 15.a3 g4 16.Bc3 Rg8 17.Nd4 left the hero of the line doing very well at this stage in Jobava-Rakhmanov, Minsk (blitz) 2015.]

5.Nf3 0-0 6.Bd3 c5 7.dxc5

Thematic, especially with Black having already moved his dark-squared bishop.

7...Bxc5 8.0-0 Bd7

[This would appear to be new. Previously we took a decent look at 8...Nc6 9.e4 dxe4 10.Nxe4 Nxe4 11.Bxe4 Qf6! 12.Bg5? Qxb2 , which failed to give White enough compensation in a previous version of the same tournament, Jobava-Malakhov, Warsaw (rapid) 2013.]

9.e4 dxe4 10.Nxe4 Nxe4?

[10...Be7 11.Nxf6+ Bxf6 12.Ne5 would have given White a pretty pleasant edge, but Black badly needed to retain his defender of h7.]

11.Bxe4 Already White has a double threat and the game is pretty much up.

11...Bc6

[The machine argues that 11...Nc6!? was a better try, intending 12.Bxh7+! Kxh7 13.Ng5+ Kg6 14.Qg4 f5 15.Qg3 Qe7 , which is calm, but does keep the game going for a bit, such as with 16.Nxe6+ Kh7 17.Ng5+ Kg8 *(*and not *17...Kg6? 18.Rfe1)* 18.Qh3 g6 19.Rfe1 Qg7 20.Qb3+ Rf7 21.Rad1 Re8 22.Rxe8+ Bxe8 23.Ne6 .]

12.Bxh7+! Kxh7 13.Ng5+

[This time 13.Ng5+ Kg6 *(13...Kg8 14.Qh5 Be4 15.Nxe4 Be7 16.Rad1 Qe8* is better and grovels on for a while *)* 14.Qg4 f5 15.Qg3 Qe7 is simply repulsed by 16.Rfe1 with a crushing attack as e6 isn't overprotected.]

1-0

311 **D00**

□ **Olachikita** **2672**

■ **Nadigraj** **2706**

Blitz 06.02.2024

[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6**

2.Nc3 d5N

[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 1-0 (88)*; 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7* Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig, F (1863) Mainz 1997 EXT 2000 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (57)*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8*

Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) www.desc-online.de 2000 CBM 166 [Beliavsky, Alexander G] 1-0 (41)) 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]

3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.g4 c5 6.g5 Nfd7 7.h4 Nc6 8.Nge2 -0.36/21

[8.Nf3= 0.23/18]

8...b5 0.34/20

[8...Be7∓ -0.36/21]

9.Bg2

[9.e4!?]

9...Qa5 0.98/21

[9...cxd4= 0.04/18 remains equal. 10.Nxd4 Bb7]

10.a3 0.39/19

[10.0-0± 0.98/21]

10...cxd4± 11.exd4 Bb7 12.h5 h6 0.97/19

[12...Be7= 0.25/18]

13.g6!± Nf6 1.78/18

[13...fxg6± 0.76/18 was worth a try. 14.Bh3 *(14.hxg6 Be7±)* 14...g5]

14.Ng3? 0.24/18

[14.b4+- 1.78/18 Qd8 15.gxf7+ Kxf7 16.Qd3]

14...fxg6= 15.hxg6 Qb6 1.06/19

[15...Be7= 0.28/20 keeps the balance.]

16.0-0 0.50/20

[16.Nh5± 1.06/19]

16...Qxd4 1.41/19

[16...Be7± 0.50/20]

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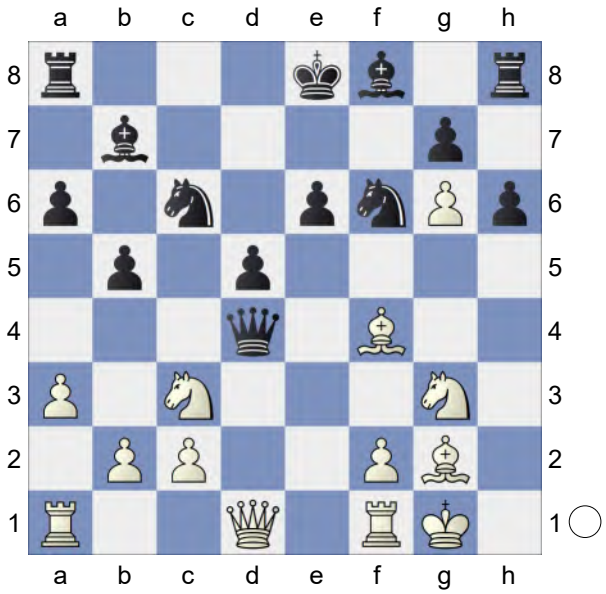

17.Qe2? -1.31/19 **Qxf4∓ 18.Qxe6+ Be7?** 1.08/21

[18...Kd8∓ -0.81/16 keeps the pressure on. Hoping for ...Qd6. 19.Rad1 Kc7 20.Qxf6 *(20.Nxd5+? Nxd5 21.Rxd5 Rd8∓)* 20...Qxf6 21.Nxd5+ Kc8 22.Nxf6 gxf6]

19.Rfe1 0.36/20

[Better is 19.Rae1± 1.08/21 Kd8 20.Nf5]

19...Kd8!± White must now prevent ... Bc5.

[19...Ng4? 20.Re2 Qf6 21.Qxg4+-]

20.Nf5? -2.34/18 Now White is beyond hope.

[20.Nxd5± 0.38/22 keeps the upper hand. Nxd5 21.Nh5]

20...Bc5-+ 21.Re3 -3.60/21

[⌓21.Rad1 -2.55/17 Qxf2+ 22.Kh2]

21...Re8 22.Qf7 Rxe3 23.Qxb7? -#11/13

[23.Nxe3-+ -3.71/18 Bxe3 24.fxe3 Qxe3+ 25.Kh1]

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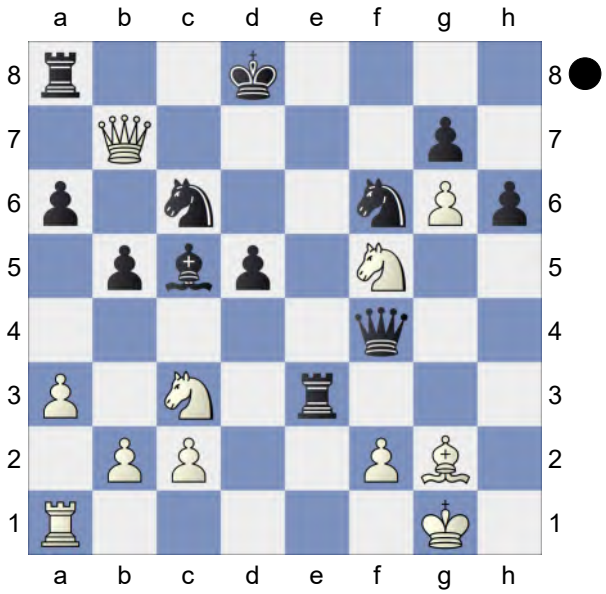

23...Rxc3! 24.Qxa8+ Kc7 Weighted Error Value: White=1.06/Black=0.49
0-1

312 **D00**
□ **Automaticmind** **2671**
■ **Mmm Zhukovskiy** **2623**
Blitz 30.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 1-0 (88)*; 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7* Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig,F (1863) Mainz 1997 EXT 2000 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (57)*) 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) www.desc-online.de 2000 CBM 166 [Beliavsky, Alexander G] 1-0 (41)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]
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[7...Bb4!?]
8.Kb1 -0.49/18
[8.Ne5= -0.09/16 might be stronger.]
8...Ne4 -0.05/19
[8...Bb4∓ -0.49/18 deserves consideration.]
9.Nxe4= dxe4 10.Ne5 Nd7 11.Qe2 Qe7 12.Qg4 f5 0.31/19
[12...Nf6= -0.01/16 is more appropriate. 13.Qh4 Nd5 14.Qxe7 Bxe7]
13.Qg3± Rad8 14.Bg5 Nf6 15.Bc4 Kh8 16.Qh4 Kg8 1.28/20
[16...Qe8!± 0.37/19]
17.Bb3 0.14/18 &Bianco is more active.
[17.g4± 1.28/20]
17...c5
[17...h6!? 18.Bf4 Kh7=]
18.Rhg1 b5! White must now prevent ...c4. **19.c3 c4 20.Bc2 Qe8** 0.48/20
[Better is 20...h6= -0.19/20 21.Bf4 Kh7]
21.f4 Rb8 22.g4! Bxe5 1.64/20
[22...Nxg4± 0.67/19 23.Nxg4 fxg4]
23.dxe5 0.83/20
[23.fxe5+- 1.64/20 Nd7 24.gxf5 Rxf5

25.Bxe4]

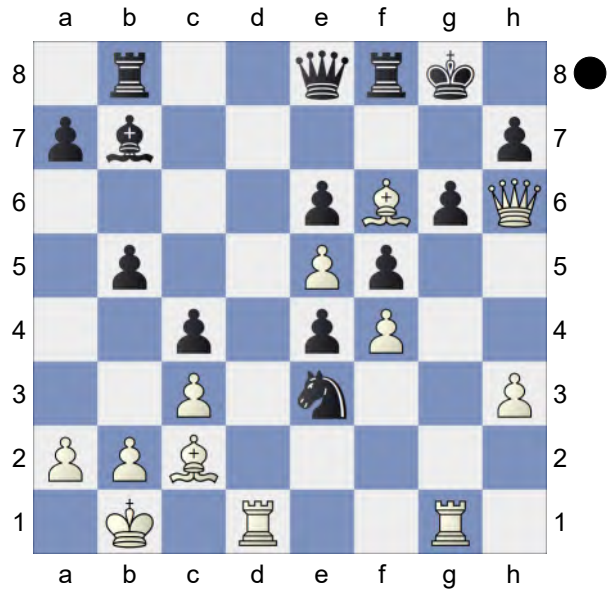
23...Nxg4± **24.h3!** **Nxe3** **25.Bf6** 0.01/24

[25.Bh6!± 1.00/24 g6 26.Bxf8 Nxd1 27.Bc5]

25...g6=

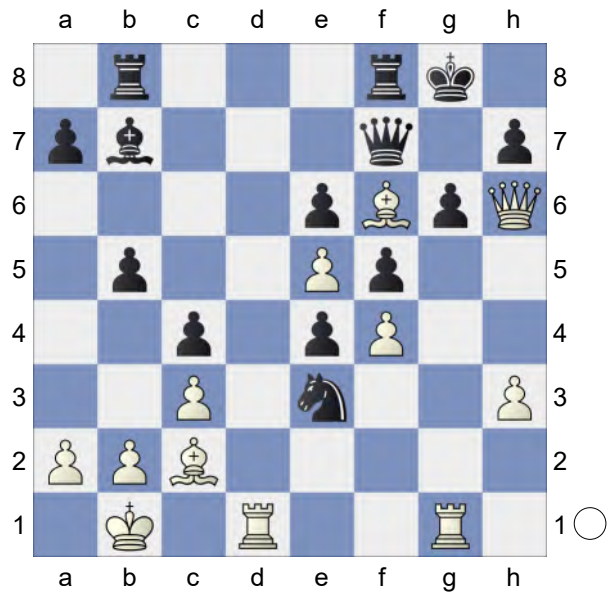
[25...Rf7? 26.Bxg7! Rxg7 27.Rxg7+ Kxg7 28.Rg1+ Ng4 29.hxg4+-]

26.Qh6!



Qf7 8.44/24

[26...Rxf6!= -0.01/25 27.exf6 Qf7]

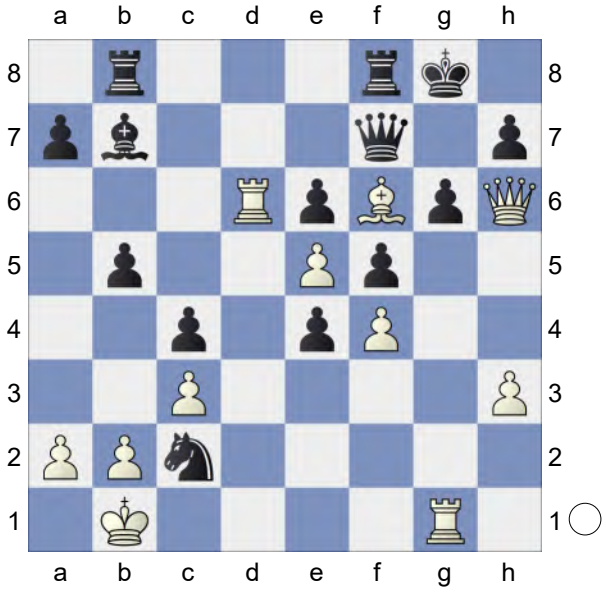


Against Qg7+ **27.Rd6?** 1.46/20

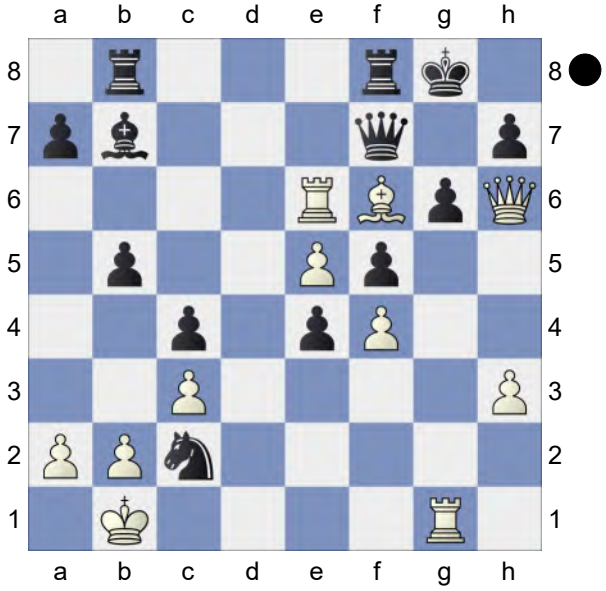
[27.Rd7!+- 8.44/24 and the rest is easy. Qxd7 *(27...Ng4 28.Rxf7)* 28.Rxg6+! Kf7 29.Rg7+ Ke8 30.Qxh7 Qxg7 31.Qxg7]

27...Nxc2 2.65/24

[27...Bc8± 1.46/20]



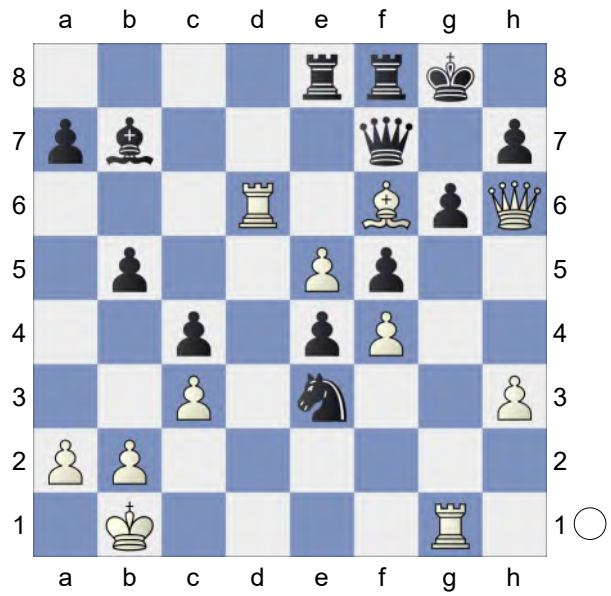
28.Rxe6? -0.01/25



Rbe8? 4.54/23 **29.Rxe8?** -0.35/23

[29.Rd6+- 4.54/23 Rd7! would kill now. Ne3

(Diagram)



30.Rd7!!]
29...Rxe8∓ 30.Kxc2 e3 Strongly threatening ...b4! **31.h4?** -3.83/20
[31.Re1∓ -1.12/19 was the only defense.]
31...Be4+? -0.39/5
[Stronger than 31...Qd7 32.Kc1 Be4 33.Rd1=]
[31...Bf3-+ -3.83/20 32.a3 e2]
32.Kc1 e2? 1.58/20
[Black should try 32...Bf3= -0.25/21 33.h5 Bg4]
33.h5!± Bg2? 4.48/25
[33...Bf3 1.63/24 34.hxg6 e1Q+ 35.Rxe1 Qxg6]
34.hxg6 2.05/23
[⌓34.Bh4 4.48/25]
34...Qxg6 35.Qh2 0.48/23 Really sharp!
[35.Qh4+- 1.93/22]
35...Kf7± 36.Bh4 -0.01/20
[36.Kd2± 0.52/21 Rg8 37.Qh4 *(37.Kxe2 Qg4+ 38.Kd2 Ke6=)*]
36...Bf1? 10.96/23 White now steadily converts the win. **37.Rxg6 hxg6 38.Be1 Ke6 39.Qh4 Re7 40.Qf6+ Kd7 41.Qd6+ Ke8 42.e6 Kf8 43.Bh4 e1Q+ 44.Bxe1 g5 45.fxg5 f4 46.g6 Bd3 47.Bh4** 14.94/5
[⌓47.Bd2 #6/16 Bf5 48.Bxf4 Bxe6 49.Be5 Bg8 50.Bf6 Bh7 51.Qxe7+ Kg8 52.gxh7#]
47...Kg7+- 48.Qxe7+ Kxg6 49.Qf6+ 15.96/5
[⌓49.Qf7+ #5/12 Kh6 50.e7 Bg6 51.Qf8+ Kh5 52.Qxf4 Bh7 53.Qg5#]
49...Kh7 50.Qg5 Bg6 51.e7 f3 52.Qf6 Kh6 53.Bf2 15.48/5
[⌓53.e8Q #2/6 Kh7 54.Qfxg6#]
53...Kh5 54.Be3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.89/Black=0.99
1-0

313 **A45**
□ **Oparin,Grigoriy** **2671**
■ **Sevian,Samuel** **2697**
American Cup Elim (1.2) 14.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000 ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*; 5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 1-0 (88)*; 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6*

15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7 Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig,F (1863) Mainz 1997 EXT 2000 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (57) *)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) www.desc-online.de 2000 CBM 166 [Beliavsky,Alexander G] 1-0 (41) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7) 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]

3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 c6 6.Nc3 Qb6 7.a3 Be7

[7...Qxb2? loses. 8.Na4 Bb4+ 9.axb4 *(9.Ke2+-)* 9...Qxb4+ 10.c3+-]

8.Nf3 c5

[8...Qxb2? too greedy. 9.Na4+- Bb4+ 10.Nd2 Bxd2+ 11.Kxd2 Ne4+ 12.Ke1+-]

9.Rb1 Bd7 10.Ne5 cxd4

[10...0-0= 0.00/21]

11.Qxd4

[Better is 11.exd4± 0.44/23 Nb8 12.Be3 *(12.Be2)*]

11...Qxd4

[⌓11...Nc5 -0.20/19]

12.exd4 Nb8 13.Nb5 Bxb5 14.Bxb5+ Nfd7 15.0-0 a6 16.Bd3 Nxe5 17.Bxe5 0-0 18.c3 Nd7 19.Bf4 Rfc8 20.a4

[20.g4± 0.36/21 deserves consideration.]

[20.Rbe1± 0.34/18 should be considered.]

20...Nb6 21.Ra1 Nc4 22.Ra2 Na5 23.g3 Rc6 24.h4 h5 25.Rd1 Bd6 26.Bg5 Rac8 27.Kg2 Kf8 28.Re1 Be7 29.Bf4 Bd6 30.Bg5 Be7 31.Bf4 Bd6 32.Be3 Rb6 33.Bg5 Be7 34.Bf4 Nc4 An interesting draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.07 (flawless) An interesting draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.06 (flawless) An interesting draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.07 (flawless) **35.Re2**

[35.a5!? Rbc6 36.Bc2±]

35...Na5 36.Re1 Nc4 37.Re2 Na5 38.Re1 Nc4 39.a5!? Rbc6 40.Bc2± ½-½ (40) Oparin,G (2671)-Sevian,S (2697) Saint Louis 2024 Mega2024 Update 20 [Kitty Kat]

½-½

314 **D00**

□ **Jobava,Baadur** **2669**

■ **Mchedlishvili,Mikheil** **2604**

TCh-TUR Super League 2016 (1.2)

[GM Baadur Jobava]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Bd3 Nc6 7.Nge2

Bg4 8.f3 Bh5 9.h4 e6 10.g4 Bg6 11.h5 Bxd3 12.Qxd3 h6 13.0-0-0 In a previous game, we saw how Black handled 13...Bd6. Now let's explore what happens if Black avoids the bishop exchange, a more strategically sound approach. **13...Rc8**

[13...Be7 13...Be7 is an alternative. This move isn't necessarily better or worse than 13...Rc8, but we'll focus on Rc8 in this game and analyze Be7 in the theoretical section.]

14.Kb1 A useful move, especially with Black's rook on the c-file, preparing for possible queenside pressure. **14...b5** Black continues with a direct queenside assault. **15.Nc1** A standard maneuver, allowing the knight to reposition to b3 or d3 as needed.

[15.Bc1!? This move directly challenges Black's queenside expansion by preventing b5-b4 with a possible Na4. Qa5 A logical move to support b4 while discouraging Na4. *(15...b4 16.Na4 Qa5 17.b3± With the bishop heading to b2, White gains a solid positional edge. Be7 18.Bb2 Qb5 19.Qe3±* Nd3 is next.*)* 16.Rdg1∞ This prepares the typical f4-g5 advance, keeping both sides in the game.]

15...Na5 Black plans Nc4, a common idea, but here it's a mistake.

[15...b4 This was a better choice for Black, aiming to break through on the queenside. 16.Na4 Qa5 17.b3 Despite the positional risks, because my knight on a4 is now very strong, Black's play is concrete and leads to an interesting, balanced position. Be7 18.Ne2 Qb5 19.Rc1 *(19.Qd2 Nh7∞)* 19...0-0 *(19...Qxd3 20.cxd3±)* 20.Nb2 Nh7! 21.Qxb5 axb5 22.c3=]

16.b3 This stops Nc4 but weakens my queenside in the process.

[16.Nb3! A stronger move, opening up a kingside attack. Nc4 17.g5 hxg5 18.Bxg5 Be7 19.h6!? gxh6 20.Bxh6± With Black's king in the center, White's position is easier to play.]

16...Nc6 Black aims for Nb4, maintaining queenside pressure.

[16...Qb6 Keeping the queenside attack alive, leading to a complex but balanced game after Nd3. 17.Qe3 Be7 18.N3e2 I want to play Nd3. 0-0 19.Nd3 Looks like a very interesting position, but strong engines kill all the fun: Nc4 20.bxc4 bxc4+ 21.Nb2 Rb8 22.Bxb8 Rxb8 23.Qc3 Bb4 24.Qe3 Bf8= leading to a draw by repetition.]

17.Qe3 A natural move but less effective due to the earlier b3, which weakened the queenside. The point is that it will be harder for us to play Nd3, as our knight on c3 is not stable. **17...Nb4**

[17...Nh7∓ A better option for Black, preparing Be7 and O-O while slowing down White's kingside play.]

18.Rd2 Preparing N3e2 and c2-c3. **18...Be7 19.N3e2 Qb6?!** This was a misstep. If Black wanted to play with Qb6, then it was better to maintain the knight on a5 to have the Nc4 option.

[19...Nh7! Once again, the best choice, planning O-O.]

20.c3 Nc6 21.Nd3 b4?! This move seems like a mistake in hindsight, though understandable given the typical nature of the queenside play.

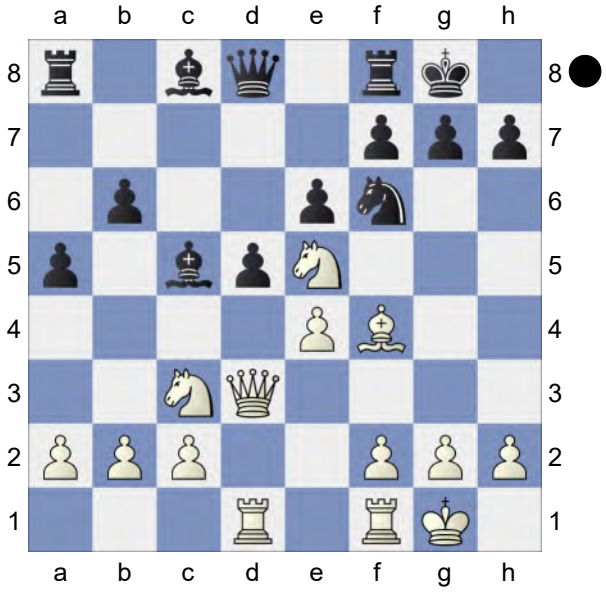
[21...Nh7! Still the most solid continuation for Black, leading to an equal and complex game.]

22.Rc2 Preparing to use the c-file,

turning Black's queenside play to White's advantage. **22...Na7**
[22...bxc3 23.Rxc3± Rhc1 next, and in case of 23...O-O, we have 24.g5!]
23.Nxb4 Nb5 24.Rcc1! Preventing Na3+. **24...a5 25.Nd3 Na3+ 26.Ka1 a4 27.b4±** White's king is safe, and the extra pawn gives a clear advantage. However, mutual time trouble led to a draw after a series of adventures. **27...Nc4 28.Qg1 Qb5 29.Rh2 Nh7 30.Qd1 0-0 31.Ng3 a3 32.Re2 Rfe8 33.Rcc2 Ng5 34.Re1 Nb2 35.Nxb2 axb2+ 36.Kb1 Rc6 37.Bxg5 hxg5 38.Ne2 Rec8 39.Rxb2 Bf6 40.a4 Qb8 41.Qd3 Rc4 42.Rc1 Qa8 43.a5 e5 44.dxe5 Bxe5 45.Rcc2 Qb7 46.b5 R8c5 47.a6 Qb6 48.Qf5 d4 49.Qd7 dxc3 50.a7 Ra4 51.Qe8+ Kh7** a8 Rxa8 **52.a8Q**
[52.Qa8 cxb2 53.Qe4+ g6 54.hxg6+ fxg6 55.Nd4 Qa5 56.Rxb2 Qc3 57.Rh2+ Bxh2 ½-½ (57) Jobava,B (2669)-Mchedlishvili,M (2604) Izmir 2016 [GM Baadur Jobava]]
52...Rxa8 53.Qxa8 cxb2 54.Qe4+ g6 55.hxg6+ fxg6 56.Nd4 Qa5 57.Rxb2 Qc3 58.Rh2+ Bxh2
½-½

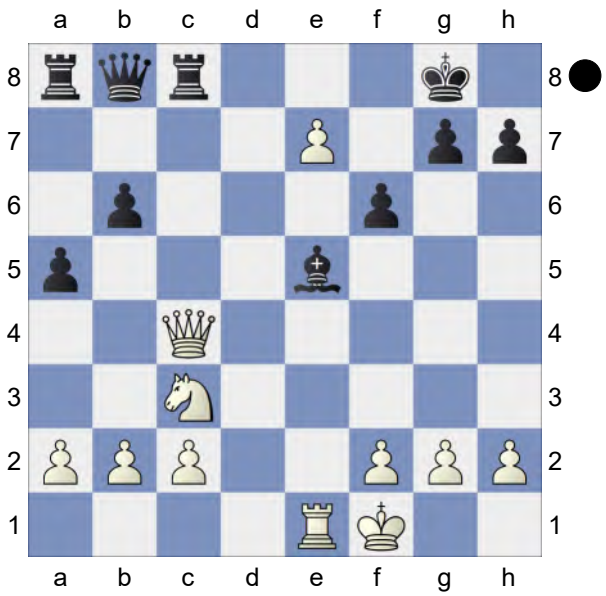
315 **D00**
□ **Primesolver** **2668**
■ **Anythingbutaverage** **2928**
Blitz 05.02.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.Bd3 c6 8.Nc3** The position is equal. **8...Nb4 9.0-0** -0.47/23
[9.Be2= -0.14/25]
9...Nxd3∓ 10.Qxd3 c5 11.dxc5 Bxc5 12.Rad1 b6 13.Ne5 -0.74/20
[13.Qe2∓ -0.40/24]
13...a5 14.e4? -2.27/22
[14.Nb5∓ -0.52/22]



Loses the game. **14...Ba6-+ 15.Qg3** -3.27/25
[⌓15.Qf3 -2.31/21 Bxf1 16.exd5]
15...Bxf1 16.Kxf1 Nh5 17.Qg4 Nxf4 18.Qxf4 Bd6 19.exd5 Qb8
[Don't blunder 19...f6? 20.dxe6 fxe5 21.Qg4]
20.Re1 f6 21.dxe6 Bxe5 22.Qc4 Rc8 23.e7+? -11.23/22
[23.Qd5 -3.47/20]

(Diagram)

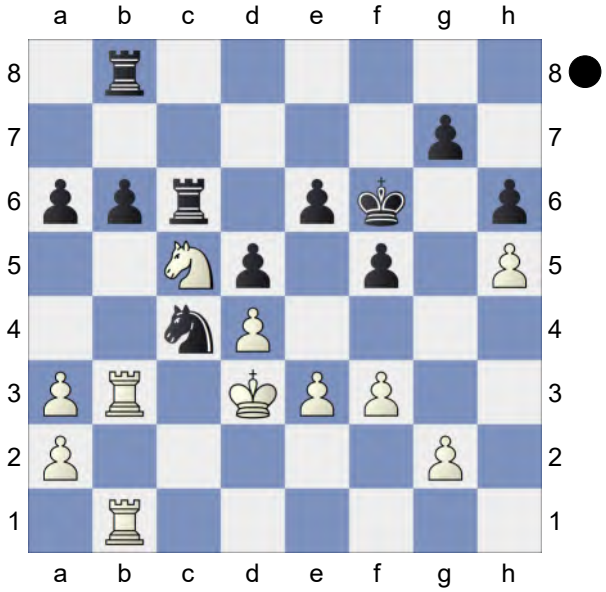


23...Kh8? -3.99/22
[23...Rxc4 -11.23/22 24.a3 Qb7]
24.Qf7 Re8 25.Nd5 Qd6 26.c4 Qc6
[Don't go for 26...Bxh2? 27.g3-+]
27.Re4 b5
[Inferior is 27...Bxh2 28.Rg4 Rg8 29.Rh4=]
28.f4? -4.58/22
[28.Rh4 -2.44/21 keeps fighting. Reb8 29.Nb6 Qxb6 30.Qg6]
28...Bxb2 29.cxb5 -6.35/21
[⌓29.h4 -4.48/23]
29...Qxb5+ 30.Kf2 Qc5+ 31.Kf3 h6 32.f5 Rac8 33.Rg4 -11.20/23
[⌓33.Qe6 -4.59/19]
33...Qa3+ 34.Ke2 Rc2+ 35.Ke1 Bc3+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.93/ Black=0.37
0-1

316 **D00**
□ **smihir6** **2667**
■ **Cheerychocolate** **2673**
Blitz 11.02.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 3 Bf4 A45: Trompowsky Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...g6 3.Bf4 *(3.e3 b6 4.Qf3 d5 5.Qg3 Bg7 6.Be2 Bf5 7.Bd1 Na6 8.a3 c5 9.Nge2 Nc7 10.f3 0-0 11.Qf2 Re8 12.0-0 Bd7 13.Ng3 Bc6 14.Nce2 c4 15.c3 a5 16.Bd2 a4 17.Bc2 Nd7* Breder,D (2445)-Rogozenco,D (2519) Deutschland 86/ (186) 2002 CI1-130 [Rogozenco, Dorian] (39)*)* 3...Bg7 4.e4 0-0 5.e5 Ne8 6.Qe2 d5 *(6...d6 7.0-0-0 Nd7 8.h4 c5 9.dxc5 Nxc5 10.h5 Qa5 11.Nd5 Qd8 12.exd6 exd6 13.Ne7+ Kh8 14.hxg6 fxg6 15.Nxg6+ Kg8 16.Ne7+ Kh8 17.Rxh7+ Kxh7 18.Qh5+ Bh6 19.Qxh6#* 11) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.Bf4 B-5.e5 Ne8 6.Qe2 d6 #20 The Meanest Jobava London 2023 https://www.chessable.co [MH]*)* 7.0-0-0 c5 8.dxc5 e6 9.h4 Qa5 10.h5 Qxc5 11.Be3 Qc7 12.hxg6 fxg6 13.f4 Nc6 14.Nf3 h6 15.Qf2 a6 16.Kb1 b5 17.Bd3 11) 1.d4 Nf6 2. Nc3 g6 3.Bf4 B-5.e5 Ne8 6.Qe2 d5 #2 The Meanest Jobava London 2023 https://www.chessable.co [MH]]
[2...e6 3.Bf4 Bb4 4.e3 Ne4 5.Nge2 Nxc3 6.Nxc3 0-0 7.Bd3 d5 8.Qf3 c5 9.Qg3 cxd4 10.Bh6 g6 11.exd4 Re8 12.h4 Bf8 13.Bf4 Nc6 14.h5 13) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6-1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6 3.Bf4 Bb4 4 The Meanest Jobava London 2023 https://www.chessable. co [MH]]

3.Bf4 Bf5 4.e3 e6 5.Nf3 Bd6 6.Ne5 Nbd7 7.Bd3 Bg6 8.h4 The position is equal. **8...Qe7** 0.70/21
[8...Bxd3= 0.15/18 9.cxd3 Rc8]
9.h5 0.12/22 &Bianco is more active.
[Much weaker is 9.Nxg6 hxg6 10.Bxd6 Qxd6=]
[9.Be2± 0.70/21]
9...Bxd3= 10.cxd3 h6 11.Qb3 Rb8 12.Nb5 a6 13.Nc3 -0.49/21
[13.Nxd6+= -0.01/20 cxd6 14.Nf3]
13...c5 14.Nxd7 Nxd7 15.Bxd6 Qxd6 16.Qa3 Ke7 17.dxc5 Nxc5 18.d4 Nd3+ 19.Ke2 Qxa3 20.bxa3 Nb2 21.Rab1 Nc4 22.Rb3 Rhc8 Strongly threatening ...Na5. **23.Na4 Na5** -0.06/24 **24.Rb2! Nc4 25.Rb3 b6∓** -0.38/22 feels stronger.
[25...Nd6!? 26.Nc5 b6=]
26.Rhb1 Rc6 27.Kd3 -0.53/19
[27.g4= -0.18/19 was preferrable.]
27...f5 -0.19/22
[27...Kf6∓ -0.53/19]
28.Nc5= -0.01/19 **Ra8 29.Na4 Rb8 30.f3** -0.78/22 **Kf6 31.Nc5**



aiming for Nd7+. **31...Ra8 32.Nd7+ Ke7** 0.70/22
[32...Kg5= -0.17/22]
33.Nxb6± Na5? 7.05/22 **34.Nxa8** Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.21 (precise)
1-0

317 **D00**
□ **Jobava,Baadur** **2665**
■ **Topalov,Veselin** **2768**
Baku Olympiad (4.13) 05.09.2016
[Richard Palliser]

1.d4 Marin,M **1...Nf6 2.Nc3** Marin,M: 'The Veresov Attack is starting to be an outdated name for this system after Baadur has made it his favourite and most effective weapon. So what about Jobava Hyperattack?!' **2...d5 3.Bf4 e6** A solid choice and not just a move likely to appeal to the QGD exponent, as Black shouldn't have too many theoretical problems after it. A solid choice and not just a move likely to appeal to the QGD exponent, as Black shouldn't have too many theoretical problems after it.
[I was amused to find an old game played very much in Baadur's style: 3...a6 Marin,M 4.e3 Bf5 5.Nf3 h6 6.Ne5 Nbd7 7.g4 Bh7 8.h4↑ Alekhine,A-Rometti,B Nice 1937 (½-½, 21)]
[There are plenty of Jobava's games with annotations available already: 3...Bf5 Marin,M 4.f3 e6 5.g4 *(5.Qd2* Naiditsch,A (2718)-Harikrishna,P (2706) Wijk aan Zee 2014 CBM 159 [Ftacnik,L] (0-1, 19)*)* 5...Bg6 6.h4 0-1 (80) Jobava,B (2699)-Nakamura,H (2799) Khanty-Mansiysk 2015 CBM 167 [Sumets,A]]
[3...c5 Marin,M 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 *(5...e6 6.Nb5 Na6 7.c3 Be7 8.Nf3*

0-0 9.Bd3 Bd7 10.a4 Bxb5 11.axb5 Nc7 Jobava,B (2669)-Kovalenko,I (2668) Almaty 2016 (1-0, 61)*)* 6.Bd3 Nc6 7.Nge2 Jobava,B (2665)-Ponomariov,R (2709) Baku 2016 (1-0, 21)]

[Even though I like the kingside fianchetto even in systems where this is not typical, I have some reserve with respect to 3...g6 Marin,M since it offers White more fluent play than he is supposed to have after placing his knight in front of the c-pawn: 4.Qd2 Bg7 5.Bh6 Bxh6 6.Qxh6 Bf5 *(6...c5 7.e3 Nc6 8.0-0-0 cxd4 9.exd4 Qd6 10.f3 a6 11.Nge2 Bd7 12.Kb1 Rc8 13.Nc1 Na5 14.Nb3 Nxb3 15.axb3 b5 16.Bd3 Bf5 17.Bxf5 gxf5 18.Rhe1±* Black's king is stuck in the centre and there is no counterplay at all. *Rg8?* This is by far not the only case when Baadur's opponent blunders something very simple. *19.Nxd5! Qxd5 20.Qxf6* Jobava,B (2713)-Van Wely,L (2654) Dubai 2014 (1-0, 25) *)* 7.Qd2 c5 8.e3 cxd4 9.exd4 Nc6 10.f3 h5 Ambitious strategically but leaving the king short of safe places. 11.Bb5 Qd6 12.Nge2 a6 13.Bxc6+ Qxc6 14.0-0 h4 15.a4 a5 16.Rfe1 Kf8 17.Nf4 e6 18.Rac1 Ne8 19.Nb5 Nd6 Jobava,B (2661)-Demchenko,A (2589) Gjakova 2016 (1-0, 44) 20.c4!? dxc4 21.d5 Qc5+ 22.Kh1↑]

4.Nb5!?

[Jobava decides to disrupt. For a long time White was largely preferring Jobava decides to disrupt. For a long time White was largely preferring 4.e3 , but

A) 4...Be7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Bd3 c5 7.dxc5 Nc6 8.0-0 Bxc5 9.e4;

B) and 4...Bd6 are both decent alternatives for Black, as we've seen before are both decent alternatives for Black, as we've seen before 5.Nf3 Marin,M 0-0 *(5...a6 6.Bd3 h6 7.0-0 c5 8.dxc5* The same issue. *Bxc5 9.e4* And the also familiar central break. *dxe4 10.Nxe4 Nxe4 11.Bxe4 Qxd1 12.Rfxd1 Nd7 13.c4 g5 14.Bd2 a5 15.a3 g4 16.Bc3 Rg8 17.Nd4±* Jobava,B (2673)-Rakhmanov,A (2640) Minsk 2015, Once again White has an advance in development plus a dangerous queenside majority.*)* 6.Bd3 b6 *(6...c5 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.0-0 Nc6 9.e4 dxe4 10.Nxe4 Nxe4 11.Bxe4 Qf6* Jobava,B (2705)-Malakhov,V (2716) Warsaw 2013 (0-1, 19), White sacrificed the b2-pawn and then a piece, resigning just a few moves later. But *12.Qc1 h6 13.c3 e5 14.Be3 Bxe3 15.Qxe3* would have retained some slight pressure. *)* 7.0-0 Bb7 8.Re1 Nbd7 9.Ne5 a6 10.Qf3 Be7 11.Qh3 c5 12.a3 c4 13.Be2 b5 14.Qg3 Ne8 15.Bf3 f5?! Probably aimed at preventing e3-e4, but weakening the dark squares a lot. Black probably relied on the half blocked character of the position. 16.Nxd7 Qxd7 17.Be5 Nf6 18.Ne2 Rad8 19.Nf4 Bd6 20.b4 Bc6 21.h4± Jobava,B (2713)-Radjabov,T (2724) Dubai 2014 (½-½, 59);

C) 4...Bb4!? 5.Bd3 *(* Jobava has also struggled slightly after Jobava has also struggled slightly after *5.Nge2 0-0 6.a3 Bd6)* 5...c5 6.dxc5 Marin,M: '!?' Marin,M: 'Giving up the centre is justified by

the fact that the f8-bishop has moved already. In the game Black will try retrieving the pawn without losing a tempo but things will prove not that simple.' Bxc3+!? *(* Jobava's opponents have tended to prefer *6...Nbd7* - again, see the Archive *7.Nge2* Marin,M *0-0 8.Bd6 Re8 9.Bb5 a6 10.Bxd7 Nxd7 11.Qd4 Qa5 12.0-0-0 Bxc5 13.Bxc5 Qxc5 14.e4±* Jobava,B (2708)-Korneev,O (2581) Sochi 2014 (1-0, 45), with better development and chances to get the control over the dark squares.*)* 7.bxc3 Qa5 should promise Black enough counterplay to offset his dark-square holes, as we've noted before. should promise Black enough counterplay to offset his dark-square holes, as we've noted before.]

4...Na6 Marin,M: 'Since the knight is not stable on b5, we can say that White has invested two tempi in forcing the enemy knight into developing far from the crucial e5-square.'

[The other way of defending c7 is, of course, The other way of defending c7 is, of course, 4...Bb4+ 5.c3 Ba5 , but Marin,M: 'is a somewhat unnatural way of defending c7.' 6.a4! a6 7.b4!? axb5?! *(7...Nc6! 8.Na3 Bb6 9.e3 Ne4* is sufficiently murky for Black's purposes with both . ..e5 and ...g5 ideas on the agenda is sufficiently murky for Black's purposes with both . ..e5 and ...g5 ideas on the agenda*;* In a blitz game it is easy to overlook that *7...Bxb4=* Marin,M actually works since *8.Nxc7+? Qxc7 9.Bxc7 Bxc3+* retrieves the material with interest.*)* 8.axb5 b6?! 9.bxa5 bxa5 10.e3 Nbd7 11.Nf3 Bb7 12.Bd3 already left White somewhat better in Jobava-Gelfand, Almaty (blitz) 2016. Marin,M: ' ±' Marin,M: 'Jobava,B (2669)-Gelfand,B (2734) Almaty (blitz) 2016 (1-0, 48)' already left White somewhat better in Jobava-Gelfand, Almaty (blitz) 2016.]

5.a3

[Here too we've seen 5.e3 before, if not then Ne4!? 6.Bd3 Nd6?! , as in V.Kovalev-Kozionov, St Petersburg (blitz) 2016, when 7.c3 Nxb5 8.Bxb5+ c6 9.Bd3 supplies an easy edge for White.]

5...c6 Marin,M: 'With the exception of a couple of games between low rated players, this is a new move.'

[It's not clear that Black needs to force the knight back or is especially helped by doing so. Indeed, It's not clear that Black needs to force the knight back or is especially helped by doing so. Indeed, 5...Be7!? looks more to the point, as in another recent game: looks more to the point, as in another recent game: Marin,M: 'eventually transposed to some sort of ♗f4 Queen's Gambit:' 6.e3 0-0 7.Nf3 c5! *(*the slower *7...b6 8.c4 Bb7 9.Qc2 c6 10.Nc3 c5 11.Rd1* is a little better for White with Black's queen's knight slightly offside, Jobava-Swiercz, Abu Dhabi 2015, as we've noted before is a little better for White with Black's queen's knight slightly offside, Jobava-Swiercz, Abu Dhabi 2015, as we've noted before *cxd4* Marin,M *12.Nxd4 Nc5 13.Be2 Qc8 14.0-0* Jobava,B (2664)-Swiercz,D (2617) Abu Dhabi 2015 (½-½, 65), with only some light pressure. *)* 8.dxc5 *(*or *8.c3 Bd7*

9.Ne5 Nb8! , regrouping*)* 8...Bd7 9.b4 Bxb5 10.Bxb5 Nxc5! 11.0-0 Nce4 with sufficient counterplay for Black in Meessen-Rodshtein, European Club Cup, Novi Sad 2016. with sufficient counterplay for Black in Meessen-Rodshtein, European Club Cup, Novi Sad 2016.]

6.Nc3 Bd6

[This seems to be new. Black's light-squared bishop does, however, remain an issue after it, so again This seems to be new. Black's light-squared bishop does, however, remain an issue after it, so again 6...Be7 may be a better square when the c8-bishop can always come to b7. Here may be a better square when the c8-bishop can always come to b7. Here 7.e3 0-0 8.Nf3 c5 again sees Black refusing to allow White to build up an early initiative. Lugovskoy-Shaposhnikov, Sochi (blitz) 2016, continued again sees Black refusing to allow White to build up an early initiative. Lugovskoy-Shaposhnikov, Sochi (blitz) 2016, continued 9.Bxa6 *(9.Bd3 c4!* seems well-timed for once, as after *10.Be2 Nh5* Black will be quick to get in ...Nc7 and ...b5*)* 9...bxa6 10.0-0 Bd7 11.Ne5 and now Qb6!? 12.Bg5 Be8 seems to hold everything together well enough. seems to hold everything together well enough.]

7.e3! A good decision. The doubled f-pawns will help to keep a lid on Black's counterplay and attempts to free his queenside pieces. A good decision. The doubled f-pawns will help to keep a lid on Black's counterplay and attempts to free his queenside pieces. Marin,M: 'The most principled decision, avoiding speeding up Black's development, but'

[7.Bxd6 Marin,M is not that bad either. Qxd6 8.e3 Nc7 9.Nf3 0-0 10.Bd3 b6 11.0-0 Bb7 12.Ne5 c5 13.Qf3 with typical Queen's Pawn Opening play.]

7...Nc7 8.Nf3 Bxf4 Marin,M: 'White was threatening ♘e5 when Black's queen would have remained confined to just a few passive squares. After this exchange, strengthening White's control over e5, the queen gets the perfect d6-square.'

[8...0-0 Marin,M 9.Ne5 c5 The only constructive plan since ...b7-b6 leaves the c6-pawn undefended. *(9...Nfe8 10.Bd3 f6?! 11.Qh5!)* 10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.Bd3 Nd7 12.0-0 Nxe5 13.Bxe5 f6 14.Bg3 e5 15.b4 Be7 16.Qh5 g6 17.Bxg6 hxg6 18.Qxg6+ Kh8 19.f4↑]

[But starting with 8...b6 Marin,M 9.Ne5 Bb7 10.g4 offers White a kingside initiative anyway.]

9.exf4 Qd6 10.Ne5 It's all been very easy for Jobava thus far. As in an ideal London System, White's pieces flow to good squares. It's all been very easy for Jobava thus far. As in an ideal London System, White's pieces flow to good squares. **10...b6** Marin,M: 'Now this natural developing move is perfectly fine. ' **11.Qf3!? c5** White's last was rather ambitious and now Topalov begins to hit back. White's last was rather ambitious and now Topalov begins to hit back. **12.Nb5** Marin,M: '!?' Marin,M: 'Typical for Jobava but probably not best. Rather than consolidating his control on the dark squares White changes the character of the position completely.'

[Dare one suggest that for once Jobava was happy to play with the hand-brake slightly on? Dare one

suggest that for once Jobava was happy to play with the hand-brake slightly on? 12.Qe3!? Marin,M: 'looks more natural and if' cxd4 *(12...0-0* Marin,M White can continue extravagantly with *13.h4* or 13.g4. *)* 13.Qxd4 Qc5 14.Qd2 looks a more principled way of playing, and if looks a more principled way of playing, and if d4? 15.0-0-0 .]

12...Nxb5 13.Bxb5+ Bd7

[13...Nd7 Marin,M 14.f5↑]

14.Nxd7 Nxd7 15.0-0-0 The only real try to still pose problems, played in conjunction with the upcoming f4-f5 break. The only real try to still pose problems, played in conjunction with the upcoming f4-f5 break. **15...0-0**

[With his development incomplete Black cannot afford to take measures against f4-f5: 15...g6?! Marin,M 16.dxc5 Qxc5 17.c4↑ True, the ending arising after a6 18.Qc3! Rf8 19.Bxd7+ Kxd7 20.cxd5 Rac8 is not necessarily lost, but why give up a pawn so easily?]

16.Bxd7 There was nothing better with Black's one-time problem bishop long consigned back to the box. There was nothing better with Black's one-time problem bishop long consigned back to the box. **16...Qxd7 17.f5 Qe7**

[Naturally not 17...exf5?! 18.dxc5 . Topalov defends somewhat more resolutely. Marin,M: ' ±' . Topalov defends somewhat more resolutely.]

18.Rhe1 cxd4 Marin,M: 'At this high point of the game releasing the tension is not necessary, but we cannot call it a concession either.'

[Black could try activating his queen's rook: 18...Rac8 Marin,M since 19.fxe6 *(19.dxc5 Rxc5)* 19...fxe6 20.Qxd5 exd5 21.Rxe7 Rxf2 is about equal.]

[But if he plays in similar way as in the game, ...cxd4 would probably be best a few moves later anyway: 18...Qf6 Marin,M 19.Qf4 *(19.fxe6 fxe6 20.Qxf6 Rxf6 21.dxc5 bxc5 22.f4 Kf7 23.c4 Rd8 24.g3 Rf5* should not be a problem for Black.*)* 19...g6 *(*A safer move is *19...Rae8 20.Re5* when there does not seem to be anything better than transposing to the game with *cxd4 21.Rxd4)* 20.g4 exf5 21.gxf5 Rae8 22.Re5 Qd6 23.Qg3 with some slight pressure.]

19.Rxd4 Qf6 By now I feel safe in saying that Black has equalised. To his credit Jobava doesn't allow Topalov too easy a life, exploiting White's superior activity to try and keep up a bit of pressure. By now I feel safe in saying that Black has equalised. To his credit Jobava doesn't allow Topalov too easy a life, exploiting White's superior activity to try and keep up a bit of pressure.

20.Qf4 Rae8 21.Re5 Marin,M: 'White has invaded the central dark squares and has some slight pressure but it remains an open question whether he can make progress in any way.'

21...exf5! Marin,M: 'Objectively correct but in the long run a somewhat risky decision since simplifying to a pawn ending would offer White an easy win.'

[But it was not simple for Black to free himself for instance 21...g6 Marin,M 22.Kb1 *(22.fxe6 Qxf4+ 23.Rxf4 fxe6 24.Rxf8+ Kxf8=; 22.g4 exf5 23.Rdxd5 Rxe5 24.Rxe5 Qh4 25.f3 h5∓)* 22...gxf5? 23.g4±]

22.Rdxd5 Rxe5 23.Rxe5 g6 Structurally White is half a pawn to the good and must still have a nominal plus,

but between two such strong players one would just assume that the game was bound to finish as a draw. If White could exchange queens (or even queens and rooks!), he would have some chances, but Black can stay active and aim for counterplay on the queenside against the white king. Structurally White is half a pawn to the good and must still have a nominal plus, but between two such strong players one would just assume that the game was bound to finish as a draw. If White could exchange queens (or even queens and rooks!), he would have some chances, but Black can stay active and aim for counterplay on the queenside against the white king. **24.Re2 Rd8 25.Qe5 Qc6 26.f3 a5** Topalov begins his minority attack, forcing Jobava to respond carefully to avoid coming under any real pressure on the queenside. Topalov begins his minority attack, forcing Jobava to respond carefully to avoid coming under any real pressure on the queenside.

[For the time being Black is under no pressure and he can choose on which wing to advance his pawns. 26...h5!? Marin,M]

27.b3 b5 Marin,M: 'This pawn will be a potential weakness in a short while.'

[27...a4 Marin,M 28.b4 Rc8 29.Kb2 Qc4=]

28.Kb2 a4 29.b4 Keeping lines closed and now one might well expect the black rook to go to c8, after which it's not at all obvious how either side makes progress. Topalov, however, likes to be ambitious... Keeping lines closed and now one might well expect the black rook to go to c8, after which it's not at all obvious how either side makes progress. Topalov, however, likes to be ambitious... **29...Qc4?** Amazingly this turns out to be a rather serious mistake. Marin,M: '?!' Amazingly this turns out to be a rather serious mistake. Marin,M: 'The first cause of Black's future problems.'

[29...h5 Marin,M 30.Qc3 Qd7 31.Re5±]

[He should have kept the control over the c-file with 29...Rc8!= Marin,M]

30.Re3! Suddenly it's White who will control the c-file after Rc3 and, even more importantly, he has a fiendish and strong response to Black's intended next. Suddenly it's White who will control the c-file after Rc3 and, even more importantly, he has a fiendish and strong response to Black's intended next. **30...Qf1**

[30...Rc8? Marin,M 31.Rc3 transposes to a won pawn ending.]

[But neutral moves do not promise full equality either: 30...h5 Marin,M 31.Rc3 Qf1 *(31...Qh4 32.h3 Qf2 33.g3* is similar.) 32.g3 Qf2 33.Qxb5 Qxh2 34.Qe5±]

31.Re2! Calmly defending g2 and preparing to pick off b5. Jobava has realised that there's no need to fear Black doubling on his back rank. Calmly defending g2 and preparing to pick off b5. Jobava has realised that there's no need to fear Black doubling on his back rank. Marin,M: 'A fantastic move! The rook returns tothe previous square cutting the queen off from the b5-pawn.' **31...Rd1**

[31...Qg1!? 32.Qxb5 Qd4+ 33.Ka2 is a safe extra pawn for White, allied to a very handy majority, but remarkably this was still perhaps a better try for Black. is a safe extra pawn for White, allied to a very

handy majority, but remarkably this was still perhaps a better try for Black.]

32.Qxb5 Rb1+ Marin,M: '?!'

[An obvious check, but now White wins quite easily. However, even after An obvious check, but now White wins quite easily. However, even after Marin,M: 'It would have relatively been better to keep the control over the d4-square as Black could deliver the check on b1 at any later moment. However, this would not have spared him problems:' 32...Kg7!? 33.Qe5+ Kh6 34.h4! I don't think that Black should survive, even if one might prefer to have silicon nerves to be sure that I don't think that Black should survive, even if one might prefer to have silicon nerves to be sure that *(34.b5* Marin,M *Ra1 35.Kc3 Rxa3+ 36.Kb4 Ra1 37.c4±)* 34...Rb1+ 35.Kc3 Ra1 36.b5! Rxa3+ 37.Kb4 Qc1 38.b6 is winning for White.]

33.Kc3 Kg7

[Desperately trying to avoid the lost rook ending which occurs after 33...Qc1 34.Re8+ Kg7 35.Qe5+ Kh6 36.Qe3+ .]

34.Qe5+ Kh6 35.Qe3+ Kg7 36.Qf2 Qh1 37.Qd4+ Marin,M: '!' Marin,M: 'This is the difference! White gains an important tempo.' **37...Kh6 38.Re7!** Not the engine's preferred method, but this in conjunction with White's next shows a very human and strong method of closing out the game. Marin,M: '?!' Not the engine's preferred method, but this in conjunction with White's next shows a very human and strong method of closing out the game. Marin,M: 'It was tempting of course to play with the queen in the centre but'

[38.Qf4+! Marin,M Kg7 39.Kc4+- was more convincing, defending the kingside pawns and sustaining the pawns' march with the king.]

38...Qxg2

[38...Qxh2 Marin,M 39.Rxf7+-]

39.Qd2+ Qxd2+ 40.Kxd2 Marin,M: 'The rook ending looks very promising but will be winning only after Black's next mistake.' **40...Ra1** Marin,M: '?'

[Alternatively, 40...Rh1!? 41.b5! Rxh2+ 42.Kd1 Rh1+ 43.Re1 Rh4 44.b6 Rd4+ 45.Ke2 (this is why White wanted to interpolate rooks on e1, not e2) (this is why White wanted to interpolate rooks on e1, not e2) Rd7 46.c4 and the connected passed pawns decide. and the connected passed pawns decide.]

[It was essential to activate the king with 40...Kg5! Marin,M 41.Rxf7 *(* The pawn ending is drawn now: *41.Re1 Rxe1 42.Kxe1 Kf6* The king is just in time to stop the advance of the b-pawn. *43.c4 Ke5 44.Ke2 Kd4 45.c5 Kd5 46.Ke3 g5 47.h3 h5=)* 41...Kf4 42.c4± White is of course much better but Black has certain counter-chances.]

41.Re1 Marin,M: '!' **41...Rxa3**

[41...Rxe1 Marin,M 42.Kxe1]

42.b5 The b-pawn is simply too fleet of foot. The b-pawn is simply too fleet of foot. **42...Ra2** Marin,M **43.Rb1+-**

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[Rellstab, FS 1976/170]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5
[3...g6]
4.e3
[4.e4]
4...cxd4
[4...e6 5.Nb5 Na6 6.c3 Be7 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.b4 Be7 10.Nf3 Bd7 11.a4]
[4...a6 5.dxc5 Nc6 6.a3]
5.exd4 a6
[5...e6 6.Nb5 Na6 7.c3 Be7 8.Nf3 0-0 9.Bd3 Bd7 *(9...Ne4 10.0-0 Bd7 11.a4 h6 12.Qe2 Ng5 13.Ne5 Bc6 14.Bc2 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Nxg6 fxg6 17.Qxg6+ Bg7 18.Be5 Qe7 19.Bd6 Qf7 20.Bxf8 Qxg6 21.Bxg6)* 10.a4 Bxb5 11.axb5 Nc7 12.0-0 Bd6 13.Ne5 Ne4 14.f3 Nf6 15.Re1 Nh5 16.Bd2 Qh4 17.Qc2 f5 18.Be3 a6 19.bxa6 bxa6 20.Bf2]
6.Bd3
[6.Nf3
A) 6...Bg4 7.h3 *(7.Be2 e6 8.h3 Bxf3 9.Bxf3 Nc6 10.Ne2 Bd6 11.Be3 0-0 12.0-0 Ne7 13.g3 Nf5 14.Bc1 Rc8 15.c3 b5 16.Qd3 Qc7 17.Bg5 Qc4 18.Rfd1 Be7 19.Nf4 Nd7 20.Bxe7 Nxe7)* 7...Bxf3 8.Qxf3 Nc6 *(8...e6 9.g4 Nc6)* 9.0-0-0 e6 10.g4 Bd6 *(10...Qa5 11.g5 Nd7 12.Kb1 Rc8 13.h4 Bb4 14.Ne2 Nb6 15.Nc1 Qa4 16.Nb3 Be7 17.c3 Na5 18.Bd3 Nxb3 19.Bc2 Nd2+ 20.Bxd2 Qb5 21.Bd3; 10...Bb4 11.Ne2 Qa5 12.Kb1 Ne4 13.Nc1 Bd6 14.Nb3 Qc7 15.Be3 0-0 16.Rg1 b5 17.Bd3 f5 18.gxf5 exf5 19.Bh6 Rf7 20.Bxg7 Rxg7 21.Qxf5 Kh8 22.Rxg7 Qxg7 23.Qxd5)*;
B) 6...Nc6 7.Ne5 Bd7 *(7...e6 8.Nxc6 bxc6 9.Na4 Bd6 10.Bxd6 Qxd6 11.Bd3 0-0 12.0-0 e5 13.dxe5 Qxe5 14.Qf3 Re8 15.Qg3 Qxg3 16.hxg3 Rb8 17.Rfe1 Kf8 18.b3)* 8.Be2 *(8.Qd2 e6 9.f3; 8.Qd3)* 8...e6 9.0-0 Qb6 10.Nxc6 Bxc6 11.Rb1 Be7 12.Bf3 0-0 13.Ne2 Rfc8]
[6.Be2 Nc6 7.Nf3 Bg4 8.Ne5 *(8.0-0 e6 9.Ne5 Bxe2 10.Nxe2 Nxe5 11.Bxe5 Nd7 12.Bg3 Be7 13.Re1 0-0 14.a4 b5 15.Nf4 b4 16.Qe2 Nf6 17.f3 Qb6 18.Bf2 Rfc8)* 8...Bxe2 9.Nxe2 g6 10.c3 Bg7 11.Ng3 Rc8 12.0-0 0-0 13.Re1 e6 14.Nd3 Nd7 15.Qd2 Na5 16.Bg5 Qc7 17.Bh6 Nc4 18.Qc1 Rfe8 19.Re2 Bf6]
[6.h3 Nc6 7.Nf3 Bf5 8.Be2 *(8.Bd3 Bxd3 9.Qxd3 e6 10.g4 Bd6 11.Be3 Rc8 12.g5 Nb4 13.Qd1 Ne4 14.Bd2 Qc7 15.a3 Nc6 16.Qe2 Nxd2 17.Qxd2 Bf4 18.Qd3 0-0)* 8...e6 9.0-0 Bd6 10.Bxd6 Qxd6 11.Re1 0-0 12.Bf1 Rfc8 13.a3 b5 14.Na2 b4 15.axb4 Nxb4 16.Nxb4 Qxb4 17.Re2 Qxb2 18.c4 Qb4 19.c5 Ne4 20.Re3 Qb2 21.Qe1 a5 22.Rea3]
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17.dxe5 Nd7 18.f4 g5 19.Rhe1 b4 20.Nxd5 exd5 21.Qxd5 Nc5 22.Qf3 Qc7 23.f5 Qb7) 13...h6 14.Kb1 b5 *(14...Be7 15.Bc1 Qa5 16.Qe3 b5 17.b3 Ba3 18.g5 hxg5 19.Qxg5 Bxc1 20.Qxc1 Rxh5 21.Rxh5 Nxh5)* 15.Nc1 Na5 16.b3 *(16.Rdg1 Nc4 17.g5 hxg5 18.Bxg5 Qa5)* 16...Nc6 *(16...Qb6 17.g5 hxg5 18.Bxg5 Bb4)* 17.Qe3 Nb4 18.Rd2 Be7 19.N3e2 Qb6 20.c3 Nc6 21.Nd3 b4 22.Rc2 Na7 23.Nxb4 Nb5 24.Rcc1 a5 25.Nd3 Na3+ 26.Ka1 a4]

8.Qd2 b5

[8...Bd6]

[8...Be7 9.a3 Bd7]

9.0-0

[9.0-0-0 Qa5]

[9.Bxb5 axb5 10.Nxb5 Ne4]

9...Be7

[9...Nb4 10.Nc1 Nxd3 11.Nxd3]

[9...Bd6 10.Nd1 *(10.Bg5 0-0 11.Rae1 Bb7 12.Nd1 Nb4; 10.Bxd6 Qxd6 11.Nd1)* 10...0-0 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.Ne3 Rb8]

10.a3 Bd7

[10...0-0 11.h3 Na5]

11.h3 0-0 12.Rfe1

[12.Nd1 Na5 13.Ne3 Nc4]

12...Na5 13.Rad1 Qb6

[13...Nh5 14.Bh2 *(14.Be3 Nc4; 14.Be5 Nc4)* 14...Bg5]

[13...Nc4 14.Qc1 *(14.Bxc4 bxc4 15.Qe3 Ra7 16.Ng3 Bc6)* 14...Bc6 *(14...Rc8)* 15.Ng3 Rc8]

14.Ng3 Rfc8

[14...Rfe8 15.Qc1 Nc4]

15.Nf5 exf5

[15...Nc6 16.Nxe7+ Nxe7 17.Bg5 Ng6 18.Bxf6 gxf6 19.h4]

[15...Bf8 16.Nh6+ gxh6 17.Bxh6 Kh8 *(17...Bxh6 18.Qxh6 Qd8 19.Re3 Kh8 20.Rg3; 17...Qd8 18.Qg5+ Kh8 19.Bxf8 Qxf8; 17...Ne8 18.Bxf8 Kxf8 19.Qh6+ Ng7 20.Nxd5)* 18.Qf4 Qd8 *(18...Bxh6 19.Qxh6 Qd8 20.Re3)* 19.Bxf8 Qxf8 20.Qxf6+ Qg7 21.Qf4]

16.Rxe7 Be6

[16...Qd8 17.Re5 *(17.Qe3; 17.Re2 Ne4 18.Bxe4 Nc4)* 17...Ne4 *(17...Be6 18.Bg5)* 18.Qe1 *(18.Bxe4 dxe4 19.Rc5 Nb7)* 18...Be6 *(18...Nxc3 19.bxc3 Be6 20.Rxe6 fxe6 21.Qxe6+ Kh8 22.Qxf5)* 19.Nxd5 Bxd5 20.Rxf5 Nf6 21.Bg5]

17.Bh6 gxh6

[17...Qd8 18.Bxg7 *(18.Qg5 Qf8)* 18...Qxe7 *(18...Kxg7 19.Qg5+ Kf8 20.Qxf6 Nc6 21.Rxe6; 18...Nh5 19.Bf6 f4 20.Rxe6 Nxf6 21.Re5)* 19.Qg5]

[17...Nh5 18.Qg5 Nc6 *(18...g6 19.g4)* 19.Rxe6 fxe6 20.Be2 *(20.Qxh5 gxh6 21.Qxh6 Ne7 22.h4 Rc6 23.Re1 Ng6 24.Ne2 Ra7 25.h5 Nf8 26.c3)* 20...Qb7 *(20...Qc7 21.Bxh5 Kh8; 20...Qa7 21.Bxh5 Kh8 22.Qe3 gxh6 23.Qxe6 Qg7 24.Qxd5)* 21.Bxh5 Kh8 22.Qe3 gxh6 23.Qxe6]

[17...Nc6 18.Bxg7 *(18.Qg5)* 18...Nxe7 *(18...Qxd4 19.Rxe6 fxe6 20.Qh6 Ng4 21.Qxe6+ Kxg7 22.hxg4; 18...Kxg7 19.Qg5+ Kf8 20.Rxe6 fxe6 21.Qxf6+ Kg8 22.Qxe6+ Kh8 23.Qf6+ Kg8 24.Bxf5)* 19.Bxf6 Kf8 *(19...Qd8 20.Nxd5 Bxd5 21.Qg5+ Kf8 22.Bxf5)* 20.Qh6+ Ke8 21.Bxe7 Rxc3 22.Qf8+ Kd7 23.Qxa8 Rc8 24.Bc5]

[17...Ne8 18.Qg5 *(18.Rxe8+ Rxe8 19.Qg5 Qxd4 20.Bxb5 Qe5 21.f4 Qf6 22.Qxf6 gxf6 23.Bxe8 Rxe8 24.Rd3)* 18...Qxd4 *(18...Kf8*

19.Rxe8+ Kxe8 20.Bxg7 Kd7 21.Re1) 19.Bxf5 *(19.Bxb5 Qf6 20.Rxe8+ Rxe8 21.Qxf6 gxf6 22.Bxe8)* 19...Qf6 20.Bxe6 fxe6 21.Rxg7+ Qxg7 22.Bxg7 Nxg7 23.Ne4]

[17...g6 18.Qg5 Bd7]

[17...Kf8 18.Bxg7+ Kxe7 19.Bxf6+ Kd7 *(19...Kxf6 20.Qh6+ Ke7 21.Nxd5+)* 20.Re1]

18.Qxh6 Rxc3

[18...Bd7

A) 19.Qg5+ Kf8 20.Rde1 Qxd4 *(20...Re8 21.Qh6+ Kg8 22.R1e3 f4 23.Nxd5)* 21.Qh6+;

B) 19.Rde1

B1) 19...Nc4 20.Bxc4 dxc4 21.R1e3 Rc6 22.Nd5 *(22.Rg3+ Ng4 23.Qf4)* 22...Nxd5 23.Rg3+ Rg6 24.Rxf7 Kxf7 25.Qxh7+ Kf8 26.Rxg6 Qxg6 27.Qxg6;

B2) 19...Qxd4 20.Nxb5 *(20.R1e3 Rc6 21.Ne2 Ne4 22.Nxd4 Rxh6 23.Rxd7)*

B2a) 20...axb5 21.c3 Ng4 *(21...Qxd3 22.Qg5+ Kf8 23.Qxf6; 21...Qb6 22.R1e3)* 22.hxg4 Qg7 23.Qxg7+ Kxg7 24.Rxd7;

B2b) 20...Bxb5 21.Bxf5 Nc6 22.R7e3]

[18...Ne8 19.Bxf5 Bxf5 20.Qxb6]

19.Qg5+ Kf8 20.Qxf6 Rxd3

[20...Rc6 21.Bxf5 *(21.Re1)* 21...Qd8 22.Bxe6]

[20...Rc7 21.Bxf5 *(21.Re1)* 21...Rxe7 *(21...Re8 22.Re1)* 22.Qh8#]

[20...Rcc8 21.Bxf5 *(21.Rxf7+ Bxf7 22.Qxb6)* 21...Re8 22.Bxe6]

[20...Ra7 21.Bxf5 *(21.Re1)* 21...Rc6 22.Bxe6]

[20...Nc6 21.Rxe6 Qxd4 22.bxc3]

21.cxd3

[21.Rxd3 Nc4 22.b3]

21...Qc6 22.Re1 Re8 23.R1xe6

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□ **Jobava,Baadur** **2665**

■ **Ponomariov,Ruslan** **2709**

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[Ganguly,Surya Shekhar]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5

[2...g6 3.e4]

3.Bf4 c5

[3...g6 - 128/128 Ftacnik,Lubomir: '(Ganguly,Surya Shekhar) - 128/128' Ftacnik,Lubomir: '(Ganguly,Surya Shekhar) - 128/128 Ftacnik,L: '(Ftacnik,Lubomir) (Ganguly,Surya Shekhar) - 128/128'' - 128/128 Ftacnik,Lubomir: '(Ganguly,Surya Shekhar) - 128/128' Ftacnik,Lubomir: '(Ganguly,Surya Shekhar) - 128/128 Ftacnik,L: '(Ftacnik,Lubomir) (Ganguly,Surya Shekhar) - 128/128'' User: 'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar: '- 128/128 Ftacnik,Lubomir: '(Ganguly,Surya Shekhar) - 128/128' Ftacnik,Lubomir: '(Ganguly,Surya Shekhar) - 128/128 Ftacnik,L: '(Ftacnik,Lubomir) (Ganguly,Surya Shekhar) - 128/128'''' 4.Qd2 c6 5.f3 b5 6.a3 Bg7 7.Bh6 Bxh6 8.Qxh6 Qd6 9.e3 e5 10.Bd3 Nbd7 11.Nge2 a6 12.b4 a5 13.0-0 exd4 14.Nxd4 Ne5 15.h3 Bd7 16.f4 Nxd3 17.cxd3 1-0 (27) Jobava,B (2713)-Winants,L (2545) Tromso 2014]

[3...e6 4.Nb5 Bb4+ *(4...Na6 5.a3 c6 6.Nc3)* 5.c3 Ba5 6.a4 a6 7.b4 axb5 8.axb5 b6 9.bxa5 bxa5 10.e3 1-0 (48) Jobava,B (2669)-Gelfand,B (2734) Almaty KAZ 2016]

4.e3

[Invariably played, although we shouldn't forget that the Morris Gambitesque Invariably played, although we shouldn't forget that the Morris Gambitesque User: 'Invariably played, although we shouldn't forget that the Morris Gambitesque' 4.e4!? (Richard Palliser) also exists - see Eric's notes to Boguszlavszkij-Wang Xinyue, Budapest 2012. (Richard Palliser) also exists - see Eric's notes to Boguszlavszkij-Wang Xinyue, Budapest 2012. User: '(Richard Palliser) also exists - see Eric's notes to Boguszlavszkij-Wang Xinyue, Budapest 2012.']

4...cxd4

[a) 4...e6 Richard Palliser 5.Nb5! Na6 GM Petar Arnaudov: '±' '±' GM Petar Arnaudov: 'The knight is misplaced there. The difference with the 3...e6 system is that Black can't challenge White's knight with c7-c6' 6.c3 Be7 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.b4 Be7 10.Nf3 Bd7 11.a4 was very thematic from White and gave him a pleasant edge in Sanikidze-Tukubayev, Almaty 2016. was very thematic from White and gave him a pleasant edge in Sanikidze-Tukubayev, Almaty 2016. User: 'was very thematic from White and gave him a pleasant edge in Sanikidze-Tukubayev, Almaty 2016.']

[b) 4...a6?! Richard Palliser 5.dxc5 Nc6 *(5...e6 6.Na4 Bxc5 7.Nxc5 Qa5+ 8.c3 Qxc5±)* 6.a3! should also supply an edge - see Nakamura-Fressinet, Dubai (rapid) 2014, in the Archive. should also supply an edge - see Nakamura-Fressinet, Dubai (rapid) 2014, in the Archive. User: 'should also supply an edge - see Nakamura-Fressinet, Dubai (rapid) 2014, in the Archive.']

[4...Nc6 GM Petar Arnaudov: '??' '??' 5.Nb5 GM Petar Arnaudov: '+-' '+-']

5.exd4

[5.Nb5 Qa5+ 6.c3 dxc3 7.Nc7+ Kd8 8.b4 Qxb4 9.Nxa8 c2+ 10.Qd2 e5! 11.Bxe5 Nc6 12.Bc3 Qb1+ 13.Qc1 Bf5 And my engine says that White can resign.]

5...a6

[5...e6 Ftacnik,Lubomir Ftacnik, Lubomir User: 'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar: 'Ftacnik,Lubomir'' 6.Nb5 Na6 7.c3 Be7 8.Nf3 0-0 9.Bd3 Bd7 *(9...Ne4 10.0-0 Bd7 11.a4 h6 12.Qe2 Ng5 13.Ne5 Bc6 14.Bc2 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Nxg6 fxg6 17.Qxg6+ Bg7 18.Be5 Qe7 19.Bd6 Qf7 20.Bxf8 Qxg6 21.Bxg6±* ½-½ (56) Meister,J (2491)-Andriasian, Z (2463) playchess.com INT 2006 ½-½ (56) Meister,J (2491)-Andriasian, Z (2463) playchess.com INT 2006 User: '½-½ (56) Meister,J (2491)-Andriasian,Z (2463) playchess.com INT 2006' *)* 10.a4 Bxb5 11.axb5 Nc7 12.0-0 Bd6 13.Ne5 User: '1-0 (61) Jobava,B (2669)-Kovalenko,I (2668) Almaty KAZ 2016' Ne4 14.f3 Nf6 15.Re1 Nh5 16.Bd2 Qh4 17.Qc2 f5 18.Be3 a6 19.bxa6 bxa6 20.Bf2± 1-0 (61) Jobava,B (2669)-Kovalenko,I (2668) Almaty 2016]

6.Bd3

[Others are still preferring Others are still preferring User: 'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar: 'Others are still preferring'' 6.Nf3 (Richard Palliser) , after which (Richard Palliser) , after which User: 'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar: '(Richard Palliser) , after which''

A) or or User: 'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar: 'or'' 6...Bg4 GM Petar Arnaudov: '1-0 (83) Nakamura,H (2767)-Giri,A (2776) London 2014' 7.h3 *(7.Be2 Ftacnik,Lubomir e6 8.h3 Bxf3 9.Bxf3 Nc6 10.Ne2 Bd6 11.Be3 0-0 12.0-0 Ne7 13.g3 Nf5 14.Bc1 Rc8 15.c3 b5 16.Qd3 Qc7 17.Bg5 Qc4 18.Rfd1 Be7 19.Nf4 Nd7 20.Bxe7 Nxe7±* 1-0 (83) Nakamura,H (2767)-Giri,A (2776) London 2014*)* 7...Bxf3 8.Qxf3 Nc6 *(8...e6 Ftacnik,Lubomir 9.g4 Nc6)* 9.0-0-0 e6 10.g4! , as in Rapport-Sutovsky, Tromso Olympiad 2014, when Black's best remains Eric's , as in Rapport-Sutovsky, Tromso Olympiad 2014, when Black's best remains Eric's User: ', as in Rapport-Sutovsky, Tromso Olympiad 2014, when Black's best remains Eric's' Bd6! *(10...Qa5 Ftacnik,Lubomir 11.g5 Nd7 12.Kb1 Rc8 13.h4 Bb4 14.Ne2 Nb6 15.Nc1 Qa4 16.Nb3 Be7 17.c3 Na5 18.Bd3 Nxb3 19.Bc2 Nd2+ 20.Bxd2 Qb5 21.Bd3±* 1-0 (43) Nabaty,T (2622)-Navara,D (2745) Pardubice 2016*; 10...Bb4 Ftacnik,Lubomir 11.Ne2 Qa5 12.Kb1 Ne4 13.Nc1 Bd6 14.Nb3 Qc7 15.Be3 0-0 16.Rg1 b5 17.Bd3 f5 18.gxf5 exf5 19.Bh6 Rf7 20.Bxg7 Rxg7 21.Qxf5 Kh8 22.Rxg7 Qxg7 23.Qxd5±* 1-0 (44) Rapport,R (2704)-Sutovsky, E (2624) Tromsoe 2014 *)*;

B) 6...Nc6 7.Ne5 angles for a structural plus after a trade on c6. As such, Bd7 is sensible when *(7...e6 Ftacnik,Lubomir 8.Nxc6 bxc6 9.Na4 Bd6 10.Bxd6 Qxd6 11.Bd3 0-0 12.0-0 e5 13.dxe5 Qxe5 14.Qf3 Re8 15.Qg3 Qxg3 16.hxg3 Rb8 17.Rfe1 Kf8 18.b3±* ½-½ (41) Rapport,R (2710)-Bu,X (2681) Tsaghkadzor 2015 ½-½ (41) Rapport,R (2710)-Bu,X (2681) Tsaghkadzor 2015 User: '½-½ (41) Rapport,R (2710)-Bu,X (2681) Tsaghkadzor 2015'*)* 8.Be2 *(8.Qd2!? e6 9.f3* would be a much more aggressive handling of the white pieces, would be a much more aggressive handling of the white pieces, User: 'would be a much more aggressive handling of the white pieces,'*;* while Christian Bauer has tried *8.Qd3)* 8...e6 9.0-0 Qb6 10.Nxc6 Bxc6 11.Rb1 Be7 12.Bf3 0-0 13.Ne2 Rfc8 was all too easy for Black and shortly agreed drawn in V.Kovalev-E.L'Ami, Baku Olympiad 2016. was all too easy for Black and shortly agreed drawn in V.Kovalev-E.L'Ami, Baku Olympiad 2016. User: 'was all too easy for Black and shortly agreed drawn in V.Kovalev-E.L'Ami, Baku Olympiad 2016.']

[6.Be2 Ftacnik,Lubomir Nc6 7.Nf3 Bg4 8.Ne5 *(8.0-0 e6 9.Ne5 Bxe2 10.Nxe2 Nxe5 11.Bxe5 Nd7 12.Bg3 Be7 13.Re1 0-0 14.a4 b5 15.Nf4 b4 16.Qe2 Nf6 17.f3 Qb6 18.Bf2 Rfc8∓* ½-½ (37) Kovacevic,V (2471)-Kuljasevic,D (2555) Sibenik 2010 ½-½ (37) Kovacevic,V (2471)-Kuljasevic,D (2555) Sibenik 2010 User: '½-½ (37) Kovacevic,V (2471)-Kuljasevic,D (2555) Sibenik 2010'*)* 8...Bxe2 9.Nxe2 g6 10.c3 Bg7 11.Ng3 Rc8 12.0-0 0-0 13.Re1 e6 14.Nd3 Nd7 15.Qd2 Na5 16.Bg5 Qc7 17.Bh6 Nc4 18.Qc1 Rfe8 19.Re2 Bf6=

½-½ (22) Stefanova,A (2488)-Khotenashvili,B (2518) Lopota 2014 ½-½ (22) Stefanova,A (2488)-Khotenashvili,B (2518) Lopota 2014 User: '½-½ (22) Stefanova,A (2488)-Khotenashvili,B (2518) Lopota 2014'] [6.h3 Ftacnik,Lubomir GM Petar Arnaudov: '1-0 (44) Milanovic,D (2469)-Wagner,D (2575) Berlin 2015' Nc6 7.Nf3 Bf5 8.Be2 *(8.Bd3 Bxd3 9.Qxd3 e6 10.g4 Bd6 11.Be3 Rc8 12.g5 Nb4 13.Qd1 Ne4 14.Bd2 Qc7 15.a3 Nc6 16.Qe2 Nxd2 17.Qxd2 Bf4 18.Qd3 0-0∓* 0-1 (40) Khotenashvili,B (2504)-Stefanova,A (2517) Beijing 2014*)* 8...e6 9.0-0 Bd6 10.Bxd6 Qxd6 11.Re1 0-0 12.Bf1 Rfc8 13.a3 b5 14.Na2 b4 15.axb4 Nxb4 16.Nxb4 Qxb4 17.Re2 Qxb2 18.c4 Qb4 19.c5 Ne4 20.Re3 Qb2 21.Qe1 a5 22.Rea3± 1-0 (44) Milanovic,D (2469)-Wagner,D (2575) Berlin 2015]

6...Nc6

[6...Bg4 7.f3]

7.Nge2

[7.Nf3 Ftacnik,Lubomir Bg4 GM Petar Arnaudov: 'this pin is always unpleasant for White in such structures']

7...e6

[7...Bg4 8.f3 Bh5 9.g4 Bg6 10.h4 e6 11.h5 Bxd3 12.Qxd3 Rc8 (Richard Palliser) really be so bad for Black? The extra kingside space is a useful asset, but Black in turn will expand on the queenside and no longer has a potentially problematic piece on c8. Jobava has reached this important position twice this year with (Richard Palliser) really be so bad for Black? The extra kingside space is a useful asset, but Black in turn will expand on the queenside and no longer has a potentially problematic piece on c8. Jobava has reached this important position twice this year with User: '(Richard Palliser) really be so bad for Black? The extra kingside space is a useful asset, but Black in turn will expand on the queenside and no longer has a potentially problematic piece on c8. Jobava has reached this important position twice this year with' *(12...Bd6* Ftacnik,Lubomir *13.0-0-0 Qc7 14.Qe3 h6 15.Kb1 0-0-0 16.Bxd6 Qxd6 17.Nc1 Kb8 18.Nd3 Nd7 19.Ne2 Ka8 20.f4=* 0-1 (27) Jobava,B (2669)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2719) Almaty 2016*)* 13.0-0-0 *(13.h6!? g6 14.0-0-0* has to be considered too, but after *b5 15.Kb1 Be7* it's not entirely clear how White will break through on the kingside it's not entirely clear how White will break through on the kingside User: 'it's not entirely clear how White will break through on the kingside' *16.Be5 Nxe5 17.dxe5 Nd7 18.f4* was what I wanted to make work and actually after, for instance, was what I wanted to make work and actually after, for instance, User: 'was what I wanted to make work and actually after, for instance,' *g5!? 19.Rhe1! b4 20.Nxd5 exd5 21.Qxd5 Nc5 22.Qf3 Qc7 23.f5 Qb7* the position merely remains rather hard to assess, if I guess likely about equal the position merely remains rather hard to assess, if I guess likely about equal User: 'the position merely remains rather hard to assess, if I guess likely about equal' *)* 13...h6 14.Kb1 b5 *(*more vigorous than the *14...Be7*

of Jobova-Grischuk, Almaty (blitz) 2016, although there Black was still OK after of Jobova-Grischuk, Almaty (blitz) 2016, although there Black was still OK after User: 'of Jobova-Grischuk, Almaty (blitz) 2016, although there Black was still OK after' *15.Bc1 Qa5 16.Qe3 b5 17.b3 Ba3 18.g5* Ftacnik,Lubomir *hxg5 19.Qxg5 Bxc1 20.Qxc1 Rxh5 21.Rxh5 Nxh5∓* 0-1 (39) Jobava,B (2669)-Grischuk,A (2747) Almaty 2016 *)* 15.Nc1 Na5! 16.b3 *(16.Rdg1 Nc4 17.g5 hxg5 18.Bxg5 Qa5* begins to create threats on the queenside *)* 16...Nc6 *(16...Qb6!? 17.g5 hxg5 18.Bxg5 Bb4* looks more to the point*)* 17.Qe3 Nb4 18.Rd2! Be7 19.N3e2 Qb6 20.c3 Nc6 21.Nd3 seeing White beginning to take control in Jobava-Mchedlishvili, Turkish Team Championship 2016. seeing White beginning to take control in Jobava-Mchedlishvili, Turkish Team Championship 2016. User: 'seeing White beginning to take control in Jobava-Mchedlishvili, Turkish Team Championship 2016.' b4 Ftacnik,Lubomir 22.Rc2 Na7 23.Nxb4 Nb5 24.Rcc1 a5 25.Nd3 Na3+ 26.Ka1 a4= ½-½ (58) Jobava, B (2669)-Mchedlishvili,M (2604) Izmir 2016 ½-½ (58) Jobava,B (2669)-Mchedlishvili,M (2604) Izmir 2016 User: '½-½ (58) Jobava,B (2669)-Mchedlishvili,M (2604) Izmir 2016']

[7...Nb4 8.h3 e6]

8.Qd2 b5

[8...Bd6 Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Ganguly, Surya Shekhar' Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar Ftacnik,L: '(Ftacnik,Lubomir) Ganguly,Surya Shekhar"]

[8...Be7 Ftacnik,Lubomir 9.a3 Bd7∓]

9.0-0

[9.0-0-0? Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Ganguly, Surya Shekhar' Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar Ftacnik,L: '(Ftacnik,Lubomir) Ganguly,Surya Shekhar" Qa5!-+]

[9.Bxb5? Ftacnik,Lubomir GM Petar Arnaudov: 'doesn't work' axb5 10.Nxb5 Ne4-+]

9...Be7

[9...Nb4 Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Ganguly, Surya Shekhar' Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar Ftacnik,L: '(Ftacnik,Lubomir) Ganguly,Surya Shekhar" 10.Nc1 Nxd3 11.Nxd3]

[A new move. Previously Black had tried to trade off a potential attacker, with A new move. Previously Black had tried to trade off a potential attacker, with User: 'A new move. Previously Black had tried to trade off a potential attacker, with' 9...Bd6!? Richard Palliser GM Baadur Jobava: '?!' GM Baadur Jobava: 'This is slightly imprecise, in my opinion. The point is that now the dark squares are weaker:' GM Petar Arnaudov: 'was the safest approach GM Baadur Jobava: '?!' GM Baadur Jobava: 'This is slightly imprecise, in my opinion. The point is that now the dark squares are weaker:"

A) 10.Bg5 0-0 11.Rae1 Bb7 12.Nd1 Nb4! is an important motif is an important motif User: 'is an important motif';

B) 10.Bxd6 Ftacnik,Lubomir Qxd6 GM Petar Arnaudov: '=' '=' 11.Nd1 *(11.a3!?* GM Petar Arnaudov: 'GM Baadur Jobava' *0-0 12.Na2±* I am ready to play Nb4, and White's position is definitely more pleasant

to play. *)*;
C) 10.Nd1 0-0 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.Ne3 Ftacnik,Lubomir: '=' '=' '=' '=' Rb8 looking OK for him in Kleinert-Palamarchuk, correspondence 2013. looking OK for him in Kleinert-Palamarchuk, correspondence 2013. User: 'looking OK for him in Kleinert-Palamarchuk, correspondence 2013.']

10.a3 Bd7

[10...0-0 Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Ganguly, Surya Shekhar' Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar Ftacnik,L: '(Ftacnik,Lubomir) Ganguly,Surya Shekhar'' 11.h3 Na5⇄]

11.h3 0-0 12.Rfe1

[12.Nd1 Ftacnik,Lubomir Na5 13.Ne3 Nc4=]

[12.Bh2!? This would have been a better prophylactic move. White is not better; it's just an equal position. GM Petar Arnaudov: '(GM Baadur Jobava) This would have been a better prophylactic move. White is not better; it's just an equal position.']

12...Na5

[12...Nh5! GM Petar Arnaudov: 'GM Baadur Jobava' 13.Bh2 f5↑ This plan is particularly strong because Black's bishop on d7 is defending the e6 pawn.]

13.Rad1

[13.Bg5!? GM Petar Arnaudov: 'GM Baadur Jobava' Nc4 14.Qc1= This would have been a better option for me. Next, I could continue with Ng3 and Nd1-Ne3. The position remains equal.]

13...Qb6

[13...Nh5! Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Ganguly, Surya Shekhar' Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar Ftacnik,L: '(Ftacnik,Lubomir) Ganguly,Surya Shekhar'' Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Ganguly, Surya Shekhar' Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar Ftacnik,L: '(Ftacnik,Lubomir) Ganguly,Surya Shekhar'' User: 'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar: '!' Ganguly,Surya Shekhar: 'Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar' Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Ganguly, Surya Shekhar Ftacnik,L: '(Ftacnik, Lubomir) Ganguly,Surya Shekhar'''' GM Petar Arnaudov: 'GM Baadur Jobava' 14.Bh2 *(14.Be3 Nc4∓; 14.Be5 Nc4∓)* 14...Bg5∓ User: 'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar: ' ∓" 15.f4 Bh4 16.g3 Be7 17.g4 Nf6]

[At the very least Black is completely equal after At the very least Black is completely equal after User: 'At the very least Black is completely equal after' 13...Nc4!? Richard Palliser Ftacnik,Lubomir: '!' '!' '!' '!' '!' 14.Qc1 *(*or *14.Bxc4 bxc4 15.Qe3 Ra7! 16.Ng3 Bc6)* 14...Bc6 *(14...Rc8∓* Ftacnik,Lubomir *)* 15.Ng3 Rc8 .]

14.Ng3 Rfc8

[Richard Palliser: 'And here' 14...Rfe8= Richard Palliser: 'would have been prudent. Moreover, th'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar: '=' Ftacnik, L: 'Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar: '='''' e text is actually quite a bad error as we'll quickly see.' Ftacnik, Lubomir: 'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar: '=" Richard Palliser: 'would have been prudent. Moreover, th'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar: '=' Ftacnik,L: 'Ftacnik, Lubomir: 'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar: '='''' e text is actually quite a bad error as we'll quickly see.' Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar: '=" User: 'Richard Palliser: 'would have been

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15.Nf5 exf5

[Ugly, but by now it was a choice of this or Ugly, but by now it was a choice of this or User: 'Ugly, but by now it was a choice of this or' 15...Nc6 Richard Palliser 16.Nxe7+ Nxe7 17.Bg5 Ng6 when White has, for starters, 18.Bxf6 gxf6 19.h4! ,]

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16.Rxe7 Be6

[Richard Palliser: 'The move Ponomariov had clearly been relying on, but it's a dangerous business trying to trap the pieces of such a creative player and good calculator as Jobava.' Richard Palliser: 'The move Ponomariov had clearly been relying on, but it's a dangerous business trying to trap the pieces of such a creative player and good calculator as Jobava.' User: 'Richard Palliser: 'The move Ponomariov had clearly been relying on, but it's a dangerous business trying to trap the pieces of such a creative player and good calculator as Jobava.'' 16...Qd8 Richard Palliser: '!?' Ftacnik,Lubomir: '!?' '!?' '!?' '!?' '!?' GM Petar Arnaudov: '!?' '!?' 17.Re5! *(17.Qe3* (Richard Palliser) keeps up the pressure, but was likely still the lesser evil for Black. (Richard Palliser) keeps up the pressure, but was likely still the lesser evil for Black. User: '(Richard Palliser) keeps up the pressure, but was likely still the lesser evil for Black. '*; 17.Re2* Ftacnik,Lubomir *Ne4 18.Bxe4 Nc4=)* 17...Ne4 *(17...Be6* Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar' Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Ganguly, Surya Shekhar Ftacnik,L: '(Ftacnik, Lubomir) Ganguly,Surya Shekhar''

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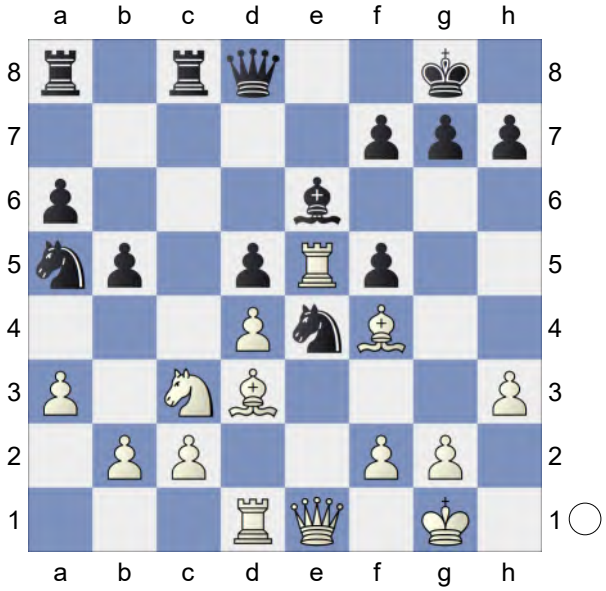

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17.Bh6 gxh6

[17...Qd8 18.Bxg7!! Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar: '!!"'Ganguly, Surya Shekhar: '!!' Ftacnik,L: 'Ftacnik, Lubomir: 'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar: '!!"" *(18.Qg5* Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Ganguly, Surya Shekhar' Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar Ftacnik,L: '(Ftacnik,Lubomir) Ganguly,Surya Shekhar" *Qf8)* 18...Qxe7 Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar' Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Ganguly, Surya Shekhar Ftacnik,L: '(Ftacnik, Lubomir) Ganguly,Surya Shekhar'' *(18...Kxg7* Ftacnik,Lubomir *19.Qg5+ Kf8 20.Qxf6 Nc6 21.Rxe6+-; 18...Nh5* Ftacnik,Lubomir *19.Bf6 f4 20.Rxe6 Nxf6 21.Re5+-)* 19.Qg5+-] [Richard Palliser: 'but' ⌓17...Nh5 Richard Palliser: '!' Ftacnik,Lubomir: '!' '!' '!' '!' '!' Ftacnik,Lub'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar: ' ⌓' Ftacnik,L: 'Ftacnik, Lubomir: 'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar: '⌓"" omir: 'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar: '⌓" Richard Palliser: '!' Ftacnik, Lubomir: '!' '!' '!' Ftacnik,Lub'Ganguly, Surya Shekhar: ' ⌓' Ftacnik,L: 'Ftacnik, Lubomir: 'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar: '⌓"" omir: 'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar: '⌓" GM Petar Arnaudov: '!' '!' GM Petar Arnaudov: 'was the most stubborn defence' 18.Qg5 *(18.Re1 Nc6 19.R7xe6 fxe6 20.Rxe6)* 18...Nc6 'Ftacnik,L: '!' 'Ftacnik, Lubomir: '!' '!' '!' '!' '!'" 'Ftacnik,L: '!' 'Ftacnik,Lubomir: '!' '!' '!'" *(18...g6* Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar' Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Ganguly, Surya Shekhar Ftacnik,L: '(Ftacnik, Lubomir) Ganguly,Surya Shekhar'' *19.g4+-)* 19.Rxe6! Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar: '!'"Ganguly, Surya Shekhar: '!' Ftacnik,L: 'Ftacnik, Lubomir: 'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar: '!"" fxe6 User: 'Richard Palliser: 'or" Richard Palliser: 'or' 20.Be2 GM Petar Arnaudov: '+-' '+-' *(20.Qxh5* Richard Palliser *gxh6 21.Qxh6 Ne7* would have seen Black fighting on. At first one might even assume that he is fine here, but actually after would have seen Black fighting on. At first one might even assume that he is fine here, but actually after User: 'would have seen Black fighting on. At first one might even assume that he is fine here, but actually after' *22.h4 Rc6*

23.Re1 Ng6 24.Ne2 Ra7 25.h5 Nf8 26.c3 White maintains the upper hand with lasting and excellent positional compensation for the exchange. White maintains the upper hand with lasting and excellent positional compensation for the exchange. User: 'White maintains the upper hand with lasting and excellent positional compensation for the exchange.'*)* 20...Qb7 Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Ganguly, Surya Shekhar' Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar Ftacnik,L: '(Ftacnik,Lubomir) Ganguly,Surya Shekhar" *(20...Qc7* Richard Palliser *21.Bxh5 Kh8; 20...Qa7* Ftacnik,Lubomir *21.Bxh5 Kh8 22.Qe3 gxh6 23.Qxe6 Qg7 24.Qxd5±)* 21.Bxh5 Kh8 22.Qe3! gxh6 23.Qxe6±]

[This pretty much loses. 17...Nc6? Richard Palliser 18.Bxg7 Ftacnik,Lubomir: '!' '!' '!' '!' '!' GM Petar Arnaudov: '+-!' '+-!' *(18.Qg5* Ftacnik,Lubomir*)* 18...Nxe7 *(18...Qxd4* Ftacnik,Lubomir *19.Rxe6 fxe6 20.Qh6 Ng4 21.Qxe6+ Kxg7 22.hxg4±; 18...Kxg7* Ftacnik,Lubomir *19.Qg5+ Kf8 20.Rxe6 fxe6 21.Qxf6+ Kg8 22.Qxe6+ Kh8 23.Qf6+ Kg8 24.Bxf5+-)* 19.Bxf6 is a dark-square disaster, is a dark-square disaster, User: 'is a dark-square disaster,' Kf8 Ftacnik,Lubomir *(19...Qd8* Ftacnik,Lubomir *20.Nxd5 Bxd5 21.Qg5+ Kf8 22.Bxf5+-)* 20.Qh6+ Ke8 21.Bxe7 Rxc3 22.Qf8+ Kd7 23.Qxa8 Rc8 24.Bc5+-]

[17...Ne8 Ftacnik,Lubomir 18.Qg5 *(18.Rxe8+ Rxe8 19.Qg5* GM Petar Arnaudov: '+-' '+-' *Qxd4 20.Bxb5 Qe5 21.f4 Qf6 22.Qxf6 gxf6 23.Bxe8 Rxe8 24.Rd3+-)* 18...Qxd4 *(18...Kf8 19.Rxe8+ Kxe8 20.Bxg7 Kd7 21.Re1+-)* 19.Bxf5! *(19.Bxb5 Qf6 20.Rxe8+ Rxe8 21.Qxf6 gxf6 22.Bxe8+-)* 19...Qf6 20.Bxe6 fxe6 21.Rxg7+ Qxg7 22.Bxg7 Nxg7 23.Ne4+-]

[17...g6 Ftacnik,Lubomir 18.Qg5 GM Petar Arnaudov: '+-' '+-' Bd7]

[User: 'For example,' 17...Kf8 Ftacnik,Lubomir Ftacnik,Lubomir User: 'fails to' User: 'fails to Ganguly, Surya Shekhar: 'Ftacnik,Lubomir'' 18.Bxg7+ Kxe7 19.Bxf6+ User: 'and if Black takes the bishop...'

A) 19...Kxf6 20.Qh6+ *(20.Nxd5+! Bxd5 21.Qh6+)* 20...Ke7 21.Nxd5++-;

B) 19...Kd7 20.Re1± GM Petar Arnaudov: '+-' '+-']

[and 17...Kh8 18.Bxg7+ Kxg7 19.Qg5+ Kf8 20.Qxf6 transposes to the game.]

18.Qxh6 Rxc3

[Richard Palliser: 'Desperate stuff, but if' ⌓18...Bd7

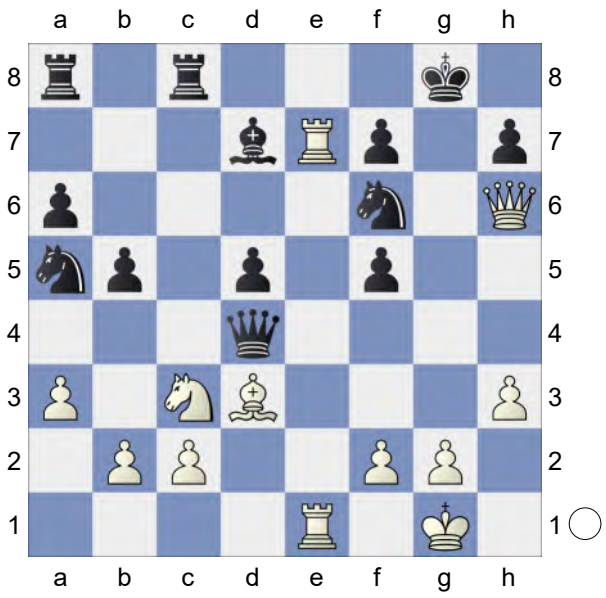
A) 19.Qg5+ Richard Palliser Kf8 20.Rde1 Qxd4 *(20...Re8* Ftacnik,Lubomir *21.Qh6+ Kg8 22.R1e3 f4 23.Nxd5+-)* 21.Qh6+;

B) 19.Rde1! Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar'

B1) 19...Nc4 Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar' 20.Bxc4 dxc4 21.R1e3 Rc6 22.Nd5!! *(22.Rg3+! Ng4 23.Qf4+-)* 22...Nxd5 23.Rg3+ Rg6 24.Rxf7! Kxf7 25.Qxh7+ Kf8 26.Rxg6 Qxg6 27.Qxg6+- ♔h Ftacnik,Lubomir: ' ♔h' ♔h Ftacnik,Lubomir: ' ♔h' User: ' ♔h Ftacnik,Lubomir: '♔h";

B2) 19...Qxd4 Diagram

(Diagram)



'Ftacnik,L: 'Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar: 'Diagram [#]''''20.Nxb5! 'Ftacnik,L: 'Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar: '!'''' *(20.R1e3* (Richard Palliser) and Black shouldn't survive even after *Rc6 21.Ne2 Ne4 22.Nxd4 Rxh6 23.Rxd7 .)*

B2a) 20...axb5 21.c3! Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar: '!'''Ganguly,Surya Shekhar: '!' Ftacnik,L: 'Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar: '!'''' Ng4 *(21...Qxd3 22.Qg5+ Kf8 23.Qxf6+-; 21...Qb6* Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar' Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar Ftacnik,L: '(Ftacnik,Lubomir) Ganguly,Surya Shekhar'' *22.R1e3+-)* 22.hxg4 Qg7 23.Qxg7+ Kxg7 24.Rxd7+- Ftacnik,Lubomir: '±''±''±''±''±' Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Ganguly,Su'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar: '+-' Ftacnik,L: 'Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar: '+-'''' rya Shekhar: '+-'' Ftacnik,Lubomir: '±''±''±' Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Ganguly,Su'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar: '+-' Ftacnik,L: 'Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar: '+-'''' rya Shekhar: '+-";

B2b) 20...Bxb5 Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar' Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar Ftacnik,L: '(Ftacnik,Lubomir) Ganguly,Surya Shekhar'' 21.Bxf5! Nc6 22.R7e3+-]

[18...Ne8 Ftacnik,Lubomir Ftacnik,Lubomir User: 'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar: 'Ftacnik,Lubomir'' 19.Bxf5 Bxf5 20.Qxb6+-]

19.Qg5+ Kf8 20.Qxf6 Rxd3

[20...Rc6 21.Bxf5+- Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar: '+-'''Ganguly,Surya Shekhar: '+-' Ftacnik,L: 'Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar: '+-'''' Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar: '+-'''Ganguly,Surya Shekhar: '+-' Ftacnik,L: 'Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar: '+-'''' User: 'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar: '+-''Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar: '+-'''Ganguly,Surya Shekhar: '+-' Ftacnik,L: 'Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar: '+-''''' '*(21.Re1*+- Ftacnik,Lubomir*)* 21...Qd8 Ftacnik,Lubomir 22.Bxe6+-]

[20...Rc7 21.Bxf5! Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar: '!'''Ganguly,Surya Shekhar: '!' Ftacnik,L: 'Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar: '!'''' Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar: '!'''Ganguly,Surya Shekhar:

'!' Ftacnik,L: 'Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar: '!'" User: 'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar: '!"Ftacnik, Lubomir: 'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar: '!"'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar: '! Ftacnik, L: 'Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar: '!''''' *(21.Re1+- Ftacnik,Lubomir)* △21...Rxe7 Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar' Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Ganguly, Surya Shekhar Ftacnik,L: '(Ftacnik, Lubomir) Ganguly,Surya Shekhar'' Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar' Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Ganguly, Surya Shekhar Ftacnik,L: '(Ftacnik, Lubomir) Ganguly,Surya Shekhar'' User: 'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar: ' **Δ**' Ganguly,Surya Shekhar: 'Ftacnik, Lubomir: 'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar' Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar Ftacnik,L: '(Ftacnik,Lubomir) Ganguly,Surya Shekhar'"" *(21...Re8* Ftacnik,Lubomir *22.Re1+-)* 22.Qh8# # # User: 'Ganguly,Surya Shekhar: '#"]

[20...Rcc8 Ftacnik,Lubomir 21.Bxf5 *(21.Rxf7+ Bxf7 22.Qxb6+-)* 21...Re8 22.Bxe6+-]

[20...Ra7 Ftacnik,Lubomir 21.Bxf5 *(21.Re1+-)* 21...Rc6 22.Bxe6+-]

[20...Nc6 Ftacnik,Lubomir 21.Rxe6 Qxd4 22.bxc3+-]

21.cxd3

[21.Rxd3 Ftacnik,Lubomir Nc4 22.b3+-]

21...Qc6 Ftacnik,Lubomir

[21...Qd6 22.Rxf7+ 1-0 (22) Jobava, B (2665)-Ponomariov,R (2709) Baku 2016 [User] *(22.Re1)*]

22.Re1 Re8 23.R1xe6+- User: '1-0 (23) Jobava,B (2665)-Ponomariov,R (2709) Baku (ol) 130/136 2016 Chess Informant 131 [Ganguly,Surya Shekhar]'

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1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.a3 Be7

[5...c6 6.Nc3 Bd6 7.e3 Nc7 8.Nf3 Bxf4 9.exf4 Qd6 10.Ne5 b6 11.Qf3 c5 12.Nb5 Nxb5 13.Bxb5+ Bd7 14.Nxd7 Nxd7 15.0-0-0 0-0 16.Bxd7 Qxd7 17.f5 Qe7 18.Rhe1 cxd4 19.Rxd4 Qf6 20.Qf4 Jobava,B (2665)-Topalov,V (2768) Baku 2016 CBM 175 [Marin,Mihail] 1-0 (42)]

6.e3 0-0 7.Nf3 b6N

[7...c6 8.Nc3 c5 9.Be2 Nb8 10.h3 Nc6 11.0-0 a6 12.Ne5 Nd7 13.Nxd7 Bxd7 14.Bh2 b5 15.dxc5 Bxc5 16.e4 d4 17.Nb1 Qb6 18.Nd2 e5 19.Bd3 b4 20.a4 Na5 21.b3 Rfe8 22.f4 Eilers,S (2300)-Lenoir Ibacache, G (2225) Chess.com INT 2023 1-0 (34)]

[7...Bd7 8.Ne5 c6 *(8...c5 9.Nxd7 Qxd7 10.c3 c4 11.a4 Rfc8 12.g4 Nb8 13.Bg2 a6 14.Na3 b5 15.g5 Ne4 16.Bxe4 dxe4 17.Nb1 Qd5 18.h4 Nc6 19.Nd2 e5 20.Bxe5 Nxe5 21.dxe5 Rd8 22.Qc2 Rab8 23.Rg1* Findlay,D (2024)-Jia,H (2018) Barcelona 2021 CYB 12 [Marjan Semrl] 1-0 (64)*)* 9.Nxd7 Nxd7 10.Nc3 Nc7 11.Be2 f5 12.Nb1 Ne8 13.h3

Bd6 14.Nd2 Bxf4 15.exf4 Qb6 16.Nb3 Nd6 17.0-0 Rf6 18.a4 a5 19.c3 Ne4 20.Bd3 Rh6 21.Re1 Qc7 22.Bxe4 Nakamura,H (2788)-Abdusattorov,N (2727) Toronto 2023 Mega2024 Update 06 [Kitty Kat] 0-1 (51)]

8.c4 Bb7 9.Qc2 c6 10.Nc3 c5 11.Rd1 cxd4 12.Nxd4 Nc5 13.Be2 Qc8 14.0-0 dxc4 15.Bxc4 a6 16.Rc1 b5 17.Ba2 Qe8 18.f3 Rc8 19.e4 Nfd7 Threatens to win with ...e5.

[19...Ncxe4!? 20.fxe4 Bc5=]

20.Be3 Ne5 21.Rfd1 -0.42/19 Inhibits Ncd3.

[21.Qe2= -0.07/21]

21...Nc4 22.Bxc4 bxc4 23.Rb1 Bf6 24.Nde2 Qc6 25.Nd4 Qc7 26.Nce2 Nd3 27.b3 Ne5 28.b4 -0.88/19

[28.h3∓ -0.57/18]

28...Rfd8!∓ 29.Nc3 Nd3 30.Nde2 Be5 A strong pair of Bishops. **31.h3 f5 32.b5 a5** -0.68/17

[Better is 32...Qe7∓ -1.04/16 33.bxa6 Bxa6]

33.b6∓ Qe7 34.Kh1 -1.11/20

[34.Nb5!∓ -0.67/18]

34...Qxa3 35.Nb5 Qf8 36.Na7 Rc5 -0.65/19 **37.Nc3** -1.87/20

[37.exf5!∓ -0.65/19 exf5 38.Nb5]

37...Bd4 -1.07/22

[37...Bxc3-+ -1.87/20 38.Qxc3 fxe4]

38.Bxd4∓ Rxd4 39.Nab5 Rd7 40.Nc7 Qf6 Strongly threatening ...fxe4. **41.Rd2 h6! 42.Re2** -2.68/20

[42.Qa4∓ -1.34/20 was necessary. Rd8 43.Qc2]

42...Kh7 -1.25/19

[42...Nf4-+ -2.68/20 43.Rf2 Qh4]

43.Na4 -1.82/21

[43.Qa4∓ -1.25/19 Rd8 44.Qa1]

43...Rc6 -1.27/19

[43...Re5-+ -1.82/21 44.Nc3 Nf4]

44.Nc3 -2.98/21

[44.Nb5∓ -1.27/19 might work better.]

44...Nb4 45.e5 Qd8

[45...Nxc2 46.exf6 Nb4 47.Nxe6±]

46.Nxe6 Rxe6 47.Qxf5+ Rg6 48.e6 Re7 49.h4? -5.09/21

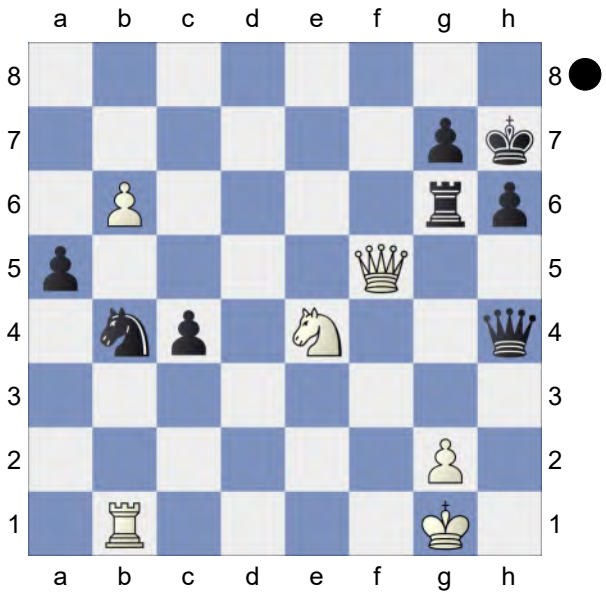
[49.Qxa5 -2.58/21 only move. Nc6 50.Qc5]

49...Bxf3? 0.01/25 **50.Qxf3 Rexe6 51.Rxe6 Qxh4+ 52.Kg1**

[52.Qh3? Qxh3+ 53.gxh3 Rxe6-+]

52...Rxe6 53.Qf5+ Rg6 54.Ne4? -2.24/22

[54.b7!= -0.01/22 and White stays safe. Qd4+ 55.Kh2 Qd6+ 56.Kh1]



54...c3 -0.77/23

[Inferior is 54...Qd8 55.b7=]

[54...Qe7!-+ -2.24/22 55.Rc1 Qb7 56.Rxc4 Qxb6+ 57.Kh2 Nc6]

55.b7 c2 56.Rf1 -3.23/22

[56.Rc1!∓ -0.67/22 Qd8 57.Ng5+ hxg5 58.Qh3+ Rh6 59.Qf5+ Rg6 60.Qh3+ Rh6 61.Qf5+ Rg6]

56...Nc6-+ ...Nd4 is the strong threat.

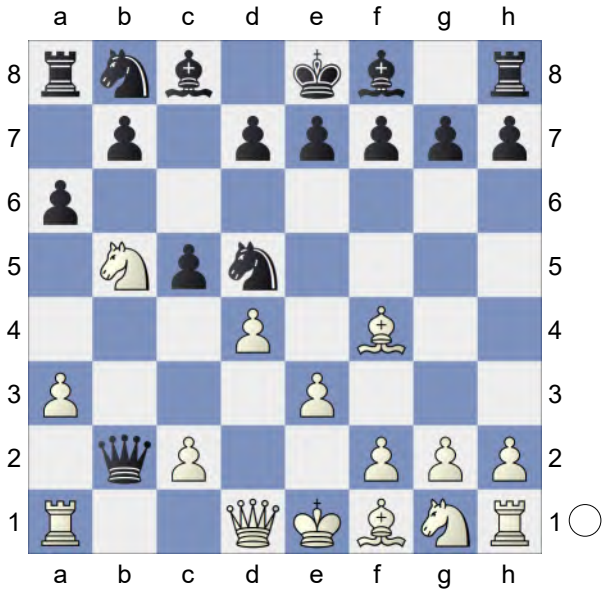
57.Rc1? -4.87/24

[57.Qf3 -3.01/20]

57...Qd8? -0.01/23
[57...Nd4-+ -4.87/24 58.Ng5+ hxg5]
58.Rxc2= The position is equal.
58...Qb6+
[Don't play 58...Qd1+ 59.Kh2 Ne7 60.Qf3 *(60.Rd2 Qb3±)* 60...Qxf3 61.gxf3±]
59.Nc5 Nd4!⇄ Black is not holding back **60.Qe4** aiming for Rf2. **60...Nxc2**
[60...Qb1+? 61.Kf2 Nxc2 62.Nd7+-]
61.Qxc2 a4 And now ...a3 would win. **62.Kh1! Qb4 63.Nd7 Qe1+ 64.Kh2** Black must now prevent Nf8+. **64...Qh4+ 65.Kg1** Nf8+ would kill now. Chess con chili. Active counter play! **65...Qe1+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.36/ Black=0.31
½-½

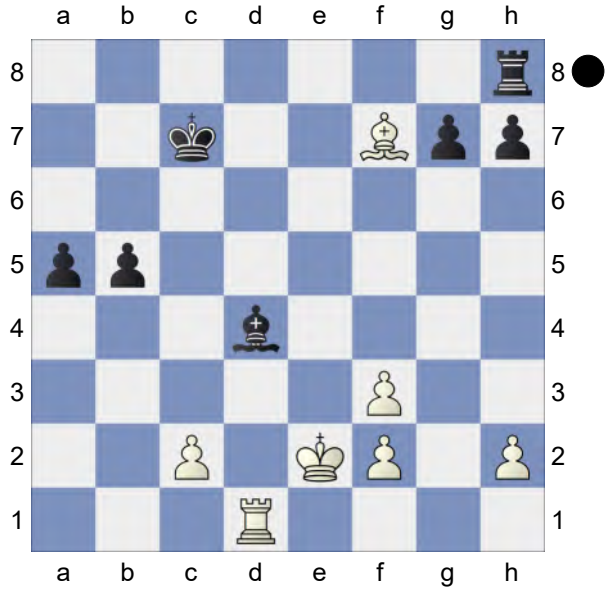
321 **A45**
□ **Anasurimborkellhus** **2663**
■ **Niper13** **2683**
Blitz 14.02.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min A45: Trompowsky Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4**
[2.a3 g6 3.Bf4 d6 4.e3 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 b6 7.0-0 Bb7 8.h3 Nbd7 9.c4 Ne4 10.Bh2 e5 11.d5 a5 12.b3 f5 13.Nfd2 Ndc5 14.Nxe4 Nxe4 15.Ra2 Bc8 16.f3 Nc5 Carlsen,M (2850)-Fressinet,L (2702) Berlin 2015 CBM 168 Extra [Schulz, Andre] 1-0 (44)]
2...c5 3.e3N
[3.d5 g6 4.Nc3 d6 5.e4 Bg7 6.Nf3 0-0
A) 7.a4 Na6 *(7...Bg4 8.Be2 Nbd7 9.0-0 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Ne5 11.Be2* 3 Benoni Setups-3...d6 Variation *)* 8.Be2 Nc7 9.0-0 Bg4 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Nd7 12.Qd2 a6 13.Be2 Rb8 14.a5 b5 15.axb6 Rxb6 16.Nd1 #2 13) Benoni and Benko Defense-3...d6 with 4...g6;
B) 7.Be2 b5 8.Bxb5 Nxe4 9.Nxe4 Qa5+ 10.Nc3 Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 Qxb5 Barsov-Garcia Castro Mondariz 2007]
3...Qb6 4.Nc3 Qxb2 5.Nb5 Nd5 ...Qb4+ is the strong threat. **6.a3** -0.69/21 Inhibits Qb4+.
[6.Bg3= 0.00/21 Na6 7.Rb1 Qxa2 8.Ra1]
6...a6 0.57/22
[6...Nc3!∓ -0.69/21 7.Nc7+ Kd8]

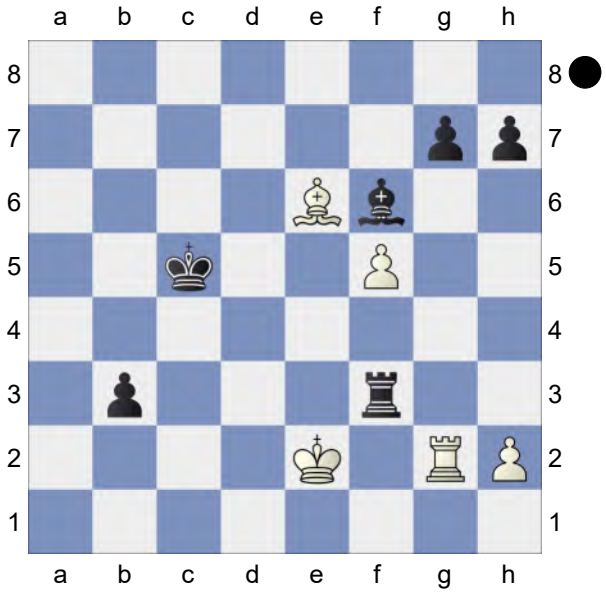


7.Bc4? -1.57/22 **Nc3** -0.67/21
[7...axb5∓ -1.57/22 8.Bxd5 e6]
8.Nc7+∓ Black is slightly better. **8...Kd8 9.Qc1 Qxc1+ 10.Rxc1 e5?** 1.14/23 **11.Nxa8?** -0.98/20
[11.Bxe5± 1.14/23 is forced if you want to stay better. Ra7 12.dxc5 *(12.Bxf7 d6∓)*]
11...exf4∓ 12.Nb6 cxd4 13.exd4 -1.67/20
[13.Ra1∓ -1.05/21 dxe3 14.fxe3]
13...Bxa3-+ 14.Ra1 Bb2 A strong pair

of Bishops. **15.Ra5 Nc6↑** Black is in control. **16.Rf5** -2.50/18
[16.Rh5 -1.80/18 was necessary.]
16...d5
[16...Nxd4 17.Rxf7 Re8+ 18.Kf1∓]
17.Rxd5+ Nxd5 18.Nxd5 Be6
[Avoid the trap 18...Nxd4? 19.c3 b5 20.Ba2-+]
[Worse is 18...Bxd4 19.Nxf4 Bc3+ 20.Kd1∓]
19.Nf3 Nxd4 20.Nxd4 Bxd4 21.Ke2 b5? -1.21/22
[21...Kc8-+ -3.15/19 Threatens to win with ...Rd8. 22.Rd1 Bc5]
22.Bb3 -2.64/21
[22.Rd1∓ -1.21/22]
22...Bxd5 23.Bxd5 Endgame KRB-KRB
23...Kc7 24.Bxf7 -2.23/20
[⌓24.Rd1 -1.79/19 Bc5 25.Bxf7]
24...f3+ 25.gxf3 a5 26.Rd1



Rd8 -1.14/19
[26...Rf8!-+ -1.89/21 27.Bc4 *(27.Bd5 Be5)* 27...Re8+ 28.Kf1 bxc4 29.Rxd4 Kb6 30.Rxc4 Ra8]
27.Rb1 -2.36/20
[27.c3∓ -1.14/19 was called for. Bxc3 28.Rxd8 Kxd8 29.Bg8]
27...b4 -1.04/21
[27...Rf8-+ -2.36/20 has better winning chances. 28.Bd5 Kb6]
28.Bb3∓ Kb6 White must now prevent ... Kb5. &Nero is more active. **29.Ba4 Kc5 30.Rd1 Rd6 31.f4** -1.56/21
[White should play 31.h3 -0.98/22]
31...Rh6 32.Rh1 -2.48/22
[⌓32.Rg1 -1.68/21]
32...Rh3 33.f5 -3.15/20
[⌓33.Bb3 -2.11/20]
33...Ra3-+ 34.Bb3 a4 35.Be6 Rc3 36.Kd2 Bxf2 37.Rf1 Be3+ 38.Ke2 Bd4 39.Kd2 Bf6 40.Rg1 Rh3 41.Rg2 b3 42.cxb3 axb3 43.Kc1 Re3 44.Kd2 -5.65/20 Prevents Re1.
[⌓44.Kd1 -3.89/17]
44...Rf3 45.Ke2

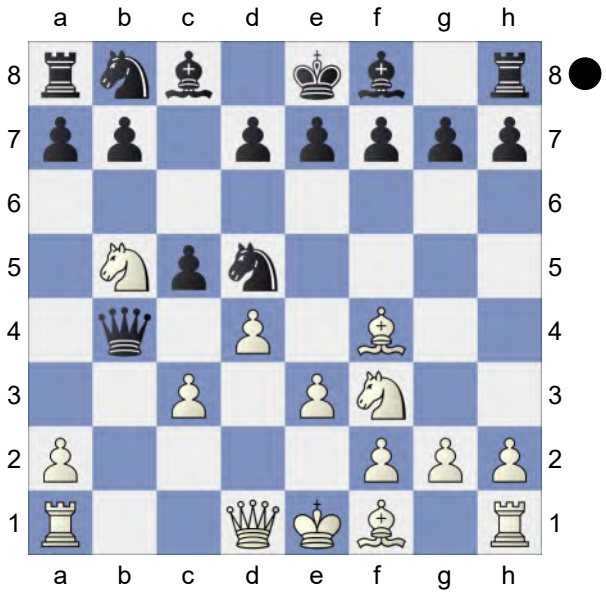


Rc3 -1.96/20
[45...b2! -5.19/20 46.Ba2 Rc3]
46.Bxb3? -6.75/15
[46.Rg3 -1.96/20]
46...Rxb3 47.Rg4 Rb2+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.71/Black=0.48
0-1

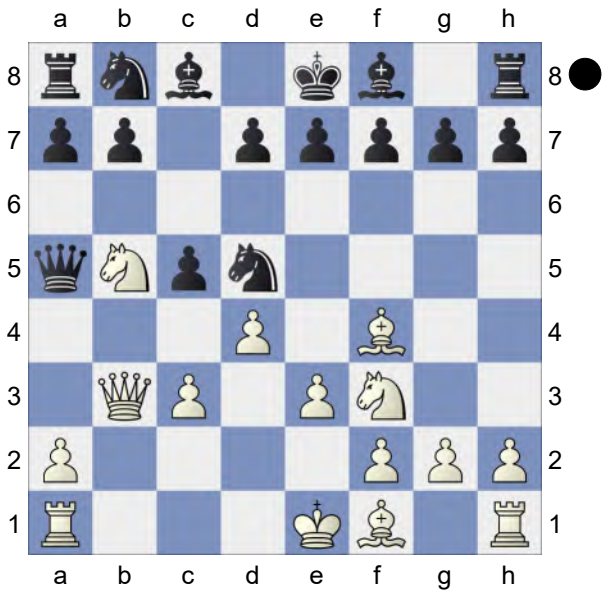
322 **A45**
□ **Attila76** **2663**
■ **Bardyk01** **2591**
Blitz 13.04.2023
[Kitty Kat]

A45: Trompowsky Attack **1.d4 Nf6**
2.Bf4
[2.a3 g6 3.Bf4 d6 4.e3 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 b6 7.0-0 Bb7 8.h3 Nbd7 9.c4 Ne4 10.Bh2 e5 11.d5 a5 12.b3 f5 13.Nfd2 Ndc5 14.Nxe4 Nxe4 15.Ra2 Bc8 16.f3 Nc5 Carlsen,M (2850)-Fressinet,L (2702) Berlin 2015 CBM 168 Extra [Schulz, Andre] 1-0 (44)]
2...c5 3.e3N
[3.d5 g6 4.Nc3 d6 5.e4 Bg7 6.Nf3 0-0
A) 7.a4 Na6 *(7...Bg4 8.Be2 Nbd7 9.0-0 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Ne5 11.Be2* 3 Benoni Setups-3...d6 Variation *)* 8.Be2 Nc7 9.0-0 Bg4 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Nd7 12.Qd2 a6 13.Be2 Rb8 14.a5 b5 15.axb6 Rxb6 16.Nd1 #2 13) Benoni and Benko Defense-3...d6 with 4...g6;
B) 7.Be2 b5 8.Bxb5 Nxe4 9.Nxe4 Qa5+ 10.Nc3 Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 Qxb5 Barsov-Garcia Castro Mondariz 2007]
3...Qb6 4.Nc3 Qxb2 5.Nb5 Nd5 Hoping for ...Qb4+. **6.Nf3 Qb4+ 7.c3** -0.76/19
[7.Nd2!= -0.19/19 keeps the balance.]

(Diagram)

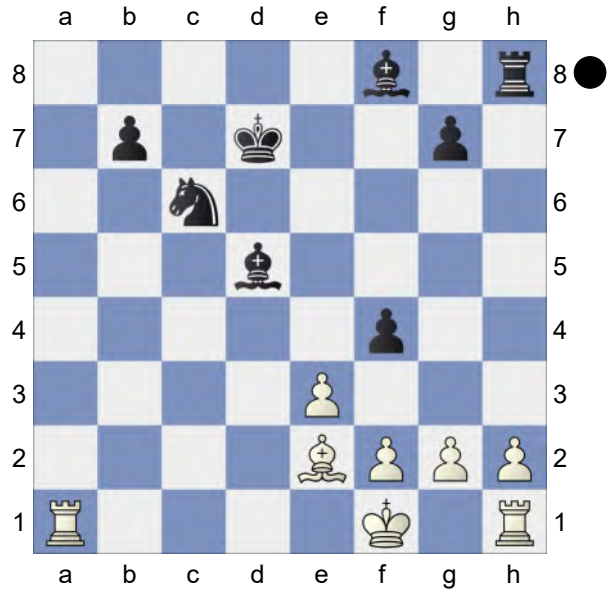


7...Qa5!∓ 8.Qb3 -2.21/22
[8.Nd2∓ -0.87/21 was called for. Nxf4 9.exf4]



8...a6! -0.81/18 **9.Qxd5 axb5 10.Qxc5** -4.08/21
[10.Rc1∓ -0.89/20 e6 11.Qh5]
10...Nc6 11.Rc1 e5! 12.Qd5 exf4 13.Ng5 Qxa2 14.Qxb5 h6 15.Bc4 Qa3
[15...hxg5 16.Bxa2 Rxa2 17.Qxg5±]
16.Bxf7+ Ke7 17.Rd1 hxg5 18.Bg6 Qxc3+ 19.Kf1 d5 20.Qxd5 Be6

21.Qxg5+ Kd7 22.d5 Qc4+ 23.Bd3 Qxd5 24.Be2 Ra1 25.Qxd5+ Bxd5 26.Rxa1

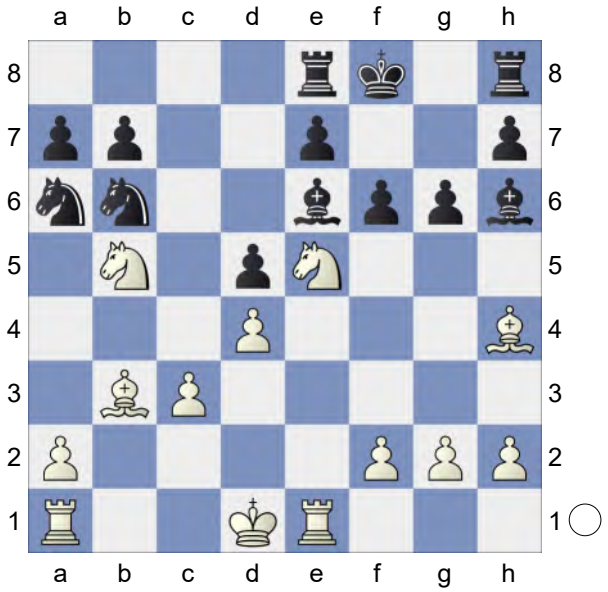


fxe3! 27.Rd1 Ke6 28.Bg4+ Ke5 aiming for ...Bc5. **29.fxe3 Bc5 30.Kf2 Ra8** And now ...Ra2+ would win. **31.Rhe1** -3.03/20
[⌓31.Ra1 -2.04/17 Rf8+ 32.Kg3]
31...Nb4-+ 32.Re2 Be4 -1.82/21 This bishop pair is nice.
[⌓32...b5 -3.39/20 Strongly threatening ...Ra3. 33.Bf3 Ra3 34.Bxd5 Nxd5]
33.Bf3 -3.00/18
[⌓33.Rd7 -1.82/21]
33...Nd5 34.Rc1 b6 35.Bxe4 Kxe4 36.Rc4+ Ke5 -2.19/20
[⌓36...Kd3 -4.49/19 37.Rcc2 Bxe3+ 38.Kf3 Rf8+ 39.Kg4 Nc3 40.Rxc3+ Kxe2]
37.Rg4 -3.36/21
[⌓37.h4 -2.19/20]
37...Ra7 38.Kf3 Rf7+ 39.Kg3 Nxe3 40.Rg5+ Kd4 41.Rg6 Bd6+?? 3.05/17
42.Kh3?? -3.16/21
[42.Rxd6++- 3.05/17 is the narrow road to win. Kc5 43.Rg6 *(43.Rxe3 Kxd6 44.Rf3 Ra7∓)*]
42...Bc5 43.g4? -4.54/21
[43.Re6 -2.78/18 Nc4 44.Re1]
43...b5 44.g5 b4 45.Rc6 Rc7?? 6.72/30 **46.Rxc7+- Bd6 47.Rd7 Nc4 48.Rd2+ Nxd2 49.Rxd6+ Kc3 50.Rd7** 3.12/21
[⌓50.Rg6 7.14/21]
50...Nc4? 9.30/22
[50...g6 3.12/21 51.Rg7 b3]
51.Rxg7 b3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.84/Black=0.73. Loss on time!?
0-1

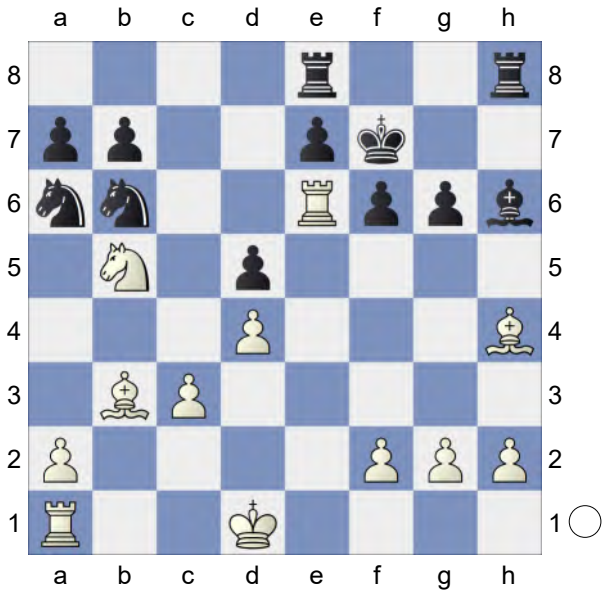
323 **A45**
□ **Anasurimborkellhus** **2662**
■ **Niper13** **2624**
Blitz 11.07.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min A45: Trompowsky Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 c5 3.e3 Qb6 4.Nc3 Qxb2 5.Nb5 Nd5** Hoping for ...Qb4+. **6.Bg3N**
[6.a3 a6 7.Rb1 Qa2 8.Qc1 axb5 9.Ra1 Qxa1 10.Qxa1 Nc6 *(10...e5 11.Bxe5 c4 12.Bxb8 Bb4+ 13.Ke2 Rxa3 14.Qb2 Ra2 15.Qc1 b6 16.f3 Ba3 17.Qd2 Nb4 18.Bd6 Rxc2 19.Bxb4 Rxd2+ 20.Bxd2 b4* The Combative Qxb2-Agadmator'S Anti London Goth Asti 2022*)* 11.Bxb5 cxd4 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.Qxd4 Rxa3 *(13...f6)* 14.Nf3 e6 15.0-0 Benoni-A6,N]
6...Qb4+ 0.73/22
[6...cxd4= 0.00/22 keeps the balance. 7.e4 *(7.Qxd4 Qxd4 8.exd4 a6=)* 7...Qb4+ 8.Qd2 Qxd2+ 9.Kxd2 a6]
7.Qd2 -0.74/22
[7.c3!± 0.73/22 Qa5 8.dxc5]
7...Qxd2+∓ 8.Kxd2 Black is better.
8...Na6 9.Nf3 -0.92/19
[9.dxc5∓ -0.55/19 Nxc5 10.Bc4

Ne4+ 11.Kc1 *(11.Kd3 a6∓)*]
9...cxd4 -0.53/19
[9...g6∓ -0.92/19]
10.exd4∓ g6! 11.Bc4 Nb6 12.Bb3 Bh6+ 13.Kd1 d5 14.Re1 Be6 15.Bh4 Kf8 16.Ne5 -0.58/19
[16.a4= -0.19/19]
16...Re8 -0.06/19
[Black should play 16...Nc4∓ -0.58/19]
17.c3 f6



18.Nxg6+ hxg6 19.Rxe6 Strongly threatening Bg3. **19...Kf7**



20.Re2 0.13/23
[20.Rxb6!± 0.46/24 should be considered. axb6 21.Bxd5+ Kg7 22.Bg3]
20...Bf4= 21.Bg3 Bxg3 22.hxg3 Rh1+ 23.Re1 Rxe1+ 24.Kxe1 e6? 3.20/25
[24...Rc8= 0.10/21]
25.Nd6+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.26 (precise) /Black=0.43
1-0

324 **A45**
□ **Mario Ujevic** **2662**
■ **Jakob19** **2644**
Blitz 10.12.2021
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min A45: Trompowsky Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 c5 3.e3 Qb6 4.Nc3 Qxb2 5.Nb5 Nd5** ...Qb4+ is the strong threat. **6.Bg3N** Hoping for Rb1.
[6.a3 a6 7.Rb1 Qa2 8.Qc1 axb5 9.Ra1 Qxa1 10.Qxa1 Nc6 *(10...e5 11.Bxe5 c4 12.Bxb8 Bb4+ 13.Ke2 Rxa3 14.Qb2 Ra2 15.Qc1 b6 16.f3 Ba3 17.Qd2 Nb4 18.Bd6 Rxc2 19.Bxb4 Rxd2+ 20.Bxd2 b4* The Combative Qxb2-Agadmator'S Anti London Goth Asti 2022*)* 11.Bxb5 cxd4 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.Qxd4 Rxa3 *(13...f6)* 14.Nf3 e6 15.0-0 Benoni-A6,N]
6...a6 0.93/20
[6...Nc6= 0.00/23]

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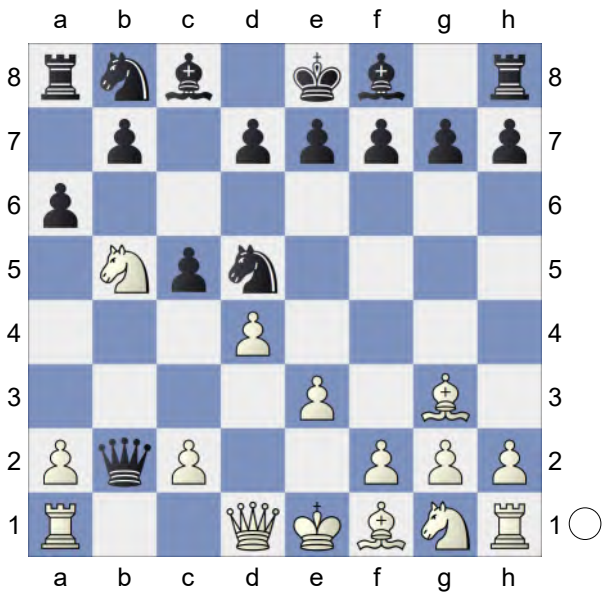
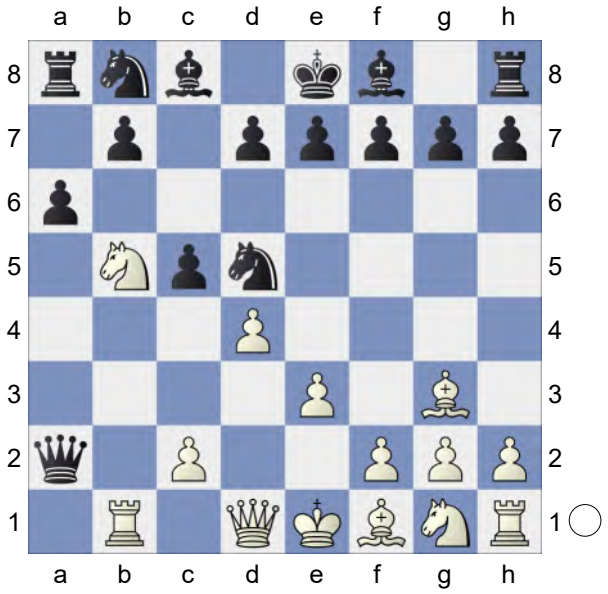


7.Rb1!± Qxa2



8.Ra1! &Bianco is more active. White is better. **8...Qb2** aiming for ...Nc3. **9.c4! Nb4** 2.59/21

[9...Qb4+? 10.Qd2 axb5 11.Rxa8 Qb1+ 12.Qd1 Qb4+ 13.Qd2 Qb1+ 14.Ke2+-]

[9...axb5± 0.98/18 10.Rxa8 bxc4]

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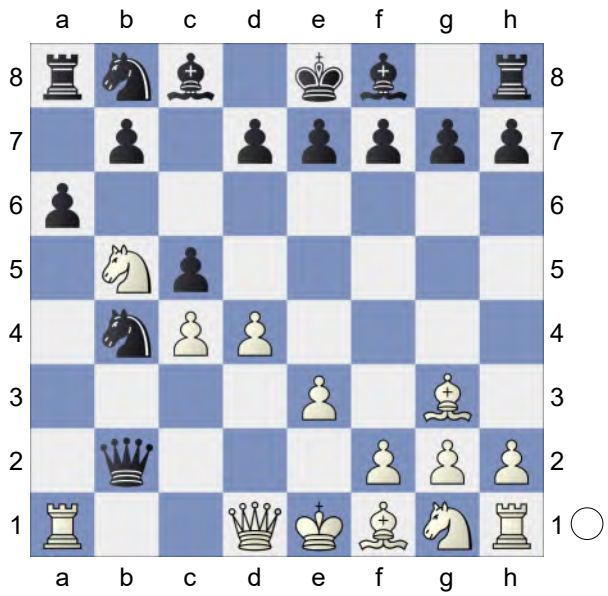
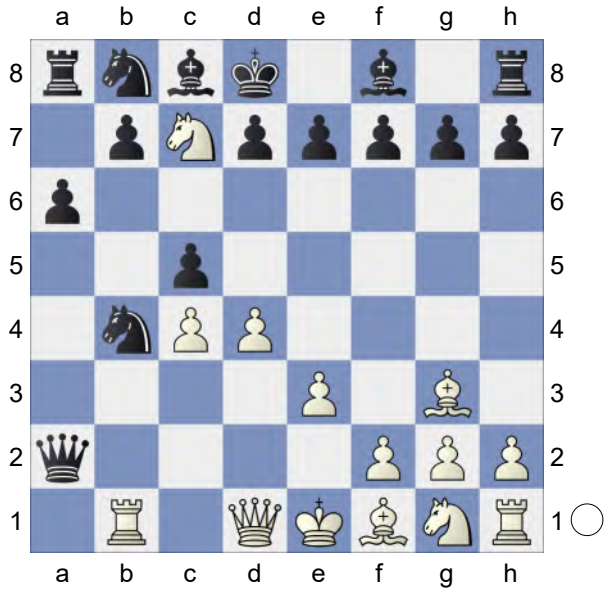


10.Rb1!+- Qa2

[10...Nc2+? 11.Kd2 Qa2 12.Nc7+ *(12.Qxc2 axb5 13.Bxb8 Qxc2+ 14.Kxc2 Rxb8∓)* 12...Kd8 13.Qxc2 *(13.Nxa8 Nxd4+ 14.Kd3 Qa3+ 15.Kd2 Qa2+ 16.Kc1 Qa3+ 17.Kd2 Qa2+=)* 13...Qa5+ 14.Qc3 Qxc3+ 15.Kxc3 cxd4+ 16.exd4]

11.Nc7+ Kd8



White must now prevent ...Nc2+.

12.Rxb4 cxb4

[12...Qa5 13.Nxa8]

13.Nxa8 Discovered Attack **13...Nc6**

3.77/16
[13...d6 2.69/16 was necessary. 14.Bd3 *(14.Nb6 b3±)* 14...h5]
14.d5 Na5 15.Bc7+ Ke8 16.Nb6 b3 17.Nxc8 b2 18.Bd3 Against b1Q **18...Nxc4 19.Nf3 d6** 5.35/20
[19...Na3 3.80/17 is a better defense. 20.0-0 Qxd5]
20.0-0 Na3 21.Qa4+ b5 22.Qxa6 Qb3 White took control after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.00 (flawless) /Black=1.07
1-0

325 **A45**
□ **Scarlet Dawn** **2662**
■ **Mcmanow** **2746**
Blitz 07.09.2023
[Kitty Kat]

A45: Trompowsky Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 c5 3.e3 Qb6 4.Nc3 Qxb2 5.Nb5 Nd5 6.a3** Against Qb4+. aiming for Rb1. **6...e5N** 1.82/23
[6...Nc3!= -0.26/24 and Black is okay. 7.Nc7+ Kd8]
[6...a6 7.Rb1 Qa2 8.Qc1 axb5 9.Ra1 Qxa1 10.Qxa1
A) 10...e5 11.Bxe5 *(11.dxe5 Nxf4 12.exf4 c4 13.Be2 Rxa3 14.Qb2 Nc6 15.Nf3 Bb4+ 16.Kf1 0-0 17.g3 d5 18.Kg2 d4 19.Nxd4 c3 20.Qb1 Nxd4 21.Qxb4 Ra4* The Combative Qxb2-Agadmator'S Anti London Goth Asti 2022 https://www.chessable.co [MH]*)* 11...c4 12.Bxb8 Bb4+ 13.Ke2 Rxa3 14.Qb2 Ra2 15.Qc1 b6 16.f3 Ba3 17.Qd2 Nb4 18.Bd6 Rxc2 19.Bxb4 Rxd2+ 20.Bxd2 b4 The Combative Qxb2-Agadmator'S Anti London Goth Asti 2022;
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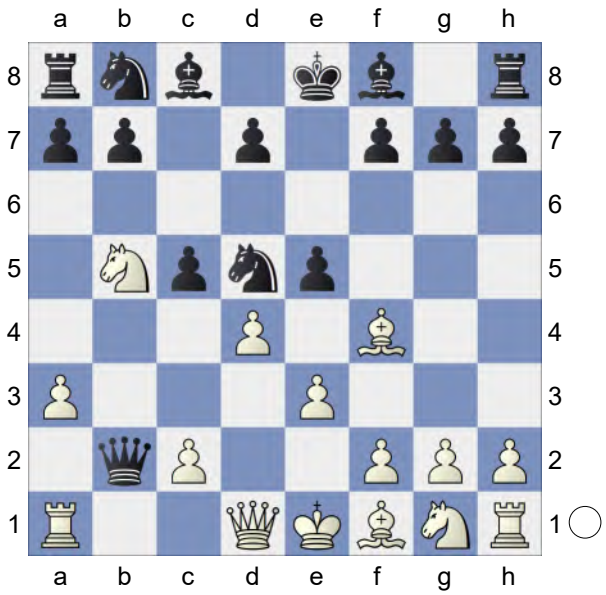
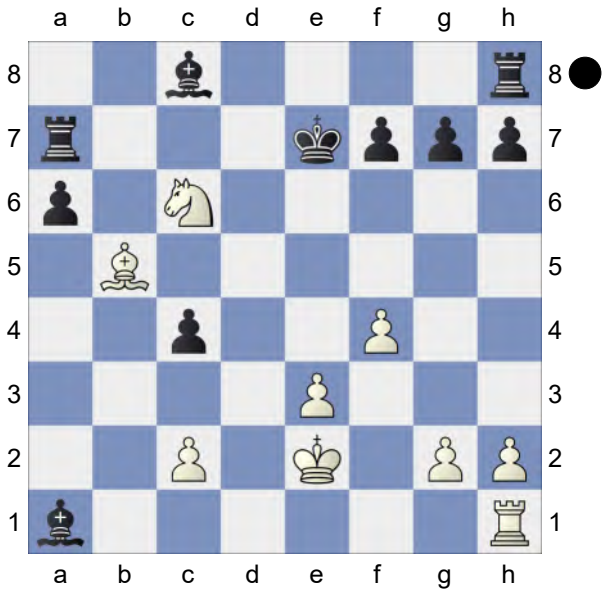
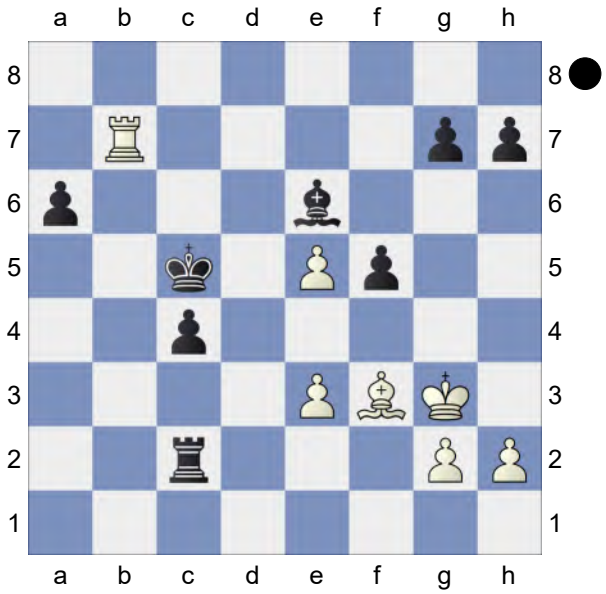


7.Bxe5? 0.00/21
[7.Rb1!+- 1.82/23 Qa2 8.Bxe5]
7...Nc6? 2.36/22
[7...Nc3!= 0.00/21 8.dxc5 *(8.Nc7+ Kd8±)* 8...Nxd1 9.Bxb2 Nxb2]
8.Bc4? -1.16/21
[Only move: 8.Rb1!+- 2.36/22 Qa2 9.c4]
8...Nc3!∓ 9.Qc1
[9.Nc7+? Kd8 10.Qc1 Qxc1+ 11.Rxc1 Nxe5! 12.dxe5 Kxc7-+]
9...Qxc1+ 10.Rxc1 Nxb5 11.Bxb5 Nxe5 0.02/16
[11...f6∓ -1.18/24 12.Bg3 cxd4 13.exd4 Nxd4]
12.dxe5= a6↑ Black has the initiative.
13.Bc4 b5 14.Bd5 Ra7 15.f4 -0.37/20
[15.Nf3= 0.00/19]
15...d6∓ 16.Nf3 c4 -0.02/21
[16...dxe5∓ -0.38/21 17.Nxe5 f6]
17.Ke2 -0.82/23
[17.a4= -0.02/21 remains equal.]
17...dxe5∓ Black converts the advantage

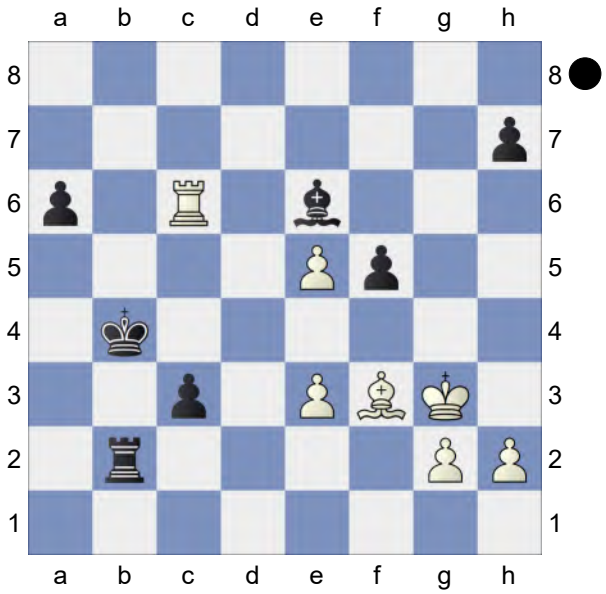
convincingly. **18.Nxe5** -1.95/20
[18.a4∓ -0.80/21]
18...Bxa3-+ 19.Bc6+ Ke7! 20.Ra1 Bb2 This bishop pair is nice. **21.Bxb5 Bxa1 22.Nc6+** -3.89/25
[22.Rxa1 -1.73/23 was the only chance. Rc7 23.Bxa6]



22...Kd6! 23.Nxa7 Bg4+
[Worse is 23...axb5 24.Nxc8+ Rxc8 25.Rxa1∓]
24.Kf2 Bf6 25.Bc6 Kc5 And now ... Rd8 would win. **26.Rb1** -3.35/18
[⌓26.h3 -2.03/21 Be6 27.e4]
26...Rd8 27.Kg3 Be6 28.Be4 Rd2 29.Nc6 Bc3 Against Na5 **30.Rb7?** -4.78/24
[30.Rb8 -2.76/19 f5 31.Bf3]
30...f5 31.Bf3 Rxc2? -0.84/19
[31...Rd6-+ -4.35/21 32.Ne5 Be1+ 33.Kh3 Bd5 34.Nd7+ *(34.Rc7+? Kb6-+)* 34...Kc6 35.Bxd5+ Rxd5]
32.Ne5? -3.32/21
[32.Nd4∓ -0.84/19 Bxd4 33.exd4+ Kd6 34.Rb6+ Ke7 35.Rb7+ Kd6 36.Rb6+ Ke7 37.Rb7+ Kd6]
32...Bxe5 33.fxe5 Endgame
(Diagram)



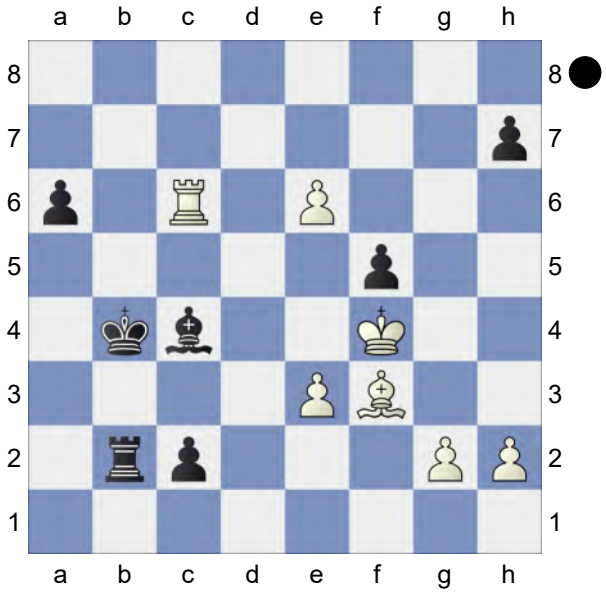
KRB-KRB **33...c3! 34.Rxg7** -3.76/6
[⌓34.Rc7+ -2.50/7 Kb4 35.Re7]
34...Rb2 35.Rc7+ -3.55/6
[35.Re7 -2.29/5 keeps fighting. c2 36.Rxe6]
35...Kb4 Threatens to win with ...a5.
36.Rc6 -3.91/5
[36.e4 -2.43/4 might work better. c2 37.Rxc2 Rxc2 38.exf5 Bxf5 39.Kf4]



36...c2! Strongly threatening ...Bc4.
37.Kf4? -7.13/2
[37.Rb6+ -3.00/5 Ka5 38.Rc6]

[37.Be2 c1Q]

37...Bc4 38.e6



Bxe6! Weighted Error Value: White=0.96/ Black=0.42

0-1

326 **D01**

□ **Jobava,Baadur** **2661**

■ **Demchenko,Anton** **2589**

17th ch-EUR Indiv 2016 (8.11) 20.05.16

[GM Baadur Jobava]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 g6 4.Qd2 Bg7 5.Bh6 Bxh6 6.Qxh6 Bf5 This is Black's strongest move, in my opinion. **7.Qd2** During the game, I wasn't aware of the 7.f3 idea, so I opted for the standard 7.Qd2, which might be slightly imprecise.

[7.f3! This is the critical move that puts pressure on Black. If 7...Bxc2, White can unleash 8.g4! with a dangerous initiative. But don't worry if this is new to you—I'll break it down in detail in the theoretical section.]

7...c5! This is Black's standard response in this variation. A textbook example of how to challenge White's center. **8.e3**

[8.dxc5?! d4∞]

8...cxd4 9.exd4 Nc6 Black's development is flawless so far. The coordination of the pieces is excellent, though there is a lingering vulnerability on the dark squares. However, finding a way to exploit this is far from straightforward. **10.f3** I played f3 to tighten my grip on the e4 square. This is part of a broader plan—if Black is careless, I'm ready to push 11.g4.

10...h5 My opponent was sharp, quickly shutting down any ideas of g2-g4. A good move that shows awareness and understanding of the position. **11.Bb5** Time to complete development. I'm aiming for Nge2 and castling kingside.

11...Qd6 This is a move you'll see often—not necessarily here, but in similar structures. Black's idea is to prepare a6, hoping to exchange on c6 and maintain a strong center. However, a more direct approach might have been better.

[11...Rc8! This is Black's best move, which isn't surprising. Thanks to the knight on c3, Black can often create counterplay along the 'c' file.]

[11...a6?! While it might look logical, this would have been a positional mistake. After 12.Bxc6+ bxc6 13.Na4± White gains a grip on the dark squares that would make Black's life very difficult.]

12.Nge2 a6 13.Bxc6+ Qxc6 14.0-0 The queen on c6 isn't doing much. It's a small detail, but in chess, small details can decide the game. A rook on c6 would have been far more effective.

[14.Rc1!?]

14...h4 This move doesn't pose any immediate threats, but it's a sneaky one!

Black is grabbing space on the kingside, setting the stage for future play.

[14...Kf8!? This might seem odd at first, but improving the king's position with 14...Kf8 followed by 15...Kg7 is a solid plan. Don't underestimate the importance of king safety in the middlegame.]

15.a4 This seemingly simple move puts Black in a tough spot. Should he let me play a4-a5, fixing his pawns, or should he challenge it? Sometimes, the most effective moves are the least flashy. **15...a5?!** I'm not a fan of this move. It weakens the b5 square, which could become a long-term problem for Black.

[15...Kf8! Was Black's right continuation. 16.a5 Kg7± We are a bit better, but Black's position is solid.]

[15...b6?! This move might seem natural, but after 16.a5! b5 17.Na2± We have the important b4 and c5 squares for our knight, and Black's position is hard from the practical point of view.]

16.Rfe1 Patience is key in these positions. No need to rush—we should focus on slowly improving our pieces. The rook on e1 is well placed, and our long-term plan should involve preparing c2-c4 when the time is right. **16...Kf8 17.Nf4** With this move, Black's king can no longer head to g7 without leaving the e7 pawn vulnerable. This restricts Black's options and gives me more control over the position. **17...e6 18.Rac1** As I mentioned earlier, I'm gradually preparing c2-c4. No need to force anything—better to wait for the right moment. **18...Ne8** My opponent wants to maneuver his knight to d6. **19.Nb5 Nd6 20.Nd3!?** A creative move, if I may say so myself! However, it might not have been the best choice. Creativity in chess is a double-edged sword—it can lead to brilliant ideas or subtle mistakes.

[20.Nxd6 Qxd6 21.c4 dxc4 22.Rxc4± leaves White with a slight but persistent advantage. The c-file, weak dark squares and safer king make for a strong combination.]

20...Bxd3 21.cxd3! Even though computers might suggest that Black can hold this position, practically speaking, it's tough. White has strong control over the c-file, and the weaknesses on b5 and the misplaced queen on c6 are starting to tell. **21...Qb6 22.Qf4 Nxb5 23.axb5** We've reached a position where Black's practical chances are dwindling. The pressure is mounting, and eventually, I managed to convert this into a win. **23...Rh5 24.Rc5 Kg8 25.Qf6 Rh8 26.Rec1 Qd8 27.Qxd8+ Rxd8 28.Rc7 Kg7 29.Rxb7 Rb8 30.Rxb8 Rxb8 31.Rc5 Kf6 32.Kf2 a4 33.Ke3 Ra8 34.b6 Rb8 35.Rb5 Ke7 36.Kd2 Kd6 37.Kc3 Kc6 38.Kb4 Kb7 39.Rc5 Ka6 40.Ra5+ Kb7 41.Kb5 Rc8 42.Ra7+ Kb8 43.Rxf7 Rc2 44.Ka6**
1-0

327 **D01**
□ **Jobava,Baadur** **2661**
■ **Demchenko,Anton** **2589**
Djakovica 128/128 2016
[Kitty]

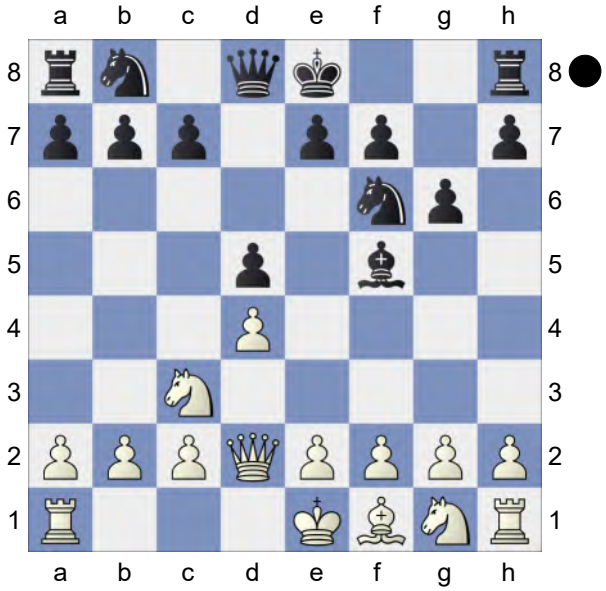
D01: Veresov Opening **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 g6 4.Qd2 Bg7 5.Bh6 Bxh6 6.Qxh6 Bf5**

[6...c5 7.e3 *(7.dxc5 Qa5 8.0-0-0 Qxc5 9.Nf3 Nc6 10.e3 Bf5 11.Nd4*

0-0-0 12.Nxc6 Qxc6 13.Qf4 Qd6 14.Qa4 a6 15.f3 Qc5 16.Qf4 h5 17.h4 Qd6 18.Qa4 Qc5 19.Qd4 Qxd4 20.exd4 Rdg8 21.Ne2 g5 ½-½ Lopez Ramirez,D (2422)-7.f3 b5 8.♕d2 ♗b7 9.000 î (2501) emailbag 2005 (7) *)* 7...Nc6 8.0-0-0 cxd4 9.exd4 Qd6 10.f3 a6 11.Nge2 Bd7 12.Kb1 Rc8 13.Nc1 Na5 14.Nb3 Nxb3 15.axb3 b5 16.Bd3 Bf5 17.Bxf5 gxf5 18.Rhe1 Rg8 19.Nxd5 Qxd5 20.Qxf6 e6 21.Rd2 1-0 Jobava,B (2713)-Van Wely,L (2654) Wch Rapid Dubai 2014 (15)]

7.Qd2N

[7.0-0-0 Ng4 8.Qf4 Qd6 9.Qxd6 cxd6 10.Nh3 e6 11.e3 Nc6 12.Rd2 a6 2) Jobava London & Veresov-Jobava London Qd2]



7...c5! and ...c5xd4 should not be overlooked **8.e3** The position is equal. **8...cxd4 9.exd4 Nc6 10.f3 h5 11.Bb5 Qd6 12.Nge2 a6 13.Bxc6+ Qxc6 14.0-0 h4 15.a4 a5 16.Rfe1 Kf8! 17.Nf4 e6 18.Rac1 Ne8** 0.46/20

[18...Qc4= -0.04/19]

19.Nb5 Nd6 20.Nd3 -0.19/20

[20.c4± 0.39/19 dxc4 *(20...Nxc4 21.Qe2=)* 21.Re5]

20...Bxd3 0.30/21

[⌓20...Nxb5 -0.19/20 21.Ne5 Qd6 22.axb5 f6]

21.cxd3= Qb6 22.Qf4! Nxb5 23.axb5 Rh5 24.Rc5 Kg8 0.54/21

[Black should try 24...a4= 0.01/21]

25.Qf6 -0.01/20

[25.Qc7± 0.54/21 Qa7 *(25...Qxc7 26.Rxc7 Rb8 27.b6±)* 26.Rec1]

25...Rh8 1.05/22

[25...Rf8= -0.01/20]

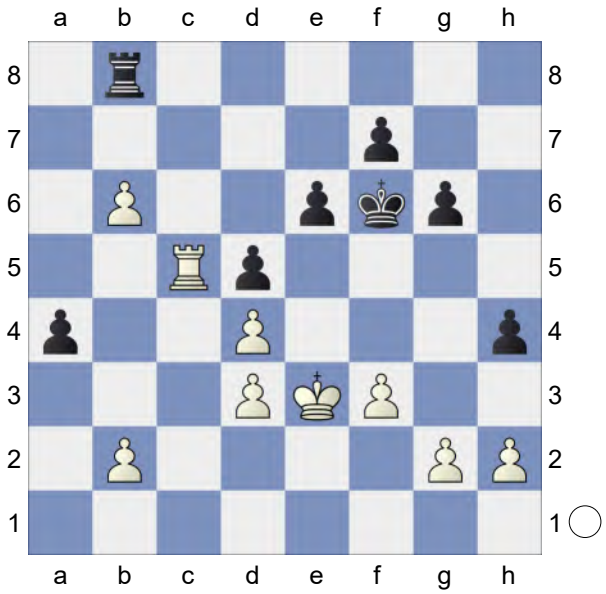
26.Rec1→ Black needs to defend precisely. White has more active pieces. **26...Qd8** Prevents Rc5-c8. **27.Qxd8+ Rxd8±** Endgame KRR-KRR **28.Rc7 Kg7 29.Rxb7** 0.01/24

[29.b6± 0.78/22]

29...Rb8= 30.Rxb8 Rxb8 KR-KR. White is a pawn up. **31.Rc5 Kf6 32.Kf2 a4 33.Ke3 Ra8?** 2.28/24 This costs Black the game.

[33...Kg5= -0.01/25]

34.b6+- aiming for b6-b7. **34...Rb8**



35.Rb5 Ke7? 4.19/25

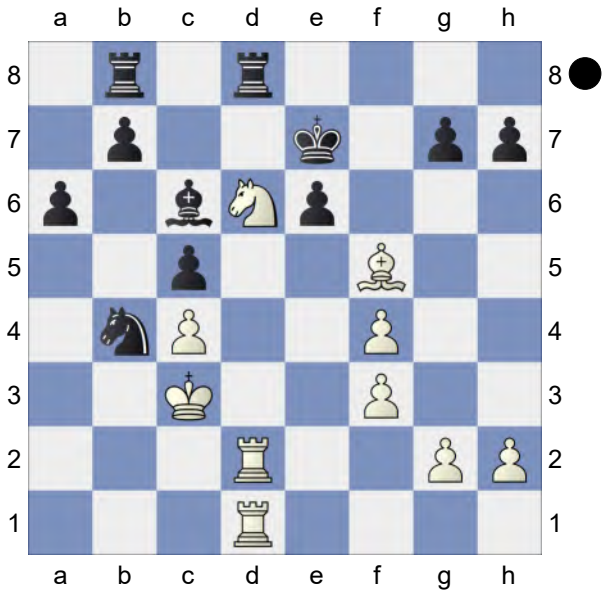
[35...h3 1.97/24]

36.Kd2 Kd6 37.Kc3 Kc6 38.Kb4 Kb7

39.Rc5 Ka6 40.Ra5+ Kb7 41.Kb5
[41.Rxa4 Kxb6 42.Kb3 Rc8±]
41...Rc8 42.Ra7+
[Worse is 42.Kxa4 Rc2=]
42...Kb8 43.Rxf7
[43.Rxa4 Rc2+-]
43...Rc2 44.Ka6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.54
[Less strong is 44.Kxa4 Rxb2 45.h3 *(45.Ka5 Rxg2 46.h3 Ra2+ 47.Kb5 Ra3±)* 45...Rxb6±]
1-0

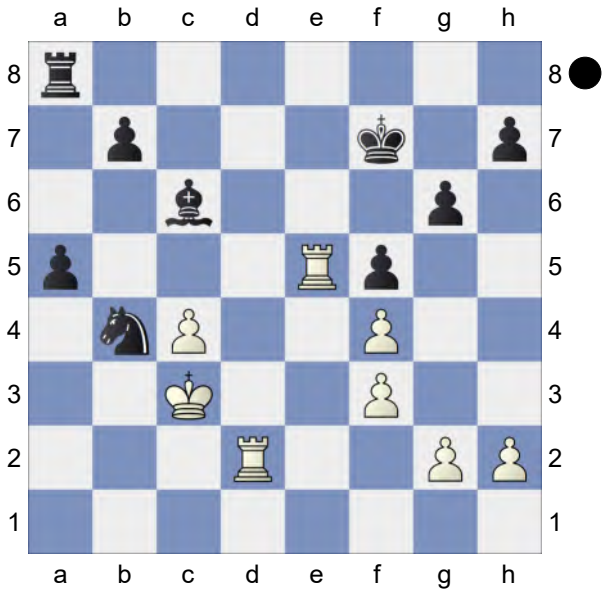
328 **A45**
□ **Attila76** **2660**
■ **Niper13** **2608**
Blitz 08.02.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min A45: Trompowsky Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 c5 3.e3 Qb6 4.Nc3 Qxb2 5.Nb5 Nd5 6.Rb1**
[6.a3 a6 7.Rb1 Qa2 8.Qc1 axb5 9.Ra1 Qxa1 10.Qxa1 Nc6 11.Bxb5 cxd4 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.Qxd4 f6 Neo London System-1...Nf6 2 Bf4 c5 ChessPub Guide 2024 d-Pawn Specials [ChessPublishing.com]]
6...Qxa2 Hoping for ...Qa5+. **7.Nf3N** -0.87/22
[7.Ra1= 0.00/22 Qb2 8.Rb1]
7...Na6 0.00/22
[Black should play 7...Qa5+!∓ -0.87/22 8.Qd2 Qxd2+ 9.Kxd2 Na6]
8.c4? -2.01/21
[8.Ne5= 0.00/22 Qa5+ *(8...d6 9.Nc4 Qa4 10.e4 Ndb4 11.c3 Qxd1+ 12.Rxd1 Nc6 13.d5 Ncb8 14.e5* 14) London System 2.Bf4-London System Informational *)* 9.c3]
8...Nxf4 9.exf4 -1.82/26
[9.Ra1∓ -1.25/20 Nxg2+ 10.Bxg2 Qxc4 11.Qb1 Qb4+ 12.Qxb4 cxb4 13.Ke2]
9...Qa5+!-+ 10.Qd2 Qxd2+ 11.Kxd2 cxd4 12.Nfxd4 e6 13.Ra1 Bb4+ 14.Kc2 Ke7 15.Bd3 Bc5 16.Kc3 Nb4 17.Be4 -2.75/19
[17.Nb3 -1.75/19 was the only chance. Nxd3 18.Kxd3 Bxf2 19.Ke2]
17...a6 18.Nb3 d6 19.Rhd1 -2.87/18
[19.N5d4 -2.00/18 was worth a try.]
19...Bd7? -0.19/26
[19...Rb8-+ -2.87/18 20.N5d4 b6 21.Nxc5 bxc5 22.Nc6+ Nxc6 23.Bxc6 Rb6]
20.Nxc5= dxc5 21.Nd6 Bc6 22.f3? -3.35/20
[22.Bxc6= -0.07/23 and White stays safe. bxc6 23.Ne4]
22...Rab8 -1.42/20
[22...b6-+ -3.35/20 is more deadly. And now ...f5 would win. 23.Bxc6 Nxc6]
23.Rd2? -3.62/22
[23.Bxc6∓ -1.42/20 was forced. Nxc6 24.Ne4]
23...Rhd8-+ 24.Rad1 f5 25.Bxf5

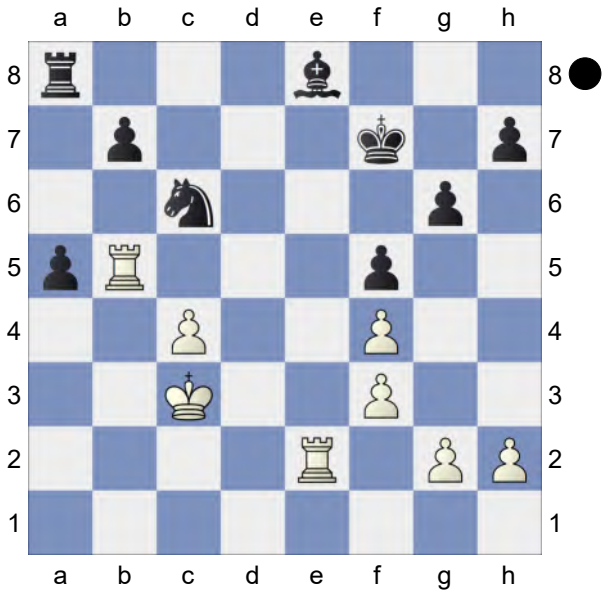


Rxd6! The board is on fire. **26.Rxd6**

exf5 27.R6d2 a5 28.Re1+ Kf7 29.Re5 g6 aiming for ...Re8. **30.Rxc5 Ra8** -0.89/22
[30...b6-+ -1.80/21 has better winning chances. 31.Re5 Na6]
31.Re5 -1.63/19
[31.g4∓ -0.89/22 was necessary.]



31...Be8! 32.Rde2 Nc6 Prevents Re7+. **33.Rb5**



Ra7 34.Reb2 Nd8 35.Rb6 Bc6 36.Kd4 Ne6+ 37.Ke5? -5.41/20
[37.Ke3 -3.14/19]
37...a4 38.Ra2 -7.81/20
[⌓38.Kd6 -4.82/19 Ra8 39.Rxc6 bxc6 40.Kxc6]
38...Ke7 (→ ...Ra5+) **39.h4 Ra5+** Black mates. **40.Rb5 Bxb5 41.c5 Bc4 42.Rxa4 Rxc5#** Weighted Error Value: White=0.79/Black=0.43
0-1

329 **D00**
□ **Oparin,Grigoriy** **2659**
■ **Stefanova,Antoaneta** **2475**
Lindores Abbey Tal Mem blitz (17.36)
[Richard Palliser]

1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 Bf5
[There have also been developments after 3...e6 , with Carlsen's 4.e3 *(4.Nb5* is the way as White to avoid what follows - if you want to *)*
A) 4...Bd6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Bd3 c5 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.0-0 Nc6 is still played from time to time and after 9.e4 we've only ever really examined the exchange on e4, as in that fairly early game for the line, Jobava-Malakhov, European Rapid Ch., Warsaw 2013 Black also has d4 when 10.e5!? *(10.Ne2* followed by Ng3 would cut out Black's ...dxc3 option and here *Nh5 11.e5!* is our next note but one*)* 10...Nh5? *(10...dxc3 11.exf6 cxb2 12.fxg7* was preferred in Naroditsky-Sliwicki, Internet (blitz) 2021, when *Re8 13.Rb1 Qf6 14.Bd2!? Qxg7 15.Re1* looks quite nice for White, who is ready to expand with Re4 and Qe1 *)* 11.Bxh7+? *(tempting,* but not best instead *11.Ne2 Nxf4 12.Nxf4* favours White, with Re1 next up or if *f6 13.Bc4 ,;* and

11.Bg5! f6 12.exf6 Nxf6 13.Ne4 Be7 14.Qe2 would be even stronger, leaving Black under heavy pressure *)* 11...Kh8 *(* it would take a brave player to go *11...Kxh7!? 12.Ng5+ Kg6 13.Qd3+ f5 14.exf6+ Kxf6* , but actually after *15.Nce4+ Ke7 16.Bd2* White has no more than sufficient compensation according to the engines *)* 12.Bg5 dxc3?? *(* total panic Black must have spotted that *12...Qa5? 13.Nh4! g6* is totally cleaned up by *14.Nxg6+! fxg6 15.Bxg6;* and also rightly not trusted *12...Qe8? 13.Ne4 ,;* but *12...Be7! 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.Nxd4 g6* would have left White with nothing better than *15.Nxc6 bxc6 16.Bxg6 fxg6 17.Ne4* and a big mess *)* 13.Bxd8 Rxd8 14.Bd3 cxb2 15.Rb1 g6 16.Qd2 Bf8 17.g4 1-0 was the crushing miniature G. Cooper-C.Bak, Bradford 2021 - the shock value of both the Jobava-Prie Attack and a Greek Gift sacrifice should never be underestimated;

B) 4...Bb4 5.Nge2 0-0 6.a3 Be7 7.Ng1!? repeated in a recent encounter. In Carlsen-Xiong, Internet (Clutch/ rapid) 2020, Black countered straight away with

B1) whereas 7...Bd6 8.Nf3 Bxf4 9.exf4 b6 10.Bd3 *(* I'm told that *10.Ne5 c5 11.h4!?* is also possible in this AlphaZero-inspired era*)* 10...c5 11.0-0 Nc6 12.Re1 didn't seem too bad for White in Niemann-Kravtsiv, Riga (blitz) 2021.;

B2) 7...c5 when the engines already prefer his chances,]

4.f3 Far from forced, but the critical test, preparing to expand with tempo against Black's bishop. **4...e6 5.g4 Bg6 6.h4 h5 7.g5 Nfd7 8.e3**

[8.e4!? feels rather ambitious, but may not be a bad alternative.]

8...a6

[Ruling out Nb5, if a little slow. Instead, 8...c5? 9.Nb5! Na6 10.c3 gave White his ideal grip in Nabaty-Codenotti European Individual Championship, Jerusalem 2015, as we've analysed before.]

[The best move is probably 8...Bb4! when Stockfish wants to flee with the king to f2, instead of 9.Bd3 0-0 10.Nge2 c5! 11.Bxg6?! fxg6 12.Qd3 Kh7 , which just left Black in full control of the position (...Nc6-e7-f5 is one possibility, ...Nb6-c4 another and there are also ideas of ...Ba5-c7) in Niemann-Grandelius, Riga (blitz) 2021, before White collapsed with 13.Bd6?? c4 .]

9.Qd2?!

[A new move for us, having previously noted that after 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 c5 the critical line is 11.g6!? f6 12.Nge2 , which still just looks rather unclear to me.]

9...c5 Once again Black is quick to develop counterplay and now Bd3 would, of course, just lose a tempo for White.

10.Nge2

[Easy to criticise, but probably best and certainly 10.0-0-0?! cxd4 11.exd4 Nc6 12.Nh3 Bb4 wasn't a success for White in Bifulco-Rosenberg, Internet (blitz) 2021.]

10...Nc6 11.Bh2!?

[Prophylaxis to avoid ...e5 coming with tempo and introduce the concept of Nf4. Instead, 11.Bg2 Nb6 12.0-0 *(* or *12.b3 Rc8 13.a3 Bd6 14.Bxd6*

Qxd6 15.0-0 cxd4 16.exd4 Ne7! and ...Nf5*)* 12...Nc4 13.Qc1 cxd4 14.exd4 Rc8 would leave White's position already beginning to creak quite alarmingly.]

11...cxd4 12.exd4 Qb6!?

[Stefanova decides it's high time to get on with things. Black might also have made a pretty useful move in 12...Rc8 , very much still intending ... Bb4 and/or ...Nb6.]

13.Na4?!

[A strong grandmaster and star of the FIDE Grand Swiss is already floundering and 13.Nf4!? Qxb2 14.Rb1 Qxc2 15.Nxg6 Qxd2+ 16.Kxd2 fxg6 wouldn't have given White enough for two pawns (d4 is hanging), but was still probably the best try,]

[since 13.0-0-0? is simply demolished by Nb4 .]

13...Qb4 14.b3

[14.Nac3!? Qxb2 15.Rb1 Qa3 16.Bh3 would have been pretty desperate, but probably also a better try, followed by Rb3 if needed.]

14...Qxd2+

[Tempting and strong, but 14...Bxc2! would just have nicked a pawn.]

15.Kxd2 b5 16.Nb2 Ba3 17.Nd3 Rc8 18.c3 b4! Stefanova has always been very dangerous with the initiative and here keeps finding the way to stay in forward gear. **19.c4?**

[19.Nxb4 Nxb4 20.cxb4 Bxb4+ 21.Ke3 Rc2 is pretty horrific for White, but probably had to be tried.]

19...dxc4 20.bxc4 Na5

[20...Nb6! would have been even stronger, and if 21.c5 Nc4+ 22.Kc2 Nb2 23.Nef4 Nxd4+ 24.Kd2 Bf5 , which is fasting becoming a massacre.]

21.c5 Nc4+ 22.Kc2 Ne3+ 23.Kd2 Nc4+ 24.Kc2 Ne3+? 25.Kd2 Nc4+ 26.Kc2 Ne3+

[Repeating moves against her much higher-rated opponent, but after 26...0-0 27.Nef4 Bf5 Black would have retained a dangerous initiative with ...e5 imminent,]

[and the immediate 26...e5! would just have left White in huge trouble in view of 27.dxe5? *(27.Bg1 0-0 28.Bh3* is the engines' desperate suggestion, but they also then point out *Nxc5! 29.dxc5 Rcd8* when White surely wouldn't have survived*)* 27...Nxc5 .]

½-½

330 **A45**

□ **Howell,David** **2658**

■ **Wadsworth,Matthew J** **2416**

Caplin Hastings Online (1.6) 09.01.2021

[Richard Palliser]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c6 4.e3 Qb6!?

[Posing an immediate question and hoping to dissuade White from going long. Previously, we've only really considered 4...Bf5 when 5.f3 e6 6.g4 Bg6 7.h4 h5 8.g5 Ng8 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 reaching a tabiya of sorts where White should have an edge - see Juegel-Harff, Belgian League 2016, in the Archive.]

5.Rb1

[Wadsworth was no doubt satisfied with Black's solid structure after 5.Qd2!? Qxb2 6.Rb1 Qa3 7.Bd3 , but I dare say that, speculative or not, Jobava might still have sacrificed the

pawn here.]

5...Bf5 6.f3

[Three rounds later Mark Hebden deviated with 6.Bd3 Bxd3 7.cxd3 , which makes good sense, just as in our main game. Hebden-Wadsworth continued e6 8.Nf3 Nbd7 9.0-0 Be7 10.h3 0-0 11.b4 Rfc8 12.Qb3 *(12.Na4* looks more to the point*;* or even *12.e4!?)* 12...a5! 13.a3 axb4 14.axb4 Qa6 15.b5 Qa3 , with sufficient counterplay for Black.]

6...e6 7.g4 Thematic Jobava-Prie expansion. **7...Bg6 8.h4 h6 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.cxd3!?**

[Once again, a tempting recapture, bolstering White's central presence, not least in the event of any ...c5 dxc5 exchange. That said, 10.Qxd3 can hardly be terrible and after Qa6 (Sharikov-Rodchenkov, Moscow 2020) 11.Nge2 Qxd3 12.cxd3 followed by Kd2, and maybe even Rbg1, White is surely slightly for choice.]

10...Nbd7

[Black would have done better to go 10...c5! without delay and following 11.dxc5 Bxc5 12.d4 Be7 13.Nge2 Nc6 there would have been everything to play for in this Exchange Slav-type situation.]

11.Nge2 c5?!

[The thematic break, but Black would probably have done better to have sat tight with 11...a5 and ...Be7.]

12.dxc5 Bxc5 13.d4 Bd6 14.Kf2! A safe spot for the king and a move which sums up why White is better. His king is quite safe, whereas its counterpart doesn't really want to commit to either flank and so come under a direct attack. Note how the knight on d7 contributes little to Black's position.

14...g6

[14...Rc8 15.Qd3 0-0!? is preferred by the engines, but 16.Bxd6 Qxd6 17.Ng3 would scare many a human here.]

15.Qd3 Rd8 16.Na4! Howell continues to take control of the position. **16...Qc7 17.Rbc1 Qb8 18.Nc5**

[A good case might also be made for a preliminary 18.b4!? ahead of invading on c5.]

18...Nxc5 19.Rxc5

[19.dxc5!? Bxf4 20.exf4!? would pretty much force d4 , but even here 21.b4 looks fairly good for White, with such fine pawns and control of both flanks.]

19...Nd7 20.Rc2 h5! Thus far Wadsworth has been rather outplayed, but this was still a good move, asking a big question of White over the kingside.

21.g5?!

[This may not be too terrible, but why seal up the kingside and allow Black to safely castle? I dare say that Howell was soon wondering why he hadn't preferred 21.gxh5! Rxh5 22.Bg5 , keeping the kingside open and continuing to leave Black under pressure with Nf4 on its way.]

21...0-0 22.Rhc1?!

[Now Black is definitely OK, whereas 22.Bxd6 Qxd6 23.Qc3 might yet have retained an edge.]

22...e5! Breaking out. **23.dxe5 Nxe5 24.Qd4!?**

[Risky. Black should not be worse after 24.Bxe5 Bxe5 25.Kg2 Bg7 , but this would have been a much safer path for White.]

24...Nc6 25.Qf6?

[25.Bxd6 Qxd6 26.Qf4! was required

to maintain the balance.]

25...d4! This fine pawn sacrifice must have come as a cold shower to Howell. Suddenly White is in serious trouble. **26.exd4 Bxf4**

[Hardly terrible, but 26...Nb4! would just have been very strong, and if 27.Rc3 Nd5 28.Bxd6 Rxd6 when White is losing the exchange and will see his queen and king continue to be targeted.]

27.Qxf4 Qxf4 28.Nxf4 Rxd4 29.Rc4

[29.Ng2!? Nb4 30.Rc7 , and if Nd3+ 31.Ke3 , might have been a better defensive try.]

29...Rd2+ 30.Kg3 Rxb2 Bagging a clear pawn. **31.Nd5!** Improving the knight and going for counterplay against the black king is White's best hope of rescuing the game. **31...Rd8 32.Nf6+ Kg7 33.Re4?**

[Ambitious and surely too ambitious, especially when converting Black's extra pawn after 33.R1c2 wouldn't have been such an easy task, with Rxc2 34.Rxc2 Rd1 35.Re2 Ra1?? 36.Re8 a graphic example of what to avoid.]

33...Rxa2 34.Rb1 Nd4!

[Wadsworth continues to rise to the challenge. 34...b6? 35.Rc1 Na5 36.Rc7 would have given White enough counterplay.]

35.Rxb7!? Easy to criticise, but probably not such a bad practical try. **35...Nf5+ 36.Kf4 Nd6** Forking the white rooks. **37.Rc7 Nxe4 38.fxe4** was objectively stronger followed by transposing back into our previous note or going **38...Rf2+**

[38...a5 39.Nd7 Ra1 .]

[The calm 38...Ra3!? is preferred by the engines, hoping for 39.e5? Rd4+ .]

39.Kg3 Rxf6?! 40.gxf6+ Kxf6 41.Rxa7 Rd3+

[41...Rd1 would arguably have been slightly more accurate, but it quickly becomes clear that Wadsworth has missed a trick.]

42.Kf4 Rh3?

[By now 42...Rd4! was required and would have maintained good winning chances for Black.]

43.e5+ Ke6 44.Ra6+ Ke7 45.Ra7+ Kf8 46.e6! Ouch. This powerful pawn sacrifice gives White enough counterplay to dash Black's aspirations of the full point. **46...fxe6**

[46...Rxh4+ 47.Ke5 fxe6 48.Kf6! is similar, White being set to save the game with relative ease after Rf4+ 49.Kxg6 h4 50.Kg5 .]

47.Kg5 e5 48.Kxg6 Rxh4 49.Kf6 As so often in rook endgames, the difference in activity between the two kings makes all the difference. **49...Rf4+ 50.Kxe5 Rf7 51.Rxf7+ Kxf7 52.Kf5 ½-½**

331 **D00**

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Blitz 28.01.2024

[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**

[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 1-0 (88)*; 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0*

8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7 Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig,F (1863) Mainz 1997 EXT 2000 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (57)*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) www.desc-online.de 2000 CBM 166 [Beliavsky, Alexander G] 1-0 (41)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]

3.Bf4 c5 4.e4 Nxe4 5.Nxe4 dxe4 6.dxc5 Qxd8+ is the strong threat. **6...Qa5+ 7.c3** With the idea b4. **7...Qxc5 8.Qa4+** The position is equal. **8...Nc6 9.Qxe4 g6 10.Nf3 Bg7** White must now prevent ...Bxc3+! **11.Qe3**

[11.Bc4 seems wilder. Na5 12.Bd3 Bf5 13.Qa4+]

11...Qxe3+ 12.Bxe3 Bg4 13.Be2 0-0-0 14.h3 Bf5 0.80/20

[14...Be6= 0.27/20]

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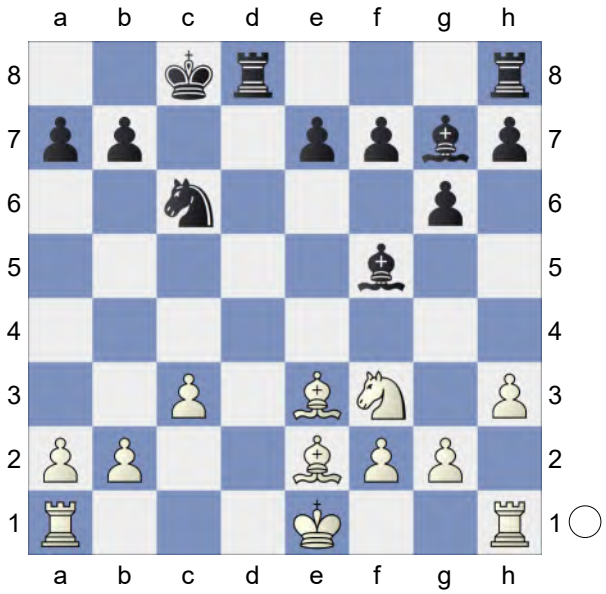


15.Bb5 0.17/22

[15.Ng5!± 0.80/20 Rdf8 16.0-0-0]

15...Be4 16.Bxc6 Bxc6 17.Bxa7 Bxf3 0.76/19

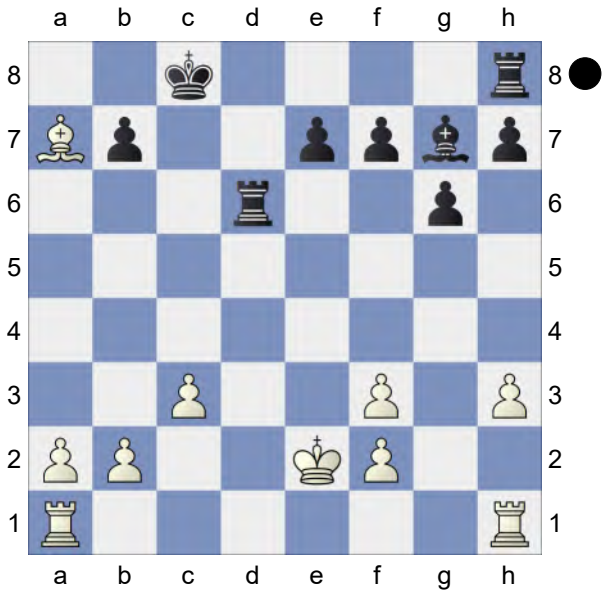
[17...Rd5= 0.29/20]

18.gxf3± Rd6 1.19/20

[⌓18...Rd5 0.76/20]

19.Ke2? -2.60/18

[19.Be3± 1.19/20 keeps the pressure on.]



This costs White the game. **19...b6!-+ 20.Rhd1** aiming for Rxd6. **20...Kb7**

21.Rxd6 exd6 22.Bxb6 Kxb6 Endgame KRB-KR **23.a4 Re8+ 24.Kd3 Re5 25.b4 Rf5 26.a5+ Ka6 27.Ra3?** -4.53/21
[27.f4 -2.43/18]
27...Rxf3+ 28.Kc4 d5+ 29.Kxd5 Rxc3 30.Rxc3 -9.15/16
[⌓30.Ra4 -4.03/17]
30...Bxc3 KB-KP. Black is clearly winning. **31.Kc5 g5 32.f3 Bd2 33.Kc4 h5** Strongly threatening ...h4. **34.Kc5 h4** Normal Normal. Weighted Error Value: White=0.67/Black=0.12 (very precise)
0-1

332 **B13**
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■ **Lapshun,Y** **2403**
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[Kitty Kat]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack Kitty Kat: 'B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack ' B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack A45: Trompowsky Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Bd3 Nc6 7.Nge2 e6**
[7...Bg4 8.f3 Bh5 9.g4 Bg6 10.h4 e6 11.h5 Bxd3 12.Qxd3 Rc8 13.0-0-0 Qa5 14.Kb1 Nd7 15.Nc1 Nb4 16.Qe3 Be7 17.g5 Qb6 18.g6 f6 19.Rhe1 hxg6 20.hxg6 Nf8 21.a3 Nc6 22.Nxd5 Banzea,A (2394)-Vokhidov,S (2596) Chess.com INT 2024 Mega2024 Update 11 [Kitty Kat] 0-1 (31)]
8.Qd2 The position is equal.
[8.a3 Be7 9.0-0 0-0 10.b4 Bd7 11.Qb1 Na7 12.a4 Nc6 13.Na2 a5 14.b5 Na7 15.Rc1 Ba3 16.Rd1 Nc8 17.Nac1 Bd6 18.c3 Qc7 19.Bg5 Bxh2+ 20.Kf1 Bd6 21.Bxf6 gxf6 22.Bxh7+ Kg7 Dominguez Perez,L (2751)-Kasimdzhanov,R (2706) Baku 2014 CBM 163 [Szabo,Krisztian] ½-½ (47)]
8...Bd7N
[8...b5 9.0-0 Be7 10.a3 Bd7 11.h3 0-0 12.Rfe1 Na5 13.Rad1 Qb6 *(13...Nc4 14.Bxc4 bxc4 15.Ng3 Ra7* #8 Chapter The Jobava London-The Jobava London: 4.e3*)* 14.Ng3 Rfc8 15.Nf5 exf5 16.Rxe7 Be6 17.Bh6 gxh6 18.Qxh6 Rxc3 19.Qg5+ Kf8 20.Qxf6 Rxd3 21.cxd3 Delaying E4 E5-De Blasio,M Hungary 200 Traps In The Opening [John Watson]]
9.a3 Be7 10.f3 b5 11.g4 h6 12.h4 Qb6 13.Qe3 0-0-0 0.17/15
[⌓13...b4 -0.20/16 14.axb4 Nxb4]
14.a4 Bb4 0.69/19
[Black should play 14...b4= 0.09/16 15.Nd1 Kb7]
15.axb5± axb5 16.Kf2 e5 17.Bxe5
[17.dxe5 Nxg4+! 18.fxg4 Bc5 19.Nxd5 *(19.Ra8+ Kb7∓)* 19...Bxe3+ 20.Bxe3 Qb8=]
17...Nxe5 18.Qxe5
[18.dxe5? Bc5! 19.Qxc5+ *(19.Ra8+? Kb7-+)* 19...Qxc5+-+]
18...Bd6 19.Nxd5? -0.77/22 Pair of Knights! **19...Qb8!∓ 20.Ne7+ Kc7! 21.Qe3** Ra6 is the strong threat. **21...Rde8 22.Ra6 Rxe7 23.Qd2 Kd8** 0.17/23
[23...Kb7!∓ -0.87/19 24.Rha1 *(24.Qa5? Bc7-+)* 24...Rhe8]
24.Rha1= White has compensation. **24...Bc8! 25.Ra8 Qb7 26.R1a6 Bc7**

[26...Qxa6? 27.Rxa6 Bxa6 28.Qa5+ Rc7 29.Qxa6+-]

27.Bf5 -0.58/22

[27.Qb4= -0.01/21 Qxa6 28.Rxa6 Bxa6 29.Bxb5 Bxb5 30.Qxb5]

27...Nd7 -0.25/19

[27...Qxa6∓ -0.58/22 28.Rxc8+ Qxc8 29.Bxc8 Rhe8]

28.Nc3 -1.02/19

[28.R6a7 Qc6 29.Ra6 *(29.Qb4 Rhe8-+)* 29...Qxa6 30.Rxa6 Bxa6∓]

[28.d5= -0.25/19 Re5 29.Nd4 *(29.Bxd7? Kxd7 30.Nf4 Bb6+ 31.Kg2 Qc7∓)* 29...Rxd5 30.Be4]

28...Bb8 -0.44/20

[28...Qxa6 29.Rxa6 Bxa6 30.Nd5±]

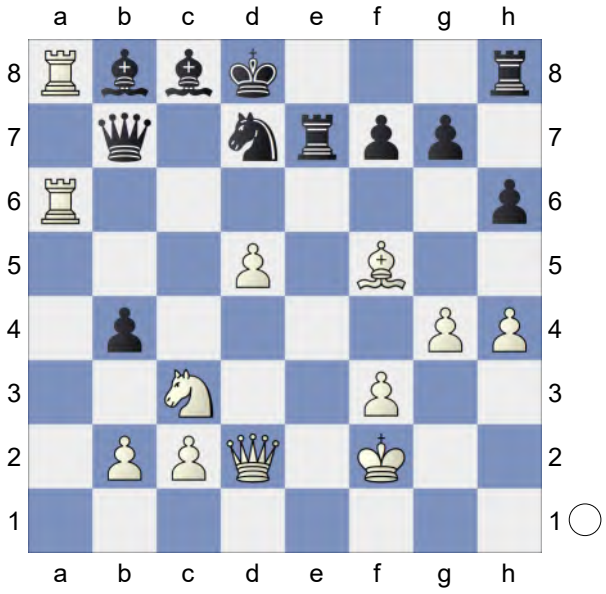
[28...Rhe8∓ -1.02/19 Threatens to win with ...Bb8. 29.d5 Re5]

29.d5!∓ Black must now prevent d6.

29...b4 0.01/20

[29...Qxa6? 30.Rxa6 Bxa6 31.Ne4+-]

[29...Nc5∓ -0.33/19 30.Bxc8 Kxc8]



30.Ne4 -0.50/19

[30.d6!= 0.01/20 Re5 31.Ne4]

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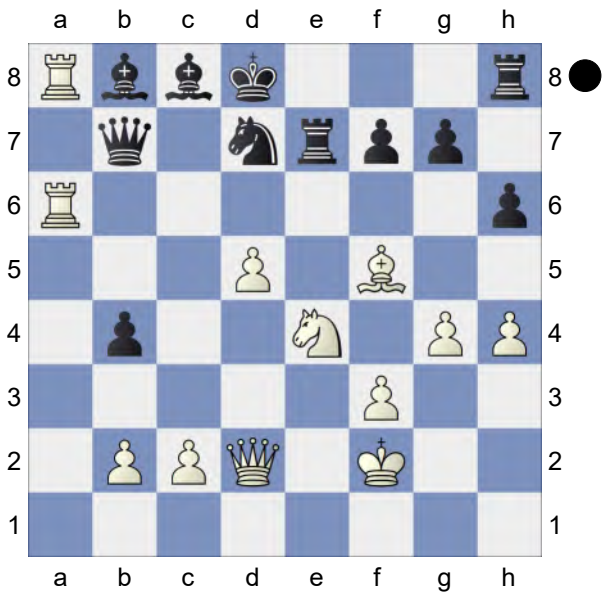


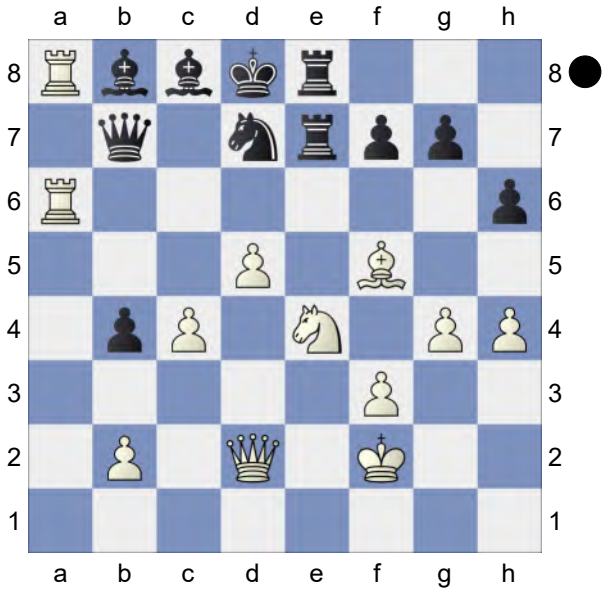
30...Rhe8 -0.01/19

[30...Rxe4!∓ -0.50/19 31.fxe4 *(31.Bxe4 Qc7)* 31...Qc7]

31.c4? -3.28/21

[31.d6 Rxe4! 32.fxe4 Rxe4 33.Bxe4 Qxe4∓]

[31.Qd4!= -0.01/19 and White has nothing to worry.]



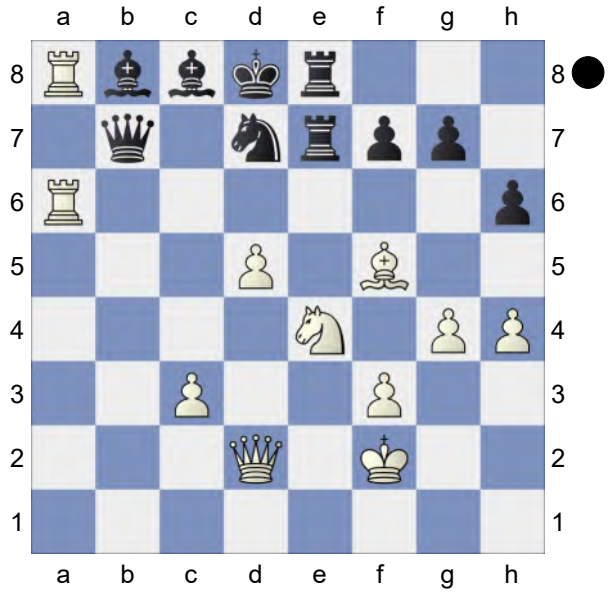
31...bxc3? -0.01/20

[31...Rxe4!-+ -3.28/21 32.fxe4 Nc5]

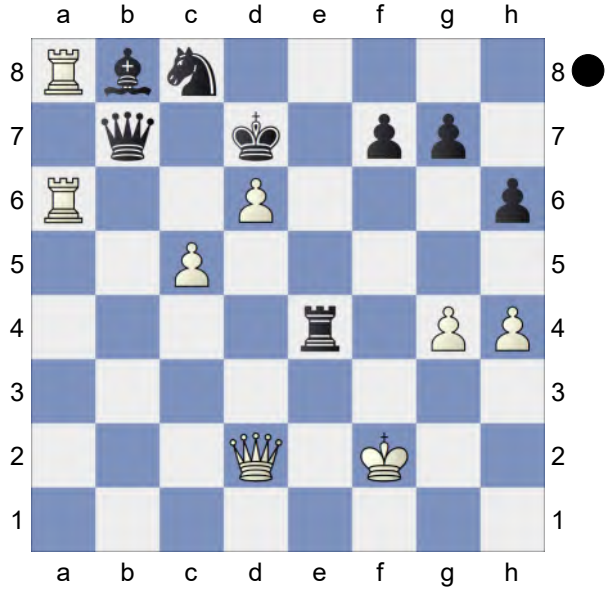
32.bxc3? -2.94/18

[32.Qxc3= -0.01/20 and White stays

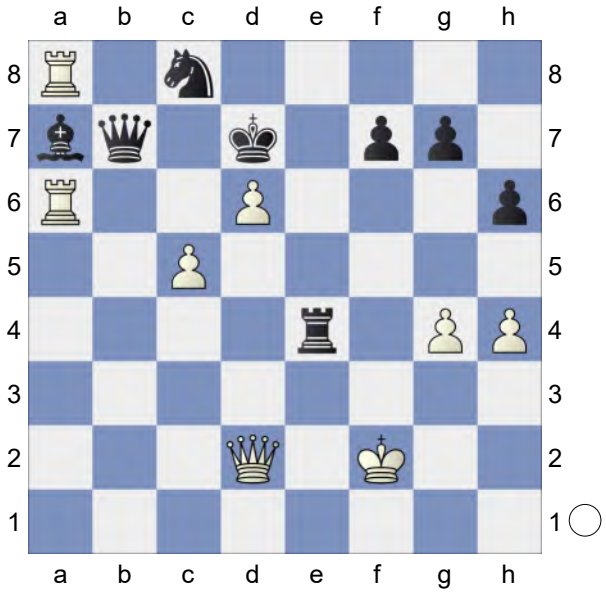
safe. Be5 33.Qd2]



32...Nb6? -0.01/19
[32...Qxa6 33.Rxa6 Bxa6 34.c4+-]
[32...Rxe4!-+ -2.94/18 33.Bxe4 *(33.fxe4 Nc5)* 33...Nc5]
33.Bxc8= Nxc8 34.d6? -3.00/20
[34.c4= -0.01/18 Rxe4 35.fxe4]
34...Rxe4-+ 35.fxe4 Rxe4 36.c4 Kd7
[36...Rxg4 37.Qa5+ Ke8 38.Qb5+ *(38.d7+ Qxd7 39.Qb5 Ke7±)* 38...Qxb5 39.cxb5±]
37.c5



Ba7? 0.01/17
[37...Rc4!-+ -3.21/22 38.c6+ *(38.Qe2? Rxc5 39.Ra1 Nxd6-+)* 38...Rxc6]



38.R8xa7!= Remove Defender. Really sharp! **38...Nxa7 39.Rb6⇄** White is not keeping still **39...Qa8 40.Qd3** And now Qb3 would win. **40...Rf4+** 0.77/17
[40...f5!= -0.06/21 41.gxf5 Rxh4]
41.Kg3± &Bianco is more active. **41...g5** 1.94/24
[41...Qe4± 0.93/23 was called for. 42.Qxe4 Rxe4]
42.hxg5+- hxg5 43.Qa3? 0.01/22
[43.Qb3+- 2.03/23 Nc8 44.Rb7+ Kd8 45.c6 Nxd6 46.Rb8+ Qxb8 47.Qxb8+ Ke7 48.Qc7+ Ke6 49.Qd7+ Kd5 50.c7]
43...Ke6? 3.59/21
[43...Rc4!= 0.01/22 44.Rb3 Ke6]

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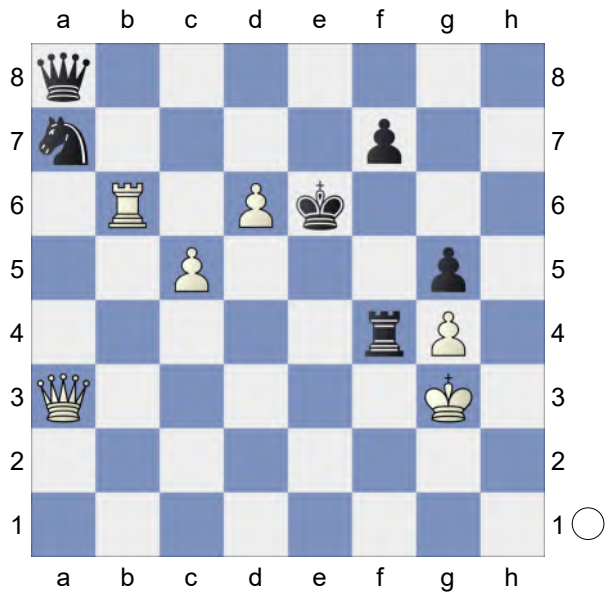

44.d7+! Decoy
[Not 44.Qb3+ Ke5±]
44...Kxd7 45.c6+! Kc7 46.Rb7+ Qxb7 47.cxb7 Endgame KQ-KRN **47...Nc6 48.Qa8 Nb8 49.Qa5+ Kxb7 50.Qb5+**
[Resist 50.Qxg5 Rd4 51.Qb5+ Ka8+-]
50...Kc7 51.Qe5+ Kb7 52.Qe7+ Ka8 53.Qxg5 Rd4 54.Qf6 Rd7 55.Qb6 Ra7 56.g5 Ra6? 4.50/27
[56...Ra3+ 2.76/24 keeps fighting. 57.Kf4 Ra4+ 58.Ke3 Ra3+ 59.Ke4 Ra4+ 60.Kf3 Ra7]
57.Qb3 Ra7 58.Qd5+ Rb7 White is clearly winning. **59.Kf4 Na6 60.Qa5 Ka7** 7.45/22
[⌓60...Ra7 4.27/22 61.Kf5 Nb8 62.Qd5+ Rb7]
61.Kf5 Rc7 62.Kf6 Rb7 63.Qa2 Kb6 64.Qxf7 Nc5 65.Qe8 Nd7+ 66.Ke6 Qxd7 would kill now. **66...Nc5+ 67.Kf5 Rd7**

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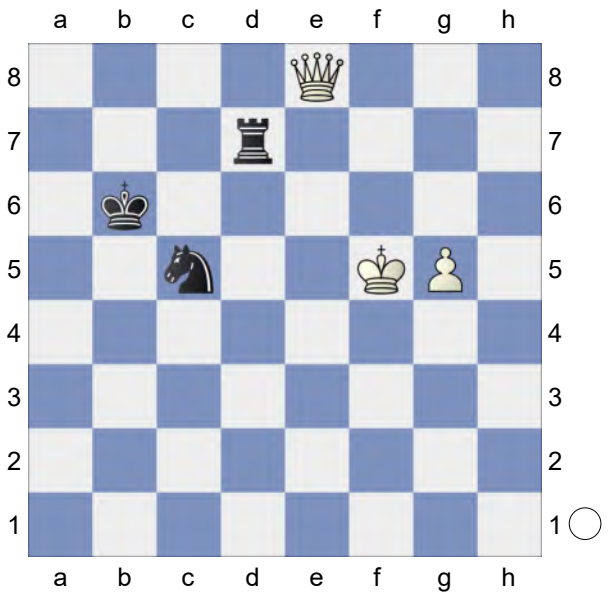

68.Qxd7!! Nxd7 69.g6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.45/Black=0.53
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333	**A45**
☐ **Federovski**	**2653**
■ **N,N**	**2620**
Blitz	05.05.2020

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min A45: Trompowsky Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 c5 3.e3 Qb6 4.Nc3 Qxb2 5.Nb5 Nd5 6.a3** Prevents Qb4+. Black must now prevent Rb1. **6...a6** 0.60/20
[6...Nc3!= -0.06/24 7.Nc7+ Kd8]

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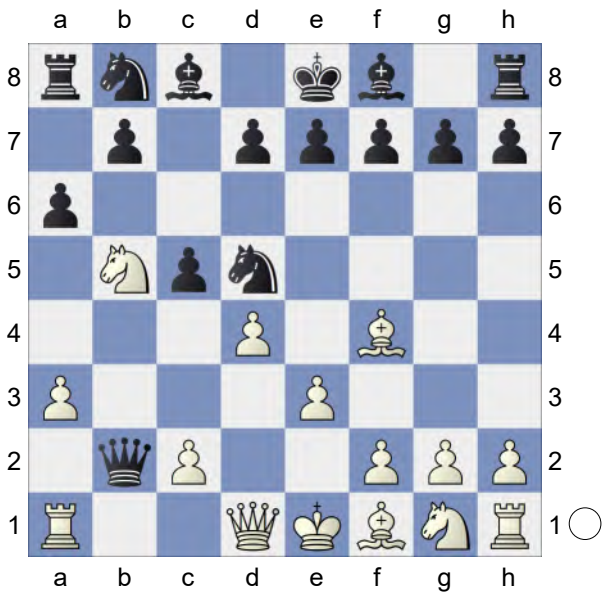
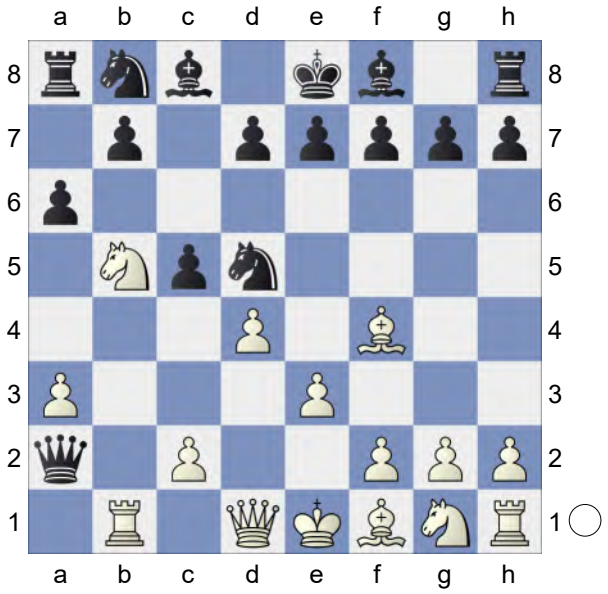


7.Rb1!± White has compensation.
7...Qa2



8.Ra1N White is slightly better. **8...Qb2**

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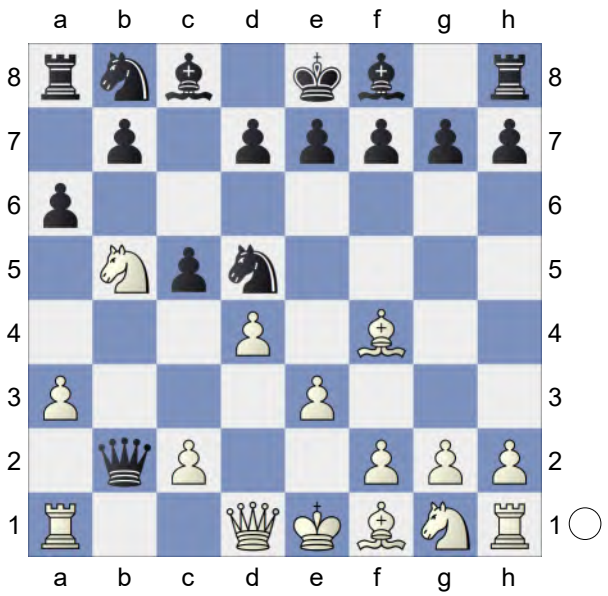
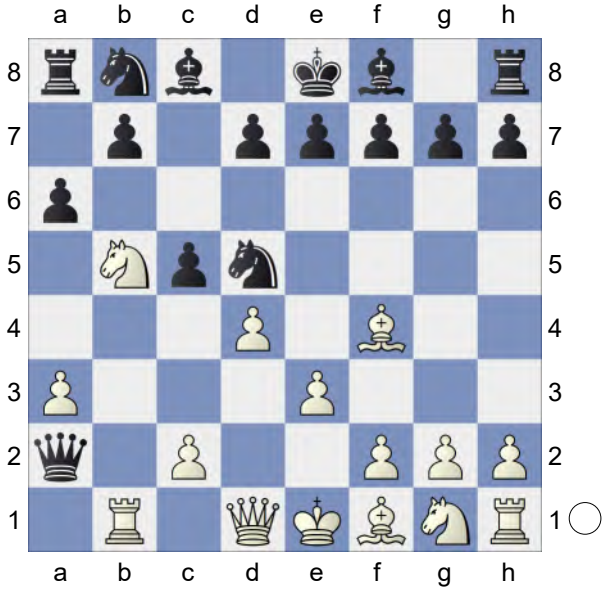


9.Rb1! Qa2



10.Qc1! And now Rb2 would win.
10...axb5 11.Ra1 Qxa1 12.Qxa1 Threatens to win with Bxb8. **12...Nxf4**
[12...Nc6 13.Bxb5 cxd4 14.Bxc6 bxc6 15.Qxd4 Rxa3 *(15...f6)* 16.Nf3 e6 17.0-0 Benoni-A6,N]
[12...e5 13.Bxe5 *(13.dxe5 Nxf4 14.exf4 c4 15.Be2 Rxa3 16.Qb2 Nc6 17.Nf3 Bb4+ 18.Kf1 0-0 19.g3 d5 20.Kg2 d4 21.Nxd4 c3 22.Qb1 Nxd4 23.Qxb4 Ra4* The Combative Qxb2-Agadmator'S Anti London Goth

Asti 2022 https://www.chessable.co [MH]) 13...c4 14.Qb2 (*14.Bxb8 Bb4+ 15.Ke2 Rxa3 16.Qb2 Ra2 17.Qc1 b6 18.f3 Ba3 19.Qd2 Nb4 20.Bd6 Rxc2 21.Bxb4 Rxd2+ 22.Bxd2 b4* The Combative Qxb2-Agadmator'S Anti London Goth Asti 2022) 14...Ra5 15.Bxb8 Bxa3 16.Qb1 Nc3 17.Qa1 Bb4 18.Qb2 Nd5+ 19.Ke2 0-0 20.Kf3 d6 21.Ne2 Be6 22.g4 Rxb8 23.Bg2 Ba3 24.Qb1 Nc7 25.Nf4 d5 26.g5 Bf5 27.Kg3 12.♕e3 ♕e7 (2361)-Preußner, M (2394) Dortmund 2010 CYB 12 [Marcinkiewicz] 0-1 (44)]

13.exf4 b4 0.78/19

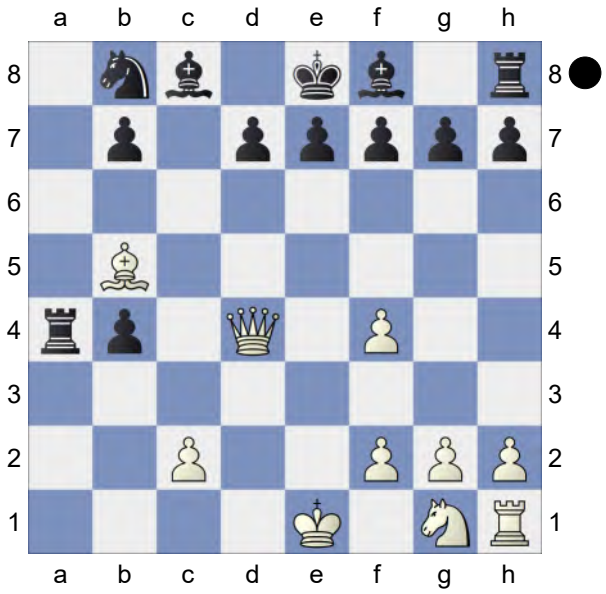
[13...c4!= 0.28/20 remains equal.]

14.a4±

[Much weaker is 14.dxc5 bxa3 15.Nf3 e6=]

14...cxd4 15.Nf3

[Much worse is 15.Qxd4?! Rxa4 16.Bb5



Nc6!=]

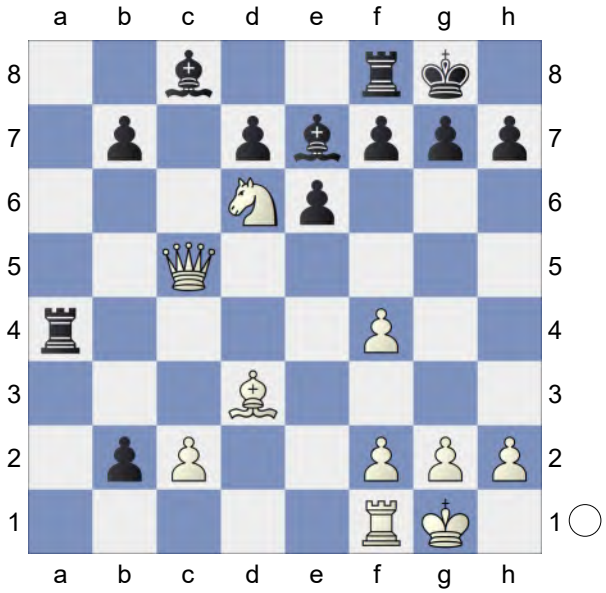
15...e6 16.Nxd4 0.34/17

[16.Bb5± 0.82/20]

16...Be7!± 17.Nb5 -0.40/19

[White should try 17.Bb5!± 0.50/17]

17...0-0∓ 18.Bd3 Na6 19.0-0 Nc5 20.Qd4 Rxa4 21.Nd6 b3? 3.56/22 Loses the game. **22.Qxc5+- b2**



23.Qb5! Ra1

[23...Rd4 24.Nxc8]

24.Nxc8 Bf6 25.Nb6 Rc1 26.c4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.54

1-0

334 **D00**

□ **Oparin,Grigoriy** **2653**

■ **Postny,Evgeny** **2572**

Titled Tue 10th Dec Late (9) 10.12.2024

[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.g4 Bd6** 0.36/18

[5...Bb4= -0.08/17]

6.Bg3 -0.15/17

[White should play 6.g5± 0.36/18 Bxf4 7.gxf6 *(7.exf4 Ng8=)*]

6...0-0 0.22/18

[6...h6 -0.15/17 is more appropriate.]

7.Bd3 -0.19/19

[⌓7.g5 0.22/18 Ne4 8.Nxe4 dxe4

9.Qh5]
7...c5 **8.g5** The position is equal.
8...Ne8 **9.dxc5** **Bxc5** **10.Nf3** **Nc6** **11.Qd2** **b5** **12.0-0-0** **b4** **13.Ne2** **a5** **14.e4** -0.27/18
[⌓14.h4 0.23/18]
14...a4= **15.Nf4** **b3** **16.Kb1** -1.72/19
[16.axb3? axb3 17.cxb3 Nd6-+]
[16.a3= -0.30/18 and White is okay.]
16...bxa2+-+ **17.Ka1** **a3** (→ ...axb2+)
18.b3 **Nd4?** 0.32/20
[18...Bb4∓ -1.33/20 19.c3 dxe4 20.cxb4 *(20.Bxe4? Qxd2 21.Rxd2 Bxc3+ 22.Kxa2 Nb4+ 23.Kb1 Bb7-+)* 20...exd3]
19.Nxd4± Dancing on a razor blade.
19...Bxd4+ **20.c3** **Be5** 0.46/21
[20...Bc5!= -0.10/18]
21.exd5 **Qxg5** **22.Kxa2** 0.11/18
[22.Rhe1± 0.49/20 Bxf4 23.Bxf4 *(23.Qxf4 Qxf4 24.Bxf4 exd5±)* 23...Qxd5 24.Be4 *(24.Kxa2 Bb7±)* 24...Qxd2 25.Rxd2]
22...Nf6 1.21/19
[22...Bxf4= 0.11/18 keeps the balance. 23.Qxf4 Qxf4 24.Bxf4 exd5]
23.Rhg1 0.51/19 &Bianco is more active.
[23.dxe6± 1.21/19 Threatens to win with h4. fxe6 24.Rhe1]
23...exd5? 3.27/24
[Black should try 23...Nh5!± 0.51/19 24.Nxh5 Qxh5]

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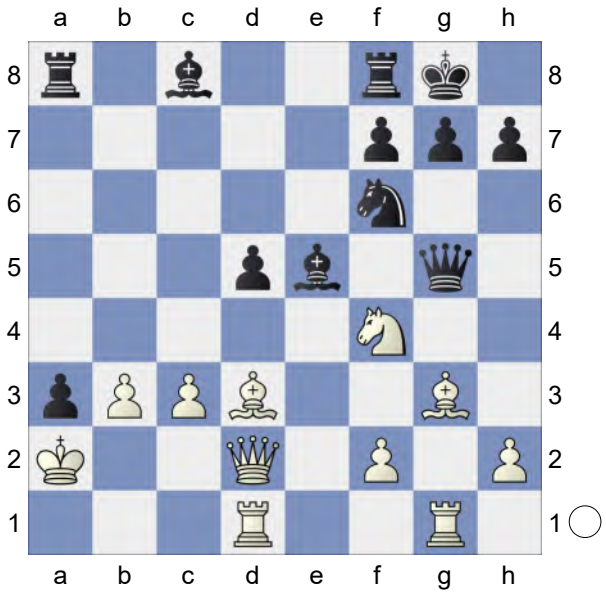
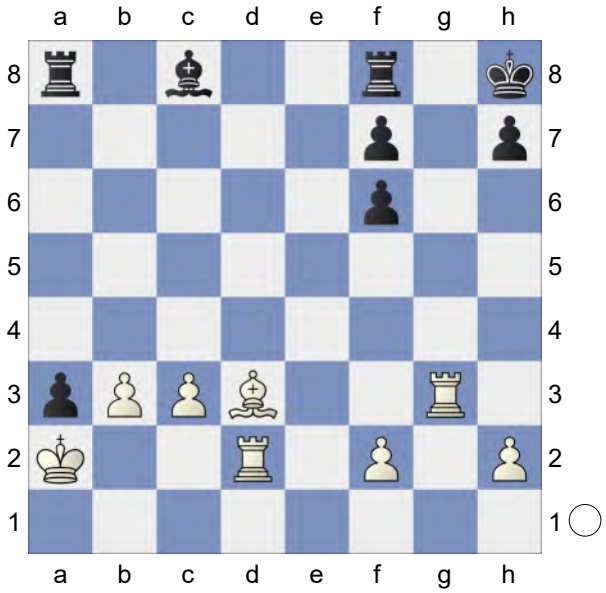


24.Nxd5!+- **Qxd2+** **25.Rxd2** **Bxg3** **26.Nxf6+** **gxf6** **27.Rxg3+** **Kh8**

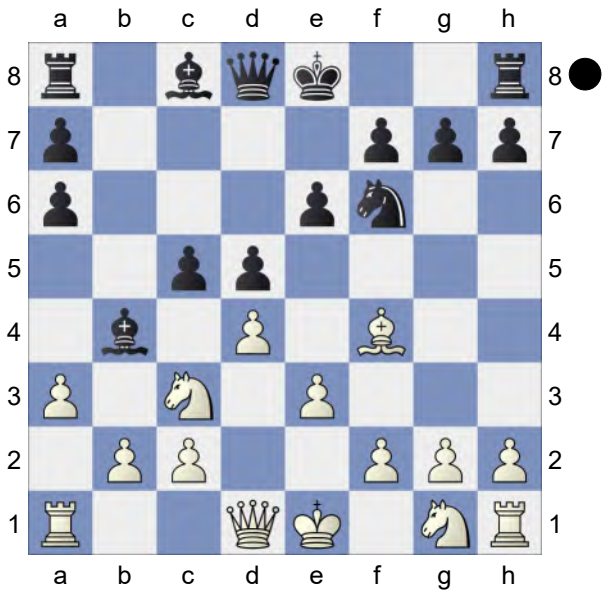


28.Bxh7! Strongly threatening Rd5!
28...Ra5 Against Rd5
[28...Kxh7 leads to mate. 29.Rd4]
[28...f5 29.Rd4]
29.Bc2 **Be6** **30.Rd4** White wants to mate with Rh4+. **30...Rh5** Inhibits Rh4. **31.Kxa3** **Rxh2** **32.Rf4** **Rc8** **33.c4** **Ra8+** **34.Kb2** **Rd8** **35.Kc3** Inhibits Rd2. **35...Rh1** 5.10/22
[⌓35...Rg8 3.37/21 36.b4 Rg7 37.Rxg7 Kxg7]

36.Rxf6 Rh4 5.68/22
[36...Rg8 3.90/22 was called for. 37.b4 Rxg3+ 38.fxg3 Kg7]
37.Bd3 Rc8 38.f4 Rc5? 8.94/22
[38...Rg8 3.10/21 39.Bg6 Bxc4 40.bxc4 Rxg6 41.Rfxg6 fxg6 42.Rxg6 *(42.c5 Kg7±)* 42...Rxf4]
39.b4 Rch5 40.b5 Black must now prevent b6. **40...Rh1 41.b6** b7 would kill now. **41...Rc1+ 42.Kd4** White threatens b7 and mate. **42...Rd1 43.b7** Quite a comeback for White. Weighted Error Value: White=0.38/ Black=0.61
1-0

335 **D00**
□ **Jr Poison** **2652**
■ **Geliochess** **2668**
Blitz 21.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines A45: Trompowsky Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...g6 3.Bf4 *(3.e3 b6 4.Qf3 d5 5.Qg3 Bg7 6.Be2 Bf5 7.Bd1 Na6 8.a3 c5 9.Nge2 Nc7 10.f3 0-0 11.Qf2 Re8 12.0-0 Bd7 13.Ng3 Bc6 14.Nce2 c4 15.c3 a5 16.Bd2 a4 17.Bc2 Nd7* Breder,D (2445)-Rogozenco,D (2519) Deutschland 86/ (186) 2002 CI1-130 [Rogozenco, Dorian] (39)*)* 3...Bg7 4.e4 0-0 5.e5 Ne8 6.Qe2 d5 *(6...d6 7.0-0-0 Nd7 8.h4 c5 9.dxc5 Nxc5 10.h5 Qa5 11.Nd5 Qd8 12.exd6 exd6 13.Ne7+ Kh8 14.hxg6 fxg6 15.Nxg6+ Kg8 16.Ne7+ Kh8 17.Rxh7+ Kxh7 18.Qh5+ Bh6 19.Qxh6#* 11) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.Bf4 B-5.e5 Ne8 6.Qe2 d6 #20 The Meanest Jobava London 2023 https://www.chessable.co [MH]*)* 7.0-0-0 c5 8.dxc5 e6 9.h4 Qa5 10.h5 Qxc5 11.Be3 Qc7 12.hxg6 fxg6 13.f4 Nc6 14.Nf3 h6 15.Qf2 a6 16.Kb1 b5 17.Bd3 11) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.Bf4 B-5.e5 Ne8 6.Qe2 d5 #2 The Meanest Jobava London 2023 https://www.chessable.co [MH]]
[2...e6 3.Bf4 Bb4 4.e3 Ne4 5.Nge2 Nxc3 6.Nxc3 0-0 7.Bd3 d5 8.Qf3 c5 9.Qg3 cxd4 10.Bh6 g6 11.exd4 Re8 12.h4 Bf8 13.Bf4 Nc6 14.h5 13) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6-1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6 3.Bf4 Bb4 4 The Meanest Jobava London 2023 https://www.chessable.co [MH]]
3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 c6 6.Nc3 Bb4 7.Bd3 c5 8.Bxa6 The position is equal. **8...bxa6 9.a3**



Ba5 0.36/18
[9...cxd4!= -0.24/20 10.axb4 *(10.Qxd4 Bxc3+ 11.Qxc3 Bd7=)* 10...dxc3]
10.dxc5± Ne4 1.11/20
[10...Bxc3+± 0.44/19 11.bxc3 Bd7]
11.Qd4 aiming for b4. **11...Qf6?** 4.87/20
[11...Bxc3+± 1.03/19 is more resistant. 12.bxc3 0-0]

12.Nge2? 1.58/21
[12.Qa4++- 4.87/20 Bd7 13.Qxa5]
12...Nxc3 13.Nxc3 Black must now prevent Qa4+. **13...Bxc3+ 14.Qxc3** 1.03/18
[14.bxc3+- 1.84/21 Bd7 15.Bd6]
14...Qxc3+± 15.bxc3 Bd7 16.Bd6 Ba4 17.Kd2 &Bianco is more active. **17...Kd7** 1.56/20
[⌓17...f6 1.18/20]
18.Rhb1 Threatens to win with Rb7+.
18...Kc6 5.48/23 Inhibits Rb7.
[18...Bc6 1.61/19 is a better chance. 19.c4 dxc4]
19.Rb2 Rhd8 20.Rab1 Bb5 21.Rb4 Rxd6 22.cxd6 Kxd6+- Endgame KRR-KRB **23.a4 Bc6 24.c4 dxc4 25.Rxc4 Bxg2 26.Rd4+ Ke5 27.Rg1 Bd5 28.Rxg7 f5** 6.81/23
[⌓28...Kf6 4.79/21]
29.c4 Be4 30.Rf7 Bf3 31.Rf4 Bc6 32.Rxh7 Bxa4 33.Rd4 Inhibits Rd8. **33...Bc6 34.f4+ Kf6 35.Rh6+ Ke7 36.Rh7+?** -0.01/18
[36.h4+- 5.69/24]
36...Kf6= 37.Rd6 Be8 38.Rh6+ Bg6 39.Kc3 a5 40.Ra6 Rb8 8.57/23
[⌓40...a4 4.97/20 41.c5 a3]
41.Rxa5 Rb1 42.Rxa7 Rc1+ 43.Kd4 And now h4 would win. **43...Rd1+ 44.Kc5** h4 would kill now. **44...Rb1 45.Ra6 Re1**

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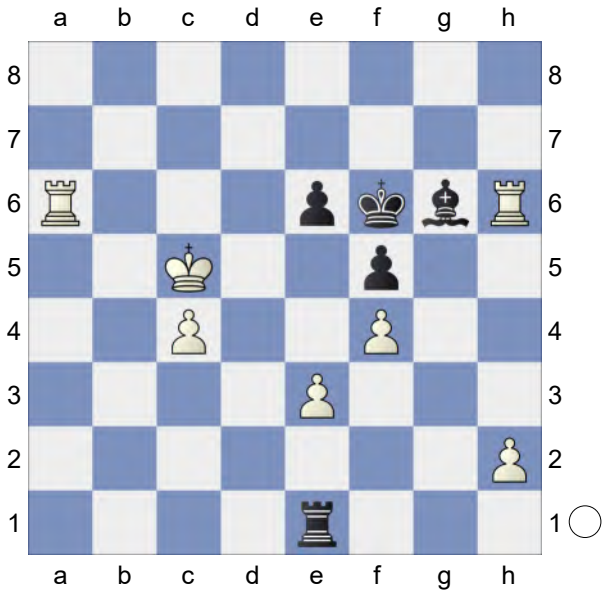

46.Rxg6+! Kxg6 47.Rxe6++- KR-KR **47...Kh5 48.Re5 Kg4 49.Kd6 Rd1+ 50.Ke6 Rc1 51.c5 Rc3 52.Kd6 Ra3 53.c6 Rd3+ 54.Rd5 Ra3 55.c7 Ra2 56.c8Q Rxh2 57.Qxf5+ Kg3 58.Qg5+ Kf2 59.Rd2+ Kf3 60.Rg2** 19.24/22 **Ke4 61.Qd5+** White mates. **61...Kxe3 62.Rg3+ Kxf4 63.Qf3#** Weighted Error Value: White=0.84/Black=0.93
1-0

336 **A45**
□ **Murzin,Volodar** **2648**
■ **Bjerre,Jonas Buhl** **2650**
TechM GCL 2024 (6.3) 07.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* 1-0 Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 2013; *5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0*

8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7 0-1 Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig,F (1863) Rheinhessen-ch H1 op 1997 (2)*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* 1-0 Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) V0048 www.desc-online.de 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]

3.Bf4 c5 4.e4 dxe4 5.dxc5 Qxd1+ 0.59/20

[5...Nbd7= 0.04/17]

6.Rxd1± Bg4 Black is weak on the dark squares **7.f3 exf3** Hoping for ...f2+! **8.Nxf3** Bxb8 is the strong threat. White is slightly better. **8...Bxf3 9.gxf3→** Black is in trouble. **9...a6?** 5.22/20

[9...Nbd7± 0.77/21]

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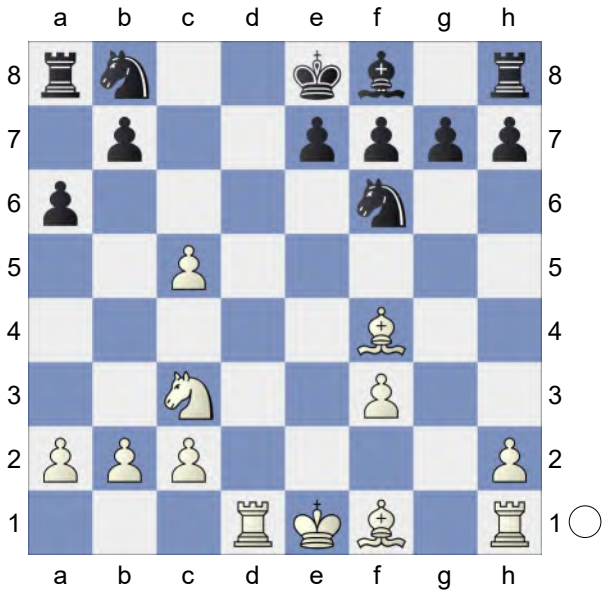

10.Nb5!+- White is clearly winning. **10...axb5 11.Bxb8** This pair of bishops is nice. **11...e5 12.Bxb5+ Ke7 13.Bxe5 Ke6 14.Bd4 Kf5 15.a3 Rd8 16.c3 Be7 17.0-0 Nh5 18.Bd3+ Kg5 19.Be4 Kh6 20.Bxb7 Nf4 21.Kh1 Ne6 22.Be3+ g5 23.c6 Bd6 24.a4 Bc7 25.b4 Rxd1 26.Rxd1 Re8 27.a5 Nf4 28.Bb6 Bxb6 29.axb6 Nh3 30.Rf1** Black did not feel at home in the position after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) / Black=0.78

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337 **A45**

□ **Najer,Evgeniy** **2648**

■ **Jones,G** **2670**

Titled Tuesday 8th Sept blitz (5) 8.9.20

[GM Ivan Cheparinov]

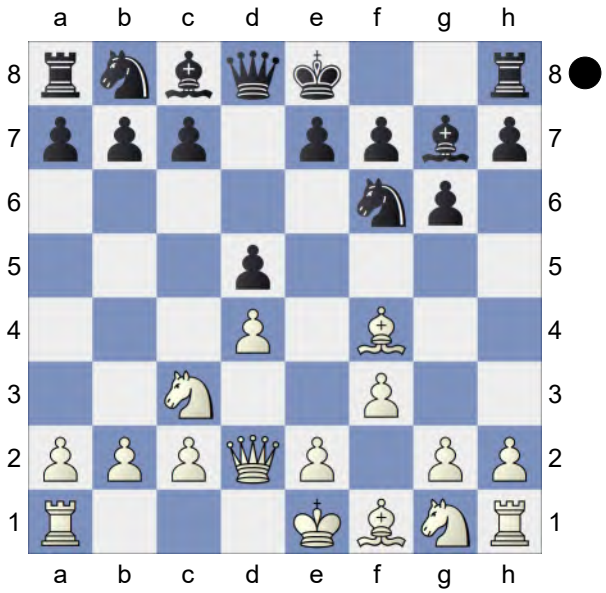
GM Ivan Cheparinov,MH: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines ' **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5** GM Ivan Cheparinov,MH: 'N'

[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6*

fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7 ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]

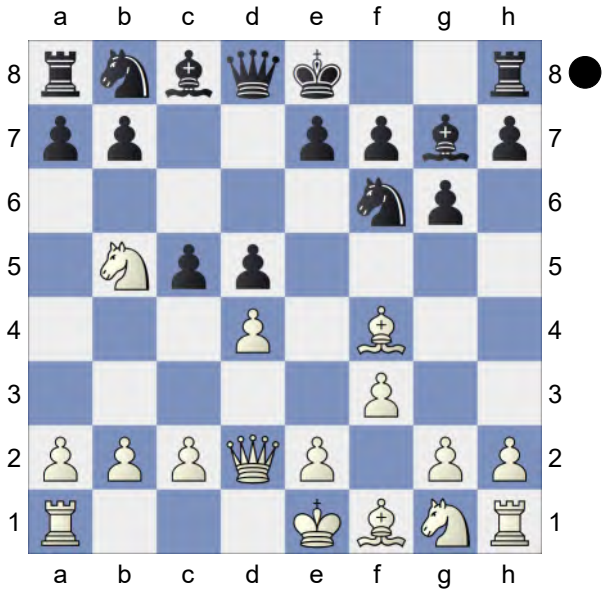
3.Bf4 g6 Compared to the usual London system positions, the knight is not placed so well on the c3-square as on d2 in some lines. White has two main ideas in this type of position: 1) to push h2-h4-h5, usually supported by Be2, and 2) to play Nb5 trying to gain some tempi on the queenside. In this game, we will see a third option, a relatively rare move Compared to the usual London system positions, the knight is not placed so well on the c3-square as on d2 in some lines. White has two main ideas in this type of position: 1) to push h2-h4-h5, usually supported by Be2, and 2) to play Nb5 trying to gain some tempi on the queenside. In this game, we will see a third option, a relatively rare move **4.Qd2?!** In principle, this is a reasonable move, preparing Bh6 and possibly f3-e4, as well (as in the Veresov variation). However, I think that it is objectively not so good for White because he does not seem to be fully ready for the opening of the centre once Black plays...c7-c5. In principle, this is a reasonable move, preparing Bh6 and possibly f3-e4, as well (as in the Veresov variation). However, I think that it is objectively not so good for White because he does not seem to be fully ready for the opening of the centre once Black plays...c7-c5. **4...Bg7 5.h4** An interesting approach, preventing Black from castling. An interesting approach, preventing Black from castling.

[In the case of 5.f3?!



the most natural and best reply is [#] the most natural and best reply is c5! trying to open the centre 6.dxc5 White should probably take the pawn. White should probably take the pawn. *(* The position is concrete and we

need to know what to play if White goes The position is concrete and we need to know what to play if White goes *6.Nb5?!*



0-0! We can ignore White's threat. The point is that after We can ignore White's threat. The point is that after *7.Nc7 cxd4 8.Nxa8 Nc6* Black will push e5 and the knight will get trapped. Black will push e5 and the knight will get trapped. *9.0-0-0 e5 10.Bg5 Qd6∓; 6.e3* is harmless *0-0)* 6...Nc6 Black is now ready to push .. . d4 or ...e5. Black is now ready to push .. .d4 or ...e5.

A) Probably the safest choice is 7.e3 although Black is completely fine after although Black is completely fine after 0-0 8.0-0-0 Qa5 *(or 8...e5!? 9.Bg5 d4 10.exd4 exd4 11.Ne4 Nxe4 12.fxe4 Qe8⇄)* 9.Kb1 Qxc5 10.Na4 *(10.Nxd5?*

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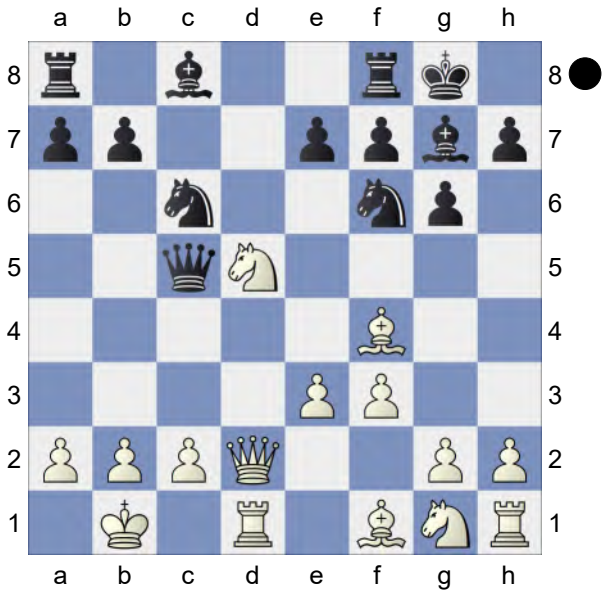

is wrong on the account of [#] is wrong on the account of *Nxd5 11.Qxd5 Rd8 12.Qxd8+ Nxd8 13.Rxd8+ Bf8 14.Bh6 Bf5-+)* 10...Qa5 11.Qxa5 Nxa5=;

B) 7.0-0-0 d4∓;

C) 7.e4?! is a dubious approach, especially when White castles queenside. is a dubious approach, especially when White castles queenside. 7...d4 8.Nb5 0-0 9.0-0-0 e5 Black has a very strong center. 10.Bg5 Be6 11.Kb1 b6!∓ A strong idea and thematic pawn sacrifice to open files on the queenside. 12.cxb6 Qxb6 13.c4 a6 14.Na3 Rfb8 15.Ka1 Nd7 16.Rb1 Nc5 17.Ne2 Bf8 18.Nc1 Rb7 19.Bh6 Be7 20.Bd3 Rab8 21.Nc2 Na5 22.Qe2 Nxd3 23.Nxd3 Bxc4 24.Qd2 Bxa2 25.b4 Bxb1 26.Rxb1 Nc4 0-1 (26) Dlugy, M (2518)-Dominguez Perez,L (2732) Berlin 2015 0-1 (26) Dlugy,M (2518)-Dominguez Perez,L (2732) Berlin 2015]

[5.0-0-0?!

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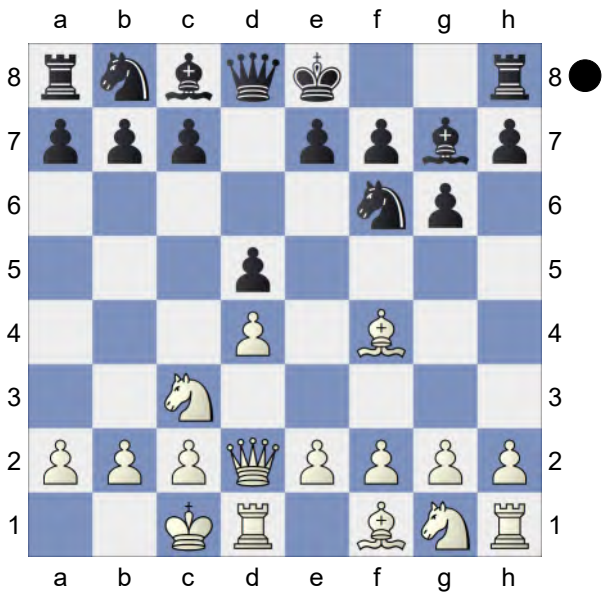


is another risky move for White, but we should change our plan. [#] is another risky move for White, but we should change our plan. c6! *(5...c5?!* does not work now because after does not work now because after *6.dxc5* the pawn on d5 is hanging in a better version for White.*)* 6.f3 *(6.Bh6 Bxh6 7.Qxh6 b5! 8.f3 Qa5 9.a3 Na6∓)* 6...b5! 7.Kb1 *(7.e4?!* does not work now because of *b4 8.Na4 dxe4 9.Qxb4 Nd5 10.Qd2 0-0∓ 11.fxe4 Nxf4 12.Qxf4 Qa5↑)* 7...Nbd7! An important plan - the knight goes to b6 and covers important squares like c4 and a4. *(7...b4 8.Na4 Qa5 9.Nc5* is much less clear.*)* 8.Bh6 *(8.e4 b4∓)* 8...Bxh6 9.Qxh6 Nb6 10.e4 *(10.e3 b4 11.Nce2 a5⇄)* 10...b4 11.Nxd5 cxd5 *(11...Nfxd5 12.exd5 Qxd5 13.Qg7 Rf8 14.Ne2 a5 15.Nf4 Qd6∞)* 12.e5 Nfd7 13.e6 *(13.Qg7 Rf8)* 13...fxe6 14.Qg7 Rf8 15.Qxh7 Qc7 16.Qxg6+ Kd8∓]

[5.Bh6 is a reasonable alternative. I would prefer is a reasonable alternative. I would prefer 0-0 before playing ...c5. White's main idea is to attack with

A) 6.Bxg7 Kxg7 7.0-0-0 c5 8.e3 *(8.dxc5 Qa5 9.Nxd5 Qxa2 10.Qc3 Be6 11.Nxf6 exf6 12.Nf3 Nd7 13.Nd4 Rfd8 14.e3 Rac8 15.c6 Ne5 16.Qa3 Qxa3 17.bxa3 Nxc6∓)* 8...c4!?N *(8...Nc6?! 9.dxc5 Qa5 10.Bb5; 8...Qa5!? 9.Kb1 Nc6)* 9.e4 b5! 10.e5 Ng8 11.h4 b4 12.Nce2 Nc6 13.h5 *(13.c3 Qa5 14.Kb1 Rb8 15.Ka1 Rb6-+)* 13...c3 14.bxc3 Qa5∓;

B) 6.0-0-0 c5;

C) 6.h4 c5 We typically rely on this move for counterplay against White's kingside attack. 7.Bxg7 Kxg7 8.e3 *(8.h5?!* looks attractive for White, but he has no real threats and Black can open the centre with looks attractive for White, but he has no real threats and Black can open the centre with *cxd4 9.Qxd4 Nc6 10.Qh4 d4∓ 11.hxg6 fxg6 12.Qh6+ Kg8 13.0-0-0 Qa5 14.Ne4 Rf7∓)* 8...cxd4 *(8...Nc6!?* is also possible, but sharper*)* 9.exd4 h5 This is the simplest solution for Black. White's attack has been slowed down considerably. This is the simplest solution for Black. White's attack has been slowed down considerably.

C1) 10.Bd3 Nc6 11.Nge2 Nb4 12.Nf4 Qb6 13.Nce2 Nxd3+ 14.cxd3 *(14.Nxd3 Bf5∓)* 14...Bf5 15.Ng3 e6∓ 1/2-1/2 (48) Naroditsky,D (2646)-Shankland,S (2674) chess. com INT 2017 1/2-1/2 (48) Naroditsky, D (2646)-Shankland,S (2674) chess. com INT 2017;

C2) 10.0-0-0 Nc6 11.f3 Bf5⇄ Black is getting ready to attack on the c-file. Black is getting ready to attack on the c-file.]

5...h5 This is the most solid reply.
[A sharper alternative 5...c5!? GM Ivan Cheparinov,MH: ' And now ... c5xd4 would win.' 6.e3 Nc6 is also playable.]

6.e3 0-0 White cannot play Bh6 any more, so Qd2 move becomes superfluous for White. White cannot play Bh6 any more, so Qd2 move becomes superfluous for White. **7.Nf3 c5 8.dxc5** -0.69/20
[8.0-0-0= 0.01/19]

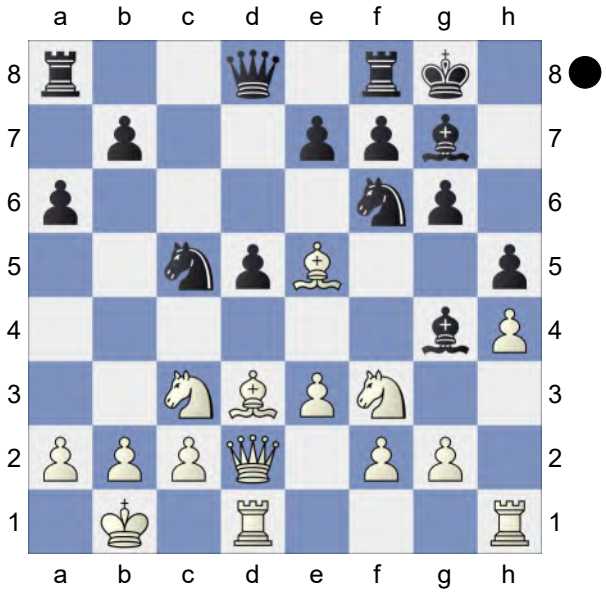
8...Nbd7! This is how Black plans to recoup the pawn. The point is that there is no good way for White to capture the d5-pawn. GM Ivan Cheparinov,MH: ' ∓!' This is how Black plans to recoup the pawn. The point is that there is no good way for White to capture the d5-pawn.

9.Bd3
[9.Nxd5 -2.06/21 GM Ivan Cheparinov, MH: '?' '9.Bf1-d3 -0.56' Nxd5 10.Qxd5 Bxb2-+]
[9.0-0-0 -0.87/22 GM Ivan Cheparinov,MH: '9.Nc3-a4 -0.51' Nxc5 10.Nxd5 -2.86/21 GM Ivan Cheparinov,MH: '?' *(10.Be5!∓ -0.69/20)* 10...Nxd5 GM Ivan Cheparinov,MH: '-+' 11.Qxd5 Qb6 12.Be5 GM Ivan Cheparinov, MH: ' aiming for Be5xg7.' Be6 13.Qd2 Rfd8 14.Qe1 Bxe5 15.Rxd8+ Rxd8 16.Nxe5 Bxa2∓]

9...Nxc5 10.0-0-0 -1.73/20
[10.Be5∓ -0.54/19]

10...Bg4∓ Black got an easy game - White had no attack. GM Ivan Cheparinov,MH: '-+' Black got an easy game - White had no attack. **11.Kb1** -2.33/23
[11.Be5∓ -1.59/19 keeps fighting.]

11...a6 12.Be5 GM Ivan Cheparinov, MH: '



' **12...b5** -1.06/21
[Better is 12...Rc8!-+ -1.68/19 13.Be2 e6]

13.a3 -1.61/20
[13.Ne2∓ -1.06/21]

13...Rc8 -1.18/21
[13...Ncd7-+ -1.61/20 Hoping for ... Nd7xe5. 14.Ne2 Qb6]

14.Qe2 -2.86/22 GM Ivan Cheparinov, MH: '?'
[14.Bxf6∓ -1.18/21 Bxf6 15.Be2]

14...Nxd3?! -0.42/22
[GM Ivan Cheparinov,MH: ' Black should try' 14...Ncd7!-+ -2.86/22 GM Ivan Cheparinov,MH: '-+' 15.Bxf6 Nxf6]

15.cxd3 -1.94/20 GM Ivan Cheparinov, MH: '?' GM Ivan Cheparinov,MH: '
[⌓15.Rxd3 -0.42/22 GM Ivan Cheparinov,MH: ' ∓' Rc4 16.Rhd1]

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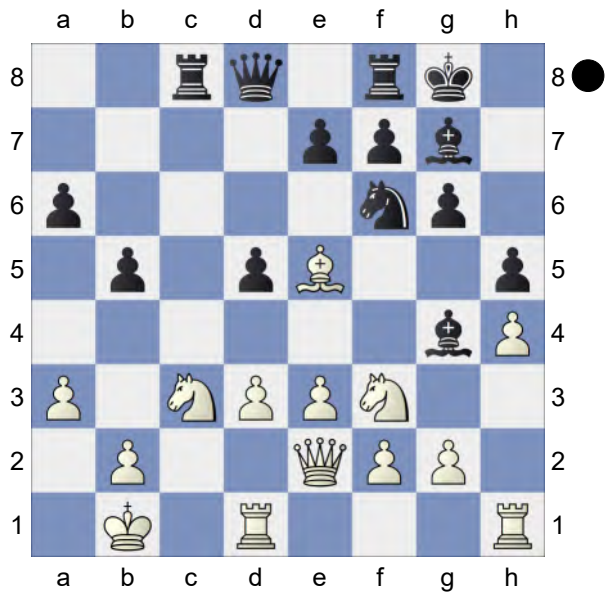
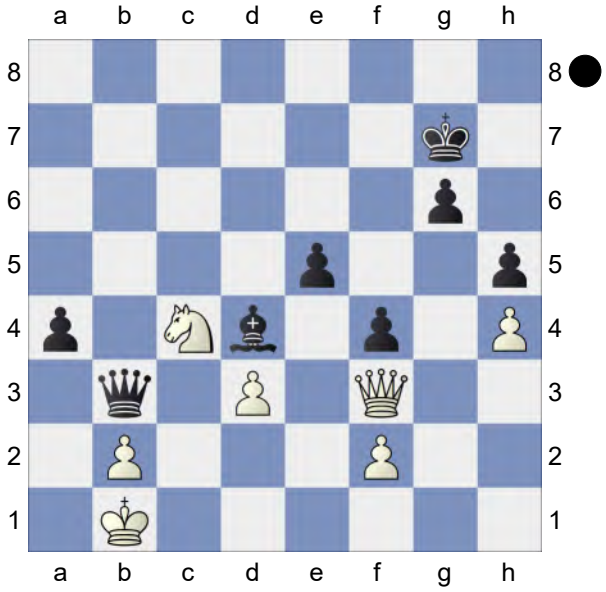


' **15...b4** -1.23/21 **16.axb4** GM Ivan Cheparinov,MH: ' ∓' **16...Qb6** **17.Bxf6** -2.05/22
[17.Qd2∓ -1.15/21]
17...Qxf6 GM Ivan Cheparinov,MH: '-+'
[17...exf6 18.Nxd5 Qb7 19.Nc3∓]
18.Nxd5 Qd6 19.e4 Bd4 -0.81/23 GM Ivan Cheparinov,MH: '?' GM Ivan Cheparinov,MH: ' This pair of bishops is nice.'
[19...e6∓ -2.51/24 GM Ivan Cheparinov,MH: '-+' 20.Ne3 Qxb4]
20.Rc1 GM Ivan Cheparinov,MH: '∓'
20...e6 21.Ne3 -1.44/23
[⌓21.Rxc8 -1.02/24 Rxc8 22.Ne3 Bxf3 *(22...Qxb4 23.Nxg4 hxg4 24.Nxd4±)* 23.Qxf3]
21...Bxf3 GM Ivan Cheparinov,MH: ' Black is more active.'
[21...Qxb4 22.Nxg4 Rxc1+ *(22...hxg4 23.Rxc8 Rxc8 24.Nxd4±)* 23.Rxc1±]
22.gxf3 Qxb4 23.Rxc8 Rxc8 24.Nc4 a5 GM Ivan Cheparinov,MH: ' ...a5-a4 would now be deadly. Black has strong compensation.' **25.Qc2** -3.03/23
[⌓25.f4 -1.75/21]
25...a4 GM Ivan Cheparinov,MH: '-+'
26.Ka2 e5 27.Rg1 Rc5 28.Rg5 -3.73/26 GM Ivan Cheparinov,MH: '?'
[28.b3 -2.12/22]
28...Kg7 29.f4 -4.16/23
[29.Rg1 -2.64/24 might work better.]
29...exf4 -1.56/22 GM Ivan Cheparinov, MH: '?'
[29...f6? 30.Rg2 exf4 31.f3-+]
[29...a3-+ -4.16/23 White must now prevent ...a3xb2. 30.bxa3 Qe1]
30.e5 -5.05/22 GM Ivan Cheparinov,MH: '?'
[30.Rxc5∓ -1.56/22 Qxc5 31.f3]
30...Rb5 31.e6 fxe6 32.Rxb5 Qxb5 33.Qe2 Qb3+ 34.Kb1 e5 35.Qf3 -18.10/27 GM Ivan Cheparinov,MH: '?' GM Ivan Cheparinov,MH: '
[35.Kc1 -2.11/23]



' **35...a3** GM Ivan Cheparinov,MH: '!' GM Ivan Cheparinov,MH: ' Weighted Error Value: White=0.95/Black=0.73'
0-1

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[Kiitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4** Kitty Kat Kitty Kat: 'Kiitty Kat' **1...Nf6** **2.Nc3 d5N**

[2...e6 Kitty Kat: 'Kiitty Kat' 3.e4 c5 4.d5 exd5 5.e5 Qe7 6.Qe2 Ng8 7.Nxd5 Qd8 8.Nf3 h6 9.Nf6+ Ke7 10.Qe4 g6 11.Bc4 Bg7 12.Qd5 Qf8 13.Be3 Kd8 14.Bxc5 Ne7 15.Qe4 Na6 16.Bxa6 1-0 Raetsky,A-Bojic,Z Zürich 2003 Kitty Kat: '1-0 Raetsky,A-Bojic,Z Zürich 2003']

[2...c5 3.d5

A) 3...d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7* 0-1 Bauer,E-Feustel,B (2335) GER-S chT 7879 1978 Kitty Kat: 'Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig,F (1863) Mainz 1997 EXT 2000 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (57)'*; 5.Bg5* Kitty Kat *Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 1-0 (88)*)* 5...Bg7 6.Bb5+ Kitty Kat: 'Kiitty Kat' *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* 1-0 Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) V0048 www.desc-online.de 2000 (7) Kitty Kat: 'Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) www.desc-online.de 2000 CBM 166 [Beliavsky,Alexander G] 1-0 (41)'*; 6.Be2* Kitty Kat *Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4* Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston *)* 6...Bd7 7.a4 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nbd7 11.Re1 a6 12.Bf1 e5 13.a5 Ne8 14.Bd3 Qh4 15.Qg4 Qxg4 16.hxg4 Rc8 17.b3 Nef6 18.g5 0-1 Sadykov,R (2345)-Skliarov,V (2383) Julius Baer Play In rapid 2023 (3.76) Kitty Kat: '0-1 Sadykov,R (2345)-Skliarov,V (2383) Julius Baer Play In rapid 2023 (3.76)';

B) 3...Qa5 Kitty Kat: 'Kiitty Kat' 4.Bd2 b5 5.e4 b4 6.e5 bxc3 7.Bxc3 Qa4 8.exf6 Qe4+ 9.Qe2 Qxe2+ 10.Bxe2 gxf6 11.d6 e5 12.Bf3 Nc6 13.Bxc6 dxc6 14.f4 Bxd6 0-1 Reynolds,R (2565)-Zanetti,A (2389) corr CNEC 15 jub 1993 Kitty Kat: '0-1 Reynolds,R (2565)-Zanetti,A (2389) corr CNEC 15 jub 1993']

3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 Bg4 5.f3 Bd7 6.g4 -0.36/21

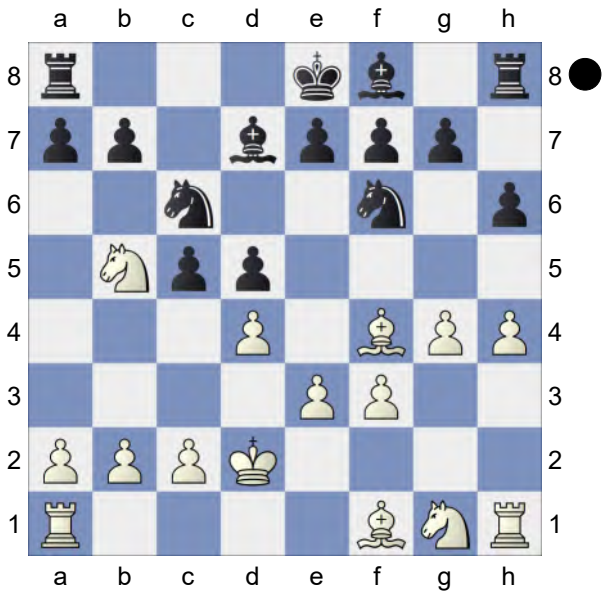
[6.dxc5= 0.00/21 is more appropriate. Kitty Kat: 'should be considered. Kiitty Kat: ' is more appropriate.'' Nc6 7.Nxd5 *(7.Bb5* Kitty Kat *)* 7...e5= Kitty Kat]

6...h6 0.02/21

[6...e6∓ -0.36/21 feels stronger. Kitty Kat: '(Kiitty Kat) feels stronger.']

[6...a6∓ -0.38/21 Kitty Kat]

7.h4
[7.Nb5!? Kitty Kat Bxb5 8.Bxb5+ Nbd7 9.Ne2=]
7...Nc6 8.Qd2 Qa5 9.Nb5 Qxd2+! Kitty Kat: 'Kiitty Kat: '!" **10.Kxd2**



Nb5-c7+ would now be deadly. Kitty Kat: '[#] Black must now prevent Nc7+. Kiitty Kat: '[#] Nb5-c7+ would now be deadly."
10...Rc8 Kitty Kat: 'aiming for ...a6.'
11.c3
[Of course not 11.dxc5 Kitty Kat: 'Kiitty Kat' e5 12.Bh2 Bxc5∓]
11...a6 12.Na3
[Much weaker is 12.Nc7+ Kitty Kat Kd8 13.Nxa6 bxa6 14.Bxa6 Ra8∓]
12...e6 13.Nc2 Kd8 0.38/18
[13...b5= 0.00/19 Kitty Kat: 'Kiitty Kat']
14.Ne2 Ne8 15.Ng3 -0.22/18
[⩲15.b3 0.29/19 Kitty Kat: 'Kiitty Kat']
[⩲15.h5 0.24/18 Kitty Kat]
15...cxd4 0.33/22
[15...f6= -0.22/18 Kitty Kat: 'is superior. Kiitty Kat: '=" 16.Ne2 h5]
16.exd4± Kitty Kat: '=' Kitty Kat: 'Kiitty Kat: '±"
[Much worse is 16.Nxd4 Kitty Kat f6 17.Nxc6+ Bxc6∓]
16...Bd6 17.Bxd6 Nxd6 18.Bd3 Na5 19.Ne3 Bb5 20.Bxb5 axb5 21.b3 Kd7 22.Nh5 g6 23.Nf4 Nc6 next ...b5-b4 is good for Black. Kitty Kat: 'next ...b4 is good for Black. Kiitty Kat: ' next ...b5-b4 is good for Black.'' **24.Nd3** Kitty Kat: 'Inhibits b4.' **24...Ra8** 0.39/20
[24...h5= -0.19/21 Kitty Kat: '=!' Kitty Kat: 'Kiitty Kat: '="]
25.Nc2 -0.40/23
[25.h5!± 0.39/20 Kitty Kat: '±' Kitty Kat: 'Kiitty Kat: '±!"]
25...Ra7 0.41/23
[25...h5!∓ -0.40/23 Kitty Kat: '∓' Kitty Kat: 'Kiitty Kat: '∓!"]
26.Ncb4 -0.14/21
[26.h5± 0.41/23]
26...Nxb4= Kitty Kat: 'Kiitty Kat: '="
27.Nxb4
[27.cxb4!? Kitty Kat: 'Kiitty Kat' h5 28.a4∓]
27...h5 28.Kc2 Raa8 29.Nd3 Rh7 30.Nf4 -0.82/25
[30.g5= -0.10/25 Kitty Kat: 'Kiitty Kat']
[30.Ne5+= -0.06/24 (Kitty Kat) keeps the balance. Kc7 31.g5]
30...hxg4∓ 31.fxg4 Rah8 -0.36/21
[Black should try Kitty Kat: 'Better is Kiitty Kat: ' Black should try" 31...Rc8∓ -0.89/22 White must now prevent ... Nd6-e4. Kitty Kat: '...Ne4 is the strong threat. Kiitty Kat: ' White must now prevent ...Nd6-e4.'' 32.h5 Kitty Kat: 'Kiitty Kat' *(32.Kb2 Kitty Kat Ne4)* 32...gxh5 33.gxh5 b4]
32.h5∓ Kitty Kat: '=' Kitty Kat: 'Kiitty Kat: '∓" **32...gxh5 33.gxh5 Ne4** -0.04/22
[33...Nf5∓ -0.40/19 Kitty Kat]
34.Rh3 Kitty Kat: '!' **34...Rh6 35.a4 bxa4 36.Rxa4 Rg8**

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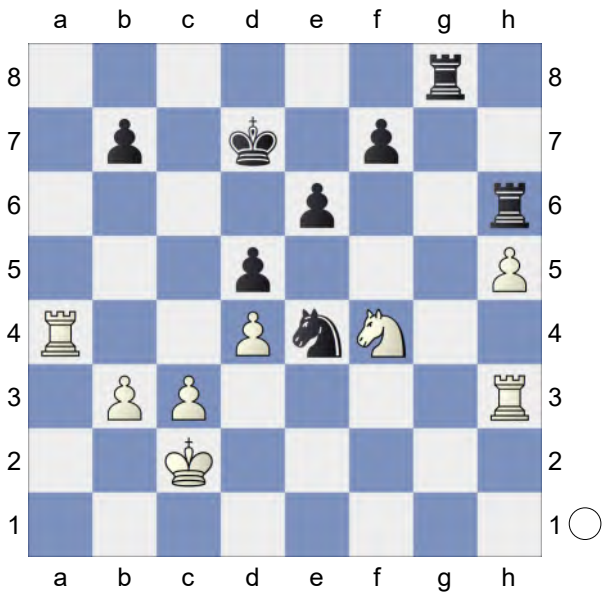

Hoping for ...Rg8-g4. Kitty Kat: 'Threatens to win with ...Rg4. Kiitty Kat: '[#] Hoping for ...Rg8-g4." **37.Ra7** [37.Rh2 (Kitty Kat) is interesting. Rg3 38.Nd3 Kc7 39.c4] **37...Kc7** ...Rg8-g4 is the strong threat. Kitty Kat: 'And now ...Rg4 would win. Kiitty Kat: ' ...Rg8-g4 is the strong threat. " **38.Ra1 Rg5 39.c4 dxc4 40.bxc4 Nd6 41.Kc3 Rf5 42.Rf1 Kc8 43.Rh4 e5 44.dxe5 Rxe5 45.Rd1 Re4 46.c5** [Don't blunder 46.Rd4? Kitty Kat Rxd4 47.Kxd4 Nf5+ 48.Ke4 Nxh4-+] **46...Rc4+ 47.Kb3 Rxc5 48.Nd5 Nf5 49.Re4 Ng7** [49...Rxh5? too greedy. Kitty Kat: 'Kiitty Kat: ' too greedy." 50.Re8+ Kd7 51.Nf6+ Kc6 52.Rc8+ Kitty Kat: 'Kiitty Kat' *(52.Nxh5* Kitty Kat: '+-' *Nd6+-* Kitty Kat: 'Kiitty Kat'*)* 52...Kb5 53.Rxc5+ Kxc5 54.Nxh5+-] **50.Re7** The position is equal. **50...Rd6** Kitty Kat: '

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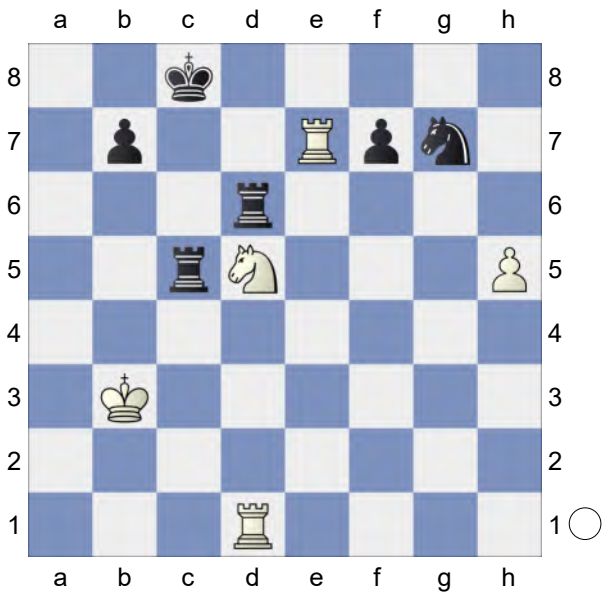

' **51.Rxf7** Kitty Kat: '!' **51...Rcxd5** [51...Rdxd5 Kitty Kat 52.Rf8+] **52.Rxd5 Rxd5 53.Rxg7** aiming for h5-h6. Kitty Kat: 'Kiitty Kat: ' aiming for h5-h6." **53...Rxh5 54.Kb4 Kb8 55.Rf7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.14 (very precise) Kitty Kat: 'Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.15 (very precise) Kiitty Kat: ' Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.14 (very precise) "
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339 **B13**
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16th Spilimbergo Open (9.3) 15.08.2018
[GM Baadur Jobava]

Kitty Kat: 'B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack ' **1.d4** Kitty Kat **1...d5 2.Bf4 Nf6 3.Nc3 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6** Black wants to develop his knight to c6, but it's very important first to don't allow the Nb5 idea.

[5...Nc6?? This huge mistake has been played also by very strong players. But now White is immediately winning: 6.Nb5! That's why the move 5...a6 was so important.]

6.Bd3 Nc6 We have entered a hybrid version of the Caro-Kann Exchange variation (e4 c6 d4 d5 exd5 cxd5 Bd3) . In this line, it's generally less common to develop the knight to c3, as the move c2-c3 is considered more harmonious with the pawn structure. However, in this particular situation, developing the knight to c3 opens up the possibility of a rapid queenside castle, offering a dynamic choice. The key point here is that Black has played a7-a6—a move that is useful in this structure but typically made after completing development. As always, there are pros and cons to consider. **7.Nge2** The move 7.Nge2 makes significantly more sense than 7.Nf3 because, in the event of the typical 7...Bg4, White can now respond with 8.f3. This sequence allows White to maintain better control over the center and avoid potential complications that could arise from the immediate pressure on the knight after 7. Nf3. **7...Bg4** This is by far Black's most common continuation. The reason is that in the Exchange Caro-Kann, Black typically aims to develop the light-squared bishop ahead of the pawn chain. However, in this specific position, I believe the move 7...e6 is stronger for Black. We will discuss this in more detail when we analyze my game against Ponomariov. **8.f3** Kitty Kat: 'The position is equal.' **8...Bh5 9.h4** You can also start with 9.g4 Bg6 10.h4, and it will lead to the same. **9...Bg6 10.g4 e6 11.h5 Bxd3 12.Qxd3** We can say that this is the starting position of the 7...Bg4 variation. Regardless of the move order, this position is typically reached in the end. transposes **12...h6** Black usually plays this move to prevent White's ideas of h5-h6 or g4-g5. While it's not a forced move, many players feel psychologically more secure after making it, as it limits White's options and provides a sense of control over the position. **13.0-0-0 Bd6** This is Black's most popular move, but I'm not convinced it's the best approach. In my opinion, exchanging the dark-squared bishop favors White for two reasons: the e5 square becomes more vulnerable, and Black loses the bishop's potential involvement in a future queenside attack. In the next game I played against Mikheil Mchedlishvili, we will see what happens if Black chooses not to play Bd6. **14.Qe3** Usually, e3 is a good square for the queen, and I often like to play this move in these structures. However, in this particular position, a move like 14.Kb1 would have been more useful.

[14.Kb1! This move is always useful and it was better to start with it. Qc7 Black forces the bishop exchange, but he is losing a tempo. *(14...Na5 15.b3±* Now Ba3 doesn't come with check. *Ba3* playing anyway Ba3 would be a huge mistake for Black, because of *16.g5±; 14...Bxf4 15.Nxf4 Qd6 16.Qe3 0-0-0 17.Nd3±* Darini-Tregubov 2016.*)* 15.Bxd6 Qxd6 16.Nc1 We are ready to continue with Nb3 or with Qe3-Nd3. 0-0-0 In these positions, Black usually castles long. On the other hand, we have a good space advantage on the kingside, and castling short would be particularly dangerous. 17.Qe3!?

We can play this move if we want to place our knight to d3. *(17.Nb3± We can continue with Na4-Nac5.)* 17...Kb8 If 14.Kb1 was a useful move for White; logically, also, Kb8 is a very useful move for Black. 18.Nd3 I have reached this position in two online blitz games. Nd7 This is a very logical move, as Black's knight from d7 controls both the c5 and e5 squares. *(18...Rc8 19.Na4!? Nd7 20.Rhe1± We can continue with Nac5 and our position is slightly better.)* 19.f4 I am preparing Ne5. f6 Black takes control of the e5 square, but now we can double our rooks on the 'e' file, pressuring Black's weak e6 pawn. 20.Rhe1 Rhe8 21.Re2± You will need to play slowly these positions, but White has a more pleasant game.]

14...Na5! 15.b3 Kitty Kat: ' Dodges Na5-c4' **15...Bxf4?!** 0.56/20 If Black exchanges on f4, we should be immediately pleased because, as previously mentioned, the exchange of the dark-squared bishops is favorable for us. Additionally, it allows us to activate our knight on f4 with a gain of tempo, from where it is well-positioned to be transferred to d3 and then to e5.

[15...Ba3+± 0.05/20 After this move Black immediately achieves a great position: Kitty Kat: '=' 16.Kb1 Nc4!! 17.Qf2 *(17.bxc4* Kitty Kat *Qb6+ 18.Nb5 axb5)* 17...Nh7= Black is ready to play Qa5 followed by Rc8, and White doesn't have a clear plan. According to the engine, the best line is 18.Ka1 Bb2+ 19.Kb1 Ba3, which leads to a draw by repetition.]

16.Nxf4 Kitty Kat: ' ± ' **16...Rc8?!** While this approach might have been effective if Black still had his dark-squared bishop, now this move is dubious because Black will be unable to create a serious attack against our king, and at the same time, castling long is no longer a viable option.

[16...Qe7! It was a better continuation for Black, with the idea to continue with the long castle. 17.Nd3 0-0-0 18.Kb2±]

17.Nce2 It's not a bad move, but it's less effective compared to 17.Na4.

[17.Na4! Qd6 18.Kb1 0-0 19.Nd3± Our knights are perfectly placed: they are looking at the c5 and e5 squares!]

17...Qd6 18.Nd3 0-0 19.Kb1 As I have already explained to you, the move Kb1 is always useful. **19...Qa3** 1.10/21 My opponent attempts to initiate counterplay on the queenside. While this approach might work from a practical standpoint, objectively, it is a mistaken treatment of the position. White's initiative on the kingside has far greater potential.

[19...Qb6!± 0.57/21 Kitty Kat]

20.c3! This move is necessary because Black was threatening 20...Rxc2. Kitty Kat: '±'

[20.g5 Kitty Kat Rxc2 21.Nec1 *(21.Kxc2 Qxa2+ 22.Nb2 Rc8+ 23.Kd2 Qxb2+ 24.Ke1 hxg5=)* 21...Rfc8∓]

20...Nh7! We have already seen in the 3...Bf5 section that Black's knight on h7 can be a very strong defender. In this specific case, however, it doesn't provide sufficient defense for Black's king, and White should be able to launch a quick attack. Nevertheless, it was still the best continuation for Black. **21.Rd2?!** 0.34/19 By playing this prophylactic move, which is good in itself, I lost the

momentum and missed the opportunity to immediately punish my opponent's incorrect handling of the position.

[21.f4! 0.79/20 I'm not trying to make excuses, but it was the last round of a challenging tournament for me, and the game was played in the morning. Moreover, I have a deep respect for my opponent, which is why I didn't consider that a direct attack with f4-g5 could be so effective. However, after 21.f4! Black's position is already lost. There's no need for extensive analysis— we'll follow up with g5 and Rg1, and there won't be much Black can do to defend. Kitty Kat: ' ± ' Kitty Kat: ' g4-g5 is the strong threat.' Nxb3 Kitty Kat 22.axb3 Qxb3+ 23.Nb2]

21...Ng5 0.97/21

[21...Nc6⩲ 0.34/19 Kitty Kat]

22.Rc2 Rc6 1.15/20

[⌓22...Nc6 0.73/20 Kitty Kat]

23.Ne5 0.31/20

[23.f4± 1.15/20 Kitty Kat Ne4 24.g5]

23...Rb6 Kitty Kat: ' ⩲!' **24.c4?!** -0.43/21 In time trouble, I lost control of the position, and after a big fight, my opponent managed to win the game.

[24.Qc1! 0.35/21 It was my last chance to keep some advantage. In the endgame Black's position is still slightly worse. Kitty Kat: ' ⩲' Qxc1+ *(24...Qe7 Kitty Kat 25.Ng3)* 25.Kxc1⩲]

24...Nxf3!! This was a great resource from my opponent. The position is now very unclear. Kitty Kat: ' Deflection'

25.Nxf3 Kitty Kat: ' Black must now prevent c4-c5.'

[25.Qxf3? Kitty Kat Nxb3 26.axb3 Rxb3+-+]

25...dxc4

[25...Nxb3!? Kitty Kat 26.Rb2□ Pin Nd2+ 27.Qxd2 Rxb2+ 28.Qxb2 Qxf3∓]

26.Qc1

[26.Nd2!? Kitty Kat cxb3 27.Nxb3∓ *(27.axb3? Nxb3 28.Nxb3 Rxb3+-+)*]

26...Qd6 27.Rb2

[27.Rc3 (Kitty Kat) seems wilder. cxb3 28.a3 Qd5 29.Nf4]

27...cxb3 28.Qc5 Kitty Kat: ' Inhibits Qd6-d5.' **28...bxa2+ 29.Kxa2 Rxb2+ 30.Kxb2 Qd8**

[30...Qxc5 (Kitty Kat) simplifies 31.dxc5 Rc8 32.Rc1 b6]

31.g5 Kitty Kat: ' Hoping for g5xh6.'

31...b6 Kitty Kat: ' Black has compensation.' **32.Qc3 Qd7** Kitty Kat: ' And now ...Rf8-c8 would win.'

33.Qd3 Kitty Kat: ' Strongly threatening g5xh6.' **33...Rc8 34.Nc3** -1.54/22 Kitty Kat: '?'

[34.Rc1= -0.01/22 Kitty Kat Rxc1 35.Nxc1]

34...Qe7 Kitty Kat: ' ∓ ' **35.Na2** Kitty Kat: ' Against Qe7-b4+'

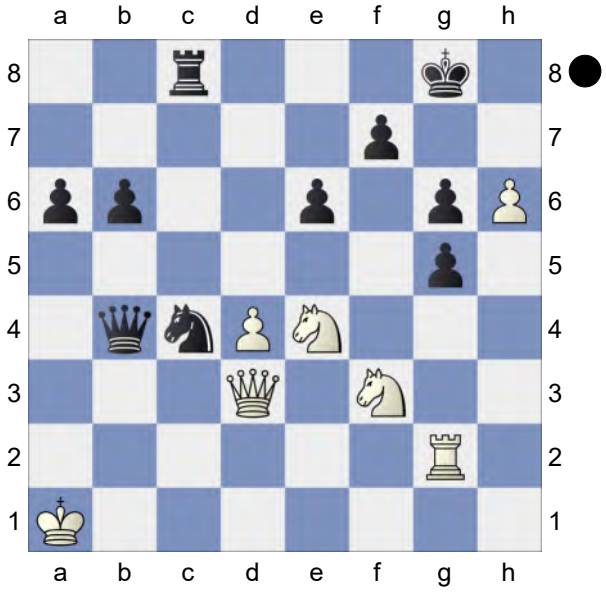
[35.Qxa6 Kitty Kat Qb4+ 36.Kc2 Qxc3+ *(36...Rxc3+ 37.Kd1 Qb1+* Skewer *38.Ke2 Qe4+* Deflection, Double Attack *39.Kd1 Nb3 40.Qa8+ Qxa8 41.Ne1 Qa2 42.Nc2 Rxc2 43.gxh6 Rc1#)* 37.Kd1 Qc1+ *(37...Qxf3+ 38.Qe2 Qxh1+ 39.Qe1 Qf3+ 40.Qe2)* 38.Ke2 Rc2+ *(38...Qxh1 39.Qxc8+ Kh7 40.g6+* Decoy *fxg6 41.hxg6+ Kxg6 42.Qxe6+ Kh5 43.Kf2±)* 39.Kd3 Rc3+ *(39...Qxh1 40.Qa8+=)* 40.Ke2 Qe3+ *(40...Qxh1? 41.Qa8++-)* 41.Kf1 Qxf3+ 42.Ke1 Rc1+ 43.Kd2 Nb3#]

35...Nc4+ 36.Ka1 hxg5 37.h6 g6 -0.01/23

[Black should play 37...gxh6∓ -1.04/20 (Kitty Kat) ...Kg8-g7 would now be

deadly. 38.Rxh6 Qa3 39.Qxa3 *(39.Qh7+ Kf8∓)* 39...Nxa3]

38.Rg1 0.01/20 Kitty Kat: '=' '=!' **38...Qf6** Kitty Kat: ' ⇄' Kitty Kat: ' Black puts up resistance' **39.Nc3 Qe7** Kitty Kat: ' (→ ...Qe7-a3+)' **40.Ne4** -1.19/24 **Qb4** Kitty Kat: '∓!' **41.Rg2** Kitty Kat: '



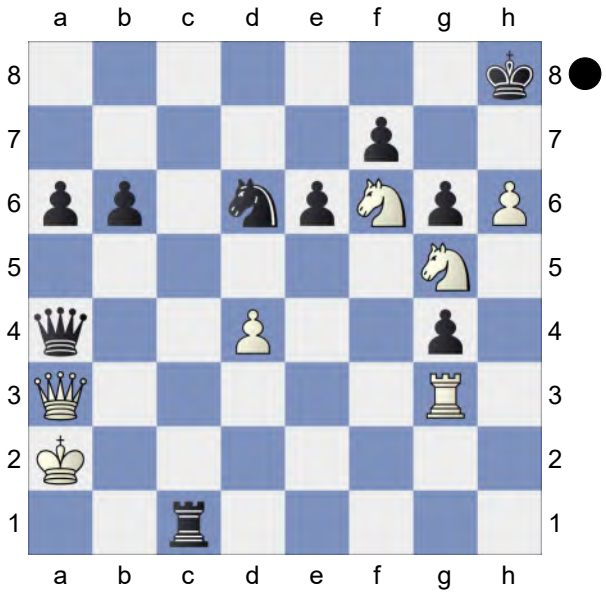
Prevents Qb4-b2+' **41...g4** -0.01/19 **42.Nfg5** Kitty Kat: '=!' **42...Nd6** Kitty Kat: ' Chess con chili.' **43.Nf6+** -7.99/21 Kitty Kat: '?' Kitty Kat: ' A dynamic duo of knights.'

[43.Qxa6 Kitty Kat Rc1+ *(43...Qxd4+ 44.Ka2=)* 44.Ka2 Qb1+ *(44...Qxd4 45.Qa8+ Nc8 46.Rd2=)* 45.Ka3 Nb5+ *(45...Nxe4 46.Qa8+; 45...Nxe4 46.Qa8+)*]

[43.h7+= -0.01/22 Kitty Kat Kg7 44.Nxd6 *(44.Qxa6 Rc1+ 45.Ka2 Qb1+ 46.Ka3 Nb5+)* 44...Rc1+ 45.Ka2 Qa4+ 46.Qa3 Ra1+ Skewer, Decoy *(46...Qxd4 47.Ne8+ Kh6 48.h8Q+ Kxg5 49.Qxc1+ Qf4 50.Qf6+ Kh5 51.Qh1+)* 47.Kxa1 Qxa3+ 48.Kb1]

43...Kh8 Kitty Kat: '-+' **44.Rg3 Rc1+ 45.Ka2 Qa4+ 46.Qa3** Kitty Kat: '

(Diagram)



' **46...Qc2+** Kitty Kat: '!' **47.Qb2 Qa4+** 0.01/22 Kitty Kat: '?' **48.Qa3** Kitty Kat: '=!' **48...Qc2+**

[Inferior is Kitty Kat: ' Weaker is' 48...Qxd4 Kitty Kat 49.Nxf7+ Nxf7 50.Qf8#]

49.Qb2 Qc4+ 50.Ka3

[50.Rb3 Kitty Kat Rc2 Pin 51.Nxg4 Rxb2+ 52.Kxb2 Qxd4+ 53.Rc3 Qb4+ *(53...Qxg4? 54.Nf3-+)* 54.Kc2 Qxg4]

50...Nb5+ Kitty Kat: ' Weighted Error Value: White=0.54/Black=0.26 (precise) '

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340 **D00**

□ **Grandelius,Nils** **2644**

■ **Weetik,Vjacheslav** **2423**

Titled Tue 4th Mar Early blitz (11) 4.3.25

[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 Nf6 3.Nc3 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 Be7 6.h4**

[6.Nf3 0-0 7.Bd3 c6 8.Nc3 Nb4 9.0-0 Nxd3 10.Qxd3 c5 11.dxc5 Bxc5 12.Rad1 b6 13.Ne5 a5 14.e4

Ba6 15.Qg3 Bxf1 16.Kxf1 Nh5 17.Qg4 Nxf4 18.Qxf4 Bd6 19.exd5 Qb8 20.Re1 f6 Primesolver (2668)-Anythingbutaverage (2928) Blitz 2024 [Kitty Kat] 0-1 (35)]

6...0-0 7.h5N

[7.Nf3 c5 8.a4 Bd7 9.Ne5 Nb4 10.g4 a6 11.Nc3 cxd4 12.exd4 Rc8 13.f3 Be8 14.Bd3 Nd7 15.g5 Nxe5 16.Bxe5 Bd6 17.f4 Bxe5 18.fxe5 Qb6 19.Rb1 Qxd4 20.Qe2 Nc6 21.h5 Qxe5 Erigaisi,A (2718)-Caruana,F (2766) Chess.com INT 2022 Mega2023 Update 08 [Kitty Kat] 0-1 22.g6 fxg6 23.hxg6 Bxg6 24.Bxg6 hxg6 25.Qxe5 Nxe5 26.Ke2 d4 0-1 (26) 6.♘a3 cd4 7.cd4 ♗d7 (2718)-Deslandes,P (2766) Moscow 2022 CBM 72 ext [John Watson]]

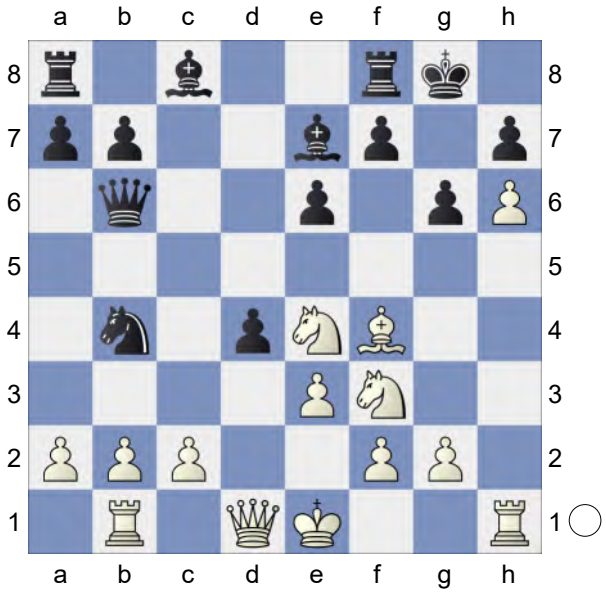
7...c6 8.Nc3 The position is equal. **8...Qb6 9.Rb1 c5 10.h6** White wants to play hxg7. **10...g6 11.Nf3 Ne4 12.Bd3 Nb4** 0.55/20

[12...Nxc3= -0.02/19 13.bxc3 Qa5]

13.Bxe4

[13.Nxe4 feels hotter. Nxd3+ 14.Qxd3 c4 15.Qe2]

13...dxe4 14.Nxe4 cxd4



And now ...Qc6 would win. **15.exd4** 0.14/19

[Don't play 15.Nxd4 f6 16.c3 Nd5∓]

[15.0-0± 0.45/19 feels stronger.]

15...f6 0.80/20

[15...e5!= 0.14/19 16.Nxe5 *(16.Bxe5 Bf5=)* 16...Bf5]

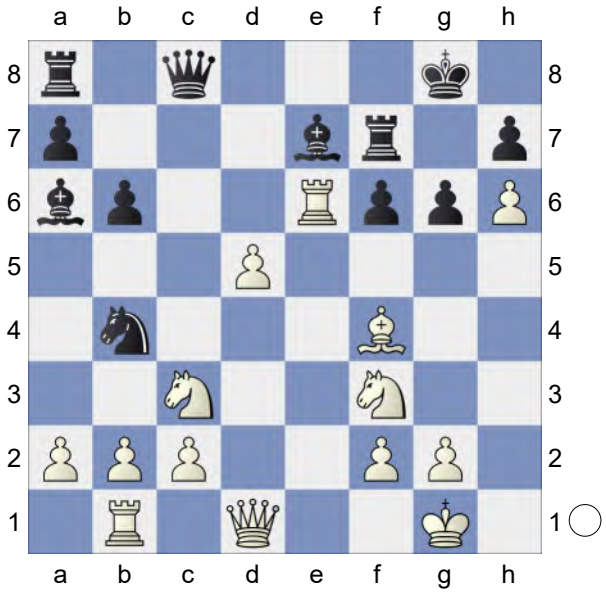
16.0-0 &Bianco is more active. **16...Qc6 17.Nc3 b6 18.Re1↑** White is really pushing. **18...Ba6?** 3.58/21 This costs Black the game.

[18...Rf7± 0.99/19]

19.d5!+- Qc4 5.62/21

[19...Qd7 3.55/21 might work better. 20.Rxe6 Bb7]

20.Re4 Qc8 21.Rxe6 Rf7



22.Rxe7 Rxe7 23.Bd6 Re8 24.Bxb4 Qg4 25.Qd4 Qf5 26.d6 aiming for d7. **26...Bb7 27.Qc4+ Kh8 28.Qf7 Rg8 29.Qxb7** 12.87/21 Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.89

[⌓29.d7 #9/20 Bd5 30.Nxd5 g5 31.Be7 Rg6 32.Bxf6+ Qxf6 33.Nxf6 Rxh6 34.Re1 Rd8 35.Re8+ Rxe8 36.dxe8Q#]

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341 **D00**
□ **Bauer,Christian** **2644**
■ **Apicella,Manuel** **2501**
5th Francophonie Ch. Cannes (rapid) (7..
[Richard Palliser]

Richard Palliser,MH: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines ' **1.d4** Richard Palliser,MH **1...d5**
[1...Nf6 2.Bf4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 would be a more common route into the modern London tabiya we'll examine in this game.]
2.Bf4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 Richard Palliser, MH: 'would be a more common route into the modern London tabiya we'll examine in this game.' **4.e3 Bg7**
[With relevance to our next note, Black might also begin with 4...c6 , as we'll consider in our next game, Oleksiyenko-Kovchan.]
5.h4 a6?! This remains quite rare and not overly convincing in my opinion. Black also has:
[a) 5...c6 has been fairly popular of late, preparing ...b5 while refusing to commit the king. Christian Bauer continued in any case with
A) White can and likely should simply develop with 6.Be2 h5 7.Nf3 , as in, for instance, Nyzhnyk-Sevian, Philadelphia 2018, where Qb6!? 8.a3 Bg4 9.Qd2 Nbd7 10.0-0-0 Ne4? 1.28/19 *(10...a5=* 0.08/23 (Richard Palliser,MH) remains equal.*)* 11.Nxe4 Richard Palliser,MH: ' ± ' dxe4 12.Ng5 Bf5 1.53/23 *(⌓12...Bxe2* 1.04/21 Richard Palliser,MH *13.Qxe2 0-0)* 13.f3! saw a bad misjudgement from Black in a position where I suspect he should be OK;
B) 6.Qd2!= 0.10/24 Richard Palliser,MH;
C) 6.h5?! -0.70/21 6...Nxh5 Richard Palliser,MH: ' ∓ ' 7.Rxh5 gxh5 8.Qxh5 (unlike in our main game, d5 isn't en prise, which has to be a major gain for Black) Nd7 9.Bd3 Nf6 10.Qh4 Be6 11.Nf3 Qc8! 12.Be5 -1.48/22 *(*White should try *12.0-0-0* -0.84/20 Richard Palliser,MH*)* 12...Bf5 , but already White was beginning to come up short in Bauer-Chabanon, Cannes (rapid) 2018.]
[b) 5...0-0 6.h5 c5! *(* just like in our main game, if not note 'a' above, *6...Nxh5?* 1.52/22 Richard Palliser, MH: '6...c7-c5 0.04' *7.Rxh5 gxh5 8.Qxh5* gives White excellent compensation - see the Archive*)* 7.hxg6 hxg6 8.dxc5 Qa5 9.Qd2 Nc6 10.Nf3 -0.44/22 *(10.Nge2=* 0.00/20 (Richard Palliser,MH) was preferrable.*)* 10...Qxc5 Richard Palliser,MH: ' ∓ ' 11.Nd4!? (a new move in this critical line, if not one sufficient to give White an advantage) Ne4! 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Nb3 Qb6 Richard Palliser,MH: '!' Richard Palliser,MH: ' Strongly threatening ...Rf8-d8!' 14.c3 Be6 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Inhibits Qd2-d5. ' 15.Qc2 and chances were likely about level at this stage in Bauer-Zujev, Swiss League 2018.]
6.h5! Now this is pretty strong. **6...Nxh5 7.Rxh5 gxh5 8.Qxh5** Richard Palliser, MH: 'The position is equal.' **8...Be6!?**
[Ugly and new, but what else to try with 8...e6 1.17/21 Richard Palliser, MH: '8...Bc8-e6 0.00' 9.Qh2 Nc6 10.Bxc7 Qd7 11.Nf3 already looking quite unpleasant for Black in

Bortnyk-Mikhalevski, Internet (rapid) 2018,]

[as had 8...c6 9.Nf3 h6 10.0-0-0 Nd7 0.46/21 11.Qh2! Richard Palliser, MH: ' ±!' Nf8 Richard Palliser,MH: '!' 12.Bc7 Qd7 13.Be2 0.04/20 in Jobava-Savchenko, Minsk 2014? Do see the Archive for these two brutal encounters. *(13.Na4± 0.51/21 Richard Palliser,MH Ne6 14.Bb6)*]

9.Nf3 h6 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Inhibits Nf3-g5.' **10.0-0-0 Nd7?** 1.27/19 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Repels Bf4-e5'

[Giving up d5 won't help Apicella. He may have been concerned about the threats of Ng5 and Nd4 after 10...c6 -0.06/21 (in any case, we can surely safely say that ...a6 hasn't really helped Black) Richard Palliser,MH: '=!' '=!' '!' 11.Be5 *(11.Bd3 Nd7 12.Rh1* would be a slower approach for White, retaining reasonable compensation*)* 11...Bxe5 12.dxe5 , but even the slightly strange Rg8!? Richard Palliser,MH: ' Threatens to win with ...Nb8-d7.' 13.Qxh6 -0.46/20 *(13.Be2!= 0.00/24* Richard Palliser, MH *)* 13...Qc7 seems to work out OK for Black, and if Richard Palliser,MH: '∓' Richard Palliser,MH: 'seems to work out OK for Black, and if. And now ...Nb8-d7 would win.' 14.Qh7 -0.93/22 *(14.e4∓* -0.38/24 Richard Palliser,MH*)* 14...Rf8 Richard Palliser,MH: ' ∓!' 15.e4 Nd7 .]

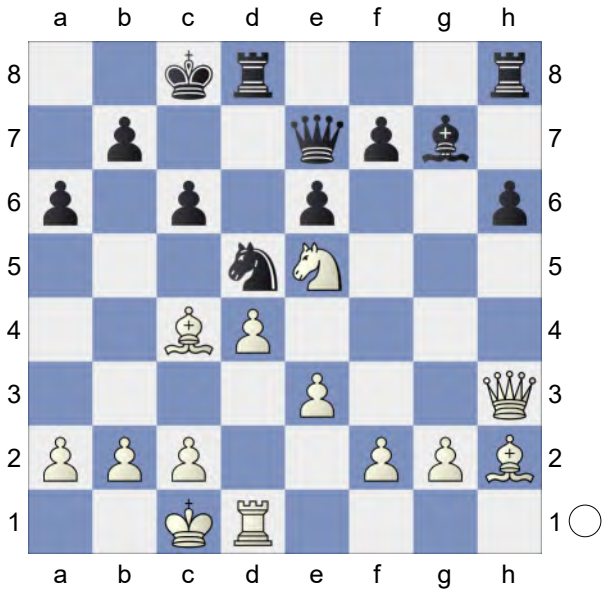
[Do note too that Black shouldn't try and turn ...a6 into an asset: 10...Nc6? 2.16/21 Richard Palliser,MH: '10...c7-c6 -0.04' 11.e4 levers open the position somewhat to White's advantage. Richard Palliser,MH: '!']

11.Nxd5 Richard Palliser,MH: '±' **11...Bxd5 12.Qxd5 c6 13.Qf5 Nf6 14.Bc4** 1.20/20 Simple chess from White, all the while begging the question: where is the black king going to find safety? Richard Palliser,MH: 'Simple chess from White, all the while begging the question: where is the black king going to find safety? Dodges Qd8-d5'

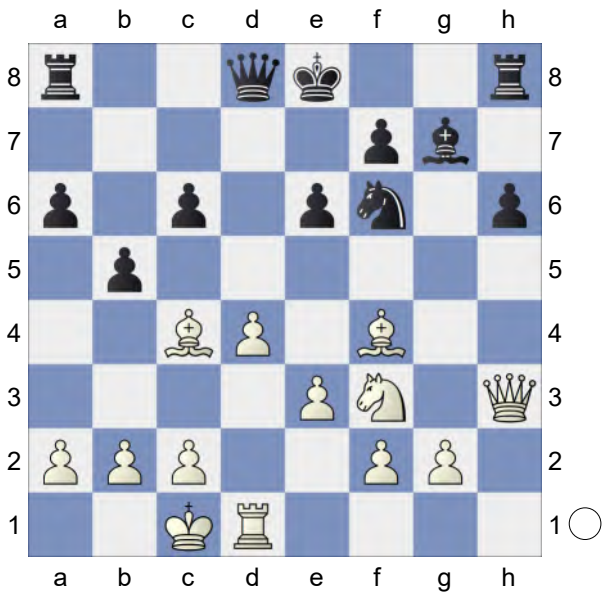
[⌓14.c4 1.56/18 Richard Palliser, MH]

14...e6 15.Qh3 Richard Palliser,MH: ' White has more active pieces.' **15...b5?** 3.60/18 Richard Palliser,MH: '

[Self-destructing. 15...Qe7 1.17/20 Richard Palliser,MH: ' ±' Richard Palliser,MH: ' was necessary.' 16.Ne5 Nd5 17.Bh2 would have left White in control and with more than enough for the exchange (Richard Palliser,MH: '!' 0-0-0 1.99/19 Richard Palliser,MH: ' *(17...h5±* 1.10/19 Richard Palliser, MH *)*



' 18.Nd3 1.17/19 doesn't really make Black's king all the safe), but better this for Apicella than the game. *(18.Bxd5!+-* 1.99/19 Richard Palliser, MH *Rxd5 19.Nc4)*]



' **16.Bxe6!** Richard Palliser,MH: '+-!'
16...Nd5
[The game is already all over in view of 16...fxe6 17.Qxe6+
A) or 17...Kf8 18.Bd6+ 6.02/17 *(⌓18.Nh4 #3/18 Richard Palliser, MH Qe8 19.Ng6+ Qxg6 20.Bd6#)*;
B) 17...Qe7 18.Qxc6+ Kf7 19.Ne5+ .]
[16...Qe7 Richard Palliser,MH 17.Bf5]
17.Be5 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) / Black=0.53'
[Black would do well to last many more moves after, say, 17.Be5 Nf6 18.Bb3 Kf8 19.Nh4 .]
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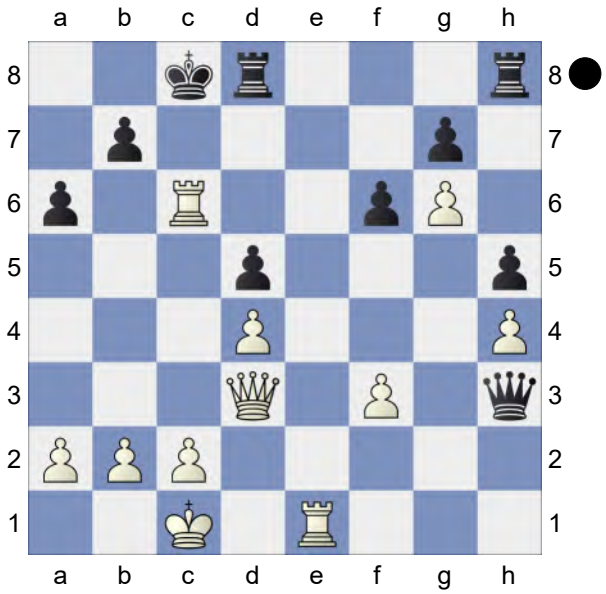
342 **D00**
□ **Alfilparanoico** **2642**
■ **Andrey Klymchuk** **2620**
Blitz 19.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6N
[5...e6 6.Nb5 Na6 7.h4 Bd7 8.c3 Be7 9.a4 0-0 10.Bd3 Bc6 11.Nf3 Ne4 12.Qe2 f5 13.g3 Bf6 14.Ng5 Qd7 15.f3 Nac5 16.Bc2 a6 17.dxc5 axb5 18.fxe4 6) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3. Bf4 c5-5.exd4 e6 6.Nb5 Na6 #8 The Meanest Jobava London 2023 https://www.chessable.co [MH]]
6.h3 Bf5 7.g4 Bg6 8.h4 Strongly threatening h5. The position is equal.
8...h5 9.g5 Ne4 10.Nxe4 Bxe4 11.f3 Bg6 12.Bd3! Bxd3 13.Qxd3
[Reject 13.cxd3 Nc6∓]
13...e6 14.g6 f6 15.0-0-0 Nc6 16.Re1 Qd7 17.Nh3 0-0-0 18.Rh2 Bd6 0.35/20
[18...Re8= 0.01/18]
19.Bxd6± Qxd6 20.Rhe2 -0.83/21
[20.f4!± 0.41/20 keeps the upper hand.]
20...Qg3!∓ 21.Rxe6 Qxh3? 0.76/21
[21...Kb8∓ -0.85/22 stays on course. 22.Rh1 Rhe8 23.Rxe8 Rxe8]
22.Rxc6+!±



Deflection **22...bxc6??** 4.35/21
[22...Kb8± 0.92/24 is tougher.

23.Rce6 Qxh4]
23.Qxa6++- Kc7 Hoping for ...Ra8.
24.Qa7+ Skewer **24...Kd6?** #1/6
[24...Kc8= -0.01/5]
25.Qe7# Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.51
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343 **D00**
□ **Niemann,Hans Moke** **2642**
■ **Anton Guijarro,David** **2694**
Charity Cup Prelim rapid (2.1) 19.03.22
[Richard Palliser]

Richard Palliser,MH: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines ' **1.d4** Richard Palliser,MH
1...d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5
[A popular choice to sidestep any notion of Richard Palliser,MH: 'A popular choice to sidestep any notion of' 4.e3 Bb4 .]
4...Bb4+!?
[One of two ways of covering c5. Niemann's games from various recent editions of the Titled Tuesday Blitz have also seen him facing Richard Palliser,MH: 'One of two ways of covering c5. Niemann's games from various recent editions of the Titled Tuesday Blitz have also seen him facing' 4...Na6 , with 5.e3 Be7 *(5...c6 6.Nc3 Nb8* sees both sides losing time, but 4 e3 e6 isn't a critical line, so White should be happy to see this and after Richard Palliser,MH: 'sees both sides losing time, but 4 e3 e6 isn't a critical line, so White should be happy to see this and after' *7.Nf3 a6 8.Ne5!? c5 9.Qf3* he was already very actively placed in Short-Astaneh Lopez, Bunratty 2020 - see the Archive Richard Palliser,MH: 'he was already very actively placed in Short-Astaneh Lopez, Bunratty 2020 - see the Archive'*)* 6.Nf3 0-0 7.c4 *(* White has various alternatives here, as we've explored before, including Richard Palliser,MH: 'White has various alternatives here, as we've explored before, including' *7.Be2* when *c5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.a4 Ne4* was all pretty logical from both sides in Niemann-Boruchovsky, Internet (blitz) 2022, and now Richard Palliser, MH: 'was all pretty logical from both sides in Niemann-Boruchovsky, Internet (blitz) 2022, and now' *10.c3* should be a typical edge for White thanks to the queenside clamp*)* 7...c5! *(* this feels much more critical than the *7...c6* of Niemann-Lashkin, Internet (blitz) 2022, where after Richard Palliser,MH: 'of Niemann-Lashkin, Internet (blitz) 2022, where after' *8.Nc3 Nc7?! 9.Rc1 h6* going *10.c5!* would have been very Bf4 QGD-like and excellent for White. Richard Palliser,MH: 'would have been very Bf4 QGD-like and excellent for White. ' *)* 8.Nc3 cxd4 9.exd4 Nb4!? *(9...b6* also looks fine for Black, who is likely to reach a fairly pleasant anti-IQP set-up Richard Palliser,MH: 'also looks fine for Black, who is likely to reach a fairly pleasant anti-IQP set-up'*)* 10.c5 Ne4 11.Be2 b6! already giving Black plenty of counterplay in Niemann-Grigorov, Internet (blitz) 2022. Richard Palliser,MH: 'already giving Black plenty of counterplay in Niemann-Grigorov, Internet (blitz) 2022.']
5.c3 Ba5 6.e3
[Simple chess. The earlier 6.a4 a6 7.b4 Bxb4 *(7...Nc6!?* is also possible,

as we've noted before, and if Richard Palliser,MH: 'is also possible, as we've noted before, and if' *8.bxa5 axb5 9.axb5 Nxa5)* 8.cxb4 axb5 9.axb5 Rxa1 10.Qxa1 had produced a rather unusual early pawn structure in Niemann-Cheparinov, Internet (blitz) 2022, where Richard Palliser, MH: 'had produced a rather unusual early pawn structure in Niemann-Cheparinov, Internet (blitz) 2022, where' Ne4?! 0.37/20 *(10...Nbd7 11.e3 Nb6! 12.Bd3 Qe7* should be OK for Black followed by activating a knight in response to any white queen move Richard Palliser,MH: 'should be OK for Black followed by activating a knight in response to any white queen move'*; 10...Nh5*= -0.01/21 (Richard Palliser,MH) is superior. *11.Be5 f6)* 11.e3 Richard Palliser,MH: ' ± ' 0-0 0.70/20 *(11...Qe7*= 0.18/19 Richard Palliser,MH *12.Qb2 b6)* 12.Bd3 Richard Palliser,MH: ' ± ' Nd7 13.Nf3 was surely a pleasant edge for White with the two bishops and c-file. Richard Palliser,MH: 'was surely a pleasant edge for White with the two bishops and c-file.']

6...a6 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Prevents a2-a4.' **7.Na3 0-0 8.Nf3** Richard Palliser, MH: 'The position is equal.' **8...Nbd7 9.Be2**

[Rather a restrained choice, but presumably Niemann considers Richard Palliser,MH: 'Rather a restrained choice, but presumably Niemann considers' 9.Bd3 c5 10.0-0 Bc7 to be a perfectly acceptable version of a standard London for Black. Richard Palliser,MH: 'to be a perfectly acceptable version of a standard London for Black.']

9...Ne4!?

[A new move and once again I'm not entirely sold on this active looking leap. Previously, Richard Palliser,MH: 'A new move and once again I'm not entirely sold on this active looking leap. Previously,' 9...c6 10.0-0 Re8 11.c4 Bc7 12.Bxc7 Qxc7 13.Rc1 had revealed one of the points behind White's move order and led to a small but definite edge in Niemann-Hammer, Internet (blitz) 2022, Richard Palliser,MH: 'had revealed one of the points behind White's move order and led to a small but definite edge in Niemann-Hammer, Internet (blitz) 2022,']

[but 9...c5!? 10.dxc5 Ne4 might be viable, and if

A) and not 11.0-0 Ndxc5 12.b4?? -3.71/19 *(12.Rc1*= 0.13/19 Richard Palliser,MH *)* 12...Nxc3;

B) 11.Nb1 Bc7 12.Bxc7 Qxc7 13.b4 b6 14.cxb6 Nxb6 with definite positional compensation for the pawn.]

10.Nb1! I can't say that this leads to an advantage for White, but I do rather like the way he calmly improves his worst-placed piece. Richard Palliser,MH: 'I can't say that this leads to an advantage for White, but I do rather like the way he calmly improves his worst-placed piece.' **10...g5!** Taking up the challenge before White untangles with Nbd2 as the Spanish Grandmaster is quick to create a Shirovian state of fire on the board. Richard Palliser,MH: 'Taking up the challenge before White untangles with Nbd2 as the Spanish Grandmaster is quick to create a Shirovian state of fire on the board.' **11.Bg3 h5** Richard Palliser,MH: ' ...h5-h4 is the

strong threat.' **12.Bd3!?**
[Very calm. The position would also have been unclear and rather hard to assess after Richard Palliser,MH: 'Very calm. The position would also have been unclear and rather hard to assess after' 12.Ne5 h4 13.f3 Richard Palliser,MH: '!' Nd6 14.Bf2 f6 .]
12...Qe7? 0.41/19
[Allowing White to take over. Presumably Anton saw Richard Palliser,MH: 'Allowing White to take over. Presumably Anton saw' 12...h4! 13.Nxh4! gxh4 14.Bxe4 and panicked due to the open kingside lines, but there is a move here: f5! *(14...hxg3??* #3/8 Richard Palliser,MH: '14...f7-f5 -0.01' *15.Qg4+ Kh8 16.hxg3+* would be an unusual way to mate*;* and *14...dxe4? 15.Qg4+ Kh7 16.Bxh4 f6 17.Qh5+* regains the piece on a5, leaving Black's position in ruins*)* 15.Qh5 (there doesn't seem to be anything better) Richard Palliser,MH: '!' Richard Palliser,MH: '(there doesn't seem to be anything better)' fxe4 16.Qg6+ Richard Palliser,MH: '=' *(16.Bxh4* Richard Palliser,MH *Qe8∓)* 16...Kh8 and here White is going to have to take the perpetual check that's on offer. Richard Palliser,MH: 'and here White is going to have to take the perpetual check that's on offer.']
[12...Kg7= -0.01/20 Richard Palliser, MH]
13.Bxe4 Richard Palliser,MH: '±'
13...dxe4 14.Nfd2 h4 Richard Palliser, MH: '

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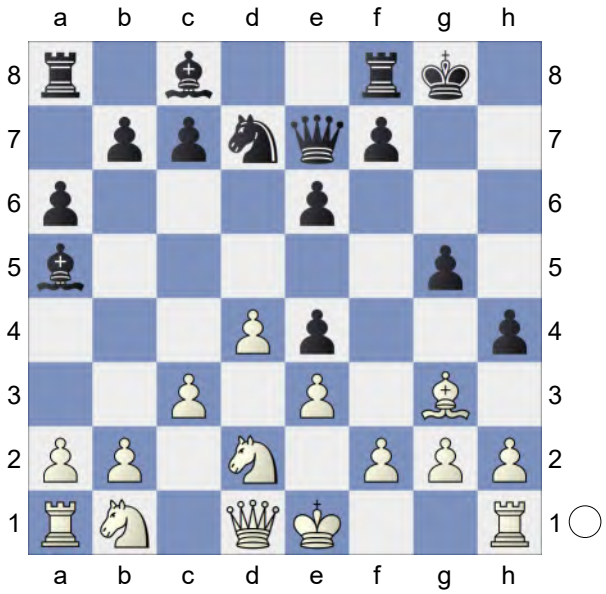


' **15.Bxh4!** The point of White's play. Once again the undefended bishop on a5 proves something of a tactical liability for Black. Richard Palliser,MH: 'The point of White's play. Once again the undefended bishop on a5 proves something of a tactical liability for Black. aiming for Qh5-g6+!' **15...f5!**
[15...gxh4? 16.Qg4+ Kh7 17.Qh5+ Kg7 Richard Palliser,MH: ' White must now prevent ...f7-f5.' 18.Qxa5 is the point of course.]
16.Bg3 b5 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Repels Nd2-c4'
[Preventing Nc4 ahead of striving for counterplay, whereas Richard Palliser, MH: 'Preventing Nc4 ahead of striving for counterplay, whereas' 16...f4? 1.22/22 would have run into Richard Palliser,MH: '16...b7-b5 0.61 would have run into' 17.exf4 gxf4 18.Qg4+ , and if Qg7 19.Qxg7+ Richard Palliser,MH: '!' Kxg7 20.Bh4 .]
17.h4! The young American Grandmaster continues to find all the right moves, here undermining Black's kingside while creating a square for his

bishop. Richard Palliser,MH: 'The young American Grandmaster continues to find all the right moves, here undermining Black's kingside while creating a square for his bishop.' **17...f4! 18.Bh2**

[Now 18.exf4? -0.84/19 Richard Palliser,MH: '18.Bg3-h2 0.81' gxf4 19.Qg4+ Qg7 would just be excellent for Black, since White's position is a right wreck after Richard Palliser,MH: 'would just be excellent for Black, since White's position is a right wreck after' 20.Qxg7+ Richard Palliser,MH: '!' Kxg7 21.Bh2 Bb7 .]

18...e5 19.hxg5? 0.15/20

[Giving Black a chance to get back into the game, in contrast to which Richard Palliser,MH: 'Giving Black a chance to get back into the game, in contrast to which' 19.Qh5! gxh4 20.Nb3 Bb6 21.N1d2 would have retained the upper hand Richard Palliser,MH: 'would have retained the upper hand' *(* and here White might also consider *21.exf4!?* followed by a timely check. Richard Palliser,MH: 'followed by a timely check.' *)*]

[White should play 19.Nb3± 0.86/21 Richard Palliser,MH Bb6 20.Qh5]

19...Qxg5? 1.72/20

[19...fxe3! 0.15/20 Richard Palliser, MH: '=!' Richard Palliser,MH: ' and Black has nothing to worry.' 20.fxe3 Qxg5 was the way to go, and if Richard Palliser,MH: 'was the way to go, and if' 21.Qb3+!? -0.50/19 *(* White should probably settle for *21.Nf1* -0.01/21 Richard Palliser,MH: '=' '!' Richard Palliser,MH: ' feels stronger.' *Qh4+ 22.Ng3* not that Black doesn't still have dangerous looking counterplay after Richard Palliser,MH: 'not that Black doesn't still have dangerous looking counterplay after. Nb1-d2 would now be deadly.' *Nf6 ,;* as is also the case after *21.Qe2!? Qh4+ 22.Kd1 Rf2 23.Qe1 Qg4+)* 21...Kg7 when both kings are but extremely exposed. After, for example, Richard Palliser,MH: ' ∓!' 22.Qe6 Qxe3+ 23.Kd1 Nf6 24.Qxe5 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Hoping for Bh2-f4.' Bg4+ 25.Kc1

A) 25...Qh6!? Richard Palliser,MH: ' Threatens to win with ...Ra8-e8.' 26.b4 -0.64/21 *(26.Qf4=* -0.17/20 Richard Palliser,MH *Qxf4 27.Bxf4)*

A1) 26...Rae8!? Richard Palliser, MH 27.Qf4 Qg6 *(27...Qxf4 28.Bxf4 Bb6 29.Bh6+ Kf7 30.Bxf8+-)* 28.bxa5 Nd5=;

A2) 26...Bb6 27.a4 Rae8 is probably a better try for Black;

B) 25...Rae8 26.Bf4 Richard Palliser,MH: '!' Qe2!? 27.Qg5+ Kf7 28.Be5 Re6 absolutely anything might happen in a practical game, no matter what the '0.00' may suggest! Richard Palliser,MH: '!' Richard Palliser, MH: 'absolutely anything might happen in a practical game, no matter what the '0.00' may suggest!']

20.Qb3+ 1.20/22

[White should try 20.exf4!+- 1.72/20 Richard Palliser,MH Qh4 21.b4 *(21.Nxe4 Rxf4 22.Qb3+ Kg7±; 21.dxe5 Bb7=)*]

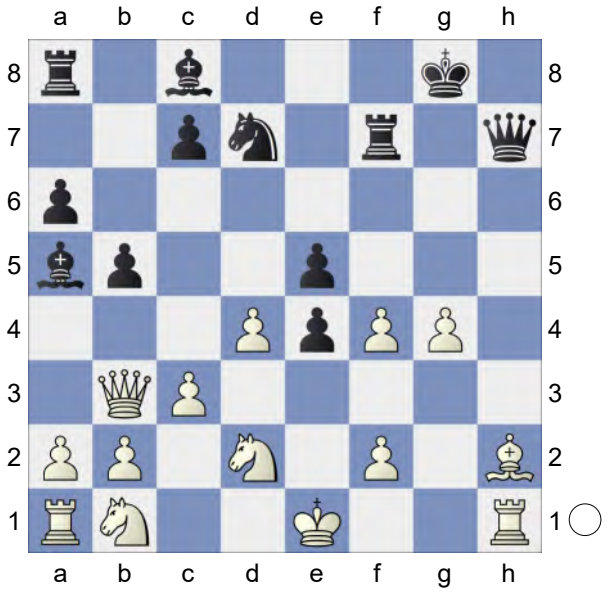
20...Rf7 2.23/21

[20...Kg7 1.20/22 was also possible, but of course now after Richard Palliser,MH: ' ±' 'was also possible, but of course now after' 21.Nxe4 Black doesn't have any ...Qxe3+ and

so remains in serious trouble. Richard Palliser,MH: 'Black doesn't have any ...Qxe3+ and so remains in serious trouble.']

21.exf4 Clearly the g-pawn is now taboo, whereas it turns out that the e4-pawn isn't. Richard Palliser,MH: '+-!' Richard Palliser,MH: 'Clearly the g-pawn is now taboo, whereas it turns out that the e4-pawn isn't.' **21...exf4** 2.28/19

[21...Qf5!? 22.g4! Qh7 Richard Palliser,MH: '



' 23.f5 also looks rather miserable for Black, although this more messy line might still have been tried. Richard Palliser,MH: '!' Richard Palliser,MH: 'also looks rather miserable for Black, although this more messy line might still have been tried.']

[⌓21...Qg6 1.66/22 Richard Palliser, MH]

22.Nxe4! Qg6 3.71/20

[22...Qxg2? Richard Palliser,MH 23.Rg1+-]

[⌓22...Qe7 2.23/21 Richard Palliser, MH]

23.Nbd2 White's knight finally re-emerges. He is now two pawns up and with the much safer king. Richard Palliser,MH: 'White's knight finally re-emerges. He is now two pawns up and with the much safer king.' **23...Bb7 24.f3 c5 25.dxc5**

[Simple chess, although 25.0-0-0!? cxd4 26.Bxf4 dxc3 27.bxc3 Rc8 28.Rh6! Qg7 29.Rdh1 also does the business for White.]

[Inferior is 25.Nxc5 Richard Palliser, MH Nxc5 *(25...Qxg2? perishes. 26.Rg1+-)* 26.dxc5 Re8+ 27.Kd1 *(27.Kf2? Qd3-+)* 27...Qg5=]

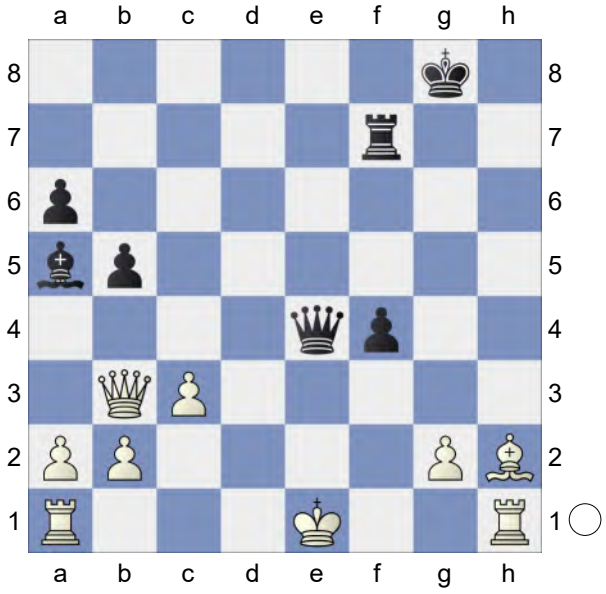
[25.Bxf4 Richard Palliser,MH Bxe4 26.Nxe4 c4=]

25...Nxc5!? 5.85/22 A final desperate try before White gets his king to safety on the queenside. Richard Palliser,MH: 'A final desperate try before White gets his king to safety on the queenside.'

[⌓25...Rd8 4.09/19 Richard Palliser, MH 26.Bxf4 Nxc5 27.Nxc5 Bd5]

26.Nxc5 Richard Palliser,MH: 'White is clearly winning.' **26...Re8+ 27.Kd1!**

[27.Nce4 Bxe4 28.Nxe4 Rxe4+ 29.fxe4 Qxe4+ Richard Palliser,MH: '



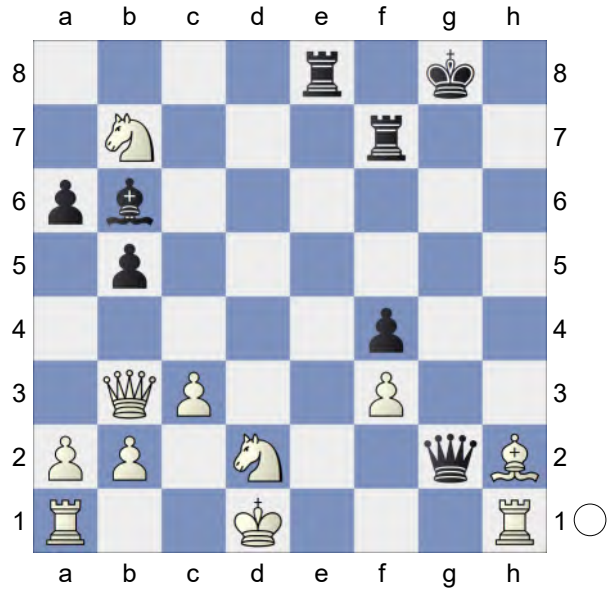
' 30.Kd1 should also be winning, but why allow Black any fun and risk

stumbling into a perpetual? Richard Palliser,MH: '!' Richard Palliser,MH: 'should also be winning, but why allow Black any fun and risk stumbling into a perpetual?']

27...Bb6!?

[27...Rd8 Richard Palliser,MH: 'Strongly threatening ...Rd8xd2+!' 28.Qc2 is simple enough.]

28.Nxb7 Qxg2 Richard Palliser,MH: '



' **29.Nd6!** Richard Palliser,MH: 'Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.61' **29...Qxh1+ 30.Kc2 Qxa1 31.Qxf7+** is the end. 1-0 (31) Niemann,H (2642)-Anton Guijarro,D (2694) chess24.com INT 2022 [Richard Palliser]

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■ **Antipov,Mikhail Al** **2591**

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[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**

[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 1-0 (88)*; 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7* Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig,F (1863) Mainz 1997 EXT 2000 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (57)*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) www.desc-online.de 2000 CBM 166 [Beliavsky, Alexander G] 1-0 (41)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]

3.Bf4 g6 4.e3 Nh5 5.Be5 f6 6.Bg3 c6 7.Nf3 Prevents e5. **7...Be6 8.Bd3** The position is equal. **8...Nd7 9.Qe2 Bf7 10.e4 Qb6** 0.29/19

[⌓10...Bg7 -0.06/19]

11.0-0-0 dxe4 12.Qxe4 0-0-0 13.Kb1 Nxg3 14.hxg3 Qc7 15.Qe2 Nb6 Against Bc4 **16.Ne4 Kb8 17.c3 h5 18.g4 Nd5 19.g3** Against Nf4 **19...g5 20.gxh5 Rxh5 21.Ned2** 0.01/20

[21.a3!± 0.40/18 should be considered.]

21...Qc8 0.37/18

[21...Qb6= 0.01/20 22.Ka1 c5]
22.Qe4 Nc7 23.Rxh5 Bxh5 24.Rh1 Bg4 25.Kc1 0.15/20
[25.Rh8± 0.49/19]
25...Ne8 26.Nc4 Nd6 27.Nxd6 exd6 28.Nd2 Re8 29.Qg6 Qd8 30.Bf5 Be2 2.96/24
[30...Bxf5± 0.61/23 31.Qxf5 d5]
31.Rh7 Bb5 32.Bd3? 0.42/20
[And not 32.Qf7 Re7 33.Qg8 Rxh7 34.Qxh7 d5=]
[32.Ne4+- 2.91/23 Ka8 33.Bd7 *(33.Qxf6 Qxf6 34.Nxf6 Re1+ 35.Kd2 Re2+ 36.Kd1 Re7+-)*]
32...Bxd3!± 33.Qxd3 d5 34.Qf5→ 0.22/19 White attacks. &Bianco is more active.
[34.Kc2± 0.65/20]
34...Bd6 0.75/22
[34...Re1+= 0.22/19 35.Kc2 Be7]
35.Kc2 a6
[Not 35...Re2 36.Rh6±]
36.Rd7 Qc8 Strongly threatening ...Re7.
37.Qh7 Against Re7 **37...Rd8 38.Rf7 Rf8** And now ...Rxf7 would win. **39.Rg7 Ka7** 0.85/22
[39...c5± 0.40/20 feels stronger.]
40.Nb3± Na5 is the strong threat.
40...Kb6 1.30/22 Prevents Na5.
[⌓40...Kb8 0.96/23]
41.a4 a5? 9.40/24
[41...Qb8± 1.25/21]

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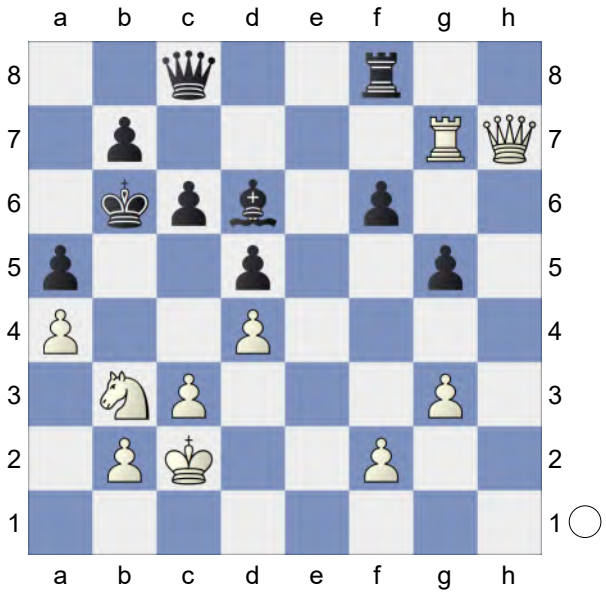
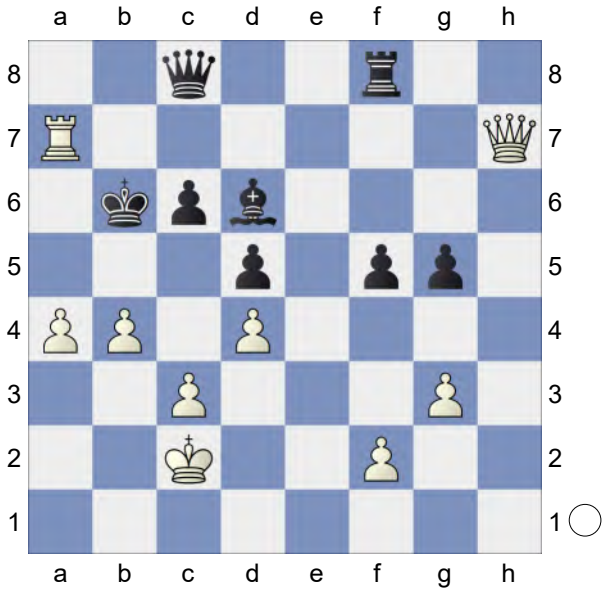


42.Nxa5!+- Kxa5 43.Rxb7 Intending b4+ and mate. **43...f5 44.b4+ Ka6 45.Ra7+ Kb6**



46.a5+! Kb5

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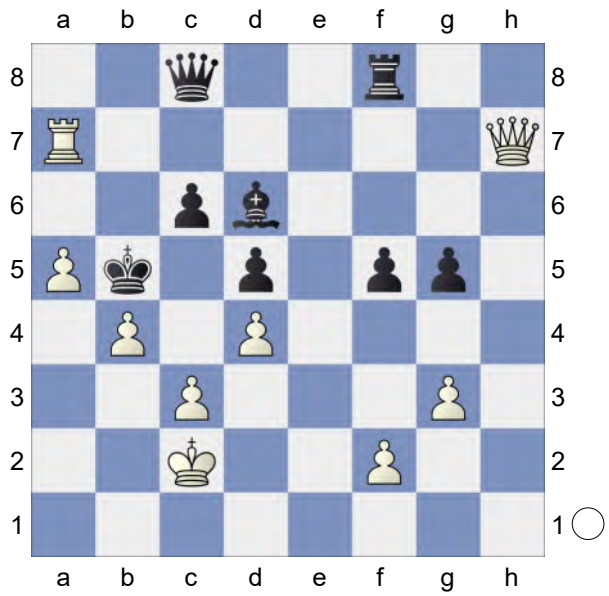

47.Kb3! Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.38
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345 **D00**
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Titled Tuesday Blitz (1) 15.02.2022
[Richard Palliser]

Richard Palliser,MH: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines ' **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 c5** Another important option for Black and challenge to the Jobava-Prie. Richard Palliser,MH: 'Another important option for Black and challenge to the Jobava-Prie.' **4.e4!?**

[White's most daring and aggressive try. It's been a while since we've looked at this, but in view of Niemann and Mamedyarov's recent patronage, it's high time we took another look. Instead, Richard Palliser,MH: 'White's most daring and aggressive try. It's been a while since we've looked at this, but in view of Niemann and Mamedyarov's recent patronage, it's high time we took another look. Instead,' 4.dxc5? d4 5.Nb5? Qa5+ is clearly most inadvisable for White,]

[but there's absolutely nothing wrong with the sensible 4.e3 .]

4...cxd4!?

[A risky choice as it accelerates White's development, but by no means a bad one. Black's most popular choice has so far been Richard Palliser,MH: 'A risky choice as it accelerates White's development, but by no means a bad one. Black's most popular choice has so far been' 4...Nxe4 , as we'll see in Mamedyarov-Praggnanandhaa, Richard Palliser, MH: ', as we'll see in Mamedyarov-Praggnanandhaa,']

[and even 4...dxe4 is possible. Then

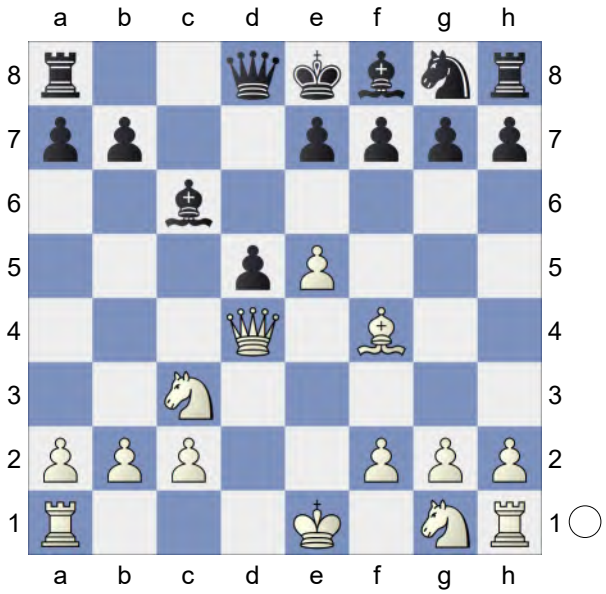
A) Niemann, however, has made a good case here for Richard Palliser, MH: 'Niemann, however, has made a good case here for' 5.dxc5! Qa5 *(* perhaps Black should look into Richard Palliser,MH: 'perhaps Black should look into' *5...Nbd7!?* , angling for counterplay and to untangle with *6.Bb5 e5!? 7.Bxe5 Bxc5 8.Bd6 Qb6)* 6.Qd2 Nc6 7.Nb5! : for example, Qxd2+ *(* Niemann-Pranav, Internet (blitz) 2022, saw Black blunder much more than just a pawn with Richard Palliser,MH: 'Niemann-Pranav, Internet (blitz) 2022, saw Black blunder much more than just a pawn with' *7...e5? 8.Qxa5 Nxa5 9.Bxe5)* 8.Bxd2 Rb8! *(* Black shouldn't move the king until forced to Richard Palliser,MH: 'Black shouldn't move the king until forced to' *8...Kd8?!* was though, perhaps surprisingly, preferred in

Niemann-Keymer, Internet (rapid) 2022, where Richard Palliser,MH: 'was though, perhaps surprisingly, preferred in Niemann-Keymer, Internet (rapid) 2022, where' *9.0-0-0 Bd7* might have been met by *10.f3!?* , and if *exf3?! 11.Nxf3 a6 12.Nc3 Ke8 13.Be3* with a strong grip on the position*)* 9.0-0-0 Bd7 10.f3!? Rc8 was Niemann-Naroditsky, Internet (rapid) 2022, where Black was likely fine and the engines even think that White should go Richard Palliser, MH: 'was Niemann-Naroditsky, Internet (rapid) 2022, where Black was likely fine and the engines even think that White should go' 11.a3!? a6 12.Nc3 e5 13.b4 to maintain a rough balance.;

B) 5.d5!? is the Morris Countergambit, which Eric gave some coverage to, albeit usually via a 1 d4 d5 2 Bf4 c5 3 e4!? dxe4 4 d5 Nf6 5 Nc3 move order. Richard Palliser,MH: 'is the Morris Countergambit, which Eric gave some coverage to, albeit usually via a 1 d4 d5 2 Bf4 c5 3 e4!? dxe4 4 d5 Nf6 5 Nc3 move order.']

5.Qxd4 Nc6 6.Bb5 Bd7 This is all very natural, but is White going to obtain too strong an initiative after giving up the bishop-pair? Richard Palliser,MH: 'This is all very natural, but is White going to obtain too strong an initiative after giving up the bishop-pair?' **7.Bxc6 Bxc6 8.e5** Richard Palliser,MH: 'The position is equal.' **8...Ng8?** 1.28/18 Richard Palliser,MH: '

[Sometimes this retreat really works well, but here it just appears overly clever. Instead, Richard Palliser,MH: 'Sometimes this retreat really works well, but here it just appears overly clever. Instead,' 8...Nd7! -0.01/21 Richard Palliser,MH: '=' Richard Palliser,MH: ' remains equal.' 9.e6! *(9.Nxd5?? -3.00/21* Richard Palliser, MH: '9.e5-e6 0.05' *Nb6 10.c4 e6* would not be at all wise for White*)* 9...fxe6 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Black wants to play ...Qd8-b6.' 10.Nf3 Qb6 had merely seemed most unclear in Bortnyk-Sychev, Internet (blitz) 2020. It's hard not to like White's compensation here, but after Richard Palliser,MH: 'had merely seemed most unclear in Bortnyk-Sychev, Internet (blitz) 2020. It's hard not to like White's compensation here, but after' 11.Qd2 Black does have d4! when 12.Qxd4 Qxd4 13.Nxd4 Bxg2 14.Rg1 e5 seems to turn out OK for him. Richard Palliser,MH: '!' Richard Palliser,MH: 'seems to turn out OK for him.']



' **9.e6!** Crunch. Without a knight on d7 to facilitate counterplay with ...e5, Black is now in grave danger of getting quickly

overrun. Richard Palliser,MH: ' ±' Richard Palliser,MH: 'Crunch. Without a knight on d7 to facilitate counterplay with ...e5, Black is now in grave danger of getting quickly overrun.' **9...fxe6** **10.Nf3** Richard Palliser,MH: ' White has more active pieces.' **10...e5?** 2.78/21

[This merely returns the extra pawn and improves White's pieces. Black absolutely had to try 10...Qb6 , grim though matters would have been, including after 11.Qe5!? d4 12.Nxd4! Qxb2 13.Kd2 Rd8 14.Rhb1 Qa3 15.Rb3 Qd6 16.Ncb5 with ongoing heavy pressure for White.]

11.Bxe5

[Weaker is 11.Nxe5 Nf6±]

11...Nf6 **12.0-0-0** Talk about lead in development! Rhe1 is next up and already Black's cause pretty much a fatal one. Richard Palliser,MH: 'Talk about lead in development! Rhe1 is next up and already Black's cause pretty much a fatal one.' **12...Qd7** Richard Palliser,MH: ' Black is weak on the dark squares' **13.Rhe1** **0-0-0?** 9.71/20

[Losing immediately, not that 13...Kf7 2.87/19 Richard Palliser,MH: '⩲' 14.Ne2!? followed by Nf4 and Ng5+ would exactly have been a bed of roses for Black. Richard Palliser, MH: 'followed by Nf4 and Ng5+ would exactly have been a bed of roses for Black.' *(14.Qe3 Kg8)*]

14.Qxa7 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Black did not feel at home in the position after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.69'

1-0

346 **B13**

□ **Sadhwani,Raunak** **2641**

■ **Subelj,Jan** **2496**

Wch U20 Blitz (9) 15.10.2023

[Kitty Kat]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6N**

[5...e6 6.Nb5 Na6 7.h4 Bd7 8.c3 Be7 9.a4 0-0 10.Bd3 Bc6 11.Nf3 Ne4 12.Qe2 f5 13.g3 Bf6 14.Ng5 Qd7 15.f3 Nac5 16.Bc2 a6 17.dxc5 axb5 18.fxe4 6) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3. Bf4 c5-5.exd4 e6 6.Nb5 Na6 #8 The Meanest Jobava London 2023 https:// www.chessable.co [MH]]

6.Nf3 Bg4 7.Be2! is more profitable than 7.h3 at the moment. scheint profitabler als 7.h3. is more profitable than 7.h3 at the moment. scheint profitabler als 7.h3. **7...Nc6 8.h3 Bxf3 9.Bxf3 e6 10.Ne2 Bd6 11.Be3 0-0 12.0-0 Ne7 13.g3**

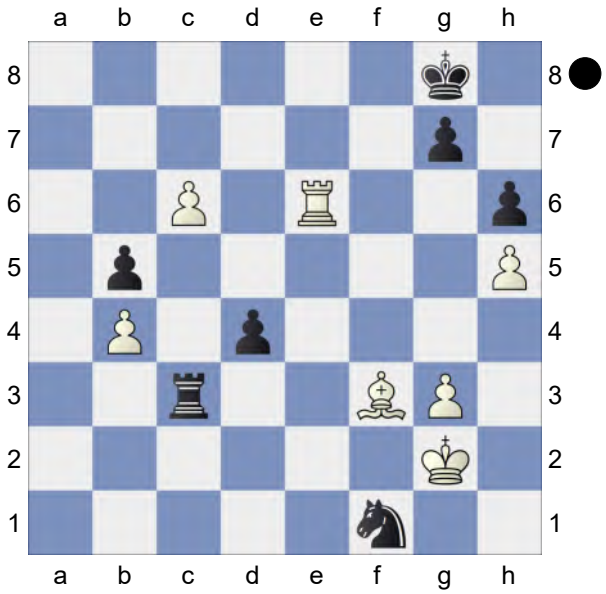
[13.Bg5 seems wilder. Nf5 14.c4 dxc4 15.Qc2]

13...Nf5 14.Bc1 Rc8 15.c3 b5 16.Qd3 Qb6N

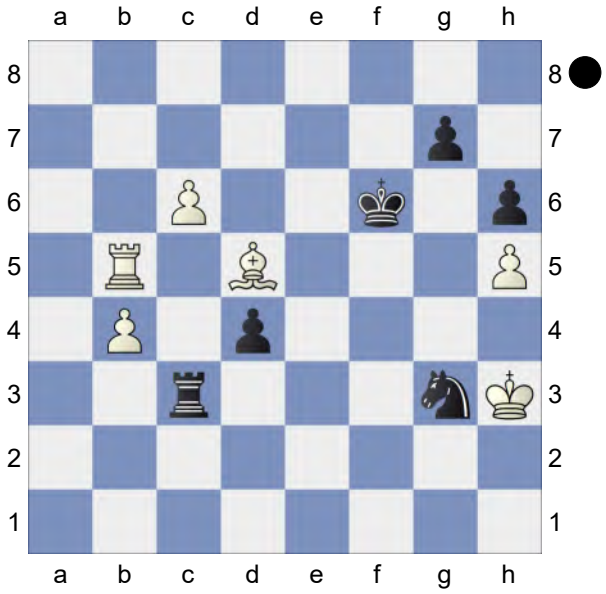
[Vorgänger: 16...Qc7 17.Bg5 Qc4 18.Rfd1 -0.55/19 *(18.Qxc4=* -0.14/20 deserves consideration. *Rxc4 19.Rfb1)* 18...Be7 -0.10/17 *(18...Qxd3∓* -0.55/19 should be considered. *19.Rxd3 Ne4 20.Bxe4 dxe4)* 19.Nf4 Nd7 0.13/20 *(19...b4* -0.25/19 feels stronger.*)* 20.Bxe7= Nxe7 21.Qd2 a5 22.Be2 Qc6 1-0 Nakamura,H (2767)-Giri,A (2776) London Classic rapid op 6th 2014 (8)]

17.Bg5 Be7 18.a3 h6 19.Bxf6 Bxf6 20.Nf4 Nd6 21.Qe2 Rfe8 22.Nd3 a5 23.h4 Nc4 24.Kg2 Be7 25.b4 Ra8

26.Rfe1 Bd6 27.Nc5 Re7 28.Ra2 axb4 0.25/21
[⌓28...Raa7 -0.25/17]
29.axb4= Rxa2 30.Qxa2 Ra7 Inhibits Qa8+. **31.Qc2 Bxc5 32.dxc5 Qc6 33.Kh2 Qa8 34.Qd3 Ra2 35.Re2 Ra1** 0.35/23
[35...Ra3= 0.04/22]
36.Qd4 Qc6 0.43/23
[36...Ra3= 0.11/20]
37.Bg2± Qa8 1.04/21
[37...Ra8± 0.46/23]
38.h5 0.01/21
[38.f4± 1.04/21]
38...Rc1 39.f4 f5! is the strong threat.
39...Qa1! 40.f5
[40.Qf2 is more complex. Rxc3 41.f5 e5 42.Bxd5 Qd1 43.Bg2]
40...Qxc3 41.Qxc3
[41.Qf2 looks sharper. Ne5 42.Qf4 Re1 43.Rxe1 Qxe1 44.fxe6 fxe6 45.Kh3]
41...Rxc3 42.fxe6 fxe6 43.Rxe6= Endgame KRB-KRN **43...Ne3 44.Bf3 d4 45.c6 Nf1+** 0.66/23
[Better is 45...Nc2= -0.01/23]
46.Kg2±



And now Bd5 would win. **46...Ne3+**
47.Kh3 -0.01/23
[White should play 47.Kf2± 1.05/21]
47...Kf7 0.93/22
[47...Nc2!= -0.01/23]
48.Re5± Kf6 49.Rxb5 Strongly threatening Rb8. **49...Nf5** 2.56/20
[49...d3± 1.28/21]
50.Be4?? -4.07/21
[50.Kg4+- 2.56/20 was the only winning move. Nd6 51.Rc5]
50...Nxg3 -0.37/20
[50...Nd6-+ -4.07/21 51.Rc5 Nxe4]
51.Bd5? -3.31/19
[51.Bh7∓ -0.37/20 Ne2+ 52.Kg4]



51...Ne2+? -0.01/21
[Inferior is 51...Nxh5+ 52.Kg2∓]
[Black should try 51...d3!-+ -3.31/19 52.Bg2 (*52.Bf3 d2*) 52...Ne2]
52.Kg4? -1.65/22
[52.Kg2!= -0.01/21 and White is okay.]
52...d3-+ (→ ...d2) **53.Bf3?** -5.12/20
[53.Ba2 -1.75/19 nothing else works.]
53...Nd4? 0.00/23
[53...Rc4+-+ -5.12/20 54.Kh3 Nd4]
54.Rc5 -0.49/23
[54.Rd5= 0.00/23 Rc4 55.Kg3]

54...Rxc5∓ 55.bxc5 aiming for c7. KB-KN **55...Ne6** -0.01/26
[Of course not 55...d2 56.c7 Nxf3 57.c8Q=]
[55...Ke7∓ -0.71/27]
56.Bd1 -1.25/27
[56.Kg3!= -0.01/26 keeps the balance.]
56...Ke7 0.00/28
[56...Ke5∓ -1.25/27]
57.Kf5= The position is equal. **57...Nxc5 58.Kg6 Ne4 59.Kxg7 Ng3 60.Kxh6 Kd6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.52/ Black=0.47
½-½

347 **D00**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2641**
■ **Kantor,Gergely** **2545**
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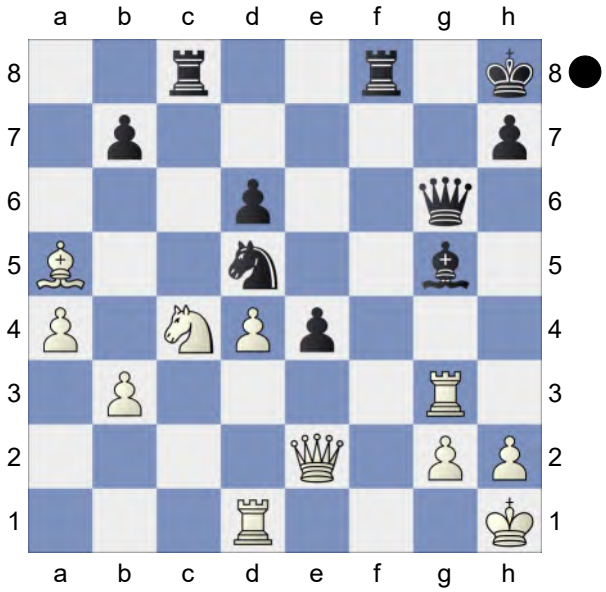
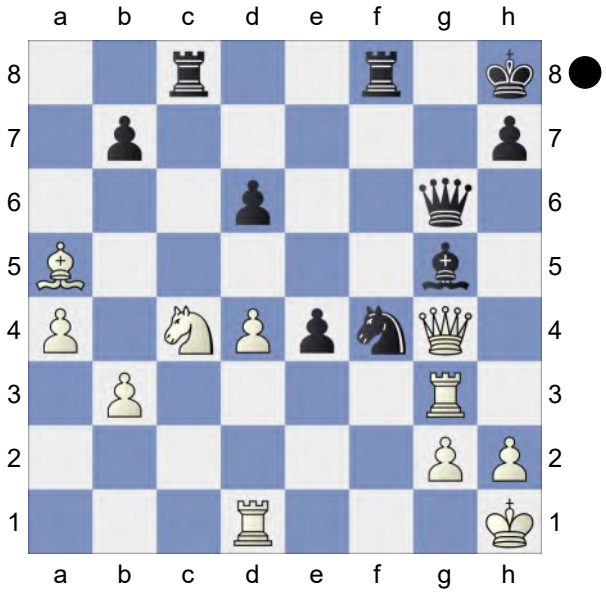
[TA]

Blitz 10min D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 1 **Nf6** 2 **2.Nc3** 4 **d5N** 1
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (120 (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ (41) Atalik, S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 (41) Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 (23) Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]
3.Bf4 1 **e6** 3 **4.Nb5** 1 **Na6** 1 **5.e3** 1 **Be7** 0 **6.Nf3** 1 **0-0** 1 **7.Ne5** 1 **Ne4** 17 **8.f3** 1 Black has an edge. **8...Nd6** 2 **9.Nxd6** 2 **cxd6** 1 **10.Nd3** 1 **Nb8** 2 **11.Be2** 2 **Nc6** 1 **12.0-0** 0 **f5** 5 **13.Bg3** 3 **Bf6** 1 **14.c3** 14 **Kh8** 9 **15.Qb3** 3 **Na5** 3 **16.Qd1** 12 **Nc4** 1 **17.Bf2** 7 **e5** 1 **18.b3** 3 **Nb6** 1 **19.a4** 3 Threatens to win with a5. **19...a5** 14 **20.Rc1** 6 **Be6** 4 **21.Kh1** 7 **Bg8** 14 **22.Qc2** 1:38 **Rc8** 3 **23.Qd2** 24 **Bf7** 18 **24.Rfd1** 9 **e4** 3 **25.Nb2** 5 **Bh5** 0.52/21 3
[25...exf3= 0.09/21 26.Bxf3 Bg8]
26.f4 0.16/20 16
[26.fxe4± 0.52/21 feels stronger. Bxe2 27.Qxe2]
26...Bxe2= 6 **27.Qxe2** 0 **g5** 1.10/23 5
[27...Qd7= 0.13/21 keeps the balance.]
28.fxg5 2 **Bxg5** 2 **29.c4** 0.05/21 7
[29.Bg3± 0.81/23]
29...f4 4 **30.exf4** 25 **Bxf4** 0 **31.Rc3** 1 **Qg5?** 2.23/20 51
[31...Qe8= 0.15/22 and Black stays safe.]
32.Rh3? 0.21/23 3
[White has to play 32.g3+- 2.23/20]
32...Qg6 3 **33.Be1** -0.33/21 15
[33.Re1= 0.24/19]
33...Nd7 17 **34.cxd5** -1.18/23 9

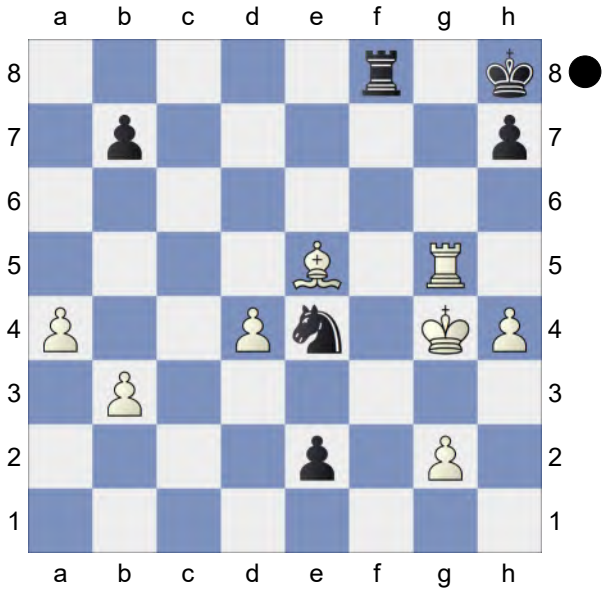
[34.Bg3!= -0.03/19 remains equal.]
34...Nf6∓ 2 White must now prevent ... Qg4. **35.Nc4** 3 **Nxd5** -0.37/18 10
[35...e3!∓ -0.94/23 36.Rf3 *(36.Nxe3? Rce8-+)* 36...Nxd5]
36.Bxa5∓ 20 **Bg5** 0.14/24 32
[36...e3∓ -0.43/24 37.Rg1 Rce8]
37.Rg3? -1.43/18 34
[37.Qh5= 0.14/24 Rf6 38.Qxg6 Rxg6 39.Rf1]



37...Nf4!∓ 9 Black converts the advantage convincingly. **38.Qg4** 5



Nd3! 10 **39.Qxg5?** -2.91/25 1:42
[39.Rgxd3∓ -1.21/22 exd3 40.d5]
39...Nf2+-+ 2 **40.Kg1** 1 **Qxg5→** 1 White is in trouble. **41.Rxg5** 0 **Nxd1** 1
42.h4? -3.78/22 34
[42.h3 -1.97/21 was worth a try. e3 43.Nxd6]
42...e3 45 **43.Nxd6** 9 **Rc1** 24 **44.Kh2** 1 **Nf2** 11 **45.Kg3** 12 **Rc6** -1.56/26 39
[45...b6-+ -3.85/22 has better winning chances. 46.Bxb6 Rc6 *(46...e2? 47.Ba5-+)*]
46.Bb4 -4.03/21 5
[46.d5∓ -1.56/26 Rxd6 47.Bc3+ Rff6 48.Bxf6+ Rxf6 49.Re5]
46...Rxd6 20 Remove Defender, Decoy
47.Bxd6 0 Endgame. Intending Be5+ and mate. KRB-KRN **47...Ne4+** 1
48.Kg4? -4.72/21 1
[48.Kh2 -2.34/17 was the only defense. Nxd6 49.Re5]
48...e2 1:07 Black is clearly winning.
[48...Nxd6 49.Re5∓]
49.Be5+ 46



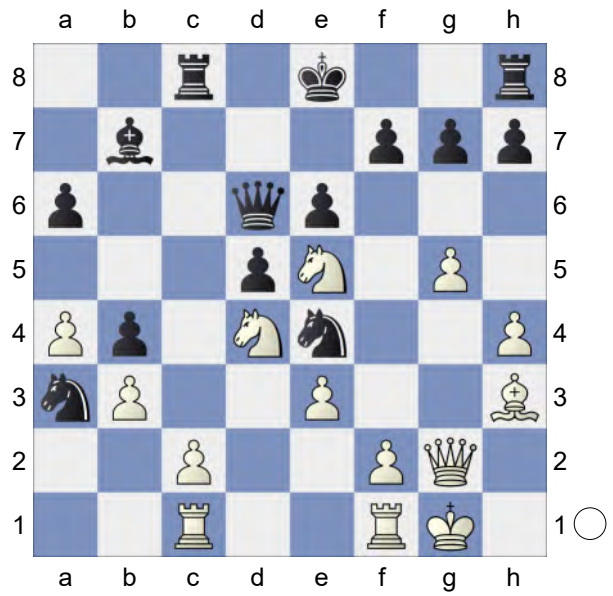
Rf6! 22 Promotion **50.Rf5** 1
[50.Bxf6+ Nxf6+]
50...Kg7 25 **51.Rxf6** 30 **Nxf6+** 3
[51...e1R? perishes. 52.Rf1+ Kg8

53.Rxe1+-]
[51...h5+ 52.Kh3 *(52.Kxh5? Nxf6+ 53.Kg5 e1Q-+)* 52...Nxf6 *(52...e1Q? 53.Rf1+* Discovered Attack (Check) *Kg6 54.Rxe1+-)* 53.Bg3=]
52.Kf5 1 **e1Q** 2 (-> ...Qe4+)
[Worse is 52...e1R 53.Bxf6+ Kf7 54.Be5=]
53.Bxf6+ 0 **Kf7** 1 **54.Be5** 4 **Qf1+** 0
Weighted Error Value: White=0.61/ Black=0.28 (precise)
0-1

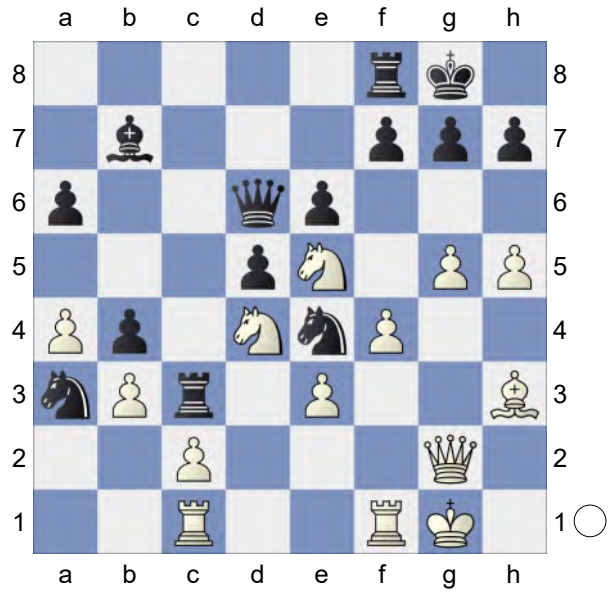
348 **D00**
□ **Hyperreal** **2639**
■ **G0Dzilla** **2698**
Blitz 26.01.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 1-0 (88)*; 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7* Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig, F (1863) Mainz 1997 EXT 2000 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (57)*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) www.desc-online.de 2000 CBM 166 [Beliavsky, Alexander G] 1-0 (41)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]
3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 b5 5.g4 e6 0.18/18
[5...Bxg4∓ -0.49/18 6.Be2 Bxe2 7.Ncxe2 *(7.Ngxe2 h6∓)* 7...e6]
6.g5= Nfd7 7.Qf3 Bb7 8.Qg3 White has an edge. **8...c5 9.h4 Nc6 10.Nf3 Rc8 11.a3** -0.07/18
[⌓11.0-0-0 0.27/17]
11...Qb6 12.Ne2 b4 13.a4 Na5 14.Bh3 Nc4 0.17/17
[14...b3 -0.18/18 was preferrable. 15.c3 Nc4]
15.b3 Na3 16.Rc1 cxd4 0.60/20
[16...c4= 0.21/17 is superior.]
17.Nexd4 Nc5 18.0-0 Ne4 19.Qg2 0.25/18
[White should play 19.Qg4± 0.73/19]
19...Bd6 20.Be5 Bxe5 21.Nxe5 Qd6 1.17/19
[21...Rc3!= -0.01/18]

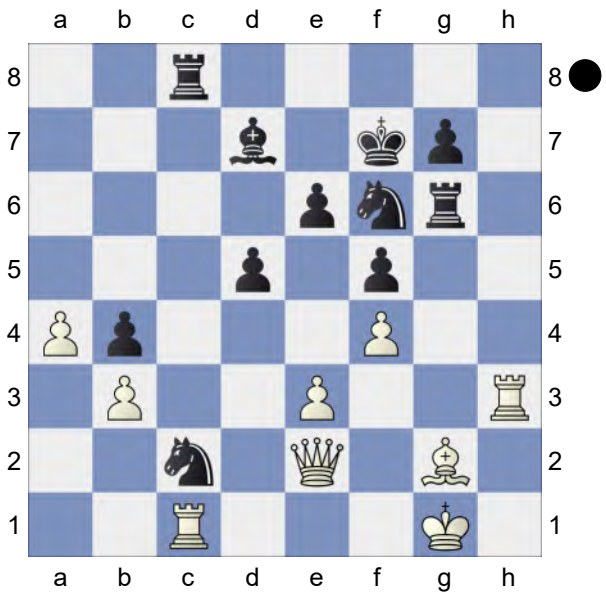
(Diagram)



22.f4? -0.39/18
[22.Nxf7!± 1.17/19 Kxf7 23.Bxe6+ Ke8 24.Bxc8 *(24.Qf3 Rc7∓)* 24...Bxc8 25.c4]
22...0-0 0.69/21
[Black should try 22...Rc3∓ -0.39/18]
23.h5± Rc3

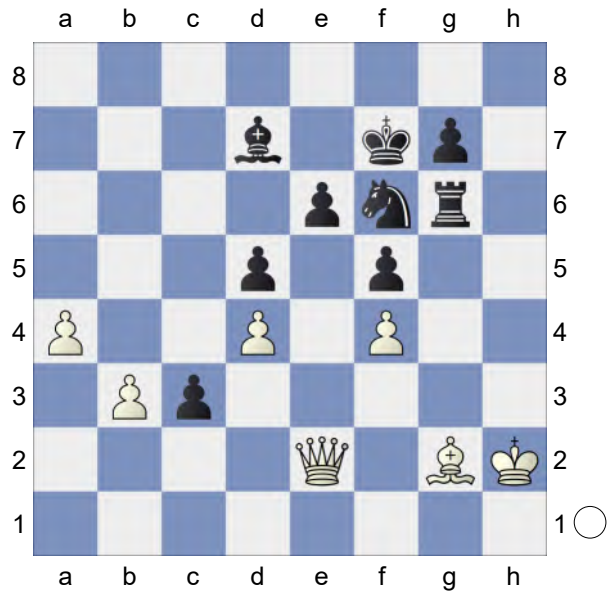


24.g6! hxg6 2.50/23
[24...Rxe3± 0.80/23 was called for. 25.gxf7+ Rxf7]
25.hxg6+- f5 5.47/23
[25...Bc8 2.55/21 26.gxf7+ Rxf7 27.Nxf7 Kxf7]
26.Rf3 Rf6 6.37/22
[⌓26...Nxc2 4.42/18 27.Rxc2 Rxc2]
27.Qh1 Bc8 10.15/23
[⌓27...Kf8 4.70/20 28.Bxf5 Ke8 29.Nxe6 Rxe6 30.Bxe6 *(30.Qh8+ Qf8+-)* 30...Qe7 31.Qh8+ Qf8]
28.Bf1 Qc5 29.Nec6?? -2.64/24
[29.Qh7++- 10.79/25 Kf8 30.Qh8+ Ke7 31.Rh3]
29...Rxg6+-+ 30.Bg2 Strongly threatening Rh3. **30...Qxc6??** 1.85/22
31.Nxc6+- Chess con chili. **31...Rxc6**
32.Qh5 Kf7 33.Rh3 aiming for Kf1.
33...Nf6 2.24/21
[33...Rc3± 1.04/21]
34.Qh8 0.78/22
[34.Qd1+- 2.24/21]
34...Bd7 2.20/23
[34...Nxc2± 0.78/22 might work better. 35.Qd8 Rxg2+ 36.Kxg2 Nxe3+ 37.Rxe3 Rxc1]
35.Qa8 Rc8 2.43/22
[⌓35...Nxc2 1.67/22 36.Qa7 Rc3]
36.Qxa6 Black must now prevent Qb7.
36...Nxc2 37.Qe2?? -8.17/20
[37.Kh1+- 2.73/21]



37...Nd4!-+ Discovered Attack **38.exd4**

Rxc1+ 39.Kh2 Rc3? 0.50/22
[39...Ng4+-+ -8.64/22 40.Kg3 Ne3+ 41.Kh2 Rxg2+ 42.Qxg2 Nxg2 43.Kxg2 Rd1]
40.Rxc3!± bxc3

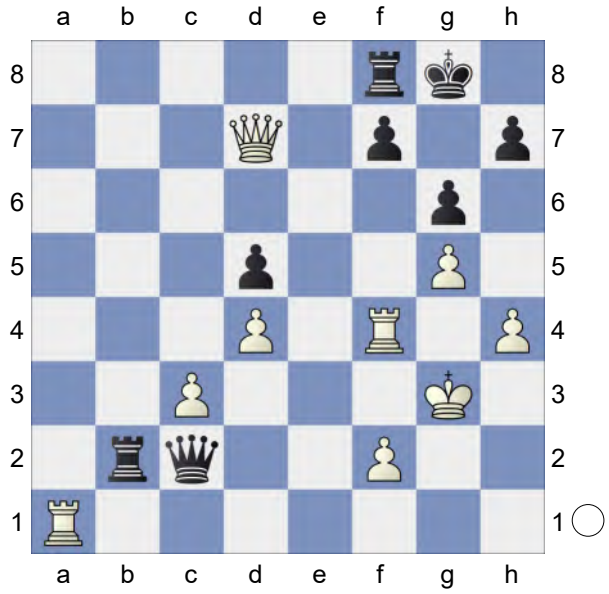


41.Qd3 -0.01/23
[41.Bf3!± 0.89/22]
41...Ng4+!= 42.Kg1 Nf6? 4.04/22
[42...c2!= 0.01/21 and Black stays safe. 43.Qd2 *(43.Qxc2 Ne3=)* 43...Ke7]
43.Qxc3+- Nh5 44.Qd2 2.26/20
[⌓44.Qc7 5.13/20 Ke8 45.Kf2]
44...Ke8 3.95/21
[44...Rg4 2.26/20 is a better defense.]
45.a5 Nf6? 8.68/21
[45...Bc6 2.78/18 46.Qb4 Kd7]
46.a6 Bc8 47.a7 Bb7 48.Qb4 Ba8 49.Qb5+ Normal Normal. A wild game. Weighted Error Value: White=0.79/ Black=1.09
1-0

349 **D00**
□ **Indjic,Aleksandar** **2638**
■ **Erdos,Viktor** **2604**
22nd European Teams (7.11) 31.10.2019
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.Nc3 Nf6 2.d4 d5 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 b5 5.a3**
[5.h4 e6 6.g4 b4 7.Na4 Bd6 8.g5 Ne4 9.Bd3 Bd7 10.c4 Bxf4 11.exf4 Bc6 12.Nf3 dxc4 13.Bxc4 Qd6 14.Ne5 Nc3 15.bxc3 Bxh1 16.f3 f6 17.Nc5 fxe5 18.Kf2 bxc3 19.Nxe6 exd4 Torombot (3043)-Expositor (2839) Rapid 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (45)]
5...e6 6.g4N
[6.Nf3 Bb7 7.Bd3 Nbd7 8.Ne5 c5 9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.h4 Rc8 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qe2 Nxe5 13.Bxe5 Bd6 14.Bxd6 Qxd6 15.Rad1 Rfd8 16.f3 h6 17.e4 b4 18.axb4 Qxb4 19.exd5 Qxb2 20.Ne4 Nxd5 bubeliang (2703)-Vahe Dan (2759) Blitz 2024 [monko] 1-0 (79)]
6...b4 7.axb4 Bxb4 8.h4 The position is equal. **8...c5 9.g5 Ne4 10.Nge2 Nc6 11.Bg2 cxd4 12.exd4 Nd6 13.Kf1 Nf5 14.Na4 0-0 15.Ng3 Nce7**
[15...Nfxd4 16.c3±]
16.Nxf5 Nxf5 17.Bh3 -0.54/20
[17.Kg1= -0.03/18]
17...Re8 -0.01/19
[Resist 17...Nxh4 18.Qh5 Ng6 19.Bg4±]
[17...Bd6!∓ -0.54/20 18.Bxd6 Nxd6]
18.Bxf5= exf5 19.Qf3 Bd7 -0.04/19
[19...a5∓ -0.36/19]
20.Kg2 -0.43/19
[20.c3= -0.04/19 might be stronger. Bf8 21.Be5]
20...Re4∓ 21.c3 Bxa4 0.01/20
[21...Be7∓ -0.44/21 feels stronger.]

22.Rxa4= Bd6 23.Bxd6 Qxd6 24.Qxf5 g6 25.Qh3 Rae8 0.45/22
[25...Qe7!= 0.01/20]
26.Rha1± Re2 1.33/22
[Black should play 26...Qe7± 0.69/24]
27.Rxa6± Qf4 28.Rf6 Qe4+ 29.Kg3 Rxb2 30.Qd7 1.26/24
[Better is 30.h5+- 1.62/21 Threatens to win with hxg6. Rb1 31.Rxb1 Qxb1 32.Kh2 *(32.Qd7 Qg1+ 33.Kh3 Qh1+ 34.Kg3 Qg1+ 35.Kh3 Qh1+ 36.Kg3 Qg1+=)*]
30...Rf8 31.Rf4→ White has strong attack. Really sharp! **31...Qc2** 15.63/23
[31...Qd3+± 1.20/21 32.Rf3 Qe4]

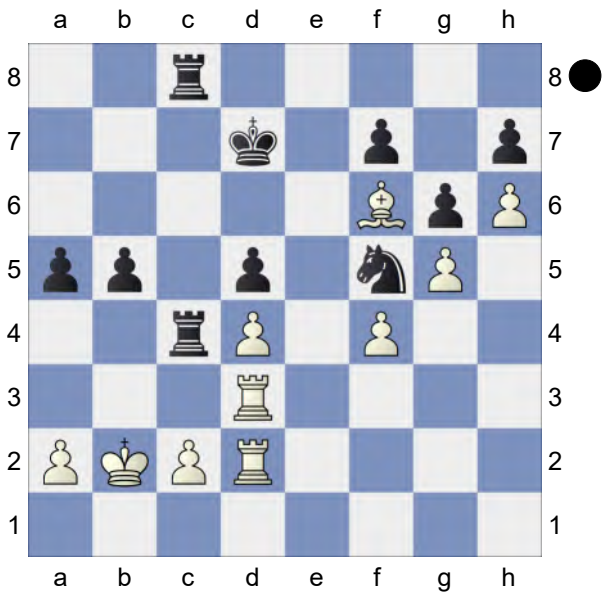


Black cannot hold the game after this.
32.Ra8!!+- Threatening mate with Rxf8+. Active counter play! **32...Qxc3+**
[32...Qf5 33.Rxf5]
33.Kh2
[Not 33.Rf3 Qxf3+ 34.Kxf3 Rxa8=]
33...Rxa8 34.Qxf7+ Kh8 35.Qf6+ Kg8 36.Qe6+ Kg7 37.Rf7+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.65
1-0

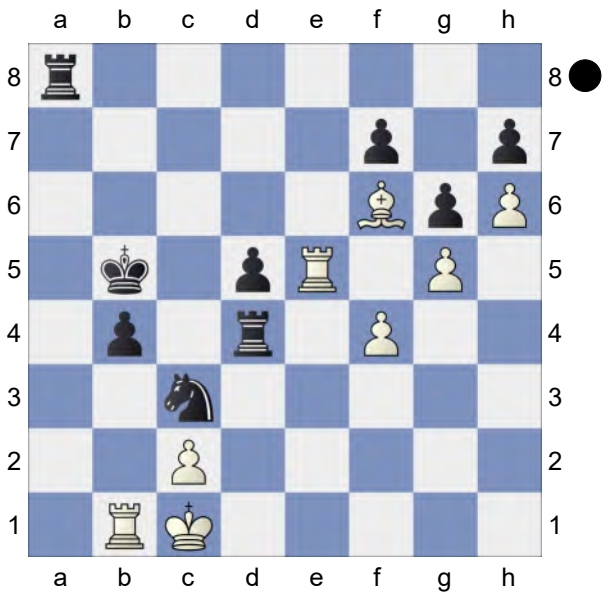
350 **D00**
□ **Naroditsky,Daniel** **2634**
■ **Vachier Lagrave,Maxime** **2798**
Ajaccio blitz 03.07.2016
[Kitty Kat]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4** 3:00 **Nf6** 3:00 **2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.h3 Bxf3 8.Qxf3** The position is equal. **8...Nc6 9.0-0-0 e6 10.g4 Bb4** 0.60/18
[10...Bd6= 0.21/16]
11.g5±
[11.Ne2 Qa5 12.Kb1 Ne4 13.Nc1 Bd6 14.Nb3 Qc7 15.Be3 0-0 16.Rg1 b5 17.Bd3 f5 18.gxf5 exf5 19.Bh6 Rf7 20.Bxg7 Rxg7 21.Qxf5 Kh8 22.Rxg7 Qxg7 23.Qxd5 Nxf2 24.Qxc6 Rf8 25.Rc1 Nxd3 1-0 Rapport,R (2704)-Sutovsky,E (2624) Tromso Olympiad 2014 (9.5)]
11...Ng8N
[11...Bxc3 12.Qxc3 Ne4 13.Qe3 0-0 14.Kb1 Vs ...d5 without early ...e6- Game Rapport Vs Sutovsk]
12.h4 Qa5! 13.Kb1 Bxc3 14.Qxc3 Qxc3 15.bxc3 Nge7 16.c4 0.01/19
[16.h5± 0.48/17]
16...dxc4= 17.Bxc4 b5 18.Bb3 Nd5 19.Bxd5 exd5 20.Be5 Rg8 21.h5 Kd7 22.h6 g6 23.f4 Rgc8 24.Rh3 -0.49/20
[24.Rhe1= -0.10/20 is more appropriate.]
24...Ne7!∓ 25.Ra3 Rc4 26.Kb2 a5 27.Bf6 -1.04/22
[27.Rc3∓ -0.48/19]
27...Nf5∓ 28.Rad3 -1.83/21
[28.Rb3∓ -0.90/19 was necessary.]
28...Rac8-+ 29.R1d2

(Diagram)



b4 -1.11/22
[29...Nd6!-+ -1.92/22 And now ...Nd6-e4 would win. 30.Be5 Rb4+ 31.Kc1 Ne4]
30.Re2∓ Kc6 -0.61/20
[Black should play 30...Rc3∓ -1.37/21 31.Rxc3 Rxc3]
31.a3 -1.30/22
[31.c3∓ -0.61/20]
31...Kb5 32.axb4 -1.53/22
[Better is 32.Kb1 -1.10/20]
32...axb4 33.Rb3 Nd6
[Much less strong is 33...Nxd4 34.Bxd4 Rxd4 35.Rd3∓]
34.Be5 -2.92/21
[⌓34.Be7 -1.65/20 Ne4 35.Bc5]
34...Ne4 35.Bf6 Nc3 36.Re5 -5.18/23
[⌓36.Re7 -3.38/22 Na4+ 37.Ka1 *(37.Kb1 Rxc2 38.Rb7+ Ka6-+)* 37...Rxc2 38.Rb7+ Nb6 39.Kb1]
36...Ra8
[Weaker is 36...Rxd4 37.Re7 Na4+ *(37...Rxf4 38.Bxc3 Rxc3 39.Rxc3∓)* 38.Kc1 Rxf4 39.Rd3∓]
37.Kc1 Rxd4 (→ ...Rd4-d1+) **38.Rb1?** -#2/6
[38.Rxd5+-+ -2.94/23 Rxd5 39.Bxc3]



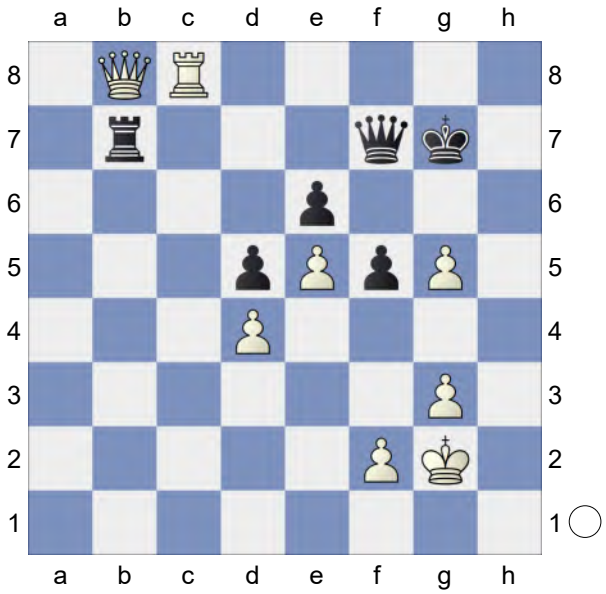
38...Rd1+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.51/Black=0.24 (precise)
0-1

351 **D00**
□ **Hou,Yifan** **2633**
■ **Osmak,Yuliia** **2468**
E World Bl Team Pool A (2.5) 14.06.2025
[TA]

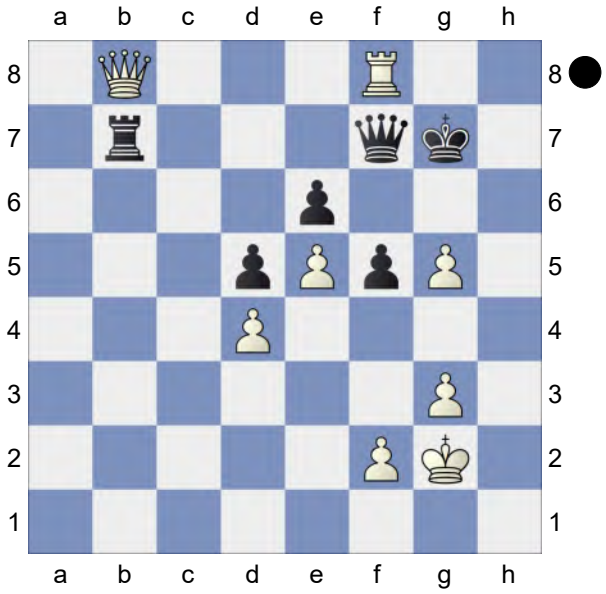
D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 Bf5 4.e3 e6 5.Bd3 Bxd3 6.cxd3 Qb3 is the strong threat. **6...c6 7.Nf3 Bd6 8.Qb3** -0.24/20
[Better is 8.Bxd6± 0.43/19 Qxd6 9.0-0]
8...Bxf4= 9.exf4 Qb6 10.Qa3 Qc7 0.12/20
[10...a5∓ -0.32/22]
11.Ne5 -0.37/22
[11.f5= 0.12/20]
11...Qe7∓ 12.Qb3 0-0 13.0-0 Qc7 14.Na4 Nbd7 15.Rac1 Rab8 0.09/20
[15...Rfb8∓ -0.39/20 feels stronger.]
16.h3 -0.27/20
[⌓16.g3 0.09/20]

16...h6 17.Rfe1 Rfd8 18.Nc5 Nxe5 19.dxe5 Nd7 20.d4 Nxc5 21.Rxc5 Qb6 0.76/21
[21...b6= 0.16/19 keeps the balance. 22.Rc3 c5]
22.Qc3 a6 23.a3 Rf8 24.Qc2 f5 1.45/21
[24...Rbc8± 0.63/21]
25.Re3 0.58/22
[25.exf6± 1.45/21 Rxf6 26.g3]
25...Qd8± 26.Rb3 Qd7 27.g3 Black is weak on the dark squares
27...Kh8 28.Kg2 Rg8 29.h4 Qf7 30.Qe2 g6 0.89/21
[30...g5± 0.37/19]
31.a4 White has more active pieces.
31...Rbd8 32.Rbc3 0.21/20
[32.Rc1± 0.84/21]
32...Rd7 0.80/21
[32...g5= 0.21/20]
33.b4 0.33/23
[33.Rc1± 0.80/21]
33...Ra8 1.23/20
[33...g5!± 0.33/23]
34.b5↑ White is on the roll. **34...axb5 35.axb5 cxb5 36.Qxb5 Re7** 2.19/24
[36...Qe8± 1.47/24 might work better. 37.Qb6 Rb8]
37.Qb6 Strongly threatening Rc7.
37...Rg8? 3.51/26
[37...Rae8± 1.50/23 keeps fighting. 38.Rc8 *(38.Rc7 Rxc7* Remove Defender *39.Rxc7 Re7±)* 38...Rxc8 39.Rxc8+ Re8 40.Rxe8+ *(40.Rc7 Re7±)* 40...Qxe8]
38.Rc7+- Rxe7 would now be deadly.
38...Rge8 39.Qxb7 Kg7 40.Qb6
[Don't do 40.R3c6 Kh7 41.Qb5 Rxc7+-]
40...Kg8 41.Qd6 Kg7 42.Rxe7 Rxe7 KQR-KQR **43.Rc8 Rd7 44.Qb8 g5?** 10.77/19
[44...Ra7 2.97/26 45.Qd6 Rd7]

45.hxg5 hxg5 46.fxg5 Rb7



47.Rf8?? -6.97/23

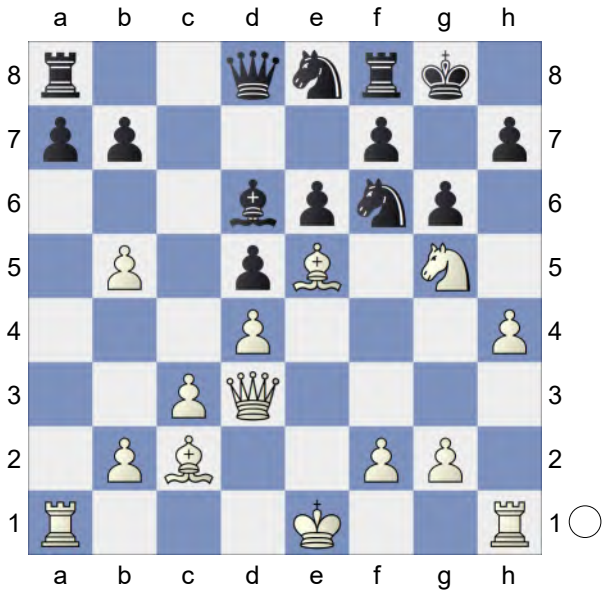


Qg8?? #3/26
Weighted Error Value: White=0.43/ Black=0.35
1-0

352 **D00**
□ **Hou,Yifan** **2632**
■ **Gunina,Valentina** **2435**
Chess Stars 4.0 Rapid (1.4) 27.06.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6N**
[3...c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 e6 6.Nb5 Na6 7.h4 Bd7 8.c3 Be7 9.a4 0-0 10.Bd3 Bc6 11.Nf3 Ne4 12.Qe2 f5 13.g3 Bf6 14.Ng5 Qd7 15.f3 Nac5 16.Bc2 a6 17.dxc5 axb5 18.fxe4 6) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5-5.exd4 e6 6.Nb5 Na6 #8 The Meanest Jobava London 2023 https://www.chessable.co [MH]]
4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.h4 7.Ne5 is setting a new trend. 7.Se5 setzt einen neuen Trend. 7.Ne5 is setting a new trend. 7.Se5 setzt einen neuen Trend. **7...c5 8.c3** The position is equal. **8...Bd7 9.a4 cxd4 10.exd4 Ne4** 0.71/19
[10...Ne8= 0.30/19 should be considered.]
11.Bd3± Be8N
[Vorgänger: 11...Bxb5 12.axb5 Nc7 13.Ng5 Nf6 Inhibits Qh5. 14.Bc2 Bd6 1.19/22 *(14...h6!± 0.64/20)* 15.Be5± Nce8 16.Qd3 g6

(Diagram)



17.h5! Bxe5 2.09/22 *(17...Nxh5* 1.71/23 was called for. *18.Nxh7 Bxe5)* 18.dxe5 1-0 Kilic,E (2446)-Bayasgalan,K (1985) Belgrade Trophy 36th 2023 (2) 1-0 Kilic,E (2446)-Bayasgalan,K (1985) Belgrade Trophy 36th 2023 (2)]
12.Ng5 Bxg5 1.08/21
[12...e5± 0.63/19]
13.hxg5± Strongly threatening Bxe4.
[13.Bxg5 f6 14.Be3 Nc7±]
13...f5 1.67/20
[13...f6± 1.25/22]
14.Qc1+- Bxb5 15.axb5
[15.Bxb5 Nc7±]
15...Nc7 16.Qe3 Qd7 17.Qh3 g6 18.f3↑ White is on the roll. **18...e5** 2.04/19
[18...Ne8± 1.34/21 19.b6 *(19.fxe4 fxe4 20.Bxe4 dxe4±)* 19...N4d6 20.Rxa7 *(20.bxa7 b5+-)* 20...Rd8]
19.Bxe5
[19.fxe4 exf4 20.exf5 Rae8+ 21.Kd2 Re3]
[Resist 19.dxe5?! Ne6 20.Qh4 *(20.fxe4? Nxf4 21.Qg3 fxe4-+)* 20...N4c5±]
19...Nxg5 20.Qg3 Nge6 3.53/22

[20...Nce6 1.93/20 might work better. 21.Rh6 Qf7]

21.Rh6 Ne8 22.Kf2 Nf6? 8.09/24

[22...Rf6 3.52/20 23.Bxf6 Nxf6 24.Bxf5 Qf7 25.Bxe6 Qxe6]

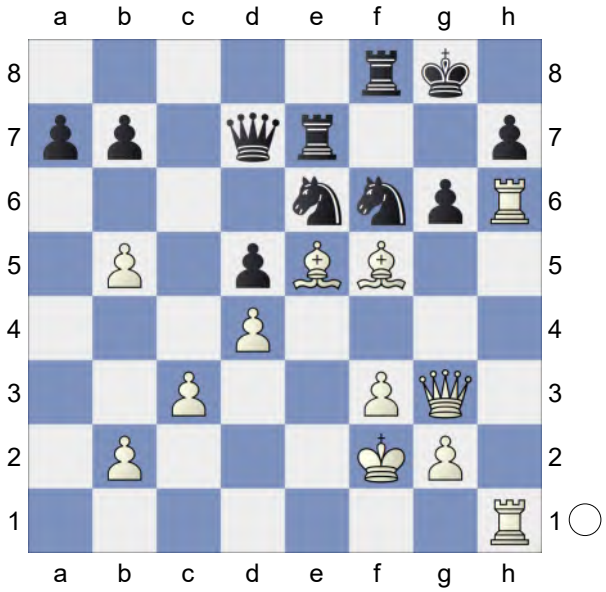
23.Rah1 Threatens to win with Bxf5.

23...Rae8 7.92/24

[⌓23...Ng7 4.60/22 24.Rxh7 Nxh7 25.Qxg6 Nf6 26.Bxf6 Rxf6 27.Qxf6 Re8]

24.Bxf5 This bishop pair is nice.

24...Re7

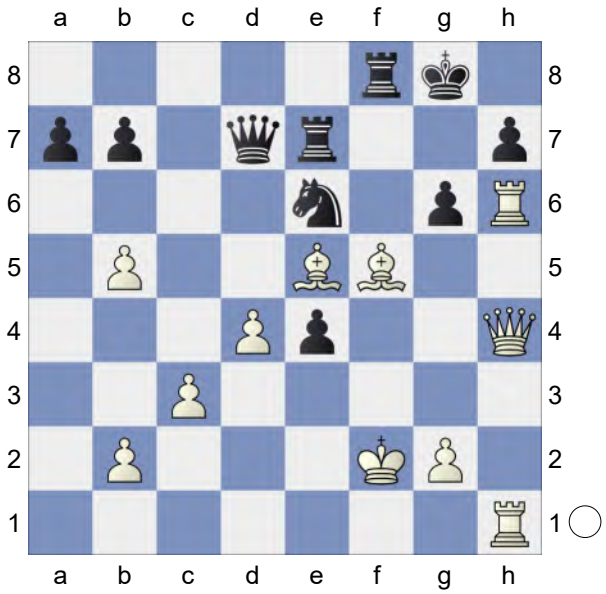


25.Qh4 6.38/25

[⌓25.Bxg6! 15.30/25 Rg7 26.Rxh7 Ne4+ 27.Ke1 Rxh7 28.Rxh7 Qxh7 29.Bxh7+ Kxh7 30.fxe4]

25...Ne4+ 26.fxe4 dxe4

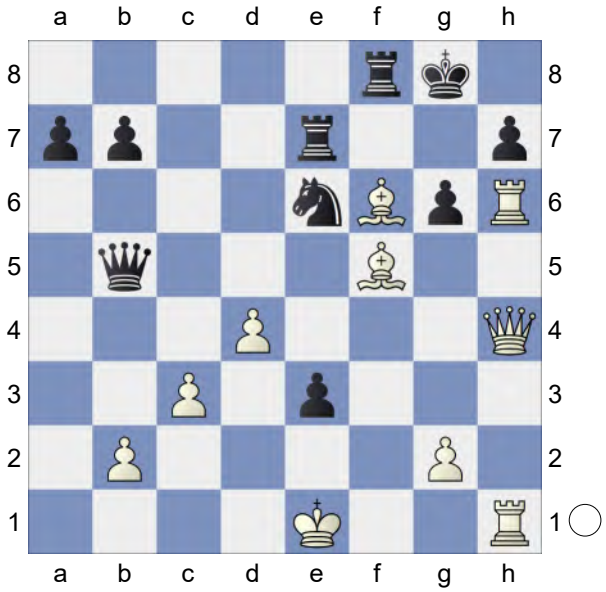
(Diagram)



27.Bf6! e3+

[27...Rxf6 28.Qxf6]

28.Ke1 Rxh7! would kill now. **28...Qxb5**



29.Rxg6+! hxg6

[29...Rg7 30.Bxe6+]

30.Bxg6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.51/Black=0.53

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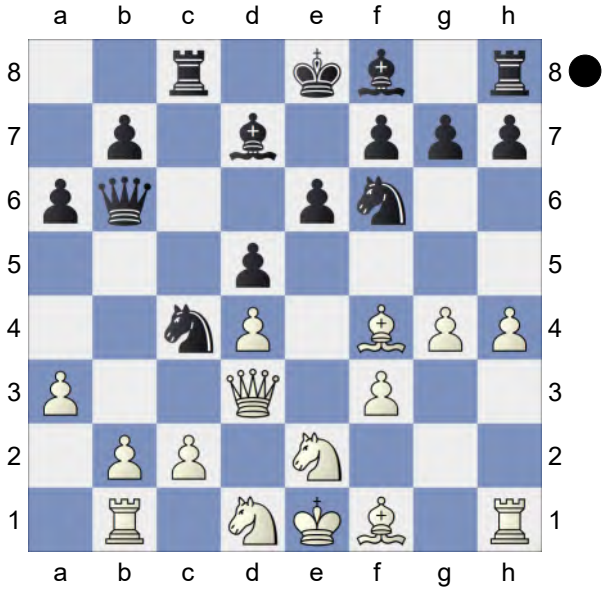
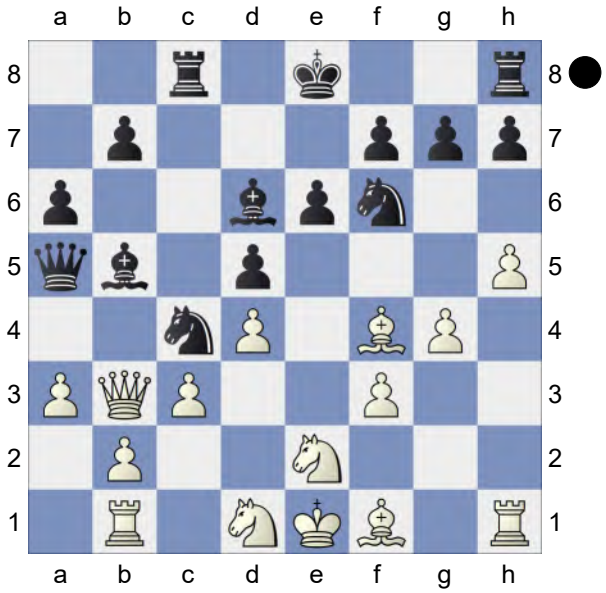
353 **B13**
□ **Smurf42** **2632**
■ **Zhao** **2731**
Blitz 11.01.2024
[Kitty Kat]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 Bg4 6.Nge2** -0.45/19
[6.f3= 0.04/23 Bd7 7.Nb5 Bxb5 8.Bxb5+ Nc6 9.Ne2]
6...Nc6∓ 7.f3 Bd7 8.a3 Black is slightly better. **8...a6 9.Qd2 e6 10.g4 Rc8 11.h4 Na5** -0.33/20
[Black should play 11...Be7!∓ -0.74/18]
12.Rb1 -1.06/18
[12.Ng3!∓ -0.33/20]
12...Nc4∓ 13.Qd3 Qb6 14.Nd1 -2.22/18
[14.a4∓ -1.08/17]

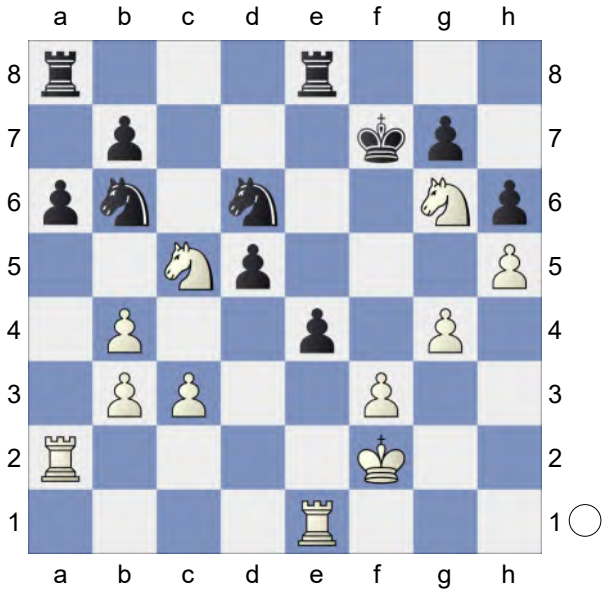


14...Bb5 -1.30/19
[14...Nxa3!-+ -2.22/18 15.Rc1 Bb5!]
15.Qb3 -2.52/19
[15.Ndc3∓ -1.30/19]
15...Qa5+? -0.93/17
[15...Na5-+ -2.52/19 16.Qe3 Rxc2]
16.c3 Bd6 17.h5 -1.96/19
[17.Bxd6∓ -0.91/18 Nxd6 18.Ng3]



17...h6 -0.86/16
[17...Bxf4!-+ -1.96/19 18.Nxf4 0-0]
18.Nf2? -2.38/20
[18.Bxd6∓ -0.86/16 Nxd6 19.Nf4]
18...Rc7? -0.23/21
[18...Ba4-+ -2.38/20 19.Qa2 *(19.Qxb7? Rb8-+)* 19...Bxf4 20.Nxf4 Qc7]
19.Bxd6!= Nxd6 20.Nf4 Bc4 0.22/21
[20...Bxf1! -0.27/22 was preferrable. 21.Rxf1 Rc4]
21.Qb4 Qxb4 22.axb4 Ke7 23.N2d3 Ra8
[23...b6 looks sharper. 24.Kd2 Ra8 25.Ne5 a5]
24.Ne5
[24.Ra1 is interesting. b6 25.Kd2 a5 26.bxa5 bxa5 27.Nc5]
24...Bxf1
[24...a5 seems wilder. 25.bxa5 Rxa5 26.Kd2 Bxf1 27.Rhxf1 Nd7]
25.Rxf1 Rcc8 26.Ra1 Nb5 27.Nfd3 Ne8 28.Nc5 Ned6 29.Ke2 f6 30.Ng6+ Kf7 31.Nf4 Re8 32.Kf2 Nc4 33.Ra2 Nbd6 2.67/23

[33...b6= 0.29/21 and Black is okay.]
34.b3+- Nb6 35.Re1 e5 36.dxe5 fxe5 37.Ng6 e4



38.fxe4 0.85/18
[38.Rae2!+- 1.95/21 is more deadly.]
38...dxe4? 3.34/21
[38...Nxe4+± 0.85/18 39.Nxe4 dxe4]
39.c4 Rad8 40.Rae2 1.68/16
[⌓40.Ke2 3.01/21]
40...Nd7? 3.72/20
[40...Nbc8 1.68/16 keeps fighting. 41.Ke3 *(41.Nxe4 Nxe4+ 42.Rxe4 Rd2+ 43.Ke3 Rxe4+ 44.Kxe4 Kf6±)* 41...Kg8]
41.Nxe4 Nxe4+ 42.Rxe4 Nf6 43.Re7+ White is clearly winning. **43...Kg8 44.Rxe8+ Rxe8 45.Rxe8+ Nxe8** Endgame KN-KN **46.Ke3 Kf7 47.Kf4 Kf6 48.Ne5 Nd6 49.Nd7+ Kf7** 7.92/25
[⌓49...Ke7 5.00/25 50.Nb6 Kf6 51.Nd5+ Ke6]
50.Nc5 Ke7 51.Ke5 Nf7+ 52.Kf5 Nd6+ 53.Kg6 Normal. Never resign too early! Weighted Error Value: White=0.29 (precise) /Black=0.60
1-0

354 **D02**
□ **Chigaev,Maksim** **2632**
■ **Lamaze,Simon** **2357**
Titled Tuesday intern op 06th Dec Early ..
[Kitty Kat]

D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 3 Bf4 **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 g6 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* 1-0 Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 2013*; 5.f4 Qa5 6.Bd2 Qb4 7.Qe2 Qxb2 8.Rb1 Qa3 9.e5 dxe5 10.fxe5 Nfd7 11.e6 fxe6 12.dxe6 Nf6 13.Nb5 Qxa2 14.Nc7+ Kd8 15.Rd1 Nc6 16.Bf4+ Nd4 17.Nxa8 Qxe6 18.Qxe6 Bxe6 19.c3 Bg4* 1-0 Genovese,A (2106)-Burk,E (1200) Germany senior ch-5 final 9901 1999*)*
5...Bg7 6.Bc4 *(6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.a4 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nbd7 11.Re1 a6 12.Bf1 e5 13.a5 Ne8 14.Bd3 Qh4 15.Qg4 Qxg4 16.hxg4 Rc8 17.b3 Nef6 18.g5 Ne8 19.g3 f6 20.Kg2 fxg5* 0-1 7.♗c4 ♕a5 8. ♕d2 e6_6062 (2345)-Jovic,A (2383) Gonfreville op 1979 (3.76)*)*
6...0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 1-0 Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) V0048 www.desc-online.de 2000 (7) gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8 21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1

Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9)]

3.Bf4 Bf5

[3...c5 4.e3 g6 5.Nb5 *(5.Nf3 Bg7 6.Nb5 Na6 7.Be5 0-0 8.Be2 Qa5+ 9.c3 c4 10.Na3 b5 11.0-0 b4)* 5...Na6 6.dxc5 Bg7 7.Be5 0-0 8.Qd4 Nb8 9.Qd1 Na6 *(9...Nc6 10.Bc3 a6 11.Nd4 Ne4)* 10.c4 *(10.Nf3)* 10...Bg4 11.Nf3 Nxc5 12.h3 Bxf3 13.gxf3 Rc8]

4.e3

[4.f3 e6 5.g4 Bg6 6.h4 h6]

4...e6 5.Nf3

[5.f3 Bd6 6.Nge2 Nc6 7.Bxd6 *(7.g4 Bg6 8.h4 h6 9.Qd2 Nb4 10.Rc1 Nc6 11.Kf2 e5)* 7...Qxd6 8.Ng3 Bg6 9.Bb5 0-0]

5...a6

[5...c5 0.79/19 5...Bf8-d6 0.10 6.Bxb8 0.01/22 *(6.Nb5± 0.79/19)* 6...Qxb8= 7.Bb5+]

6.Ne5 Nbd7 7.g4

[7.Bd3]

7...Nxe5

[7...Bg6 8.h4! Nxe5 9.dxe5 d4! 10.exd4 Nd5 11.Be3]

8.gxf5 White is slightly better. **8...Nc6 9.fxe6 fxe6 10.Bg2**

[10.Qd3 Bd6 11.Bg3 Qd7 12.0-0-0 0-0-0 13.Bh3 Kb8 14.Kb1 Rhf8]

10...Bd6 11.Ne2 0-0 12.0-0!? A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante.

12...Ne7N

[12...Qe8]

13.Bg3 Nf5 14.c4 Kh8

[14...Nxg3 0.21/21 14...c7-c6 -0.18 15.hxg3 c6 16.Qb3 Qd7 17.f4 -0.14/18 *(17.cxd5! 0.29/19* is superior. *cxd5 18.Nf4)*]

[14...Bxg3 0.17/21 14...Qd8-e7 -0.23 15.hxg3 next c4xd5 is good for White. Qe7 16.Nf4]

[14...c5 15.dxc5 Bxc5 16.Nf4]

15.c5

[15.Qb3]

15...Bxg3 16.hxg3 c6 17.Nf4 Qe7 18.b4

[18.Nd3 Nd7 19.Re1 e5 1.09/22 *(19...Qf6=* 0.14/19 *)* 20.e4!±

A) 20...Nxd4 21.exd5 Qf6 1.06/20 *(21...Qf7!±* 0.66/21 *)* 22.Rc1;

B) ⌓20...Nxd4 0.89/25 21.exd5 Qf6;

C) 20...dxe4 1.38/21 21.Rxe4± Rad8 22.Qa4 Nf6 23.Rxe5 Qd7 24.d5 Nxd5 25.Bxd5 cxd5 26.Qxd7 Rxd7 27.Nf4]

18...e5 19.dxe5 Qxe5 20.a4 Ne4 21.Qc2 Rf6

[21...Rae8]

22.Bxe4 dxe4 23.Rad1 Raf8 0.94/19

[23...g5! 24.Ne2 *(24.Nh5 Rh6 25.Qe2 Rg8! 26.Rd7 Nh4! 27.gxh4 Rxh5 28.Qd1 Rxh4 29.Qa1)* 24...Raf8]

[23...g5!= -0.01/24 keeps the balance. 24.Ne2 *(24.Nh5 Rh6=)* 24...Raf8]

24.Rd7± g5 2.01/21

[24...Nh6± 0.88/19]

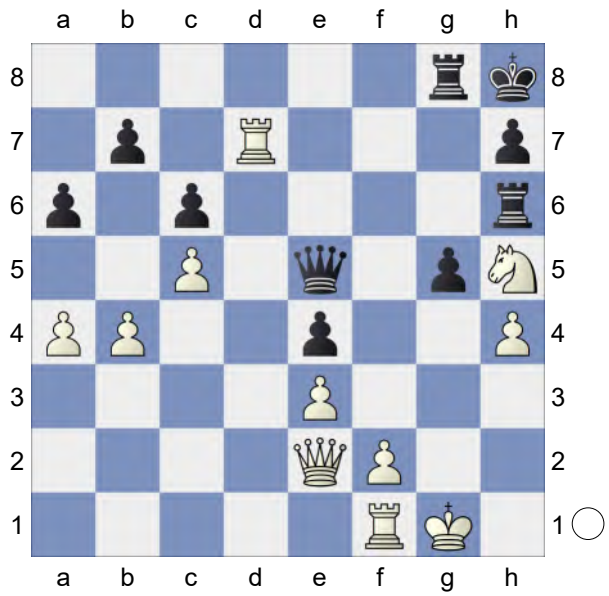
25.Nh5+- Rh6

[25...Nxe3 1.97/24 25...Rf6-h6 1.55 26.Nxf6! Rxf6 27.fxe3 Qxg3+ 28.Qg2 Qxe3+ 29.Rf2 g4 White must now prevent ...g4-g3. 30.Kf1! Qc1+ 31.Ke2 Qc4+ 32.Kd1 White wants to mate with Rd7-d8+. Qb3+ 33.Rc2]

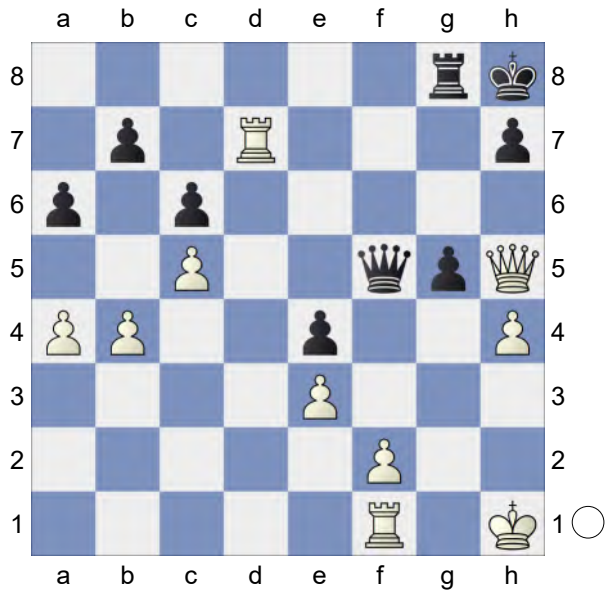
26.Qe2 Ne7 3.13/21

[26...Nh4 27.gxh4 Rg8

(Diagram)

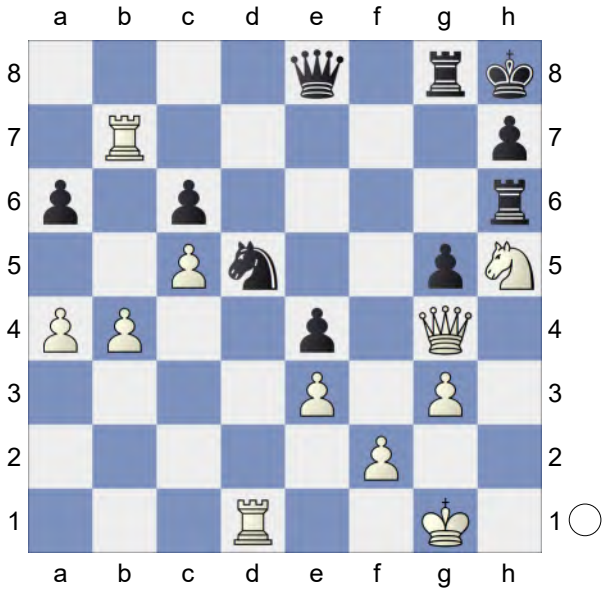


28.Kh1! ½-½ (33) Albrecht,H (2245)-Arnold,J (2325) Germany 1998 Rxh5 29.Qxh5 Qf5

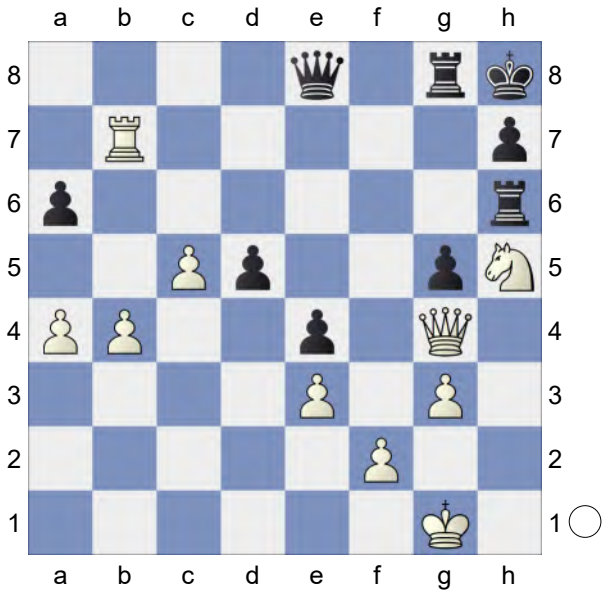


(→ ...Qf5-h3+) 30.Rxh7+ 1.12/5 *(30.hxg5!!+-* 1.69/23 *Qxd7 31.Qh4)* 30...Qxh7± 31.Qxh7+ Kxh7 32.Rd1 0.88/25 *(⌓32.hxg5* 1.52/24 and Rf1-d1 should not be overlooked *Kg6 33.Rd1)* 32...gxh4± 33.Rd4 Rf8 34.Kg1 h3 1.54/24 *(⌓34...Rg8+* 1.06/24 *35.Kh1 Rf8)* 35.Rxe4± h2+ 36.Kxh2 Rxf2+ 37.Kg3 Rf7 38.Kg4]
[⌓26...Nh4 1.86/21 27.gxh4 Rg8]

27.Qg4
[Not 27.Rxb7 Rf3±]
27...Nd5 28.Rxb7 Rg8 4.64/19
[28...Qe8 29.Nf4]
[⌓28...Nf6 3.00/21 29.Nxf6 Rhxf6]
29.Rd1 Vorgänger: **29...Qe8?** 6.99/22
[29...Qb2 3.76/19 30.b5 axb5 31.axb5 Qc3 32.bxc6 Nxe3 33.fxe3 Qxe3+ 34.Kg2 Rxc6]



30.Rxd5! White is clearly winning.
30...cxd5



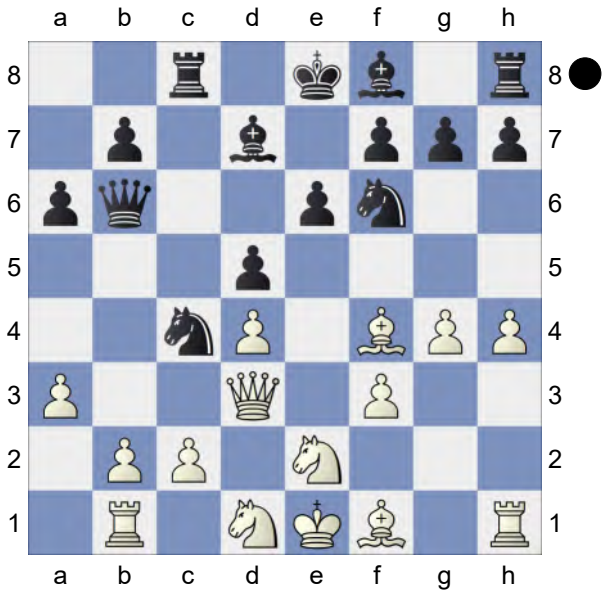
31.Qf5! **g4** Black is weak on the dark

squares
[31...Rgg6 32.Rc7]
32.Nf4 Qc6 33.Rb6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.74
[Stronger than 33.Qxd5 Qxd5 34.Nxd5 Rd8=]
1-0

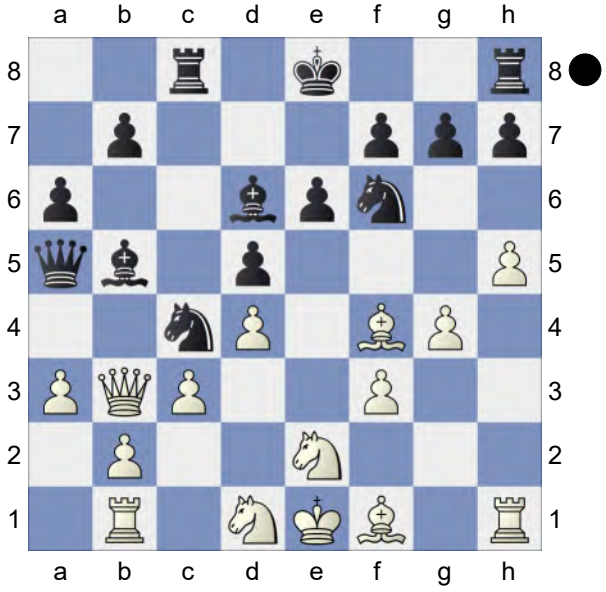
355 **D00**
□ **Smurf42** **2632**
■ **Anhao** **2731**
Blitz 11.01.2024
[Kitty Kat]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 Bg4 6.Nge2** -0.45/19
[6.f3= 0.04/23 Bd7 7.Nb5 Bxb5 8.Bxb5+ Nc6 9.Ne2]
6...Nc6∓ 7.f3 Bd7 8.a3 Black is slightly better. **8...a6 9.Qd2 e6 10.g4 Rc8 11.h4 Na5** -0.33/20
[Black should play 11...Be7!∓ -0.74/18]
12.Rb1 -1.06/18
[12.Ng3!∓ -0.33/20]
12...Nc4∓ 13.Qd3 Qb6 14.Nd1 -2.22/18
[14.a4∓ -1.08/17]

(Diagram)

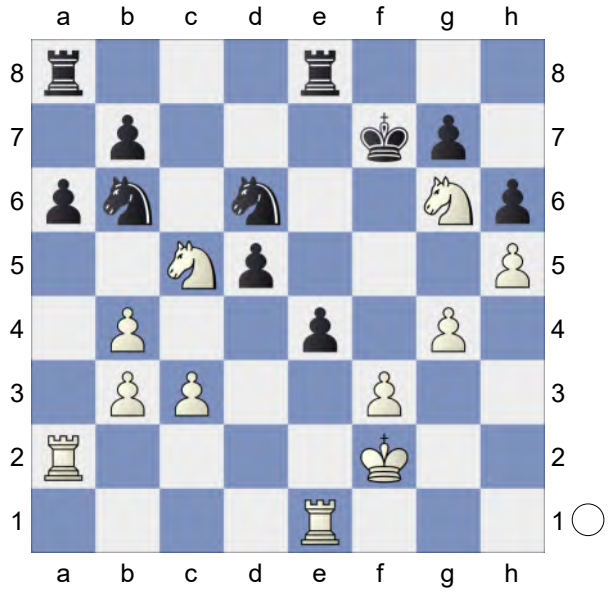


14...Bb5 -1.30/19
[14...Nxa3!-+ -2.22/18 15.Rc1 Bb5!]
15.Qb3 -2.52/19
[15.Ndc3∓ -1.30/19]
15...Qa5+? -0.93/17
[15...Na5-+ -2.52/19 16.Qe3 Rxc2]
16.c3 Bd6 17.h5 -1.96/19
[17.Bxd6∓ -0.91/18 Nxd6 18.Ng3]



17...h6 -0.86/16
[17...Bxf4!-+ -1.96/19 18.Nxf4 0-0]
18.Nf2? -2.38/20
[18.Bxd6∓ -0.86/16 Nxd6 19.Nf4]

18...Rc7? -0.23/21
[18...Ba4-+ -2.38/20 19.Qa2 *(19.Qxb7? Rb8-+)* 19...Bxf4 20.Nxf4 Qc7]
19.Bxd6!= Nxd6 20.Nf4 Bc4 0.22/21
[20...Bxf1! -0.27/22 was preferrable. 21.Rxf1 Rc4]
21.Qb4 Qxb4 22.axb4 Ke7 23.N2d3 Ra8
[23...b6 looks sharper. 24.Kd2 Ra8 25.Ne5 a5]
24.Ne5
[24.Ra1 is interesting. b6 25.Kd2 a5 26.bxa5 bxa5 27.Nc5]
24...Bxf1
[24...a5 seems wilder. 25.bxa5 Rxa5 26.Kd2 Bxf1 27.Rhxf1 Nd7]
25.Rxf1 Rcc8 26.Ra1 Nb5 27.Nfd3 Ne8 28.Nc5 Ned6 29.Ke2 f6 30.Ng6+ Kf7 31.Nf4 Re8 32.Kf2 Nc4 33.Ra2 Nbd6 2.67/23
[33...b6= 0.29/21 and Black is okay.]
34.b3+- Nb6 35.Re1 e5 36.dxe5 fxe5 37.Ng6 e4



38.fxe4 0.85/18
[38.Rae2!+- 1.95/21 is more deadly.]
38...dxe4? 3.34/21
[38...Nxe4+± 0.85/18 39.Nxe4 dxe4]
39.c4 Rad8 40.Rae2 1.68/16
[⌓40.Ke2 3.01/21]
40...Nd7? 3.72/20
[40...Nbc8 1.68/16 keeps fighting. 41.Ke3 *(41.Nxe4 Nxe4+ 42.Rxe4 Rd2+ 43.Ke3 Rxe4+ 44.Kxe4 Kf6±)* 41...Kg8]
41.Nxe4 Nxe4+ 42.Rxe4 Nf6 43.Re7+ White is clearly winning. **43...Kg8 44.Rxe8+ Rxe8 45.Rxe8+ Nxe8** Endgame KN-KN **46.Ke3 Kf7 47.Kf4 Kf6 48.Ne5 Nd6 49.Nd7+ Kf7** 7.92/25
[⌓49...Ke7 5.00/25 50.Nb6 Kf6 51.Nd5+ Ke6]
50.Nc5 Ke7 51.Ke5 Nf7+ 52.Kf5 Nd6+ 53.Kg6 Normal Normal. Never resign too early! Weighted Error Value: White=0.29 (precise) /Black=0.60
1-0

356 **A45**
□ **Hou,Yifan** **2632**
■ **Shuvalova,Polina** **2497**
Women's Speed Chess 2023 (1.3)
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000 ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8*

9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8 ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7) 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]

3.Bf4 a6N

[3...c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 e6 6.Nb5 Na6 7.h4 Bd7 8.c3 Be7 9.a4 0-0 10.Bd3 Bc6 11.Nf3 Ne4 12.Qe2 f5 13.g3 Bf6 14.Ng5 Qd7 15.f3 Nac5 16.Bc2 a6 17.dxc5 axb5 18.fxe4 6) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5-5.exd4 e6 6.Nb5 Na6 #8 The Meanest Jobava London 2023 https://www.chessable.co [MH]]

4.e3 e6 5.g4 Bb4 6.Nge2 0-0 7.g5!? An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante. An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante. An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante.

7...Ne4N 0.18/19

[Vorgänger: 7...Nfd7 0.30/18 7...Nf6-h5 -0.23 7...Nf6-h5 -0.23 8.h4 c5 9.a3 Bxc3+ 10.Nxc3 Nc6 11.Qd2 e5 12.dxe5 d4! 13.Ne4 -1.12/19 *(13.exd4=* -0.01/20 *cxd4 14.Ne4)* 13...Ndxe5 Niemann,H (2645)-Abdrlauf,E (2343) Titled Tuesday intern op 01st Feb-B blitz 2022 (11) 1-0 1-0 Niemann,H (2645)-Abdrlauf,E (2343) Titled Tuesday intern op 01st Feb-B blitz 2022 (11) Niemann,H (2645)-Abdrlauf,E (2343) Titled Tuesday intern op 01st Feb-B blitz 2022 (11) 1-0]

[⌓7...Nh5! -0.21/21]

8.h4 -0.28/20 The position is equal.

[⌓8.Bg2 0.08/19]

8...c5 0.29/21

[⌓8...e5 -0.15/19 deserves consideration. 9.Bxe5 Bg4]

9.a3= Ba5 10.Bg2 -0.59/22

[⌓10.dxc5± 0.71/20 Bxc3+ *(10...Nxc3 11.Nxc3)* 11.Nxc3 Nxc3 12.bxc3]

10...Nxc3∓ 11.Nxc3 cxd4 12.exd4 Nc6 13.Qd3 -0.90/19

[13.b4= -0.16/19 Bc7 14.Bg3]

13...b5 -0.02/17

[13...e5!∓ -0.56/20 14.Bxe5 *(14.dxe5 d4∓* Pin *)* 14...Nxe5 15.dxe5 d4 Pin]

14.h5= Bc7 0.45/21

[14...Ra7!= -0.03/20]

15.Bxc7±

[15.h6!? g6□ *(15...Bxf4? 16.hxg7 f5 17.Qh3+-)* 16.Bxc7 Qxc7 17.Rh4=]

15...Qxc7 16.g6 -0.30/18

[16.Ne2± 0.43/20]

[⌓16.Qd2 0.27/18]

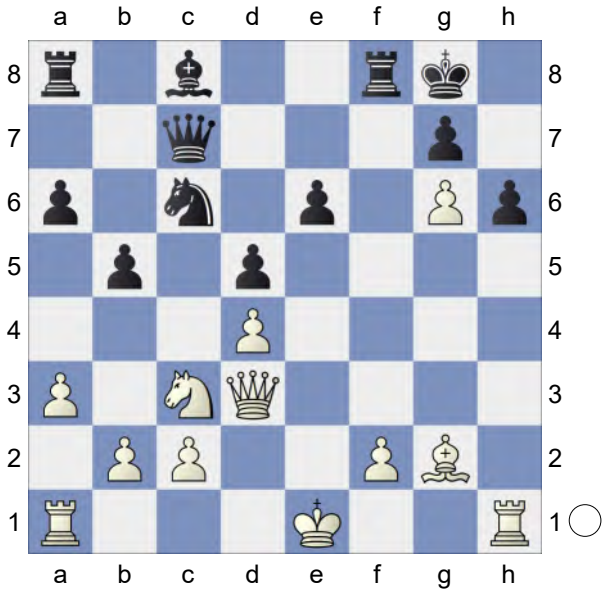
16...fxg6 0.78/22

[⌓16...h6= -0.30/18]

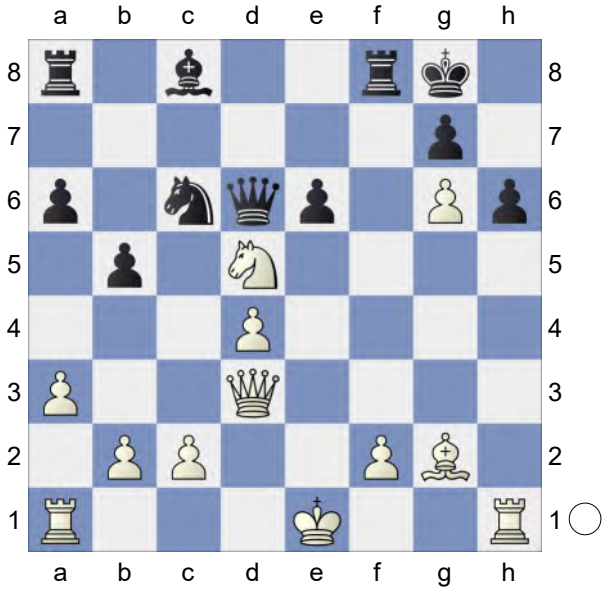
17.hxg6± h6 1.48/21

[17...Qf4!± 0.37/20 18.Qe3 Qg4

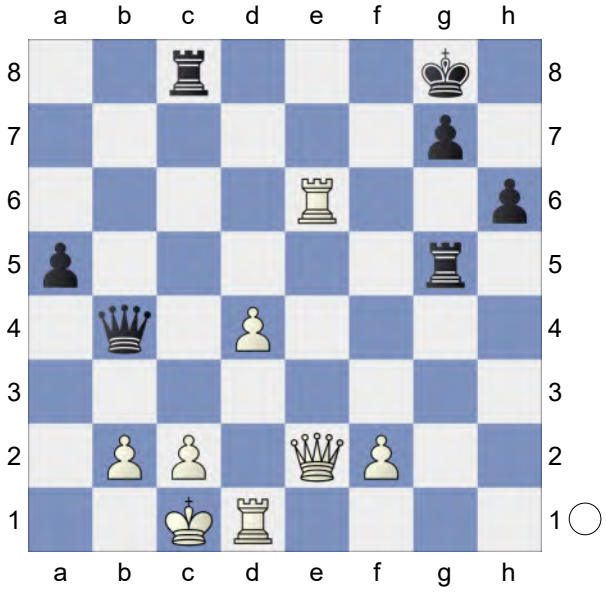
19.gxh7+ Kh8]



18.Nxd5!± Qd6 2.50/21
[18...exd5 19.Bxd5+ Kh8 20.Qe3]
[18...Qd8± 1.40/21 might work better. 19.Nb4 Nxb4 20.axb4 Rb8]



19.Ne7+? 0.01/22 **Qxe7= 20.Bxc6 Bb7⇄** Black is not keeping still **21.Bxb7**
[21.Be4 seems wilder. Bxe4 22.Qxe4 Qg5 23.Ke2]
21...Qxb7 22.0-0-0 Rac8 0.62/21
[Black should try 22...Rxf2= 0.01/21 should be considered. 23.Rhf1 Rg2 *(23...Rxf1 24.Rxf1 Rf8)*]
23.Qe2 0.01/22
[23.Rh5± 0.62/21]
23...Rf6 24.Rhg1↑ White is more active.
24...b4 0.93/22
[24...Qd5= -0.01/22]
25.axb4± Qxb4 26.Rg3
[26.Qxa6 gets mated. Rxc2+!! 27.Kxc2 Rxf2+]
26...a5 1.11/22
[Better is 26...Qb7 0.77/19]
27.Re3 0.64/21
[27.Rf3± 1.01/22 And now Rxf6 would win. Rcf8 *(27...Rxg6? loses. 28.Qe4+-; 27...Qc4 28.Qxc4 Rxc4 29.Rxf6 gxf6 30.b3)* 28.Rxf6 Rxf6 29.Qe4]
27...Rxg6 3.05/20
[Better is Black should try Better is 27...a4± 0.64/21]
28.Rxe6+- Rg5



29.Rxh6!! Qe2-e6+ would kill now. Clearance Intending Qe6+ and mate. Qe2-e6+ would kill now. Clearance
29...Rxc2+ 30.Qxc2 Threatening mate with Qc2-c8+. Threatening mate with Qc8+. The board is on fire. Threatening

mate with Qc2-c8+. **30...gxh6** Endgame. KQR-KQR Endgame KQR-KQR Endgame. KQR-KQR **31.Kb1 a4** 2.75/20

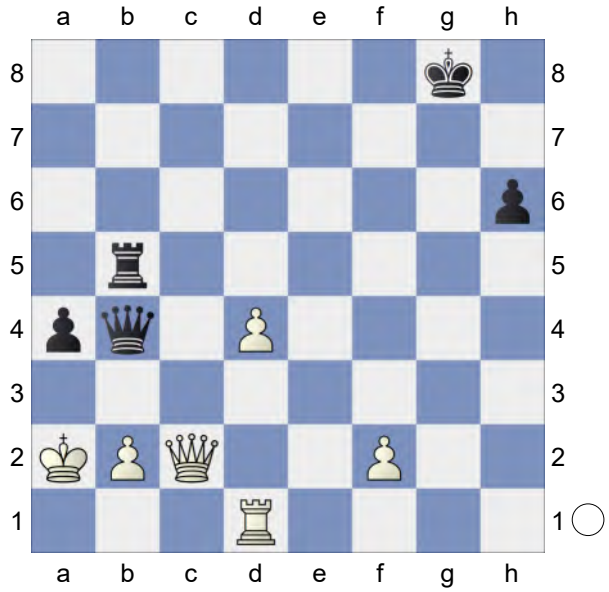
[⌓31...Qf8 1.95/19 32.d5 Qd6]

32.Ka2 1.57/18 Wards off Qb4-b3+

[32.f4+- 2.75/20 Rg7 33.d5 *(33.Qc8+ Qf8+-)*]

32...Rb5? 4.18/21

[32...Qe7 1.98/21 33.d5 *(33.Qxa4 Qf7+ 34.Kb1 Qxf2±)* 33...Qf7]



33.Qg6+! Kf8 34.Qxh6+ Kf7

[34...Ke7]

[34...Ke8]

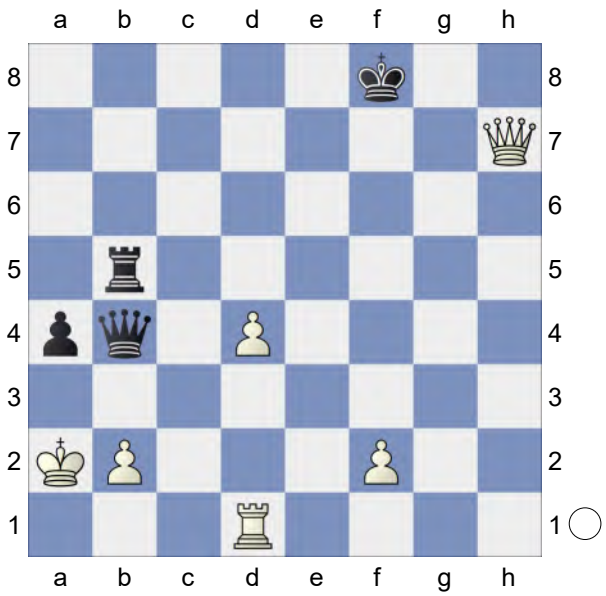
35.Qh7+? 2.42/26

[⌓35.Qc1+- 4.17/24 is more deadly. a3 36.bxa3]

35...Kf8 2.05/21

[35...Ke8± 0.83/26 was necessary. 36.Qc2 Qb3+ 37.Qxb3 Rxb3 38.Re1+ Kf7]

(Diagram)



36.Qh8+? 0.01/26

[36.Qc2!+- 3.06/23 Rd1-d3 is the strong threat. Strongly threatening Rd3. Rd1-d3 is the strong threat. Qb3+ 37.Qxb3 Rxb3 38.Re1]

36...Kf7= 37.Qh7+

[37.Rb1!?]

37...Kf6? 3.40/27 **38.Qc2** aiming for Rd1-d3. Rd3 is the strong threat. aiming for Rd1-d3. **38...Ra5?** 13.02/26

[38...Qb3+ 2.24/21 39.Qxb3 Rxb3]

39.Rd3? 3.41/21

[39.Qc6+ 11.60/22 Kf7 40.Qc7+ Kf6 41.Rd3]

39...Rb5? #8/18

[39...Qb7+- 3.41/21 40.d5 Rxd5 41.Rf3+ Ke5 42.Qxa4 Kd6 43.Qf4+ Kd7 44.Qf7+ Kc8 45.Rc3+ Kb8 46.Qg8+ Ka7 47.Ra3+ Kb6 48.Qe6+ Kc7 49.Rc3+ Kb8 50.Qe8+ Ka7 51.Ra3+ Kb6 52.Rb3+ Ka7 53.Ra3+ Kb6 54.Qg6+ Kc7 55.Rc3+ Kb8 56.Qg3+ Ka7 57.Ra3+ Kb6 58.Qg6+ Kc7 59.Rc3+ Kb8 60.Qg3+ Ka7 61.Ra3+ Kb6 62.Qg6+]

40.Rf3+ Ke7 41.Qc7+ Ke6 42.Re3+ White mates. **42...Kf5 43.Qf7+ Kg4 44.Rg3+ Kh4 45.Qf4+ Kh5 46.Qg4+**

Kh6 47.Qg6# Weighted Error Value: White=0.49/Black=0.81 Weighted Error Value: White=0.61/Black=0.89 Weighted Error Value: White=0.49/Black=0.81
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357 **D00**
□ **Naroditsky,Daniel** **2631**
■ **Kiewra,Keaton F** **2421**
US Online League (2) 02.09.2015
[Richard Palliser]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 The young American Grandmaster is but the latest to be drawn to the still fertile fields of the Prie-Jobava Attack. **3...Bf5**
[Classical development, but so is 3...e6 , as Jobava faced in his most recent outing with his sometime pet line: 4.Nb5 Na6 5.a3!? Be7 6.e3 0-0 7.Nf3 b6 8.c4 Bb7 9.Qc2 c6 10.Nc3 c5 11.Rd1 and White was perhaps a shade better thanks to that knight on a6, Jobava-Swiercz, Abu Dhabi 2015.]
[Meanwhile the Belorussian Grandmaster Vladislav Kovalev has made extensive use of the white set-up this summer, including against Daniel Fridman: 3...a6 4.e3 e6 5.Nf3 c5 6.dxc5!? (new in this position, if a common idea in the Prie-Jobava) Bxc5 7.Bd3 Nc6 8.a3 h6 9.e4 0-0 10.0-0 d4! 11.Ne2 Nh5 12.Bd2 *(12.e5!* followed by Qc1 or *Nxf4 13.Nxf4 Qc7 14.Qe2* would have been more challenging*)* 12...e5 13.Ng3 Bg4 and Black was already very comfortable in V.Kovalev-Fridman, Liepaja (rapid) 2015.]
4.f3 e6 5.g4 Bg6 6.h4 Perhaps this might even be considered the main line of the Prie-Jobava and it's one that White should be fairly happy to see.
6...h6 7.e3 a6
[Prudently covering the b5-square and so avoiding 7...c5!? 8.h5 Bh7 9.Nb5 , which gave White a small edge in Jobava-Mamedyarov, World Rapid Championship, Dubai 2014, as we've seen before.]
8.Bd3
[It's interesting that Naroditsky keeps his h-pawn firmly on h4. We've previously only really explored 8.h5 Bh7 9.Bd3 when Black doesn't even have to exchange on d3.]
8...Bxd3 9.cxd3!?
[Not engine-approved, but a recapture I quite like. Nakamura preferred 9.Qxd3 , but c5 10.Nce2 Nc6 11.c3 Bd6 12.0-0-0 didn't seem too scary in Nakamura-Nepomniachtchi, World Rapid Championship, Dubai 2014.]
9...c5
[Enabling White to undouble his pawns and Black may do better with the previously-played 9...Bd6 . Indeed, ...c5 isn't his only break and here 10.Nge2 Bxf4 11.Nxf4 Qd6 12.Kf2 Nc6 put ...e5 firmly on the agenda and seemed fine for Black in Zavgorodniy-Kanarek, Katowice 2014.]
10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.d4 Bd6 12.Nge2 Nc6 13.Kf2 Naroditsky may even have considered this position before the game. The structure is of an Exchange Slav and White has quite a pleasant game. His king is quite safe on f2, the advanced pawns mean that Black is unlikely to go short and White can even play on the queenside. **13...Rc8 14.Rc1 b5?!**

[Creating a hole on c5. Black would have done better to keep his bishop with 14...Be7 , challenging White to find a plan and meeting the direct 15.Bg3 *(15.a3 Na5!* is another point *)* 15...0-0 16.g5?! with Nh5 17.gxh6 g6 .]

15.Bxd6 Qxd6 16.Nf4! Taking the h5-square away from Black's knight in the event of g4-g5 and also facilitating ideas of Nd3. **16...Ne7 17.g5 Nd7** Two good knight moves from Kiewra, keeping lines closed as much as possible, but even here White's game is the more pleasant. **18.gxh6!? Rxh6 19.Qg1 Kf8 20.Qg5** White simply wants to bludgeon his way through on the g-file. **20...Nf6 21.Rhg1 Ne8 22.h5 Rc4 23.b3 Rc6 24.Nce2!** My engine isn't convinced, but this retreat retains a pleasant edge to my eyes. After all, if the queenside opens up with Black still having a rook on h6... **24...Rf6** A slightly strange move as even on f6 the rook will not find it too easy to get into the game. **25.Rxc6 Nxc6 26.Rc1 Ne7**

[Without the rook on f6, Black might even try ...e5 at some point, but here 26...e5? 27.Rxc6! Qxc6 28.dxe5 Rh6 29.Nd4 Qc7 30.e6 would be rather sub-optimal.]

27.Ng3 Naroditsky continues to calmly improve his pieces. Kiewra's position is still very solid, but such a gradual building up of the pressure can quickly crack even such an edifice. **27...Nf5 28.Rc8?!**

[White can't resist the chance to invade, but he should really have continued his patient approach with 28.Nxf5 Rxf5 29.Qh4 .]

28...Qd7 29.Ra8?! Nxg3

[Time trouble, quite possibly, as here 29...Nfd6! would have been a little awkward, and if 30.Rxa6 Qb7 31.Ra5 Qc7 with a perpetual attack on the rook.]

30.Kxg3 Qc6 31.Rd8 Qc1

[Going active makes a lot of sense. Kiewra may also have wished to avoid 31...Qc7 32.Rxe8+! *(32.Ra8 Qc6* repeats *)* 32...Kxe8 33.Qxg7 , but after Ke7 34.h6 Rxf4! 35.exf4 Qc1 Black seems to be in time to scramble a draw.]

32.Qe5 Qe1+ 33.Kg2 Qd2+?

[Losing on the spot, although the path to the draw was perhaps not so obvious: 33...Rxf4! 34.Qd6+ Kg8 35.Rxe8+ Kh7 36.Qxf4 leaves White a rook ahead, but unable to escape the checks after Qe2+ 37.Kh3 Qf1+ 38.Kh4 Qh1+ 39.Kg4 f5+ 40.Kg5 Qg1+ .]

34.Kh3 Suddenly there are no more checks and so White wins, either thanks to the check on d6 or the game continuation. **34...Qb4 35.Nxd5!** A most deadly fork.

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358 **A45**
□ **Soham0705** **2631**
■ **Niper13** **2619**
Blitz 22.12.2022
[Kitty Kat]

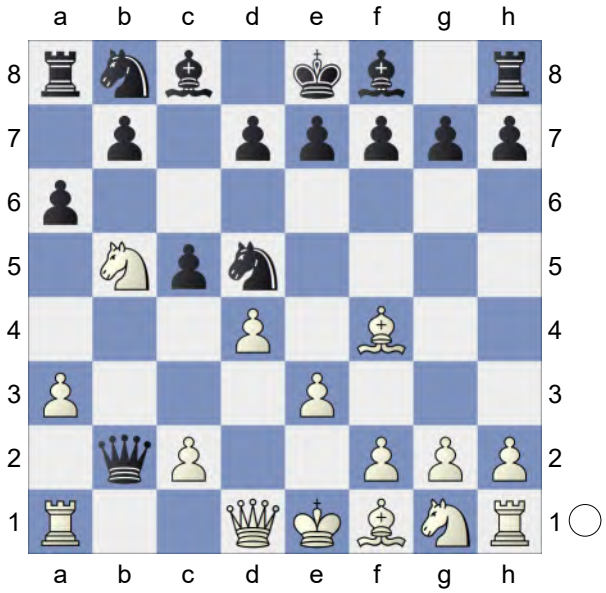
Blitz 3min A45: Trompowsky Attack Éric Prié 2490-Inigo Argandona Rivero 2388, San Sebastian 2011 (7) . **1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 c5 3.e3 Qb6 4.Nc3 Qxb2 5.Nb5 Nd5 6.a3** -0.55/26 Against Qb4+

[6.Rb1= 0.00/21 Qxa2 7.c4 Qa5+ 8.Qd2 Qxd2+ 9.Kxd2 Nxf4 10.Nc7+

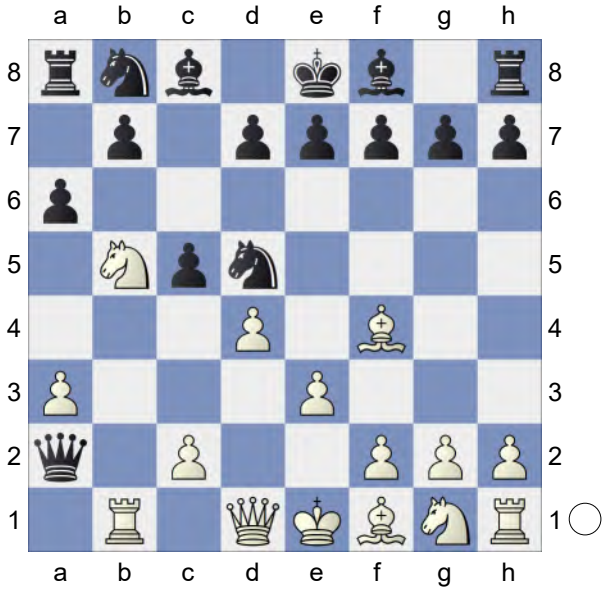
Kd8 11.Nxa8]

6...a6 0.33/20

[6...Nc3!∓ -0.55/26 7.Nc7+ Kd8]



7.Rb1!± Qa2



8.Qc1! White is slightly better. **8...axb5 9.Ra1 Qxa1 10.Qxa1** Strongly threatening Bxb8. **10...Nc6** Hoping for ... cxd4. **11.Bxb5** And now Ne2 would win.

[11.dxc5 b4 12.a4 Nc3 13.Nf3 Rxa4 14.Qc1 f6 15.e4 Nxe4 16.Bc7 e6 17.Bd3 Nxc5 18.Bb5 Ra3 19.0-0 Be7 20.Qf4 g5 21.Qc4 Rc3 22.Qe2 g4 23.Bxc6 bxc6 24.Nh4 Rg8 25.Re1 Ba6 Roth,J (2490)-Rebers,E (2460) Sao Paulo 2011 200 Traps In The Opening [Mikhalevski Viktor] 0-1 (41)]

11...cxd4! ...e5 is the strong threat.

12.Bxc6 dxc6N

[12...bxc6 13.Qxd4 f6 14.c4 Nxf4 15.exf4 e5 *(15...Rxa3 16.Ne2 e5 17.fxe5 Bb4+ 18.Kd1 0-0* Vs The Benoni-Game Priaa Vs Rivero *)* 16.fxe5 Bxa3 17.exf6 0-0 18.Ne2 Bb4+ 19.Kd1 Rxf6 20.c5 Rb8 21.Ng3 d5 22.Qe5 Rf8 23.f3 Rb7 24.Qd6 Rf6 25.Qd8+ Rf8 26.Qd6 Rf6 27.Qd8+ Prie,E (2490)-Argandona Riveiro,I (2388) Donostia ESP 2011 [Eric Prié] ½-½]

13.Ne2 0.16/21

[13.Qxd4± 0.71/21 White wants to play Nf3. Rxa3 14.Nf3]

13...dxe3= 14.Bxe3 Nxe3 15.fxe3 e6 16.a4 -0.04/21

[White should play 16.Kf2± 0.67/24]

16...b5? 2.06/24 Black cannot hold the game after this.

[16...Bb4+= -0.04/21 17.Kf2 0-0]

17.0-0 Rxa4 3.29/22

[⌓17...bxa4 1.81/21 18.Qe5 Bd7]

18.Qe5+- f6? 5.84/21

[18...Be7 3.31/20 19.Qc7 Bd7]

19.Qc7 Bd7 20.Nd4? 2.21/21

[20.Rd1 6.80/19 Kf7 21.Rxd7+ Kg8 22.Qxc6]

20...Bc5? 4.92/19

[20...Ra8 2.21/21 is a better defense. 21.Rd1 *(21.Nxc6 Rc8±)* 21...Rc8]

21.Nxc6 Qd8+ would kill now.

21...Bxe3+ 22.Kh1 Threatening mate with Qd8+. **22...Bxc6 23.Qxc6+ Kf7 24.Qd7+ Kg6 25.Qd3+ f5 26.Qxe3 Re4 27.Qg3+ Kf6 28.Qc3+ Kg6 29.h3 b4 30.Qc7 Ra8 31.Rf3** Threatens to

win with Rg3+. **31...Kf6 32.Rg3 Ra1+** 7.88/5
[⌓32...Rg8 4.92/19 33.Rd3 h6]
33.Kh2 g5 34.Qd8+ White mates. **34...Kf7 35.Rxg5 Ree1 36.Qg8+ Ke7 37.Rg7+ Kd6 38.Qd8+ Ke5 39.Qc7+ Ke4 40.Qc6+ Kf4 41.Qd6+ e5 42.Qd2+ Ke4 43.Qd3+ Kf4 44.Qf3#** Weighted Error Value: White=0.50/ Black=0.64
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359 **D00**
□ **Smurf42** **2631**
■ **Jonatechnique** **2762**
Blitz 13.01.2024
[Kitty Kat]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 1-0 (88)*; 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7* Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig,F (1863) Mainz 1997 EXT 2000 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (57)*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) www.desc-online.de 2000 CBM 166 [Beliavsky, Alexander G] 1-0 (41)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]
3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 Bg4 6.Qd2 -0.29/22
[⌓6.f3 0.03/24 Bd7 7.Nb5 Bxb5 8.Bxb5+ Nc6 9.Ne2]
6...Nc6= 7.h3 Bd7 0.12/19
[7...Bf5∓ -0.46/19]
8.Nf3 The position is equal. **8...e6** 0.35/20
[8...Rc8= 0.03/20 might be stronger.]
9.Ne5 -0.22/21
[White should play 9.a3± 0.35/20]
9...Bb4 10.Bg5 -1.27/24
[10.f3= -0.17/21 keeps the balance.]
10...h6 11.Bxf6 Qxf6
[Much worse is 11...gxf6?! 12.Nxd7 Kxd7 13.a3=]
12.Nxd7 Kxd7 -0.63/21
[12...Qxd4∓ -1.21/25 13.Qxd4 Nxd4]
13.0-0-0 Rac8 14.a3 Ba5 15.Qe3 Bxc3 16.Qxc3 Qxf2 17.Bb5 Strongly threatening Rhf1. **17...Qf4+ 18.Kb1 Qd6** -0.04/17
[18...f6∓ -0.50/19 was preferrable.]
19.Rhf1 -0.87/20
[19.Qf3!= -0.04/17]
19...Rhf8 -0.48/20
[19...f6∓ -0.87/20]
20.Qf3∓ a6 21.Be2 f5 22.Qh5 -1.16/18
[Better is 22.c4∓ -0.55/18]
22...b5 -0.41/20
[22...Qg3∓ -1.16/18 23.Bf3 Ne7]
23.g4 f4 24.Rf3 -1.02/18
[24.g5∓ -0.38/20]
24...Qe7!∓ 25.c3 -1.74/18

[25.Qg6∓ -1.12/20 is a better defense.]

25...Qg5-+ 26.Rdf1 -2.33/21

[⌓26.h4 -1.72/18 Qxh5 27.gxh5]

26...Rf6 27.Bd3? -3.54/23

[27.a4 -1.97/20]

27...g6 -1.42/23

[27...e5-+ -3.54/23 and Black stays clearly on top. 28.Qxg5 hxg5 29.Bf5+ Rxf5! 30.gxf5 e4]

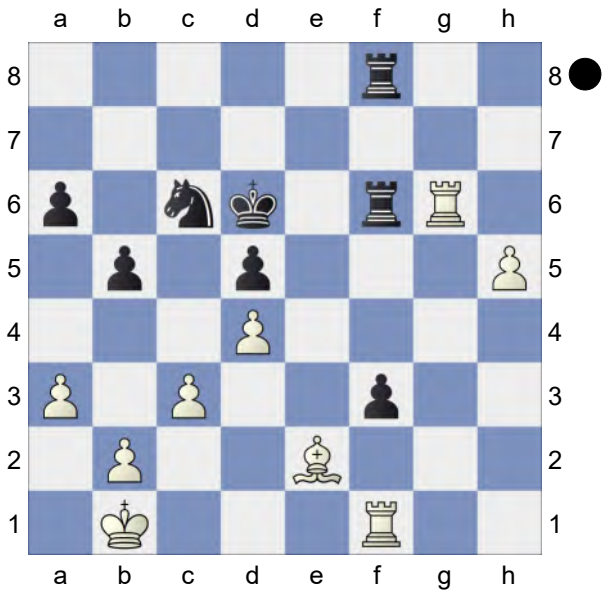
28.h4? -4.20/24

[28.Qxg5∓ -1.42/23 hxg5 29.h4 gxh4 30.g5]

28...gxh5 29.hxg5 hxg5 30.gxh5 e5 31.Bg6 e4 32.Rh3 f3 33.Rg3 Kd6 34.Rxg5 e3 35.Bd3 Rcf8 White must now prevent ...e2. **36.Rg6?** -5.91/22

[36.Kc2 -2.63/22]

36...e2 37.Bxe2



fxe2 38.Rfxf6+ Rxf6 39.Rxf6+ Ke7? -1.85/20

[39...Kd7 -6.72/31 40.Ka2 *(40.Rf7+? Ke6-+)* 40...e1Q 41.Rf7+ Ke6]

40.Rxc6 e1Q+ Endgame KQ-KR

41.Ka2

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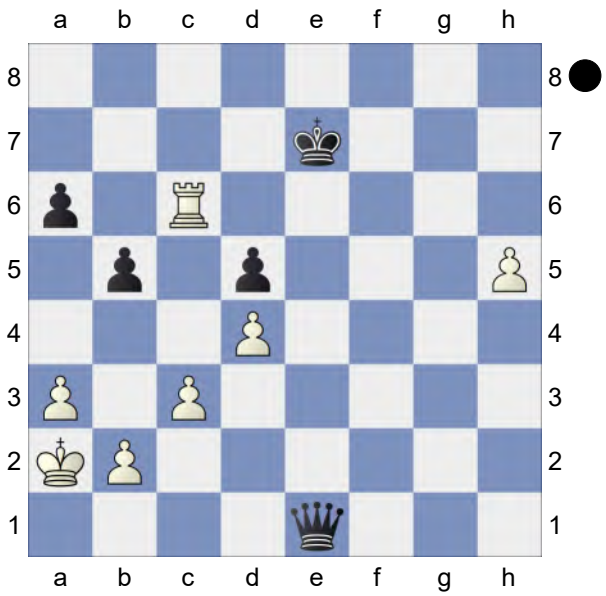

Qh1? -0.18/36

[41...a5!-+ -1.84/27 aiming for ...b4. 42.Rc7+ Kf8 43.Rc8+ Kg7 44.Rc7+ Kh6 45.Rc6+ Kh7 46.Rc7+ Kh6 47.Rc6+ Kg7 48.Rc7+ Kh6]

42.Rxa6 -0.51/31

[42.h6= -0.18/36]

42...Qxh5∓ 43.Rb6 Qe2 44.Rc6 Kd7 45.Rc5 -1.84/28

[45.Rb6∓ -0.46/31]

45...Kd6-+ 46.Kb3 Qd1+ 47.Ka2 Qa4 48.Rc8? -7.16/22

[48.Kb1∓ -1.43/21]

48...b4 49.cxb4 Qd1 50.b5 b6 is the strong threat. **50...Qxd4 51.Rc3 Qa4 52.b6 Qa6 53.Rb3** And now b7 would win. **53...Qb7 54.Kb1** -6.86/19

[⌓54.Rb4 -4.38/20]

54...d4 55.Rb4 Kc5 Hoping for ...d3. **56.Kc2 Qg2+ 57.Kd3?** -9.66/23

[57.Kb3 -3.36/24 Qd5+ 58.Ka4]

57...Qf1+ 58.Kd2 Qf2+ 59.Kd3 Qe3+ 60.Kc2

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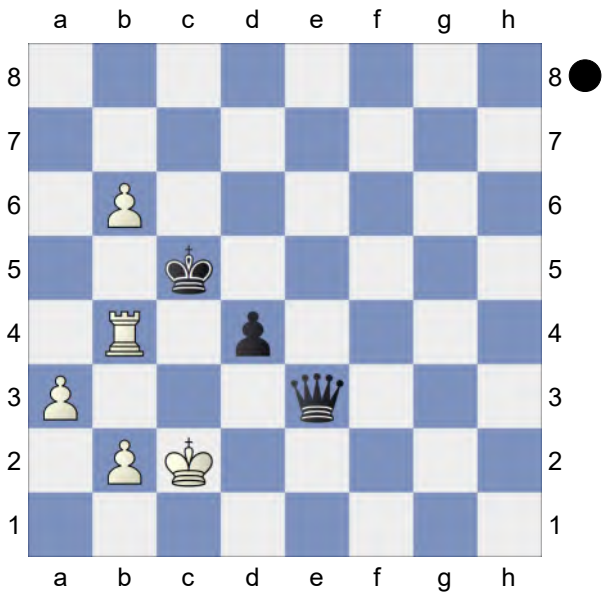

Qd3+?? #7/24 **61.Kxd3 Kd5 62.b7** Normal Normal. What a bad dream for Black. Weighted Error Value: White=0.60/Black=0.42
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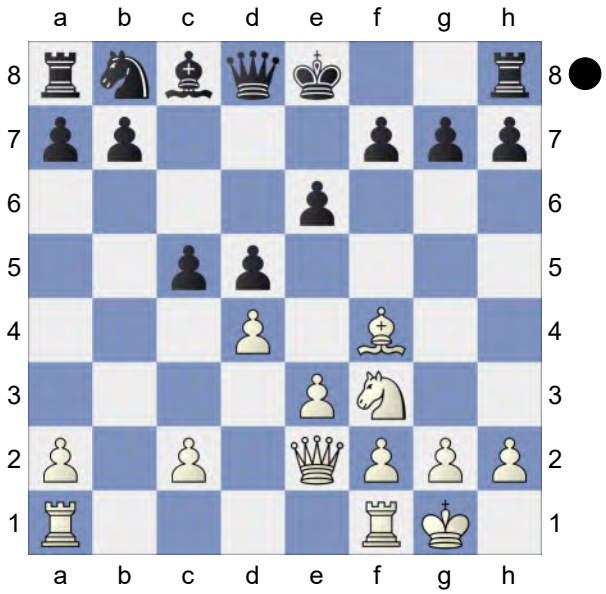
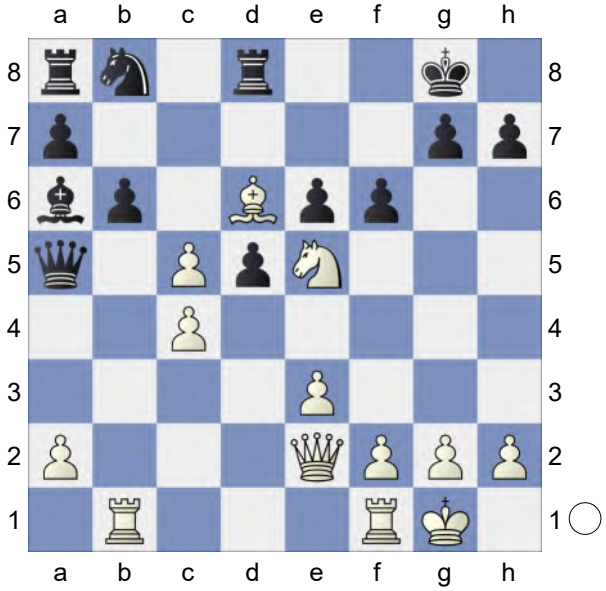
360 **D00**
□ **Badapp Le** **2628**
■ **Magicmaster17** **2846**
Blitz 19.06.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 1-0 (88)*; 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7* Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig, F (1863) Mainz 1997 EXT 2000 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (57)*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) www.desc-online.de 2000 CBM 166 [Beliavsky, Alexander G] 1-0 (41)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]
3.Bf4 e6 4.e3 Bb4 5.Nf3 c5 -0.30/21
[5...Ne4!∓ -0.71/22]
6.Be2 -0.83/19
[6.dxc5= -0.30/21 keeps the balance. Qa5 7.Rb1]
6...Ne4∓ **7.0-0** aiming for Nxe4.
7...Bxc3 **8.bxc3** Black is better.
8...Nxc3 9.Qe1 Nxe2+ 10.Qxe2



0-0 -0.31/19
[10...b6!∓ -0.78/19 Threatens to win with ...Ba6. 11.Rfb1 Ba6]

11.dxc5∓ Qa5 0.63/20
[11...b6!∓ -0.39/17 12.Bxb8 Rxb8]
12.Bd6± Rd8 13.c4↑ White is more active. **13...b6** 1.82/20
[13...dxc4± 0.70/20 14.Qxc4 Qa6]
14.Rab1? 0.19/19
[14.cxd5+- 1.82/20 Hoping for Ng5. exd5 15.Qd3]
14...Ba6 0.64/17
[14...Bb7= 0.19/19 feels stronger.]
15.Ne5! Black must now prevent Qh5. &Bianco is more active. **15...f6?** 3.05/18
[Black should play 15...Nd7± 0.62/21]



This move loses the game for Black.
16.Qg4!+- Bc8 17.Bxb8 Qxc5

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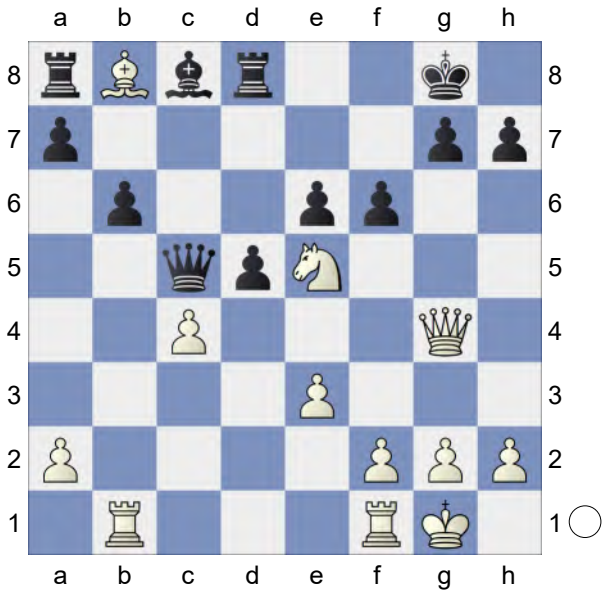
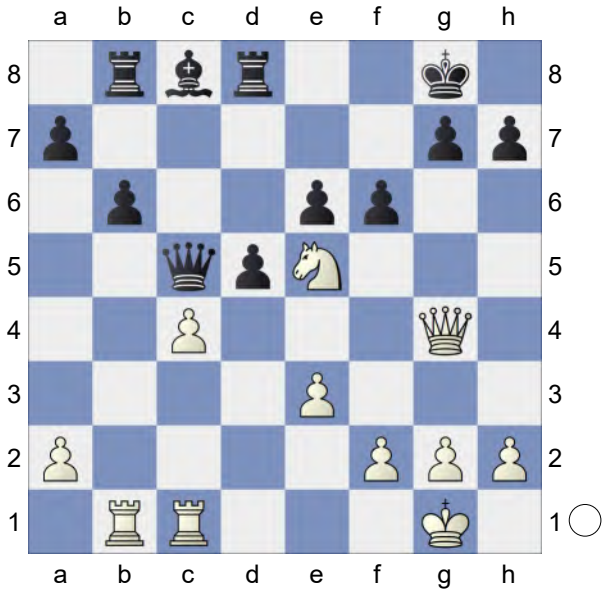
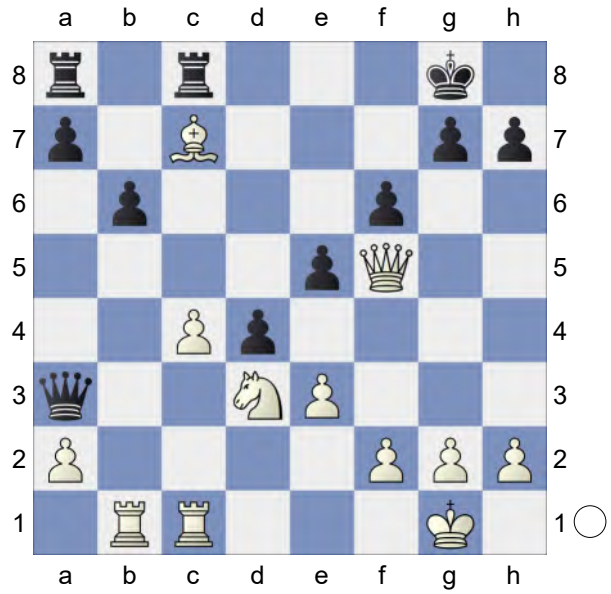


18.Rfc1! d4
[18...Rxb8?



19.cxd5! Qf8 20.Nc6 exd5 21.Qf4]
[18...fxe5 19.Bxe5]
19.Nd3 e5? 4.54/23
[19...Qf5 1.84/18 might work better. 20.Qxf5 exf5]
20.Qe4
[Less strong is 20.Nxc5 Bxg4 21.Bc7 bxc5±]
20...Qa3 21.Bc7 Bf5 5.03/19
[⌓21...Be6 3.52/18 22.exd4 Re8 23.dxe5 Bf7]

22.Qxf5 Rdc8



23.Bxe5! fxe5
[23...dxe3 24.Bd4]
24.Nxe5 Qe6+ would kill now. **24...Qe7** Prevents Qe6+. **25.exd4 Rf8 26.Qe4 Rae8 27.Re1 Qf6 28.f3 Kh8 29.Rbd1 g6 30.d5 Rd8 31.Nc6 Rde8 32.Qd4 Kg7 33.Rxe8 Rxe8 34.d6 Re1+ 35.Kf2** 10.48/18
[⌓35.Rxe1 #7/17 Qxd4+ 36.Nxd4 h5 37.d7 Kh6 38.d8Q Kg7 39.Ne6+ Kh7 40.Qe7+ Kh8 41.Qg7#]
35...Rxd1 36.Qxd1 Qb2+ 37.Kg1 White mates. **37...Qa3 38.d7 Qc5+ 39.Qd4+ Qxd4+ 40.Nxd4** KN-KP **40...Kf6 41.d8Q+ Ke5 42.Qd5+ Kf4 43.Qe4+ Kg5 44.h4+ Kf6 45.Qf4+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=0.57
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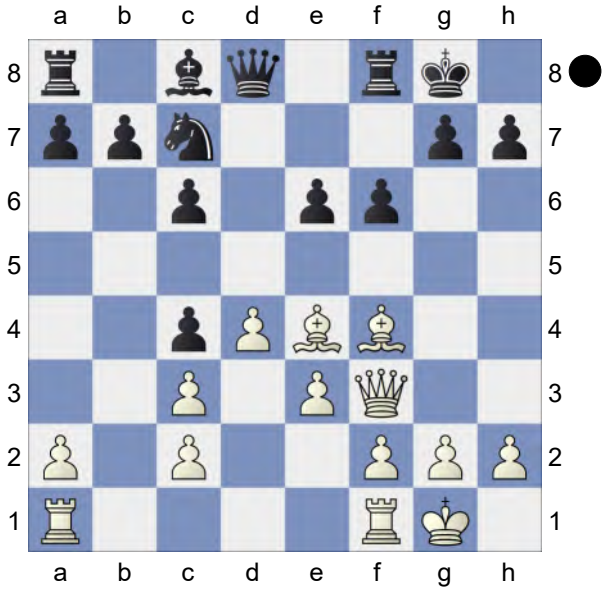
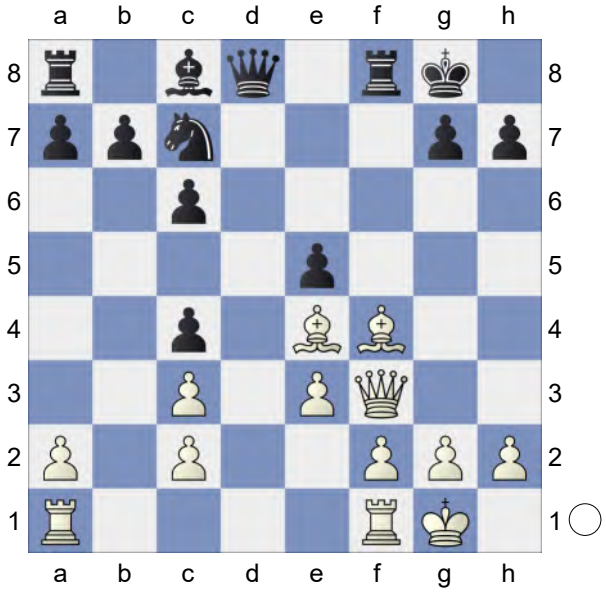
361 **D00**
□ **Normal One** **2628**
■ **TheRigaMagician** **2763**
Blitz 19.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 1-0 (88)*; 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7* Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig, F (1863) Mainz 1997 EXT 2000 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (57)*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) www.desc-online.de 2000 CBM 166 [Beliavsky, Alexander G] 1-0 (41)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]
3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 c6 6.Nc3 Nc7 0.41/23
[6...Be7= 0.04/23 feels stronger.]
7.Nf3 Bd6 8.Ne5 White is slightly better. **8...0-0 9.Qf3 Bb4** aiming for ...

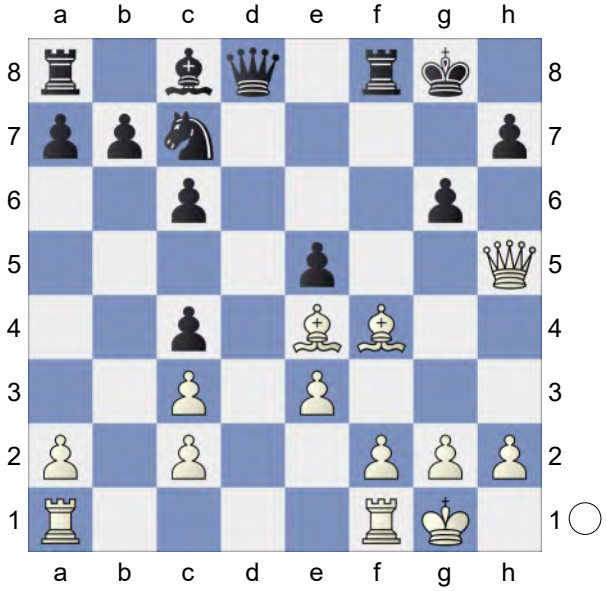
Ne4. **10.Bd3** Prevents Ne4. **10...Ne4**
11.0-0? -1.25/22
[11.Bxe4± 0.44/20 keeps the upper hand. dxe4 12.Qxe4]
11...Bxc3∓ 12.bxc3 f6 13.Nc4 -2.03/21
[13.Ng4∓ -1.40/21]
13...dxc4-+ 14.Bxe4



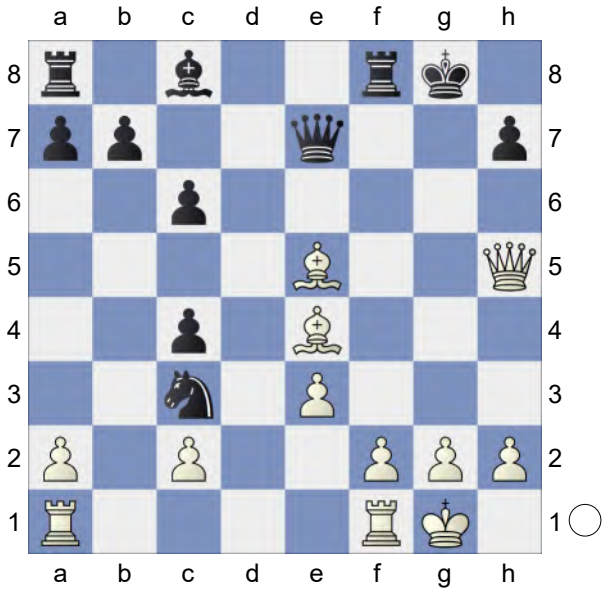
e5! 15.dxe5 fxe5 4.16/20
[15...f5-+ -1.94/19 and all is fine. 16.Bxc6 bxc6 17.Qxc6 Be6]



16.Qh5!+- g6
[16...Rf5 17.Bxf5]

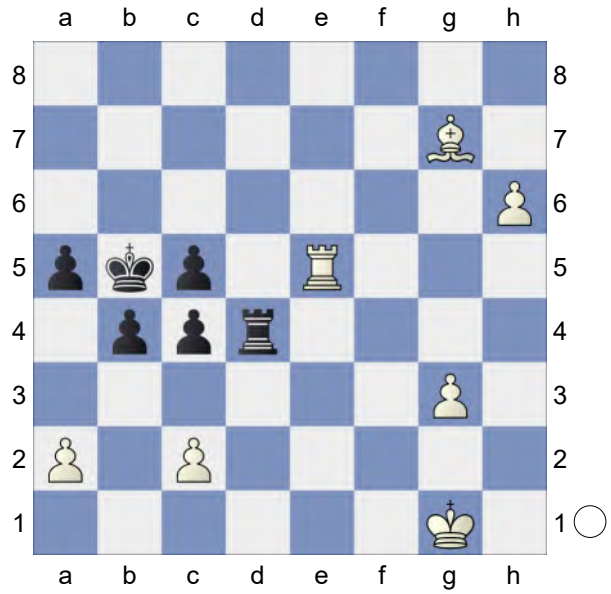


17.Bxg6 Qe7 18.Bxe5 Nd5 19.Be4 Nxc3



20.Bxh7+ Qxh7 21.Qg5+ Kf7
...Ne4 is the strong threat. **22.Bxc3**
The board is on fire. **22...Qg6 23.Qxg6+**
[Not 23.Qe5 Bh3 24.Qg3 Bf5+-]
23...Kxg6 24.e4 Prevents Bf5. **24...b5 25.f4 c5 26.f5+ Kf7 27.e5 b4 28.e6+ Bxe6 29.fxe6+ Kxe6 30.Rae1+ Kd7 31.Rxf8 Rxf8** Endgame KRB-KR **32.Be5 Kc6 33.h4 a5 34.h5 Rf5 35.h6 Rh5 36.Bg7 Kb5 37.Re5 Rh4**

38.g3 Rd4



39.Rxc5+!! Kxc5 40.Bxd4+ Kxd4 KP-KP **41.h7 Kc3 42.h8Q+ Kxc2 43.Qe5** Intending Qf5+ and mate. **43...a4 44.Qb5** 20.63/20

[⌓44.Qe4+ #36/19 Kb2 45.Qe2+ Kc3 46.g4 b3 47.g5 Kd4 48.g6 c3 49.axb3]

44...Kc3 45.Qxa4 Threatening mate with Kf2. **45...b3 46.axb3** White mates. **46...cxb3 47.g4 b2 48.Qd1** Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) / Black=0.35

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362 **A45**

□ **Sadhwani,Raunak** **2627**

■ **Duda,Jan Krzysztof** **2724**

Titled Tue 18th Apr Late blitz (11)

[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**

[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]

3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.g4 h6 0.36/21

[5...Bb4= -0.06/19 was preferrable.]

6.h4± c5 7.Qf3! 7.Bg2 might become the main line. 7.Lg2 könnte zur Hauptfortsetzung werden. 7.Bg2 might become the main line. 7.Lg2 könnte zur Hauptfortsetzung werden. **7...Nc6 8.0-0-0** White is slightly better. **8...b5! 9.dxc5N** -0.58/21

[Vorgänger: 9.g5± 0.61/20 b4 *(9...hxg5 10.hxg5* Discovered Attack *Rxh1 11.Qxh1)* 10.Na4 Ne4 11.Ne2? -1.58/20 *(11.gxh6!±* 0.65/20 stays ahead. *Qa5 12.b3 gxh6 13.Ne2)* 11...cxd4? -0.01/20 *(11...hxg5∓* -1.58/20 *12.Bxg5 Qa5)*

12.Nxd4? -2.04/21 (*12.g6*= -0.01/20) 12...Nxd4 -1.09/22 (Better is *12...Bd7*-+ -2.04/21 ...Nc6xd4 is the strong threat. *13.g6 Nxd4* Discovered Attack *14.gxf7*+ *Kxf7 15.Rxd4 Bxa4*) 13.Rxd4∓ hxg5 -0.55/22 (*13...Bd7*∓ -1.03/22 *14.b3 Bxa4 15.bxa4 Qd7 16.Rxe4 hxg5 17.Bxg5 dxe4 18.Qxe4 Qd5 19.Qxd5 exd5*) 14.hxg5∓ Rxh1 15.Qxh1 0-1 (45) Meessen,R (2162)-Tregubov,P (2548) Mayrhofen 2022 0-1 (45) Meessen,R (2162)-Tregubov,P (2548) Mayrhofen 2022]

9...b4

[9...Qa5 is more complex. 10.g5 b4 11.Nb5 axb5 12.gxf6 Qxa2 13.Bxb5 Bd7]

10.Nce2 Ne4 0.14/22

[10...Qa5∓ -0.45/21 11.Kb1 e5 (*11...Bxc5 12.g5*=)]

11.Ng3 Nxc5

[11...Bxc5? 12.Nxe4 Bf8 13.Kb1+-]

12.e4 -0.80/20

[12.g5= 0.01/20]

12...Bb7? 1.01/19

[12...d4∓ -0.80/20 keeps the pressure on. 13.Bc4 g6]

13.g5? -1.21/20

[13.exd5± 1.01/19 Na5 14.Qe3 (*14.dxe6 Bxf3 15.Rxd8*+ *Kxd8*±)]

13...Qa5!∓ 14.Kb1 dxe4 15.Qg4 -2.52/20

[15.Nxe4? b3 16.axb3 Nb4-+]

[15.Qe3∓ -1.50/21 was worth a try.]

15...Rd8? -0.84/22

[15...hxg5-+ -2.52/20 16.hxg5 Rxh1 17.Nxh1 b3 18.cxb3 Nb4]

16.gxh6 gxh6

[16...Rxd1+ 17.Qxd1 gxh6 18.N1e2∓]

17.Nh5 -1.89/21

[17.Nh3∓ -0.82/20]

17...Rxd1+-+ 18.Qxd1 Qd8 -1.12/20

[18...Nd7-+ -1.66/20 White must now prevent ...b4-b3! 19.Ng3 Rg8]

19.Qc1 e5 -0.45/20

[Black should try 19...b3!∓ -1.40/20 Threatens to win with ...Nc6-b4. 20.axb3 Rg8]

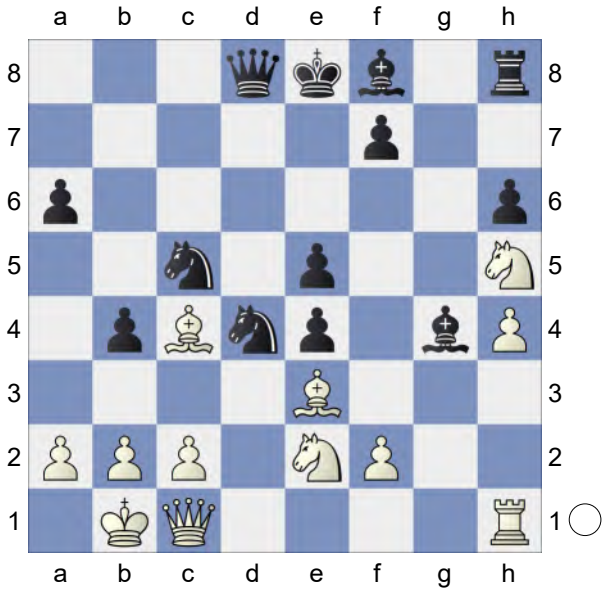
20.Be3∓ Nd4 0.01/20

[20...Rg8!∓ -0.43/19]

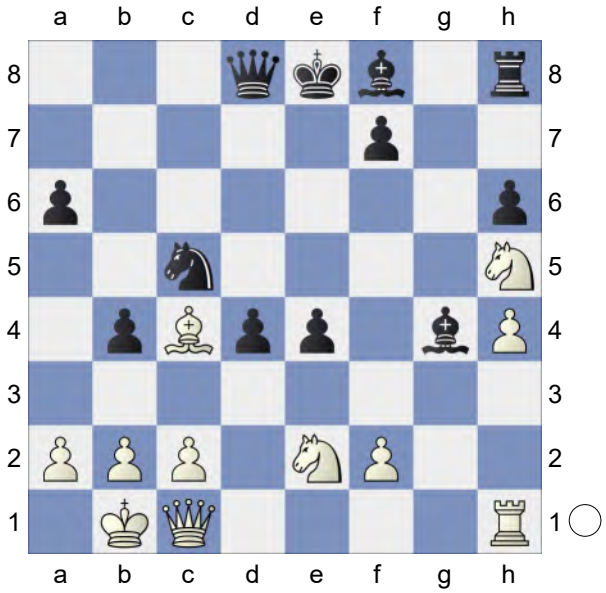
21.Bc4= Bc8 1.03/20

[21...Rg8= -0.01/20 remains equal.]

22.Ne2± Hoping for Rh1-d1. **22...Bg4**



23.Bxd4! exd4



24.Qf4! Double Attack **24...Bxh5 25.Qe5+ Qe7 26.Qxh5** White is much more active. **26...Bg7** 2.17/22
[26...d3± 0.83/21 might work better. 27.Ng3 dxc2+ 28.Kxc2 Kd7]
27.Nf4 0.68/22
[27.Ng3+- 2.17/22 And now Ng3-f5 would win. Bf6 28.Qd5]
27...Qf6 3.70/21
[27...d3± 0.68/22]
28.Qg4? 1.31/21
[28.Qxc5+- 3.70/21 and White stays clearly on top. White threatens Qc5-c8+ and mate. Qxf4 29.Re1 *(29.Bxa6 Qe5+-; 29.Qxb4 Be5+-)*]
28...0-0? 4.63/23
[28...Kd8± 1.31/21 is a better chance. 29.Rg1 *(29.Nh5 Qg6±)* 29...Bf8]
29.Nh5+- Qe5
[29...Qxf2 30.Qxg7#]
30.Rg1 Kh8 31.Qxg7+ Qxg7 32.Rxg7 White is clearly winning. **32...e3 33.fxe3**
[33.Bxf7? exf2 34.Ng3 Kxg7-+]
33...dxe3 34.Rg1
[34.Rxf7? is the wrong capture. Rxf7 35.Kc1 *(35.Bxf7?* too greedy. *e2-+)* 35...Rf2-+]
34...f5 35.Nf4 Nf4-g6+ would now be deadly. **35...Re8 36.Bd3 Nxd3 37.cxd3**
[37.Nxd3 Re4 38.Kc1 Rxh4+-]
37...Rd8 38.Kc2 Rd4 39.Rf1 Kh7 40.Kd1 Weighted Error Value: White=0.47/Black=0.76
1-0

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□ **Sadhwani,Raunak** **2627**
■ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2785**
Airthings Play-In Match (1.2) 03.02.2023
[Kitty Kat]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4** Marcin Sieciechowicz **1...Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]
3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Ne5 Bd7! The main line 7...Bd7

scores better than 7...e6. Die Hauptvariante 7...Ld7 punktet besser als 7...e6. The main line 7...Bd7 scores better than 7...e6. Die Hauptvariante 7...Ld7 punktet besser als 7...e6. **8.g4** Marcin Sieciechowicz: '!?' Marcin Sieciechowicz: 'Sharp play from white! This is actually not bad, especially if we consider that Jobava London is mainly seen in blitz/rapid games. 8.Be2 is the move we saw in the theory section.'

8...e6

[8...h6 (Marcin Sieciechowicz) could be little bit more precise, it's hard to say what young Indian GM would play, so let's have a look at possible line 9.f3 e6 10.Qd2 Rc8 11.0-0-0 Qa5 12.Qe3 Bb4 13.Rd3 Nxe5 14.Bxe5 Ke7! Fascinating line which ends in great idea - King feels the safest in the center! Position is dynamically balanced.]

9.g5 Ng8 10.Nxc6N

[Vorgänger: 10.Qd2 -0.03/21 10.Ne5xc6 0.34 Nxe5 11.Bxe5 Ne7 12.Bd6 -0.61/20 *(12.h4=* 0.25/21 *)* 12...Rc8 0.12/20 *(12...Bc6∓* -0.61/20 *13.Bg3 h6)* 13.Bd3 Nc6 14.Bxf8 Kxf8 15.Ne2 -0.51/21 *(15.0-0-0=* 0.01/20 *)* 15...h6 16.f4 -1.46/21 *(16.g6=* -0.23/21 keeps the balance.*)* 16...hxg5∓ 17.fxg5 -1.73/21 1-0 (61) Seliverstov,V (2462)-Bluebaum,M (2670) Lichess.org INT 2020 1-0 (61) Seliverstov,V (2462)-Bluebaum,M (2670) Lichess.org INT 2020 *(17.0-0-0∓* -1.30/22 *)*]

10...Bxc6 11.h4 Bd6 12.Qd2 Ne7 0.44/21 Marcin Sieciechowicz: 'Played to casually.'

[12...h5= 0.03/21 might be stronger. Marcin Sieciechowicz: 'blocking march of 'h' pawn was essential' 13.0-0-0 Marcin Sieciechowicz Ne7 14.Rh3!? 0-0 15.Rf3 Bxf4 16.Qxf4 b5 with interesting play]

13.Bd3±

[13.h5! (Marcin Sieciechowicz) seems most dangerous h6 14.Bxd6 Qxd6 15.0-0-0 hxg5 16.Qxg5 g6 17.Bd3 white's play is easier although objectively it's still an equal game]

13...Qc7 Marcin Sieciechowicz: '?!' Marcin Sieciechowicz: 'Important loss of time!'

[13...Bxf4 Marcin Sieciechowicz 14.Qxf4 h5 engine screams to play this move 15.gxh6 Rxh6 16.0-0-0 Ng6 17.Bxg6 Rxg6 18.Rdg1 Qf6=]

14.Ne2 0.03/21 Marcin Sieciechowicz: '?!'

[14.Bxd6± 0.45/23 feels stronger. Qxd6 15.0-0-0 0-0-0 Marcin Sieciechowicz 16.h5 was again a good chance for white Kb8 17.Qe3 h6 18.f4 space advantage on kingside guarantees an edge]

14...Bxf4 15.Qxf4 Qxf4 16.Nxf4 Kd7 17.Kd2 Bb5 18.a4 Bxd3 19.Nxd3 Nc6 0.75/20 Marcin Sieciechowicz: '?!' Marcin Sieciechowicz: 'looks natural but knight doesn't belong to this square'

[19...Nf5± 0.33/19 20.c3 Marcin Sieciechowicz a5 21.h5 b6 22.Rhe1 f6 23.Nf4 Rae8 24.gxf6 gxf6 25.Rg1 Kd6 everything is well covered]

20.c3± a5 21.Rh3 0.35/21

[21.h5± 0.91/20]

21...Kd6± 22.Re1 0.30/21 Marcin Sieciechowicz: '?!' Marcin Sieciechowicz: 'too slow'

[22.h5± 0.69/20 h6 Marcin Sieciechowicz 23.f4 b6 24.Rg1 Ne7 *(24...Raf8 25.gxh6*

gxh6 26.Rg7 Ke7? 27.Rhg3 is very bad for black*)* 25.Ne5 Raf8 26.gxh6 gxh6 27.Rg7 and white is doing better]

22...Rae8 23.Rg3 e5 0.74/24 Marcin Sieciechowicz: '!?' Marcin Sieciechowicz: 'black just wants to get rid of annoying pressure, but now he could also play less direct'

[23...Ne7= 0.30/20]

[23...Rhf8 Marcin Sieciechowicz 24.h5 Ne7 25.Rgg1 Nf5 26.Kc2 b6=]

24.Rge3 0.18/23 White is more active.

[24.dxe5+± 0.74/24 Nxe5 25.Rxe5 Rxe5 26.Nxe5 Kxe5 27.Kd3 h6 Marcin Sieciechowicz 28.b3 b6 such tiny advantage for white is not sufficient for a win]

24...f6!= 25.gxf6 -0.01/22

[25.h5± 0.39/22]

25...gxf6 26.Rf3 Rhf8 27.Rf5! exd4 28.Rxe8 dxc3+ 29.bxc3 -0.01/23

[29.Kxc3± 0.71/27 Rxe8 30.Rxf6+ Kc7 31.Nf4]

29...Rxe8 30.Rxf6+ Endgame. KRN-KRN **30...Re6! 31.Rf5 Rh6** Repels Rf5-h5 **32.h5 Ne7 33.Rg5 Rf6 34.f4** -0.30/24

[34.Rg7 0.11/24 is more appropriate. Rh6 35.Nf4]

34...h6 35.Rg1 The position is equal. **35...Rf5 36.Rh1 Ng8 37.Rg1 Ne7 38.Rh1 Ng8 39.Rg1 Ne7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) / Black=0.10 (very precise)

½-½

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□ **Murzin,Volodar** **2627**

■ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2794**

World Blitz 2023 (14.8) 30.12.2023

[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**

[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]

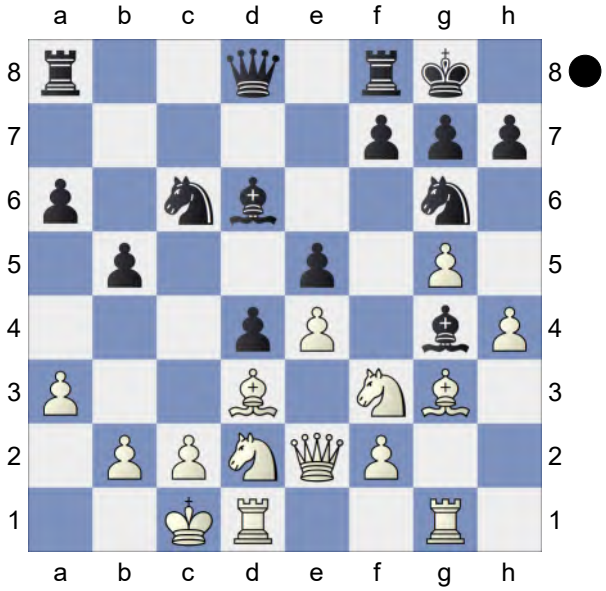
3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.g4 Bd6 0.45/18

[5...Bb4= 0.01/19 is superior.]

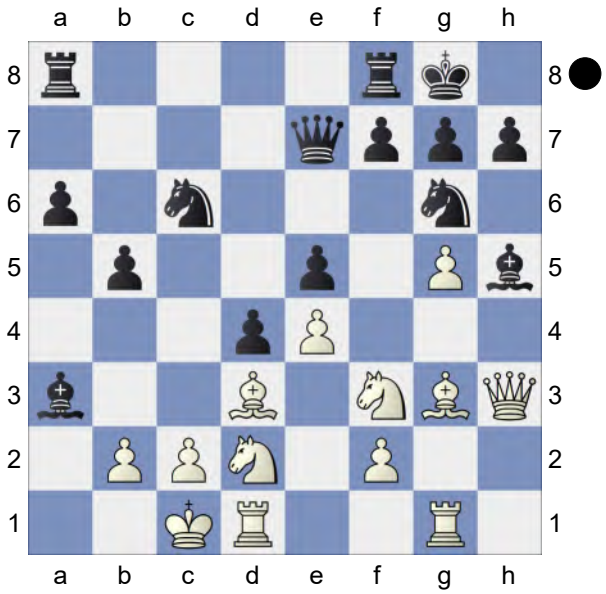
6.Bg3 -0.07/20

[6.g5± 0.45/18 Bxf4 7.exf4]

6...c5 7.g5 Ng8 8.Nf3 White is slightly better. **8...Nc6 9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.Bd3** -0.15/20
[⌓10.h4 0.23/18]
10...Nge7= 11.h4 Bd6 12.Rg1 -0.77/20
[12.Bxd6= -0.19/20 keeps the balance. Qxd6 13.Qd2]
12...e5∓ 13.e4 -1.10/20
[13.h5∓ -0.65/19 is more appropriate.]
13...d4 14.Nb1 Bg4 15.Nbd2 0-0 16.a3 b5 17.Qe2 -1.52/19
[White should try 17.Be2 -1.12/18]
17...Ng6 -1.11/20 Black is more active.
[⌓17...Qc7 -1.52/19 18.h5 g6 *(18...Bxh5? 19.Rh1-+)*]
18.0-0-0? -3.58/19
[18.Qf1∓ -1.11/20 is a better defense.]



This move loses the game for White.
18...Qe7-+ Hoping for ...Bd6xa3! **19.h5 Bxh5 20.Qf1?** -4.51/21
[20.Rh1 -2.58/17 is the only way for White. Bg4 21.Rhg1]
20...Bxa3 aiming for ...Qe7-b4! **21.Qh3** -8.07/23
[⌓21.Re1 -4.27/22 Rfc8 22.Qh3]



21...Qb4! 22.Nb3 Bxf3 23.Rh1 Rfc8 White must now prevent ...Nc6-a5! **24.Qxh7+ Kf8** Threatens to win with ...Nc6-a5! **25.bxa3 Qxa3+ 26.Kd2 Na5 27.Bxe5 Qb4+ 28.Kc1 Nxb3+ 29.Kb1 Nxe5 30.Qh8+ Ke7 31.Qxg7 Nd2+ 32.Ka2 Qa4+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.65/Black=0.14 (very precise)
0-1

365 **D00**
□ **Short,Nigel D** **2626**
■ **Astaneh Lopez,A** **2441**
27th Bunratty Masters (5.1) 23.02.2020
[Richard Palliser]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 The same move order as seen in Williams-Balaji in last month's update. **2...d5 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5**
[This leap was popular in the early days of the Jobava-Prie, went out of fashion to an extent, but now once again seems critical, at least to me. Why? Well, quite simply it avoids 4.e3
A) another recent game which caught my eye saw 4...a6!? 5.Bd3

Bd6 6.Nf3 *(6.Nce2!?* isn't totally ridiculous*)* 6...Bxf4 7.exf4 Qd6 8.Qd2 *(8.Ne5 b6 9.0-0 c5 10.dxc5!? bxc5 11.Na4* followed by c2-c4 might be a better approach *)* 8...b6 9.Ne5 c5 10.0-0 0-0 11.Qe3 c4! 12.Be2 b5 and in T.Wall-J.Rogers, British League (4NCL) 2020, Black enjoyed decent counterplay, partly on account of his hard-to-breach kingside;

B) 4...Bb4 5.Nge2 . Matthew Turner was recently happy to repeat this slightly awkward knight development, but after 0-0 6.a3 Be7 7.Nc1 b6 8.Be2 Ba6 *(8...Bb7 9.0-0 c5 10.Nd3 Nbd7* also looks quite comfortable for Black *)* 9.Bxa6 Nxa6 10.0-0 c5 11.Nd3 Nb8 12.Ne5 Qc8 13.Qf3 Nc6 Black had surely managed to equalise in Turner-Fitzsimons, Bunratty 2020.]

4...Na6

[Black's most popular move in recent practice, but here too 4...Bb4+!? is arguably more critical.]

5.e3

[White has also begun with 5.a3 when we considered c6 6.Nc3 Bd6 7.e3 b6 8.Nf3 in Sheng-So, Internet (rapid) 2017 - see the Archive.]

5...c6

[Black prepares to tidy his kingside without delay. Instead, 5...Bb4+?! is a strange one, but was seen in the pivotal 12th game of the recent Women's World Championship match, where 6.c3 Be7 *(6...Ba5??* now pretty much loses to *7.Qa4 c6 8.Nd6+)* 7.a4 0-0 8.Bd3 c6 9.Na3 c5 10.Nf3 gave White a pleasant edge, Goryachkina-Ju Wenjun, Vladivostok 2020.]

6.Nc3 Nb8 This piece didn't have to retreat just yet and we now have a position which might come about from a 4 e3 c6 move order - Black can surely do better. **7.Nf3**

[Natural development. Instead, as we've seen before, 7.Bd3 c5 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.Nf3 0-0 10.0-0 Nc6 and then 11.e4 dxe4 12.Bxe4!? Qxd1 13.Raxd1 Nxe4 14.Nxe4 Be7 should be OK for Black.]

7...a6

[Even here I have to wonder about 7...Bb4!? , and if 8.Bd3 c5 9.dxc5 Nbd7 , which should equalise despite the loss of a tempo with the c-pawn.]

8.Ne5!?

[A new move and likely a better choice than allowing 8.Bd3 c5 9.0-0?! *(9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.0-0 0-0 11.e4* must once again be critical*)* 9...c4 , as White did in Bortnyk-Riazantsev, Minsk (blitz) 2015.]

8...c5 9.Qf3 Short is quick to exploit one upside of his last move and to adopt an aggressive set-up. **9...Nc6 10.0-0-0 Bd6**

[10...Nxe5!? 11.Bxe5 Nd7 12.Bg3 Be7 is the engines' calm preference, refusing to worry about Black's lag in development, since 13.dxc5 Bxc5 14.e4 d4 15.Ne2 e5 holds up well enough for Black.]

11.h4!

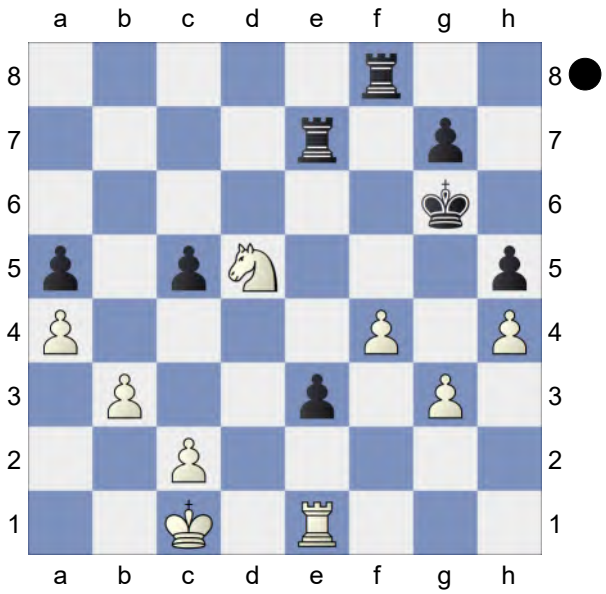
[Sounding the charge so must have been tempting, although it was also positional to switch to purely positional vein and pursue a dark-square clamp with 11.Nxc6!? bxc6 12.Bxd6 Qxd6 13.Qg3! Qxg3 14.hxg3 .]

11...Qc7 12.Bb5?!
[A tempting move to make, but White should really have preferred 12.Nxc6! and I suspect Nigel would have done had the game not begun at 9.15 on a Sunday morning. Here bxc6 *(or 12...Bxf4 13.Qxf4 Qxc6 14.g4* with a very strong initiative*)* 13.dxc5! Bxf4 14.exf4 Qa5 leaves White with a few routes to the upper hand, including even the materialistic 15.Qe3 Nd7 16.Qd4 f6 17.Na4 Rb8 18.b3 .]
12...0-0?
[Now Black quickly gets into trouble, whereas after 12...cxd4 13.Bxc6+ *(13.exd4 axb5! 14.Nxb5 Qb8 15.Nxd6+ Qxd6 16.Nxf7 Qf8 17.Nxh8 Rxa2* is the key point, removing an important pawn as well as trapping the white knight*)* 13...bxc6 14.exd4 c5 Black would have enjoyed promising counterplay.]
[Note that the reason Black must first exchange on d4 is 12...axb5?? 13.Nxb5 Qb8 *(or 13...Qd8)* 14.Nxc6 .]
13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.h5 Suddenly White has the better structure, a grip on e5 and a free hand on the kingside, which all adds up to a clear advantage. **14...Nd7?**
[Panic. Black would still have been suffering after 14...cxd4! 15.exd4 Nd7 16.h6 g6 17.Nd3 Bxf4+ 18.Nxf4 Rb8 , but much better this than the game.]
15.h6!
[15.Nxd7 Bxd7 16.h6 was also very strong.]
15...Bxe5
[15...gxh6? 16.Qg3+ Kh8 17.Rxh6 is crushing,]
[and unfortunately for Black, 15...g6? fails to 16.Nxd7 Qxd7 *(or 16...Bxf4 17.Nf6+)* 17.Bxd6 Qxd6 18.Qf6 .]
16.hxg7 Bxf4 17.gxf8Q+ Nxf8 18.Qxf4 White has won a clear exchange and now Black can't really avoid the exchange of queens. **18...Qxf4 19.exf4 cxd4 20.Na4!** Short is quick to highlight Black's weakened dark squares. **20...Rb8 21.Rxd4 a5 22.b3 Nd7 23.Rd3 Rb4 24.Rg3+ Kh8 25.Rgh3 Nf6 26.Rh4!** A small step, but a powerful one since it tees up the following winning plan. **26...Bd7**
[26...Ba6 27.Nc5 Be2 28.a4 followed by f3 and Kd2 is also crushing.]
27.Nc5 Be8 28.Nd3 Re4 29.g4 Completing the aforementioned plan and heralding the end. **29...Kg8 30.g5 Nd7 31.Rxh7 Kf8 32.Kd2**
1-0

366 **D00**
□ **Punchen** **2625**
■ **Bakayoyo** **2729**
Blitz 14.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 c5 4.e4 cxd4 5.Qxd4 Nc6 6.Bb5 e6 7.exd5 exd5 8.0-0-0! Black must now prevent Qa4. White is slightly better. **8...Be6! 9.Nf3** And now Ne5 would win. **9...Bd6 10.Ng5** -0.16/18
[10.Bxd6!± 0.55/20 Qxd6 11.Qe5 Qxe5 12.Nxe5]
10...0-0= 11.Bxc6 Bxd6 is the strong threat. **11...bxc6**
[11...Bxf4+ is more complex. 12.Qxf4 bxc6 13.Rhe1 Bg4]
12.Nxe6 -0.41/18

[12.Bxd6= 0.02/22 Qxd6 13.Rhe1]
12...fxe6∓ 13.Bxd6 Qxd6 14.Rhe1 Rfe8 15.Qe5 Qxe5 0.00/24
[15...Qb4∓ -0.36/20]
16.Rxe5= Nd7 17.Re2 e5 18.f3 Kf7 19.g3 Re7 20.Red2 Nb6 21.b3 a5 22.a4 h5 23.h4 Kg6 -0.02/23
[23...Re6∓ -0.47/21 is more appropriate.]
24.Re1 -0.37/22
[24.f4= -0.02/23 was preferrable.]
24...Rf8∓ 25.f4 -1.15/22
[25.Rd3!∓ -0.41/20]
25...e4∓ 26.Ne2 -1.80/21
[26.Kb2∓ -1.06/18]
26...c5 27.Nc3 -2.65/21
[⌓27.f5+ -1.67/19 Rxf5 28.Nf4+ Kf7 29.Rdd1]
27...e3-+ 28.Rxd5 Nxd5 29.Nxd5



Re4 30.Rxe3 Rxe3 31.Nxe3∓

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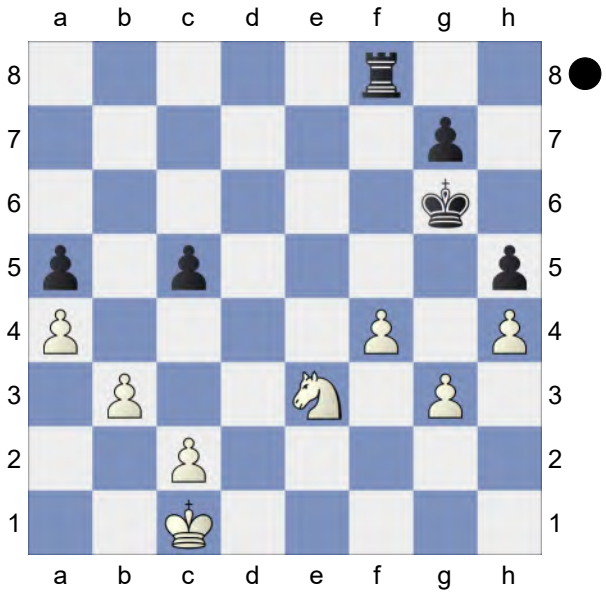

KR-KN **31...Rd8** Hoping for ...Rd4.
32.Kb2 Re8 33.Nc4 Kf5?? 7.86/23
[33...Rg8-+ -3.12/24 34.Nd6 *(34.Nxa5 Kf5∓)* 34...Rd8]
34.Nd6+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) /Black=0.12 (very precise)
1-0

367 **D01**
□ **Jobava,Baadur** **2624**
■ **Maier,Christian** **2249**
European Rapid and Blitz Chess Champi..
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 1-0 (88); *5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6*

exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7 Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig,F (1863) Mainz 1997 EXT 2000 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (57)*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) www.desc-online.de 2000 CBM 166 [Beliavsky, Alexander G] 1-0 (41)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]

3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 Bf5 5.f3 h5 6.Bd3 Bxd3 7.cxd3 e6 8.Qb3 The position is equal. **8...b6 9.Nge2 c5 10.Rc1 Nbd7 11.0-0 Be7 12.dxc5 e5 13.Bg5** And now Bxf6 would win.

[13.Nxd5 Nxc5 14.Rxc5 *(14.Nxf6+ Bxf6 15.Rxc5 bxc5∓)* 14...Bxc5 15.Nxf6+ Qxf6∓]

13...Nxc5 14.Qd1 Ne6 15.Bxf6 Bxf6 16.Qb3 d4 17.Nd5 dxe3 Strongly threatening ...0-0. **18.Nxb6**

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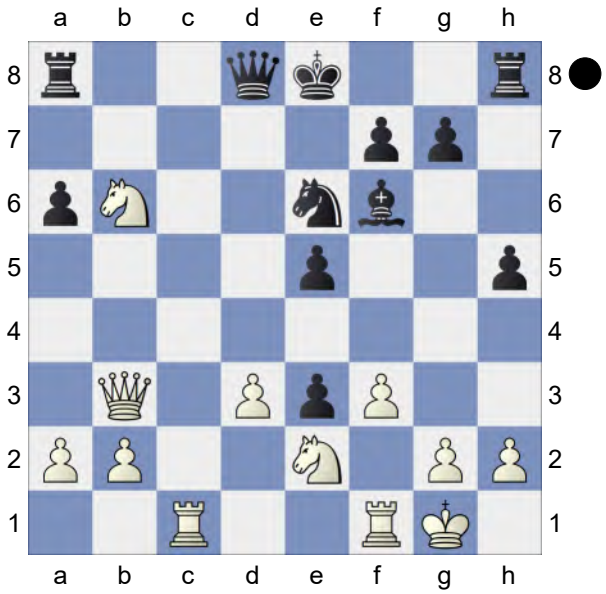

aiming for Qa4+. Pair of Knights! **18...0-0** 0.39/20

[18...Rb8= 0.01/23 19.Qa4+ Ke7 20.Qa3+ Ke8]

19.Nxa8± Qxa8 20.Rc4 Rd8 21.Rfc1 g6 22.Qb6 Kg7 1.16/20

[22...Kh7± 0.48/20]

23.Qxe3± Qd5 1.52/20

[⌓23...Qb8 1.15/20]

24.Nc3 Qa5 1.92/21

[24...Qd7± 1.47/19 might work better. 25.Rd1 Nd4]

25.Ra4 0.74/22

[25.b4+- 1.92/21 is more deadly. Qa3 26.Rb1]

25...Qc5 2.53/19

[25...Bg5± 0.74/22 26.f4 *(26.Rxa5? loses. Bxe3+ 27.Kf1 Bxc1-+)* 26...exf4]

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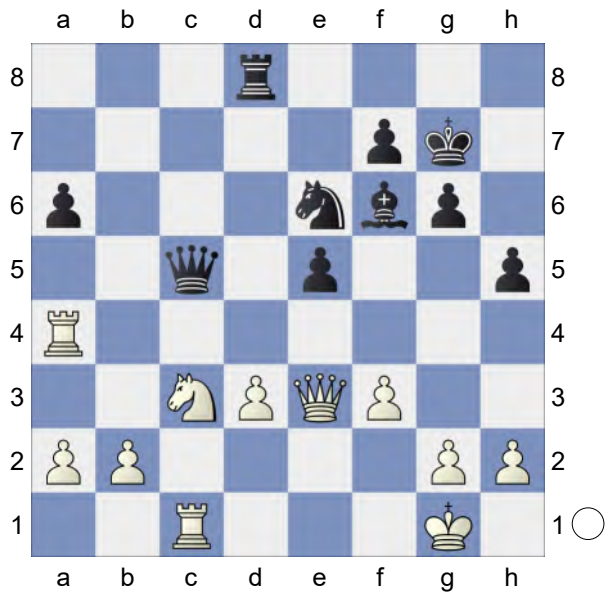


This costs Black the game. **26.Qxc5!+- Nxc5 27.Ra5 Nxd3 28.Rd1 e4 29.Rd5**
[Inferior is 29.Rxa6 Bxc3 30.bxc3 e3=]
[Weaker is 29.fxe4 Bd4+ 30.Kf1 Nxb2=]
29...Rxd5 30.Nxd5 Nxb2 Endgame KRN-KBN **31.Rb1 Bd4+ 32.Kf1 f5** 3.02/23
[32...exf3 1.88/22 keeps fighting. 33.gxf3 g5]
33.Ke2 a5 34.fxe4 fxe4 35.Rc1 a4 4.54/23
[⌓35...Kf7 2.89/21 36.Rc6 Nd3]
36.Rc7+ Kh6 37.Re7 Against Be5. Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.32
1-0

368 **A45**
□ **Henriquez Villagra,Cristobal** **2624**
■ **Real De Azua,E** **2449**
Zonal 2.5 2023 (4.1) 07.03.2023
[Kitty Kat]

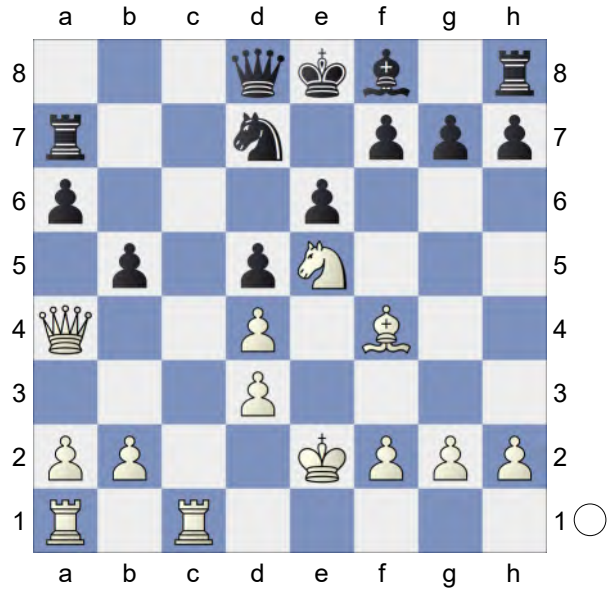
B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]
3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Bd3 Nc6 7.Nce2 Nb4! is now more promising than 7...Bg4. im Vergleich zu 7...Lg4 vielversprechender. is now more promising than 7...Bg4. im Vergleich zu 7...Lg4 vielversprechender. **8.Nf3 Bg4N**
[Predecessor: 8...Nxd3+ 9.cxd3 Qa5+ 10.Bd2 Qb5 0.50/21 *(10...Qb6=* -0.19/20 *)* 11.0-0 0.10/21 *(11.a4± 0.50/21 Qd7 12.Bb4)* 11...Bg4 12.Ne5 Bxe2! 13.Qxe2 e6

14.a4 Qb6 0-1 (51) Caruana,F (2792)-Dobrov,V (2478) Chess.com INT 2022 0-1 (51) Caruana, F (2792)-Dobrov,V (2478) Chess.com INT 2022]

9.Ne5 Nxd3+ 10.cxd3 Bxe2 11.Kxe2 e6 1.06/22

[11...Nh5= 0.03/20 remains equal. 12.Bd2 f6]

12.Qb3± Ra7 13.Qa4+ Nd7 14.Rhc1 Black must now prevent Qa4xd7+. White is much more active. **14...b5**



15.Qc2 Nxe5 16.Bxe5 0.60/23

[Better is 16.dxe5± 1.30/23 And now Qc2-c6+ would win. Be7 17.Qc6+ Rd7 18.Qxa6]

16...Bd6 17.Qc6+

[17.Qc8 simplifies Bxe5 18.dxe5 0-0 19.Qxd8 Rxd8 20.h4]

17...Ke7 18.a4 0.16/22

[18.Kf1± 0.78/22]

18...bxa4= 19.Rxa4 Qb8 20.Kf3

[20.Bxd6+ simplifies Qxd6 21.Qc5 Rb7 22.b4]

20...Rd8 21.b4

[21.Bxg7? Rc7-+ *(21...Qxb2 22.Be5=; 21...Qxb2 22.Be5=)*]

21...Rdd7 22.Bxd6+ -0.46/24

[22.Bxg7? loses. Rac7 *(22...Bxh2? is the wrong capture. 23.g3+-)* 23.Qxa6 Rxc1-+]

[22.Qc5= 0.01/24]

22...Qxd6 0.01/24

[22...Rxd6∓ -0.46/24 is superior. 23.Qc3 Rb6]

23.Qc5

[23.Qxd6+ simplifies Rxd6 24.b5 Rb6 25.Rc5]

23...Kf6

[Reject 23...Rdc7 24.Rxa6 Qxc5 25.Rxc5±]

24.g3 -0.52/21

[24.Qxd6!= 0.01/23 Rxd6 25.b5]

24...Qb8 25.Qc3 Rdc7 26.Qd2 Rxc1 27.Qxc1∓ KQR-KQR **27...Qb5 28.Qf4+** The position is equal. **28...Kg6⇄** Black is not keeping still **29.Qg4+ Kf6 30.Qf4+ Kg6 31.Qg4+ Kf6 32.Qf4+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.13 (very precise)

½-½

369 **D00**

□ **Donkindonat** **2621**

■ **Gbheraklinosk** **2740**

Blitz 27.02.2024

[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**

[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 1-0 (88); *5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6*

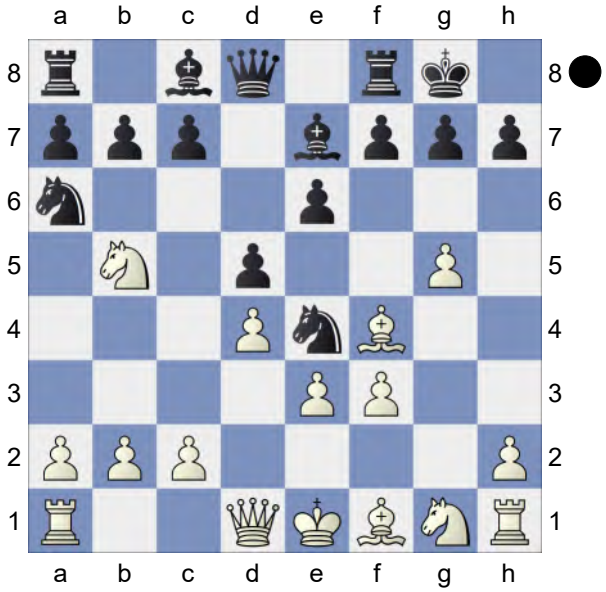
exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7 Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig,F (1863) Mainz 1997 EXT 2000 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (57)*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) www.desc-online.de 2000 CBM 166 [Beliavsky, Alexander G] 1-0 (41)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]

3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 Be7 6.g4 -0.33/19

[6.Be2= 0.00/18]

6...0-0 7.g5 Ne4 8.f3 -0.48/20

[8.h4!= -0.06/17 is superior.]

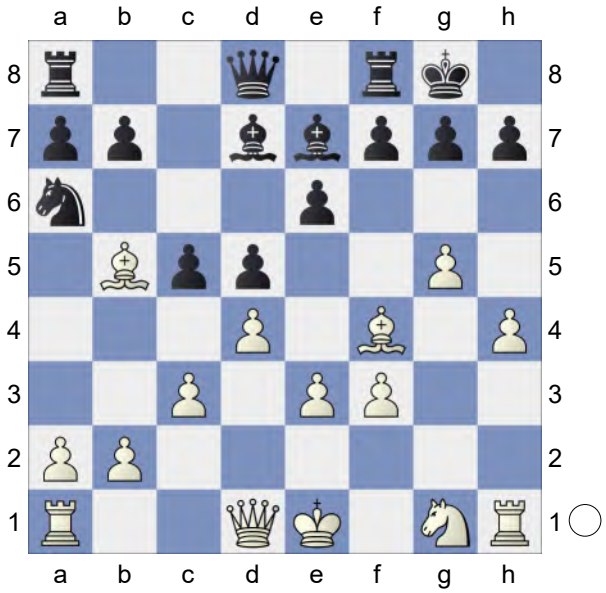


8...Nd6 0.06/19

[8...e5!∓ -0.48/20 9.Bxe5 Nxg5]

9.h4= c5 Hoping for ...Nxb5. **10.c3 Nxb5 11.Bxb5 Bd7** 0.74/18

[11...f6= 0.30/19 is more appropriate.]



12.Bd3!± &Bianco is more active.

12...Qb6 13.Ne2 Bb5

[13...Qxb2? 14.Rb1 Qxa2 15.Rxb7]

14.Bc2 Rac8 15.h5 g6 1.55/17

White leaves nothing to chance now.

[Better is 15...f5!± 0.45/16]

16.Kf2 Black must now prevent hxg6.

16...Bxe2 17.Qxe2 cxd4 2.35/16

[17...Bd6 1.66/16 was necessary.]

18.exd4+- Qxb2 3.79/16

[⌓18...Rc7 2.69/17 19.Bxc7 Nxc7]

19.hxg6 hxg6 18.20/20

[⌓19...Nb4 4.50/17 20.Be5 *(20.cxb4? Rxc2 21.gxh7+ Kh8-+; 20.gxf7+ Rxf7 21.g6 hxg6±)* 20...h5]

20.Be5 f6 21.gxf6 Bxf6 22.Rag1 Bxe5 23.Rxg6+ Kf7 24.Rh7+ Ke8 25.Rxe6+ 6.87/5

[⌓25.Ba4+ 17.02/18 b5 26.Bxb5+ Rc6 27.Bxc6+ Kd8 28.Qxb2 Nb8 29.Qb7 Bg3+ 30.Kxg3 Rxf3+ 31.Kxf3 Nxc6 32.Rh8#]

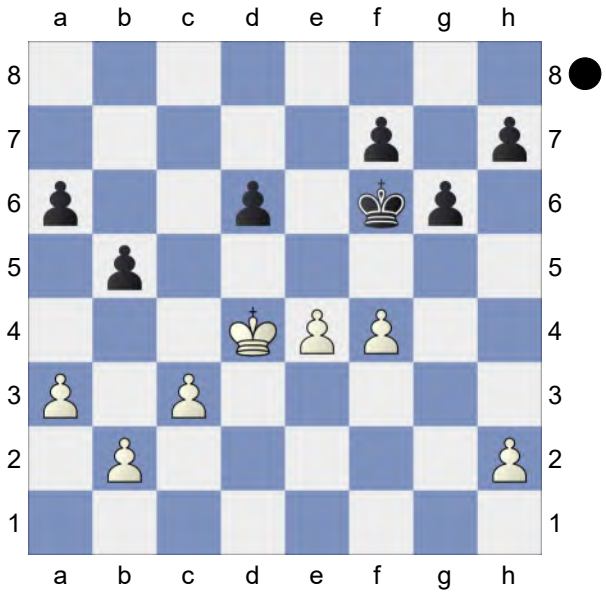
25...Kd8 26.dxe5 White threatens Rd6+

and mate. **26...Rc6 27.Rxc6**
[Less strong is 27.Rd6+ Rxd6 28.exd6 Qb6+ 29.Qe3 Qxd6±]
27...bxc6 28.e6 Threatening mate with e7+. **28...Re8 29.Rd7+ Kc8 30.Qxa6+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.43/ Black=1.00
1-0

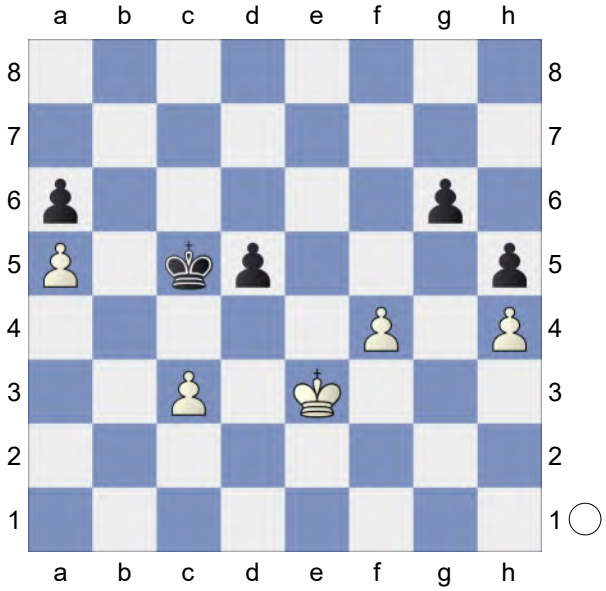
370 **D00**
□ **Jr Poison** **2620**
■ **Fastchess2345** **2735**
Blitz 25.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 c5 4.e4 Nxe4 5.Nxe4 dxe4 6.dxc5 Hoping for Qxd8+. **6...Qa5+ 7.c3** Strongly threatening b4. **7...Qxc5 8.Qa4+ Nc6 9.Qxe4 g6 10.Nf3 Bg7 11.Qe3 Qxe3+ 12.Bxe3 0-0 13.Bc4 Bg4** 0.40/20
[13...Na5= -0.07/20 is more appropriate. 14.Bd5 Bf5]
14.a3 -0.01/19
[14.0-0-0± 0.40/20]
14...Bxf3 15.gxf3 Ne5 16.Be2 Rfd8 17.0-0 Rac8 18.Rad1 a6 0.95/19
[18...Nc6= 0.08/21 remains equal.]
19.Bb6 0.07/20
[White should play 19.f4± 0.95/19 Nc6 20.Bb6]
19...Rxd1= The position is equal.
20.Rxd1 next f4 is good for White.
20...Bh6 21.Kg2 Bf4 22.Be3 Bxe3 23.fxe3 Endgame KRB-KRN **23...Rc7 24.f4 Nc6 25.Bf3 Kf8 26.Bxc6 Rxc6** KR-KR **27.Rd8+ Kg7 28.Rd7 Re6 29.Kf3 b5 30.e4 Rd6 31.Rxd6 exd6** KP-KP **32.Ke3 Kf6 33.Kd4**

(Diagram)



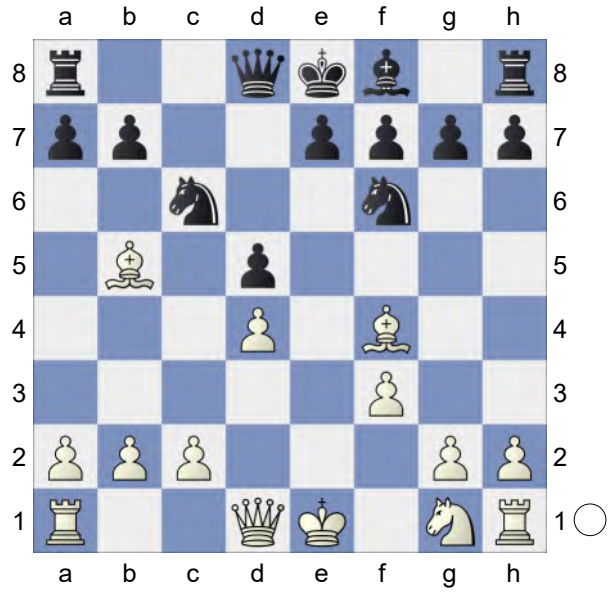
And now c4 would win. **33...Ke6 34.h4 f5 35.b3 fxe4 36.Kxe4 d5+ 37.Kd4 Kd6 38.a4 bxa4 39.bxa4 h6**
[39...a5!?]
40.a5 h5 41.Ke3 Kc5!?



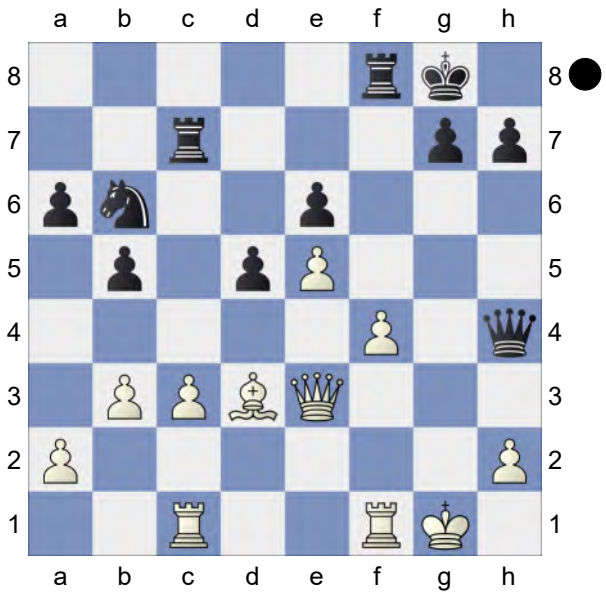
White must now prevent ...Kc4. **42.Kd3 Kc6=** aiming for ...Kc5. **43.Kd4 Kd6 44.Ke3 Kc6 45.Kd4 Kd6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) / Black=0.08 (flawless)
½-½

371 **B13**
□ **Esipenko,Andrey** **2620**
■ **Petrosyan,Manuel** **2560**
Wch Blitz Almaty (10) 29.12.2022
[Kitty Kat]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 Bg4 6.f3 Bd7 7.Nb5 Bxb5 8.Bxb5+ Nc6**



9.c3 e6 10.Be3N
[10.Ne2 Bd6 11.0-0 *(11.Qd2 0-0 12.Bxd6 Qxd6 13.h4 a6 14.Bd3 Rfe8 15.0-0-0 b5 16.h5 b4 17.h6 g6 18.Kb1 bxc3 19.Qxc3 Reb8 20.Bc2 Rb4 21.a3 Rb7 22.Nc1 Na7 23.Ba4 Rc8 24.Qe3 Rc4 25.Bb3 Rc8* 1-0 Torombot (3001)-Arasanx (2959) Rapid 2024*)* 11...0-0 12.Qd2 Rc8 13.Rae1 Qc7 14.Bxd6 Qxd6 15.Nf4 Rfd8 16.Nd3 Ne7 17.Ne5 Ng6 18.Ng4 Nxg4 19.fxg4 e5 20.Qf2 f6 21.g5 fxg5 22.dxe5 Nxe5 23.Qd4 Nc6 24.Bxc6 bxc6 1-0 Nofeeling (2737)-Blindbutiplay (2752) Blitz 2024]
10...Bd6 11.f4 Qc7 12.g3 0-0 13.Nf3 Na5 14.Bd3 Nc4 15.Bc1 b5 16.0-0 Ne4 17.Qe2 f5 18.b3 Nb6 19.Bd2 a6 20.Rac1 Rac8 21.Ne5 Qe7 22.g4 Nxd2 23.Qxd2 fxg4 24.Nxg4 Qh4 25.Ne5 Rc7 26.Qe3 Bxe5 27.dxe5



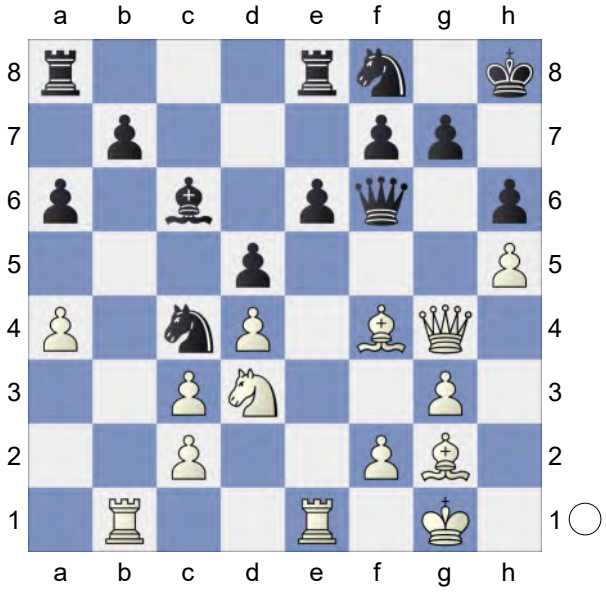
d4!↑ Black has some pressure. **28.Qxd4 Rd7 29.Qxb6 Qg4+**
[Much weaker is 29...Rxd3?! 30.Qxe6+ Kh8 31.Rc2±]
30.Kh1 Rxd3 31.Qf2 Repels Rd3-d2 **31...Rfd8** Black has compensation. **32.Qg2 Qf5 33.Rc2 Rd1** aiming for ... Rd1xf1+. **34.Rcf2 h5** Black is more active. **35.Kg1 h4**
[35...Kh7 simplifies 36.Rxd1 Rxd1+ 37.Rf1 Rd7]
36.Qg5 Qh3 -0.03/23
[36...Rxf1+∓ -0.39/23 37.Rxf1 Qxg5+ 38.fxg5 Kh7]
37.Qg6!= Rxf1+ 38.Rxf1 The position is equal. **38...Rd2** Really sharp!
[38...Qxc3 39.Qxe6+ Kf8 40.Qb6∓ *(40.Qxa6?* too greedy. *Qe3+ 41.Kh1 Qe4+ 42.Kg1 h3-+)*]
39.Qe8+ Kh7 40.Qh5+ Kg8 41.Qe8+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.07 (flawless) Loss

on time!?
0-1

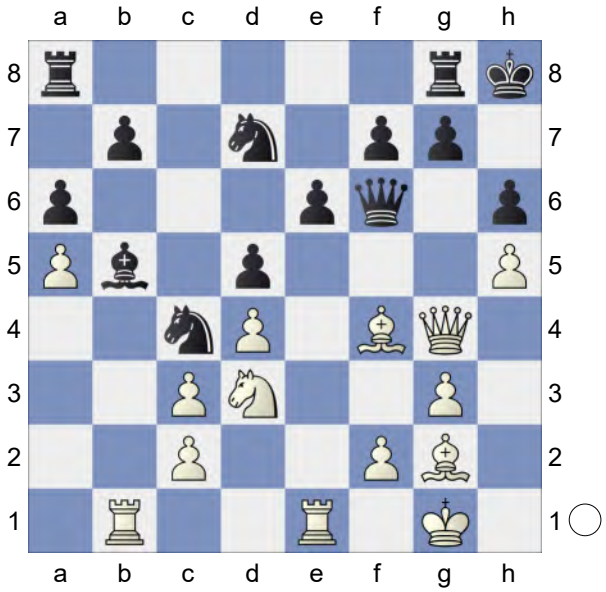
372 **D00**
□ **Naroditsky,Daniel** **2619**
■ **Praggnanandhaa,Rameshbabu**
Bullet Chess Winners 2024 (1.15)
[Kitty Kat]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 1-0 (88)*; 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7* Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig,F (1863) Mainz 1997 EXT 2000 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (57)*; 5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000 *)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) www.desc-online.de 2000 CBM 166 [Beliavsky,Alexander G] 1-0 (41) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]
3.Bf4 c5 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.e3 cxd4 6.exd4 a6 Prevents Nb5. Prevents Nc3-b5 **7.Ne5 e6 8.g3!?** A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante. **8...Bb4N** The position is equal.
[Vorgänger: 8...Bd6 9.Bg2 0-0 10.0-0 Qc7 11.Re1 b5 12.a4 b4 13.Na2 Bb7 14.Qd2 -0.79/23 *(14.Nxc6=* 0.00/18 *Qxc6 15.Bxd6 Qxd6 16.a5)* 14...a5 1-0 Firouzja,A (2777)-Lazavik,D (2553) Bullet Chess Winners blitz 2023 (1.3)]
9.Bg2 Bxc3+ 10.bxc3 0-0 11.0-0! Bd7 0.68/19
[11...Ne7= 0.25/22 is more appropriate.]
[11...Na5= 0.14/21]
12.Rb1 -0.07/23
[12.Bg5± 0.68/19]
12...Qc8 0.80/18
[12...Nxe5= -0.07/23 remains equal. 13.dxe5 Ne4 *(13...Ne8)* 14.Bxe4 dxe4 15.Rxb7=]
13.Nd3 -0.31/23 &Bianco is more active. White is much more active.
[13.c4!± 0.80/18]

13...Na5∓ 14.Nc5 Wards off Nf6-e4
14...Bb5 15.Re1 Nc4 16.Bg5 -0.72/20
[16.Bf1= -0.27/19 was preferrable.]
[16.g4= -0.28/20 should be considered.]
16...Nd7!∓ Pair of Knights! Excellent horsemanship. **17.Nd3 Re8 18.Qg4 Nf8** -0.38/22
[18...Nd6∓ -0.75/18 19.Bh6 Nf5]
19.h4∓ Kh8 -0.08/19
[19...Na3!∓ -0.61/18 20.Rb2 Nxc2! 21.Rxc2 Bxd3]
20.h5 -0.49/21
[20.Bc1= -0.08/19 feels stronger.]
20...h6!∓ 21.Bf4 Qd7 -0.12/21
[21...Qc6∓ -0.53/18]
22.a4 -0.46/20
[22.Rb4= -0.12/21]
22...Bc6!∓ -0.48/21 **23.Nc5 Qe7 24.Nd3 Qf6** 0.46/20

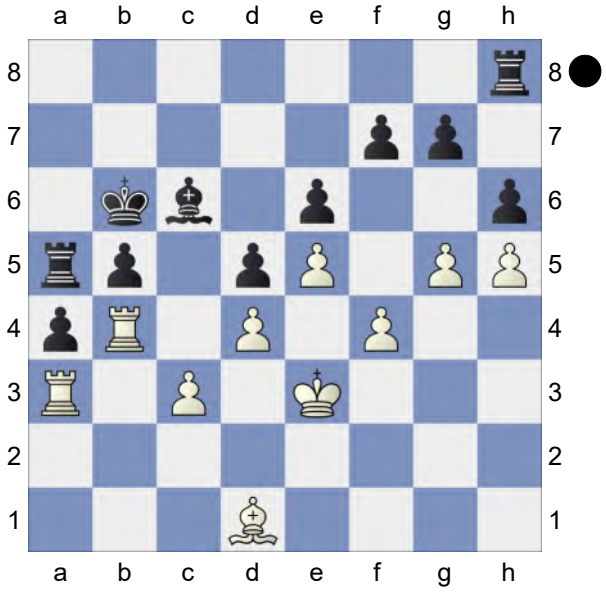


25.a5 -0.59/23
[25.Ne5± 0.46/20]
25...Nd7 26.Rb4 -1.59/19
[26.Nb4∓ -0.51/22]
26...Bb5 -0.38/22
[26...Nxa5∓ -1.59/19 ...Nc4 is the strong threat. ...Na5-c4 would now be deadly. 27.Be5 *(27.Rbb1 Nc4)* 27...Qg5 28.Qxg5 hxg5]
27.Rbb1 -1.27/18
[27.Ne5∓ -0.38/22 Ndxe5 28.Bxe5 Nxe5 29.dxe5]
[27.Bf1∓ -0.38/24]
27...Rg8 0.12/20
[27...Nxa5∓ -1.27/18 Hoping for ... Rac8. 28.Ra1 *(28.Ne5 Nxe5* Deflection *29.Bxe5 Qg5)* 28...Nc4]

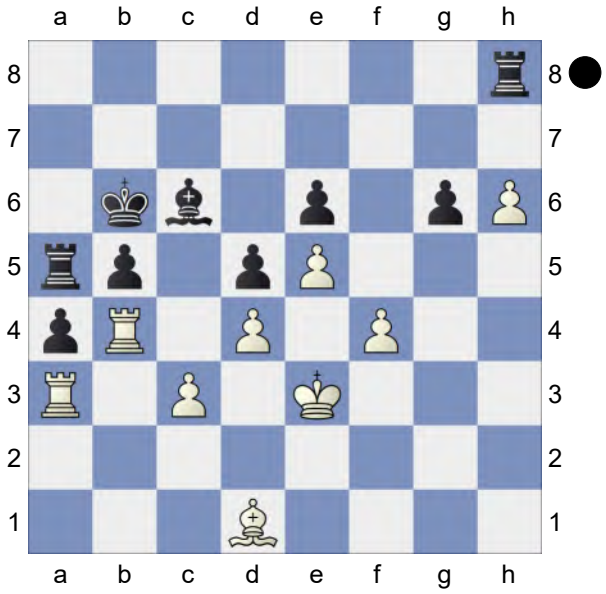


28.Qf3 -1.25/19
[28.Bxd5!= 0.12/20 exd5 29.Rxb5! Remove Defender axb5 30.Qxd7]
28...Nxa5∓ 29.Ne5 Nxe5 30.Rxe5 -1.81/25
[30.dxe5∓ -1.10/23 Qe7 31.Ra1]
30...Nc4 31.Ree1 Bc6 32.Qd3 -2.24/22
[⌓32.Bc1∓ -1.59/22]
32...a5 33.Ra1 a4 34.Be5 -2.39/22
[34.Qf3 -1.95/19 was necessary.]
34...Nxe5 35.dxe5 Qg5 36.Bf3 -2.87/20
[⌓36.c4 -1.65/20 might work better.]
36...Rgc8-+ 37.Qd4 Kg8 38.Kg2 Qe7 39.Reb1 Ra5 40.Rb4 Qc5 41.Be2 Qxd4 -0.93/18
[41...Qf8-+ -1.88/20 is more deadly. And now ...Rc5 would win. 42.Ra3

Rc5]
[41...Qe7-+ -1.91/21 and Black stays clearly on top. 42.f4 a3]
42.cxd4∓ Rca8 43.Ra3 Kf8 44.c3 Ke7 45.Kf3 Kd8 46.Ke3 Kc7 47.f4 b5 48.g4 Rg8 49.g5 -1.23/20
[⌓49.Ra2∓ -0.72/22 deserves consideration.]
49...Kb6 -0.34/25
[Better is 49...g6!∓ -1.23/20 White must now prevent ...gxh5. Hoping for ...g6xh5. 50.Rb1 *(50.gxh6 Rh8∓)* 50...hxg5]
50.Bf3 -1.10/22
[50.Bd1∓ -0.34/25]
[White should try 50.Ra1∓ -0.32/20]
50...Rh8 -0.78/22
[⌓50...g6 -1.10/22 aiming for ...hxg5. 51.hxg6 *(51.gxh6 Rh8∓)* 51...Rxg6]
51.Bd1



g6 -0.02/25
[Black should play 51...Kc7!∓ -0.92/18 Strongly threatening ...g7-g6. 52.Bg4 Bd7]
52.hxg6=
[52.Raxa4 Rxa4 53.Bxa4 gxh5∓]
52...fxg6 53.gxh6 -1.63/21
[53.Raxa4!= -0.02/22 and White has nothing to worry. Rxa4 54.Bxa4]



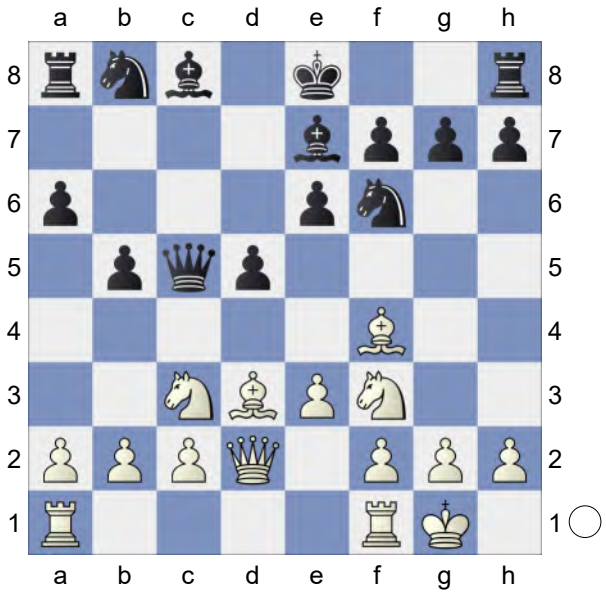
53...Rxh6? 0.00/41
[Black should play 53...Kc7!-+ -1.63/21 Strongly threatening ...Raa8. 54.Bg4 Bd7 *(54...Rxh6 55.Bxe6 Ra8 56.Rb1∓)*]
54.Raxa4! Rh3+ 55.Kd2 Rxa4 Overworked Piece **56.Bxa4** Endgame KRB-KRB Endgame. KRB-KRB **56...Rf3 57.Bd1 Rxf4 58.Ke3 Rf1 59.Be2 Rc1 60.Kd2 Rg1 61.Ke3 Rg2 62.Kd2 Rg3 63.Bd3 g5 64.Rb1 g4 65.Rf1 Rg2+**
[65...b4!? 66.Rb1□ Rg2+ *(66...Ka7 67.Rxb4 Be8=)* 67.Ke3= Rg3+ 68.Kd2 Rg2+ 69.Ke3= Rg3+ 70.Kd2=]
66.Ke3 g3 67.Be2 Rh2 68.Rg1 g2
[But not 68...Rh3 69.Bg4 Rh6 70.Rxg3±]
69.Bf3 Rh3 70.Rxg2 b4 71.cxb4 Kb5 72.Rg6 Kxb4? 1.38/19
[72...Be8= 0.00/24 keeps the balance. 73.Rxe6 Bh5]
[72...Bd7= 0.02/28]
73.Rxe6± Bb5? 5.54/21
[73...Ba4!± 0.41/24]

74.Kf4? 0.03/18
[74.Rb6+- 5.54/21]
[74.Rf6+- 5.32/24]
74...Bc4? 5.07/18
[74...Rh4+= 0.03/18 75.Ke3 Kc4 *(75...Kc3)*]
75.Bg4? 0.01/28
[Better is 75.Rd6+- 5.07/18]
75...Rd3= 76.Rb6+ Kc3 77.Rb8 Rxd4+ 78.Kg5 Re4 79.e6 Re5+? 5.86/22
[79...d4= 0.00/17 and Black stays safe. and Black is okay.]
80.Bf5? -0.02/20
[White has to play 80.Kf6+- 5.86/22 Kd4 81.Rb4 *(81.e7 Rxe7 82.Kxe7)*]
80...Re4? 11.06/20
[80...Bd3= -0.05/20 81.Rf8 Kd4]
81.Kf6 White used his chance. Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/Black=0.32 White used his chance. Weighted Error Value: White=0.32/Black=0.29 (precise)
1-0

373 **D00**
□ **Naroditsky,Daniel** **2619**
■ **Rustemov,Alexander** **2525**
Titled Tue 29th Apr Late blitz (3) 29.4.25
[TA]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 c5 5.dxc5 Qa5 6.Qd2 -0.19/19
[⩲6.Nf3 0.23/20]
6...Qxc5 0.30/22
[6...e6 -0.19/19 might be stronger.]
7.Nf3 e6 8.Bd3 Wards off Ne4. The position is equal. **8...Be7 9.0-0 b5** 1.00/19
[9...0-0= 0.13/19 keeps the balance.]

(Diagram)



10.a3 -0.29/19 White is much more active.
[10.b4!± 1.00/19 Qa7 *(10...Qxb4 11.a4±)* 11.a4]
10...Bb7= 11.Rfe1 Nbd7 12.e4 dxe4 13.Nxe4 Nxe4 14.Bxe4 Bxe4 15.Rxe4 Nf6 16.Rd4 0-0 17.Rd1 Rac8 18.c3 Nd5 19.Be5 -0.43/20
[19.Bg3= 0.00/22 is superior.]
19...Rfd8 -0.01/19
[19...f6∓ -0.43/20 20.Bg3 Nb6]
20.Bxg7 -1.02/23 **Kxg7∓ 21.Rg4+ Kh8?** 7.83/19 This move loses the game for Black.
[21...Kf8∓ -1.29/18 22.Qh6+ Ke8 23.Rg8+ Bf8 *(23...Kd7 24.Rg7∓)*]
22.Ne5+- Rf8 23.Qh6 Bf6

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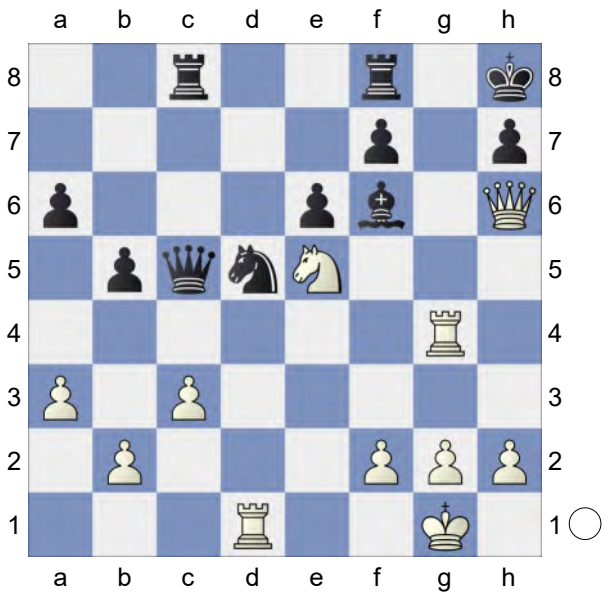
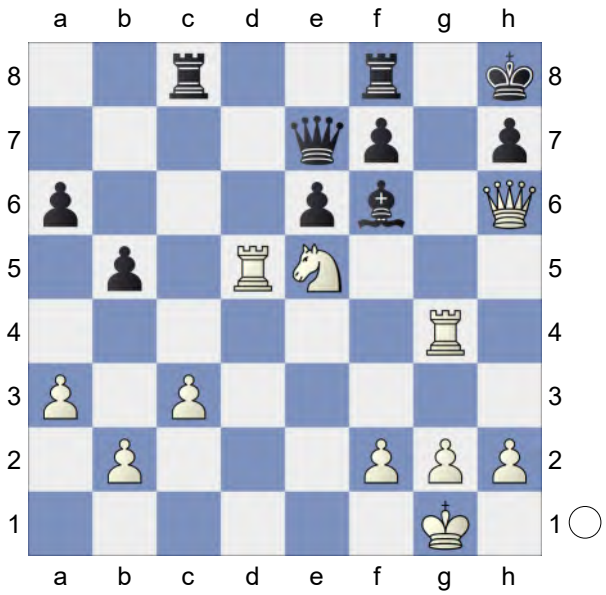


Wards off Qg7+. White mates. **24.Rxd5!** Remove Defender **24...Qe7**



25.Nc6! Rxc6

[25...Be5 26.Nxe7]

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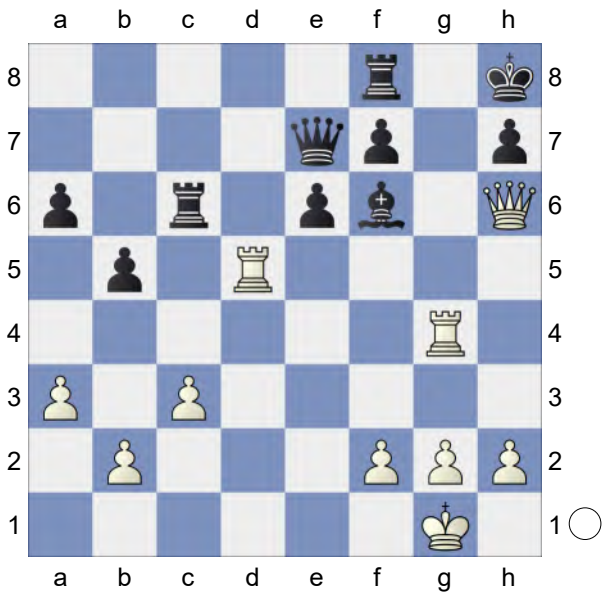

26.Qxh7+!! Decoy **26...Kxh7 27.Rh5#**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.21 (precise)

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374 **D00**

□ **Naroditsky,Daniel** **2619**

■ **Usov,Aleksandr E** **2339**

Titled Tue 18th Feb Early blitz (9)

[Kitty Kat]

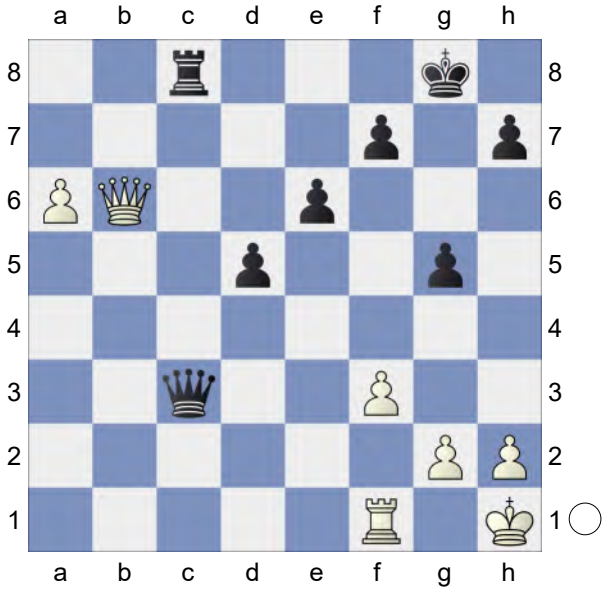
D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines Richard Palliser,MH: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines ' **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 c5 5.dxc5 Nc6 6.a3 Bg4N**

[6...e5 7.Bg5

A) 7...Be6 8.b4 Be7 9.Nf3 0-0 10.Na4 *(10.Be2 h6 11.Bh4* Theory-Theory 1: 3... c5 #7 - 4... a*)* 10...Qc7 11.Be2 Rad8 12.0-0 Ne4 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.Qc1 f5 15.Qb2 Qf6 16.Kh1 g5 17.Rad1 g4 18.Nd2 Qh4 19.Nxe4 fxe4 20.c4 d4 21.b5 d3 22.bxc6 Bortnyk,O (2605)-Suder,J (2244) Chess.com INT 2023 Mega2023 Update 29 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (53);

B) 7...d4 8.exd4 Nxd4 *(8...exd4 9.Ne4 Qd5 10.Nxf6+ gxf6 11.Bxf6 Rg8 12.Qf3 Qxc5 13.0-0-0 Bh6+ 14.Kb1 Bg4 15.Qe4+ Kf8 16.Qxh7 Bf4 17.Qd3 Rc8 18.g3 Be5 19.f3 Be6 20.Bh4 Bg7 21.Bh3 Ne5 22.Qd2 d3 23.cxd3* Nakamura,H (2775)-Fressinet,L (2717) World Rapid Championship, Dubai 2014 [Richard Palliser] ½-½ *)* 9.b4 b6 *(9...Be7 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.Ne4 Bg4 12.Be2 Nxe2 13.Nd6+* 5) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 a6-1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 a6 4.*)* 10.Nf3 bxc5 11.Bc4 Be7 12.Nxe5 0-0 13.0-0 Bf5 14.Be3 Nxc2 15.Qxd8 Bxd8 16.Bxc5 Nxa1 17.Bxf8 Kxf8 18.Rxa1 5) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 a6-1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 a6 4.]

7.Be2 Bxe2 8.Ngxe2 White is slightly better. **8...e6 9.b4 Be7** 0.90/20
[9...b6± 0.59/21]
10.Nd4± 0-0 11.0-0
[11.Na4 keeps more tension. Ne4 12.Nb6 Ra7 13.c4]
11...Rc8 1.17/21
[⌓11...Qc8 0.84/18]
12.Nxc6 &Bianco is more active.
12...Rxc6 13.Ne2 0.25/23
[13.Qd3± 1.06/19]
13...b6= 14.Nd4 Rc8 15.c6 Ne4 16.Qd3 -0.43/21
[16.Be5= 0.21/20]
16...Bf6!∓ ...e5 is the strong threat. **17.f3**
[17.Qxa6? e5 18.Qd3 *(18.f3? Nd2-+)* 18...exf4-+]
17...Nd6 18.Bxd6
[18.Qxa6? e5 19.Bxe5 Bxe5-+]
18...Qxd6 19.Qxa6 Bxd4 20.exd4 Rxc6 21.Rf2 -0.95/23
[21.Qe2∓ -0.52/22]
21...Rfc8 22.Qd3 Qf4 23.a4 Rc4 24.a5 Rxb4 -0.39/21
[24...Qxd4 25.Qxd4 Rxd4 26.c3±]
[24...Rxd4?! 25.g3! Qe5 26.f4 Rxf4 27.Rxf4=]
[24...bxa5∓ -0.95/23 25.bxa5 Rxd4]
25.c3 -0.90/25
[25.a6!∓ -0.39/21]
25...Rb3∓ 26.a6 Rbxc3 27.Qb5 -3.40/28
[27.g3∓ -0.91/28 Qc7 28.Qb5]
27...Qxd4 28.Qb2 Inhibits Rc1+.
28...Qe3 29.Kh1 Rc1+ 30.Rf1 Rxf1+ 31.Rxf1-+ Endgame KQR-KQR
31...Qc3? -0.44/23
[Black should try 31...Ra8-+ -2.64/23 aiming for ...Qd3. 32.Qa2 g6]
32.Qxb6∓ Strongly threatening a7.
[Wrong is 32.Qxc3? Rxc3 33.Ra1 Rc8-+]
32...g5? 3.83/23
[32...Qc7∓ -0.36/24 33.Qxc7 Rxc7]



33.a7!+- Qa3 34.h3 Kg7 35.Qd4+ 0.63/24
[35.Qb8+- 4.27/24]
35...Kg6? 4.63/22
[35...Kg8!± 0.63/24]
36.Ra1 Rc1+? 8.01/23

[36...Qf8 3.20/21 37.f4 h6 38.Qd3+ Kg7]
37.Rxc1 Qxc1+ 38.Kh2? 1.36/21
[38.Qg1+- 8.39/26 is more deadly. Qa3 39.Qb1+ Kf6 40.Qb8]
38...Qc7+ 11.95/23
[38...Qa3± 1.36/21]
39.f4! Promotion **39...gxf4 40.a8Q** Qg8+ would kill now. **40...f3+ 41.Kg1 Qc1+ 42.Kf2** Quite a comeback for White. Weighted Error Value: White=0.71/Black=0.85
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375 **D00**
□ **Naroditsky,Daniel** **2619**
■ **Melikyan,Gnel** **2217**
Titled Tue 4th Feb Early blitz (4) 4.2.25
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 c6 4.e3 g6 5.h4 h5 6.Nf3 Bg7 7.Ne5 Nbd7 8.f3!?** The position is equal. Leaves trodden paths. Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade.
8...Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Qb6N
[9...b5 10.Qd2 Be6 0.60/19 *(10...Bf5=* 0.14/18 *)* 11.Ne2 Kf8 12.Nf4 Bf5 13.0-0-0 0.23/19 *(13.a4±* 0.75/18 *)* 13...Nd7= 14.Bxg7+ Kxg7 15.Bd3 Bxd3 16.Nxd3 1-0 Karacsonyi,G (2375)-Tatar Kis,S (2350) HUN-chT 2324 2023 (3.6)]
10.a3 Be6 0.48/19
[10...Qxb2? 11.Na4+-]
[10...a5= 0.00/18]
11.Bd3 Kf8 12.0-0 0.09/18
[12.Na4± 0.47/16 Qd8 13.Nc5]
12...Nd7= 13.Bxg7+ Kxg7 14.b4 Qc7 15.f4 -0.92/18
[15.Qe1= 0.22/19 remains equal.]
15...Bg4 16.Be2 -1.27/20
[White should play 16.Qd2∓ -0.59/20]
16...Nf6∓ 17.Bxg4 -1.61/20
[17.Qd2∓ -1.17/19]
17...Nxg4-+ 18.Qf3 Qd7 -1.31/17
[18...a5-+ -1.85/18 19.Rfb1 axb4 20.Rxb4 e6]
19.Rad1 -1.95/20
[19.Qe2∓ -1.31/17 might work better.]
19...Qf5 -0.95/20
[19...a5-+ -1.95/20 is more deadly. aiming for ...a5xb4. 20.e4 e6]
20.e4∓ dxe4 21.Nxe4 Rad8 -0.44/18
[21...Rhd8∓ -1.17/19 22.c3 a5]
22.c3∓ Qd5 23.Rfe1 Rhe8 24.Nc5 b6 25.Nd3 Qxf3 26.gxf3 Nh6 27.Ne5 Rc8 28.Kg2 Nf5 29.Kh3 e6 30.a4 Red8 31.a5 bxa5 32.bxa5 Ne7 0.01/23
[32...Rd5∓ -0.53/22]
33.Rb1= Rc7 Wards off Rb1-b7 **34.a6 Nd5?** 2.11/25
[34...Nf5= 0.27/24 and Black is okay.]
35.c4 0.77/24
[35.Rb7+- 2.11/25 is the precise move to win. Rdc8 36.c4]
35...Nb6 1.33/25
[Black should try 35...Nxf4+ 0.77/24 36.Kg3 f6 *(36...Rxd4?* perishes. *37.Rb7+-)* 37.Kxf4 Rxd4+ 38.Re4 fxe5+ 39.Kxe5 Rd3]

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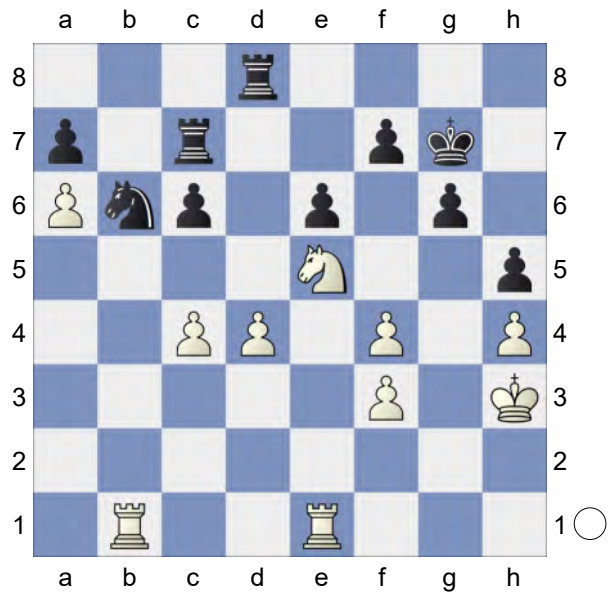
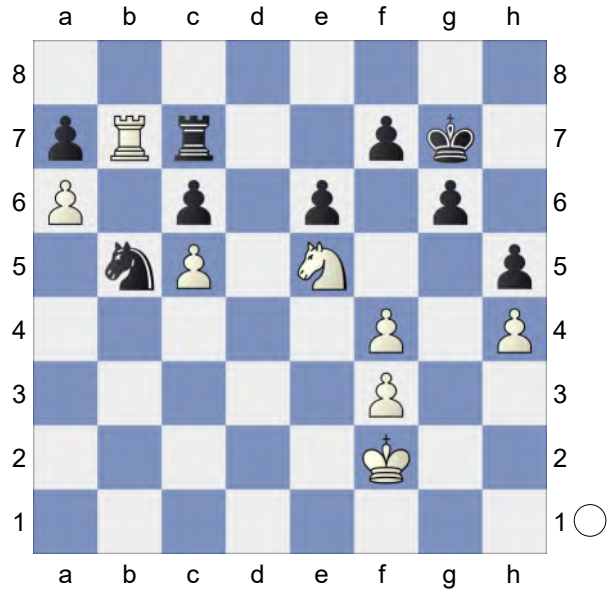


36.c5!± Nd5 37.Rb7 Rdc8 38.Kg3 White has more active pieces. **38...Ne7** 1.95/24
[38...Kf8± 1.39/22 39.Nc4 Rxb7 40.axb7 Rb8]
39.Reb1+- Nf5+? 5.10/22
[39...Nd5 2.19/23 40.Nc4 Rd8]
40.Kf2? 1.65/23
[40.Kh2 5.10/22]
40...Nxd4? 6.25/22
[40...Ne7 1.65/23 41.Rxc7 Rxc7]
41.Rxc7 Rxc7 Endgame KRN-KRN. Black is a pawn up. **42.Rb7 Nb5**

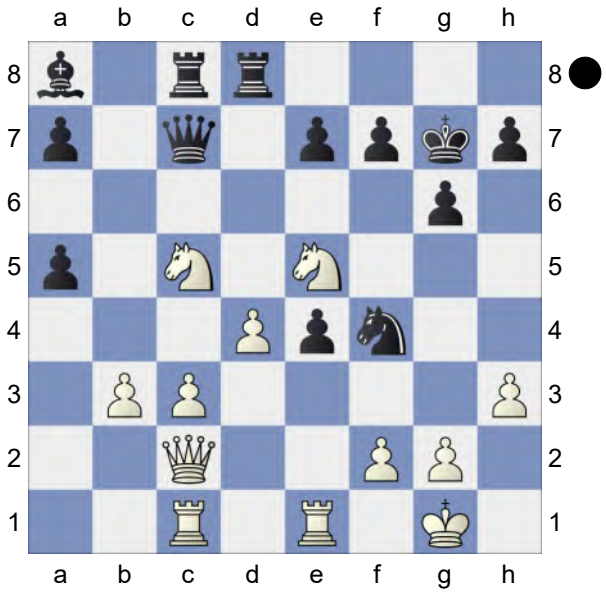


43.Nc4! Rc8 44.Ke3 Rd8 45.Ne5! Rd5 46.Nxf7 Strongly threatening Nf7-d6+. White is clearly winning.
[46.Nxc6 Rxc5 47.Nd8 *(47.Nxa7 Nc7∓)* 47...Nc7±]
[46.Rxf7+ Kg8 47.Re7 Rxc5 48.Rxe6 *(48.Nxg6 Rc4±)* 48...Kh7+-]
46...Rxc5 11.31/24
[⌓46...Kf8 4.45/22 47.Ng5 Ke8 48.Nxe6 Rd7]
47.Ng5+ Discovered Attack (Check)
47...Kg8 48.Rb8+ What a bad dream for Black. Weighted Error Value: White=0.30/Black=0.55
[Weaker is 48.Nxe6 Rd5 49.Nc7 Nxc7 50.Rxc7 Ra5 51.Rxc6 *(51.Rxa7 Ra4+-)* 51...Kf7 52.Rc7+ Kf6±]
1-0

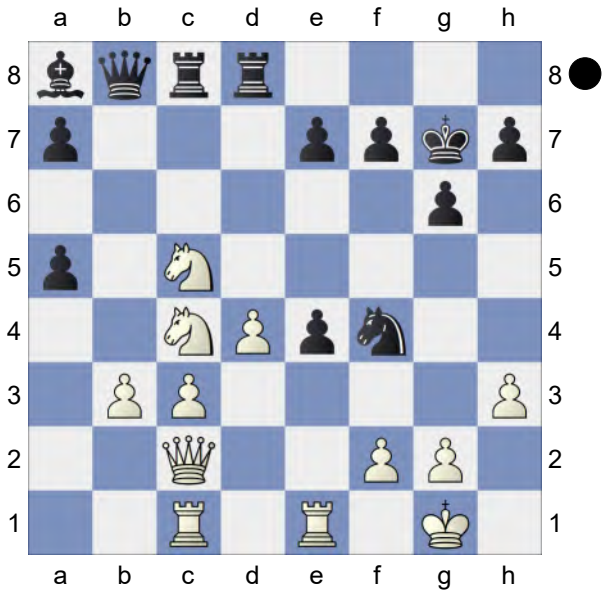
376 **A45**
□ **Naroditsky,Daniel** **2619**
■ **Sindarov,Javokhir** **2674**
Titled Tue 30th Jul Early (10) 30.07.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 g6 4.e3 Bg7 5.Nb5 Na6 6.h3 0-0 7.Nf3 c6 8.Nc3** The position is equal. **8...Nc7 9.Bd3 b6N**
[9...Nce8 10.0-0 Nd6 11.a4 a5 12.Re1 Bf5 13.Bxf5 Nxf5 14.e4 dxe4 15.Nxe4 Nxe4 16.Rxe4 e6 17.c3 h6 18.Bh2 Qb6 19.Qe2 Rad8 20.Be5 Bxe5 21.Rxe5 B6-Expanding On Volume _2486 2022 [astan]]
10.a4 c5 11.a5 Ne6 12.Be5 bxa5 13.0-0 Bb7 14.Na4 Nd7 0.32/23
[14...c4= -0.01/18 15.Be2 Rc8]
15.Bxg7± Kxg7 16.b3 -0.22/17

[⌓16.Nxc5 0.30/20 Nexc5 17.dxc5]
16...Qc7 0.11/18
[⌓16...Rc8 -0.22/17]
17.Bb5 White has compensation.
17...Nf6 18.Ne5 -0.69/17 Inhibits c4.
[18.Nxc5= -0.07/20 Nxc5 19.dxc5]
18...Rfd8 19.Be2 Rac8 20.c3 Ne4 -0.33/19
[⌓20...Bc6 -0.64/17]
21.Bd3∓ Rb8 22.Qc2
[22.Qf3? f6 23.Qg4 Bc8 24.Bxe4 dxe4 25.Qxe4 fxe5-+]
22...cxd4 23.exd4 -0.79/18
[23.cxd4= -0.26/20 remains equal. Qxc2 24.Bxc2]
23...Rbc8 24.Rac1 Nf4 -0.39/19
[24...Qd6∓ -0.79/18 25.Bxe4 dxe4]
25.Bxe4 dxe4 26.Nc5 Ba8 27.Rfe1 -0.97/19
[27.Rfd1∓ -0.59/18]



27...Qb8 -0.15/21
[Black should play 27...Qb6!∓ -0.97/19 Hoping for ...Rxc5. 28.Rcd1 *(28.Nxe4 Rxd4 29.Nc4 Rdxc4∓)* 28...Qf6 29.Nxe4 Qf5]
28.Nc4 -1.03/20
[28.Rxe4= -0.15/21 Nxg2 29.Ra1]



28...e5 -0.64/19
[28...Rd5!∓ -1.03/20 ...Rg5 is the strong threat. 29.Nxe4 *(29.Rxe4? Rg5-+)* 29...Rb5]
29.Ra1 Nd3 -0.42/23
[29...exd4∓ -0.78/20 30.cxd4 Qb4]
30.Nxd3 exd3 31.Qxd3 Qxb3 32.Nxe5 Rxc3 33.Qa6 -2.30/22
[33.Qd2∓ -0.33/23]
33...Qd5-+
[And not 33...Rxd4 34.Qxa7 Qb7 35.Qxb7 Bxb7 36.Rxa5=]
34.f3 Qxd4+ 35.Kh1 Rc5 -0.30/23
[35...Re3-+ -2.97/21 36.Rxe3 Qxa1+ 37.Kh2 Rd2]
36.Ng4 -2.09/20
[36.Qxa7= -0.30/23 and White stays safe. Bd5 37.Qb6]
36...h5 37.Rad1 hxg4?? 3.82/23
38.Rxd4+- Rxd4 39.Qxa7 Rdc4 40.Qxa8 gxh3 41.gxh3 a4 42.Re8 Threatens to win with Rg8+. **42...Rc1+ 43.Kg2 R1c2+ 44.Kg3 Rg5+ 45.Kf4 Rf5+ 46.Ke3** Rg8+ would kill now.
46...Rc3+ 47.Kd4 2.54/23
[⌓47.Ke2 6.09/23 Threatening mate with Rg8+. Rc2+ 48.Kd3]

47...Rfxf3 48.Rg8+
[Not 48.Qxa4 Rfd3+ 49.Ke5 Re3+ 50.Kd5 Red3+ 51.Ke5 Re3+ 52.Kf4 Rf3+ 53.Kg5 Rg3+ 54.Kf4 Rgf3+ 55.Kg5 Rg3+ 56.Kf4 Rgf3+=]
48...Kf6? #4/10
[48...Kh7+- 2.73/27 49.Rc8 Rfd3+ 50.Ke4 Re3+ 51.Kf4 Rcd3]
49.Qd8+ Kf5 50.Qd5+ Kf6 51.Qe5#
Weighted Error Value: White=0.42/ Black=0.82
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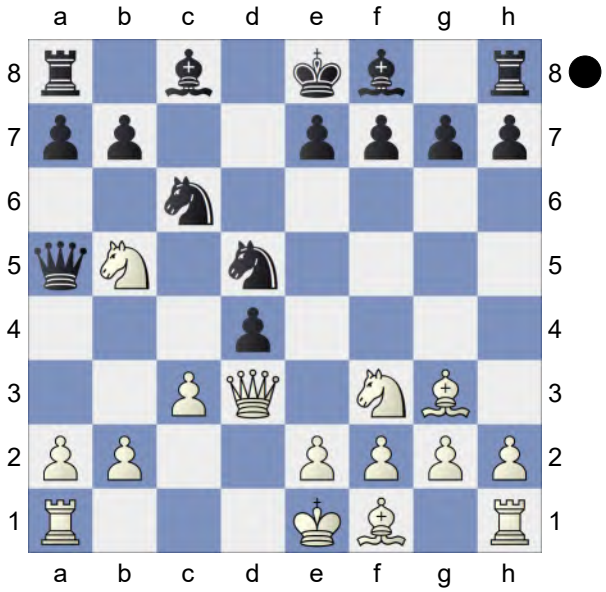
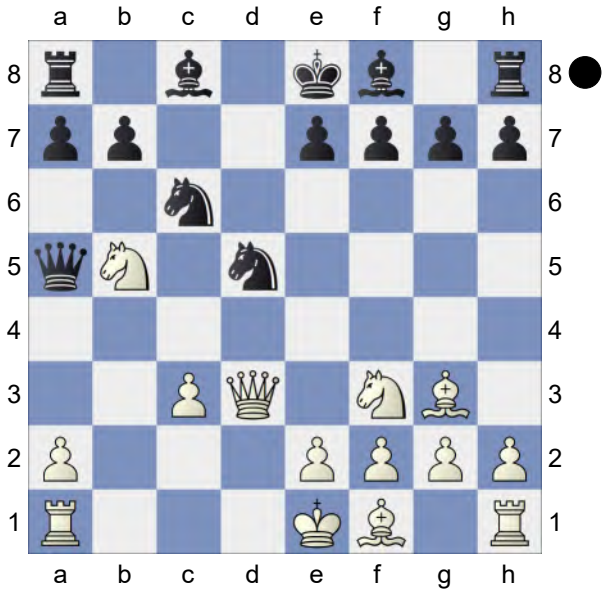
377 **D00**
□ **Naroditsky,Daniel** **2619**
■ **Vakhlamov,I** **2413**
Titled Tue 18th Feb Early blitz (6)
[Kitty Kat]

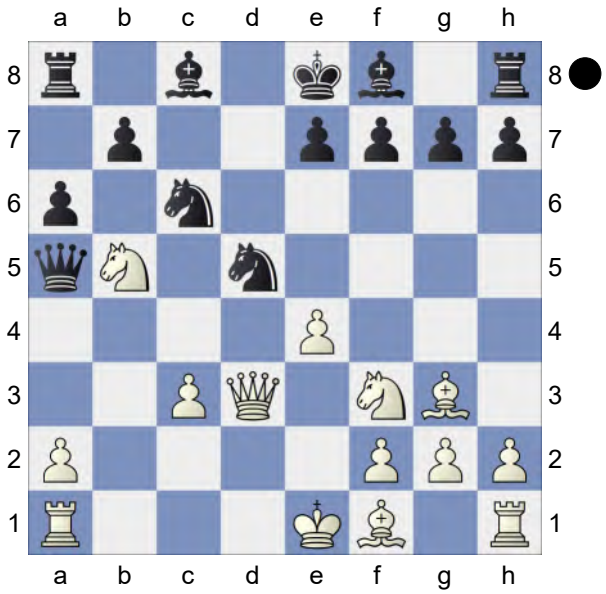
D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines A45: Trompowsky Attack **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 c5 4.Nf3 cxd4 5.Qxd4 Nc6 6.Qd3 d4N**
[6...Bg4 7.Ne5 e6 8.Nxg4 Nxg4 9.e4 Qb6 10.Qd2 d4 11.Na4 Qb4 12.Qxb4 Bxb4+ 13.c3 dxc3 14.bxc3 Be7 15.Rb1 b6 16.Bb5 Rc8 17.Ba6 Rd8 18.Bb5 Rc8 19.f3 Nf6 20.Ba6 Rd8 21.Bb5 Rebeccaharris (2894)-Sindarovgm (2843) Blitz 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (39)]
[6...g6 7.0-0-0 Bg7 8.e4 dxe4 9.Qxd8+ Nxd8 10.Bb5+ Nc6 11.Ne5 Bd7 12.Nxd7 Nxd7 13.Nxe4 Nde5 14.Nc5 0-0 15.Nxb7 Rac8 16.Kb1 Ng4 17.Bg3 Nf6 18.Rhe1 e6 19.Bd6 Rfe8 20.Nc5 Nd5 21.Bxc6 Naroditsky,D (2619)-Firouzja,A (2737) Chess.com INT 2024 Mega2024 Update 33 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (47)]
[6...e6 7.e4 Bb4 8.0-0-0 Bxc3 9.Qxc3 0-0 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Qa3 Qb6 12.Bd6 Re8 13.Bc4 Bd7 14.Ne5 Nxe5 15.Bxe5 Qxf2 16.Rhf1 Qe3+ 17.Qxe3 Nxe3 18.Rxd7 Nxc4 19.Bc3 f6 20.Rxb7 Reb8 21.Rd7 Naroditsky,D (2711)-Amar,E (2538) New York, United States 2024 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (62)]
7.Nb5 Nd5 Prevents Nc7+. **8.Bg3**
The position is equal.
[8.Bd2!?]
8...Qa5+ 9.c3



And now e4 would win. **9...dxc3!**
10.bxc3



a6! 11.e4



axb5? 1.74/19 This costs Black the game.
[11...Bf5!∓ -0.53/23 stays ahead. 12.Qxd5 *(12.exf5 axb5 13.Ne5 Qxc3+ 14.Qxc3 Nxc3∓)* 12...axb5]
12.exd5+- Bf5 13.Qe3 Nd8 14.Nd4 Bd7 15.Be2 e6 16.0-0 Bc5 2.40/21
[⌓16...b4 1.77/19]
17.Qg5→ White has strong attack.
17...Bxd4 18.cxd4 0-0 19.Qe7! Qd2 4.99/23
[⌓19...Nc6 3.19/22 20.Qxd7 Nxd4]

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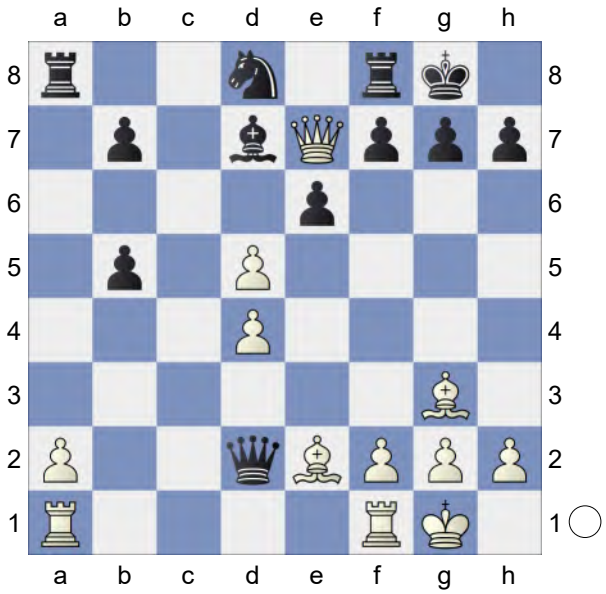
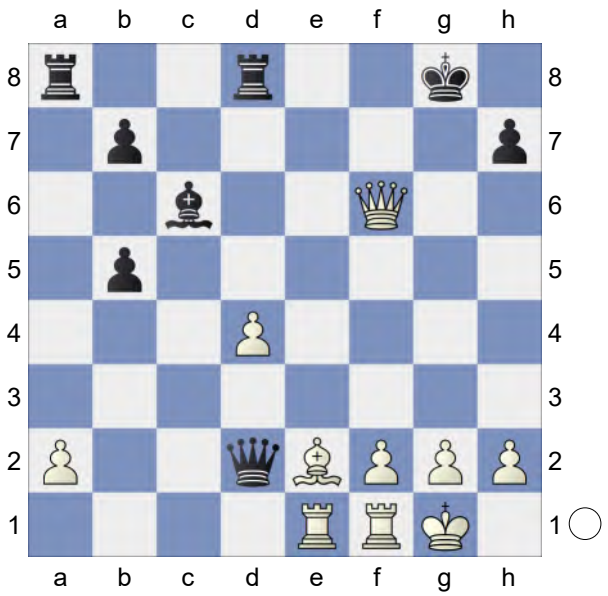
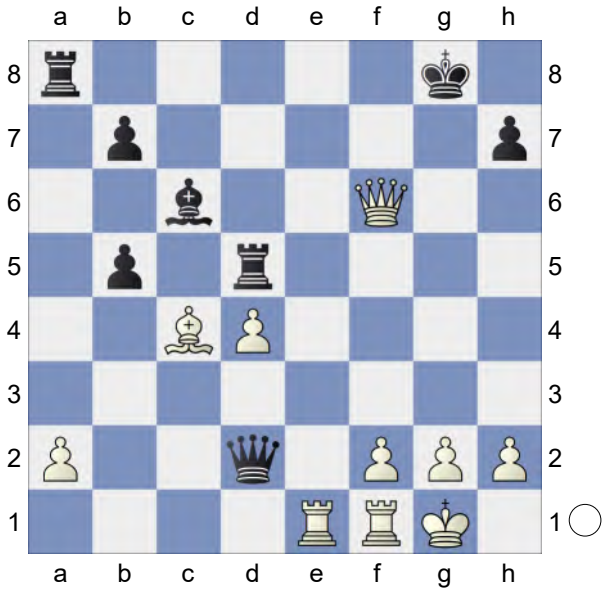


20.Bd6! A strong pair of Bishops.
20...Nc6 21.dxc6 2.63/24
[⌓21.Qxd7 4.89/23 Rfd8 22.dxc6! bxc6 23.Qxc6! Qxe2 24.Rfc1]
21...Bxc6 22.Rae1 Rfd8? 4.14/24
[22...Qh6 2.04/20 23.a3 Rfe8]
23.Be5 Black must now prevent Bh5.
23...f6 24.Qxe6+ Kh8 25.Bxf6 2.03/21
[⌓25.Bd6 3.41/22]
25...gxf6? #5/12
[25...Qh6+- 2.03/21 26.Bxb5 *(26.d5 Bxd5 27.Qf5 Qxf6±)* 26...Qxf6 27.Bxc6 bxc6 28.Qxf6 gxf6]
26.Qxf6+ Kg8

(Diagram)



27.Bh5 12.23/23
[⌓27.Bc4+! #4/11 Rd5 *(27...Bd5 28.Re8+)*

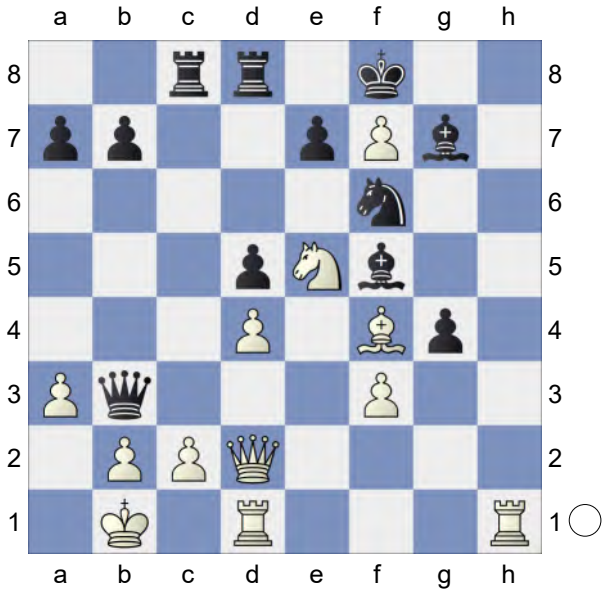


28.Re7! Qxf2+ 29.Rxf2 bxc4 30.Qg7#]
27...Rd7 28.Re3 White threatens Rg3+ and mate. **28...Rg7 29.Rg3** White mates. **29...Rxg3 30.Bf7+ Kf8 31.Bg6+** Discovered Attack **31...Kg8 32.Qf7+ Kh8 33.Qxh7#** Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/Black=1.17
1-0

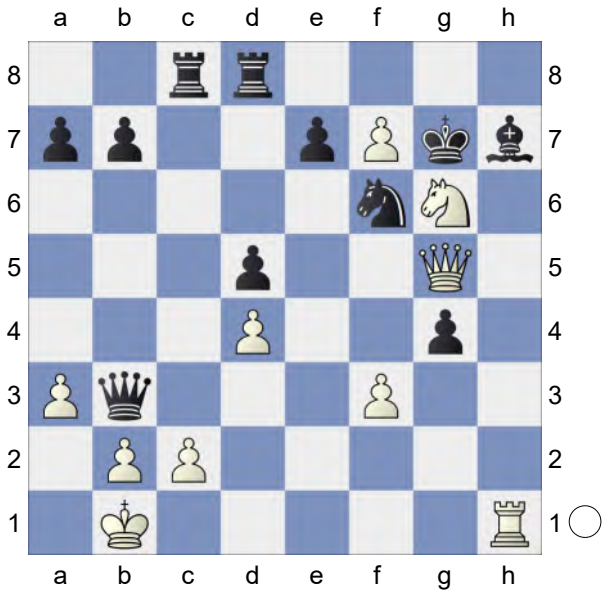
378 **D00**
□ **Naroditsky,Daniel** **2619**
■ **De Winter,Arthur** **2447**
Titled Tue 25th Feb Early blitz (10)
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 g6 4.h4 h5 5.e3 Bg7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.Ne5 c5 8.Qd2** The position is equal. **8...cxd4 9.exd4 Nc6 10.f3 Bf5 11.Bb5 Nb4**
[11...Nxe5 12.dxe5 Nd7 13.0-0-0 Nxe5 14.Qxd5 Qc7 15.g4 Nd3+ 16.Bxd3 Qxf4+ 17.Kb1 Be6 18.Qe4 Qxe4 19.Nxe4 hxg4 20.fxg4 Bxg4 21.Rdg1 f5 22.Bc4+ Kh8 23.h5 g5 24.Nxg5 Bh6 25.Nf7+ Kh7 26.Ne5 Night King96 (2803)-Watneg (2853) Blitz 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0]
12.Ba4 Rc8 13.a3 Na6N 0.76/19
[13...Nc6= -0.11/20 14.Bxc6 bxc6 15.Na4 Nd7 16.Nxd7 Qxd7 17.Nc5 Qd8 18.0-0-0 Qb6 19.Rde1 Rfe8 20.Bh6 Rb8 21.Nb3 Bxc2 22.Bxg7 Kxg7 23.Qxc2 Qxb3 24.Qxb3 Rxb3 25.Re2 Reb8 26.Rc2 f6 27.Re1 Kf7 28.Ree2 R8b6 Lai,D (2058)-Mihajlovskij,S (2312) Chess.com INT 2024 1-0 (47)]
14.0-0-0 &Bianco is more active.
14...Qa5 1.16/20
[14...Nc7± 0.63/18]
15.Bb3± Nc7 16.Kb1 0.80/19
[⌓16.g4 1.24/19 Be6 17.Kb1]
16...Rfd8 1.39/19
[Black should try 16...Qb6 0.80/19]
17.g4! hxg4 18.h5 Nb5
[18...Nxh5? 19.fxg4 Bxg4 20.Nxg4+-]
19.Nxb5
[19.hxg6 Nxc3+ 20.Ka1 *(20.bxc3 fxg6 21.Kb2 gxf3-+)* 20...fxg6!∓]
19...Qxb5 20.hxg6 Really sharp!

20...Qxb3? 3.28/18
[20...fxg6± 1.31/17 is a better defense. 21.fxg4 Nxg4]
21.gxf7++- Kf8



22.Rh8+!! D e f l e c t i o n **22...Bxh8 23.Bh6+ Bg7 24.Bxg7+ Kxg7 25.Qg5+ Kh8 26.Rh1+**
[26.Qxf5 Qxc2+ 27.Qxc2 Rxc2 28.Kxc2 gxf3±]
26...Bh7 27.Ng6+→ Black needs to defend precisely. **27...Kg7**



28.Nf4+!
[28.Ne5+ Kh8+-]
28...Kf8 29.Ne6+ Kxf7 30.Rxh7+ Kxe6? #3/8
[30...Nxh7+- 3.69/23 31.Nxd8+ *(31.cxb3? Nxg5 32.Nxg5+ Kf6-+; 31.Qf5+ Nf6±)* 31...Rxd8 32.Qh5+ *(32.cxb3? Nxg5 33.fxg4 Rc8-+)* 32...Kg8 33.Qxg4+ *(33.cxb3 gxf3 34.Qxf3 Nf6±)* 33...Kf7 34.Qh5+ Ke6 35.cxb3 Nf6 36.Qe5+ Kd7 37.Qf5+ Ke8]
31.Qe5+
[31.cxb3? Nxh7 32.Qxg4+ Kd6 33.Qf4+ Kc6-+]
31...Kd7 32.Rxe7+ 9.48/5
[Worse is 32.cxb3 Nxh7 33.Qxd5+ *(33.fxg4? Nf6-+)* 33...Kc7 34.Qe5+ Kc6=]
[⌓32.Qxe7+ #2/6 Kc6 33.Qc5# *(33.cxb3 Nxh7 34.Qxh7 gxf3±)*]
32...Kc6 33.Qe6+ Deflection, Double Attack. Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.56
1-0

379 **D00**
□ **Naroditsky,Daniel** **2619**
■ **Kravtsiv,Martyn** **2598**
Titled Tue 25th Feb Late blitz (10)
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.h4 Ne4**
[7...c6 8.Nc3 Qb6 9.Rb1 *(9.a3 c5 10.h5 h6 11.Ne5 Bd7 12.Nxd7 Nxd7 13.Bb5 Nf6 14.a4 Qa5 15.Kf1 Nb8 16.dxc5 a6 17.Bd3 Qxc5 18.g4 Nh7 19.Qf3 Nc6 20.Qg3 f6 21.e4 d4 22.Ne2 Ng5 23.Bd2 e5* Hoeffer,D (2322)-Bargsten,J (2238) Verden an der Aller 2025 0-1 (48)*)*
9...c5 10.a3 Bd7 11.Bd3 c4 12.Be2

Qd8 13.Ne5 Be8 14.g4 Nd7 15.Nf3 Nc7 16.g5 b5 17.h5 Nb6 18.Ra1 a5 19.Qc1 Nc8 20.Nb1 Nd6 21.Nbd2 b4 22.h6 Raspfish (2959)-Torombot (2984) Blitz 2024 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (60)]

8.Nd2N The position is equal.

[8.Bd3 f5 9.Ne5 c6 10.Nc3 Nxc3 11.bxc3 Qa5 12.Kf1 Bf6 13.Rh3 Qxc3 14.Bxa6 bxa6 15.Rb1 c5 16.Kg1 Bxe5 17.Bxe5 Rf7 18.Rg3 Bd7 19.Qh5 Bb5 20.Qh6 Kf8 21.Rxg7 cxd4 22.Bd6+ Ke8 Nalbandyan,V (2197)-Safarullakhan,S (1825) Sitges 2024 1-0]

8...f5 9.Nxe4 fxe4 10.h5 h6 11.c4 c5 12.Be5 Bf6 0.01/18

[12...cxd4∓ -0.35/18 13.Bxd4 Nb4]

13.Bxf6 -0.32/20

[13.Bd6= 0.01/18 deserves consideration.]

13...Qxf6∓ 14.Qd2 Bd7 15.cxd5 -1.07/19

[15.Rc1∓ -0.51/19]

15...exd5∓ 16.dxc5! Nxc5 17.Nd4 -1.05/22

[17.Nc7= -0.19/22 Rac8 18.Nxd5]

17...Rac8 18.f4 -1.42/24

[⌓18.g3 -0.82/20]

18...exf3 19.gxf3 Qe5 -0.93/19

[⌓19...Qg5 -1.36/20 20.Rh2 Rce8]

20.Rg1 -1.71/20

[20.Be2∓ -0.93/19]

20...Qxh5 -1.32/19

[20...Ne6-+ -1.71/20 21.Rd1 Qxh5]

21.Qg2 -2.30/20

[21.Rc1∓ -1.32/19]

21...Qe5-+ 22.Kd2 -5.55/21

[22.Kd1 -2.27/20 is more resistant.]

22...Bf5? -1.65/19

[22...Ne6 -5.55/21 23.Kd1 Nxd4]

23.Rc1 Rc7→ -0.63/19 Black mounts an attack.

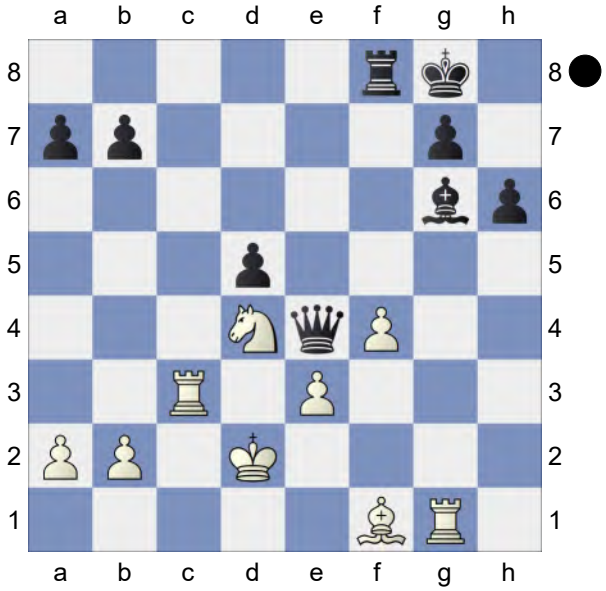
[23...Ne6∓ -1.60/21 24.f4 Qf6 25.Rxc8 Rxc8 26.Qxd5 Rd8]

24.f4? -2.24/21

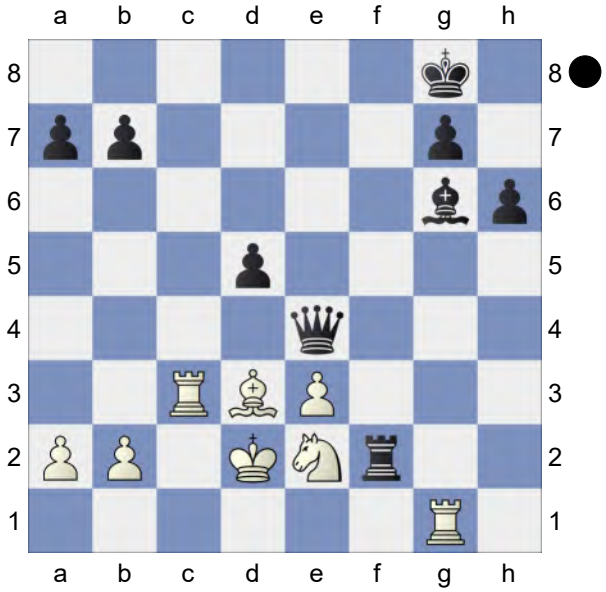
[24.Qg3∓ -0.63/19 Qe7 25.Rc3 *(25.b4 Ne6∓)*]

24...Ne4+ 25.Qxe4 Qxe4 26.Rxc7 Bg6 27.Rc3? -4.81/23

[27.Be2 -1.93/22]



27...Rxf4! 28.Bd3 Rf2+ 29.Ne2

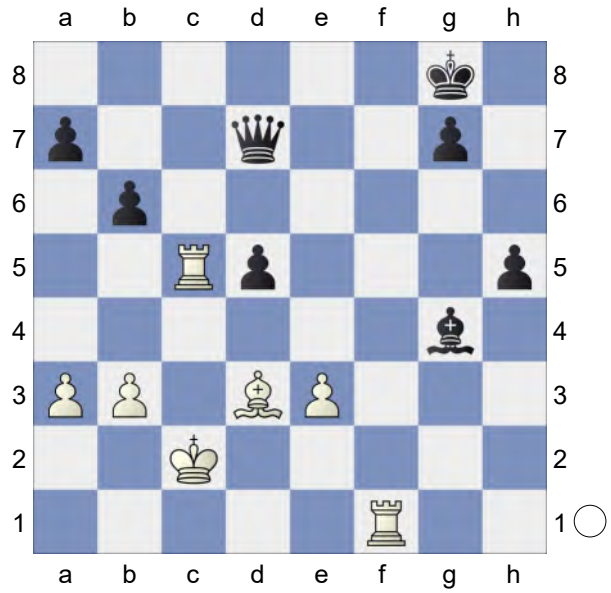


Rxe2+! 30.Kxe2 Bh5+ 31.Kd2 Qb4 32.Kc2 Bg4 Prevents Rc8+. **33.a3** -1.26/19

[White should play 33.e4-+ -1.85/22 Qa4+ 34.Kb1]

33...Qa4+∓ 34.b3 Qd7 35.Rf1 h5 36.Rc5 b6? 0.01/21

[Black should try 36...Be6-+ -3.89/20 37.Kd2 Qd6]



37.Rxd5!= Qc7+ 1.09/22

[37...Qc6+= 0.01/22 38.Kb2 Qxd5]

[37...Qe8 38.Rf4]

38.Bc4? -2.96/22 &Bianco is more active.

[38.Kb1± 1.09/22 keeps the pressure on.]

38...Kh7 39.Rf4 Be2 -1.13/21

[39...Qe7-+ -2.25/21 Threatens to win with ...Kh6. 40.Bd3+ g6]

40.Kd2 -2.02/24

[40.Rfd4∓ -1.13/21 might work better.]

40...Bxc4-+

[Weaker is 40...Bg4 41.Bd3+ g6 42.Rf6 Qh2+ 43.Kc3 Qc7+ 44.Kd4=]

41.bxc4 Endgame KQ-KRR

[41.Rxh5+ Kg6 42.Rxc4 Qxc4 43.bxc4 Kxh5-+]

41...Kh6 42.Kd3 -2.28/22

[42.a4∓ -1.59/21 was worth a try.]

42...g6 43.Rf6 Qg7 44.Rf4 -3.03/20

[44.Rdd6 -1.63/20 was the only chance.]

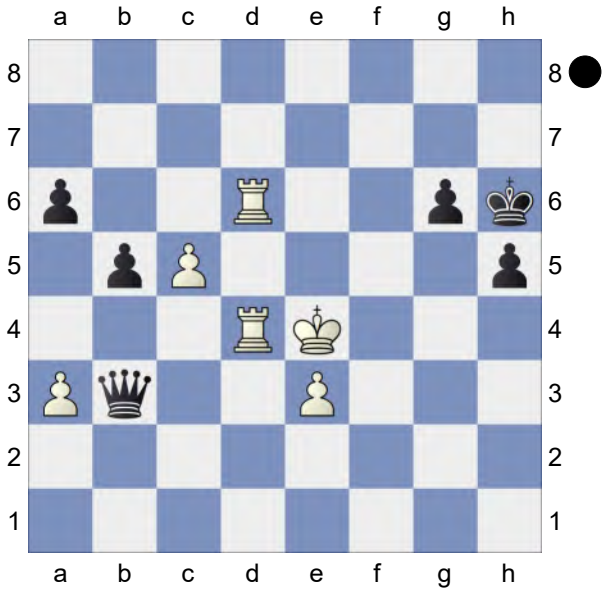
44...a6? -0.62/21

[44...Qa1-+ -3.03/20 aiming for ... Qa2. 45.Ke2 Qxa3]

45.Rd6!∓ b5 46.c5 Qg8 47.Rfd4 -1.45/22

[47.c6= 0.01/20 keeps the balance.]

47...Qb3+∓ 48.Ke4



Qb1+ 0.01/20

[48...Qf7!∓ -1.22/20 49.Kd3 *(49.R4d5? h4-+)* 49...Qb3+ 50.Ke2 Qc2+ 51.Kf3 Qxc5 52.Rxa6 Qf5+ 53.Kg3 Kg5]

49.Kd5= Kg5? 5.21/20

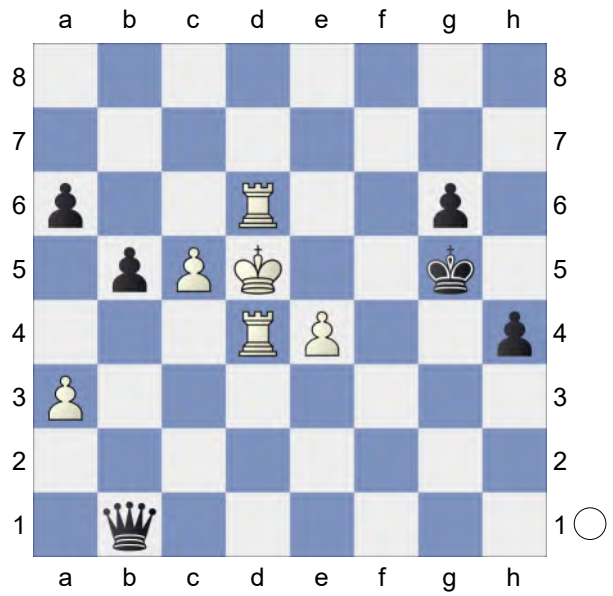
[49...a5= 0.01/20 and Black has nothing to worry.]

50.e4? 0.71/18

[50.Kc6+- 5.21/20 is more deadly. h4 51.R6d5+ Kf6 52.Kb7]

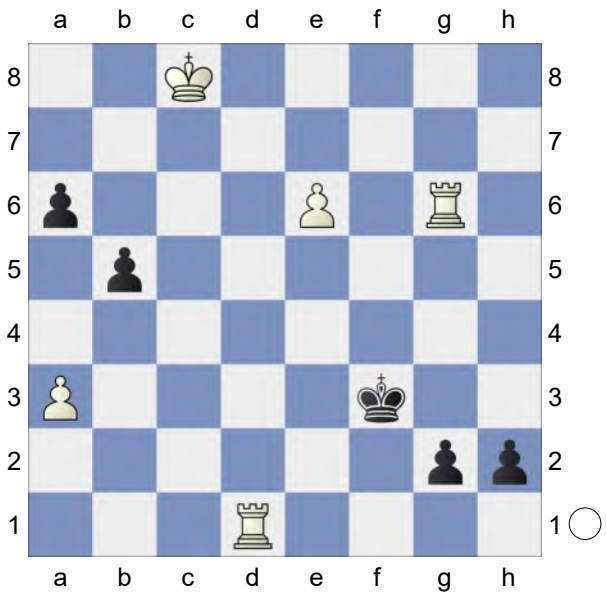
50...h4±

(Diagram)



51.c6! Qb3+? 3.18/19
[51...h3± 0.84/19]
52.Ke5? 0.53/20
[White must play 52.Kc5+- 3.18/19]
52...Qc3 1.35/23
[52...Qxa3± 0.53/20 53.Ke6 Qh3+ 54.Kf7 Qc8]
53.Ke6 h3 54.Rd1 0.52/19
[54.Rd3± 1.08/20 Qh8 55.R6d5+ Kf4 56.e5 Qe8+ 57.Kd6 Qf8+ 58.Kc7]
54...h2± 55.Kd7 The board is on fire.
55...Kf4 5.77/19
[55...Qh3+= 0.01/20 and Black is okay. 56.Kd8 Qh8+ 57.Kd7 Qh7+ 58.Kd8 Qh8+ 59.Kd7 Qh7+ 60.Kc8 h1Q 61.Rxh1 Qxh1]
56.c7+- g5 57.c8Q Qxc8+ 58.Kxc8 g4 59.Rg6 g3 60.e5 Kf3 61.e6 White mates. **61...g2**

(Diagram)



62.Rxg2!! Kxg2 63.e7 White used his chance. Weighted Error Value: White=0.69/Black=1.05
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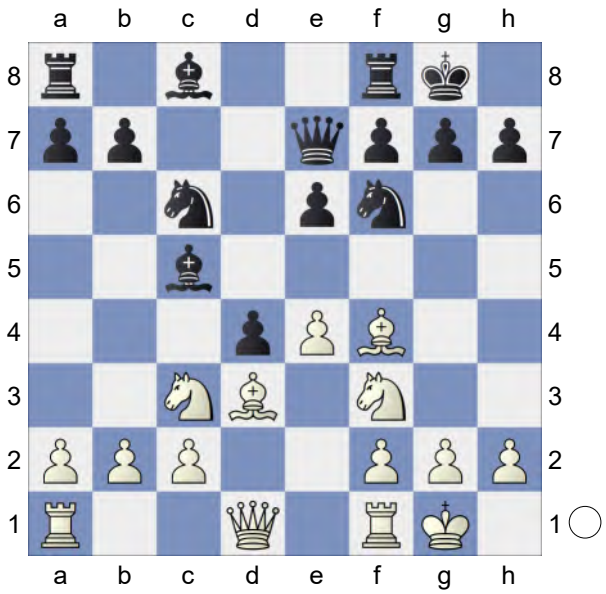
380 **A45**
□ **Naroditsky,Daniel** **2619**
■ **Kosteniuk,Alexandra** **2484**
Titled Tue 28th Jan Late blitz (3) 28.1.25
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines A45: Trompowsky Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.Nf3 Nc6N**
[4...cxd4 5.Qxd4 Nc6 6.Qd3 Bg4 *(6...g6 7.0-0-0 Bg7 8.e4 dxe4 9.Qxd8+ Nxd8 10.Bb5+ Nc6 11.Ne5 Bd7 12.Nxd7 Nxd7 13.Nxe4 Nde5 14.Nc5 0-0 15.Nxb7 Rac8 16.Kb1 Ng4 17.Bg3 Nf6 18.Rhe1 e6 19.Bd6 Rfe8 20.Nc5 Nd5 21.Bxc6* Naroditsky,D (2619)-Firouzja,A (2737) Chess.com INT 2024 Mega2024 Update 33 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (47); *6...e6 7.e4 Bb4 8.0-0-0 Bxc3 9.Qxc3 0-0 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Qa3 Qb6 12.Bd6*

Re8 13.Bc4 Bd7 14.Ne5 Nxe5 15.Bxe5 Qxf2 16.Rhf1 Qe3+ 17.Qxe3 Nxe3 18.Rxd7 Nxc4 19.Bc3 f6 20.Rxb7 Reb8 21.Rd7
Naroditsky,D (2711)-Amar,E (2538) New York, United States 2024 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (62) *)* 7.Ne5 e6 8.Nxg4 Nxg4 9.e4 Qb6 10.Qd2 d4 11.Na4 Qb4 12.Qxb4 Bxb4+ 13.c3 dxc3 14.bxc3 Be7 15.Rb1 b6 16.Bb5 Rc8 17.Ba6 Rd8 18.Bb5 Rc8 19.f3 Rebeccaharris (2894)-Sindarovgm (2843) Blitz 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (39)]

5.dxc5 e6 6.e3 Bxc5 7.Bd3 0-0 8.0-0 The position is equal. **8...Qe7 9.e4 d4**

[9...Rd8 is more complex. 10.e5 Ne4 11.Qe2 Nxc3 12.bxc3 h6]



10.Ne2 -0.41/18

[10.e5!= 0.05/19 dxc3 *(10...Nxe5 11.Bxe5)* 11.exf6 gxf6 12.bxc3]

10...e5∓ 11.Bd2 Nh5 12.Ng3 -0.45/18

[12.Nc1= -0.09/17 is superior.]

12...Nxg3 13.fxg3 Bg4 -0.34/18

[⌓13...Nb4 -0.69/17]

14.a3 Rac8 15.Qe1 Bxf3 16.Rxf3 Nd8 17.Qe2 Ne6 18.Raf1 Rc7 19.Rf5 f6 20.g4 Rfc8 21.h4 Bb6 22.g5 fxg5

23.Rxe5 -0.01/21

[23.Qg4!± 0.66/20]

23...Rxc2= 24.Kh1 Qd6

[24...Rxb2? 25.Bc4 Kh8 26.Rxe6+-]

25.Bxc2 Qxe5 26.Bb3 Bc7

[26...Kh8!?]

27.g3! Strongly threatening Qg4.

27...Re8? 2.41/22 This move loses the game for Black.

[27...Kh8? 28.Rf5 Qxg3 29.Bxe6+-]

[27...Rf8= -0.01/21 and Black has nothing to worry.]

28.Qg4+-

[Don't take 28.Qf3?! h6]

28...g6 3.63/23

[28...Kh8? 29.Qxe6!! gxh4 30.Qxe5 Bxe5 31.gxh4+-]

[28...gxh4 2.25/20 was necessary. 29.Qf5 *(29.Qf3 h6=)* 29...Qf6 30.Qxf6 gxf6]

29.Bxg5

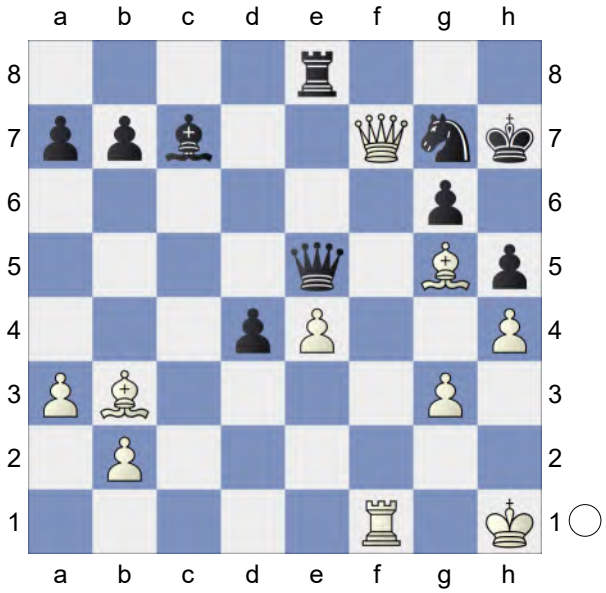
[Less strong is 29.hxg5 Kh8±]

29...h5? 6.67/23

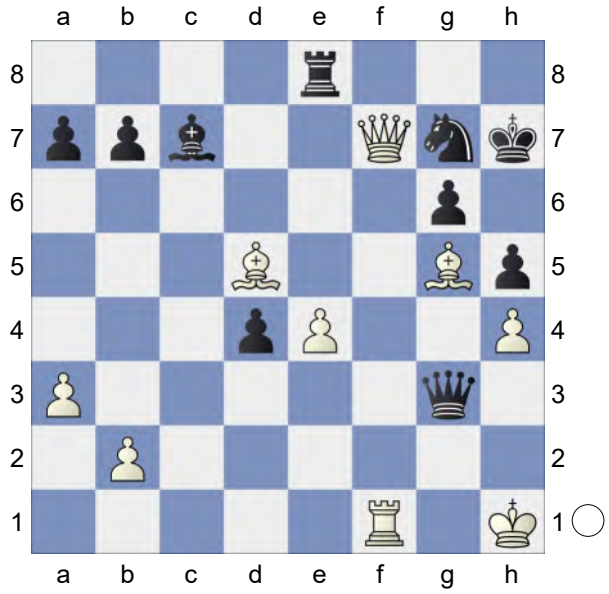
[29...Kg7 2.98/19 30.Bf6+ Qxf6 31.Rxf6 Kxf6 32.e5+ Bxe5 33.Qf3+ Kg7 34.Qxb7+ Nc7 35.Qxa7 Re7]

30.Qf3 White threatens Qf7+ and mate.

30...Kh7 31.Qf7+ Ng7



32.Bd5! Bf6 would kill now. A strong pair of Bishops. **32...Qxg3**

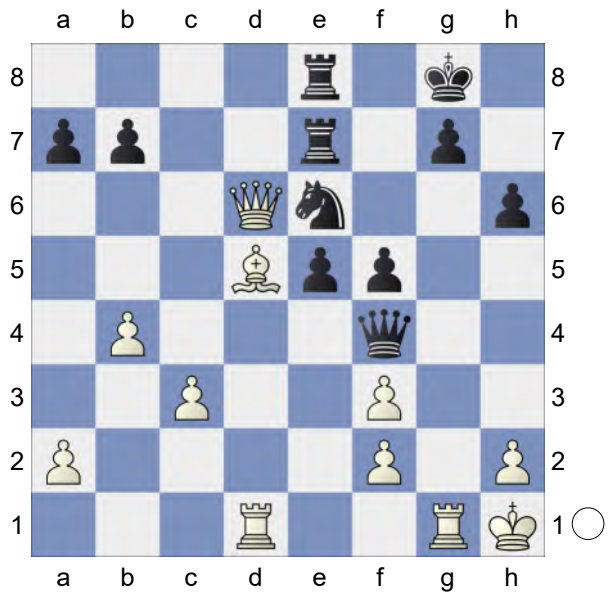


33.Qxg6+!! Decoy. White mates.
[Inferior is 33.Rf2 Qh3+ 34.Kg1=]
33...Kxg6 34.Rf6+ Kh7 35.Rh6#
Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.68
1-0

381 **A45**
□ **Naroditsky,Daniel** **2619**
■ **Saydaliev,Saidakbar** **2462**
Titled Tue 18th Feb Early blitz (4)
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.Nf3 e6 5.e3 Bd6 6.dxc5 Bxc5 7.Bd3 Bd6N**
[7...0-0 8.0-0 Nc6 9.e4 a6 10.e5 Nd7 11.Bxh7+ Kxh7 12.Ng5+ Kg6 *(12...Kg8 13.Qh5 Re8 14.Qxf7+ Kh8 15.Qh5+ Kg8 16.Qh7+ Kf8 17.Qh8+ Ke7 18.Qxg7#* 3) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 e6-5.Bd3 c5 #2 London 2023*)* 13.Qd3+ f5 14.Qg3 Qe7 15.Nxe6+ Kf7 16.Ng5+ Ke8 17.Nxd5 3) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 e6-5.Bd3 c5 #3 London 2023]
8.Bxd6 The position is equal. **8...Qxd6 9.0-0**
[9.e4 is more complex. dxe4 10.Bb5+ Ke7 11.Qxd6+ Kxd6 12.Nd2]
9...0-0 10.e4 dxe4 11.Nxe4 Qe7 0.48/17
[11...Nxe4= 0.12/20 12.Bxe4 Qb4]
12.Qe2 Nc6 13.Nxf6+ Qxf6 14.Rad1 0.12/20
[14.c3± 0.46/19]
14...e5 15.Be4 Bg4 16.c3 Inhibits Nd4.
16...Rfe8 17.Qb5 0.29/20 &Bianco is more active.
[17.Rfe1± 0.65/17 feels stronger.]
17...Re7 18.b4 -0.28/20
[White should play 18.Rfe1± 0.58/19]
18...Bxf3= 19.gxf3 Rae8 0.10/19
[19...g6 -0.28/19 was preferrable.]
20.Qc5 Nd8 21.Kh1 -0.44/21
[21.Qxa7= 0.16/19 Ne6 22.Qb6]
21...Ne6 0.19/19
[21...b6∓ -0.44/21 22.Qe3 Ne6]
22.Qd6 -1.07/20
[22.Qxa7= 0.19/19 Nf4 23.Bxb7 *(23.Rg1 Ne2∓)*]
22...Qf4 -0.45/18
[Black should try 22...g6∓ -1.07/20 aiming for ...Rd8. 23.Rd5 Qh4]
23.Rg1 f5 0.32/21
[23...g6∓ -0.53/20]
24.Bd5± Rde1 is the strong threat.
24...h6? 7.26/24
[24...Kh8= 0.20/22]

(Diagram)



25.Rd4! Weighted Error Value: White=0.33/Black=0.31
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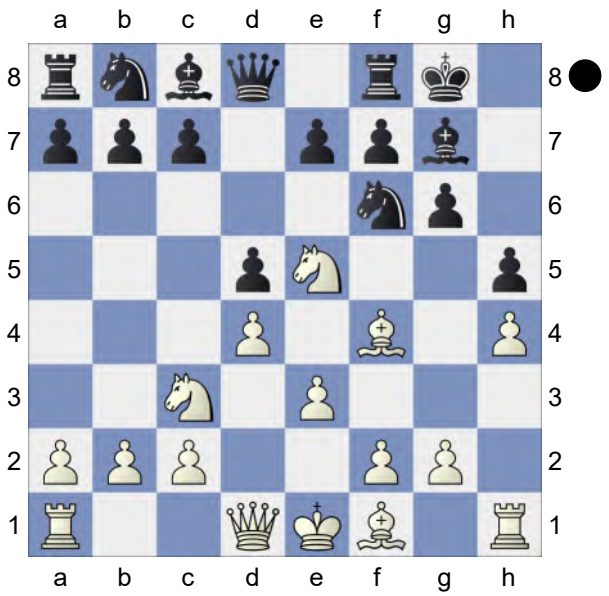
382 **A45**
□ **Naroditsky,Daniel** **2619**
■ **Ragger,Markus** **2580**
Titled Tue 4th Feb Late blitz (7) 04.02.25
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 g6 4.e3 Bg7 5.h4 h5 6.Nf3**
[6.Nb5!? Na6□ 7.Nc3=]
6...0-0 7.Ne5

(Diagram)



c5! **8.Qd2** The position is equal.
8...cxd4 9.exd4 Nc6 10.f3 Against Nf6-g4 **10...Nd7** 0.33/18
[10...Bf5= -0.03/17 is more appropriate. 11.Bb5 Nxe5 12.dxe5 Nd7 13.0-0-0 Nxe5 14.Qxd5 Qc7 15.g4 Nd3+ 16.Bxd3 Qxf4+ 17.Kb1 Be6 18.Qe4 Qxe4 19.Nxe4 hxg4 20.fxg4 Bxg4 21.Rdg1 f5 22.Bc4+ Kh8 23.h5 g5 24.Nxg5 Bh6 25.Nf7+ Kh7 1-0 Night King96 (2803)-Watneg (2853) Blitz 2024]
11.0-0-0N -0.42/19 Leaves trodden paths. Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade.
[11.Nxd5± 0.33/18 Ndb8 *(11...Ndxe5 12.dxe5 Nxe5 13.0-0-0 Be6 14.Qe3 Bxd5 15.Bxe5 Bxe5 16.Qxe5* 7) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 g6-6.Nf3 O-O 7.Ne5 c5 8.Qd2 Nc6 The Meanest Jobava 2023 *)* 12.Ne3]
11...Ndxe5∓ 12.dxe5 d4 13.Nb5 Bf5 -0.14/20
[13...Qd5∓ -0.72/17 14.Kb1 Bxe5 *(14...Nxe5 15.Qxd4 Qxd4 16.Nxd4=; 14...Be6 15.c4∓)* 15.Bxe5 Qxe5]
14.g4N -0.76/19

[14.Nxd4 Nxd4 15.Qxd4 Qa5 16.Bc4 -1.62/21 *(16.Qd5= -0.15/20 Qb4 17.Qd4)* 16...Rac8!-+ 17.Bb3 -2.40/22 *(17.g4* -1.72/20 was worth a try. *hxg4 18.Bb3 gxf3 19.h5)* 17...Bxc2-+ 18.Bxc2 Black must now prevent Kc1-b1. Qxa2 ...Rc8-c4 is the strong threat. 19.Be3 -2.91/22 *(⌓19.Qb4* -2.04/20 *a5 20.Qxb7)* 19...Rc4-+ 20.Qxa7 0-1 Meessen,R (2168)-Ulasevich,S (2261) Budapest One Week IM-A 02 2024 (8)]

[14.Nxd4= -0.14/20 Nxd4 15.Qxd4]

14...hxg4∓ 15.h5 -0.41/18

[White should try 15.fxg4∓ -0.80/18 Bxg4 16.Be2 Bxe2 *(16...Nxe5 17.Bxe5* Remove Defender *Bxe5 18.Bxg4±)* 17.Qxe2]

15...Rc8 0.01/18

[15...Bxe5 16.Bxe5 *(16.hxg6 Bg7+-)* 16...Qd5 *(16...Nxe5 17.hxg6 Re8 18.Rh8+ Kg7 19.Qh6+ Kf6 20.Qh4+ Ke6 21.Rxe8+-)* 17.hxg6 *(17.Bxd4 Qxa2 18.Qe3 Qa1+ 19.Kd2 Qa5+ 20.c3 Nxd4+-)* 17...Qxe5 18.Re1+- *(18.Nxd4 Qxd4 19.Qxd4 Nxd4=)*]

[15...a6∓ -0.41/18 16.h6 Bxe5 17.Bxe5 Nxe5 18.Nxd4 Qd6 *(18...gxf3 19.Qe3=; 18...Nxf3? 19.Qc3±)*]

16.fxg4? -1.62/18

[16.hxg6= 0.01/18 Nxe5 17.gxf7+ Rxf7 18.Bxe5 Bxe5 *(18...Rxc2+? 19.Qxc2 Bxc2 20.Bxg7∓)* 19.Bd3 *(19.Qg5+? Kf8∓)* 19...Bxd3 *(19...gxf3? 20.Rdg1+ Rg7 21.Bxf5+-)* 20.Qxd3]

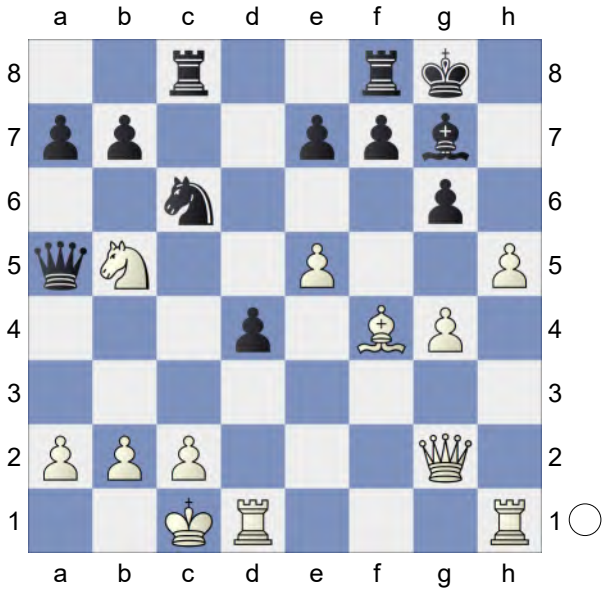
16...Be4? -0.01/17

[16...Bxg4 17.hxg6 fxg6 18.Bc4+ Rf7 19.Bh6 *(19.Bxf7+ Kxf7 20.e6+ Bxe6=)* 19...Nxe5 20.Bxg7 *(20.Bxf7+ Nxf7 21.Bxg7 Bxd1∓)* 20...Nxc4 21.Rh8+ *(21.Qxd4 Qxd4 22.Bxd4 e5∓)* 21...Kxg7 22.Qh6+ *(22.Rxd8? Nxd2 23.Rxc8 Bxc8-+)* 22...Kf6 23.Qh4+ *(23.Rxd8 Rxd8 24.Qh4+ Kg7+-)* 23...Kg7 24.Rxd8 Rxd8 25.Qxg4±]

[16...Bxc2!-+ -1.62/18 17.Kxc2 Qd5]

17.Bg2= Bxg2 18.Qxg2 Qa5 0.77/19

[18...Qb6!= 0.01/20 19.hxg6 Nxe5 *(19...Qxb5 20.Qh3±)* 20.Bxe5 *(20.Nxd4 Nc4=)* 20...Bxe5]



19.hxg6! -0.01/22 White is more active.

19...Qxb5 20.Qh2 Really sharp!

20...fxg6

[20...Nxe5 21.Qh7#]

21.Qh7+ Kf7 22.Bh6 Nb4? 3.98/23

23.Qxg7++-

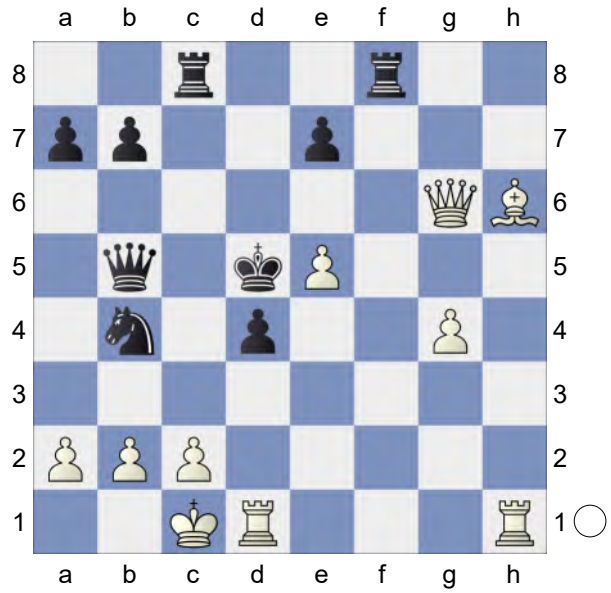
[23.Bxg7 Rxc2+ 24.Kb1 Rxb2+ 25.Kxb2 Nd3+ *(25...Qe2+ 26.Ka3 Qf3+ 27.Kxb4 Qc3+ 28.Kb5 Qc6+ 29.Ka5 Qc5+ 30.Ka4 b5+ 31.Ka5 Qc7+ 32.Kxb5 Rb8+ 33.Ka4 Qc6+ 34.Ka5 Qb5#)* 26.Kc2 Qc4+ 27.Kd2 Qc3+ *(27...Qxa2+ 28.Kxd3 Qb3+ 29.Kxd4=)* 28.Ke2 Nf4+ 29.Kf2 Qe3+ 30.Kf1 Qf3+ 31.Kg1 Qg2#]

23...Ke6 24.Qxg6+

[24.Rxd4 leads to mate. Rf1+ 25.Rd1 Nd3+ *(25...Nxa2+? 26.Kb1-+; 25...Qd3 26.Qg8+ Rxg8 27.cxd3-+)* 26.Kd2 Rf2+ 27.Ke3 Qc5+ 28.Kxd3 Rd8+ 29.Ke4 Qxc2+ 30.Ke3 Qe2#]

24...Kd5? 7.74/21

[24...Kd7 3.78/20]



25.Rxd4+!! Clearance **25...Kc5 26.Be3 Nxa2+ 27.Kd2 Qa5+ 28.c3** White threatens b2-b4+ and mate. **28...Nxc3 29.Ra4+** Skewer, Discovered Attack (Check) **29...Kb5 30.Rxa5+ Kxa5 31.bxc3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=1.65

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383 **D00**

□ **Naroditsky,Daniel** **2619**

■ **Shogdzhiev,Roman** **2402**

Titled Tue 24th Jun Early blitz (10)

[TA]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines

1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 c5 5.dxc5 e6 6.Nf3 -0.13/22

[6.Na4!± 0.49/24 Qa5+ 7.c3 Bxc5 8.Nxc5 Qxc5 9.Nf3]

6...Bxc5= 7.Bd3 0-0 8.0-0 The position is equal. **8...b5 9.a3** -0.31/21

[Better is 9.e4!= 0.19/20]

9...Bb7∓ 10.Qe2 Nbd7 11.Rad1 -0.71/20

[11.e4!= -0.25/21]

11...Qe7 12.e4 dxe4 -0.03/27

[Black should play 12...d4∓ -0.69/25 13.Nb1 e5]

13.Nxe4 Nxe4 14.Bxe4 Bxe4 15.Qxe4 Nf6 16.Qe2 Nd5 17.Bg3 Rfe8 18.Rfe1 Qb7 19.Ne5 Bd6 20.Qf3 Bxe5 21.Bxe5 f6 22.Bg3 Rac8 23.c3 Qf7 24.h4 h5 25.Rd4 Nb6 26.Rd6 Nc4 27.Rxa6 Nxb2 0.28/27

[27...e5! -0.10/26 deserves consideration.]

28.Rb6= Na4 29.Rb7 -0.02/22

[29.Rxb5± 0.42/25 e5 30.Re3]

29...Re7 0.39/27

[29...Rxc3= -0.02/22 feels stronger. 30.Qe4 Nc5]

30.Rxe7 0.00/28

[30.Rxb5± 0.39/27 might be stronger. e5 31.Rc1]

30...Qxe7 31.Qxh5 Nxc3 32.Qg4 Rc6 33.h5 Nd5 34.h6 Qf7 Dodges Qg6 **35.Qe2 Nc3 36.Qf3 Nd5 37.hxg7**

[37.Qe2 simplifies Rc4 38.hxg7 Kxg7 39.Qxe6 Qxe6 40.Rxe6 b4 41.axb4 Rxb4 42.Rd6]

37...Qxg7 38.Qd3 Rc4 39.a4

[39.Rxe6? is the wrong capture. Rc1+ 40.Kh2 Qh8+-+]

39...Qh7 40.Qe2

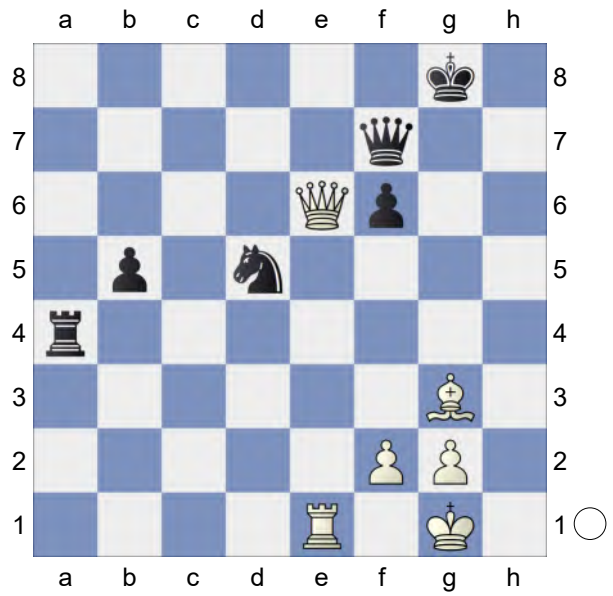
[40.Qxh7+ Kxh7 41.axb5 *(41.Rxe6 bxa4 42.Ra6 Kg7=)* 41...Rb4]

40...Rxa4 1.59/22

[⌓40...Qf5 0.88/24]

41.Qxe6+± Qf7

(Diagram)



42.Qc6 0.85/21
[42.Qh3!+- 1.84/23 and White stays clearly on top.]
42...Rc4 1.27/19
[⌓42...Kg7 0.85/21]
43.Qxb5 White is more active. **43...Rc8** 3.12/21
[43...Ne7± 1.51/19 was worth a try. 44.Qd7 Ng6 45.Qd8+ Kh7]
44.Qd3+- Bd6 would now be deadly.
44...Nb4? 6.21/19
[44...Kg7 2.48/20 45.Re4 Ne7 46.Rg4+ Kf8]
45.Qe4 aiming for Qg4+. **45...Nd5?** 8.50/20
[45...Rc4 3.72/17]

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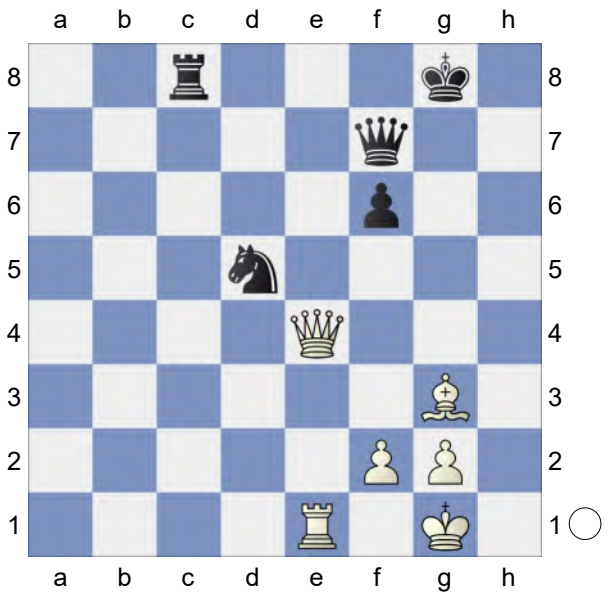

46.Qg4+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.30
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384 **D00**
□ **Naroditsky,Daniel** **2619**
■ **Cremisi,Daniel** **2223**
Titled Tue 4th Feb Late blitz (2) 04.02.25
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 c6 6.Nc3 Nc7 7.Bd3**
[7.Nf3 Bd6 8.Ne5 0-0 9.Qf3 Bb4 10.Bd3 Ne4 11.0-0 Bxc3 12.bxc3 f6 13.Nc4 dxc4 14.Bxe4 e5 15.dxe5 fxe5 16.Qh5 g6 17.Bxg6 Qe7 18.Bxe5 Nd5 19.Be4 Nxc3 20.Bxh7+ Qxh7 21.Qg5+ Kf7 Normal One (2628)-TheRigaMagician (2763) Blitz 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (48)]
7...Bd6 **8.Nf3** The position is equal.
8...Bxf4N
[8...0-0 9.Ne5 Bxe5 *(9...c5 10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.Qf3 b6 12.0-0-0 Ba6 13.g4 Bxd3 14.Nxd3 Nd7 15.h4 Re8*

16.Qg3 Rc8 17.g5 Bf8 18.h5 Nc5 19.Ne5 Nb7 20.g6 Nd6 21.Rdg1 Qe7 22.gxh7+ Kh8 23.Bg5 Nf5 24.Qg2 Beber,A (1799)-Alfano,E (1885) Iasi 2023 1-0*)* 10.dxe5 Nd7 11.h4 f5 12.g4 Nc5 13.Be2 a5 14.a4 b6 15.gxf5 exf5 16.Qd2 Ne4 17.Nxe4 dxe4 18.0-0-0 Qxd2+ 19.Rxd2 Ba6 20.Bxa6 Rxa6 21.Rg1 Ne6 22.Rd6 Nxf4 23.exf4 Dabraccio,G (1583)-Ortiz,S Rivera Huila 2023 1-0 (44) Rc8 24.Rg5 g6 25.h5 Ra7 26.hxg6 Rf8 27.gxh7+ Kh8 28.Rxc6 Rxh7 29.Rg2 Rh1+ 30.Kd2 Rb8 31.Kc3 Rh4 32.Rg5 Kh7 33.Rc7+ Kh6 34.Rxf5 Rh3+ 35.Kc4 Rf3 36.Rf6+ Kh5 37.Rh7+ Kg4 38.Rg6+ 4.♘h3 ♗g7 5. ♘ f4_39370 (1583)-Gubanov,A Internet 2023 CBM 047 ext [John Watson] 1-0 (44)]

9.exf4 b6 10.0-0 0-0 11.Ne5 Bb7 12.Qf3 c5 13.Rfe1 cxd4 0.34/19

[13...Rb8= -0.06/17]

14.Ne2± Nd7 15.Nxd4

[15.Qh3 feels hotter. h6 16.Nxd4 Nxe5 17.fxe5 Ba6 18.Rad1]

15...Nxe5 16.Rxe5 g6 17.Rae1 &Bianco is much more active. The black rooks are badly placed. **17...Ba6 18.Qg3 Bxd3 19.cxd3 Qf6 20.f5 Rae8** 1.20/20

[20...exf5± 0.67/20 21.Nxf5 Ne6]

21.fxg6± hxg6 1.67/21

[21...fxg6± 1.30/22 22.Qe3 Qf4]

22.h4!+- Kg7 2.22/22

[22...Kh7 1.74/20 was called for. 23.h5 g5]

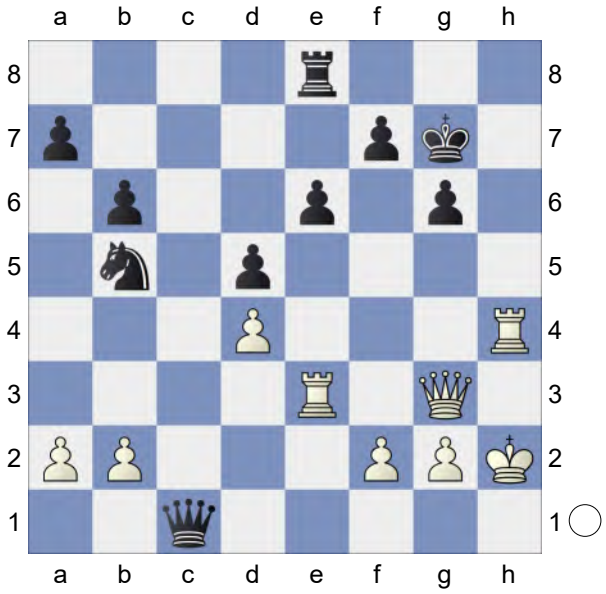
23.h5 Rh8? 3.81/22

[23...Rc8 2.17/18 24.R1e3 g5]

24.R1e3 Rxh5? 6.97/21

[24...Kg8 3.47/22 25.Rf3 Qg7]

25.Rxh5 Qxd4 26.Rh4 Qc5 27.d4 Qc1+ 28.Kh2 White wants to mate with Qe5+. **28...Nb5**



29.Qg5? 2.27/22

[29.Rc3! 10.33/24 Qe1 30.Rf3 Nxd4 31.Rh7+!! Kg8 32.Rfxf7 Qg1+ 33.Kxg1 Ne2+ 34.Kh2 Nxg3 35.Rfg7+ Kf8 36.Rd7]

29...Qc7+ 30.f4 Really sharp! **30...Nd6 31.Qh6+** 0.76/5

[31.Reh3+- 2.06/25 has better winning chances. White threatens Rh7+ and mate. Rg8 32.Qe5+ *(32.Rc3 Qd8±)* 32...Kf8 33.Rh7 *(33.Rh8 Rxh8 34.Rxh8+ Ke7±)*]

31...Kf6± 32.Qg5+ 0.01/5

[32.Rc3!± 0.98/23 Threatening mate with Qg5+. Qd8 33.Qg5+ Kg7 34.Qe5+ *(34.Qh6+ Kf6±)* 34...f6 35.Qe1]

32...Kg7= 33.Reh3 Rg8 34.Rh7+

[Don't take 34.Rc3?! Qd8±]

34...Kf8 35.Rh8 0.70/26

[Better is 35.Qe5+- 1.62/21]

35...Nf5± 36.Rxg8+! Kxg8 Endgame KQR-KQN **37.Rc3! Qd6** 2.09/24

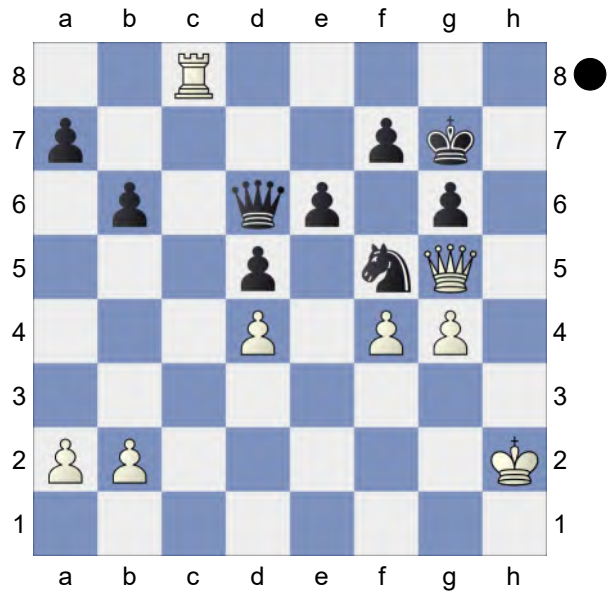
[37...Qb8± 1.01/25]

38.Rc8+? -0.01/25

[38.g4!+- 2.09/24 Ne7 39.Kg3]

38...Kg7= 39.g4? -3.07/23

[39.Kh3= -0.01/23 and White is okay.]



39...Nxd4?? 9.28/27

[39...f6!-+ -3.07/23 40.Rg8+ Kxg8 41.Qxg6+ Ng7 42.Qxf6 Qb4 43.Qd8+ Kh7]

40.Qe5+? 0.01/24

[White has to play 40.Kg2+- 9.28/27 Ne2 41.Qh4 Nxf4+ 42.Kf3]

40...Qxe5 41.fxe5 Strongly threatening Kg3. KR-KN **41...Nf3+ 42.Kg3 Nxe5 43.Rc7 a5** 0.55/23

[43...Nd3!∓ -0.43/22]

44.Rb7± Nc4 0.80/24

[44...Kf6= 0.26/21 remains equal.]

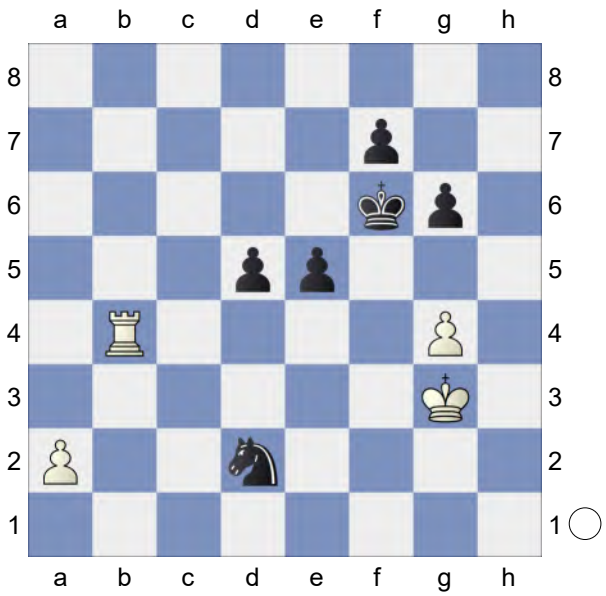
45.b3± Nd2 46.Rxb6 g5 is the strong threat. **46...e5** 1.78/24

[Black should play 46...Kf6± 0.63/21]

47.b4+- axb4 48.Rxb4 Kf6? 4.43/23

[48...f5 2.31/22 was worth a try. 49.a4 f4+ 50.Kf2 Nc4]

(Diagram)



49.a4! Threatens to win with a5.

49...Nc4 50.Rb5 d4 5.67/22

[50...Nd6 4.00/21 is a better defense. 51.Rxd5 Ke6]

51.a5 White is clearly winning. **51...d3** aiming for ...d2. **52.a6**

[Weaker is 52.Rd5 Ke6 53.Rxd3 Nxa5=]

52...e4 53.a7 d2 54.Rd5 Nb6 55.Rxd2 Ke6 Inhibits Rd6+. **56.Rb2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.58/ Black=0.43

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385 **A45**

□ **Naroditsky,Daniel** **2619**

■ **Ozates,Tuna** **2225**

Titled Tue 18th Feb Late blitz (2) 18.2.25

[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Bb4+ 5.c3 Ba5! 6.a4 a6**

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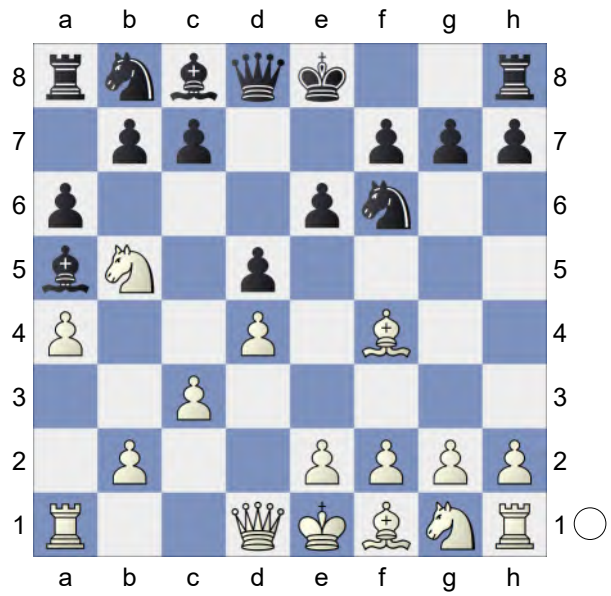
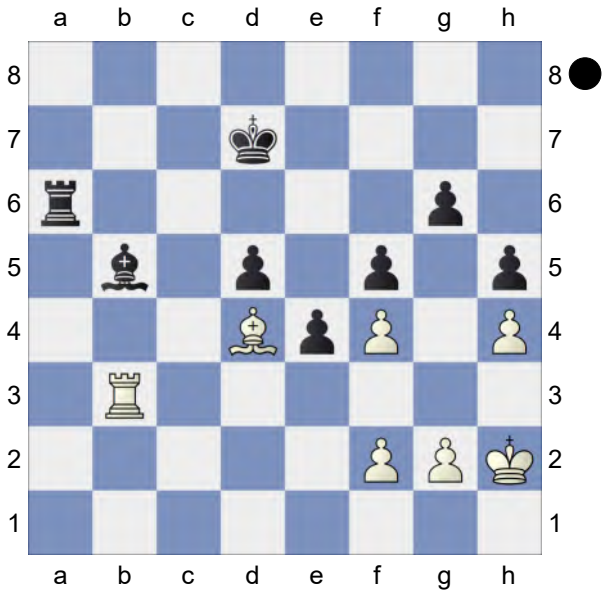


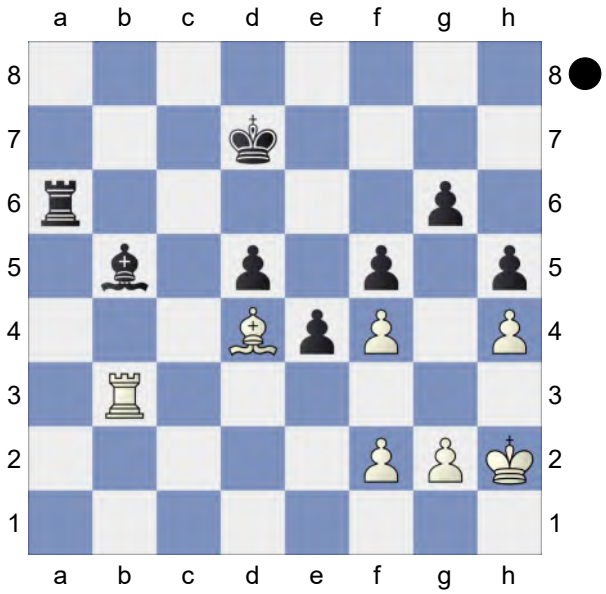
7.b4! axb5N
[7...Nh5 8.Bd2 Bb6 9.a5 axb5 10.axb6 Rxa1 11.Qxa1 c6 12.g4 Nf6 13.Bf4 Na6 14.Qa5 Nd7 15.Bc7 Qg5 16.Qa1 Nxc7 17.bxc7 Qf4 18.Nf3 Qxc7 19.e3 e5 20.g5 e4 21.Nd2 0-0 22.h4 Bortnyk,O (2605)-Nakamura,H (2768) Chess.com INT 2023 Mega2023 Update 16 [Kitty Kat] 0-1 (44)]
[7...Nc6 8.bxa5 axb5 9.axb5 Nxa5 10.e3 0-0 *(10...Bd7 11.Nf3 Ne4 12.Qc2 Nc4 13.Rxa8 Qxa8 14.Bxc4 Qa1+* 24) Jobava London System-Jobava London − 2.Nc3 d5 3. *)* 11.Nf3 Bd7 12.Ne5 Ne4 13.Qc2 Nd6 14.Nxd7 Qxd7 15.Bd3 h6 16.Qa4 Ndc4 17.Qa2 Qxb5 18.Bxc7 Qc6 19.Bg3 b5 20.0-0 Rfc8 21.h3 g6 22.Qc2 Aqua Blazing (2827)-Kaka66 (2810) Blitz 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (46)]
8.axb5 The position is equal. **8...c6 9.bxa5 cxb5 10.e3 Nc6** 0.54/21
[10...Bd7!= 0.00/21]
11.Bxb5± Rxa5 12.Rb1
[But not 12.Rxa5 Qxa5 13.Bxc6+ bxc6∓]
12...0-0 13.Ne2 Bd7 14.0-0
[14.Bd3 keeps more tension. Ra2 15.Bd6 Re8 16.Qb3]
14...Ne7 15.Bd3 b5 16.Bg5 0.10/21
[16.Nc1± 0.52/20]
16...Ne4= 17.Bxe4 dxe4 18.Ng3 -0.42/20
[18.Qb3= 0.13/20]
18...f5 0.33/19
[18...f6∓ -0.42/20 19.Bf4 Bc6]
19.Qb3 -0.02/20
[19.Qe2!± 0.33/19]
19...h6! 20.Bf4 Nd5 21.Be5 Qc8 Inhibits c4. **22.Rfc1 Ra4** Prevents c4. **23.h4**
[23.Nh5!?]
23...Qc4 24.Nh5 g6 25.Nf4 Nxf4 26.exf4 -0.66/25
[26.Bxf4= 0.01/24 Qxb3 27.Rxb3]
26...Qxb3∓ 27.Rxb3 Rc8 28.Rcb1 h5 29.Re1 Ra2 30.Re3 -1.00/24
[30.Reb1∓ -0.62/22]
30...Ra4 0.01/23
[30...Bc6∓ -1.00/24]
31.Kh2 -0.75/24
[31.Re1!= 0.01/23]
31...Kf7 32.Rb2 Ra3 33.Re1 -1.47/26
[33.Bd6∓ -0.70/24 Raxc3 34.Ra2]
33...Rc4 -0.80/24
[Worse is 33...Raxc3 34.Ra2∓]
[⌓33...Rcxc3 -1.47/26 34.d5 exd5 35.Bxc3 Rxc3]
34.Reb1 -1.51/26
[⌓34.Rc1 -0.80/24]
34...Raxc3 -1.15/27
[⌓34...Rcxc3 -1.51/26 35.d5 exd5 36.Bxc3 Rxc3]
35.Ra2 Ra4 Against Ra7 **36.Rxa4 bxa4∓** Endgame KRB-KRB **37.Rb7 Ke8 38.d5** -1.78/26
[38.Ra7∓ -1.09/25]
38...Rb3!-+ 39.Ra7 exd5 ...Rd3 is the strong threat. **40.Ra5** -4.49/24
[40.Ra6 -3.17/23 was called for.]

40...Bc6 -2.16/21
[⌓40...Rd3 -4.49/24 41.Ra8+ Ke7]
41.Ra7? -3.68/25
[41.Ra6 -2.16/21 was the only chance. Kd7 42.Ra7+ Rb7 43.Rxb7+ Bxb7 44.Kg1]
41...a3 42.Bd6 Rb7 43.Rxa3 Kd7 -0.87/25
[43...d4-+ -2.20/26 White must now prevent ...d3. 44.Ra8+ Kd7]
44.Be5∓ Bb5 45.Rg3 -1.42/24
[45.Ra8!∓ -0.48/25]
45...Rb6 46.Bd4 Ra6 47.Rb3



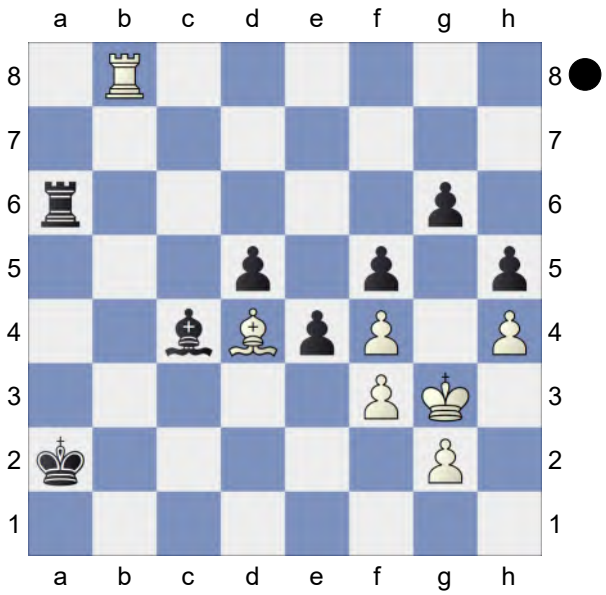
Kc6 -0.93/22
[47...Ra4!-+ -1.98/25 is more deadly. 48.Bf6 *(48.Be5 Kc6)* 48...Kc6 49.Rc3+ Kb7]
48.Rg3 Kd7 -0.01/20
[48...Kc7∓ -1.39/26 49.Rc3+ Bc4]
49.Rb3!=

(Diagram)



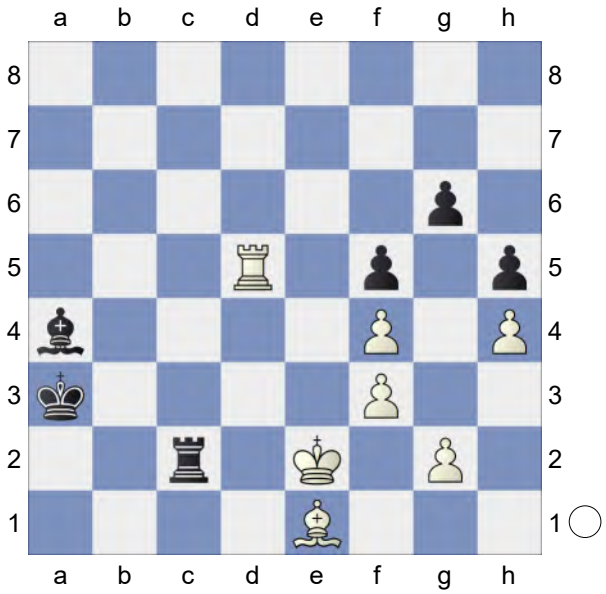
Kc6 0.01/21
[49...Ra4!∓ -1.55/23 50.Bf6 *(50.Be5 Kc6)* 50...Kc6 51.Rc3+ Kb7]
50.Be5 -2.98/24
[50.Rg3= 0.01/21 and White has nothing to worry.]
50...Bc4 51.Rb8 Ra2? -0.11/23
[51...Kc5-+ -2.29/24 aiming for ...Bb5. 52.Rc8+ Kb4]
52.Bd4! Ra6 0.01/22
[52...Rd2!∓ -1.02/25 53.Be3 Rd1 54.Rb6+ Kc7]
53.Rg8 -1.20/26
[53.Be5!= 0.01/22 keeps the balance.]
53...Kb5∓ 54.Rc8 -2.04/23
[54.Rb8+∓ -1.21/22 was worth a try. Kc6 55.Rc8+ Kb7 56.Rg8]
54...Kb4-+ 55.Rb8+ Ka3 -1.42/21
[55...Bb5-+ -2.57/22 56.Kg1 Kc4]
56.Kg3 -2.48/24
[56.Be5∓ -1.42/21]
56...Ka2? -0.01/21
[56...Bb3-+ -2.48/24 Hoping for ... Ra4. 57.Be5 Rc6]
57.Rb2+!= Ka3 58.Rb8 Ka2? 0.01/20
[58...Bb3-+ -1.94/23 Threatens to win with ...Ra4. 59.Be5 Rc6]

59.f3 -1.47/21
[59.Rb2+!= 0.01/20 Ka3 60.Rb8]



59...Ka3 -0.99/23
[⌓59...Bb3! -1.47/21 And now ...Ra4 would win. 60.Kf2 Rc6 61.fxe4 fxe4]
60.Kf2∓ Ka4 61.Ke3 Ka3 -0.01/18
[61...Rc6∓ -0.87/21]
62.Bc3 -0.77/21
[62.Kf2!= -0.01/18]
62...Ka4 0.01/24
[62...Bf1∓ -0.77/21]
63.Kd2 -1.18/20
[63.Rb4+= 0.01/24 remains equal. Ka3 64.fxe4]
63...Bb3 -0.43/21
[Black should play 63...Bb5∓ -1.18/20]
64.Rb4+ -1.00/21
[64.Ke3∓ -0.43/21]
64...Ka3 65.Rb5 Rc6 -0.01/22
[65...Bc4∓ -0.52/21 66.Rb8 Bd3]
66.Ra5+= Ba4 67.Rxd5 e3+ 68.Kd3 e2 69.Be1 Rc1 1.20/23
[69...Bd1= 0.20/24]
70.Kxe2± Rc2+

(Diagram)



71.Bd2 -0.09/21
[White should try 71.Kf1!± 1.24/21]
71...Bb3? 1.55/23
[Better is 71...Rc7!= -0.09/21]
72.Rd6 Bc4+ 73.Ke3 Rb2? 11.71/24
[73...Bf7± 1.60/23 74.Kd3 Rc7]
74.Bc1 Never resign too early!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.40/ Black=0.59
1-0

386 **D00**
□ **Naroditsky,Daniel** **2619**
■ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2737**
Bullet Chess Losers 2024 (6.14) 13.6.24
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...e6 3.e4 c5 4.d5 exd5 5.e5 Qe7 6.Qe2 Ng8 7.Nxd5 Qd8 8.Nf3 h6 9.Nf6+ Ke7 10.Qe4 g6 11.Bc4 Bg7 12.Qd5 Qf8 13.Be3 Kd8 14.Bxc5 Ne7 15.Qe4 Na6 16.Bxa6 1-0 Raetsky,A-Bojic,Z Zürich 2003 1-0 Raetsky,A-Bojic,Z Zürich 2003]
[2...c5 3.d5

A) 3...d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7* 0-1 Bauer,E-Feustel,B (2335) GER-S chT 7879 1978 Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig,F (1863) Mainz 1997 EXT 2000 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (57)*; 5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 1-0 (88)*)* 5...Bg7 6.Bb5+ *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* 1-0 Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) V0048 www.desc-online.de 2000 (7) Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) www.desc-online.de 2000 CBM 166 [Beliavsky,Alexander G] 1-0 (41)*; 6.Be2 Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4* Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston*)* 6...Bd7 7.a4 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nbd7 11.Re1 a6 12.Bf1 e5 13.a5 Ne8 14.Bd3 Qh4 15.Qg4 Qxg4 16.hxg4 Rc8 17.b3 Nef6 18.g5 0-1 Sadykov,R (2345)-Skliarov,V (2383) Julius Baer Play In rapid 2023 (3.76) 0-1 Sadykov,R (2345)-Skliarov,V (2383) Julius Baer Play In rapid 2023 (3.76);

B) 3...Qa5 4.Bd2 b5 5.e4 b4 6.e5 bxc3 7.Bxc3 Qa4 8.exf6 Qe4+ 9.Qe2 Qxe2+ 10.Bxe2 gxf6 11.d6 e5 12.Bf3 Nc6 13.Bxc6 dxc6 14.f4 Bxd6 0-1 Reynolds,R (2565)-Zanetti,A (2389) corr CNEC 15 jub 1993 0-1 Reynolds,R (2565)-Zanetti,A (2389) corr CNEC 15 jub 1993]

3.Bf4 c5 4.Nf3 cxd4 5.Qxd4 Nc6 6.Qd3 g6 7.0-0-0 -0.40/20

[7.e4= -0.04/22 is more appropriate. dxe4 8.Qxd8+ Nxd8 9.Bb5+ Bd7 10.Bxd7+ Nxd7 11.Nxe4]

7...Bg7 0.48/22

[Black should play 7...Bf5= -0.12/21 8.Qb5 Qc8]

8.e4 -0.19/23

[Better is 8.Nxd5± 0.48/22 Nxd5 *(8...Qxd5 9.Qxd5 Nxd5 10.Rxd5)* 9.Qxd5]

8...dxe4 0.36/21

[8...Nxe4= -0.19/23 9.Nxe4 Bf5 Pin]

9.Qxd8+!±

[9.Qc4 Qa5 10.Nd4 Nxd4 11.Rxd4 0-0∓]

9...Nxd8 10.Bb5+! Nc6 0.78/23

[10...Bd7± 0.42/23 11.Bxd7+ Nxd7 12.Nxe4 Ne6]

11.Ne5± White is much more active. White is really pushing. &Bianco is much more active. White is much more active. **11...Bd7**

[11...Nh5? 12.Nxc6 Bd7

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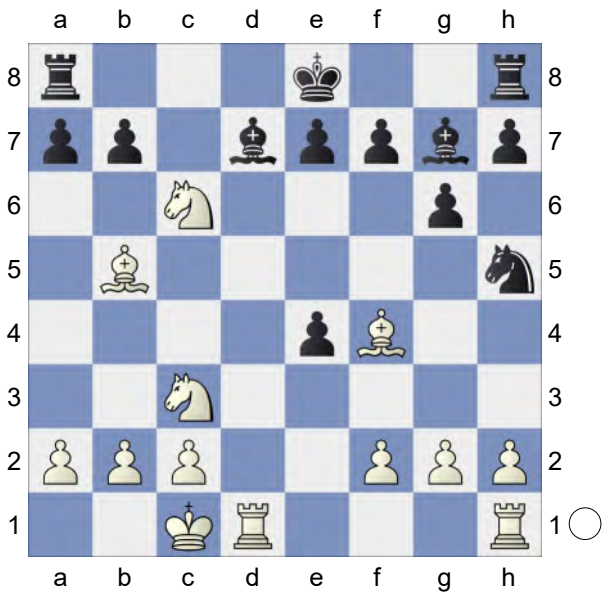

13.Nxa7! *(13.Rxd7 Kxd7 14.Na5+ Kc8+-)* 13...Bxb5 14.Naxb5+-]
12.Nxd7 Nxd7 13.Nxe4 aiming for Rhe1. **13...Nde5** 1.84/22
[13...0-0-0± 0.85/19 was called for.]
14.Nc5+- Hoping for Bf4xe5! Hoping for Bxe5. Hoping for Bf4xe5! **14...0-0** 2.25/21
[⌓14...a6± 1.44/22 15.Bxe5 Bxe5 16.Bxc6+ bxc6]
15.Nxb7 Rac8 Black is weak on the light squares **16.Kb1 Ng4 17.Bg3** This pair of bishops is nice. This bishop pair is nice. This pair of bishops is nice. **17...Nf6 18.Rhe1** Inhibits Nf6-e4. Prevents Ne4. Inhibits Nf6-e4. **18...e6** 3.65/22
[⌓18...Nh5 2.36/17 keeps fighting. 19.Bh4 *(19.Bxc6 Nxg3)* 19...Nf6]
19.Bd6 Rfe8 20.Nc5 Nd5 21.Bxc6
[Not 21.Rxd5 exd5 22.Rxe8+ Rxe8∓]
21...Rxc6

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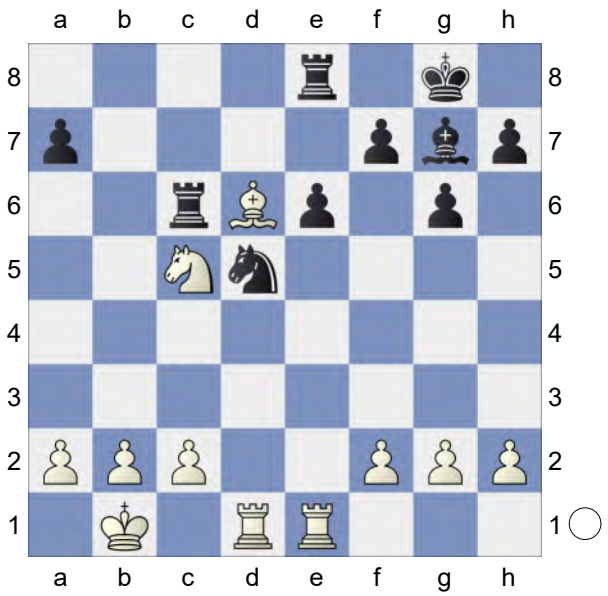
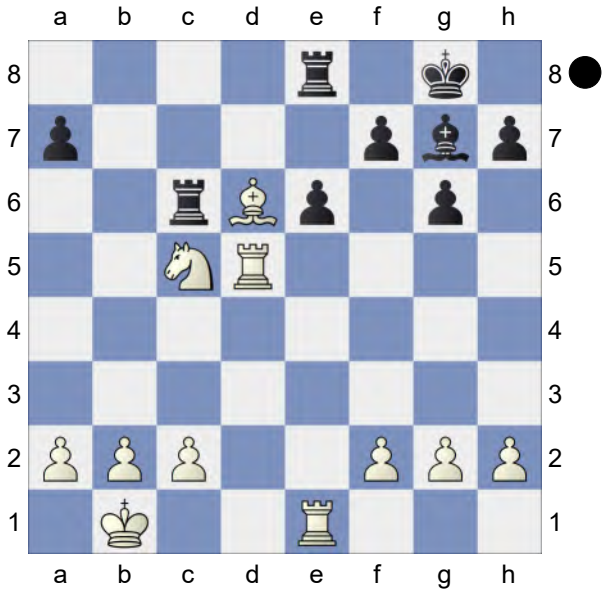


22.Rxd5



Pin **22...Rd8** Wards off Nc5-d7 **23.Rdd1**
[23.Nxe6 fxe6 24.Rxe6 Bf8∓]
23...Rdxd6 24.Rxd6 Rxd6 Endgame. KRB-KRN Endgame KRB-KRN Endgame. KRB-KRN **25.Nd3 Rd5** 2.25/21
[⌓25...h5± 1.50/19 26.f4 *(26.Re4 f5)* 26...h4]
26.Kc1 Rh5 2.27/22
[⌓26...e5 1.76/19 27.Re2 h5]
27.h3 Rg5 28.g4 h5 29.Re4 aiming for c2-c4. **29...hxg4** 2.07/24

[29...e5± 1.46/21 is a better defense.]
30.hxg4 Ra5 31.a3 e5 32.Rc4 f5 33.gxf5 gxf5 34.f3 1.27/18 Against e4
[White should try 34.Nb4+- 1.65/22]
[34.Rc8++- 1.99/22 Kf7 35.Rc7+ Kg6 36.c4]
34...Rd5 2.06/22
[34...Ra6± 1.27/18 35.Rc8+ Kh7 *(35...Kf7 36.Rc7+ Kg8)*]
35.Kd2? 0.38/22
[35.b4+- 2.06/22]
[35.a4+- 2.20/22]
35...Kf7? 2.45/20 A mistake that costs the game. Loses the game. A mistake that costs the game.
[35...e4!± 0.38/22 36.fxe4 fxe4]
36.Ke2
[Weaker is 36.Rc7+ Kf8±]
36...Kg6 3.28/21
[⌓36...Rd6 2.10/19 37.Rc7+ Kg8]
37.Rc7 1.65/19
[⌓37.b4 3.35/20]
37...Bf6? 3.29/21
[37...Rd8 2.27/20 was worth a try. 38.Rc6+ *(38.Rxa7 Rh8±)* 38...Kf7]
38.Rc6 b2-b4 is the strong threat. c4 is the strong threat. b2-b4 is the strong threat. **38...Kg5** 3.35/21
[⌓38...Kf7 2.17/19 is a better defense. 39.b4 *(39.Rc7+ Ke8+- 40.Rxa7 e4)* 39...Rd4 40.Rc7+ Ke8]
39.b4 1.74/18 Nd3-c5 would now be deadly.
[⌓39.Nc5 3.43/19]
39...e4? 4.16/23
[39...Rd8 2.33/18 40.c4 Rh8]
[39...Rd4 1.74/18 was called for. 40.Ke3 Rh4]
40.fxe4 fxe4 41.Nf2 Kf5 4.52/20

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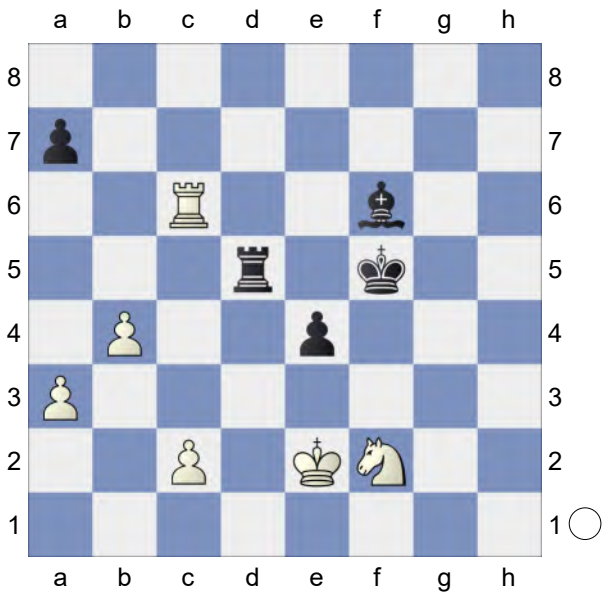

42.Nxe4! 2.67/18
[⌓42.Ng4! 4.52/20 Kxg4 *(42...Bg5 43.Ne3+)* 43.Rxf6]
42...Kxe4 5.03/23
[42...Bb2 2.67/18 43.Nd6+ Ke6]
[⌓42...Be5 3.14/17]
43.Rxf6 White is clearly winning. **43...a5 44.Rc6** And now Rc6-c4+ would win. Threatens to win with Rc4+. And now Rc6-c4+ would win. **44...axb4 45.axb4 Rh5 46.Rc4+ Kd5 47.Rc5+** Skewer. Weighted Error Value: White=0.48/Black=0.65 Weighted Error Value: White=0.46/Black=0.86 Skewer. Weighted Error Value: White=0.48/Black=0.65
1-0

387 **A45**
□ **Naroditsky,Daniel** **2619**
■ **Aghayev,M** **2419**
Titled Tue 21st Jan Late blitz (9) 21.1.25
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines A45: Trompowsky Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5**

4.Nf3 cxd4 5.Qxd4 Nc6 6.Qd3 e6 0.17/20
[6...d4 -0.17/17 feels stronger. 7.Nb5 Nd5]
[6...Bg4 7.Ne5 e6 8.Nxg4 Nxg4 9.e4 Qb6 10.Qd2 d4 11.Na4 Qb4 12.Qxb4 Bxb4+ 13.c3 dxc3 14.bxc3 Be7 15.Rb1 b6 16.Bb5 Rc8 17.Ba6 Rd8 18.Bb5 Rc8 19.f3 Nf6 20.Ba6 Rd8 21.Bb5 Rebeccaharris (2894)-Sindarovgm (2843) Blitz 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (39)]
7.e4 Bb4 8.0-0-0 The position is equal.
8...0-0N 0.77/18
[8...Bxc3= 0.15/18 9.Qxc3 0-0 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Qa3 Qb6 12.Bd6 Re8 13.Bc4 Bd7 14.Ne5 Nxe5 15.Bxe5 Qxf2 16.Rhf1 Qe3+ 17.Qxe3 Nxe3 18.Rxd7 Nxc4 19.Bc3 f6 20.Rxb7 Reb8 21.Rd7 Nb6 22.Rd6 Re8 23.Rfd1 e5 24.b3 Rab8 Naroditsky,D (2711)-Amar,E (2538) New York, United States 2024 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (62)]
9.exd5± exd5 10.Nxd5 Nxd5 11.Qxd5 Be6 12.Qxd8 &Bianco is more active.
[12.Qh5 is interesting. Qf6 13.Bg5 Qg6 14.Qxg6 hxg6 15.a3]
12...Rfxd8 13.Rxd8+ Rxd8 14.a3 Bc5 15.Bg3 Bd5 16.Bd3 Bxf3 1.40/21
[Better is 16...a6 1.01/17]
17.gxf3 Nd4 18.Rd1 g6 19.c3 Nxf3 3.74/24
[19...Nf5 1.92/20 20.Bxf5 Rxd1+ 21.Kxd1 gxf5]
20.Be4+- Rxd1+ 21.Kxd1 Endgame KBB-KBN **21...Ng5 22.Bxb7 Kf8 23.b4 Bb6 24.c4 Ne6 25.c5 Bc7 26.Bd5**

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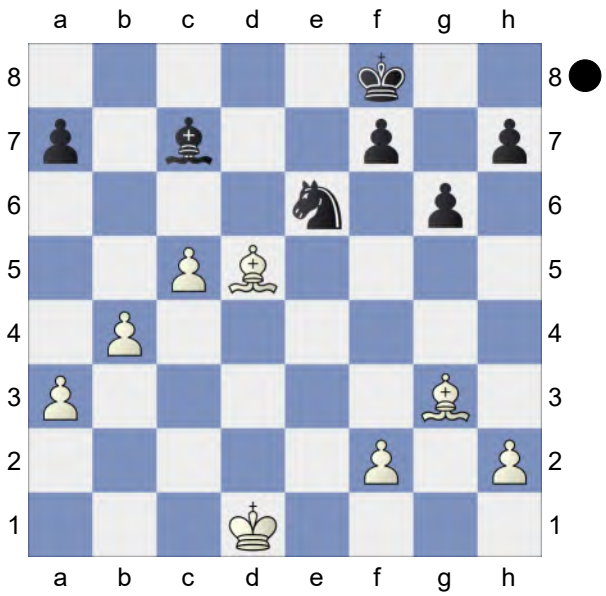
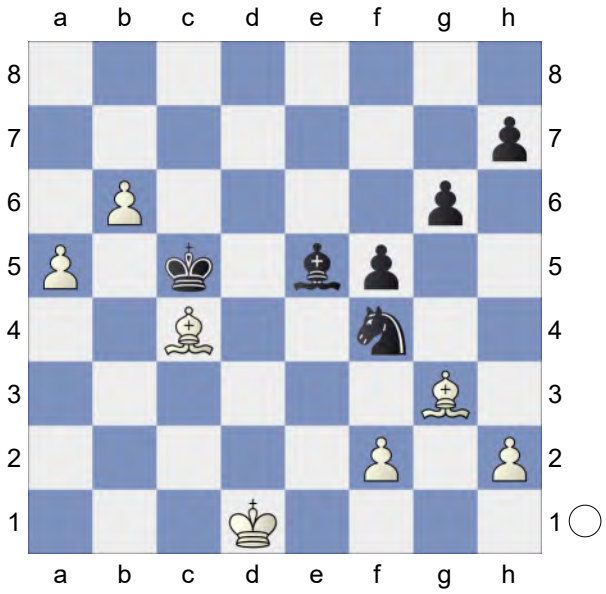


Threatens to win with Bxe6. **26...Nf4 27.Bc4 f5 28.b5** Hoping for b6! **28...Ke7?** 6.69/24
[28...g5 3.17/22 29.h4 h6]
29.b6 axb6 30.cxb6 Be5 31.a4 Kd6 32.a5 Kc5

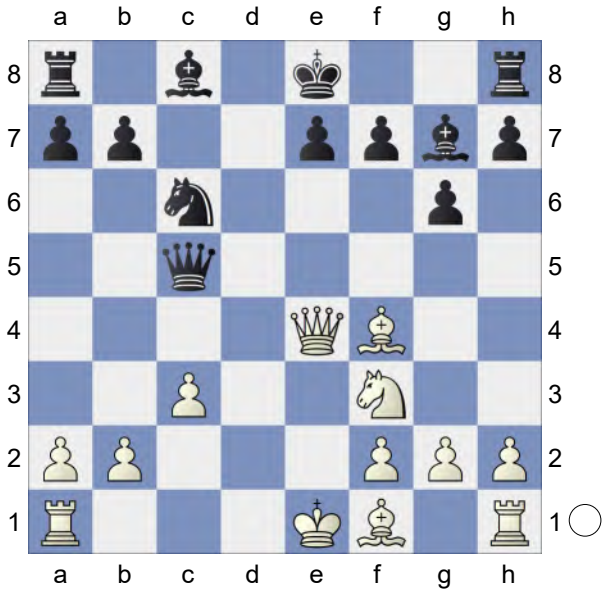


33.f3! Bb8 34.Bf1 Kc6 35.Kc2 g5 36.Kb3 Be5 37.Ka4 Bd4 38.Bb5+ Kb7 39.Bxf4 gxf4 40.Bd7 Kb5 would kill now. **40...Bxb6 41.axb6** Intending Kb5 and mate. **41...Kxb6 42.Bxf5 Kc5 43.Bxh7** White took control after the opening. Weighted Error Value:

White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.67
1-0

388 **A45**
□ **Naroditsky,Daniel** **2619**
■ **Taher,Yoseph Theolifus** **2445**
Titled Tue 24th Oct Late blitz (3)
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]
3.Bf4 c5 4.e4N
[4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 e6 6.Nb5 Na6 7.h4 Bd7 8.c3 Be7 9.a4 0-0 10.Bd3 Bc6 11.Nf3 Ne4 12.Qe2 f5 13.g3 Bf6 14.Ng5 Qd7 15.f3 Nac5 16.Bc2 a6 17.dxc5 axb5 18.fxe4 6) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5-5.exd4 e6 6.Nb5 Na6 #8 The Meanest Jobava London 2023 https://www.chessable.co [MH]]
4...Nxe4 5.Nxe4 dxe4 6.dxc5
And now Qd1xd8+ would win. **6...Qa5+**
[6...Nd7!?]
7.c3 Black must now prevent Bf4xb8.
7...Qxc5 8.Qa4+ The position is equal.
8...Nc6 9.Qxe4 g6 10.Nf3 Bg7
And now ...Bxc3+! would win.



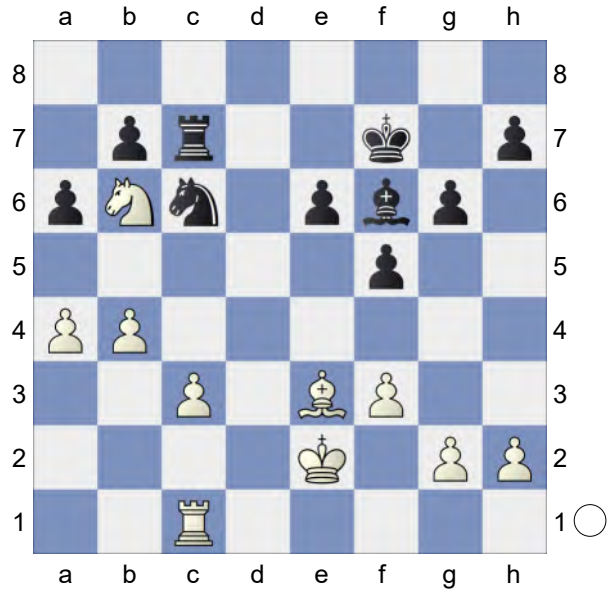
aiming for ...Bg7xc3+! **11.Rd1!** is more profitable than 11.Qe3 at the moment. scheint profitabler als 11.De3. is more profitable than 11.Qe3 at the moment. scheint profitabler als 11.De3.
11...0-0 12.Be3 Qf5 13.Qa4 a6N
[Vorgänger: 13...Qa5 14.Qb3 -0.19/21 *(⌓14.Qxa5* 0.17/22 *Nxa5 15.Be2)* 14...Be6 15.Bc4 Bxc4 16.Qxc4 Rfd8 17.0-0 Rxd1 18.Rxd1 Rd8 Against Rd5 19.Rxd8+ Qxd8

20.h3 h6 ½-½ Bortnyk,O (2605)-Hakobyan,A (2620) Titled Tuesday intern op 14th Feb Late blitz 2023 (8) Bortnyk,O (2605)-Hakobyan,A (2620) Titled Tuesday intern op 14th Feb Late blitz 2023 (8) 1/2-1/2]

14.Bd3 Qg4 15.Qxg4 Bxg4 16.Be4 Be6 17.a3 Rfd8 18.0-0 Bb3 19.Rc1 Bd5 20.Bxd5 Rxd5 21.Rfd1 Rad8 22.Rxd5 Rxd5 23.Kf1 Na5 24.Nd2 Rd7 25.Ke2 f5 26.f3 Kf7 27.b4 Nc6 28.Nc4 Bf6 29.a4 Rc7 0.37/20

[29...b5= 0.03/20 feels stronger. 30.axb5 axb5]

30.Nb6± e6

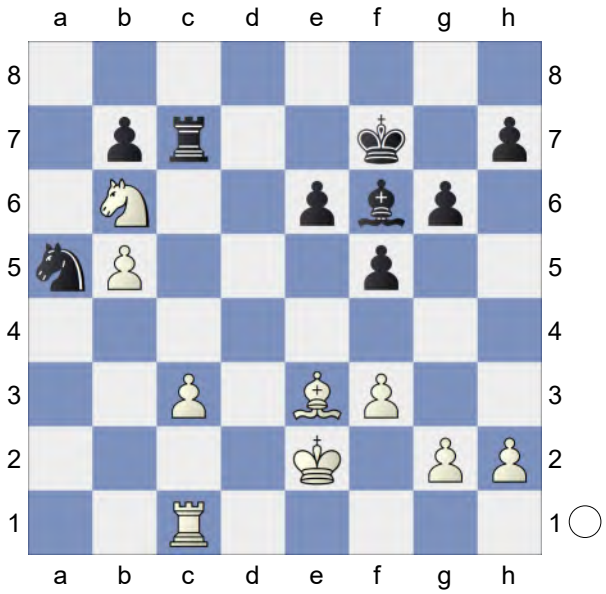


31.b5! axb5 32.axb5 Na5 1.79/23

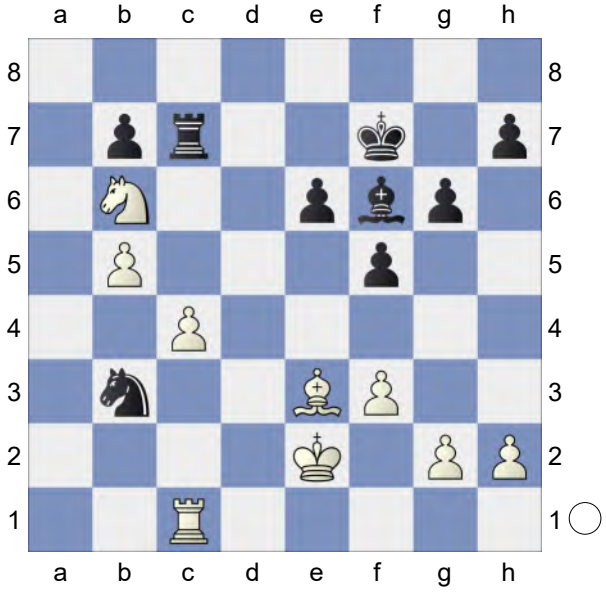
[32...Ne5± 0.80/20 was worth a try.]

[32...Nb8± 0.45/24]

(Diagram)



33.c4!+- Nb3



34.Rd1 1.25/21

[34.Rb1!+- 1.90/23 Nd4+ 35.Kd3]

34...Ke7? 5.19/25

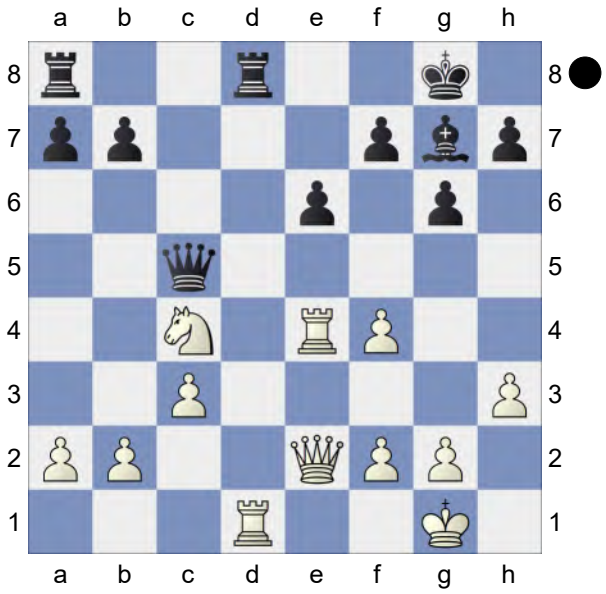
[34...g5± 1.25/21 35.Rd3 f4 36.Rxb3 fxe3 37.Kxe3 Be7]

35.Bf4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.39 Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) / Black=0.27 (precise)

1-0

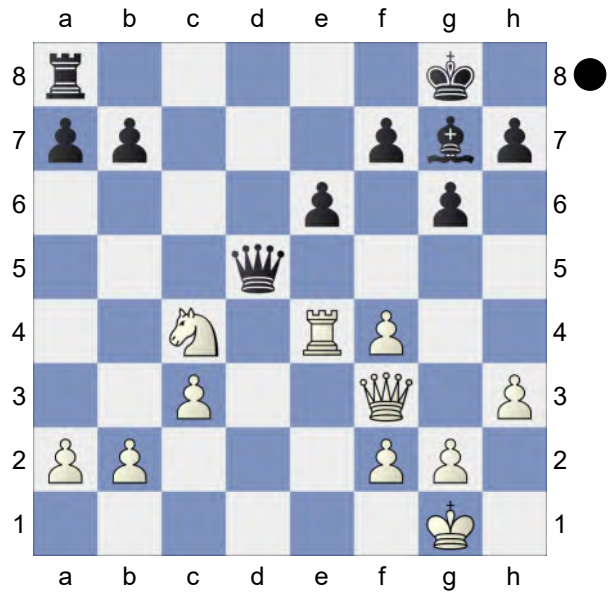
389 **D00**
□ **Feys,Bert** **2619**
■ **Vaisman,Volodea** **2612**
British Championship, Great Yarmouth (..
[John Watson]

Kitty Kat: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines '
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 Kitty Kat: 'N'
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7 ½-½* Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8 ½-½* Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]
3.Bf4 g6 4.e3 Bg7 5.Nb5 Na6 6.Nf3 0-0 7.h3 Ne4 8.Bd3 c6 9.Na3 -0.79/20
[9.Nc3∓ -0.33/22]
9...Qa5+ Kitty Kat: '∓!' **10.Nd2**
[10.Kf1 Nb4 11.Be2 c5 12.c3 Nc6 13.Nb1 Be6 14.Nbd2 Nxd2+ 15.Qxd2 Rac8 16.g4]
10...Nb4 0.14/20
[10...Nac5∓ -0.68/21]
11.Bxe4 dxe4 12.0-0 Nd5 0.27/18
[⌓12...Qf5 -0.10/19]
13.Nxe4 -0.41/21
[13.Bh2= 0.27/18]
13...Nxf4 Kitty Kat: ' ∓' **14.exf4 Rd8** 0.04/22
[Better is 14...Qf5∓ -0.48/20 15.Qf3 Bxd4]
15.c3 Kitty Kat: '=!' **15...Bf5** 0.67/20
[15...Qf5= 0.04/22 16.Qf3 b6]
16.Re1 Bxe4 17.Rxe4 e6 1.03/21
[17...c5!± 0.44/22]
18.Nc4 Kitty Kat: ' ±' **18...Qd5 19.Qe2 c5 20.dxc5 Qxc5 21.Rd1** -1.90/22 Kitty Kat: '?' Kitty Kat: '
[21.Ne3± 0.94/20]



' **21...Rd5** 1.12/23 Kitty Kat: '?'
[21...Rxd1+!-+ -1.90/22 22.Qxd1 f5 23.Rxe6 *(23.b4? Qd5-+)* 23...Qxc4]
22.Rxd5 Qxd5 23.Qf3 -2.33/22 Kitty Kat: '?' Kitty Kat: '

[23.a3± 0.93/21 and life is bright.]



' **23...Rd8** -0.01/22 Kitty Kat: '?'
[23...f5!-+ -2.33/22 24.Re1 Qxc4 25.Qxb7 Rd8 26.Qxa7 Qxf4]
24.b3 -0.65/22
[White should play 24.Ne3= -0.01/22 Qxa2 25.Rc4]
24...Qd1+ 25.Qxd1 Rxd1+ Kitty Kat: '∓' Kitty Kat: 'Endgame. KRB-KRN' **26.Kh2 Bxc3 27.Ne5** -1.45/23
[27.Re2∓ -0.36/22]
27...Bxe5 -0.34/25
[27...Rd2∓ -1.45/23 28.Ra4 a5 *(28...Rxf2 29.Kg3∓)*]
28.fxe5 Kitty Kat: '∓' Kitty Kat: ' KR-KR' **28...Rd2 29.Ra4 Rxf2 30.Rxa7 b5 31.Ra5 b4**
[31...g5!?]
32.Ra4 Re2 33.Rxb4 Rxa2 34.Rb5 Kg7 35.b4 g5 36.Kg3 Kitty Kat: ' Repels Ra2-f2' **36...Rb2 37.Rb7 h5 38.b5 Kg6** -0.09/25
[38...Re2!∓ -0.50/26]
39.b6 Kitty Kat: '=' Kitty Kat: 'The position is equal.' **39...h4+ 40.Kf3 Rb3+ 41.Ke4 Rb4+ 42.Kd3 Rb2 43.Rb8 Kg7**
[43...Rxg2? perishes. 44.b7 *(44.Rg8+ Kh7+-)* 44...Rb2 *(44...Rg3+? 45.Kc4+-)* 45.Rg8+ Kf5 46.b8Q+- *(46.b8B Rb3+ 47.Ke2 Rxh3∓; 46.b8R Rh2+-)*]
44.b7 Rb1 45.Kc2 Rb5 46.Kc3 Rb6 47.Kc4 Rb1 48.Kc5 Rb2 49.Kc6 Rc2+ 50.Kb6
[50.Kd6=]
50...Rb2+ 51.Ka6 Ra2+ 52.Kb5 Rb2+ 53.Kc4 Rb1 54.Kd3 Rb2 55.Ke3 Rb4 56.Kf3 Kh7 57.Ke3 Kg7 58.Kd2 Kh7 59.Kc3 Rb1 60.Kc4 Kg7 Kitty Kat: ' Weighted Error Value: White=0.30/ Black=0.29 (precise) '
½-½

390 **A45**
□ **Naroditsky,Daniel** **2619**
■ **Paravyan,David** **2612**
Bullet Chess Winners 2023 blitz (1.13)
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5*

22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+ 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)) 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]

3.Bf4 g6 4.e3 Bg7 5.Nb5 Na6 6.Nf3 0-0 7.h3 Ne4 8.Bd3 8.c3 is setting a new trend. 8.c3 setzt einen neuen Trend. 8.c3 is setting a new trend. 8.c3 setzt einen neuen Trend. **8...c6 9.Na3 Qa5+! 10.Nd2N**

[Predecessor: 10.Kf1 Nb4 11.Be2 c5 12.c3 Nc6 13.Nb1 Be6 -0.23/19 *(*Better is *13...Re8∓* -0.83/18 *)* 14.Nbd2= Nxd2+ 15.Qxd2 Rac8 16.g4 ½-½ Ibarra Jerez,J (2563)-Paravyan,D (2586) Titled Tuesday intern op 17th Jan Late blitz 2023 (8) Ibarra Jerez,J (2563)-Paravyan,D (2586) Titled Tuesday intern op 17th Jan Late blitz 2023 (8) 1/2-1/2]

10...Nb4 0.22/20

[10...Nac5∓ -0.64/20]

11.Bxe4 dxe4 12.0-0 Nd5 13.Nxe4 -0.50/21

[13.Bh2= 0.11/18]

13...Nxf4∓ 14.exf4 Rd8 0.36/21

[14...Qf5∓ -0.53/21 15.Qf3 Bxd4]

15.c3!± Bf5 0.75/21

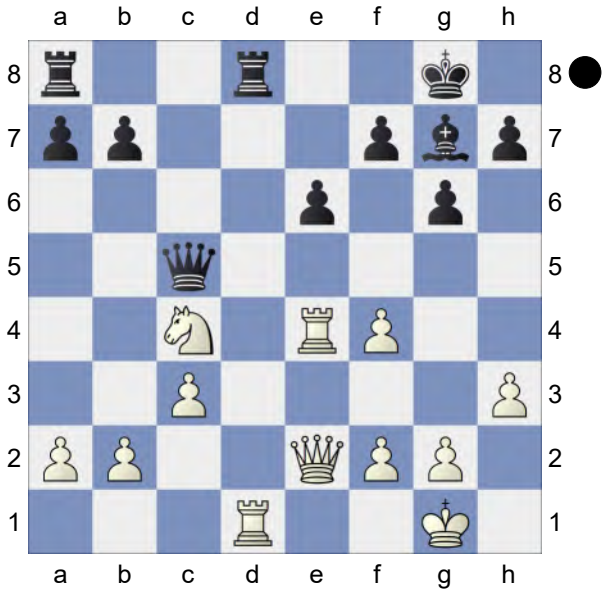
[15...Qf5= 0.13/21 16.Qf3 Bh6]

16.Re1 Bxe4 17.Rxe4 e6 0.85/22

[17...c5± 0.47/22]

18.Nc4 Qd5 19.Qe2 c5 20.dxc5 Qxc5 21.Rd1? -2.05/23

[21.Ne3± 0.94/20 keeps the pressure on.]

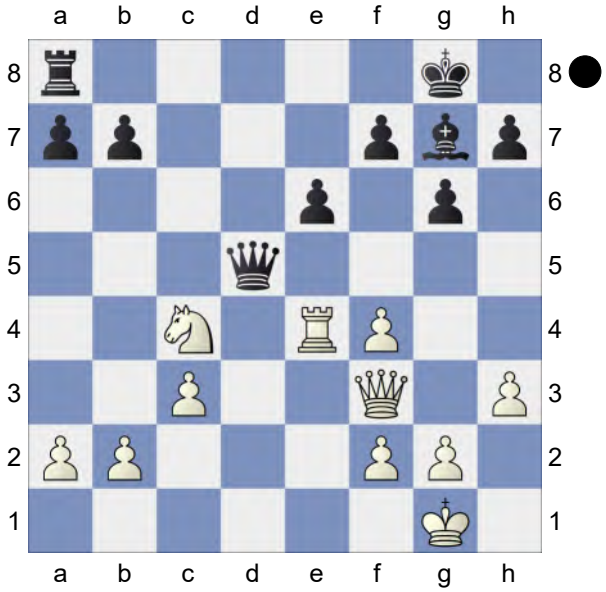


21...Rd5? 1.09/23

[Black should try 21...Rxd1+!-+ -2.05/23 22.Qxd1 f5 23.Rxe6 *(23.b4? Qd5-+)* 23...Qxc4]

22.Rxd5 Qxd5 23.Qf3? -2.36/24

[23.a3± 0.89/21]



23...Rd8? -0.01/24

[23...f5!-+ -2.36/24 24.Re1 Qxc4 25.Qxb7 Rd8 26.Qxa7 Qxf4]

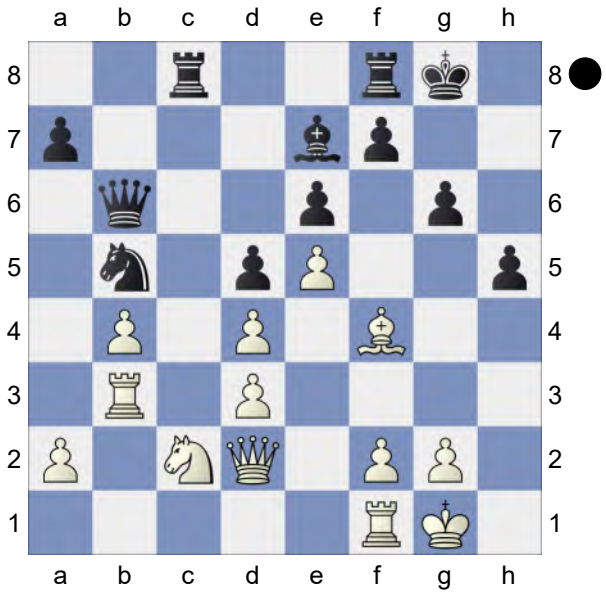
24.b3 -0.67/24
[White should play 24.Ne5= -0.01/24 Qxa2 25.Rb4]
24...Qd1+ 25.Qxd1 Rxd1+∓ Endgame. KRB-KRN **26.Kh2 Bxc3 27.Ne5** -1.51/23
[27.Re2∓ -0.31/22]
27...Bxe5 -0.38/24
[27...Rd2∓ -1.51/23 28.Ra4 a5 *(28...Rxf2 29.Kg3∓)*]
28.fxe5∓ KR-KR **28...Rd2 29.Ra4 Rxf2 30.Rxa7** Strongly threatening a2-a4! **30...b5 31.Ra5 b4**
[31...g5!?]
32.Ra4 Re2 33.Rxb4 Rxa2 34.Rb5 Kg7 35.b4 g5 36.Kg3 Rb2 37.Rb7 h5 38.b5 Kg6 39.b6 h4+ 40.Kf3 The position is equal. **40...Rb3+ 41.Ke4 Rb4+ 42.Kd3 Rb2 43.Rb8 Kg7**
[43...Rxg2? perishes. 44.b7 *(44.Rg8+ Kh7+-)* 44...Kf5 *(44...Rg3+? 45.Kc4+-)* 45.Rf8+-]
44.b7 Rb1 45.Kc2 Rb5 46.Kc3 Rb6 47.Kc4 Rb1 48.Kc5 Rb2 49.Kc6!? Rc2+□ 50.Kb6
[50.Kd6 Rd2+ 51.Kc7 Rc2+ 52.Kd7 Rd2+ 53.Kc7 Rc2+ 54.Kd6 Rd2+ 55.Kc7=]
50...Rb2+= 51.Ka6
[51.Kc5=]
51...Ra2+ 52.Kb5 Rb2+ 53.Kc4 Rb1 54.Kd3 Rb2 55.Ke3 Rb4 56.Kf3 Kh7 57.Ke3 Kg7 58.Kd2 Kh7 59.Kc3 Rb1 60.Kc4 Kg7 Weighted Error Value: White=0.29 (precise) /Black=0.30
½-½

391 **A45**
□ **Naroditsky,Daniel** **2619**
■ **Atakishiyev,Elmar** **2380**
Titled Tue 1st Apr Late blitz (2) 01.04.25
[TA]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (120 (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ (41) Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 (41) Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 (23) Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]
3.Bf4 h6 4.e3 c6 5.Nf3 Bf5 6.Bd3 Bxd3 7.cxd3 Nbd7 8.0-0 White is slightly better. **8...e6 9.e4 Be7 10.e5 Nh7 11.Qb3** -0.21/21

[11.Be3± 0.48/19]
11...Qb6= 12.Qc2 -0.86/21
[12.Bd2= -0.14/20]
12...Nhf8 0.38/21
[12...Ng5∓ -0.86/21 Strongly threatening ...Nxf3+. 13.Bxg5 hxg5]
13.h4 -0.22/18
[13.g3± 0.38/21]
13...Ng6 14.Bg3 h5 15.Rab1 Qd8 16.b4 Nxh4 17.Nxh4 Bxh4 18.Bh2 -1.25/20
[⌓18.Bxh4 -0.80/21 Qxh4 19.f4]
18...b5 -0.77/24
[⌓18...Rc8 -1.25/20 19.Rfc1 0-0]
19.Nd1 -1.51/22
[White should play 19.Ne2 -0.77/24]
19...Be7 -0.97/21
[⌓19...Qb6 -1.51/22 20.Qb2 a5]
20.Qxc6∓ 0-0 21.Qxb5 -1.44/21
[21.Bf4∓ -0.67/24]
21...Rb8 0.00/26
[21...a5∓ -1.44/21 22.Ne3 axb4 Discovered Attack *(22...Bxb4 23.Qa4∓)*]
22.Qa4= Nb6 23.Qc2 Rc8 24.Qe2 0.00/24
[24.Nc3± 0.36/24]
24...g6 0.68/23
[Black should try 24...Qc7= 0.00/24]
25.Ne3 -0.03/21
[25.Bf4± 0.68/23]
25...Na4 26.Rb3 Qb6! 27.Nc2 Nc3 -0.40/21
[Better is 27...Rc7∓ -0.86/20 aiming for ...Rfc8. 28.Bf4 Rfc8 *(28...Nc3 29.Qd2=)*]
28.Qd2∓ Nb5 Hoping for ...Rxc2! **29.Bf4** -1.24/20
[29.Rb2!∓ -0.48/23]

(Diagram)



29...Rxc2!∓ Decoy **30.Qxc2** Be3 would now be deadly. **30...Nxd4 31.Qd1** Black must now prevent Be3. **31...Nxb3 32.Qxb3 Qxb4 33.Qxb4 Bxb4** Endgame. KRB-KRB **34.Be3** -2.04/20
[34.Rc1∓ -0.79/21]
34...a5 35.Rc1 Against Bc3 **35...Rb8 36.Kf1** -2.01/23
[36.Bg5∓ -0.94/25]
36...a4 37.Rc6 a3 38.Bg5 -1.92/20
[38.Rb6∓ -1.27/22 Rxb6 39.Bxb6]
38...Bf8!-+ Threatens to win with ...Bg7.
39.g3 -2.79/22
[39.f4 -1.84/24 might work better.]
39...Bg7
[But not 39...Rb2? 40.Rc8+-]
40.d4

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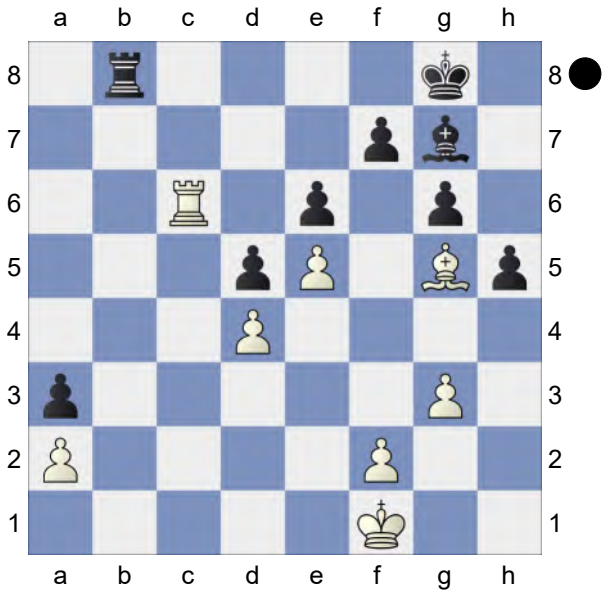
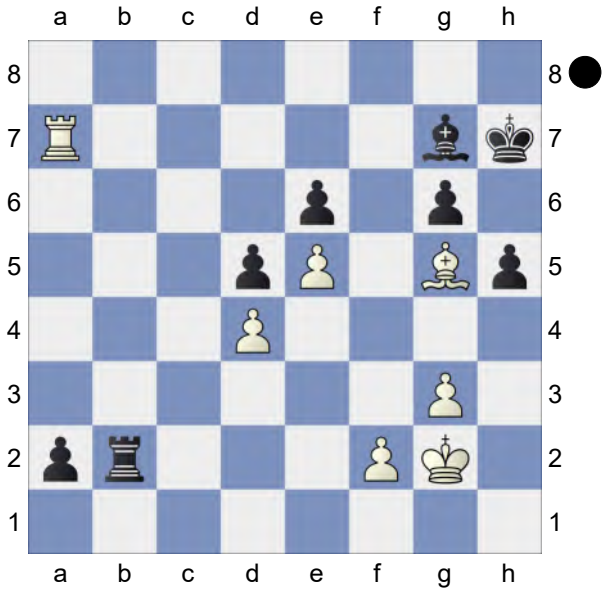


Rb2! 41.Rc8+ Kh7 42.Rc7 Kg8 43.Rc8+ Kh7 44.Rc7 Rxa2 45.Rxf7 Rb2 46.Ra7 a2 47.Kg2



Kg8! 48.Ra8+ Kf7 49.Ra7+ Ke8 50.Re7+ Kf8 51.Ra7 Ke8 52.Re7+ Kf8 53.Ra7 Ke8? 0.00/38

Weighted Error Value: White=0.33/ Black=0.26 (precise)

[53...Kg8-+ -4.20/21 54.Be7 Bh6 55.Ra8+ Kf7]

½-½

392 **A45**

□ **Naroditsky,Daniel** **2619**

■ **Meshkovs,Nikita** **2531**

Titled Tue 4th Feb Late blitz (11) 4.2.25

[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines Richard Palliser,MH: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines ' **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 c5 5.dxc5 Nc6 6.a3 g6N**

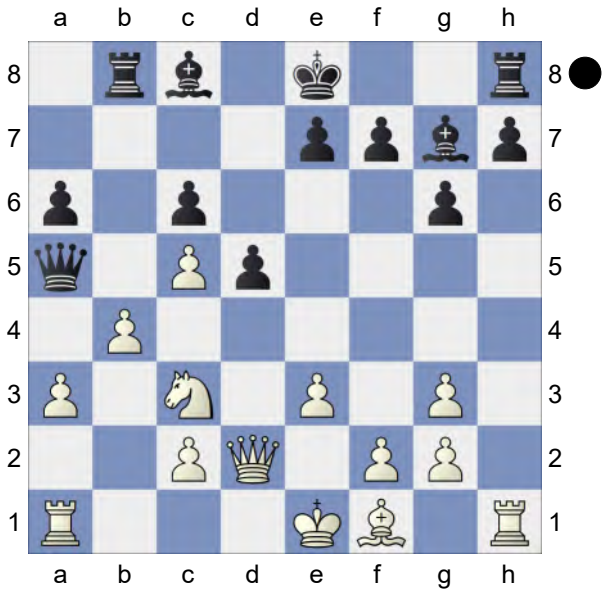
[6...e5 7.Bg5

A) 7...Be6 8.b4 Be7 9.Nf3 0-0 10.Na4 *(10.Be2 h6 11.Bh4* Theory-Theory 1: 3... c5 #7 - 4... a*)* 10...Qc7 11.Be2 Rad8 12.0-0 Ne4 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.Qc1 f5 15.Qb2 Qf6 16.Kh1 g5 17.Rad1 g4 18.Nd2 Qh4 19.Nxe4 fxe4 20.c4 d4 21.b5 d3 22.bxc6 Bortnyk,O (2605)-Suder,J (2244) Chess.com INT 2023 Mega2023 Update 29 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (53);

B) 7...d4 8.exd4 Nxd4 *(8...exd4 9.Ne4 Qd5 10.Nxf6+ gxf6 11.Bxf6 Rg8 12.Qf3 Qxc5 13.0-0-0 Bh6+ 14.Kb1 Bg4 15.Qe4+ Kf8 16.Qxh7 Bf4 17.Qd3 Rc8 18.g3 Be5 19.f3 Be6 20.Bh4 Bg7 21.Bh3 Ne5 22.Qd2 d3 23.cxd3* Nakamura,H (2775)-Fressinet,L (2717) World Rapid Championship, Dubai 2014 [Richard Palliser] ½-½ *)* 9.b4 b6 *(9...Be7 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.Ne4 Bg4 12.Be2 Nxe2 13.Nd6+* 5) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 a6-1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 a6 4.*)* 10.Nf3 bxc5 11.Bc4 Be7 12.Nxe5 0-0 13.0-0 Bf5 14.Be3 Nxc2 15.Qxd8 Bxd8 16.Bxc5 Nxa1 17.Bxf8 Kxf8 18.Rxa1 5) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 a6-1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 a6 4.]

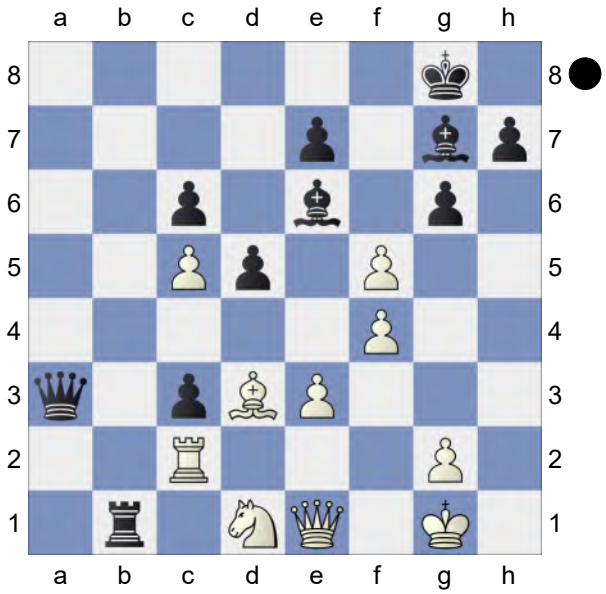
7.Nf3 Bg7 8.Ne5 -0.09/20

[8.Be2± 0.46/19]
8...Nh5!= 9.Nxc6 bxc6 10.Bg3 -0.66/22
[10.Na4= -0.19/20]
10...Qa5 11.Qd2! Nxg3 12.hxg3 Rb8 13.b4 -1.25/23
[13.Rh4∓ -0.32/20]



Black continues to play with concentration. **13...Rxb4!∓ 14.axb4**
[14.Ne2 Ra4]
14...Qxa1+ 15.Nd1 Bg4 Strongly threatening ...Bc3! &Nero is more active. **16.f3 Be6 17.Bd3 0-0 18.0-0** -2.07/22
[⌓18.e4 -1.63/19]
18...Qa3 19.f4 f5 20.c3 -1.93/23
[20.g4∓ -1.50/21]
20...a5-+ 21.Qe1? -4.51/21
[21.bxa5 -1.95/21 Qxa5 22.Qc2]
21...axb4 22.Rf2 bxc3 23.Rc2 Rb8 24.g4 Rb1 White must now prevent ... Qa1. **25.gxf5**

(Diagram)

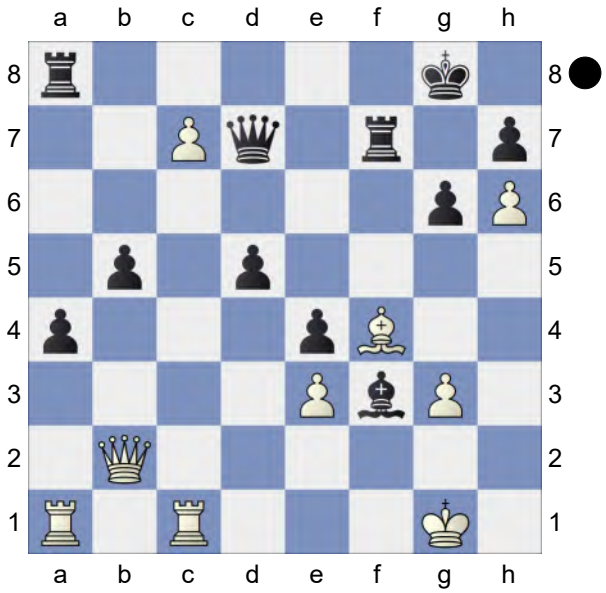


Qa1! 26.Kh2
[26.Qe2 Rxd1+]
26...Rxd1 27.Qe2 Rh1+ 28.Kg3 Bxf5 Hoping for ...Bf6. **29.Bxf5 gxf5 30.Qd3 Qe1+** -32.67/22
[⌓30...Bf6 -#12/22 31.Kf3 Rf1+ 32.Rf2 Rxf2+ 33.Kxf2 Qb2+ 34.Kg3 c2 35.Qxf5 c1Q 36.Qg4+ Kf7 37.Qh5+ Kf8 38.Qh6+ Kg8 39.Qh3 Qxe3+ 40.Kh2 Qxh3+ 41.Kxh3 Qf2 42.Kh2 Qh4+ 43.Kg1 Bd4+ 44.Kf1 Qf2#]
31.Rf2 Bf6 32.Kf3 c2 -20.48/23
[⌓32...Bh4 -#8/20 33.Qe2 Qxe2+ 34.Kxe2 c2 35.Kf3 c1Q 36.g3 Qd1+ 37.Re2 Rf1+ 38.Kg2 Qxe2+ 39.Kh3 Rh1#]
33.Qxc2 Qd1+ 34.Qxd1 Rxd1 Endgame KRB-KR **35.Ra2 Rc1 36.Ra5 Kf7 37.g3 d4 38.e4 Rc3+ 39.Kg2 fxe4** (→ ...d3) **40.g4 h6** -14.13/17
[⌓40...d3 -#12/15 41.Ra8 Rc2+ 42.Kg3 e3 43.Rb8 e2 44.Rb1 d2 45.Kh3 e1Q 46.g5 Rc3+ 47.Kg2 Qe2+ 48.Kh1 Rh3+ 49.Kg1 Bd4#]
41.g5 hxg5 42.f5 g4 43.Ra2 Be5 44.Re2 e3 45.f6 exf6 46.Re1 f5 47.Rf1 f4 48.Kh1 Ke6 49.Rb1 Kd5

50.Kg2 Ke4 51.Kf1 f3 52.Re1 g3 53.Kg1 f2+ -31.84/5
[⌓53...d3 -#5/12 54.Rb1 d2 55.Rd1 e2 56.Rb1 e1Q+ 57.Rxe1+ dxe1Q#]
54.Kf1 fxe1Q+ Black mates. **55.Kg2 Qf2+ 56.Kh1 Qh2#** Weighted Error Value: White=1.24/Black=0.70
0-1

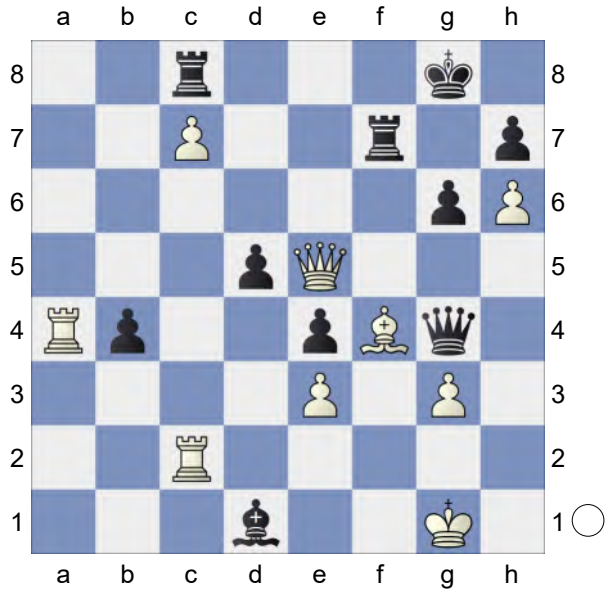
393 **D00**
□ **Naroditsky,Daniel** **2619**
■ **Abdurakhmonov,Mukhammadali**
Titled Tue 28th Jan Early blitz (7)
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 b5 5.a3 Bb7 6.Nf3 e6 7.b4 Nbd7 8.Bd3** The position is equal. **8...Ne4N**
[8...Bd6 9.0-0 0-0 10.Ne5 Qe7 11.Qf3 Ne8 12.Qh3 f5 13.Qg3 Nef6 14.Qh4 Rae8 15.f3 Nb8 16.Ne2 Qd8 17.h3 Be7 18.Qf2 Nbd7 19.c3 Bd6 20.a4 c6 21.Nxc6 Bxc6 22.Bxd6 Rf7 23.axb5 Aqua Blazing (2838)-Art Vandelay1998 (2734) Blitz 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (35)]
9.Bxe4 dxe4 10.Nd2 f5 11.h4 Be7 12.h5 -0.36/18
[12.Qh5+= 0.02/19 g6 13.Qh6]
12...0-0∓ 13.Nb3 Nb6 14.Nc5 Bc8 0.27/17
[⌓14...Bxc5 -0.25/17 15.dxc5 Qxd1+ 16.Rxd1 Nc4]
15.f3= Nd5 16.Nxd5 exd5 17.fxe4 0.01/20
[17.h6± 0.35/16]
17...fxe4 18.Qe2 -0.51/19
[18.h6= 0.00/18]
18...Bd6∓ 19.g3 a5 -0.03/19
[Better is 19...h6∓ -0.60/18]
20.c3 -1.21/19
[20.Qxb5= -0.03/19 axb4 21.a4]
20...axb4∓ 21.cxb4 Bxc5 22.dxc5 c6 23.h6 -1.62/22
[23.Qb2∓ -1.14/18]
23...g6 -0.51/21
[23...Qf6-+ -1.62/22 24.0-0 Bh3 25.hxg7 Qxg7]
24.Qb2 Rf7 Inhibits Qg7+. **25.0-0 Bg4** 0.01/22
[25...Bh3∓ -0.46/24 is superior. 26.Rf2 Qf6]
26.a4!= bxa4 27.b5! cxb5 28.c6 -0.84/18
[28.Qxb5= 0.01/19 keeps the balance. Bh3 29.Rfb1]
28...Bf3 -0.01/20
[28...Qb6∓ -0.84/18 29.c7 b4]
29.c7 -1.71/22
[29.Qxb5= -0.01/20 and White stays safe. Rc8 30.Rxa4]
29...Qd7-+ 30.Rfc1



Rc8! Hoping for ...g5!
[30...Qh3? 31.Rc2]
31.Rc2 -2.78/22
[⌓31.Ra2 -1.94/21]
31...Qg4? -0.01/22
[Avoid the trap 31...Qh3? 32.Rh2

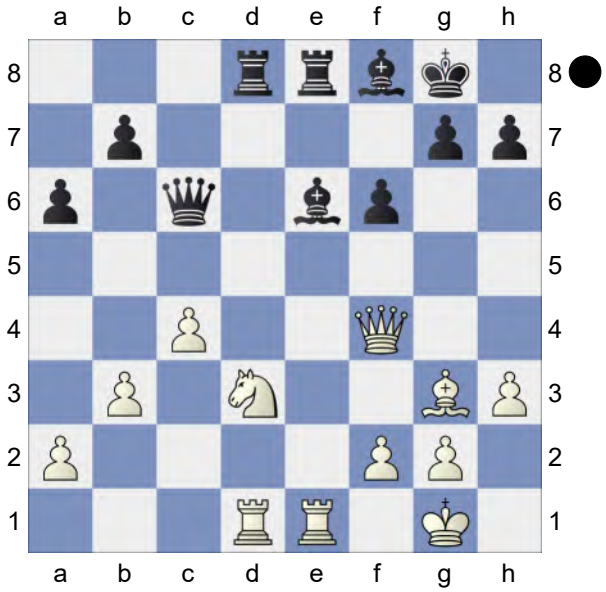
Qd7 33.Rc1-+]
[Black should play 31...g5-+ -2.78/22
32.Be5 Qe6]
32.Qe5 -0.61/22
[White should try 32.Qxb5= -0.01/22
g5 33.Qxd5 gxf4 34.Qd8+ Rf8
35.Qd5+ Rf7 36.Qd8+ Rf8 37.Qd5+
Rf7]
32...b4 0.01/21
[Don't play 32...Qh3 33.Qxd5 Qh5
34.Qd8+ *(34.Qxh5 Bxh5 35.Rd2
Bg4=)* 34...Rf8 35.Qd4=]
[32...Qf5∓ -0.61/22 33.Qd6 g5
34.Qd8+ Rf8 35.Qxg5+ Qxg5
36.Bxg5 Rf5]
33.Rxa4 Bd1



Dancing on a razor blade. **34.Rca2**
-6.70/22
[34.Qxd5!= 0.01/26 Bxc2 35.Qd8+
Rf8 36.Qd5+ Rf7 37.Qd8+ Rf8
38.Qd5+ Rf7]
34...Bxa4 35.Rxa4 Qd1+ Weighted
Error Value: White=0.68/Black=0.35
0-1

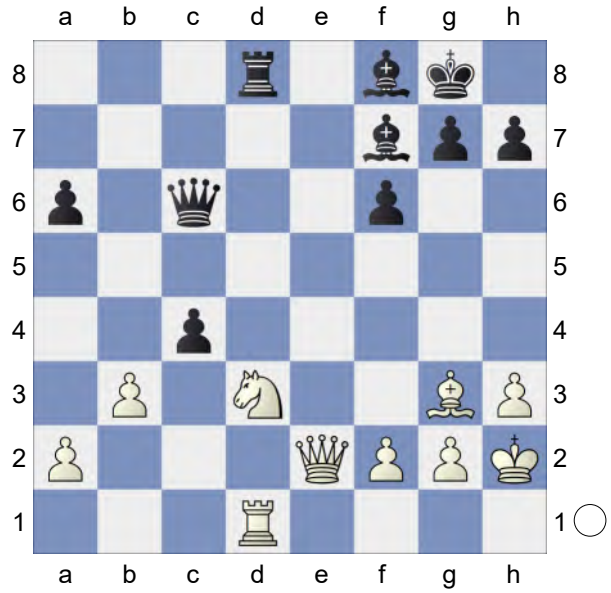
394 **D00**
□ **Naroditsky,Daniel** **2619**
■ **Usov,Aleksandr E** **2350**
Titled Tue 25th Feb Late blitz (6) 25.2.25
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5
2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 c5 5.dxc5
e6 6.Nf3 Bxc5 7.Bd3 Nc6 8.0-0**
The position is equal. **8...0-0 9.e4 dxe4
10.Nxe4 Nxe4 11.Bxe4 Qf6N**
[11...Bd7 12.Bxh7+ Theory 5: 3... a6-
#9 - 4... e6 5. Bd3 Theory 5 (3... a6)]
**12.Qc1 e5 13.Bg3 Re8 14.Re1 Bf5
15.Bxc6 Qxc6 16.Nxe5 Qb6 17.Qf4
Be6 18.Nd3**
[18.b3 keeps more tension. Rad8
19.Qf3 Bd5 20.Qh5]
18...Bf8 This bishop pair is nice. **19.b3
Qc6 20.c4 Rad8 21.Rad1 f6** 0.33/22
[21...Bh3= 0.01/25 22.gxh3 Rxd3]
22.h3 -0.56/23
[22.h4± 0.33/22]

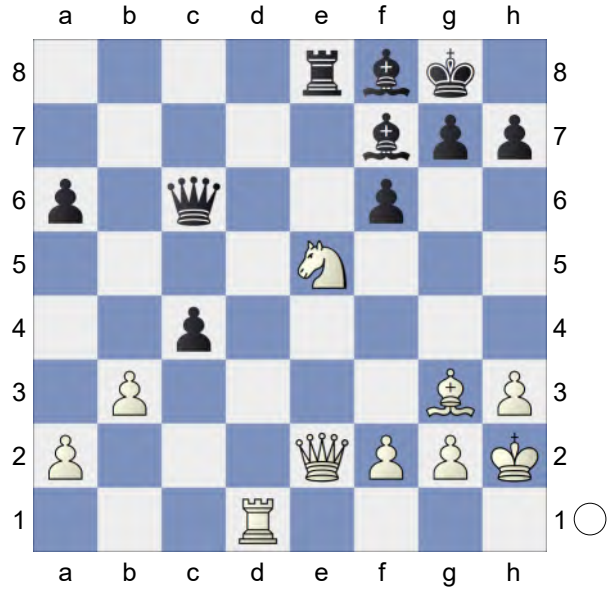


22...Bf7 0.57/22
[22...Bxh3!∓ -0.56/23 23.gxh3 *(23.f3
Rxe1+)* 23...Rxd3!]
23.Rxe8± Rxe8 24.Qd2 0.38/22

[⌓24.Qd4 0.69/22]
24...Rd8 25.Qe2 b5 26.Kh2 0.00/24
[26.c5± 0.50/20]
26...bxc4



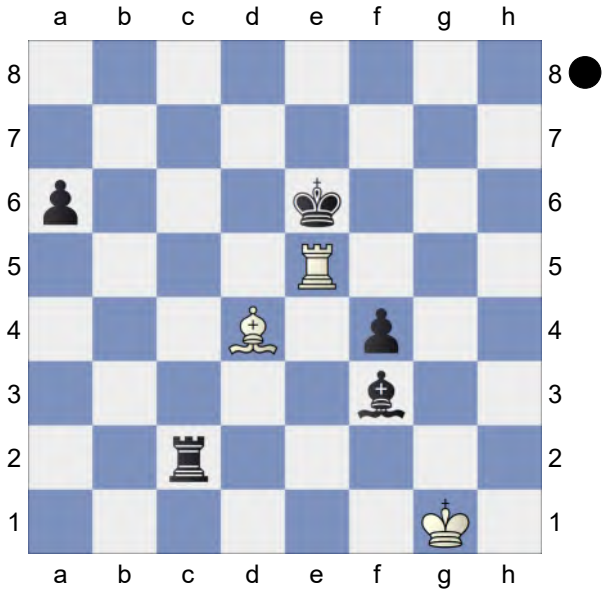
27.Ne5 Re8



28.Nxc6 -0.37/21
[28.Qxc4!= 0.24/24 Qxc4 29.Nxc4]
28...Rxe2∓ 29.bxc4 Bxc4 30.Rd8 aiming for Bd6. **30...Kf7**
[30...Bxa2? 31.Bd6 h5 32.f3+-]
31.a4 g5 -0.01/21
[31...h5∓ -0.71/22]
32.Rc8 -0.71/24
[32.h4!= -0.01/21 remains equal.]
32...Bd5∓ 33.Nd4 Re4 34.Nf5 Rxa4 35.Rc7+ Kg6 36.Ne3 -1.69/23
[36.Ne7+∓ -0.87/22 Bxe7 37.Rxe7]
36...Be4 -1.04/24
[36...Be6-+ -1.69/23 37.Rb7 Rb4]
37.f3 Bd3 38.Rc8 Kf7 0.01/25
[38...Ba3∓ -0.81/22 39.Nd5 h5]
39.Nd5 -0.93/22
[39.Rc7+!= 0.01/25 Kg6 40.Nd5]
39...f5 -0.38/25
[39...Rc4∓ -0.93/22 40.Rd8 Bc5 41.Nxf6 Kxf6 42.Rxd3 a5]
40.Rc6 -1.07/24
[40.Nb6∓ -0.38/25 Rd4 41.Rc7+ Ke8 42.Be5]
40...Ra5 41.Nb6 -1.47/24
[White should play 41.Rc7+ -0.91/25 Ke6 42.Rc8]
41...Bb5 42.Rc7+ Kg6 -0.77/21
[⌓42...Ke6 -1.44/23 Strongly threatening ...Ra2. 43.Rc2 h5]
43.Be5 Ra2 44.Nd5 Rd2 45.Ne7+ Bxe7 -0.42/22
[45...Kf7∓ -0.84/24 46.Nxf5+ Rd7 47.Nd6+ Ke6 48.Nxb5 axb5 49.Rxd7 Kxd7]
46.Rxe7 Endgame KRB-KRB **46...f4** Threatens to win with ...Bf1. **47.h4 h6**
48.Rg7+ -1.54/25
[48.Kg1∓ -0.48/23]
48...Kf5 49.hxg5? -3.46/27
[49.Bc3∓ -1.45/27 Rc2 50.Rc7]
49...hxg5? -0.94/27
[49...Kxe5-+ -3.46/27 is more deadly. 50.gxh6 Kf6]
50.Bc3 Rc2 51.Rf7+ Ke6 52.Rf6+ Ke7 53.Bd4 -1.95/23
[53.Be5∓ -0.83/26]
53...Bf1!-+ 54.Kg1 -2.39/22
[54.Rg6∓ -1.41/23]
54...Bxg2 55.Rf5 Bxf3 Hoping for ... Rg2+. **56.Rxg5 Ke6** -1.24/22

[Better is 56...Rc4-+ -2.36/22 57.Bb2 Bc6 58.Ba3+ Kd7]

57.Re5+∓



Kd6 -0.75/22

[⌓57...Kd7! -1.41/22 And now ...Bc6 would win. 58.Rf5 Rg2+ 59.Kf1 Rg4]

58.Rf5 Be4 59.Rxf4 Kd5 60.Bb6 Rb2 61.Ba5 -0.96/22 White is on the road to losing.

[61.Bd8∓ -0.63/20 is superior.]

61...Ra2 62.Bc3 -1.14/21

[⌓62.Rg4 -0.78/19]

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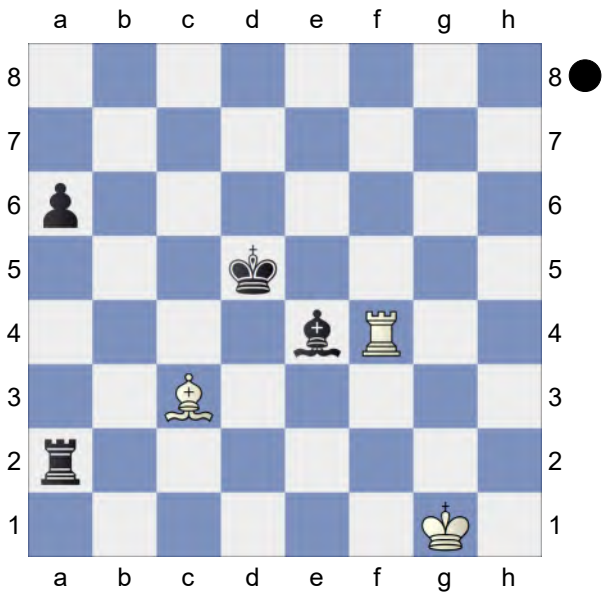


62...a5! 63.Rf8 a4 64.Ra8 Kc4 65.Rc8+ Kd3 &Nero is more active.

66.Bb4 Rg2+ 67.Kf1 Rb2 68.Rc3+? -4.64/27

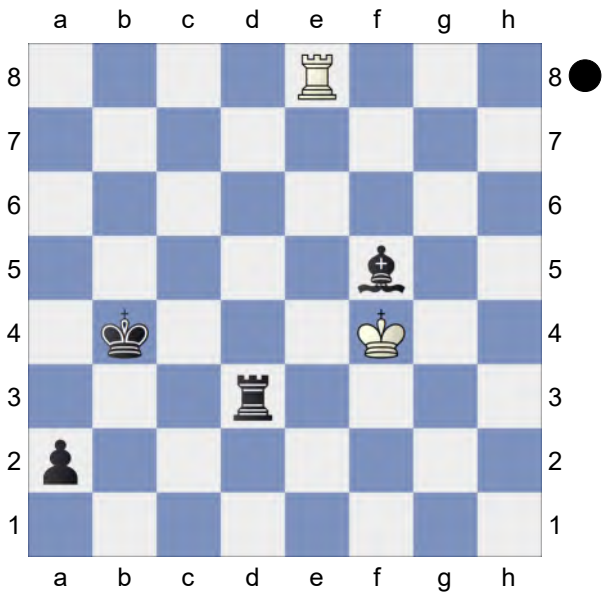
[68.Rd8+∓ -1.21/18 is a better chance. Kc4 69.Bf8]

68...Kd4-+ 69.Ba5 Rb5 70.Ra3 Rxa5 KRB-KR **71.Ke2 Kc4 72.Kd2 Kb4 73.Re3 Bf5 74.Kc1 a3 75.Re1 Rc5+ 76.Kd2 Rc2+ 77.Ke3 Rb2 78.Kd4 a2** (→ ...Rb1) **79.Re8 Rd2+** Black mates.

[Weaker is 79...a1Q 80.Rb8+ Ka5 81.Ra8+ Kb5 82.Rxa1∓]

80.Ke3 Rd3+ 81.Kf4

(Diagram)



a1Q! 82.Kxf5 Qf1+ 83.Kg6 Rg3+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.26 (precise) /Black=0.23 (precise)
0-1

395 **A45**
□ **Naroditsky,Daniel** **2619**
■ **Sevian,Samuel** **2687**
Bullet Chess Winners 2024 (3.13)
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...e6 3.e4 c5 4.d5 exd5 5.e5 Qe7 6.Qe2 Ng8 7.Nxd5 Qd8 8.Nf3 h6 9.Nf6+ Ke7 10.Qe4 g6 11.Bc4 Bg7 12.Qd5 Qf8 13.Be3 Kd8 14.Bxc5 Ne7 15.Qe4 Na6 16.Bxa6 1-0 Raetsky,A-Bojic,Z Zürich 2003]
[2...c5 3.d5
A) 3...d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7* 0-1 Bauer,E-Feustel,B (2335) GER-S chT 7879 1978*)* 5...Bg7 6.Bb5+ *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* 1-0 Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) V0048 www.desc-online.de 2000 (7) *)* 6...Bd7 7.a4 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nbd7 11.Re1 a6 12.Bf1 e5 13.a5 Ne8 14.Bd3 Qh4 15.Qg4 Qxg4 16.hxg4 Rc8 17.b3 Nef6 18.g5 0-1 Sadykov,R (2345)-Skliarov,V (2383) Julius Baer Play In rapid 2023 (3.76);
B) 3...Qa5 4.Bd2 b5 5.e4 b4 6.e5 bxc3 7.Bxc3 Qa4 8.exf6 Qe4+ 9.Qe2 Qxe2+ 10.Bxe2 gxf6 11.d6 e5 12.Bf3 Nc6 13.Bxc6 dxc6 14.f4 Bxd6 0-1 Reynolds,R (2565)-Zanetti,A (2389) corr CNEC 15 jub 1993]
3.Bf4 e6 4.e3 Bb4 5.Bd3 c5 6.dxc5 Nbd7 7.Nf3 Nxc5 8.0-0 Black has an edge. **8...Bxc3 9.bxc3 h6!?** Leaves trodden paths. Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade. **10.Ne5 0-0 11.Qf3** -0.91/22
[11.a4= -0.25/20]
11...Bd7N -0.24/19
[Vorgänger: 11...Nce4 0.14/21 11…Nf6-e4 -0.89 12.Qh3 Nd7 13.f3 Nxe5 0.64/22 *(13...Nec5=* 0.25/22 should be considered.*)* 14.Bxe5± Nf6 15.Qg3 Bd7 1.17/23 *(⌓15...Nh5* 0.72/22 *16.Qg4 Nf6)*

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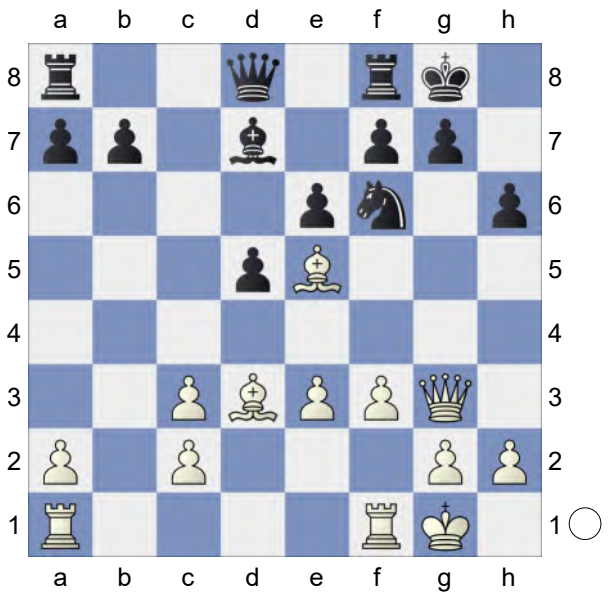
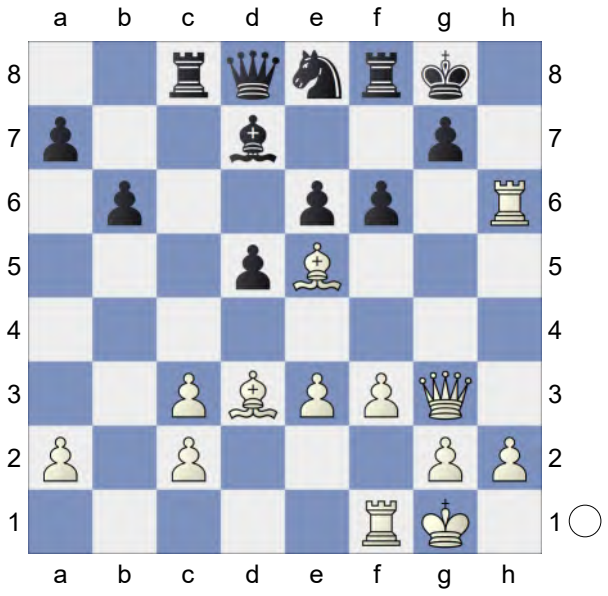


16.Rab1!± b6 17.Rb4 Black must now prevent Rb4-h4. Rc8 2.23/21 *(17...Ne8± 1.05/24)* 18.Rh4+- Ne8 19.Rxh6 White threatens Rh6-h8+! and mate. f6? #4/11 *(19...f5+- 2.39/21 20.Kh1 Nf6)*



20.Qg6! Naroditsky,D (2618)-Annaberdiev,M (2495) Titled Tuesday intern op 23rd May Late blitz 2023 (8) 1-0]

[11...Nfe4∓ -0.91/22 ...Ne4-d2 is the strong threat. 12.Qg4 f6 13.Bxh6 Qc7]

12.Rad1 Rc8 13.c4 Re8 0.24/21

[13...Ba4∓ -0.43/22]

14.cxd5= exd5 15.Nxd7 Ncxd7 16.Bf5 Rc4 17.h3 -0.35/20

[17.e4= 0.08/21]

17...Ne5 18.Qe2 Strongly threatening Bf4xe5. **18...Nc6 19.Qxc4 dxc4 20.Rxd8 Rxd8 21.Rb1 g6** -0.01/25

[21...b6∓ -0.42/25 22.Bc7 Rd5]

22.Bg4 g5 23.Bc7 A strong pair of Bishops. **23...Rd2 24.Bf5 b6 25.Kf1! Nd5↑** Black is pushing. **26.Ke1! c3 27.Be4?** -1.42/24

[27.Rb3= 0.21/25]

27...Nxc7∓ 28.Bxc6 Rxc2 Endgame. KRB-KRN **29.Rb3 Ne6** And now ...Ne6-c5! would win. Black is much more active. **30.Be4 Rc1+ 31.Ke2 Nc5 32.Rb4** -3.00/23 White does not recover from this.

[32.Rb1∓ -1.49/25 was the only defense. Rxb1 33.Bxb1]

32...Ra1 -1.65/25

[⌓32...Nxe4 -3.00/23 33.Rxe4 Rc2+ 34.Kd3 Rxa2 *(34...Rxf2? 35.g3-+)* 35.Kxc3 Kg7 *(35...Rxf2 36.Re7-+)*]

33.Bd5? -6.73/24

[33.Bb1 -1.65/25]

33...c2-+ Black is clearly winning. **34.Rc4 c1Q 35.Rxc1 Rxc1** Weighted Error Value: White=0.40/Black=0.21 (precise)

0-1

396 **D00**

□ **Feys,Bert** **2618**

■ **Heymann,Ulrike** **2609**

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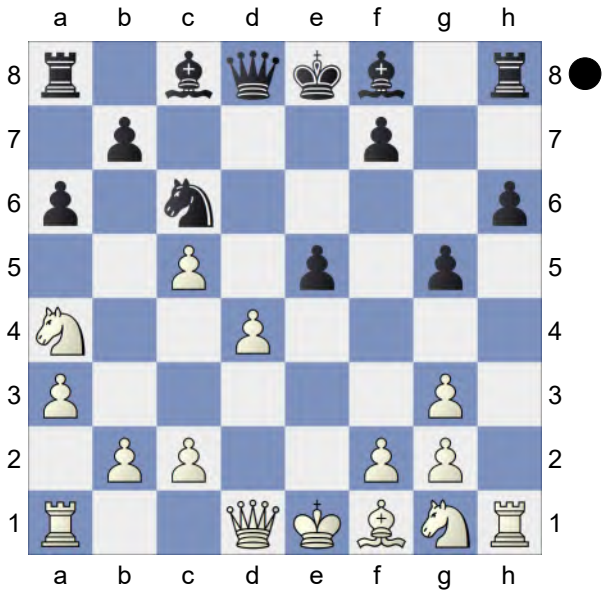
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 c5 5.dxc5**

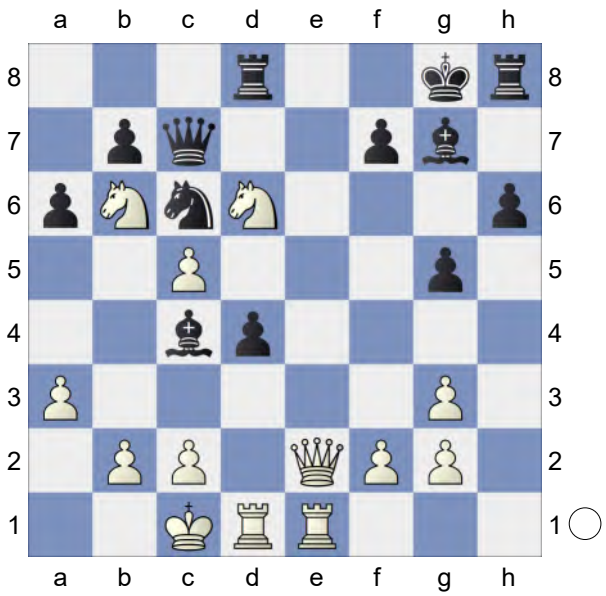
Nc6 6.a3 e5 7.Bg5 d4 0.83/18
[7...Be6= 0.24/19]
8.Na4N 0.44/18
[8.exd4± 0.83/18 Nxd4 *(8...exd4 9.Ne4 Qd5 10.Nxf6+ gxf6 11.Bxf6 Rg8 12.Qf3 Qxc5 13.0-0-0 Bh6+ 14.Kb1 Bg4 15.Qe4+ Kf8 16.Qxh7 Bf4 17.Qd3 Rc8 18.g3 Be5 19.f3 Be6 20.Bh4 Bg7 21.Bh3 Ne5 22.Qd2 d3 23.cxd3* ½-½ Nakamura, H (2775)-Fressinet,L (2717) Wch Rapid Dubai 2014 (4) *)* 9.b4]
8...h6
[8...Be6 0.83/19 8...h7-h6 0.46 9.b4 0.35/17 *(9.Nb6± 0.83/19)* 9...Be7 0.78/19 *(9...h6± 0.35/17* deserves consideration. *10.Bxf6 Qxf6)* 10.exd4 Nxd4 1.18/19 *(*Better is *10...Qxd4±* 0.56/18 *11.Nb6 Nd5 12.Nxd5 Qe4+ 13.Ne3 Bxg5)* 11.Ne2 0.71/19 *(*White should try *11.Nb6* 1.18/19 *)* 11...Nd5± 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.Nxd4 exd4 14.Qxd4 Strongly threatening 0-0-0!. Bg4+ 1.49/19 *(14...Bd7+!±* 0.47/21 *15.Be2 0-0-0 16.Qxd5 Bxa4 17.Qf5+ Rd7)*]
9.Bh4 -0.29/19
[9.Bxf6± 0.49/19 Qxf6 10.exd4]
9...g5 10.Bg3 Ne4 0.94/17
[10...Bf5= -0.26/18 keeps the balance.]
11.exd4± White now steadily converts the win. **11...Nxg3** 1.26/19
[⌓11...exd4 0.85/19 12.Nb6 Nxg3 13.hxg3 Rb8]
12.hxg3

(Diagram)



exd4 13.Bc4 Bg7 1.49/21
[⌓13...Qa5+ 1.10/18 14.c3 Bg7]
14.Qe2+
[But not 14.Nb6 Ne5±]
14...Kf8 1.99/20
[14...Ne5± 1.37/18]
15.0-0-0 Bf5 16.Nb6→ White has strong attack. **16...Rb8 17.Nf3 Qf6 18.Rhe1 Kg8 19.Bd3 Be6 20.Nd2 Qe7** 3.17/20
[20...Ne5 2.21/19 21.Ne4 Qd8]
21.Ne4 Rd8 3.49/19
[⌓21...Ne5 2.33/18 22.Nc4 Nxd3+ 23.Qxd3 Qc7]
22.Nd6 Qc7 23.Bc4 Bxc4 4.81/21
[23...Rxd6 2.17/21 was worth a try. 24.cxd6 Qxb6]

(Diagram)



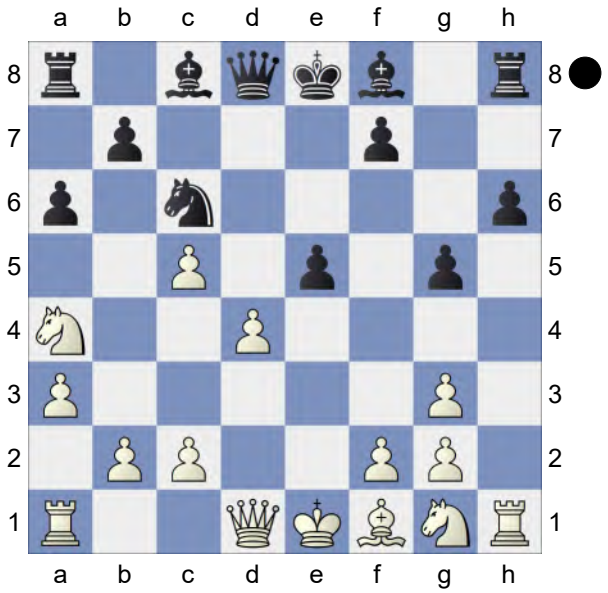
24.Nbxc4+- White is clearly winning.
[24.Qxc4 Rxd6 25.cxd6 *(25.Nd5 Rxd5 26.Qxd5 Be5-+)* 25...Qxd6 26.Re8+ Bf8+-]
24...Bf6 25.Qf3 Kg7 26.Nf5+ Excellent horsemanship. **26...Kg6 27.Qd3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.51
1-0

397 **A45**
□ **Naroditsky,Daniel** **2618**
■ **Hansen,Eric** **2609**
Titled Tue 11th Apr Late blitz (9) 11.4.23
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]
3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 c5 5.dxc5 Nc6 6.a3 e5 7.Bg5 Bg5xf6 is the strong threat. **7...d4** 0.86/21
[7...Be6!= 0.24/21 remains equal.]
8.Na4!? 0.45/20 A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante.
[8.exd4± 0.86/21 Nxd4 9.b4]
8...h6N
[Predecessor: 8...Be6 9.b4 Be7 10.exd4 Nxd4 11.Ne2 Nd5 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.Nxd4 exd4 14.Qxd4 Bg4+ 1-0 (33) Cabarkapa,N (2463)-Song,M (2421) Chess.com INT 2020]
9.Bh4 -0.42/20
[Better is 9.Bxf6± 0.47/21 Qxf6 10.exd4]
9...g5 10.Bg3 Black must now prevent Na4-b6. **10...Ne4** 1.14/20
[10...Bf5!= -0.22/19]
11.exd4 White leaves nothing to chance now. **11...Nxg3** 1.28/21

[⌓11...exd4 0.85/19 12.Nb6 Bxc5 13.Nxa8 Nxg3 14.hxg3 Qa5+ 15.Qd2 *(15.b4 Nxb4 16.c3 Nc6=)* 15...Bb4 Pin 16.Nc7+ *(16.axb4 Qxa1+ 17.Qd1 Qxb2±)* 16...Kf8 17.axb4 Qxa1+ 18.Ke2 *(18.Qd1 Qxb2 19.Qd2 d3=)* 18...Qxb2 *(18...Bg4+? 19.f3+-)*]

12.hxg3±



d4-d5 would now be deadly. **12...exd4**

13.Bc4 Bg7 1.66/22

[13...Qe7+± 1.18/19 keeps fighting. 14.Qe2 Bg4 Pin 15.Qxe7+ Bxe7]

14.Qe2+ 1.28/20

[White should play 14.Nb6+- 1.66/22 Ne5 15.Be2 *(15.Nxa8 Nxc4 16.Nb6 Nxb6=)*]

14...Kf8 1.97/22

[14...Ne5± 1.28/20]

15.0-0-0 Bf5 2.21/21

[⌓15...Qf6 1.64/20 16.Nb6 d3 17.cxd3 *(17.Bxd3 Qxb2+ 18.Kd2 Qc3+ 19.Kc1 Qxa3+ 20.Kd2 Bc3+ 21.Ke3 Qxc5+ 22.Kf3 g4+ 23.Kf4 Qg5+ 24.Ke4 Qe5#)* 17...Nd4]

16.Nb6→ White is out for blood.

16...Rb8 17.Nf3 Qf6 18.Rhe1 Hoping for Nf3xd4! **18...Kg8 19.Bd3 Be6 20.Nd2 Qe7 21.Ne4** Strongly threatening f2-f4. **21...Rd8 22.Nd6 Qc7 23.Bc4 Bxc4** 4.95/23

[23...Rxd6 3.23/21 might work better. 24.Na8 *(24.cxd6 Qxb6 25.Bxe6 Qxb2+* Decoy *26.Kxb2 d3+±)* 24...d3 25.cxd6 *(25.Nxc7? dxe2 26.Rxd6 Bxc4-+; 25.cxd3 Qd8=)* 25...dxe2 26.dxc7 exd1R+ *(26...exd1B? 27.Rxe6 Bxb2+ 28.Kxd1+-; 26...exd1Q+ 27.Rxd1 Kh7 28.Bxe6±)* 27.Rxd1 Kh7 28.Bxe6± fxe6]

24.Nbxc4 White is clearly winning.

[Not 24.Ndxc4 h5 25.Qe4 Rh6+-]

[Resist 24.Qxc4 Rxd6 25.Re8+ *(25.cxd6 Qxd6 26.Re8+ Bf8+-)* 25...Bf8 26.cxd6 *(26.Rc8 Qxc8 27.Nxc8 Re6+-)* 26...Qxd6+-]

24...Bf6 25.Qf3 Kg7 26.Nf5+ Excellent horsemanship. **26...Kg6 27.Qd3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.55

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398 **A45**

□ **Naroditsky,Daniel** **2618**

■ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2764**

Titled Tue 11th Apr Late blitz (7) 11.4.23

[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**

[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7 ½-½* Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2

(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8 ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)) 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]

3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.a3 c5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.dxc5 7.h3 gains popularity. 7.h3 wird beliebter. 7.h3 gains popularity. 7.h3 wird beliebter. **7...Bxc5 8.Bd3** The position is equal. **8...0-0 9.0-0 Qe7** 0.22/19

[⌓9...Bd6 -0.20/19]

10.e4= d4 0.73/20

[10...Nxe4= 0.06/20 11.Nxe4 dxe4 12.Bxe4 e5 13.Bxc6 exf4]

11.Ne2 -0.10/20

[White should try 11.e5!± 0.73/20 Qc7 12.exf6 Qxf4 13.fxg7 Kxg7 14.Ne2]

11...e5 12.Bd2 Nh5 13.Bg5N

[Predecessor: 13.b4 Ba7 14.Ng3 Nxg3 15.fxg3 h6 0.53/20 *(15...Nd8= -0.26/21)* 16.Nh4!± Be6 17.Qh5 a5 1.80/22 *(17...f6± 0.42/20)* 18.bxa5 0.83/20 *(18.b5+- 1.80/22* is more deadly. *Nd8 19.g4)* 18...Qd7 1.80/22 *(18...Bc5± 0.83/20)* 19.Nf5 1.12/19 (Better is *19.Bxh6+- 1.80/22 f6 20.Bd2)* 19...Bxf5± 20.exf5 1-0 (27) Boros,D (2402)-Nazaretyan,T (2316) Chess.com INT 2022 1-0 (27) Boros,D (2402)-Nazaretyan,T (2316) Chess.com INT 2022]

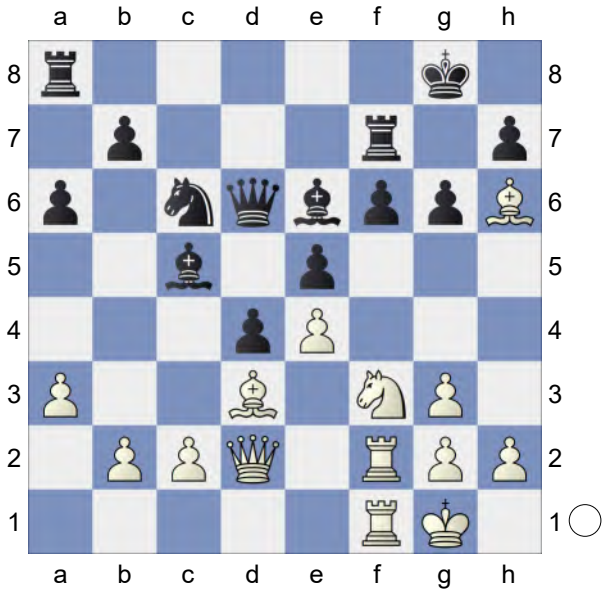
13...f6 14.Bd2 g6 15.Bh6 Rd8 16.Qd2 Be6 17.Ng3 Nxg3 18.fxg3 Rd7 19.Rf2 Qd6 0.53/24

[19...Nd8∓ -0.54/22]

20.Raf1

[20.Nh4 seems wilder. Rf7 21.Raf1 Qe7 22.h3]

20...Rf7!



21.g4! 0.14/21 **b5**

[21...Bxg4? 22.Ng5 Rff8 23.Bc4+ Kh8 24.b4+-]

[21...Re8 22.h4]

22.h3 Qd7! 23.Nh4↑ White fights for an advantage. **23...Be7 24.g5 fxg5 25.Rxf7**

[25.Bxg5 Rxf2 26.Rxf2 Nd8=]

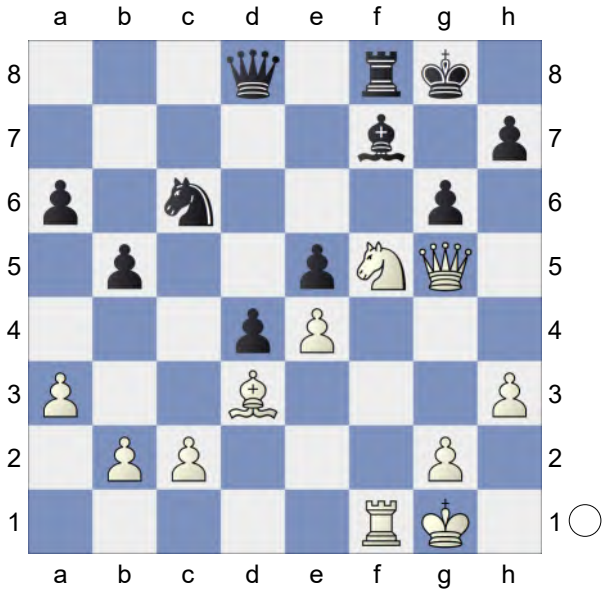
25...Bxf7 26.Bxg5 Bxg5 0.94/21

[26...Be6± 0.52/21]

27.Qxg5± Hoping for a3-a4! **27...Rf8** 1.71/23

[27...Re8± 1.06/23 was worth a try.]

28.Nf5+- Nf5-h6+ is the strong threat.
28...Qd8



29.Qh6 gxf5 30.exf5? -0.79/22
[30.Qxc6± 1.47/23 f4 31.Qxa6]
30...Bd5∓ 31.f6 Rf7 -0.01/23
[31...Kf7∓ -0.44/22 was preferrable.]
32.Rf5 -1.41/25
[32.Rf2!= -0.01/23 was the only way to keep the balance.]
32...Qf8 -0.45/23
[32...Kh8∓ -1.41/25 ...e5-e4 would now be deadly. 33.Qh5 Qd7 *(33...Rxf6? 34.Rxf6 e4 35.Qh6+-)*]
33.Qh4∓ Kh8 -0.01/22
[33...h6∓ -0.56/22]
34.Rh5= e4
[34...Rxf6 35.Rxh7+ Kg8 36.Qg5+]
35.Be2 -2.99/21
[35.Bxe4= 0.01/23 and White is okay. Bxe4 36.Qxe4]
35...d3 -1.59/23
[35...Qd6-+ -2.99/21 36.b4 d3 *(36...Qxf6 37.Qxf6+ Rxf6 38.Rxd5=; 36...Rxf6? 37.Rxh7+ Kg8 38.Rh8+ Kf7 39.Qh7+ Ke6 40.Qg8+ Rf7 41.Qg6+ Ke7 42.Re8+* Deflection *Kxe8 43.Qxd6+-)* 37.cxd3 e3 *(37...Rxf6? 38.Rxh7+ Kg8 39.Rh8+ Kf7 40.Qh7+ Ke6 41.dxe4+-)*]
36.cxd3∓ Nd4 -1.07/23
[Black should play 36...Qc5+-+ -1.99/25 37.Kh1 e3]
37.Bf1? -2.82/23
[37.Bd1∓ -1.07/23 might work better. Be6 *(37...Qc5 38.Qf2=)* 38.dxe4]
37...Qc5-+ (→ ...Nd4-f3+)
[37...Rxf6? too greedy. 38.Rxh7+ Kg8 39.Rh8+ Kf7 40.Rxf8++-]
38.Kh1? -7.31/23
[38.Kh2 -2.68/25 e3 39.Re5]
38...e3 aiming for ...e3-e2. **39.Qg5 e2 40.Bxe2 Nxe2 41.Qd2 Ng3+** -14.89/5
[⌓41...Qg1# -#1/6]
42.Kh2 Nxh5 -20.74/23
[⌓42...Nf1+ -#9/20 43.Kh1 Nxd2 44.Rf5 Bxg2+ *(44...Qc1+* gets mated. *45.Kh2 Nf1+ 46.Rxf1* Remove Defender *Qxf1 47.Kg3 Qxf6 48.Kh2 Qf2 49.Kh1 Qxg2#)* 45.Kxg2 Qxf5 46.h4 Qxf6 *(46...Rxf6* is a self mate. *47.Kh2 Qf2+ 48.Kh3 Rf4 49.h5 Rh4#)* 47.Kh3 Qf1+ *(47...Qxb2 48.h5 Nf3 49.h6 Qh2+* Skewer *50.Kg4 Qh4#; 47...Qf3+? 48.Kh2 Nf1+ 49.Kg1 Rg7#)* 48.Kh2 Rf2+ 49.Kg3 Qg2#]
43.d4 Qd6+ What a bad dream for White. Weighted Error Value: White=0.74/Black=0.53
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399 **D00**
□ **Feys,Bert** **2618**
■ **Deslandes,Pascal** **2764**
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[John Watson]

Kitty Kat: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines '
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 Kitty Kat: 'N'

[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7 ½-½* Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8 ½-½* Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]

3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.a3 c5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.Bd3 Kitty Kat: 'Black has an edge.' **8...0-0 9.0-0 Qe7 10.e4 d4** 0.52/21

[10...Nxe4= 0.09/21 might be stronger. 11.Nxe4 dxe4 12.Bxe4 e5 13.Bxc6 exf4]

11.Ne2 -0.16/20

[11.e5!± 0.52/21 Nh5 12.Bg5]

11...e5 Kitty Kat: '=' **12.Bd2 Nh5 13.Bg5** -0.38/18

[13.b4 Ba7 14.Ng3 Nxg3 15.fxg3 h6 16.Nh4 Be6 17.Qh5 a5 18.bxa5 Qd7 19.Nf5 Bxf5 20.exf5]

[13.h3= 0.07/19]

13...f6 Kitty Kat: '∓' **14.Bd2 g6** 0.01/19

[14...Bg4∓ -0.41/18]

15.Bh6 Rd8 16.Qd2 -0.53/19

[16.c3= -0.11/21 is more appropriate.]

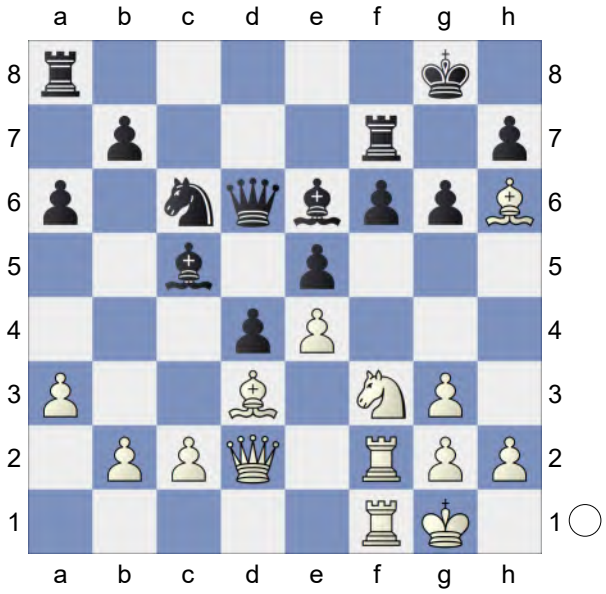
16...Be6 17.Ng3 -0.72/20

[17.h3= -0.28/19]

17...Nxg3 Kitty Kat: ' ∓' **18.fxg3 Rd7 19.Rf2 Qd6** 0.44/23

[19...Nd8!∓ -0.47/21]

20.Raf1 Kitty Kat: '±' Kitty Kat: ' Hoping for Nf3-h4.' **20...Rf7** Kitty Kat: '!' Kitty Kat: '



' **21.g4** Kitty Kat: '!' **21...b5** 0.79/21

[21...Bxg4? 22.Bc4 d3 *(22...Be6? 23.Bxe6 Qxe6 24.Ng5+-)* 23.Ng5+- *(23.Bxf7+ Kxf7 24.Be3 Kg7±)*]

[21...Qd7± 0.33/20]

[21...Re8 22.h3]

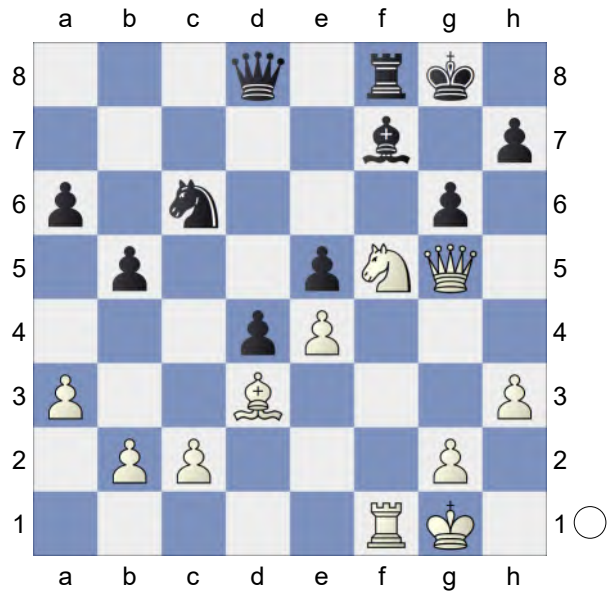
22.h3 Qd7 23.Nh4 Kitty Kat: '!' **23...Be7 24.g5 fxg5 25.Rxf7 Bxf7 26.Bxg5 Bxg5** 1.17/22

[26...Be6± 0.57/20]

27.Qxg5 Kitty Kat: '±' **27...Rf8** 2.07/23

[27...Re8± 1.09/23]

28.Nf5 Kitty Kat: '+-' Kitty Kat: ' Nf5-h6+ is the strong threat.' **28...Qd8** Kitty Kat: '



' **29.Qh6 gxf5 30.exf5** -0.73/22 Kitty Kat: '?'
[30.Qxc6± 1.39/25 stays on course. f4 31.Qxa6]
30...Bd5 Kitty Kat: ' ∓' **31.f6 Rf7** Kitty Kat: ' And now ...Bd5-c4 would win.'
32.Rf5 -1.21/24
[32.Rf2!∓ -0.41/22]
32...Qf8 -0.59/23
[32...Kh8∓ -1.21/24 White must now prevent ...e5-e4. 33.Qh5 Qd7 *(33...Rxf6? 34.Rxf6 e4 35.Qh6+-)*]
33.Qh4 Kitty Kat: '∓' **33...Kh8** -0.01/23
[33...Qd6∓ -0.47/21]
34.Rh5 Kitty Kat: '=' **34...e4**
[34...Rxf6 35.Rxh7+ Kg8 36.Qg5+]
35.Be2 -3.04/22
[35.Bxe4= 0.01/22 Bxe4 36.Qxe4]
35...d3 36.cxd3 Nd4 -1.22/23
[36...Qc5+-+ -1.94/24 37.Kh1 e3]
37.Bf1 -2.76/23 Kitty Kat: '?'
[37.Bd1∓ -1.22/23 Qd8 *(37...Qc5 38.Qf2=)* 38.dxe4]
37...Qc5 Kitty Kat: '-+' Kitty Kat: ' (→ ... Nd4-f3+)'
[37...Rxf6? loses. 38.Rxh7+ Kg8 39.Rh8+ Kf7 40.Rxf8++-]
38.Kh1 -7.13/22 Kitty Kat: '?'
[38.Kh2 -2.71/25 e3 39.Re5]
38...e3 39.Qg5 e2 40.Bxe2 Nxe2 41.Qd2 Ng3+ -15.63/5
[⌓41...Qg1# -#1/6]
42.Kh2 Nxh5 -14.09/21
[⌓42...Nf1+ -#8/20 43.Kh1 Nxd2 44.Rf5 Bxg2+ *(44...Qc1+* gets mated. *45.Kh2 Nf1+ 46.Kh1 Ng3+ 47.Kh2 Nxf5 48.b4 Qc2 49.Kh1 Qxg2#)* 45.Kxg2 Qxf5 46.h4 Qf3+ *(46...Rxf6 47.Kh2 Qf2+ 48.Kh3 Rg6 49.h5 Qg3#)* 47.Kh2 Nf1+ *(47...Rxf6* is a self mate. *48.h5 Qxh5+ 49.Kg1 Qg5+ 50.Kh2 Rh6#)* 48.Kg1 Ne3 49.Kh2 Qg2#]
43.d4 Qd6+ Kitty Kat: ' Never resign too early! Weighted Error Value: White=0.68/Black=0.48'
0-1

400 **A45**
□ **Naroditsky,Daniel** **2617**
■ **Perez Ponsa,Federico** **2537**
Titled Tue 27th Sep Late blitz (4) 27.9.22
[Kitty Kat]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8*

9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8 ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]

3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Ne5 Prevents Bc8-g4. **7...Bd7 8.g3** 8.g4 ist die moderne Fortsetzung. The position is equal. **8...Qb6** 1.06/20

[8...e6= 0.00/17]

9.Nxd7± Kxd7 10.Na4 Qa5+

[10...Qxd4? loses. 11.Qxd4 Nxd4 12.Nb6+ *(12.0-0-0 Ne6±)* 12...Kc6 13.Nxa8+-]

11.c3 e6 12.b4N

[Vorgänger: 12.a3 Re8 13.b4 Qd8 14.b5 axb5 15.Bxb5 Qa5 16.Qb3 Bd6 17.Bxc6+ Kxc6 18.Bxd6 Kxd6 1-0 (35) Damjanovic,V (2393)-Wagner,D (2581) Chess.com INT 2020]

12...Nxb4 2.20/20 **13.cxb4+- Bxb4+ 14.Ke2 Ne4 15.Kf3 Rac8 16.Kg2 b5 17.Nb2?** 0.75/19

[17.Nc5++- 2.72/19 has better winning chances. Nxc5 18.dxc5]

17...Bc3±

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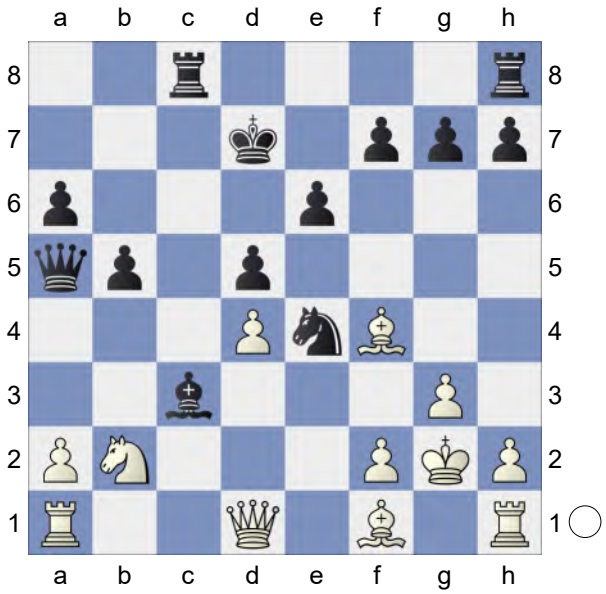


18.Nd3 -0.14/20 **Bxa1= 19.Qxa1 Qc3** 0.63/22 Wards off Nd3-c5+

[19...Rc2= 0.01/21]

20.Qd1!± White has compensation.

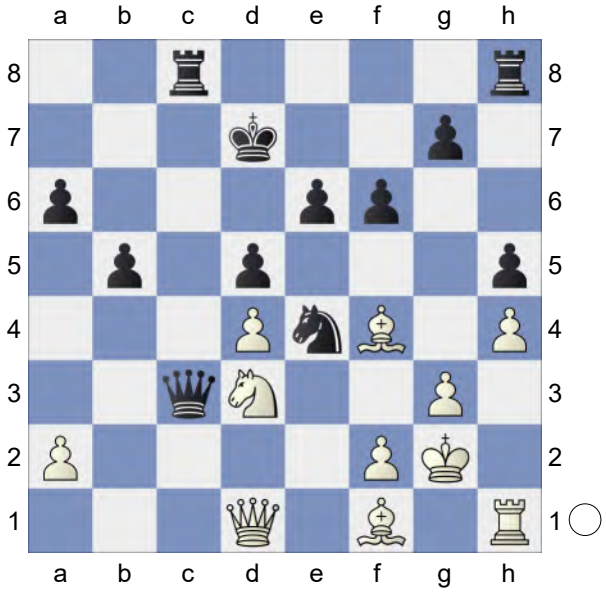
20...h5? 2.00/21

[20...Ke7!= 0.29/19 and Black stays safe.]

21.h4 1.06/23

[21.Ne5++- 2.00/21 Ke7 22.Be3]

21...f6±

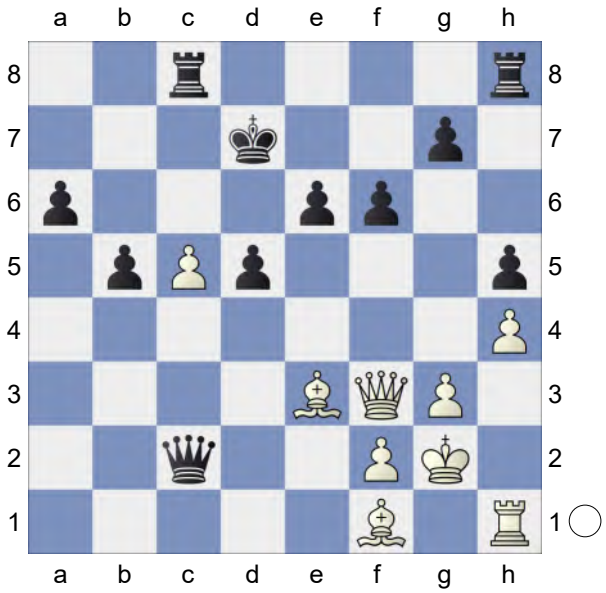


22.Be3 0.61/22

[Better is 22.Qf3!± 1.14/21]

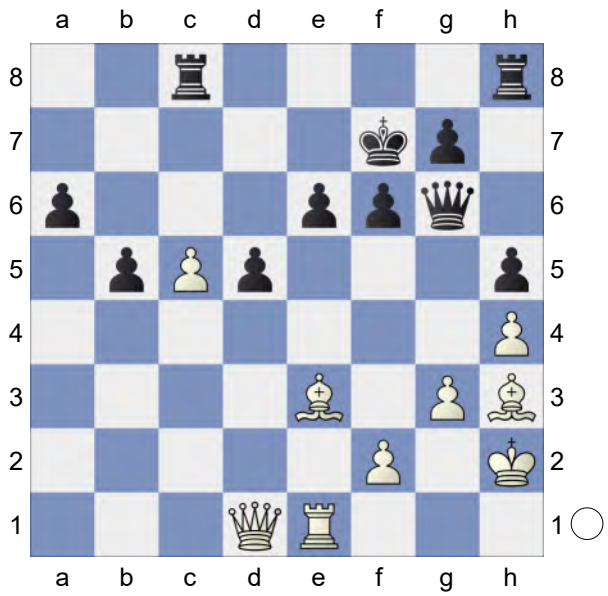
22...Qc2 23.Qf3 -0.01/22

[White should play 23.Qa1± 0.57/22]
23...Qxa2? 2.00/21
[23...Rc3!= -0.01/22 and Black has nothing to worry.]
24.Nc5+ 1.04/21
[24.Nf4+- 2.00/21]
24...Nxc5 25.dxc5 Qc2 1.32/21
[25...Qa4!± 0.33/21]



Prevents Bf1-d3 **26.Kh2! Qe4** 1.56/21
[⌓26...Rc6 0.97/22]
27.Qd1 Ke7 28.Bg2 Qf5 3.03/24
[28...Qa4± 1.46/21]
29.Re1+- Threatens to win with Bg2-h3.
29...Kf7? 5.82/22
[29...Rhd8 3.02/22 30.Bh3 *(30.Qa1 Rc6±)* 30...Qg6]
30.Bh3 White is clearly winning.
30...Qg6

(Diagram)



31.Bxe6+! Decoy **31...Kxe6 32.Bf4+ Qe4 33.Rxe4+ dxe4 34.Qd6+ Kf7 35.Qxa6 Rhe8 36.Qxb5 Re6 37.Qd7+** Skewer. Weighted Error Value: White=0.31/Black=0.66
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401 **A45**
□ **Lagarde,Maxime** **2615**
■ **Huschenbeth,Niclas** **2589**
Titled Tue 4th Mar Early blitz (4) 4.3.25
[Kitty Kat]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Bd3 Bg4 7.Nce2 Nc6 8.c3** The position is equal.
[8.h3 Bh5 9.c3 e6 10.Qb3 Qc8 11.Ng3 Bg6 12.Bxg6 hxg6 13.Nf3 Be7 14.0-0 0-0 15.Rfe1 b5 16.Rac1 Qd7 17.Ne5 Nxe5 18.Bxe5 Bd6 19.Qd1 Rfc8 20.h4 Bxe5 21.dxe5 Nh7 22.h5 g5 Hong,A (2572)-Harshavardhan,G (2401) Chess.com INT 2024 Mega2024 Update 43 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (71)]

8...e6 9.f3 Bh5 10.Nh3N
[10.Ng3 Bg6 11.N1e2 Bd6 12.0-0 Rc8 13.Qd2 0-0 14.Bg5 Bxd3 15.Qxd3 h6 16.Be3 Na5 17.Rad1 Nc4 18.Bc1 Bc7 19.f4 Nd6 20.f5 exf5 21.Nxf5 Nfe4 22.Neg3 Nxg3 23.Nxg3 Qh4 24.Rf4 Qe7 Ashraf,A (2314)-O'Gorman,T (2355) Chess.com INT 2023 0-1 (52) 25.Qf3 Ne4 26.Nf5 Qf6 27.Rg4 g6 28.Nxh6+ Kh7 29.Qxf6 Nxf6 30.Rh4 Kg7 31.Ng4 Nxg4 32.Rxg4 Rce8 33.Kf1 Bxh2 34.Rh4 Bg3 35.Bh6+ Kf6 36.Bxf8 Bxh4 37.Bd6 Kf5 38.g3 Bf6 39.Re1 Rxe1+ 8.Nxd7 (2314)-De, G (2355) Leon 2023 Inf11 [John Watson] 0-1 (52)]
10...Bg6 11.0-0 Bd6 12.Bxd6 Qxd6 13.Nhf4 Bxd3 14.Nxd3 0-0 15.Qd2 Rac8 16.Rae1 Na5 17.Ng3 Nc4 18.Qg5 h6 19.Qh4 Rfe8 20.f4 Qb6 21.Re2 Ne4 22.Nxe4 dxe4 23.Ne5 f5 24.Qh5 Nxe5 25.fxe5 Rf8 -0.03/19
[25...Kh7∓ -0.44/19 feels stronger.]
26.g4 -1.00/21
[26.Qg6= -0.03/19]
26...Qb5 0.01/20
[Better is 26...f4∓ -1.00/21 aiming for ...Kh7. 27.Qg6 f3]
27.gxf5=
[27.g5 seems wilder. hxg5 28.Rg2 g4 29.Qg6]
27...exf5 1.26/19
[27...Rxf5= 0.01/21 28.Rxf5 exf5]

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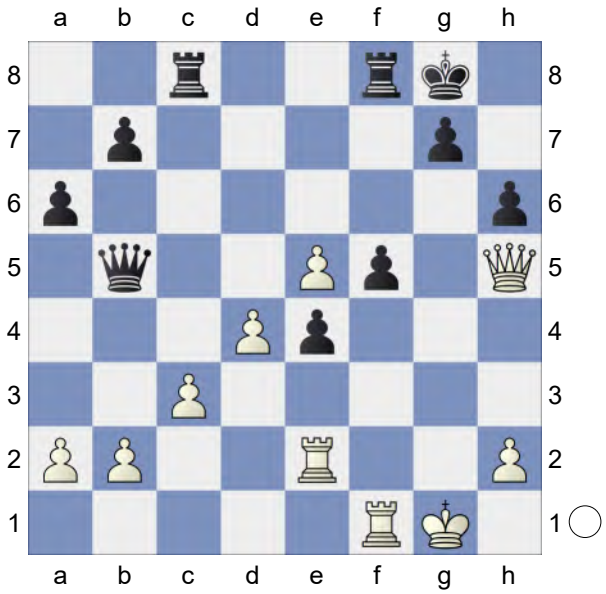
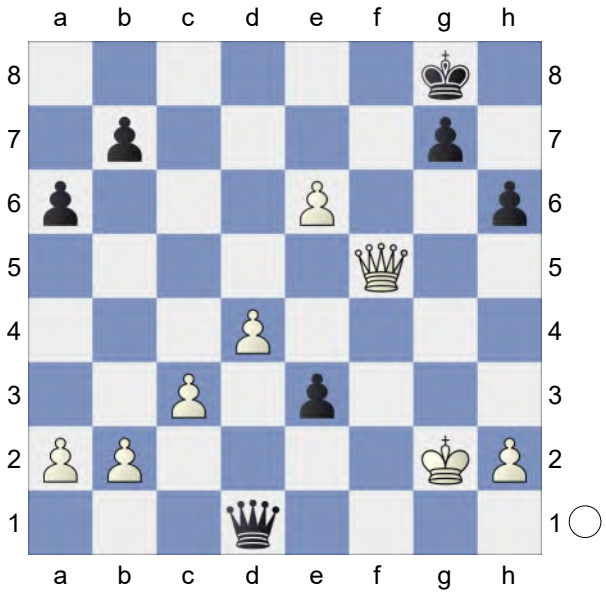


28.Rxf5 0.01/18
[28.Rg2!± 1.26/19]
28...Rxf5 29.Qxf5 Qxe2 30.Qxc8+ Endgame KQ-KQ **30...Kh7 31.Qf5+ Kg8! 32.e6** And now e7 would win.
32...Qd1+! 33.Kg2 e3 #12/21
[33...Qe2+= -0.01/24 34.Kg3 Qe3+ 35.Kg2 Qe2+ 36.Kg1 Qd1+ 37.Qf1 Qg4+ 38.Kf2 Qxe6]



34.Qf7+? 0.01/24
[34.e7 #12/21 mates Qa4 35.Qe6+ Kh8 36.e8Q+ Qxe8 37.Qxe8+ Kh7

38.d5 e2 39.Qe4+ Kh8 40.Qxe2]
34...Kh7 35.Qf5+
[Avoid the trap 35.Qxb7? Qc2+ 36.Kh3 Qf5+ 37.Kg3 Qf2+ 38.Kg4 h5+ 39.Kxh5 Qf5+ 40.Kh4 e2-+]
35...Kg8 36.e7 Qe2+ 37.Kh3 Qb5 38.Qxb5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.41/Black=0.33
1-0

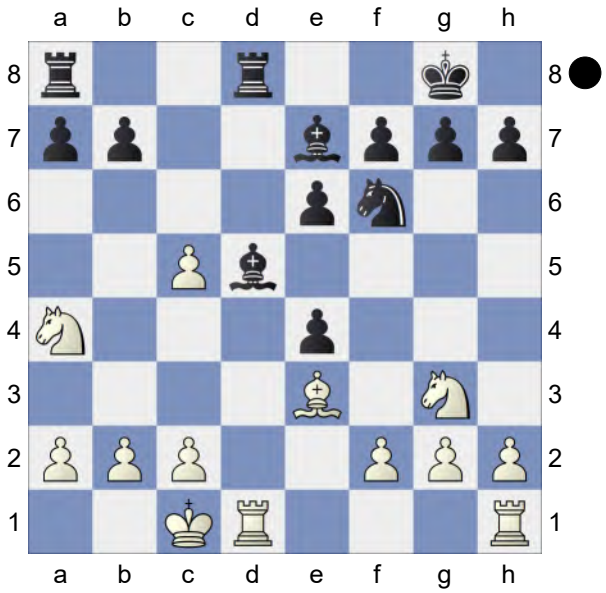
402 **A45**
□ **Lagarde,Maxime** **2615**
■ **Popov,Tikhon** **2130**
Titled Tue 4th Mar Early blitz (7) 4.3.25
[Kitty Kat]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 d5 3.Nc3 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Bd3 Nc6 7.Nce2 Bg4**
[7...Nb4 8.c3 Nxd3+ 9.Qxd3 Bg4 10.Ng3 Nh5 11.Be5 Nxg3 12.hxg3 Qd7 13.f3 Bf5 14.Qd2 f6 15.Bf4 g5 16.Be3 e6 17.g4 Bg6 18.Ne2 Bd6 19.Bf2 0-0-0 20.Bg3 e5 21.dxe5 fxe5 22.Qxd5 Caruana,F (2766)-Carlsen,M (2859) Chess.com INT 2022 CBM 211 Extra [Kitty Kat] 0-1]
8.c3
[8.h3 Bh5 9.c3 e6 10.Qb3 Qc8 11.Ng3 Bg6 12.Bxg6 hxg6 13.Nf3 Be7 14.0-0 0-0 15.Rfe1 b5 16.Rac1 Qd7 17.Ne5 Nxe5 18.Bxe5 Bd6 19.Qd1 Rfc8 20.h4 Bxe5 21.dxe5 Nh7 22.h5 g5 Hong,A (2572)-Harshavardhan,G (2401) Chess.com INT 2024 Mega2024 Update 43 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (71)]
8...e6 9.f3 Bh5 10.Nh3N
[10.Ng3 Bg6 11.N1e2 Bd6 12.0-0 Rc8 13.Qd2 0-0 14.Bg5 Bxd3 15.Qxd3 h6 16.Be3 Na5 17.Rad1 Nc4 18.Bc1 Bc7 19.f4 Nd6 20.f5 exf5 21.Nxf5 Nfe4 22.Neg3 Nxg3 23.Nxg3 Qh4 24.Rf4 Qe7 8.Nxd7 (2314)-De,G (2355) Leon 2023 Inf11 [John Watson] 0-1 (52) 25.Qf3 Ne4 26.Nf5 Qf6 27.Rg4 g6 28.Nxh6+ Kh7 29.Qxf6 Nxf6 30.Rh4 Kg7 31.Ng4 Nxg4 32.Rxg4 Rce8 33.Kf1 Bxh2 34.Rh4 Bg3 35.Bh6+ Kf6 36.Bxf8 Bxh4 37.Bd6 Kf5 38.g3 Bf6 39.Re1 Rxe1+ Ashraf,A (2314)-O'Gorman,T (2355) Chess.com INT 2023 0-1 (52)]
10...Bg6 11.0-0 Bd6 12.Bxd6 Qxd6 13.Nhf4 0-0 14.Qd2 b5 15.Nxg6 hxg6 16.a3 -0.50/17
[16.b4!= -0.16/19 feels stronger.]
16...Rab8 17.b4 a5 18.Nc1 axb4 19.axb4 e5 20.dxe5 Nxe5 21.Nb3 Rfc8 22.Nd4 Nxd3 23.Qxd3 Rc4 24.Ra5 Rbc8 25.Nxb5 Qb6+ 26.Kh1 d4 27.Nxd4 -0.77/22
[27.Na7= -0.01/23 R8c7 28.Nb5]
27...Rxc3∓ 28.Qd2 Qxb4 29.Raa1 Rd8 -0.24/21
[29...Qc4∓ -1.00/21 Hoping for ...Rd3. 30.Rfd1 Qc5]
30.Nc6 Rxd2 31.Nxb4 Rb3 32.Ra2 Rxa2 33.Nxa2∓ Endgame KRN-KRN
33...Nd5 34.Nc1 Rb1 35.Rg1 Ne3 36.Ne2 Rxg1+ -0.01/24
[36...Rb2∓ -0.33/22 should be considered. 37.Nd4 Rb4]
37.Kxg1 KN-KN. The position is equal.
37...Nd5 38.Kf2 f6 39.Kg3 g5 40.Kg4 Kf7 41.Kg3 Kg6 42.Nd4 Ne3 43.Kf2 Nd5 44.Ne6 Kf7 45.Nc5 Kg6 46.g3 Kf7 47.Ke2 Ne7 48.Kd3 Nf5 49.Ke4 Nd6+ 50.Kd5 Nf5 51.Ke4 Nd6+ 52.Kd3 Nf5 53.Ne4 Ne7 54.Kd4 Nf5+ 55.Kd3 Ne7 56.Nf2 Nf5 57.Nd1 Ne7 58.Ne3 Ke6 59.Ke4 Kf7 60.Nd5 Nc6 61.Ne3 Ne7 62.Nc4 Nc6 63.Nd6+

Ke6 64.Nf5 Kf7 65.Kd5 Ne5 66.Nd6+ Kg6 67.Ke4 Nd7 68.f4 gxf4 69.gxf4 f5+ 70.Kf3 Kf6 71.Kg3 Nc5 72.Ne8+ Kf7 73.Nd6+ Ke6 74.Nb5 Ne4+ 75.Kh4 Kf6 76.Nd4 g5+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) / Black=0.07 (flawless)
½-½

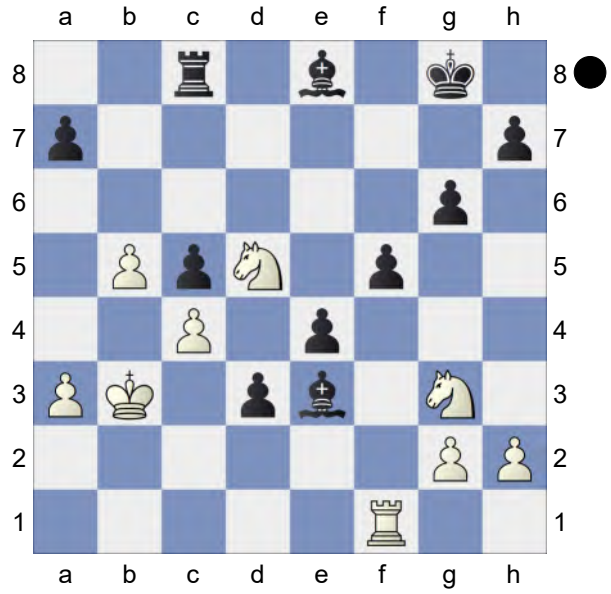
403 **D00**
□ **Jr Poison** **2613**
■ **Maximusd,M** **2771**
Blitz 16.02.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 1-0 (88)*; 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7* Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig,F (1863) Mainz 1997 EXT 2000 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (57)*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) www.desc-online.de 2000 CBM 166 [Beliavsky, Alexander G] 1-0 (41)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]
3.Bf4 c5 4.e4 dxe4 5.dxc5 Qa5 6.Qd4 -0.69/19
[6.Qd2± 0.38/17]
6...e6 0.61/20
[6...Nc6∓ -0.69/19 7.Bb5 Bg4]
7.Be3 -0.51/19 &Bianco is more active.
[7.Bb5+± 0.61/20 Nc6 8.Nge2]
7...Nc6∓ 8.Bb5 Black is slightly better.
8...Bd7 9.Bxc6 Bxc6 10.0-0-0 -1.37/22
[10.b4∓ -0.67/18 Qc7 11.Nge2]
10...Be7 11.Nge2 0-0 12.Ng3 -1.55/21
[⌓12.a3 -1.11/20]
12...Rfd8 -1.14/19
[Black should try 12...Rad8 -1.55/21 13.Qc4 Bd5 14.Nxd5 exd5]
13.Qc4∓ Bd5 14.Qa4 -1.93/19
[14.Nxd5∓ -1.06/21 exd5 15.Qb3]
14...Qxa4-+ 15.Nxa4



Rac8 -0.57/19
[Don't take 15...Bxa2 16.b3±]
[15...Ng4!-+ -1.95/21 Threatens to win with ...Bc6. 16.Nc3 Nxe3 17.fxe3 Bxc5 18.Nxd5 exd5]

16.a3 -1.46/22
[White should play 16.Nc3∓ -0.57/19]
16...Ng4↑ Black is in control. **17.b4 Nxe3 18.fxe3 f5 19.Nc3 Bc6** -1.02/20
[⌓19...Bc4 -1.58/20 White must now prevent ...b6. 20.Kb1 b6 21.cxb6 axb6]
20.Nce2? -2.76/18 Loses the game.
[20.Nge2∓ -1.02/20 was worth a try.]
20...Bg5-+ 21.Nf4 e5 22.Nfe2 -4.14/21
[22.Rxd8+ -2.46/21 was called for. Rxd8 23.Ne6 Bxe3+ 24.Kb1]
22...Bxe3+ 23.Kb1 g6 24.Rhf1 Bb5 This bishop pair is nice. **25.Kb2 b6 26.Kb3 bxc5 27.c4 Be8 28.b5 Rd3+ 29.Rxd3 exd3 30.Nc3 e4** Prevents Rf3. **31.Nd5**



aiming for Ne7+. **31...Bg5** Prevents Ne7+. **32.a4 Bf7 33.Nc3 Rd8 34.a5 Rd4 35.Nd5 Bxd5 36.cxd5** Endgame KRB-KRN **36...Rb4+ 37.Kc3 Bf6+ 38.Kd2 Rb2+ 39.Kd1 Rxb5** -18.07/20
[⌓39...e3 -#3/17 40.Kc1 Ra2 41.h3 Ra1#]
40.d6 Kf7 -13.96/18
[⌓40...e3 -#4/15 41.Ne2 Rb1+ 42.Nc1 Bb2 43.h4 Rxc1#]
41.d7 Ke6 -10.48/16
[⌓41...e3 -#6/16 42.Ne2 Rb1+ 43.Nc1 Bb2 44.Rxf5+ gxf5 45.d8N+ Kf6 46.h4 Rxc1#]
42.Nxe4 Black is clearly winning. **42...Rb1+ 43.Kd2 Rxf1 44.Nxf6** KR-KN **44...Ke7** Strongly threatening ... c4. **45.Nd5+ Kxd7 46.Ne3 Rf2+ 47.Kxd3 Ra2 48.Kc4 Rxa5 49.Nd5 Kd6 50.Nf6 Ra4+ 51.Kd3 Ra2 52.Ne8+ Kd5 53.Ng7 Ra3+ 54.Kc2 Kd4 55.Ne8 Kc4 56.Nd6+ Kb4 57.Nf7 Ra2+ 58.Kd3 Ra3+ 59.Ke2 Rc3 60.Ne5 Rc2+ 61.Kf3 Kb3 62.Kf4 c4** And now ...a5 would win. **63.Nd3 Rc3 64.Nc5+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.54/Black=0.25 (precise) . Loss on time!? **1-0**

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■ **Vidit,Santosh Gujrathi** **2657**
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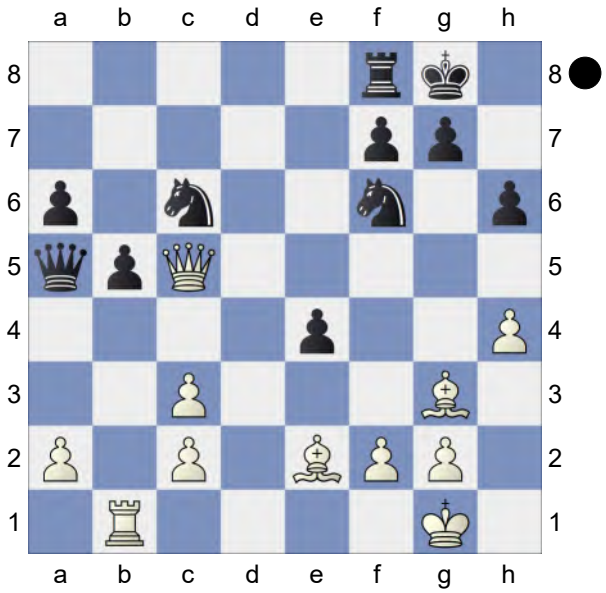
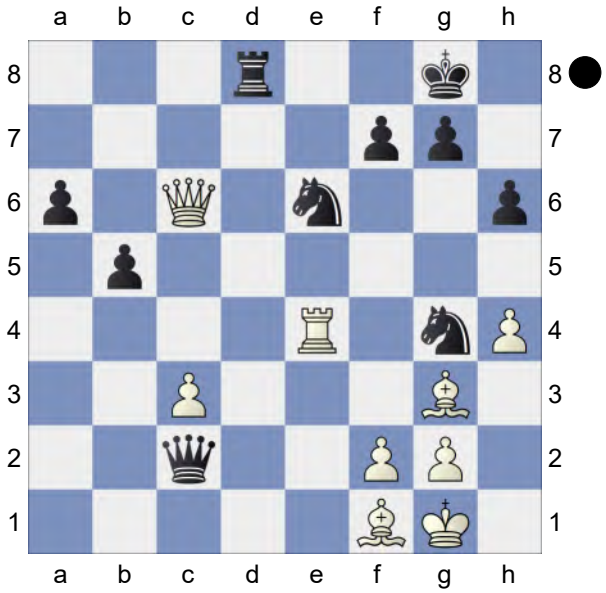
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4** 0.16 **d5** 0.24 **2.Nc3** 0.08 **Nf6** 0.00 **3.Bf4** 0.09 **h6** 0.21 **4.e3** 0.07 **a6** 0.00 **5.h4** 0.08 **c5** 0.00
[5...c6]
6.dxc5 0.01 **Nc6** 0.03 **7.Nf3** 0.04 Prevents e5. **7...Bg4** 0.00 **8.Be2?!** 0.65 Inaccuracy. Qd2 was best.
[White should play 8.Qd2= 0.12/20 Bxf3 9.gxf3 e5 10.Bg3 Qa5 11.Ne2 Qxd2+ 12.Kxd2 Bxc5]
8...Bxf3∓ 0.78 **9.Bxf3** 0.89 **e5!** 0.08 **10.Bg3** 0.79 **e4** 0.82 **11.Be2** -0.77 **Bxc5** -0.67 **12.Qd2** -0.83 **Qa5?!** 0.42 Inaccuracy. O-O was best.
[12...0-0∓ -0.68/17 13.Bf4 Rc8 14.Rd1 Bb4 15.0-0 Ba5 16.f3 Re8

17.fxe4 Rxe4 18.Bd3]
13.0-0 0.43
[13.Nb1= -0.29/18]
13...d4 0.49 **14.exd4** 0.45 **Bxd4** 0.43 **15.Rad1** 0.41
[15.Rfd1= -0.30/20]
15...Rd8 0.43 And now ...Bxf2+! would win. **16.Qf4** 0.05 **Bxc3** 0.25 **17.Rxd8+** 0.25 **Qxd8** 0.00 **18.bxc3** 0.00 **0-0** 0.00 **19.Rb1** 0.00 **b5** 0.00
[19...Qa5∓ -0.39/22]
20.Qe3 0.04
[20.Qd6= -0.01/21 is superior. Qb6 21.a4]
20...Qa5 0.02 **21.Qc5?!** 0.65 Inaccuracy. Rd1 was best.
[21.Rd1 Qxa2 22.c4 bxc4 23.Qc3 Rd8 24.Rxd8+ Nxd8 25.Qxc4 Qb1+ 26.Bf1 Ne6]
[21.c4∓ -0.35/22]



Against Nd5 **21...Qxa2!∓** 0.74 **22.Re1** 0.94 **Nd8** 0.68 **23.Qb6?!** -0.71 Inaccuracy. Qa7 was best.
[23.Qa7]
23...Ne6 -0.92 **24.Bf1** -0.37
[24.Be5∓ -0.97/22 was necessary.]
24...Re8? 0.35 Mistake. Qxc2 was best.
[24...Qxc2-+ -1.63/22 and Black stays clearly on top. 25.Qxa6 Qxc3]
25.Be5 0.34 **Ng4** 0.00
[Better is 25...Nd7∓ -0.83/20 26.Qc6 Rd8]
[But not 25...Qxc2 26.Bxf6 gxf6 27.Qxa6=]
26.Qc6 0.00 **Rd8** 0.00 **27.Bg3** 0.43
[27.Rxe4= -0.01/23 Nxe5 28.Rxe5]
27...Qxc2 0.42 &Nero is more active.
28.Rxe4?? -3.37 Blunder. Qxa6 was best.
[28.Qxa6∓ -1.32/21 is a better chance. e3 29.fxe3]



Now White is beyond hope. **28...Rd1!-+** -3.38 (→ ...Qd3!). Black is clearly winning. **29.Rxg4** -4.74
[29.Qa8+ Kh7]

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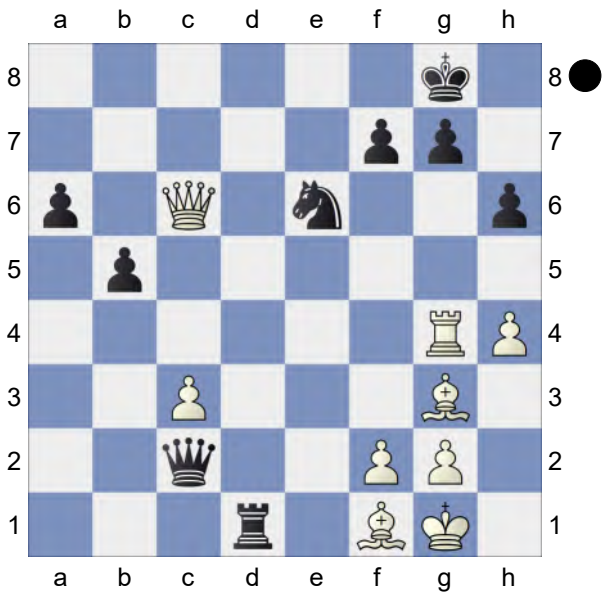
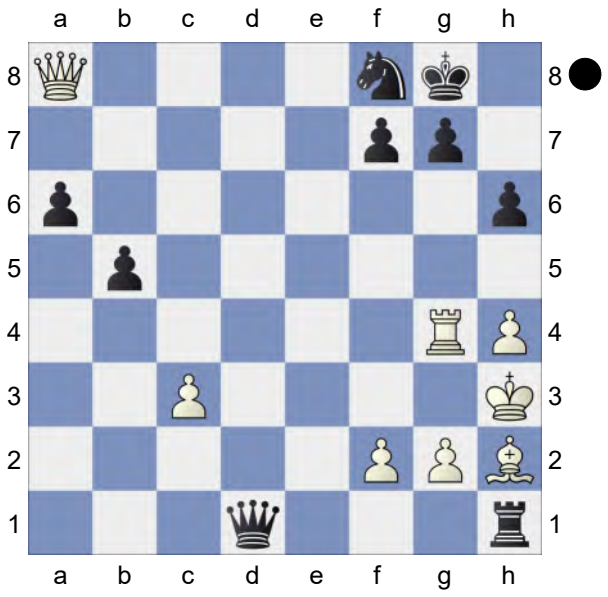


Hoping for Qa8+. **29...Rxf1+!** -4.87 **30.Kh2** -4.74 **Qd1** -4.93 **31.Qa8+** -4.71 **Nf8** -4.74 **32.Kh3** -4.81 **Rh1+** -4.75 **33.Bh2** -4.72



Rxh2+! -4.79 **34.Kg3** -5.75
[34.Kxh2 Qxg4]
34...Qd6+ -4.14 Weighted Error Value: White=0.73/Black=0.20 (precise)
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405 **D00**
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■ **Ortiz Suarez,Isan Reynaldo** **2551**
US Chess Masters 2019 (7) 24.08.2019
[Richard Palliser]

Richard Palliser,MH: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines ' **1.d4** Richard Palliser,MH **1...d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6** Three other recent encounters which caught the eye were:

[a) 3...a6 4.e3 e6 5.Nf3 c5 6.Bd3 *(6.dxc5* is the alternative, as per White's play in variation 'b', below*)* 6...Nbd7 7.h3 b5 8.a3 Bb7 *(8...c4!? 9.Be2 Bb7* intending ...Bc6 and ...a5 at some stage was by no means ridiculous either*)* 9.0-0 Be7 10.dxc5 Nxc5 11.Ne2 0-0 12.Ned4 Rc8 was extremely comfortable for Black in Lagarde-Fressinet, Montagne (rapid) 2019.]

[b) 3...c5 4.e3 a6 isn't such a good move order in view of 5.dxc5 e6 6.Na4! Bxc5 7.Nxc5 Qa5+ 8.c3 Qxc5 9.Nf3 Nc6 10.Bd3 Qe7 11.Ne5 0-0 12.0-0 , which left White with an edge in Rapport-Ma Qun, Chinese League 2019.]

[c) A day earlier than our main game, Naroditsky had faced 3...Bf5 . He notably now plumped for 4.e3 *(* we've considered expansion with *4.f3 e6 5.g4 Bg6 6.h4* much more often, including in Naroditsky-Kiewra, US Online League 2015, in the Archive *)* 4...e6 5.Nf3 , which can hardly be bad, of course, and after Bd6 6.Ne5 Nfd7 7.h4 f6?! 8.Nxd7 Nxd7 9.g4 Bg6 10.h5 Bf7 11.h6! g6 12.Bxd6 cxd6 White's kingside clamp gave him a useful long-term advantage in Naroditsky-Macieja,

Greensboro 2019.]

4.Nb5 Taking up the challenge. **4...Na6 5.e3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.a3**

[Thematic enough. We've previously seen that 7.Ne5?! Ne4! 8.Bd3 -0.55/20 *(*Better is *8.f3*= 0.04/20 Richard Palliser,MH *Nf6 9.g4)* 8...f6 wasn't too impressive for White in Paikidze-Zatonskih, US Women's Championship, Saint Louis 2018,]

[and 7.Bd3 c6 8.Nc3 Nb4 9.h3!? Nxd3+ 10.cxd3 b6 11.0-0 Bb7 12.Qb3 Nd7 also wasn't overly impressive for White in Rapport-Giri, Wijk aan Zee 2019,]

[but as well as the text, White should certainly consider 7.h3!? , as we've also noted before.]

7...Nh5

[We've previously only noted that 7...b6 0.34/19 Richard Palliser,MH: '7...Bc8-d7 -0.15' 8.c4 Bb7 9.Qc2 c6 10.Nc3 c5 11.Rd1 was perhaps a shade better for White in Jobava-Swiercz, Abu Dhabi 2015.]

[As such, the Cuban Grandmaster prefers to hunt down White's bishop. Another logical approach would be 7...c5 8.h3 Bd7! when it seems that White has to retreat his knight in view of Richard Palliser,MH: 'when it seems that White has to retreat his knight in view of. And now ...Bd7xb5 would win. ' 9.a4?! -0.63/19 *(9.Nc3*= -0.18/20 Richard Palliser,MH*)* 9...c4! , threatening simply to take on b5 and round up the resulting weak pawn, as well as to go Richard Palliser,MH: ' ∓!' 10.Nc3 Bb4 .]

[7...c6!? Richard Palliser,MH 8.Nc3□ c5=]

8.Be5 White might as well force a weakening before ceding the bishop-pair. Richard Palliser,MH: 'White might as well force a weakening before ceding the bishop-pair. The position is equal.'

8...f6 9.Bg3 c5

[A new move. Eric no less had previously faced 9...Nxg3?! 10.hxg3 Rf7 0.76/20 and after *(10...c6*= 0.12/19 Richard Palliser,MH *11.Nc3 b5)* 11.c4 c6 12.Nc3 Nc7 13.Bd3 g6 14.Qc2 White was just doing pretty well in Prie-Granda Zuniga, World Senior Championship, Acqui Terme 2017.]

[However, should the text turn out to be too ambitious, then Black would do well to consider 9...c6!? 10.Nc3 g6 , even if this does run the risk of allowing White to shred Black's queenside structure.]

10.c4! Just as Eric was, Naroditsky is quite right to counter aggressively in the centre, a part of the board where unusually neither black knight has much influence. **10...g6**

[The alternative was 10...Nxg3 11.hxg3 f5 0.86/19 , but after *(11...cxd4*± 0.48/19 (Richard Palliser, MH) was preferrable. *12.exd4 Bd7)* 12.Nc3 Black's position still but appears rather loose.]

11.Bd3 0.35/19

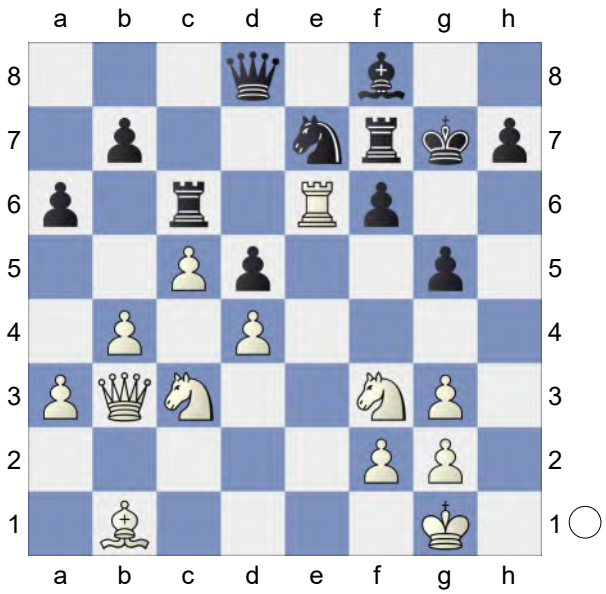
[11.Nc3!? might have been even stronger, and if cxd4 12.Nxd4 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Strongly threatening c4xd5.' e5 1.22/21 *(⌓12...Nxg3* 0.76/20 Richard Palliser, MH *13.hxg3 Nc7)* 13.Ndb5 with a clear advantage.]

[11.dxc5± 0.95/21 (Richard Palliser, MH) aiming for b2-b4. Nxg3 12.hxg3]

11...cxd4 Richard Palliser,MH: '±'

12.exd4 Nb8?! 1.15/20 Richard Palliser, MH: ' White now steadily converts the

win.'
[Rerouting the knight costs a fair chunk of time. I suspect that 12...Bd7 Richard Palliser,MH: ' White must now prevent ...d5xc4.' 13.0-0 dxc4 14.Bxc4 Qb6 was a better try, although even here Black surely hasn't equalised.]
[12...Nxg3± 0.45/22 Richard Palliser, MH 13.hxg3 Bd7]
13.0-0 Richard Palliser,MH: '±'
[13.Bc7?! Richard Palliser,MH Qd7 14.cxd5 exd5±]
13...Nc6 14.Re1 Nxg3 15.hxg3 Rf7 Once again we find Black having to resort to this tidying manoeuvre. He does have the bishop-pair, but of much more importance is his cramped and fairly unpleasant position. **16.Nc3 Bf8 17.b4!** Logical expansion and, of course, White wouldn't mind being given an isolated pawn on d4 if that meant he could target e6. **17...Ne7 18.Qb3 Kg7 19.Re2** Richard Palliser,MH: ' White has more active pieces. The black rooks are passive.'
[This works out well, but Naroditsky was rather spoilt for choice here with 19.c5!? another pretty promising plan.]
19...Bd7 1.49/19
[⌓19...a5 1.05/19 Richard Palliser, MH]
20.Rae1
[20.cxd5 Richard Palliser,MH Nxd5 21.Nxd5 exd5±]
20...Rc8 1.76/20
[20...Rb8± 1.35/19 (Richard Palliser, MH) might work better. 21.cxd5 exd5]
21.c5! Only now does he advance, and as the prelude to a strong exchange sacrifice. Richard Palliser,MH: '+-!'
[21.cxd5 Richard Palliser,MH Nxd5 22.Nxd5 exd5±]
21...g5?! 2.27/20 It's hard to suggest a major improvement, but Black will soon regret thrashing about with this.
[21...Nc6± 1.49/19 (Richard Palliser, MH) was worth a try. 22.Qa2 a5]
22.Rxe6! Bxe6 23.Rxe6 a6 24.Bb1
[There was nothing wrong with 24.Rd6 Qe8 25.Nxd5 Nxd5 26.Rxd5 , but Naroditsky wants to remind Black that his kingside can be targeted before turning his attention to the sickly d5-pawn.]
24...Rc6 2.87/22 Richard Palliser,MH: '
[⌓24...Kh8 1.97/20 Richard Palliser, MH 25.Rd6 Qe8]



' **25.Rxe7!** Richard Palliser,MH: ' Deflection' **25...Qxe7 26.Nxd5**
[26.Bf5 Richard Palliser,MH b6 27.Nxd5 *(27.Qxd5 Qe8±)* 27...Qa7±]
26...Qe6 Richard Palliser,MH: '

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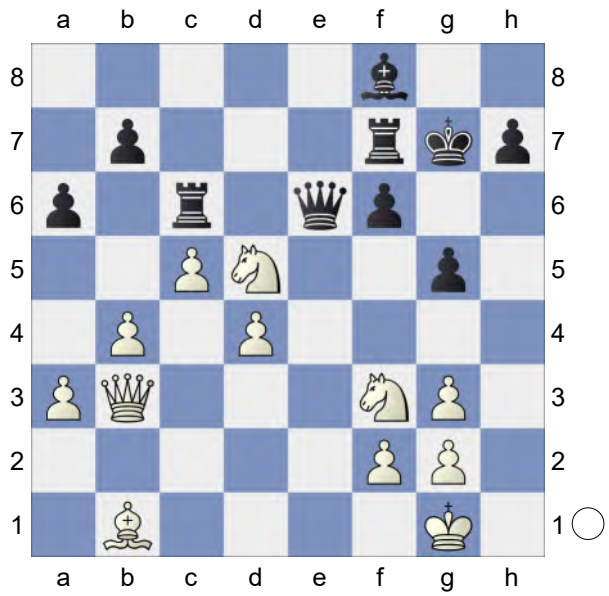

' **27.Qd3** Threatening mate. Black is two exchanges up, but his position is shot, being full of light-square holes and up against a highly mobile pawn centre. Richard Palliser,MH: '!' **27...Kh8 28.Ne3** Richard Palliser,MH: ' Threatens to win with d4-d5. Excellent horsemanship.' **28...Rc8 29.d5 Qd7 30.d6**

[Good enough, but 30.Qd4!? followed by Bf5 would have avoided what follows.]

30...Bxd6 Ortiz Suarez finds his only real chance, but this was never really going to save the game. **31.cxd6 Rc1+ 32.Kh2 Rxb1 33.Qxb1 Qxd6** And so White's once proud centre has vanished, but his knights still have plenty of outposts and targets, and quickly outclass the hapless black rook. **34.Nf5 Qe6 35.Qd3** Richard Palliser, MH: ' Threatening mate with Qd3-d8+.' **35...h5 36.N3d4 Qe5** 6.15/23

[36...Rd7 3.73/23 Richard Palliser,MH 37.Qc3 Qd5 38.Qc8+ Rd8]

37.Nh6! Richard Palliser,MH: 'White is clearly winning.' **37...Rf8 38.Ndf5 Qe6** Richard Palliser,MH: ' Prevents Qd3-d7' **39.Qf3** This simple double attack emphasises just how vulnerable Black's position is. **39...Qe8 40.Qxb7 Qg6** Richard Palliser,MH: ' Dodges Qb7-g7+' **41.Qe7** Richard Palliser,MH: ' Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) / Black=0.37'

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□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2610**

■ **Mikhalevski,Victor** **2538**

PRO League, Internet (rapid) (6) 14.2.18

[Richard Palliser]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3

[A Jobava-Prie move order. The modern-day normal London one would be 2.Bf4 g6 when by no means everyone is yet ready to be aggressive and fashionable:

A) 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.e3 0-0 5.Be2 is a very traditional move order, against which a double fianchetto plan remains popular: for example, c5 *(or 5...d6 6.h3 b6 7.c3 Bb7 8.a4 a6 9.0-0 Nbd7 10.Bh2 c5 11.Nbd2 Qc7* , as in Banusz-A. Gara, Gibraltar 2018, where White could find nothing better than *12.Bd3* and after *e5 13.dxe5 Nxe5 14.Be2 Qc6* Black was surely fine*)* 6.c3 b6 7.h3 Bb7 8.0-0 d6 9.a4 a6 . Now in Jojua-Mchedlishvili, Georgian Championship, Tbilisi 2018, White implemented a noteworthy plan: 10.Qb3! Nbd7 11.Rd1 . The idea is to enforce d4-d5 and after Ra7!? *(11...Qc7* was Dvoirys' choice, but after *12.d5 Rab8 13.Na3* White might may be able to claim a small edge*)* 12.d5 Qa8 13.c4 b5 14.axb5 axb5

15.Rxa7 Qxa7 16.cxb5 Ra8 *(16...Nb6 17.Nc3 Qa8 18.Bc4 Qa5* followed by ...Qb4 may not equalise, but should probably have been tried*)* 17.Nc3 Qa5 18.e4 Qb4 19.Qc2! Black didn't have quite enough for his very Benko-style gambit.;

B) 3.Nc3 is the trendy preference when 3...d5 would return play to our main game. *(* Some black players still prefer to head for Pirc waters, but *3...Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Qd2 0-0 6.0-0-0* remains quite a dangerous and easy-to-play set-up for White, with *Nbd7?! 7.e5! Nh5 8.Bh6 c5 9.Bxg7 Nxg7 10.exd6 exd6 11.Nf3 Qa5 12.Kb1* already leaving him clearly for choice in Rapport-Getz, Villorba 2018. *)*]

2...d5 3.Bf4 g6 4.e3

[The consensus has come down on the side of this Barry-type approach over 4.Qd2 , but notably this and then Bg7 5.Bh6 was recently preferred by Mark Hebden. I can't believe that 0-0 6.Bxg7 Kxg7 7.f3!? *(7.0-0-0 c5* gave Black decent counterplay in Cabrera-Dvirnyy, Catalan League 2014 - see the Archive*)* 7...c5 8.e3 Nc6 9.g4 should suffice for an objective advantage, but Hebden has played it twice now and Qa5 *(*previously, *9...e5 10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.g5! Nh5* had been seen in Hebden-Murray, Bunratty 2016, when perhaps White should grab with *12.Nxd5 Be6 13.0-0-0 Bxd5 14.Qxd5 ,;* while I see that the computer has the interesting idea of keeping lines closed while aiming to show that g2-g4 was premature with *9...cxd4 10.exd4 h5!?)* 10.Bb5 e5!? *(10...cxd4 11.exd4 h5* is again touted by the engine *)* 11.dxe5 Nxg4? *(11...Nd7 12.Qxd5 Ndxe5 13.Bxc6 Nxc6 14.Nge2 Be6* with some play for the pawn was how Black might have justified his gambit*)* 12.Bxc6! *(*and not *12.fxg4? d4)* 12...d4 13.exd4 cxd4 14.Qxd4 bxc6 15.fxg4 was pretty much all over in Hebden-Bentley, British League (4NCL) 2018.]

4...Bg7 5.h4 Here we go... **5...a6!?** Victor is, of course, always extremely well prepared, as subscribers will be all too aware, but this still feels more like a typical internet speed move to try and avoid theory than detailed preparation. Other recent developments:

[a) 5...h5 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.Qd2! *(* I wonder if Aronian was aware of this idea of Navara's or just wanted to be a little more solid, since he preferred *7.Be2 Bxf3 8.Bxf3* in Aronian-Vachier Lagrave, Gibraltar (blitz) 2018, where *c6 9.Qd2 Nbd7 10.0-0-0 b5 11.Kb1 Nb6* gave Black sufficient counterplay*)* 7...Bxf3 8.gxf3 is an idea we first came across in Navara-Bobras, Czech Extraliga 2017, where Black now castled. Instead, c6 9.0-0-0 Nbd7 is not without its logic, but even with the black king on g8 White's play is partly directed at the central files. Here 10.Kb1 e6 11.e4 prepared to increase the pressure with some combination of Bg5, Bd3 (or even Bh3) and Rhe1 before Qa5? 12.Nxd5! Qxd2 13.Nxf6+ Nxf6 14.Rxd2 simply bagged a pawn in Bauer-Maze, Internet (rapid) 2018.]

[b) 5...c6 6.Nf3 b5?! is rather ambitious and also a little misguided

against a Barry set-up in my view: 7.Ne5 Nfd7 8.Nd3! Nf6 9.Be2 h5 10.a4! bxa4 11.Rxa4 Nbd7 12.Qa1 certainly left White fully in charge in E.Paehtz-P.Papp, Gibraltar 2018.]

[c) 5...c5 6.Nb5! Na6 7.c3 gives White his ideal set-up and after Bg4 8.Be2 Bxe2 9.Qxe2 Qd7 10.Nf3 Ng4?! 11.h5 c4 12.a4 Black was in trouble on both sides of the board in Ansell-Sreeves, British League (4NCL) 2018.]

[d) 5...0-0 6.h5 c5 remains critical in my view, *(*but not here the *6...Nxh5? 7.Rxh5 gxh5 8.Qxh5 f5* of Girya-Bodnaruk, Russian Women's Ch., St Petersburg 2017 - see the Archive. *)*]

6.h5! The Ukrainian Grandmaster wastes no time in blowing open lines for his pieces. **6...Nxh5 7.Rxh5 gxh5 8.Qxh5 e6**

[A new move for us. I still feel that White's exchange sacrifice gives him at least enough compensation, if not definitely more than that. Here we previously considered 8...c6 9.Nf3 h6 10.0-0-0 Nd7 11.Qh2! Nf8 12.Bc7 Qd7 13.Be2 in that great modern-day masterpiece Jobava-Savchenko, Minsk 2014 - see the Archive.]

9.Qh2

[Picking off c7. In the only previous test White had preferred 9.Nf3!? which also appears rather effective. Certainly Nd7? *(9...Nc6* , and if *10.Ng5?! Qe7* , would be a better defence *)* 10.Ng5 Qe7 would already have left Black in trouble in Tologontegin-Vakhidov, Ashkhabad 2017, had White now found 11.Nxe6! Qxe6 12.Nxd5 , and if 0-0 13.Bd3 h6 14.Nxc7 Nf6 15.Qh2 Qb6 16.Nxa8 Qxb2 17.Rd1 .]

9...Nc6 10.Bxc7 Qd7 11.Nf3 Increasing White's stranglehold on the key e5-square. Already Black's position is far from easy to handle, especially in a rapid game, and I suspect that he is also objectively just in some trouble.

11...b5 12.Qg3 Bf6

[12...Bf8!? to re-emerge on b4 one day feels like a better try.]

13.e4! And why not? The centre is opening to the detriment of the black king. **13...Nxd4**

[Principled at least. Instead something like 13...Bb7 14.exd5 exd5 15.0-0-0 Be7 16.Re1 Kf8 17.Qf4 h5 18.Bd3 would have left White in charge of the position thanks to his far superior coordination.]

14.Nxd4 Bxd4 15.0-0-0

[White can even afford to allow Black a little tactic. 15.exd5!? e5 16.Qg7 Rf8 17.Ne4! would also have been pretty effective, in view of Qxc7 18.d6 .]

15...Bxf2 16.Qxf2 Qxc7 17.exd5 Black's problems become ever clearer - where is his king going to find sanctuary? **17...Qe5**

[Decent defence from Victor. 17...0-0 was the alternative, but after 18.d6 Qd8 19.Ne4 f5 20.Qg3+ Kh8 21.Qe5+ Kg8 22.Nc5 White's position would have virtually played itself.]

18.Re1 Qg5+ 19.Kb1 f5?

[Desperation. 19...0-0 20.Ne4 Qg6 21.Nf6+ Kg7 22.Re3 Qxf6 23.Rg3+ Qg6 24.Bd3 f5 would have left Black's position riddled with holes, but still really had to be tried.]

20.dxe6

[Bortnyk isn't in a rush and calmly takes his time to win a pawn then

create some luft with tempo, but he might also have been somewhat more direct with 20.Qc5! .]

20...0-0 21.a4! Re8

[21...bxa4 22.e7 Re8 23.Qd4 reveals why White was quite so keen to deflect the black pawn away from b5.]

22.axb5 axb5 23.Bxb5 Re7!

Victor spies his last chance, the a-file.

24.Bc4

[Keeping control. 24.Nd5 Rea7 25.Qxa7! Rxa7 26.e7 Rxe7 27.Nxe7+ Kg7 28.Nxc8 Qxg2 29.Bd3 should also be winning with care, but we mustn't forget that this was a rapid game.]

24...Kg7?

[Still trying to get in ...Rea7 will prove far too slow. Black would have been clearly worse, but still fighting after 24...Bb7 25.Rd1 Kh8 .]

25.Qd4+ Kg6 26.g4!

[Either the g-file will decide or the h-file after 26.g4 f4 27.Bd3+ .]

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407 **D00**

□ **Siemes,Robert** **2610**

■ **San Segundo Carrillo,Pablo** **2538**

Continental op (6) 14.02.2018

[Pilnik,H/Primel,D]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3

[2.Bf4 g6

A) 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.e3 0-0 5.Be2 c5 *(5...d6 6.h3 b6 7.c3 Bb7 8.a4 a6 9.0-0 Nbd7 10.Bh2 c5 11.Nbd2 Qc7 12.Bd3 e5 13.dxe5 Nxe5 14.Be2 Qc6)* 6.c3 b6 7.h3 Bb7 8.0-0 d6 9.a4 a6 10.Qb3 Nbd7 11.Rd1 Ra7 *(11...Qc7 12.d5 Rab8 13.Na3)* 12.d5 Qa8 13.c4 b5 14.axb5 axb5 15.Rxa7 Qxa7 16.cxb5 Ra8 *(16...Nb6 17.Nc3 Qa8 18.Bc4 Qa5)* 17.Nc3 Qa5 18.e4 Qb4 19.Qc2;

B) 3.Nc3 d5 *(3...Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Qd2 0-0 6.0-0-0 Nbd7 7.e5 Nh5 8.Bh6 c5 9.Bxg7 Nxg7 10.exd6 exd6 11.Nf3 Qa5 12.Kb1)*]

2...d5 3.Bf4 g6 4.e3

[4.Qd2 Bg7 5.Bh6 0-0 6.Bxg7 Kxg7 7.f3 *(7.0-0-0 c5)* 7...c5 8.e3 Nc6 9.g4 Qa5 *(9...e5 10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.g5 Nh5 12.Nxd5 Be6 13.0-0-0 Bxd5 14.Qxd5; 9...cxd4 10.exd4 h5)* 10.Bb5 e5 *(10...cxd4 11.exd4 h5)* 11.dxe5 Nxg4 *(11...Nd7 12.Qxd5 Ndxe5 13.Bxc6 Nxc6 14.Nge2 Be6)* 12.Bxc6 *(12.fxg4 d4)* 12...d4 13.exd4 cxd4 14.Qxd4 bxc6 15.fxg4]

4...Bg7 5.h4 a6

[5...h5 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.Qd2 *(7.Be2 Bxf3 8.Bxf3 c6 9.Qd2 Nbd7 10.0-0-0 b5 11.Kb1 Nb6)* 7...Bxf3 8.gxf3 c6 9.0-0-0 Nbd7 10.Kb1 e6 11.e4 Qa5 12.Nxd5 Qxd2 13.Nxf6+ Nxf6 14.Rxd2]

[5...c6 6.Nf3 b5 7.Ne5 Nfd7 8.Nd3 Nf6 9.Be2 h5 10.a4 bxa4 11.Rxa4 Nbd7 12.Qa1]

[5...c5 6.Nb5 Na6 7.c3 Bg4 8.Be2 Bxe2 9.Qxe2 Qd7 10.Nf3 Ng4 11.h5 c4 12.a4]

[5...0-0 6.h5 c5 *(6...Nxh5 7.Rxh5 gxh5 8.Qxh5 f5)*]

6.h5 Nxh5 7.Rxh5 gxh5 8.Qxh5 e6

[8...c6 9.Nf3 h6 10.0-0-0 Nd7 11.Qh2 Nf8 12.Bc7 Qd7 13.Be2]

9.Qh2

[9.Nf3 Nd7 *(9...Nc6 10.Ng5 Qe7)* 10.Ng5 Qe7 11.Nxe6 Qxe6 12.Nxd5

0-0 13.Bd3 h6 14.Nxc7 Nf6 15.Qh2 Qb6 16.Nxa8 Qxb2 17.Rd1]
9...Nc6 10.Bxc7 Qd7 11.Nf3 b5 12.Qg3 Bf6
[12...Bf8]
13.e4 Nxd4
[13...Bb7 14.exd5 exd5 15.0-0-0 Be7 16.Re1 Kf8 17.Qf4 h5 18.Bd3]
14.Nxd4 Bxd4 15.0-0-0
[15.exd5 e5 16.Qg7 Rf8 17.Ne4 Qxc7 18.d6]
15...Bxf2 16.Qxf2 Qxc7 17.exd5 Qe5
[17...0-0 18.d6 Qd8 19.Ne4 f5 20.Qg3+ Kh8 21.Qe5+ Kg8 22.Nc5]
18.Re1 Qg5+ 19.Kb1 f5
[19...0-0 20.Ne4 Qg6 21.Nf6+ Kg7 22.Re3 Qxf6 23.Rg3+ Qg6 24.Bd3 f5]
20.dxe6
[20.Qc5]
20...0-0 21.a4 Re8
[21...bxa4 22.e7 Re8 23.Qd4]
22.axb5 axb5 23.Bxb5 Re7 24.Bc4
[24.Nd5 Rea7 25.Qxa7 Rxa7 26.e7 Rxe7 27.Nxe7+ Kg7 28.Nxc8 Qxg2 29.Bd3]
24...Kg7
[24...Bb7 25.Rd1 Kh8]
25.Qd4+ Kg6 26.g4
[26.g4 f4 27.Bd3+]
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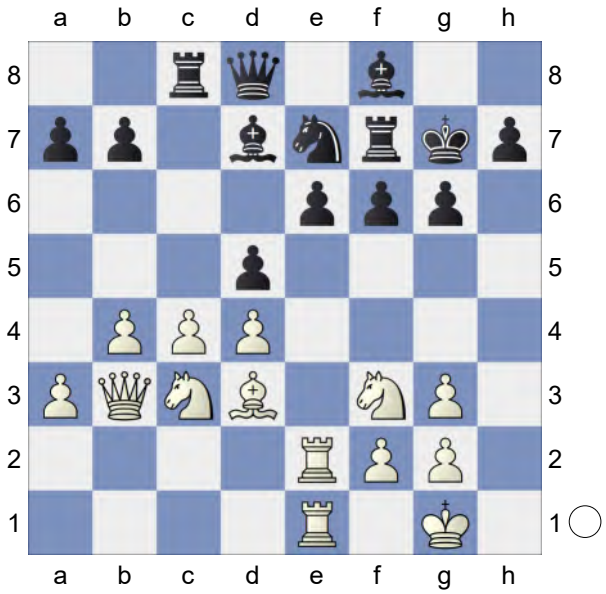
408 **D00**
□ **Feys,Bert** **2610**
■ **Podgoretski,V** **2551**
EU-chT (Men) 18th (7) 24.08.2019
[Kitty Kat]

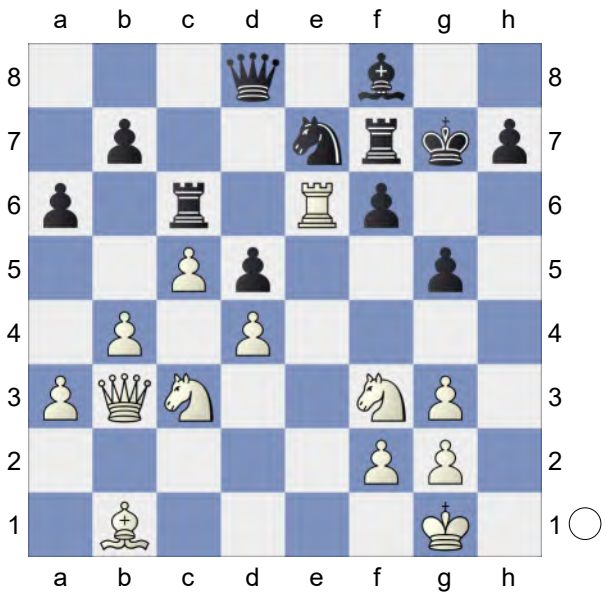
D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines Kitty Kat: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack' Kiddy Kat: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines Kitty Kat: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines A45: Trompowsky Attack" **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.a3**
[7.Be2 c6 8.Nc3 c5 9.Ne5 Nb8 10.0-0 Nfd7 11.Nf3 a6 12.a3 Nc6 13.dxc5 Bxc5 14.b4 Ba7 15.a4 h6 16.Qd2 Ne7 17.Bd3 f6 18.e4 e5 19.Bxh6 d4 20.Ne2 Qe8 21.c3 gxh6 ½-½ Raspfish (2910)-Yobot V2 (2927) Blitz 2024]
[7.Ne5 Ne4 8.f3 Nf6 9.a3 c5 10.c3 Nh5 11.Bg3 f6 12.Nd3 Nxg3 13.hxg3 Nb8 14.dxc5 b6 15.cxb6 Qxb6 16.a4 Qxe3+ 17.Qe2 Qxe2+ 18.Bxe2 Nc6 19.Nf4 Rb8 20.0-0-0 g5 21.Nh5 a6 1-0 Bortnyk,O (2608)-Ivic,V (2592) CrunchLab Masters Div 3 W rapid 2024 (1.1)]
7...Nh5N 0.21/19
[⌓7...Bd7 -0.15/18 8.Ne5 c6 9.Nxd7 Nxd7 10.Nc3 Nc7 11.Be2 f5 12.Nb1 Ne8 13.h3 Bd6 14.Nd2 Bxf4 15.exf4 Qb6 16.Nb3 Nd6 17.0-0 Rf6 18.a4 a5 19.c3 Ne4 20.Bd3 Rh6 21.Re1 Qc7 22.Bxe4 fxe4 0-1 Nakamura,H (2788)-Abdusattorov,N (2727) CCT Final playoff rapid 2023 (5.2)]
8.Be5= The position is equal. **8...f6**
9.Bg3 c5 10.c4 g6 0.96/18
[10...Bd7⩲ 0.44/18]
11.Bd3 0.43/18
[11.dxc5± 0.96/18 Threatens to win with b2-b4. Nxg3 12.hxg3]
11...cxd4 12.exd4 Nb8 1.28/19 Black is on the road to losing.
[12...Bd7⩲ 0.49/19 13.Qd2 dxc4 14.Bxc4 Rc8]
13.0-0±
[13.Bc7?! Qd7 14.cxd5 exd5=]
13...Nc6 14.Re1 Nxg3 15.hxg3 Rf7

16.Nc3 Bf8 17.b4 Ne7 18.Qb3 Kg7 19.Re2 0.95/18 White has more active pieces. The black rooks are passive.
[⌓19.g4 1.38/16]
19...Bd7 1.58/19
[⌓19...a5 0.95/18]
20.Rae1
[20.cxd5 Nxd5 21.Nxd5 exd5±]
20...Rc8 1.74/19
[20...Rb8± 1.27/19 was necessary. 21.c5 *(21.cxd5 exd5 22.Re3 Rc8±)* 21...Qc8]

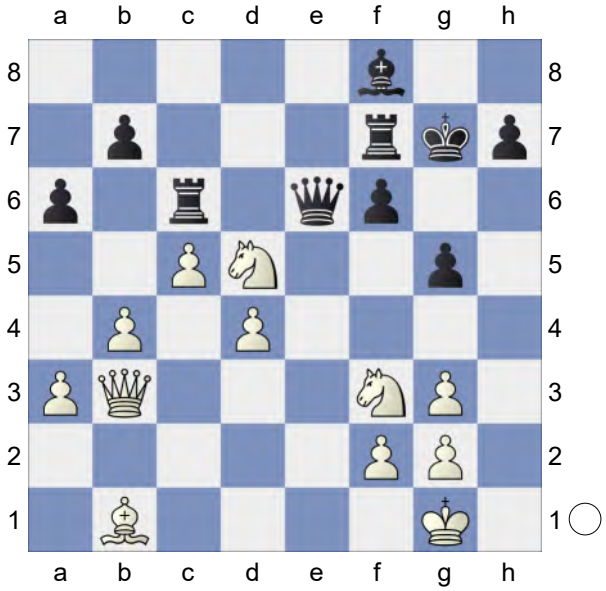


21.c5!+-
[21.cxd5 Nxd5 22.Nxd5 exd5]
21...g5 2.30/18
[21...Nc6± 1.44/17 22.b5 Na5]
22.Rxe6 Bxe6 23.Rxe6 a6 2.45/20
[⌓23...Rc6 1.92/18]
24.Bb1 Rc6 2.44/20
[⌓24...Kh8 1.87/18 25.g4 *(25.Rd6 Qe8∓)* 25...Qd7]

(Diagram)



25.Rxe7! Deflection **25...Qxe7**
[25...Bxe7 26.Nxd5]
26.Nxd5
[Worse is 26.Bf5 b6=]
26...Qe6



27.Qd3! Kh8 28.Ne3 Excellent horsemanship. **28...Rc8 29.d5 Qd7 30.d6 Bxd6** 4.08/21
[⌓30...Rd8 2.82/18 31.Qd5 Rg7]
31.cxd6 Rc1+ 32.Kh2 Rxb1 33.Qxb1 Qxd6 34.Nf5 Qe6 35.Qd3 White threatens Qd3-d8+ and mate.
35...h5 36.N3d4 Qe5 5.89/22

[⌓36...Rd7 3.86/22 37.f4 g4]
37.Nh6 White is clearly winning. **37...Rf8 38.Ndf5 Qe6** Dodges Qd3-d7 **39.Qf3 Qe8 40.Qxb7 Qg6** Prevents Qb7-g7+. **41.Qe7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.49
1-0

409 **D00**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2608**
■ **Melaa,Sondre** **2315**
Titled Tue 24. Sep Late (1) 24.09.2024

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.Ne5 7.h4 is the modern continuation. 7.h4 ist die moderne Fortsetzung. **7...Bd7 8.h4 c6 9.Nc3 c5 10.a3 Be8N**
[Vorgänger: 10...Rc8 11.Bd3 Nb8 12.g4 Bc6 13.g5 Ne4 14.Nxe4 dxe4 15.Nxc6 Nxc6 16.Bxe4 cxd4 17.exd4 0-1 Najer,E (2663)-Sargsyan,S (2634) Wch Blitz Samarkand 2023 (5)]
11.h5 h6 12.g4 Nd7 13.Bxa6 Nxe5 14.Bxb7 Rb8 15.Bxe5 Rxb7 16.Rb1 Bc6 17.0-0 f5 18.Ne2 fxg4 19.Nf4 Bd7 20.Qxg4 Rf5 21.Qxg7#
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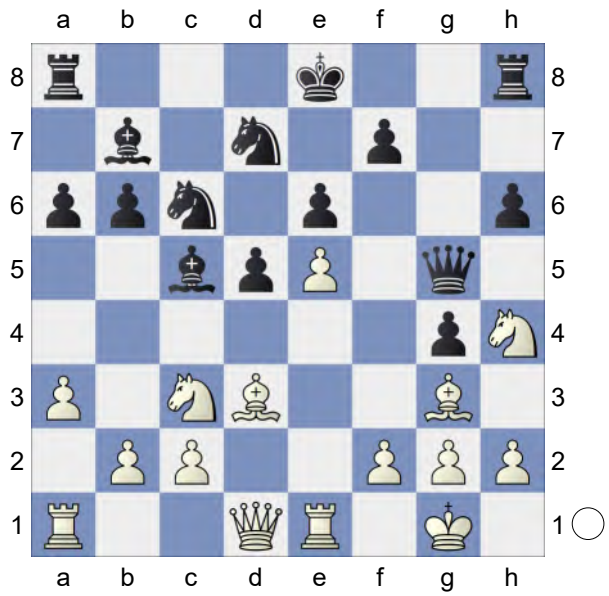
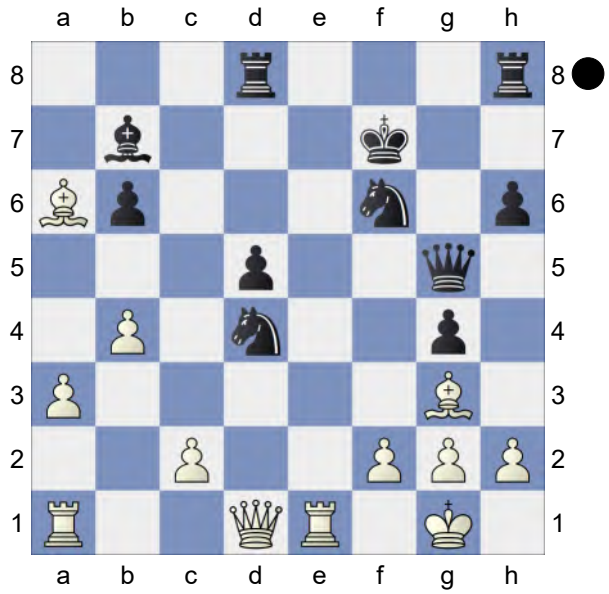
410 **D00**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2608**
■ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2802**
Titled Tue 23. Jul Late (6) 23.07.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 1-0 (88)*; 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7* Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig,F (1863) Mainz 1997 EXT 2000 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (57)*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) www.desc-online.de 2000 CBM 166 [Beliavsky, Alexander G] 1-0 (41)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]
3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 h6 5.Nf3 e6 6.a3 c5 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.Bd3 Black is slightly better. **8...b6** 0.36/20
[8...Nh5!∓ -0.38/17]
9.e4± Bb7 10.e5 -0.03/18
[10.exd5± 0.48/18 Nxd5 11.Nxd5 Qxd5 12.b4]
10...Nfd7 0.41/22
[10...Ne4= -0.03/18 11.Bxe4 dxe4 12.Qxd8+ Kxd8]
11.0-0 0.02/21
[11.b4± 0.41/22 Be7 12.Ne2]
11...g5!= 12.Bg3 Threatening b4.
12...Nc6 0.44/22
[12...h5!= 0.02/21 13.h4 g4]
13.Re1 g4 14.Nh4 Qg5



15.Nxd5! exd5 16.e6 Nf6 1.25/17
[16...Nde5!= 0.22/15 keeps the balance. 17.exf7+ Kxf7]
17.b4 0.05/16 &Bianco is more active.
[17.Nf5± 1.25/17 And now Bh4 would win. Nh5 18.Bh4]
17...Bd4 18.exf7+ Kxf7 19.Nf5 Threatens to win with Nd6+. **19...Bxa1?** 1.54/20
[19...Rad8∓ -0.42/21 stays ahead. 20.Nxd4 Nxd4 21.Bxa6



Nf3+! 22.gxf3 Bxa6]
20.Bh4? -0.42/18 Dancing on a razor blade.
[20.Qxa1± 1.54/20 Rhe8 21.Bh4 *(21.Nd6+ Kg8∓)* 21...Rxe1+ 22.Qxe1]
20...Qxf5?? 4.48/16 A mistake that costs the game. **21.Bxf5+- Bc3** 6.36/21
[⌓21...Be5 4.34/19 22.Bxg4 Rhf8 23.Bxf6 *(23.Qf3 Kg7+-)* 23...Bxf6]
22.Re6 Rae8 23.Bxf6 Bxf6 24.Qxg4 White threatens Qg6+ and mate. **24...Rxe6 25.Bxe6+ Ke7 26.Bxd5 Bc8** Inhibits Qe6+. **27.Qe4+**
[Not 27.Qc4 Ne5 28.Qe4 Kd8+-]
27...Ne5 28.f4 Kd6 29.fxe5+ Bxe5 30.c4 aiming for c5+! **30...Re8 31.Qg6+ Ke7 32.g3 Bh3 33.Qxh6 Bd4+ 34.Kh1 Bd7 35.Qh7+ Kd6 36.Qh6+ Kc7 37.Qf4+ Be5 38.Qf3 Bd6 39.h4 Re1+ 40.Kg2 Ra1 41.c5 bxc5 42.bxc5 Bxc5 43.Qc3 Rg1+ 44.Kh2 Kd6 45.Bb7 Rd1 46.Bf3 Rd4 47.h5 Bf5 48.h6 Bh7 49.Qb2 Bf5 50.Qb8+ Ke6 51.Qc8+ Kd6 52.Qxf5** 14.64/18 Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/ Black=0.69
[⌓52.Qc6+ #20/18 Ke7 53.Qxc5+ Rd6 54.Qe5+ Be6 55.Qg5+ Kd7 56.h7 Rc6 57.Bxc6+ Kxc6 58.h8Q Kd7 59.Qgd8+ Kc6 60.Qhd4 Bf7 61.Q8d7#]
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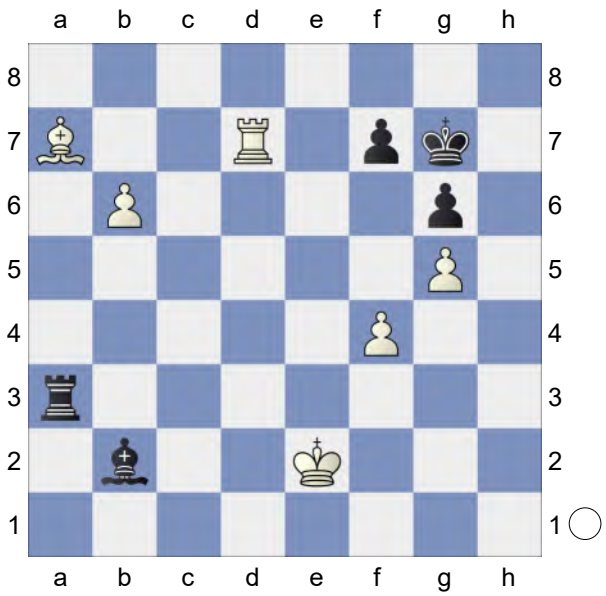
411 **D00**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2608**
■ **Dominguez Perez,Leinier** **2748**
Titled Tue 2. Jul Late (5) 02.07.2024
[Kitty Kat]

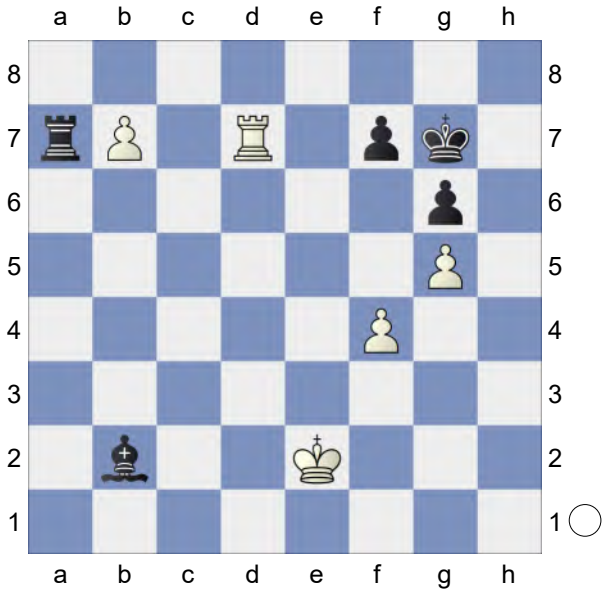
D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 c5 4.e4 Nxe4 5.Nxe4 dxe4 6.dxc5** aiming for Qxd8+. **6...Qa5+ 7.c3 Qxc5 8.Qa4+**

The position is equal. **8...Nc6 9.Qxe4 g6 10.Nf3 Bg7 11.Rd1 0-0 12.Be3 Qa5 13.Bc4 Bf5 14.Qh4 Ne5 15.Nxe5** [Wrong is 15.Ng5? h6 16.Nxf7 *(16.Nf3? g5-+)* 16...Nxf7-+] **15...Qxe5 16.0-0 Qe4 17.Qxe4 Bxe4 18.Bd5 Bxd5 19.Rxd5** Threatens to win with Rd7. **19...Bf6** 0.91/24 [19...Rfd8± 0.45/21 might be stronger. 20.Rfd1 Rxd5 21.Rxd5 Kf8] **20.Rd7 b6 21.Rfd1 Kg7** Prevents Bh6+. **22.g4** &Bianco is more active. **22...h6** Prevents g5. **23.Rb7** 0.57/22 [23.Rc7± 0.95/21] **23...Rfc8** 1.67/20 [23...Rfb8!± 0.57/22 24.Rc7 Rc8 25.Rxc8 Rxc8] **24.Rdd7+- Rc4 25.h3** [Don't play 25.Rxa7?! Rxa7 26.Rxa7 Rxg4+ 27.Kh1 Re4±] **25...Ra4 26.a3 Ra5** 2.24/24 [⌓26...g5 1.84/22 27.Kg2 Kg6] **27.Kg2 h5?** 3.56/20 [27...Ra4 1.96/19 28.Kf3 Ra5] **28.f4 hxg4 29.hxg4 Rb5 30.b4** [Not 30.Rxa7 Rxa7 31.Rxa7 Rxb2+ 32.Kf3 Rb3=] **30...Bxc3 31.Rxe7 Rf8 32.Rxa7 Rd5 33.Bxb6 Bf6** 5.42/20 [33...Bb2 3.73/18 was necessary. 34.Bc5 Bd4 35.Bxd4+ Rxd4] **34.Red7 Rxd7 35.Rxd7** Endgame KRB-KRB **35...Ra8 36.Ba7 Rc8 37.g5 Bb2 38.b5 Rc2+ 39.Kf1 Rc1+?** 6.46/23 [39...Bxa3 3.48/20 40.b6 Bc5] **40.Ke2 Ra1 41.b6 Rxa3**

(Diagram)



42.b7! Rxa7



43.b8Q! Discovered Attack, Double Attack **43...Rxd7 44.Qxb2+** KQ-KR **44...Kg8 45.Kf3 Re7 46.Qc3 Re8 47.Qc7 Re6 48.Kg4 Re8 49.Qb7 Re6 50.Qc8+ Kg7 51.Qc3+ Kg8 52.Qd4 Re8 53.Qd5 Re6 54.Kf3 Re8 55.f5** And now fxg6 would win. **55...gxf5 56.g6! Rf8 57.Kf4 Kg7 58.gxf7** 131.30/22 [⌓58.Kg5 #7/19 f4 59.Qd7 Kg8 60.Kf6 f3 61.gxf7+ Rxf7+ 62.Qxf7+ Kh8 63.Qg7#]

58...Rxf7 59.Qe5+ Kg6 60.Qe6+ Kg7 61.Kg5 f4 62.Qg6+ Kf8 63.Qd6+ Kg7 64.Qd4+ Kh7 65.Qd3+ Kg7 66.Qc3+ Kh7 67.Qc2+ Kg7 68.Qg6+ Kf8 69.Qd6+ Kg7 70.Qe5+ Kh7 71.Qe4+ Kg7 72.Qf3 Kh7 73.Kg4 5.17/35 **Kg6 74.Qc6+ Kg7 75.Qc3+ Kg6** 16.40/24
[⌓75...Kh7 5.17/19 76.Qd3+ Kh6]
76.Kf3 5.17/35
[⌓76.Qh8 16.40/24 Hoping for Qg8+. f3 77.Qg8+ Kf6 78.Kxf3]
76...Kh7 77.Qd3+ Kg7 78.Qd4+ Kg8 79.Qd1 Kg7 80.Qg1+ Kf8 8.06/22
[⌓80...Kh7 4.41/31 81.Qg4 Rf8]
81.Qg6 Ke7 82.Qg8 Ke6 83.Qe8+ Kf6 84.Kxf4 Kg7+ 85.Kg5 White mates. **85...Rf8 86.Qg6+ Kh8 87.Qh6+ Kg8 88.Qe6+ Kg7 89.Qe5+ Kh7 90.Qc7+ Kg8 91.Kg6 Rf6+ 92.Kxf6 Kh8 93.Qg7#** Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) / Black=0.34
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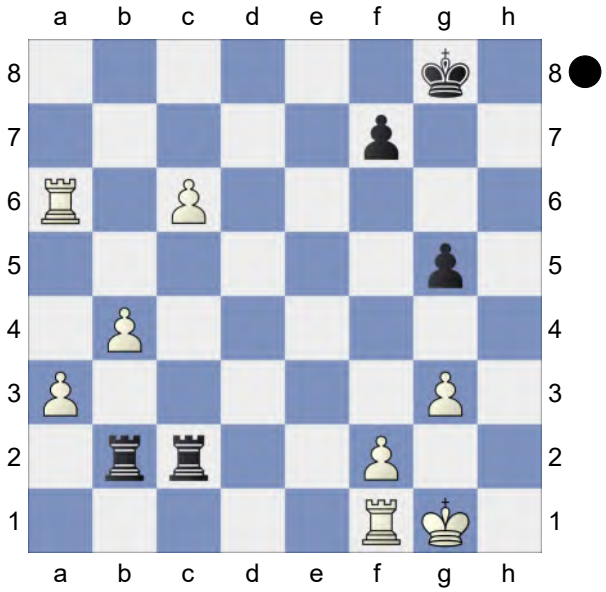
412 **A45**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2608**
■ **Gurevich,Dmitry** **2357**
Titled Tue 13th Feb Late blitz (1) 13.2.24
[Kitty Kat]

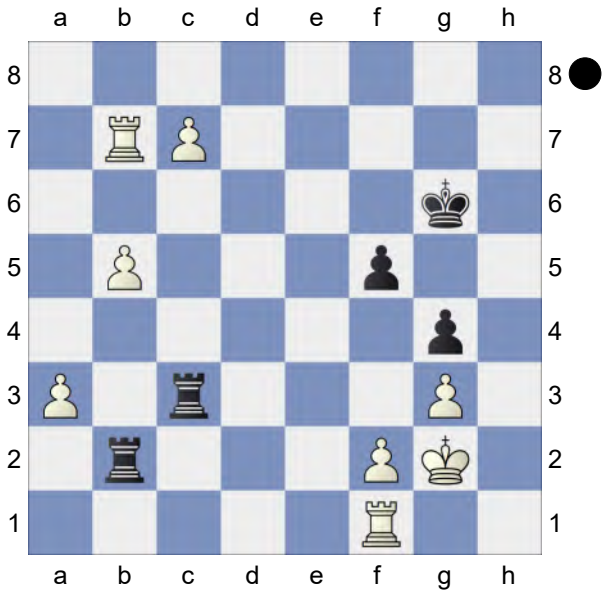
D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) www.desc-online.de 2000 UltraCorr3a [Fritz 5.32 (30s)] ½-½ *)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) Lake George 2005 CBM 107 [Atalik,Suat] ½-½ (41) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Gyula 2000 CBM 076 [Alterman,Boris] 1-0 (41) *)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]
3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.Nf3 c5 6.a3 Nc6 7.Bd3 Bd6 0.04/18
[7...c4∓ -0.38/19 is superior. 8.Be2 Bd6]
8.dxc5= The position is equal. **8...Bxc5 9.0-0 h6** 9...Bd6 is the modern continuation. 9...Ld6 ist die moderne Fortsetzung. **10.e4 dxe4** 0.57/20
[10...Nh5= 0.19/16 11.exd5 Nxf4 12.dxc6 bxc6]
11.Nxe4± Nxe4 12.Bxe4 Qxd1N
[Vorgänger: 12...0-0 13.Qxd8 Rxd8 14.Rfd1 Re8 1.00/21 *(14...f6± 0.58/20)* 15.Ne5 0.62/21 *(15.b4± 1.00/21 Bf8 16.Bc7)* 15...Nxe5 16.Bxe5 f6 1.64/21 *(16...a5± 0.84/20* was worth a try.*)* 17.Bg6+- Rf8 18.Bd6 Bxd6 19.Rxd6 1-0 Arias Santana,M (2276)-Duran Vega,S (2372) San Jose Metropolitano op 2019 (8)]
13.Rfxd1 0-0 1.24/22

[⌓13...a5 0.72/20]
14.b4± Be7 15.Bd6 &Bianco is much more active. The black rooks are badly placed. **15...Bxd6 16.Rxd6 e5** 2.09/21
[⌓16...Ne7 1.64/21 17.c4 Nf5]
17.Bxc6+- bxc6 18.Nxe5 Re8 19.Nxc6 Bb7 20.c4 Bxc6 21.Rxc6 Endgame KRR-KRR **21...Rad8?** 6.37/23
[21...Re2 3.72/19 22.h3 Rb2]
22.Rxa6 Rd2 23.c5 Ree2 24.Rf1 Rb2 25.c6 Rec2 26.h4 g5 27.hxg5 hxg5 28.g3



aiming for Rb6. **28...Kg7 29.Rb6 g4?** 8.04/22
[29...Ra2 3.34/19 30.a4 Rxa4]
30.b5 White is clearly winning. **30...f5 31.Kg2 Rc3 32.Rb7+ Kg6 33.c7**

(Diagram)



Strongly threatening Rb6+. **33...Kg5 34.b6 f4 35.gxf4+ Kf5 36.Rb8 g3 37.c8Q+** Black did not feel at home in the position after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) / Black=0.46
1-0

413 **D00**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2608**
■ **Niemann,Hans Moke** **2733**
Titled Tue 24. Sep Early (10) 24.09.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 1-0 (88); *5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6*

exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7 Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig,F (1863) Mainz 1997 EXT 2000 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (57)*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) www.desc-online.de 2000 CBM 166 [Beliavsky, Alexander G] 1-0 (41)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]

3.Bf4 c6 4.e3 Bg4 5.f3 Bf5 0.80/20

[5...Bc8!= 0.25/19 remains equal.]

6.g4± Bg6 7.h4! h5 8.g5 White is better. **8...Nfd7 9.Bd3** 0.30/21

[9.Nge2± 0.85/20]

9...Bxd3!= 10.Qxd3 g6! 11.e4 e6 0.59/20

[11...Bg7= 0.23/21 was preferrable.]

12.exd5!± cxd5 13.Nb5! Na6 Prevents Nc7+. **14.c3** Against Nb4 **14...Be7 15.Ne2** &Bianco is much more active. **15...Qb6** 0.93/19

[15...0-0± 0.36/20]

16.a4 0.19/24

[16.Bg3!± 0.93/19]

16...0-0= 17.Bg3 Rfe8 0.70/22

[17...Rfc8!= 0.21/21]

18.0-0

[18.Nf4!?]

18...e5 1.03/23

[18...Qc6± 0.59/21 might be stronger.]

19.Kg2 0.70/18

[19.f4!± 1.03/23 e4 20.Qd2]

19...Bf8± 20.Rae1 Bg7 21.b4 0.17/18

[21.Qd1± 0.51/23]

21...Nc7= 22.Nxc7 Qxc7 23.dxe5 -0.23/20

[23.f4 0.20/20 feels stronger. exd4 24.Nxd4]

23...Nxe5

[23...Bxe5 24.f4 *(24.Qxd5 Nb6=)* 24...Bg7 25.f5± *(25.Qxd5 Nb6=)*]

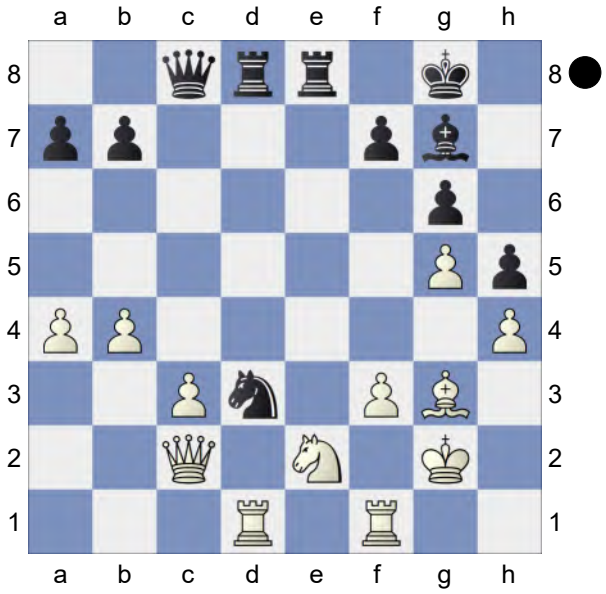
24.Qxd5 Rad8 25.Qe4 -1.33/18

[25.Qb3∓ -0.43/21]

25...Qc8!∓

[Of course not 25...Rd2?! 26.Rf2= *(26.Bf4 Rb2∓)*]

26.Qc2 Nd3 27.Rd1



Nxb4 -0.82/17 **28.Rxd8 Rxd8 29.Qe4** -1.88/24

[29.Qb3∓ -0.80/21 was the only chance. Nd5 30.Bf2]

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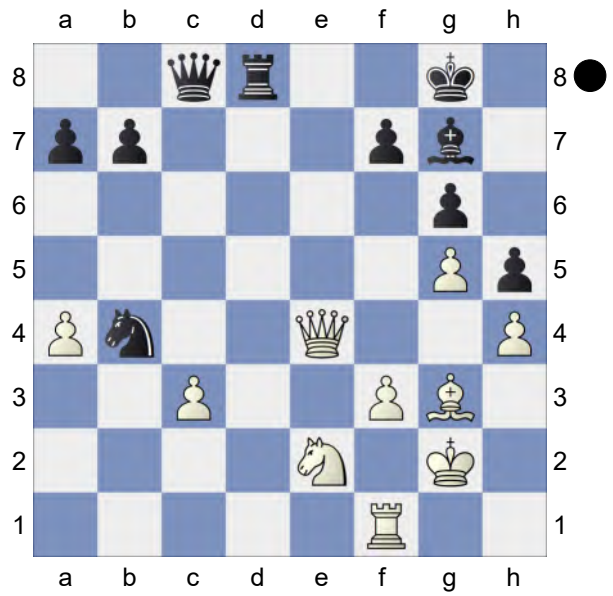
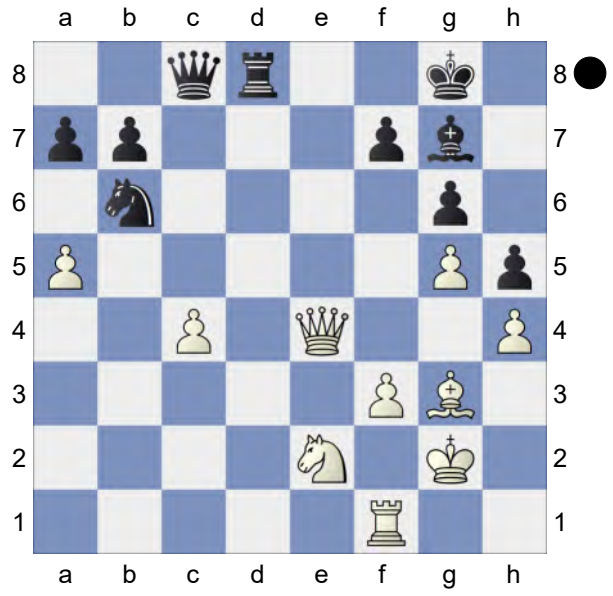


29...Nd5 -1.44/23
[29...Re8!-+ -1.88/24 30.Qxb4 Rxe2+ 31.Rf2 Bxc3]
30.c4 -2.08/21
[30.Bf2∓ -1.44/23 is a better defense.]
30...Nb6-+ 31.a5



Re8! 32.Qd3

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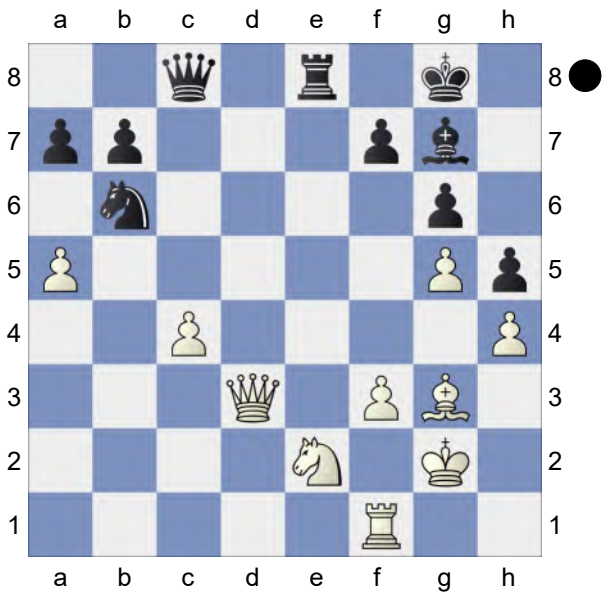
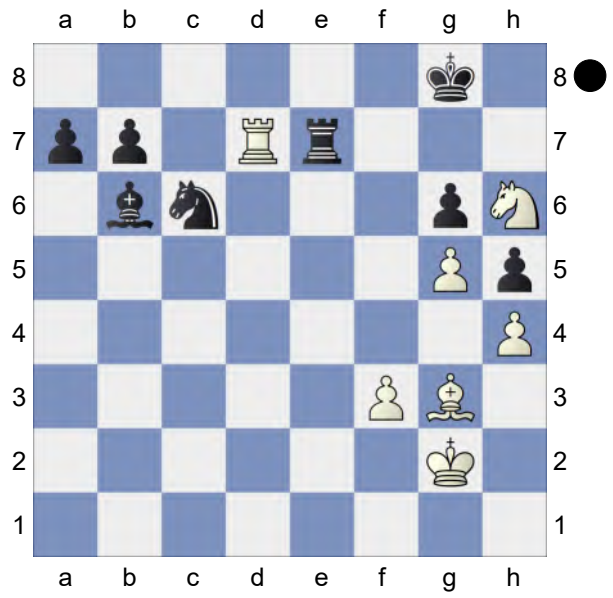
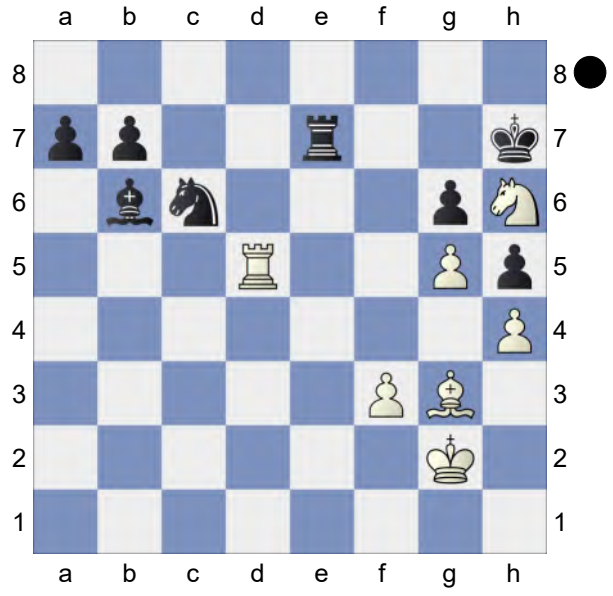


Qxc4! 33.Nc1 Qxd3 34.Nxd3 Nc4
White must now prevent ...Ne3+. **35.Rc1 Nxa5 36.Rc7 Bd4** -1.34/18
[36...Re2+-+ -1.71/21 37.Nf2 Nc6 38.Rxb7 a5]
37.Rd7 -2.40/22
[37.Bf2∓ -1.34/18 only move. Nc6 38.Rxb7]
37...Bb6? -0.82/21
[37...Nc6!-+ -2.40/22 and Black stays clearly on top. And now ...Re7 would win. 38.Rxb7 a5]
38.Ne5∓ Nc6 39.Nxf7 -1.55/20
[⌓39.Nc4 -0.83/23]
39...Re7 40.Nh6+

(Diagram)



Kh7! 41.Rd5 -2.11/23
[41.Rd6∓ -1.54/20]

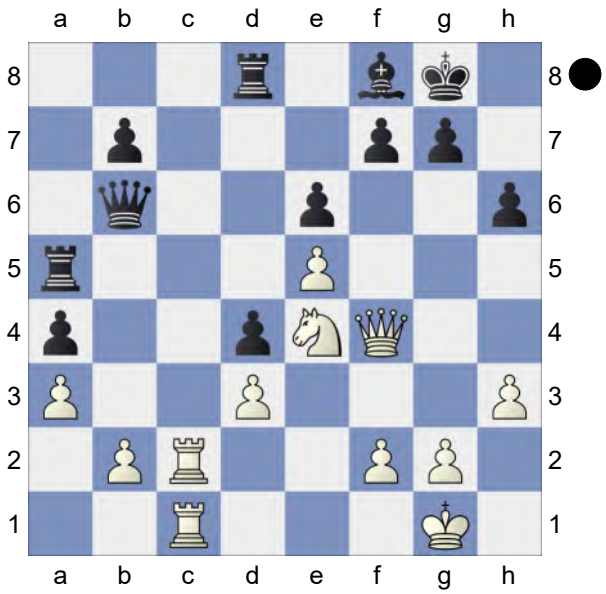


41...Bd4 -0.70/21
[Black should try 41...a5!-+ -2.11/23 aiming for ...a4. 42.f4 a4]
42.f4!∓ Bg7 43.f5 Hoping for f6. **43...Bxh6 44.fxg6+ Kxg6 45.Rd6+ Kf5** Strongly threatening ...Bg7. **46.Rxh6 Kg4 47.Bf2** Against Nd4 **47...a5 48.Rf6 a4 49.g6!** Intending g7! and mate. **49...a3?** #5/18
[49...Nd8= 0.00/30]
50.g7 Rxg7 51.Bg3 What a bad dream for Black. Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.33
1-0

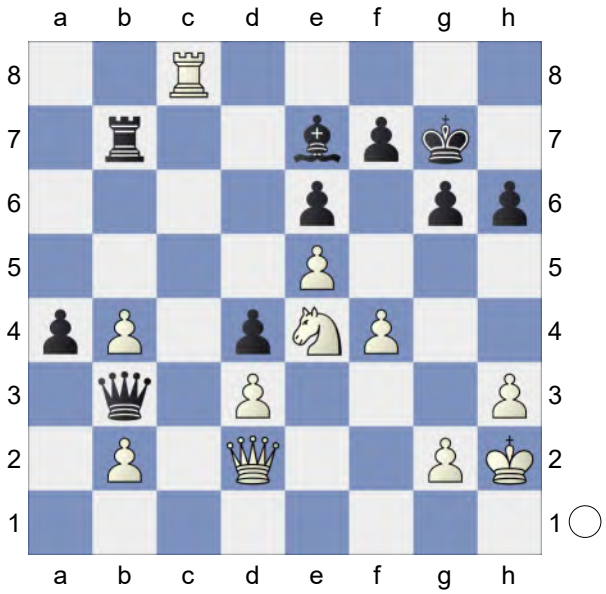
414 **D00**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2608**
■ **Makarian,Rudik** **2550**
Titled Tue 17th Sep Early (10) 17.09.24
[Kitty Kat]

D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 Bf4 **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 Bf5 4.e3 e6 5.Nf3 h6**
[5...Bd6 6.Ne5 h6 7.Bd3 Bxd3 8.cxd3 0-0 9.Qb3 Qc8 10.Rc1 Nc6 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.Ne2 -0.33/21 *(12.Bxd6=* 0.11/20 *cxd6 13.Qa3)* 12...Rb8∓ 13.Qc2 Qa6 14.b3 Qa5+ 15.Kf1 Rb6 16.h3 -0.55/20 *(16.g3=* -0.24/18 *)* 16...Nd7 -0.24/19 *(16...Ra6∓* -0.55/20 *)* 17.g4 0-1 Bortnyk,O (2608)-Makarian,R (2550) Titled Tuesday intern op 17th Sep Late blitz 2024 (6) 0-1 Bortnyk,O (2608)-Makarian,R (2550) Titled Tuesday intern op 17th Sep Late blitz 2024 (6)]
6.Bd3 Bxd3 7.cxd3! is recently more successful than 7.Qxd3. ist inzwischen erfolgreicher als 7.Dxd3. is recently more successful than 7.Qxd3. ist inzwischen erfolgreicher als 7.Dxd3. **7...c6 8.0-0** The position is equal. **8...Nbd7 9.h3 Be7 10.e4 0-0 11.Qe2N**
[11.Rc1 Re8 12.Be3 Nh7 13.Nh2 Ndf8 14.f4 Ng6 15.Qf3 a5 16.Na4 Qd6 17.Ng4 1-0 Egelstaff,R (2041)-Gupta,V (2041) AUS-IND email 2015 [12] 1-0 Egelstaff,R (2041)-Gupta,V (2041) AUS-IND email 2015 [12]]

11...a5 12.Rac1 a4 13.a3 Qa5 14.Rfe1 Rfe8 15.Ne5 Bf8 16.Qf3 -0.80/20
[16.Nf3= -0.01/18]
16...Qb6∓ 17.Qg3 -1.16/21
[⌓17.Qe2 -0.78/18]
17...Nxe5 -0.62/23
[17...Qxd4 18.Nxd7 Nxd7 19.Bxh6∓]
[17...Qxb2∓ -1.16/21 Hoping for ... Nh5. 18.Bxh6 Qxa3]
18.Bxe5∓ Nd7
[18...Kh8 feels hotter. 19.Bxf6 gxf6 20.exd5 Qxb2 21.dxc6 bxc6 22.Qc7 Qxa3 23.Qxf7 Qe7]
19.Rc2 Nxe5 20.dxe5 Red8 21.exd5 cxd5 22.Rec1 Ra5 23.Qf4 d4 0.86/21
[23...Qb3!∓ -0.54/21 stays ahead.]
24.Ne4±



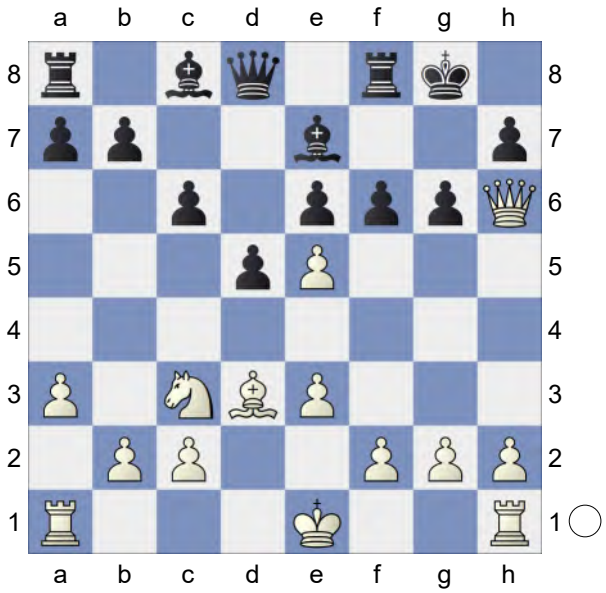
aiming for Rc7. **24...Rad5 25.Qg3** 0.28/22
[25.Rc7± 0.85/22 R5d7 26.Rxd7 Rxd7 27.Rc8]
25...Kh8 26.f4 R5d7 27.Kh2 Be7 28.Qf2 Qb3 29.Qe2 g6 30.Rc7 Strongly threatening Nd6! **30...Kg7 31.Qd2 b5** 0.65/23
[⌓31...Qd5 0.34/20]
32.Rxd7 Rxd7 33.Rc8 b4 34.axb4 Rb7



Inhibits Rb8. **35.Qe2** -0.01/23 &Bianco is more active.
[35.Re8!± 0.71/21 Qxb4 36.Qxb4 Bxb4 37.Ra8]
35...Qxb4 36.Nf6 Bxf6 0.54/21
[Black should play 36...Rb8= 0.01/21 37.Rc2 Qb7]
37.exf6+± Kxf6? 3.43/23 Black cannot hold the game after this.
[Black should try 37...Kh7± 0.47/24]
38.Qe5+→ White is out for blood.
38...Ke7 39.Qh8 Rd7 #8/18 Prevents Qd8+.
[39...Qa5+- 2.39/22 40.Re8+ *(40.Qxd4 Rd7=; 40.Qxh6 Rxb2 41.Qf8+ Kf6=; 40.Ra8 Qc7=)* 40...Kd7]
40.Qf8+ 12.48/5
[⌓40.Re8+ #8/18 Kd6 41.Qf8+ Kc7 42.Qxb4 Rd5 43.Rb8 Rh5 44.Qb6+ Kd7 45.Qd8+ Kc6 46.Rb6+ Kc5 47.Qd6#]
40...Kf6 41.Qxb4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.52
1-0

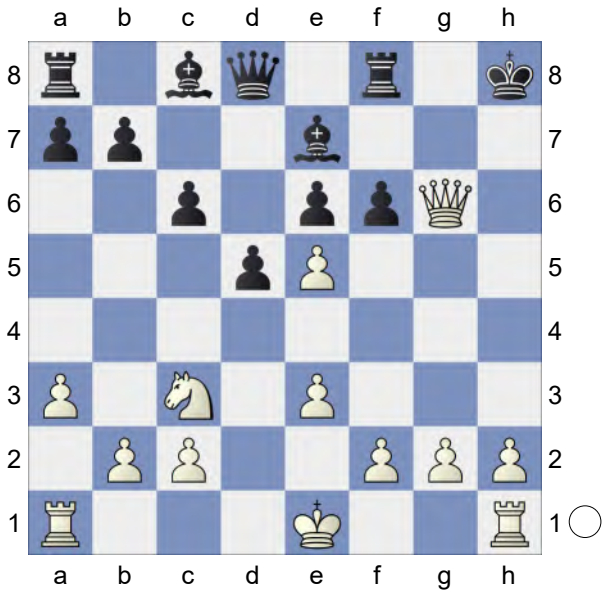
415 **D00**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2608**
■ **Sargsyan,Shant** **2649**
Julius Baer Gen Cup Pl/In (9) 25.09.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.Ne5** 7.h4 is setting a new trend. 7.h4 setzt einen neuen Trend. **7...Nd7 8.a3** The position is equal. **8...Nxe5 9.Bxe5 c6!?N 10.Nc3 Nb8**
[10...Bf6=]
11.Bd3→ Hoping for Be2. White attacks. **11...Nd7 12.Qh5** -0.55/21
[12.Bg3= -0.06/21]
12...g6∓ 13.Qh6 Nxe5 14.dxe5 f6? 3.69/30
[14...Bg5∓ -0.67/19 15.Qh3 c5]



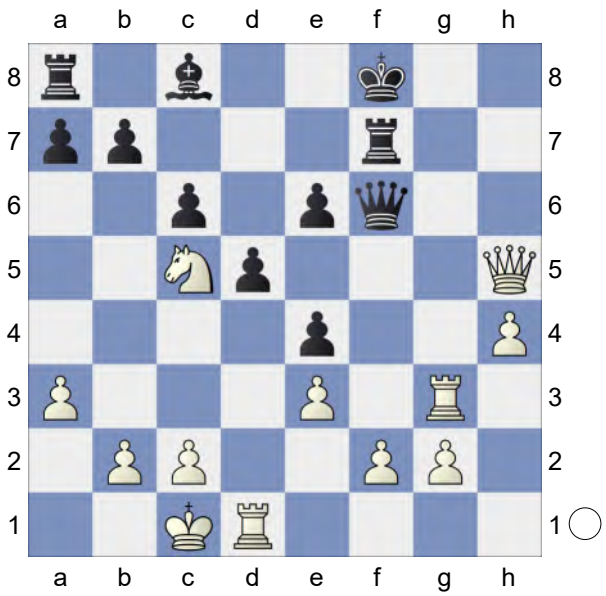
This costs Black the game. **15.Bxg6!+- hxg6 16.Qxg6+ Kh8** White must now prevent ...Qe8. **17.Qh6+ Kg8 18.Qg6+ Kh8**

(Diagram)



19.h4! Bc5 20.Qh6+ Kg8 ...Rf7 is the strong threat. **21.Qg6+ Kh8 22.Na4 fxe5?** 4.10/21
[22...Bxe3 2.51/21 23.fxe3 Qe7]
23.Qh5+
[Not 23.Nxc5 Qf6 24.Qxf6+ *(24.Qh5+ Kg7±)* 24...Rxf6+-]
23...Kg8 3.82/20
[23...Kg7 2.66/19 is a better defense.]
24.Rh3 Intending Rg3+ and mate. Really sharp!
[24.Nxc5 Qf6+-]
24...Rf7 Strongly threatening ...Bd6.
[24...Qa5+? 25.b4 Qc7 26.Rg3+ *(26.bxc5 Rf7+-)* 26...Qg7 27.Rxg7+ Kxg7 28.Qxe5+ Kf7 29.Nxc5+-]
25.Rg3+ Kf8 5.05/19
[⌓25...Rg7 3.44/19]
26.Nxc5 White is clearly winning.
26...Qf6 Inhibits Qh8+. **27.0-0-0 e4**

(Diagram)

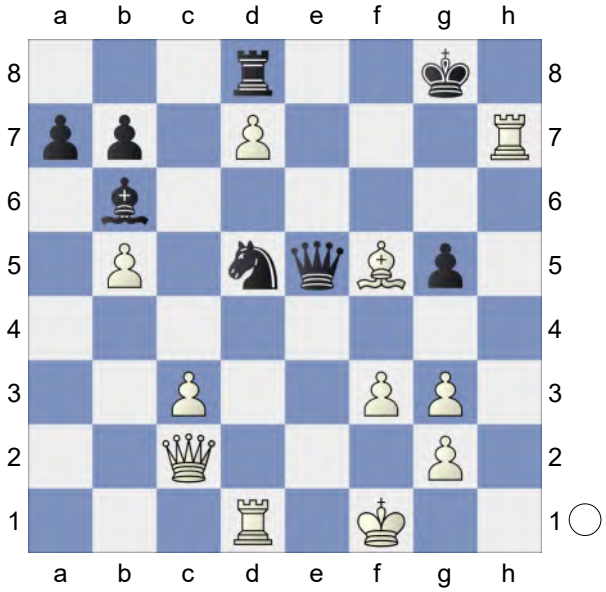


28.Nxe4! Qf5 29.Ng5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) /Black=0.76
1-0

416 **A45**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2608**
■ **Ivic,Velimir** **2592**
CrunchLab Masters Div 3 W (1.3)
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines A45: Trompowsky Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...g6 3.Bf4 *(3.e3 b6 4.Qf3 d5 5.Qg3 Bg7 6.Be2 Bf5 7.Bd1 Na6 8.a3 c5 9.Nge2 Nc7 10.f3 0-0 11.Qf2 Re8 12.0-0 Bd7 13.Ng3 Bc6 14.Nce2 c4 15.c3 a5 16.Bd2 a4 17.Bc2 Nd7* Breder,D (2445)-Rogozenco,D (2519) Deutschland 86/(186) 2002 CI1-130 [Rogozenco, Dorian] (39)*)* 3...Bg7 4.e4 0-0 5.e5 Ne8 6.Qe2 d5 *(6...d6 7.0-0-0 Nd7 8.h4 c5 9.dxc5 Nxc5 10.h5 Qa5 11.Nd5 Qd8 12.exd6 exd6 13.Ne7+ Kh8 14.hxg6 fxg6 15.Nxg6+ Kg8 16.Ne7+ Kh8 17.Rxh7+ Kxh7 18.Qh5+ Bh6 19.Qxh6#* 11) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.Bf4 B-5.e5 Ne8 6.Qe2 d6 #20 The Meanest Jobava London 2023 https://www.chessable.co [MH]*)* 7.0-0-0 c5 8.dxc5 e6 9.h4 Qa5 10.h5 Qxc5 11.Be3 Qc7 12.hxg6 fxg6 13.f4 Nc6 14.Nf3 h6 15.Qf2 a6 16.Kb1 b5 17.Bd3 11) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.Bf4 B-5.e5 Ne8 6.Qe2 d5 #2 The Meanest Jobava London 2023 https://www.chessable.co [MH]]
[2...e6 3.Bf4 Bb4 4.e3 Ne4 5.Nge2 Nxc3 6.Nxc3 0-0 7.Bd3 d5 8.Qf3 c5 9.Qg3 cxd4 10.Bh6 g6 11.exd4 Re8 12.h4 Bf8 13.Bf4 Nc6 14.h5 13) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6-1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6 3.Bf4 Bb4 4 The Meanest Jobava London 2023 https://www.chessable.co [MH]]
3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.Ne5! 7.Ne5 is the recent fashion. 7.Se5 ist aktuell in Mode. **7...Ne4 8.f3** The position is equal. **8...Nf6 9.a3 c5N**
[Vorgänger: 9...c6 10.Nc3 c5 0.42/19 *(10...Nb8=* -0.06/17 *)* 11.Bxa6± bxa6 12.Nc6 Qe8 13.Nxe7+ Qxe7 14.dxc5 And now Bd6 would win. Qxc5 15.Qd4 Qb6 1-0 Taher,Y (2445)-Rees,I (2289) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Oct Late blitz 2023 (4)]
10.c3 Nh5 11.Bg3 f6 12.Nd3 Nxg3 13.hxg3 Bd7 14.a4 Qb6 15.Qc2 g6 16.Nf4 f5 17.Be2 c4 0.29/19
[17...cxd4 -0.15/18 feels stronger. 18.exd4 Nb8]
18.Kf2 -0.24/17
[⌓18.b3! 0.29/19]
18...Bxb5 0.07/21
[18...g5 -0.24/17 is more appropriate. 19.Nh3 Nb8]
19.axb5= Nc7 20.b3! e5 0.78/21
[Don't play 20...Qxb5 21.bxc4 Qc6 22.Qb3±]

[20...g5= 0.00/20 keeps the balance.]
21.dxe5± &Bianco is more active.
21...g5 22.Nh5
[Much worse is 22.bxc4?! gxf4 23.gxf4 Bc5 24.cxd5 Bxe3+ 25.Kf1 Qc5=]
22...Bc5 2.09/19
[22...cxb3!± 0.68/19 23.Qd3 *(23.Qxb3 f4±)* 23...Qe6]
23.Nf6+ 0.63/18
[White should try 23.bxc4+- 2.09/19 Rae8 24.f4]
23...Rxf6± 24.exf6 Bxe3+ 1.72/21
[24...Qxf6± 0.66/22 25.bxc4 *(25.b6 Bxb6 26.bxc4 Re8±)* 25...Re8]
25.Kf1+- Qxf6 26.bxc4 Re8 27.cxd5 Kh8? 4.14/21
[27...Re5 1.65/19 was necessary. 28.Bc4 Kg7]
28.Rd1 Qe5 4.02/20
[28...Bc5 2.56/18 might work better. 29.c4 h6]
29.d6 Nd5 30.Bc4 Nb6 31.Bd3 Nd5 32.d7 Rd8 33.Bxf5 Bb6 34.Rxh7+ Kg8



35.Be6+! Qxe6

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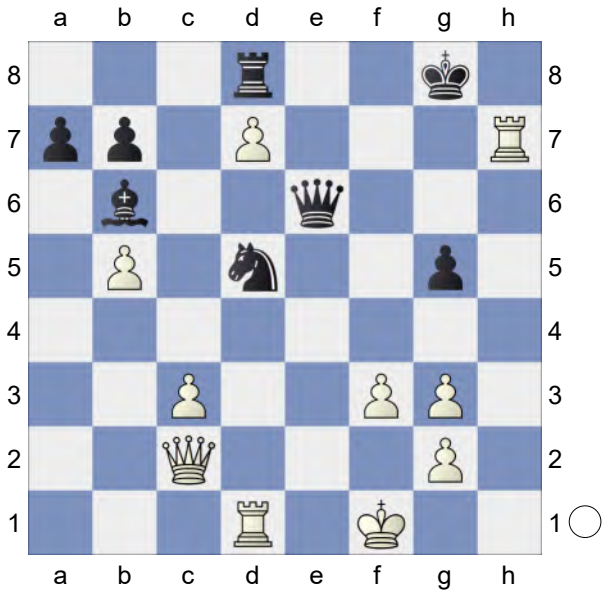


36.Rxd5! Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.62
1-0

417 **A45**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2608**
■ **Ivic,Velimir** **2592**
CrunchLab Masters Div 3 W (1.1)
[Kiddy Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines Kitty Kat: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines A45: Trompowsky Attack' **1.d4** Kitty Kat Kitty Kat: 'Kiddy Kat' **1...Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 Kitty Kat: 'Kiddy Kat' 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000 Kitty Kat: '½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000') 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8*

9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8 ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) Kitty Kat: '½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9)' *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7) Kitty Kat: '1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)'*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston Kitty Kat: 'Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston']

[2...g6 Kitty Kat 3.Bf4 *(3.e3 b6 4.Qf3 d5 5.Qg3 Bg7 6.Be2 Bf5 7.Bd1 Na6 8.a3 c5 9.Nge2 Nc7 10.f3 0-0 11.Qf2 Re8 12.0-0 Bd7 13.Ng3 Bc6 14.Nce2 c4 15.c3 a5 16.Bd2 a4 17.Bc2 Nd7* Breder,D (2445)-Rogozenco,D (2519) Deutschland 86/(186) 2002 CI1-130 [Rogozenco,Dorian] (39)*)* 3...Bg7 4.e4 0-0 5.e5 Ne8 6.Qe2 d5 *(6...d6 7.0-0-0 Nd7 8.h4 c5 9.dxc5 Nxc5 10.h5 Qa5 11.Nd5 Qd8 12.exd6 exd6 13.Ne7+ Kh8 14.hxg6 fxg6 15.Nxg6+ Kg8 16.Ne7+ Kh8 17.Rxh7+ Kxh7 18.Qh5+ Bh6 19.Qxh6#* 11) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.Bf4 B-5.e5 Ne8 6.Qe2 d6 #20 The Meanest Jobava London 2023 https://www.chessable.co [MH]*)* 7.0-0-0 c5 8.dxc5 e6 9.h4 Qa5 10.h5 Qxc5 11.Be3 Qc7 12.hxg6 fxg6 13.f4 Nc6 14.Nf3 h6 15.Qf2 a6 16.Kb1 b5 17.Bd3 11) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.Bf4 B-5.e5 Ne8 6.Qe2 d5 #2 The Meanest Jobava London 2023 https://www.chessable.co [MH]]

[2...e6 Kitty Kat 3.Bf4 Bb4 4.e3 Ne4 5.Nge2 Nxc3 6.Nxc3 0-0 7.Bd3 d5 8.Qf3 c5 9.Qg3 cxd4 10.Bh6 g6 11.exd4 Re8 12.h4 Bf8 13.Bf4 Nc6 14.h5 13) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6-1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6 3.Bf4 Bb4 4 The Meanest Jobava London 2023 https://www.chessable.co [MH]]

3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.Ne5 Kitty Kat: '!' Kitty Kat: '7.Ne5 is setting a new trend. 7.Se5 setzt einen neuen Trend.' **7...Ne4 8.f3** The position is equal. **8...Nf6 9.a3 c5** Kitty Kat: 'N'

[Vorgänger: 9...c6 Kitty Kat 10.Nc3 c5 0.35/18 *(10...Nb8=* -0.04/16 *)* 11.Bxa6± bxa6 12.Nc6 Qe8 13.Nxe7+ Qxe7 14.dxc5 Threatens to win with Bd6. Qxc5 15.Qd4 Qb6 1-0 Taher,Y (2445)-Rees,I (2289) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Oct Late blitz 2023 (4)]

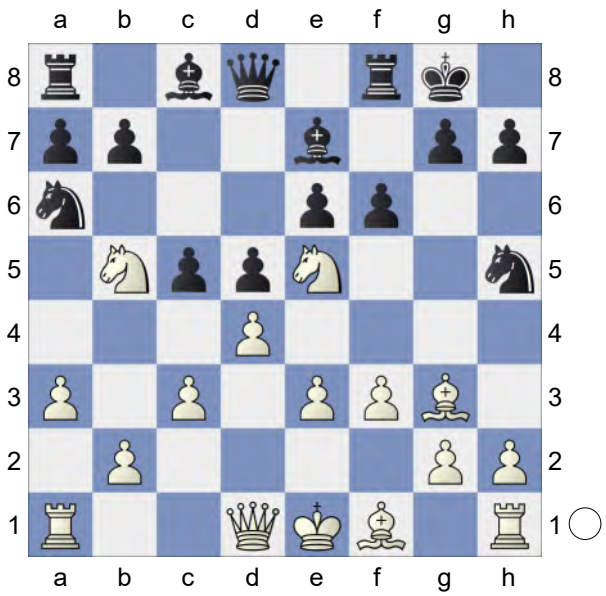
10.c3 -0.80/25

[10.Bg3∓ -0.32/21 Kitty Kat: 'Kiddy Kat']

[10.c4= -0.06/16 Kitty Kat]

10...Nh5 Kitty Kat: '∓' **11.Bg3 f6**

(Diagram)



...Nh5xg3 would now be deadly. Kitty Kat: 'Kiddy Kat: '[#] ...Nh5xg3 would now be deadly.'' **12.Nd3 Nxg3 13.hxg3 Nb8** 0.70/20

[Black should try Kitty Kat: 'Kiddy Kat: ' Black should try'' 13...c4∓ -0.78/20 Kitty Kat: ' ∓' Kitty Kat: 'Kiddy Kat: ' ∓" 14.Nf4 g5]

14.dxc5± White is much more active. The black rooks are passive. Kitty Kat: 'Kiddy Kat: ' White is much more active. The black rooks are passive."

[Inferior is 14.Nxc5 Kitty Kat a6 15.Qa4 b6∓]

14...b6 0.71/18

[14...a6= 0.28/17 Kitty Kat 15.Qa4 h6]

15.cxb6 -0.05/18 Kitty Kat: '&Bianco is more active.'

[15.c4± 0.95/20]

15...Qxb6= 16.a4 -0.45/20

[16.Nf4= -0.05/21 Kitty Kat: 'Kiddy Kat']

[White should play 16.Nd4= -0.01/20 Kitty Kat]

16...Qxe3+∓ 17.Qe2 Qxe2+ 18.Bxe2 Nc6 19.Nf4 Rb8 20.0-0-0 -0.84/20

[20.Bd3∓ -0.46/19 (Kitty Kat) should be considered.]

20...g5 Kitty Kat: ' ∓' **21.Nh5 a6 22.Nd4 Nxd4 23.Rxd4 Bc5** -0.57/21 Kitty Kat: '↑' Kitty Kat: 'Black has the initiative.'

[23...Bd7∓ -1.08/20 Threatens to win with ...Be7-c5. Kitty Kat: '(Kiddy Kat) Threatens to win with ...Be7-c5.' 24.a5 *(24.Bxa6 Ra8∓)* 24...Kf7]

24.Rdd1 Bd7 -0.30/22

[24...h6∓ -0.68/21 should be considered. Kitty Kat: '(Kiddy Kat) should be considered.']

25.a5= Kitty Kat: 'Kiddy Kat: '=" **25...Ba4 26.Rde1** -2.50/24

[26.b4!∓ -0.44/20]

26...Be3+-+ 27.Kb1 Bd2! This pair of bishops is nice. Kitty Kat: 'A strong pair of Bishops. Kiddy Kat: ' This pair of bishops is nice." **28.Bxa6 Bxe1** -0.87/21

[Black should try 28...Bxc3-+ -1.70/20 Kitty Kat 29.Re2 Bxa5]

29.Rxe1 Kitty Kat: ' ∓' **29...e5** -0.49/23 Kitty Kat: '

[29...Kf7-+ -2.17/21 ...Rb8-a8 is the strong threat. Kitty Kat: ' ∓' Kitty Kat: 'Hoping for ...Rb3. Kiddy Kat: '-+' Kiddy Kat: ' ...Rb8-a8 is the strong threat." 30.b4 d4]

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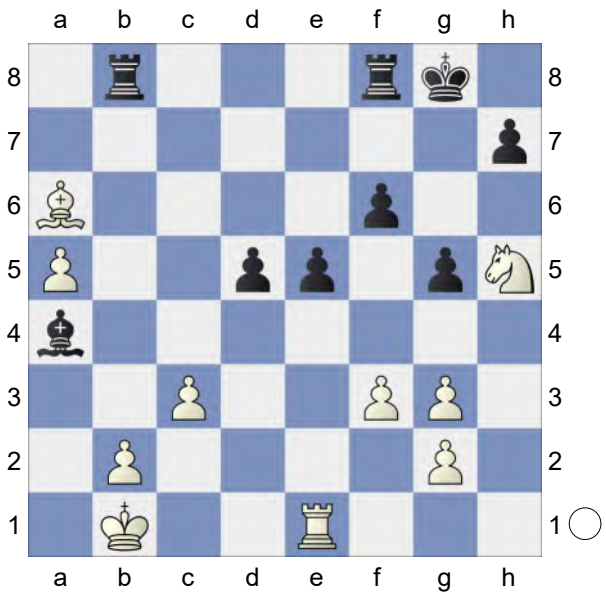
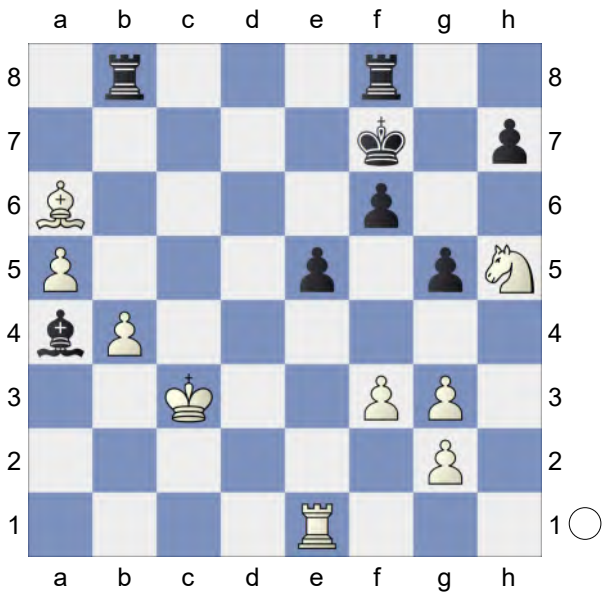
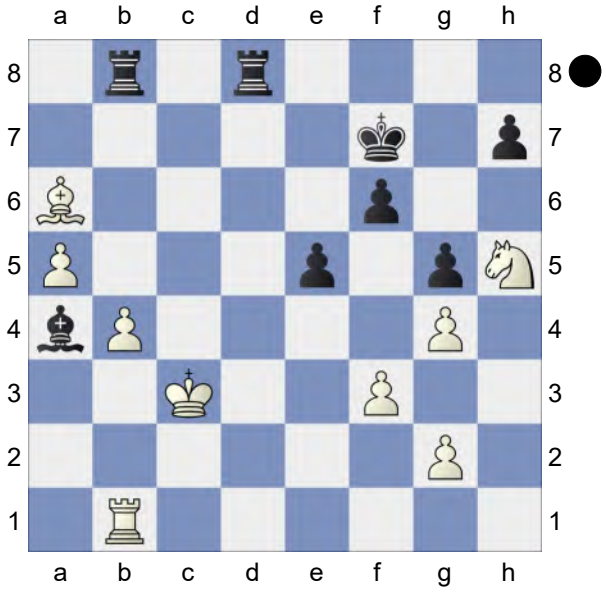


' **30.b4!∓** Kitty Kat: '=' Kitty Kat: 'Kiddy Kat: '∓!" **30...d4** -0.48/22
[30...Kf7= -0.01/22 Kitty Kat]
31.Kb2 Kitty Kat: '∓' **31...dxc3+** 0.31/25
[31...g4= -0.17/25 was preferrable. Kitty Kat: '(Kiddy Kat) was preferrable. ']
32.Kxc3± Kitty Kat: 'Kiddy Kat: '±"
32...Kf7 0.77/22 Kitty Kat: '
[32...Kh8= 0.01/23 (Kitty Kat) keeps the balance.]



' **33.Rb1** 0.01/22 White has compensation. Kitty Kat: 'Kiddy Kat: ' White has compensation."
[Better is 33.g4!± 0.77/22 Kitty Kat]
33...Rfd8 Kitty Kat: '=' **34.g4**
[34.Bc4+ Kitty Kat: 'Kiddy Kat' Kg6 35.b5 *(35.g4? Rbc8-+)* 35...Kxh5∓]

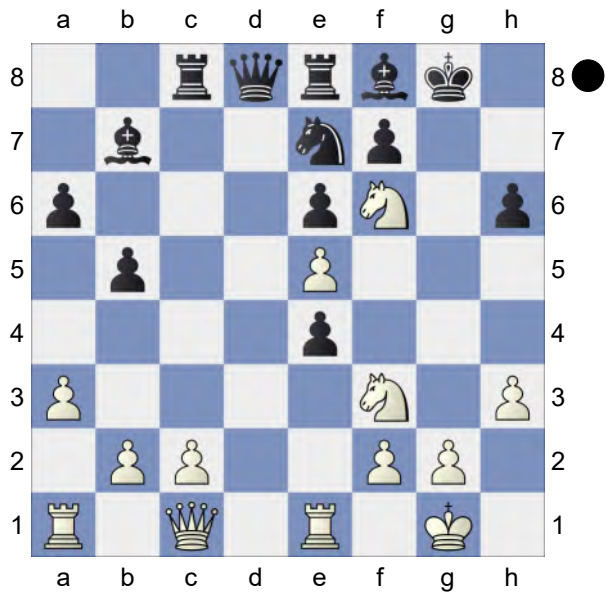


Black must now prevent Ba6-c4+. Kitty Kat: 'Black must now prevent Bc4+. Kiddy Kat: '[#] Black must now prevent Ba6-c4+." **34...Rd6?** 3.29/31
[34...Bb5= 0.27/20 Kitty Kat: 'and Black stays safe.' 35.Bxb5 Rxb5]
35.Bc4++- **Ke8** And now ...Rb8-c8 would win. Kitty Kat: 'Kiddy Kat: ' And now ...Rb8-c8 would win.'' **36.b5 Kd8 37.Ng3 Rc6 38.Kb4 Bc2 39.Rb2 Bg6 40.Ne4** Kitty Kat: 'Inhibits Rd6.' **40...Kc8** 5.91/22
[40...Be8 4.12/20 keeps fighting. Kitty Kat: '(Kiddy Kat) keeps fighting.' 41.b6 *(41.Kc3 Rcc8+-)* 41...Rbxb6+ 42.axb6 Rxb6+ 43.Kc3 Rxb2]
41.Bd5 Rc7 6.63/20
[⩲41...Rc1 4.16/20 Kitty Kat: 'Kiddy Kat: '⩲"
A) 42.Nxf6 Kd8+- Kitty Kat: 'Kiddy Kat' *(42...Kc7* Kitty Kat *43.b6+*

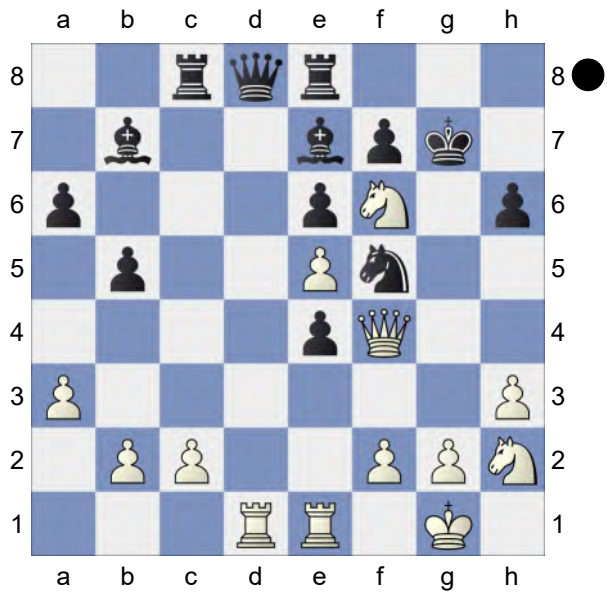
Kd6);
B) 42.b6 Kitty Kat: 'Kiddy Kat' 42...Rd1]
42.a6 White is clearly winning. **42...Be8 43.Ka5**
[43.Nxf6? is the wrong capture. Kitty Kat: '(Kiddy Kat) is the wrong capture.' Rxb5+ 44.Ka3 Ra5+ 45.Kb3 *(45.Kb4? Rxa6 46.Nxe8 Rb6+* Skewer *47.Ka5 Rxb2-+)* 45...Ba4+ 46.Kb4 Rxa6-+ *(46...Rb5+ 47.Ka3∓)*]
43...Rc1 44.Nd6+
[44.Nxf6 Kitty Kat: 'Kiddy Kat' Ra1+ 45.Ba2 Rxb5+ 46.Rxb5 Rxa2+ 47.Kb6 Bxb5 48.Kxb5 h6= *(48...Rxg2 49.Nxh7 e4 50.fxe4=)*]
44...Kd7 45.Nxe8 Ra1+ 46.Ra2 Rxa2+ 47.Bxa2 Rxe8 48.Bd5 Never resign too early! Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=0.62 Kitty Kat: 'Never resign too early! Weighted Error Value: White=0.29 (precise) /Black=0.53 Kiddy Kat: ' Never resign too early! Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=0.62"
1-0

418 **A45**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2608**
■ **Sarana,Alexey** **2717**
Titled Tue 16th Jul Late (11) 16.07.2024
[Kitty Kat]

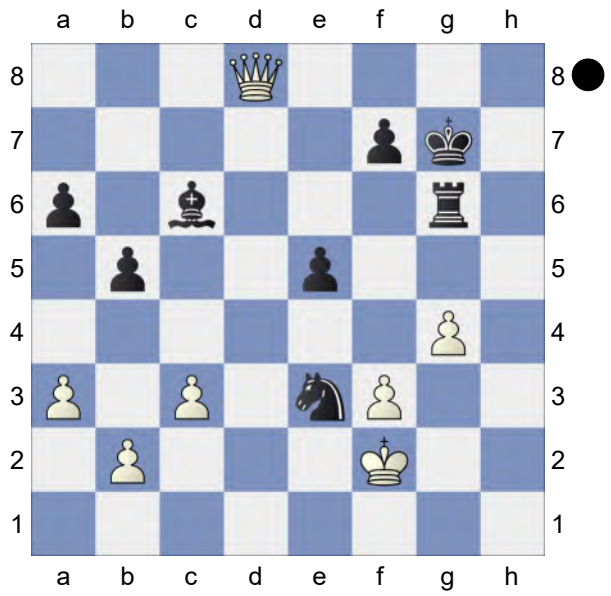
D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 1-0 (88)*; 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7* Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig, F (1863) Mainz 1997 EXT 2000 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (57)*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) www.desc-online.de 2000 CBM 166 [Beliavsky, Alexander G] 1-0 (41)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]
3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 h6 5.a3 e6 6.Nf3 c5 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.Bd3 Black is slightly better. **8...Nc6 9.0-0 0-0** 0.00/20
[9...Nh5∓ -0.41/22 might be stronger.]
10.e4= Re8 0.42/19
[10...Nh5= 0.00/20 was preferrable. 11.Bd2 Nf6]
11.e5± Nd7 12.Qd2 Bf8 13.h3 0.00/21
[13.Rfe1± 0.34/17 feels stronger.]
13...b5 14.Rfe1 Bb7 15.Ne2 Nc5 16.Ng3 Against Ne4 **16...Rc8 17.Nh5 Ne4** 0.80/20
[17...Ne7= 0.11/20 remains equal.]
18.Qc1 0.05/20
[18.Bxe4?! dxe4 19.Rxe4 Ne7=]
[18.Qe2!± 0.80/20]
18...Ne7= 19.Bxh6 -1.18/18 **gxh6∓ 20.Bxe4 dxe4 21.Nf6+**



Kg7!
[21...Kh8?! 22.Ng5 Kg7 23.Rd1=]
22.Nh2 Nf5 23.Qf4 White threatens Qg4+ and mate. **23...Be7 24.Rad1?** -3.35/19
[24.Nhg4∓ -1.10/18 was the only chance.]



24...Bxf6!-+ 25.Rxd8 Bxd8 26.c3 Rg8 27.Ng4? -4.47/20
[27.Rxe4 -2.55/19 was necessary. Bg5 28.Qg4]
27...Bg5 28.Qh2 Rcd8 29.Nf6 Bxf6 30.exf6+ Kxf6 31.Qc7 Bd5
[31...Nd6? 32.Kh2-+]
32.g4 h5 33.Qf4 -4.70/19
[33.f3 -2.76/18 hxg4 34.fxg4]
33...hxg4
[33...Ke7? 34.f3 hxg4 35.fxg4-+]
34.hxg4 Rg5 aiming for ...Rdg8.
[Not 34...Ke7? 35.f3 Nd6 36.fxe4 Bxe4 37.Kf1-+]
35.f3 -5.92/21
[⌓35.Rxe4 -3.95/18 Bxe4 36.Qxe4]
35...e5 36.Qh2 e3 37.Rxe3 Nxe3 38.Qh6+ Rg6 39.Qh4+ Kg7 40.Qxd8 Bc6? 0.00/18
[40...Bxf3 41.Kf2=]
[40...Rf6-+ -3.45/21 41.Qe7 Bxf3 42.Qxe5 Nxg4]
41.Kf2? -2.31/21
[41.Qe7!= 0.00/18 and White is okay. e4 42.Qe5+ Kg8 43.Qb8+ Kg7 44.Qe5+ Kg8 45.Qb8+ Kg7 46.Qe5+]



41...Nc4? -0.68/19
[Black should play 41...Nd5!-+ -2.31/21 Hoping for ...Nf4. 42.Qb8 Re6]
42.b3∓ Nxa3 0.10/20

[42...Nd6∓ -0.81/23 White must now prevent ...Rf6. 43.Qc7 *(43.Qe7 Re6∓)* 43...Ba8]
43.Qe7= b4 1.11/24
[43...e4!= 0.10/21]
44.Qxe5+± Kg8 45.Qb8+
[But not 45.cxb4?! Nb5=]
45...Kh7 1.48/20
[⌓45...Kg7 1.10/21]
46.Qxb4 0.58/19
[White should try 46.c4± 1.48/20]
46...Nb5!± 47.Qc5 White has compensation. **47...Rf6 48.c4** 0.08/21
[Better is 48.Qh5+± 0.61/21 Kg7 49.Qe5]
48...Nc7 0.95/18
[48...Rxf3+= 0.08/21 keeps the balance. 49.Ke1 Rf6]
49.Qh5+ 0.37/18
[49.Kg1± 0.95/18]
49...Kg8 50.Qg5+ Rg6 51.Qd8+ Kg7? 6.09/20
[51...Ne8± 0.61/18]
52.Qxc7+- Endgame KQ-KRB **52...Kg8 53.Qd8+ Kg7 54.Qd4+ Kg8 55.Qe5 Re6 56.Qf5 Kg7 57.g5 Bd7 58.Qd5 Bc6 59.Qd4+ Kg6 60.Qf4 Kg7 61.b4 Kg6 62.Qg4 Bd7 63.Qd4 Bc6 64.Qf4 Kg7 65.Qf5 Bd7 66.Qd3** Prevents Re2+. **66...Bc6 67.b5 axb5 68.cxb5 Bb7 69.f4 Be4 70.Qd4+ Kg6 71.b6 Kf5 72.Kg3 Bc6 73.Qd3+ Be4 74.Qd7 Kg6 75.Qd4 Bb7 76.Qc5** Strongly threatening f5+. **76...Kh5 77.g6+** White mates. **77...Kxg6 78.f5+ Kf6 79.fxe6 Kxe6 80.Qc7** Quite a comeback for White. Weighted Error Value: White=0.47/Black=0.59
1-0

419 **A45**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2608**
■ **Hayrapetyan,Hovik** **2432**
Titled Tue 13th Feb Early blitz (4)
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000 ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7) 1-0 Zhang, P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 -

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3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.a3 c5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Bd3 Bd6 0.28/20

[Better is 7...c4∓ -0.43/20 8.Be2 b5]

8.dxc5= White has an edge. **8...Bxc5 9.0-0 0-0** 9...0-0 has become a bit dusty these days. 9...0-0 ist ein bisschen altmodisch geworden. 9...0-0 has become a bit dusty these days. 9...0-0 ist ein bisschen altmodisch geworden. **10.e4 dxe4** 0.50/21

[10...b5= 0.12/18]

11.Nxe4 Be7 12.Qe2 -0.01/20

[12.Re1± 0.55/18]

12...Nd4 0.98/21

[12...Nd5= -0.01/20 13.Bd2 e5]

13.Nxd4!± White now steadily converts the win. **13...Qxd4 14.c3 Qa4** 1.65/20

[14...Qb6± 1.05/20]

15.b4N 1.13/19 Black is weak on the dark squares

[Vorgänger: 15.Rad1+- 1.65/20 Bd7 16.Bc2? -0.12/23 *(16.Bg5± 1.54/22 Rfd8 17.Bxf6 Bxf6 18.Qh5)* 16...Qb5? 4.65/22 *(16...Bb5!= -0.12/23 17.Nxf6+ Bxf6 18.Bxa4 Bxe2)* 17.c4+- Qc6 18.Nxf6+ Bxf6 19.Qd3 g6 20.Qxd7 Qxc4 21.Qd2 Bxb2 Bosiocic,M (2625) -Donchenko, A (2233) EU-ch Online 2300+ Qual 2020 (1) 1-0 Bosiocic,M (2625) - Donchenko,A (2233) EU-ch Online 2300+ Qual 2020 (1) 1-0]

15...Bd7 1.73/20

[15...Nxe4± 1.13/19 was called for. 16.Qxe4 f5]

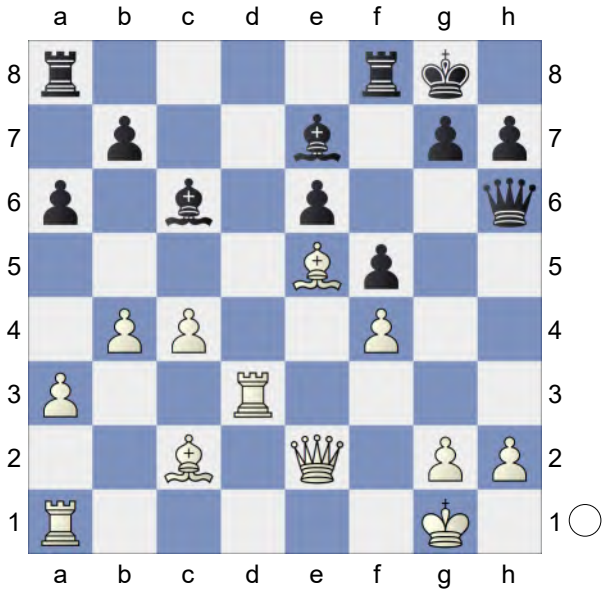
16.Rfd1 1.30/21

[16.c4+- 1.73/20]

16...Bc6 17.Bc2 Qb5 18.c4 Qf5 19.Nxf6+ Qxf6 20.Be5→ White is out for blood. **20...Qg5** 2.10/21

[20...Qh6± 1.50/22 21.Rd3 Rfd8]

21.f4+- Active counter play! **21...Qh6 22.Rd3** And now Rd3-h3 would win. **22...f5**



23.Rh3! Qg6 24.Rg3 Qf7 25.Rxg7+ Qxg7 26.Bxg7 Kxg7 27.Rd1

[27.Qxe6 Rae8 28.Qe3 *(28.Bxf5? Bf6-+* Discovered Attack*)* 28...Bf6 29.Qg3+ Kf7+-]

27...Bf6 4.97/19

[27...Rae8 3.40/19 might work better. 28.Kf1 *(28.Qxe6? Bc5+* Discovered Attack *29.bxc5 Rxe6-+)* 28...Rf7]

28.Qxe6 Rae8 29.Qxf5 Bd4+ 30.Rxd4 Rxf5 31.Bxf5 Endgame. KRB-KRB Endgame. KRB-KRB **31...Re2 32.g4 Rg2+ 33.Kf1 Rxh2 34.Be4 Bxe4 35.Rxe4** KR-KR **35...Kf6** Prevents Re4-e7. **36.a4 Rb2?** 3.98/22

[36...Rh4 2.11/21 37.f5 Kg5]

37.c5 Ra2 38.a5 Rb2 39.Rd4 Ke6 40.g5 Kf5 41.Ke1 Kg4 42.Kd1 Kf5 43.Kc1 Rf2 44.Rd7 Rxf4 45.Rf7+

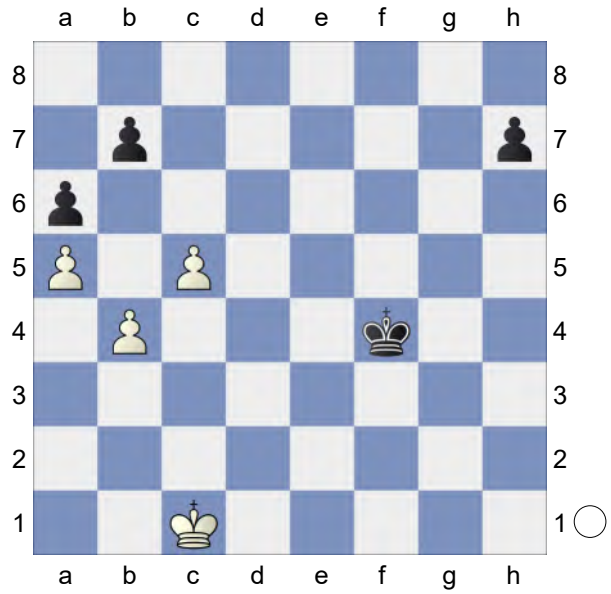
[Stronger than 45.Rxh7 Rxb4 46.c6 Rc4+ 47.Kd2 Rxc6=]

45...Kxg5 46.Rxf4

[Weaker is 46.Rxb7 h5±]

[46.Rxh7 Rxb4 47.Kd2 Kf6=]

46...Kxf4



K3P-K3P **47.b5! Ke5**
[47...axb5 48.a6]
48.c6 White mates. **48...Kd6 49.cxb7 Kc7 50.bxa6 h5 51.Kd2 Kb8 52.Ke3 Ka7 53.Kf4 Kxa6 54.b8Q** Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) / Black=0.42
[Inferior is 54.b8B Kxa5 55.Kg5 Kb5=]
1-0

420 **D00**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2608**
■ **Saydaliev,Saidakbar** **2473**
Titled Tue 24. Sep Early (3) 24.09.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) www.desc-online.de 2000 UltraCorr3a [Fritz 5.32 (30s)] ½-½ *)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) Lake George 2005 CBM 107 [Atalik,Suat] ½-½ (41) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Gyula 2000 CBM 076 [Alterman,Boris] 1-0 (41) *)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]
3.Bf4 c5 4.e4 Nxe4 5.Nxe4 dxe4 6.dxc5 Qa5+ 7.c3 Qxc5 8.Qa4+ The position is equal. **8...Nc6 9.Qxe4 Bf5 10.Qa4!** The main line 10.Qa4 scores better than 10.Qe3. Die Hauptvariante 10.Da4 punktet besser als 10.De3. The main line 10.Qa4 scores better than 10.Qe3. Die Hauptvariante 10.Da4 punktet besser als 10.De3. **10...e5 11.Be3 Qd6 12.Rd1** -0.35/20
[12.Nf3= 0.08/19]
12...Qg6!↑

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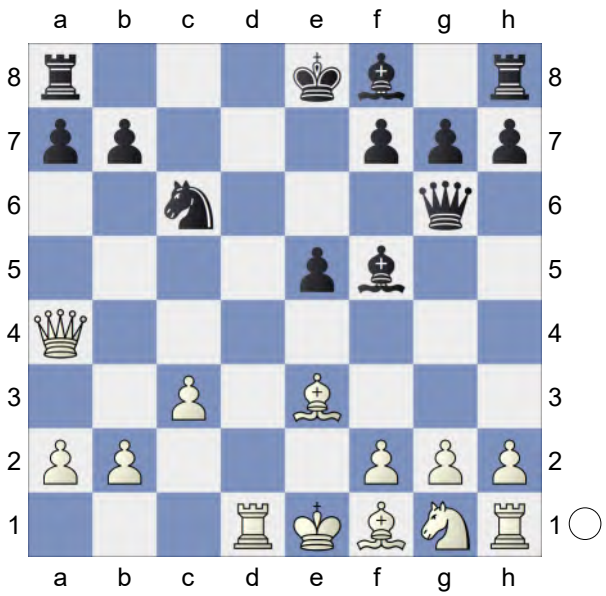
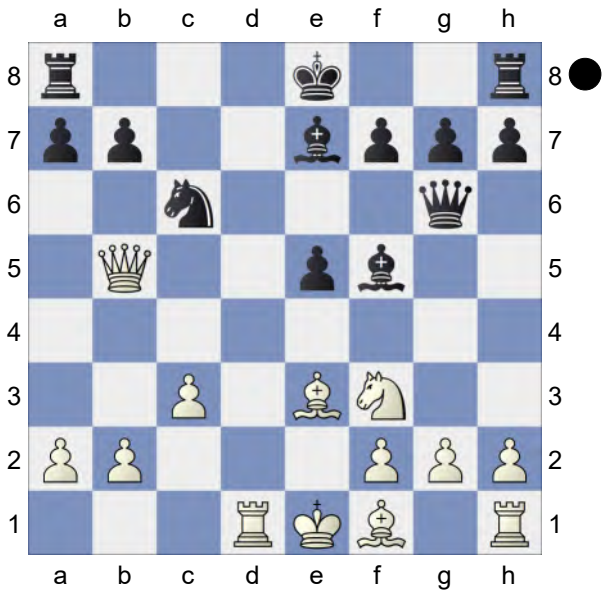


aiming for ...Bc2. Black fights for an advantage. **13.Rd2N** Against Bc2
[Vorgänger: 13.Qb5 Be7 14.Nf3 -0.80/21 *(14.h4∓ -0.39/19)*



14...0-0 -0.01/21 *(14...a6!∓ -0.80/21 15.Qxb7 0-0 16.Nxe5 Nxe5 17.Qxe7 Rae8)* 15.Nxe5= Nxe5 16.Qxe5 Bg5 0.82/23 *(16...Rae8= 0.14/20)* 17.Rd6± f6 18.Qd5+ Kh8 19.Bd3 Bxd3 20.Qxd3 ½-½ Maheshwari,V (1781)-Heimann,M (2440) Sunnyvale Summer op 2023 (1) ½-½ Maheshwari,V (1781)-Heimann,M (2440) Sunnyvale Summer op 2023 (1)]
13...Be7 14.Nf3 Black must now prevent Nxe5. **14...0-0 15.h4 h6 16.h5 Qg4 17.Qb5 Rad8** 0.15/21
[⌓17...e4 -0.30/19 18.Nd4 *(18.Qxb7? exf3 19.Qxc6 Be4-+)* 18...Nxd4 19.Rxd4 Bf6]
18.Be2 -0.52/20
[18.Rxd8 Rxd8 19.Be2 Qxg2±]
[Better is 18.Qxb7= 0.15/21 Be4 19.Qb5]
18...Rxd2?? 4.70/21
[18...Be4!∓ -0.52/20 stays ahead. 19.Rxd8 Rxd8]
19.Nxd2 Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.43
1-0

421 **D00**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2608**
■ **Sindarov,Javokhir** **2674**
CrunchLab Masters PlayIn rapid (2)
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 1-0 (88)*; 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7* Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig, F (1863) Mainz 1997 EXT 2000 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (57)*)* 5...Bg7

6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) www.desc-online.de 2000 CBM 166 [Beliavsky, Alexander G] 1-0 (41)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]

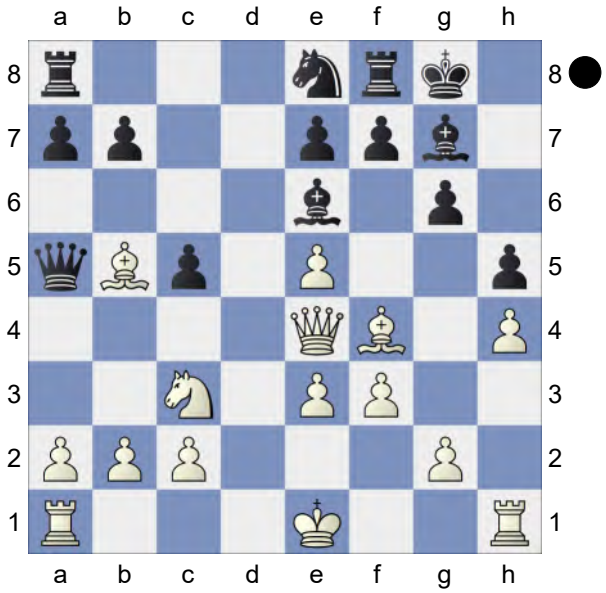
3.Bf4 g6 4.e3 Bg7 5.h4 h5 6.Nf3 0-0! 7.Ne5 c5 8.f3 Black is slightly better. **8...Nc6** next ...cxd4 is good for Black. **9.Qd2 Qa5 10.Bb5 Nxe5 11.dxe5 Ne8 12.Qxd5** -0.48/20

[12.Bd3= -0.15/21 should be considered.]

12...Be6!∓ 13.Qe4

[Of course not 13.Qxb7 Nc7 14.Qc6 Rab8-+]

[13.Qxc5? a6 14.0-0 *(14.b4? Qa3-+)* 14...axb5 15.Qxe7 b4-+]



Hoping for Bc4. **13...Nc7** Black has compensation. **14.Be2**

[Don't blunder 14.Qxb7? Rab8 15.Qe4 Nxb5-+]

14...b5 Inhibits Qa4. **15.Qc6 Rfc8** White should prevent ...a6. **16.Kf2**

[Avoid the trap 16.Bxb5? Rab8 17.Qe4 Nxb5-+]

16...b4 0.79/20

[16...a6!∓ -0.43/21 keeps the upper hand.]

17.Ne4↑ White is really pushing. **17...Nd5 18.Qa6** &Bianco is more active. **18...Qb6 19.Rhd1 c4 20.Qxb6 axb6 21.Bh2 Bh6 22.Ng5! Bxg5 23.hxg5 b5 24.e4 Nb6 25.Bf4 Na4** 1.21/20

[Black should try 25...Nd7 0.79/21]

26.Rdb1 Rd8 27.Be3 Kg7 28.g3 Rac8 29.Ke1 Rh8 30.Bf2 Ra8 1.78/22

[30...Rhd8± 0.80/18]

31.Kf1 Rhd8 1.12/19

[⌓31...Rac8 1.51/20 32.Be1 c3]

32.Be1 b3 2.77/19

[32...c3± 1.47/17 33.bxc3 Nxc3]

33.axb3+- cxb3 34.cxb3 Bxb3 35.Bxb5 Rdb8 36.Be2 Nc5? 3.85/19

[36...Rb7 1.90/16 was worth a try. 37.e6 fxe6]

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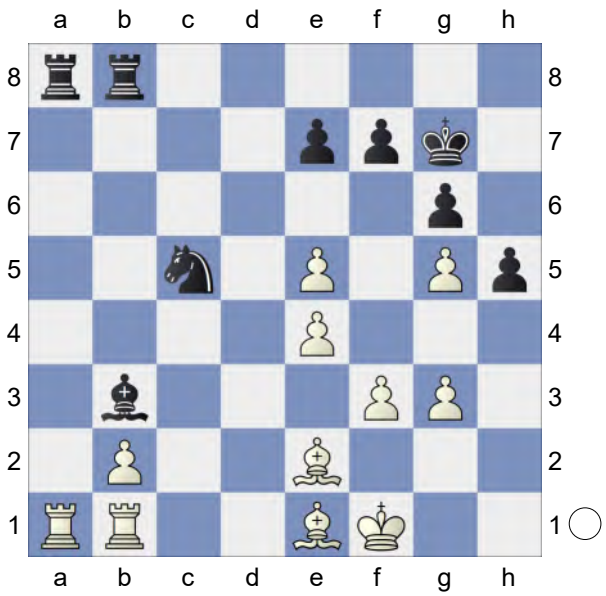
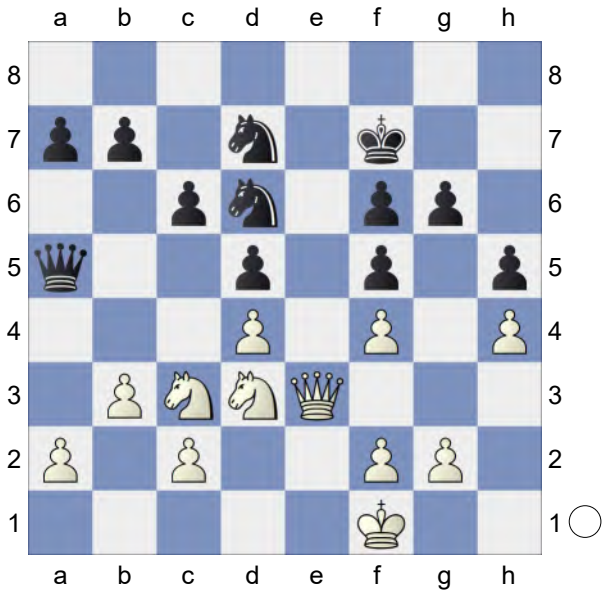


37.Rxa8 Rxa8 38.Bb4 Ne6 39.Bxe7 Nd4 40.Rc1 Be6 41.Bd1 Rb8 42.b4 White is clearly winning. **42...Rb7 43.Bc5 Nc6 44.Rb1 Kg8 45.f4 Na7 46.Bxa7 Rxa7 47.b5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) / Black=0.28 (precise)
1-0

422 **D00**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2608**
■ **Najer,Evgeniy** **2637**
Titled Tue 23rd Jul Late (4) 23.07.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 3 Bf4 B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 Bf5N**
[3...c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 e6 6.Nb5 Na6 7.h4 Bd7 8.c3 Be7 9.a4 0-0 10.Bd3 Bc6 11.Nf3 Ne4 12.Qe2 f5 13.g3 Bf6 14.Ng5 Qd7 15.f3 Nac5 16.Bc2 a6 17.dxc5 axb5 18.fxe4 6) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5-5.exd4 e6 6.Nb5 Na6 #8 The Meanest Jobava London 2023 https://www.chessable.co [MH]]
4.e3 e6 5.Nf3 Bd6 6.Bd3 Bxf4 7.exf4 0-0 8.0-0 The position is equal. **8...Nbd7 9.Bxf5 exf5 10.Ne5 c6 11.Re1 Qc7 12.Qd3 Ne4 13.Qh3 Nd6 14.Re3 f6** 0.02/21
[14...Rfe8∓ -0.39/18]
15.Nd3= Rae8 16.Rae1 Rxe3
[16...g6 seems wilder. 17.Re7 Rxe7 18.Rxe7 Rf7]
17.Rxe3 g6 18.Qf3 Re8 19.h4 h5 20.Rxe8+ Nxe8 21.Qe3 Kf7 22.Kf1 Nd6 23.b3 Qa5



24.f3! Against Ne4 **24...Nf8**
[24...Qxc3? 25.Ne5+! fxe5 26.Qxc3+-]
25.a4 Ne6
[25...Qxc3? 26.Ne5+! fxe5 27.Qxc3+-]
26.Ne2 b6 27.Kf2 c5 28.dxc5 bxc5 29.g3 -0.32/24
[29.b4= -0.01/23 cxb4 30.Nd4 Nxd4 31.Qxd4]
29...c4 0.34/26
[29...d4∓ -0.32/24 30.Qc1 Qa6]

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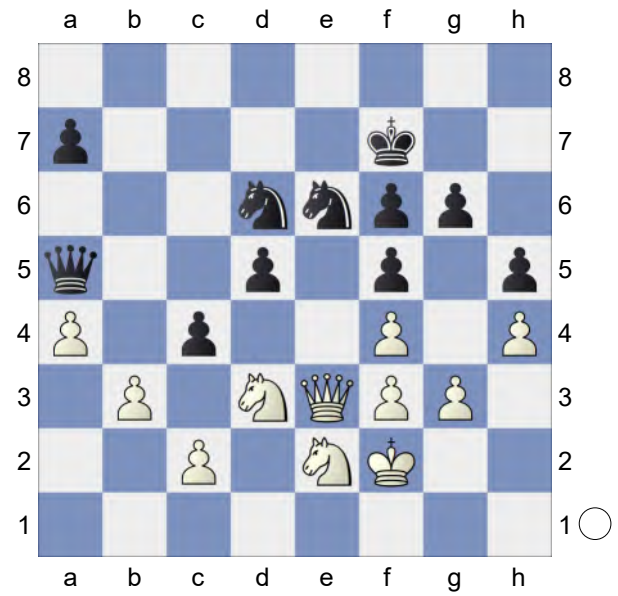
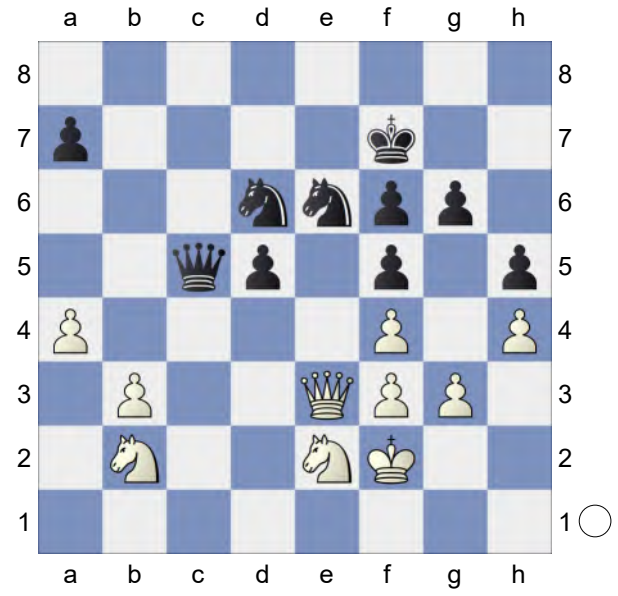


30.Nb2 0.01/24
[30.b4!± 0.34/26 is superior. Qc7 31.Nc5 Nxc5 32.bxc5]
30...cxb3 31.cxb3 Qc5 1.15/27
[31...Nc8= 0.01/24 remains equal.]



Prevents Nd4. **32.Nd3** 0.34/25
[32.Qxc5!± 1.15/27 Nxc5 33.b4]
32...Qc7 33.Nd4 0.01/22
[33.Nb4!± 0.60/24]
33...Nxd4 34.Qxd4 Qb7 1.36/25
[34...Qc2+!= 0.01/26 keeps the balance. 35.Kg1 Qxb3]
35.Nc5 0.80/23
[⌓35.Nb4 1.36/25]
35...Qc6± 36.Ke2 Ke7 1.56/21
[36...Nb7± 0.55/21 37.Nd3 a5]
37.Kd3 0.95/20 &Bianco is more active.
[⌓37.Qe3+ 1.56/21 Kd8 38.Kf2 *(38.Ne6+ Kd7±)*]
37...Qa8? 5.09/22 Loses the game.
[37...Ne8± 0.95/20 is a better chance.]
38.b4 aiming for Qe3+. **38...Qc6?** 5.34/24
[38...Nc4 2.63/24 39.b5 Kf7]
39.b5 Qa8 5.77/23
[39...Nxb5 3.32/23 40.axb5 Qxb5+ 41.Ke3 Qc6]
40.Na6 Qb7 41.Nb4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.32/Black=0.55
1-0

423 **D00**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2608**
■ **Alekseenko,Kirill** **2679**
Julius Baer GenCup Pl/In rapid (5)
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 1-0 (88)*; 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7* Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig, F (1863) Mainz 1997 EXT 2000

[ChessBase II] 0-1 (57)) 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) www.desc-online.de 2000 CBM 166 [Beliavsky, Alexander G] 1-0 (41)) 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]

3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 Bf5 5.Nf3 e6 6.Ne5! Nfd7 7.g4 Bg6 8.h4 -0.22/19

[8.Nxg6± 0.36/22 hxg6 9.Bg2]

8...Nxe5= 9.Bxe5 Hoping for h5. **9...h5! 10.Bd3 Bxd3 11.cxd3 Nc6 12.gxh5 Qd7 13.Qg4 0-0-0 14.Bg3**

[14.Bxg7? f5! 15.Qg3 Bxg7-+]

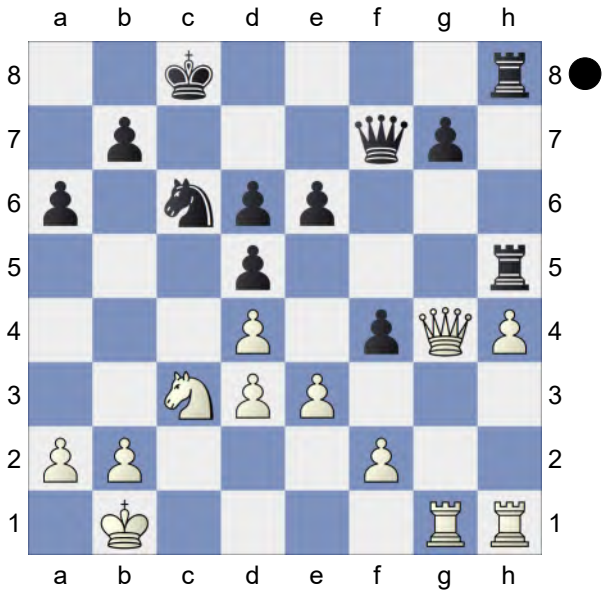
14...f5 15.Qf3 Qf7 16.0-0-0 Rxh5 17.Kb1 Bd6 18.Bxd6 cxd6 19.Rdg1 -0.34/20

[19.Ne2= 0.00/22]

19...Rdh8∓ 20.Qg3 f4 21.Qg4 -0.84/20

[21.Qxg7∓ -0.38/21 Qxg7 22.Rxg7]

(Diagram)



21...Kb8 -0.08/24

[Black should play 21...g5!∓ -0.84/20 White must now prevent ...fxe3. 22.Nxd5 Kb8]

22.Qg6= Qf6 23.Qxf6 gxf6 24.Rg4 fxe3 25.fxe3 f5 26.Rg6 Rxh4 27.Rxh4 Rxh4 28.Rxe6 Endgame KRN-KRN **28...Nb4** (→ ...Rh1+) **29.Kc1**

[Much worse is 29.Re8+ Kc7 30.b3 *(30.Re7+? Kd8-+)* 30...Rh1+ 31.Kb2 Rh2+ 32.Kb1 Rh3∓]

29...Rh2 30.Kd1

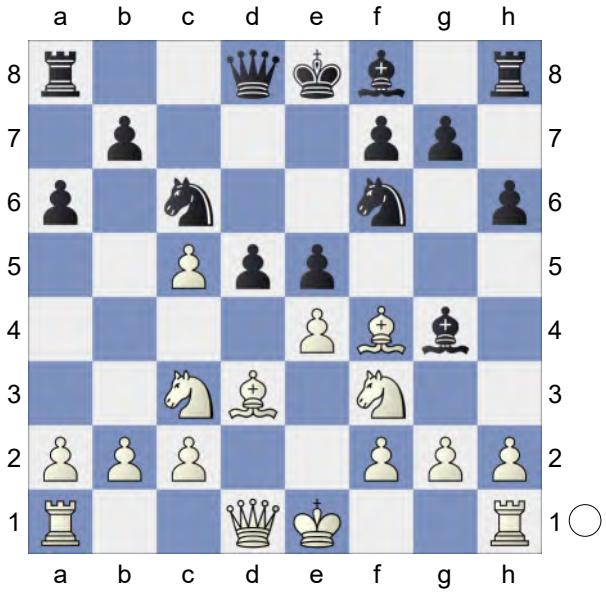
[Don't play 30.Re8+ Kc7 31.Kd1 *(31.Re7+? Kc6-+)* 31...Nxd3∓]

30...Nxd3 31.b3 Nf2+ 32.Kc1 Nd3+ 33.Kd1 Nf2+ 34.Ke1 Nd3+ 35.Kd1 Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.09 (flawless)

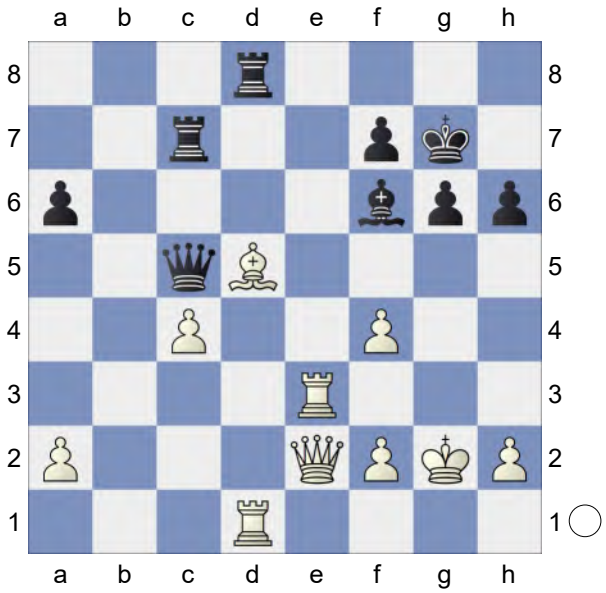
½-½

424 **D00**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2608**
■ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2802**
CrunchLabs Masters PlayIn (3) 17.07.24
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 h6 5.Bd3 c5 6.dxc5 Nc6!** next ...e5 is good for Black. **7.Nf3** Inhibits e5. **7...Bg4!** Hoping for ...e5! **8.e4** -0.76/21
[8.Qd2= -0.14/22]
8...e5 0.40/20
[8...d4!∓ -0.76/21 9.Ne2 Nd7]

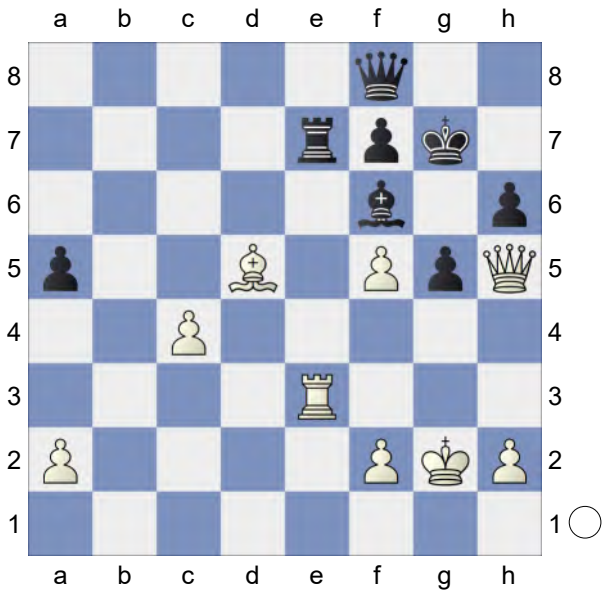


9.exd5!± Nxd5 10.Bxe5
[10.Nxd5 Qxd5 11.Qe2 0-0-0∓]
10...Nxe5 Pin **11.Nxd5** Strongly threatening b4! **11...Bxf3** **12.gxf3** Black must now prevent b4! **12...Bxc5**
[12...Qxd5? 13.Bb5+! Qc6 14.Bxc6++-]
13.f4 Nc6 1.33/22
[13...Qxd5? 14.Bb5+! Qc6 15.Bxc6++-]
[13...Kf8± 0.48/20 14.Be2 Nc6]
14.Qe2+± Kf8 15.Be4 Qa5+ 16.Kf1 Re8 17.Qd3 0.43/18
[17.Rg1± 1.10/18]
17...Nb4± 18.Qc4 Nxd5 19.Bxd5 Re7 0.69/20
[19...Ba7 0.38/21 was preferrable. 20.Kg2 b5]
20.Kg2 Rc7 21.Qd3 Qb4 22.Be4 0.10/17
[22.Bb3± 0.56/19 Re7 23.Qd8+ Re8 24.Qd5 Qe4+ 25.Qxe4 Rxe4 26.Rad1]
22...Be7 1.02/19
[22...Re7= 0.10/17 23.Rhe1 g6]
23.Rhe1 0.35/23
[23.c3± 1.02/19 Qxb2 24.Rhb1 Qxc3 25.Qxc3 Rxc3 26.Rxb7]
23...g6 24.b3→ White mounts an attack. **24...Kg7 25.c4 Bf6 26.Rad1 Re8 27.Re3 b5** 0.68/22
[⌓27...Rce7 0.31/19]
28.Bd5 Rd8 29.Qe2 bxc4 30.bxc4 Qc5 1.49/18
[⌓30...Re7 0.73/17]



31.Rdd3 0.65/20
[31.f5!± 1.49/18]
31...a5 1.40/19
[31...Rb8± 0.65/20]
32.f5± g5 2.65/19

[⌓32...Re7 1.62/17 33.fxg6 fxg6 34.Rxe7+ Qxe7]
33.Re4 Re7 34.Rde3 0.37/22
[Only move: 34.Qh5+- 2.33/19]
34...Rdd7 0.69/27
[⌓34...Rxe4 0.37/22 35.Rxe4 Qa7]
35.Qh5 Rxe7 is the strong threat.
35...Rxe4 36.Rxe4 Qf8 1.01/21 Against Re8
[Less strong is 36...Rxd5 37.cxd5 Qxd5 38.Qe2±]
[36...Re7!± 0.62/25]
37.Re3
[Of course not 37.h4 gxh4 38.a4 Kh7±]
37...Re7 1.52/24
[⌓37...a4 1.01/22 38.Rh3 Kh7]



38.Rh3! 0x0.001d6b67c29bdp-1022s more active pieces. **38...Qh8 39.Qf3** 0.62/24
[Better is 39.c5± 1.55/24]
39...Qc8 1.57/21
[39...Qd8± 0.62/24]
40.Qh5 Qh8 41.Re3 0.62/24 **Qe8 42.Rh3** 1.54/20
[⌓42.Rb3 0.85/20]
42...Qh8 Weighted Error Value: White=0.31/Black=0.28 (precise) White should try **43.c5±** 1.10/21
½-½

425 **D00**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2608**
■ **Giri,Anish** **2745**
Titled Tue 4. Jun Early (10) 04.06.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 1-0 (88)*; 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7* Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig,F (1863) Mainz 1997 EXT 2000 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (57)*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) www.desc-online.de 2000 CBM 166 [Beliavsky, Alexander G] 1-0 (41)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]

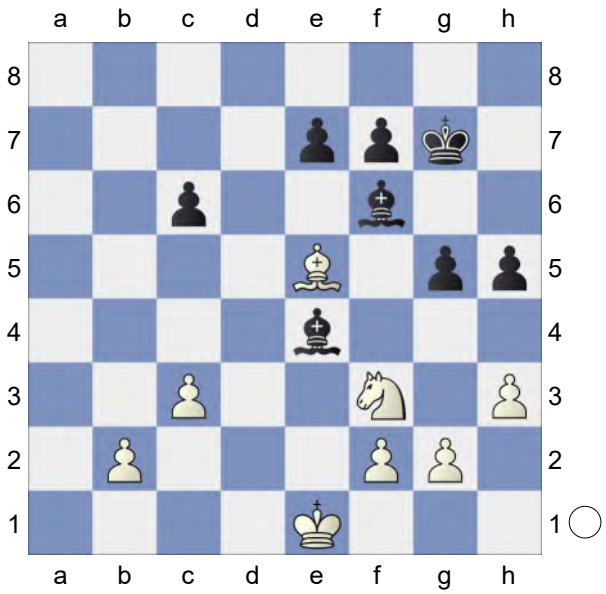
3.Bf4 c5 4.e4 Nxe4 5.Nxe4 dxe4 6.dxc5 And now Qxd8+ would win. **6...Qa5+ 7.c3** Threatening b4. **7...Qxc5 8.Qa4+ Nc6 9.Qxe4 g6 10.Nf3 Bg7 11.Rd1 0-0 12.Be3 Qf5**

[12...Qa5 with more complications. 13.Bc4 Bf5 14.Qh4 Ne5]

13.Qa4 Qa5 14.Bb5 Qxa4 15.Bxa4 Be6 16.a3 Rfc8 17.0-0 a6 18.Bb6 Bf6 19.h3 h5 20.Rfe1 Kg7 21.Bc2 a5 22.a4 Ra6 23.Be3 Raa8 24.Be4 Bb3 25.Ra1 Rd8 26.Nd2 Be6 27.Rad1 Rd7 0.43/22

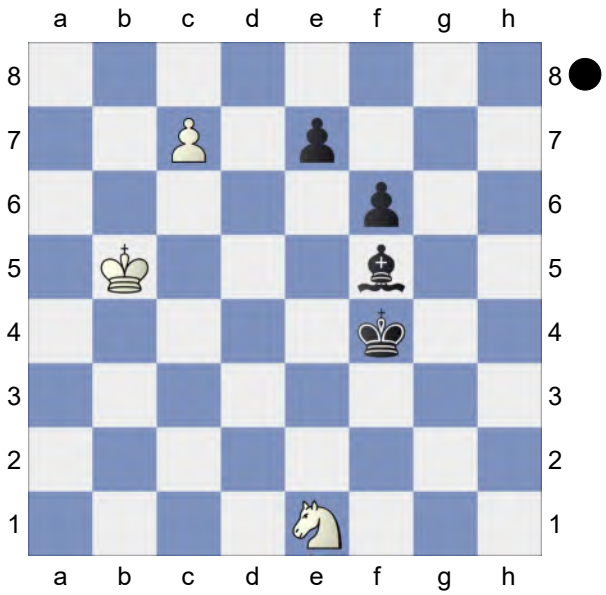
[27...Ne5= 0.05/20]

28.Nf3 Rad8 29.Rxd7 Rxd7 30.Bb6 Bb3 31.Ra1 Rd1+ 32.Rxd1 Bxd1 33.Bxc6 bxc6 34.Bxa5 Bxa4= Endgame KBB-KBN **35.Bc7 g5 36.Kf1 Bb5+ 37.Ke1 Bd3 38.Be5 Be4**



Threatens to win with ...Bxe5. **39.Bxf6+ Kxf6** KB-KN **40.Ke2 g4 41.hxg4 hxg4 42.Ne1 Ke5 43.f3 gxf3+ 44.gxf3 Bg6 45.Ke3 c5 46.f4+ Kd6 47.Nf3 f6 48.Nd2 Kd5 49.c4+ Kd6 50.Nf3 Bh7 51.Ne1 Kc6 52.Kd2 Be4 53.Kc3 Kd6** Strongly threatening ...Ke6. **54.b4 cxb4+ 55.Kxb4 Ke6 56.c5 Kf5 57.Kb5 Kxf4** aiming for ...Ke5. **58.c6 Bf5** ...Ke4 is the strong threat. **59.c7?** -3.82/25

[59.Kc5= 0.00/25 and White has nothing to worry.]



59...e5? 0.00/36

[59...Bd7+!-+ -3.82/25 60.Kb6 Ke5]

60.Kc5 The position is equal. **60...e4 61.Ng2+ Ke5**

[61...Kg3!? 62.Ne3 Bh3=]

62.Ne3 Bc8 63.Nc4+ Ke6 64.Nd6 Kd7 White must now prevent ...e3. **65.Nxe4 Kxc7 66.Nxf6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) / Black=0.10 (very precise)

½-½

426 **D00**

□ **Bortnyk,Oleksandr** **2608**

■ **Lazavik,Denis** **2578**

CrunchLabs Masters PlayIn (7) 17.07.24

[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e4N**

[4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 e6 6.Nb5 Na6 7.h4 Bd7 8.c3 Be7 9.a4 0-0 10.Bd3 Bc6 11.Nf3 Ne4 12.Qe2 f5 13.g3 Bf6 14.Ng5 Qd7 15.f3 Nac5 16.Bc2 a6 17.dxc5 axb5 18.fxe4 6) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5-5.exd4 e6 6.Nb5 Na6 #8 The Meanest Jobava London 2023 https://www.chessable.co [MH]]

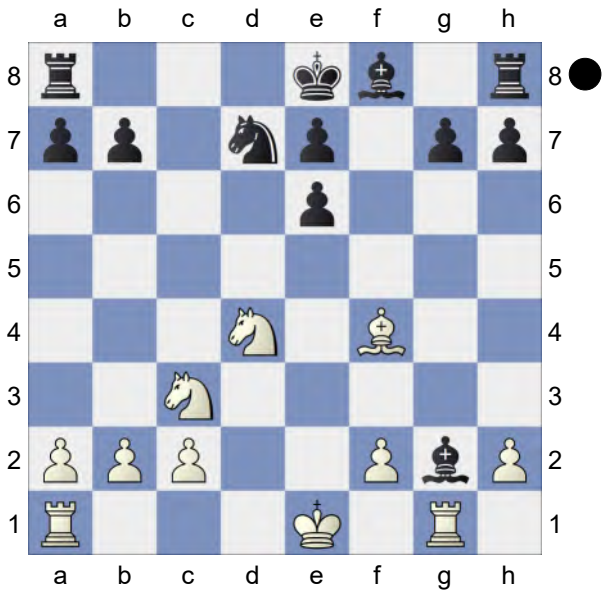
4...cxd4 5.Qxd4 Nc6 6.Bb5 Bd7 7.Bxc6 Bxc6 8.e5 Nd7 8...Nd7 scores better than 8...Ne4. 8...Sd7 punktet besser als 8...Se4.

[8...Ne4 feels hotter. 9.e6 Qb6 10.Nf3 Qxd4 11.Nxd4 Nxc3 12.bxc3 fxe6 13.Nxe6 Kd7]

9.e6 fxe6 10.Nf3 Qb6 11.Qd2 d4 0.25/21

[⌓11...g6 -0.09/19]

12.Qxd4 Qxd4 13.Nxd4 Bxg2 14.Rg1



e5! 15.Ne6N Pair of Knights!

[Vorgänger: 15.Bxe5 Nxe5 16.Rxg2 Kf7 0.64/20 Inhibits Ne6. *(Black should play 16...0-0-0=* 0.00/20 *17.Ne6 Rd6)* 17.Ne4 g6 1.05/21 *(17...h6± 0.52/19)* 18.Ng5+± Kf6 19.0-0-0 Nc4 1.24/20 *(19...Rd8± 0.70/20)* 20.Rd3 Bh6 21.Rf3+ 1-0 Hasenohr,B (2273)-Fecker,N (2392) SUI-ch 122nd 2023 (2)]

15...exf4 16.Rxg2 Strongly threatening Nc7+. **16...Rc8** Inhibits Nc7+. **17.Rd1 g6 18.Rg4** -0.78/19

[18.Nb5= 0.01/21 Kf7 19.Rxd7 Kxe6 20.Rxb7]

18...Nf6 0.34/22

[18...Rc6∓ -0.78/19 19.Nd4 Rb6]

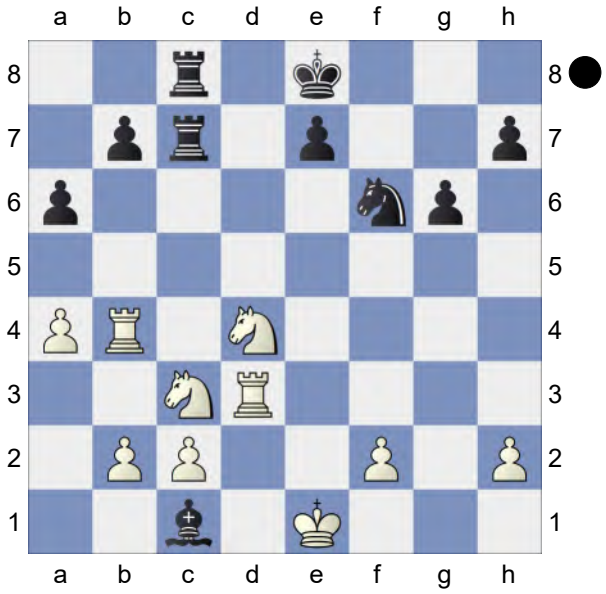
19.Rxf4± Bh6 20.Ra4 -0.12/21

[20.Rfd4 0.21/22 feels stronger.]

20...Kf7= 21.Nd4 a6 22.Rb4 Rc7 23.Nf3 Rhc8 24.a4 Ke8 25.Rd3 -0.34/21

[25.h4= 0.01/17 might be stronger.]

25...Bc1∓ 26.Nd4



Bxb2! 27.Rxb2 aiming for Nce2.

27...Rxc3 28.Rxb7 Rxd3 -0.14/21

[Black should try 28...R3c4∓ -0.72/18]

29.cxd3= The position is equal.

29...Rc1+ 30.Ke2 Ra1

[30...Nd5!?]

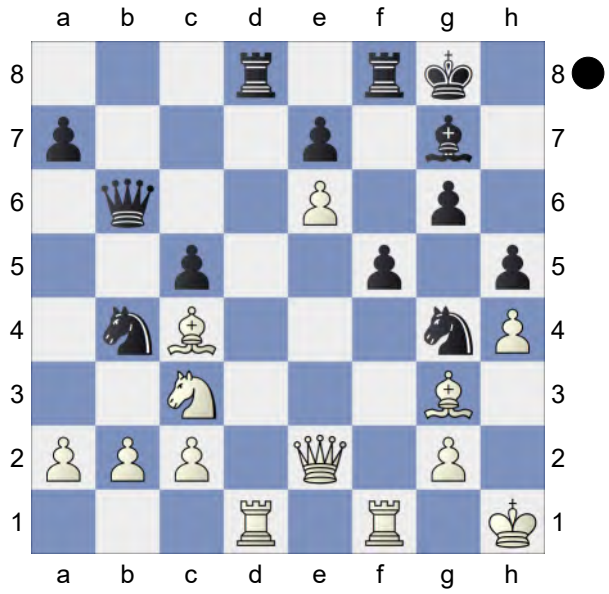
31.Nc6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.16 (very precise)

½-½

427 **A45**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2608**
■ **Mamedov,Rauf** **2633**
chess.com SpeedChess Q1Sw (14)
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]
3.Bf4 g6 4.e3 Bg7 5.h4 h5 6.Nf3
[6.Nb5!? Na6□ 7.Nc3=]
6...Bg4 7.Qd2 Nbd7!? An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante. **8.Ng5N** White is slightly better.
[Vorgänger: 8.Ne5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 c6 10.f3 Be6 11.0-0-0 b5 12.Ne2 0-0 13.Nf4 Qd7 14.g4 hxg4 15.h5 gxh5 16.Nxh5 gxf3 17.Nxg7 Kxg7 18.e4 1-0 Fajdetic,H (2151)-Chumpitaz Carbajal,A (2244) Titled Tuesday intern op 08th Sept blitz 2020 (10)]
8...Nb6 0.91/19
[Black should try 8...c5± 0.34/20]
9.f3 Bd7 10.Bd3 Rc8 11.e4 dxe4 12.fxe4 -0.01/21
[12.Ncxe4± 0.40/20 0-0 13.c3]
12...0-0= 13.e5 Nfd5 0.48/20
[13...Ng4= -0.20/20]
14.0-0± Bg4 15.Bg3 0.11/22
[15.Nxd5± 0.69/20 Nxd5 16.Bg3]
15...Nb4 16.Be4 -0.47/21
[16.Nce4± 0.41/19 Nxd3 *(16...Qxd4+ 17.Bf2=)* 17.Qxd3]
16...c5 0.01/19
[16...Nc4∓ -0.47/21 might be stronger. 17.Qf2 f6]
17.d5
[17.Nb5!?]
17...Nc4 0.26/21
[⌓17...e6! -0.30/21]
18.Qf2 Nxe5 Hoping for ...f7-f5. Active counter play! **19.Kh1** -1.04/21
[19.a3= 0.28/21]
19...f6? 0.65/22
[19...f5∓ -1.04/21 20.Bf3 f4 21.Bxg4 Nxg4]
20.Ne6 -0.60/22
[Better is 20.Bxe5!± 0.65/22 fxg5 21.Qe3 *(21.Qg3 gxh4 22.Qh2 Bxe5=)* 21...Bxe5 22.Qxg5]
20...Bxe6∓ 21.dxe6 And now Bg3xe5! would win. **21...f5 22.Bxb7 Rb8! 23.Rad1 Qb6** Strongly threatening ... Ne5-g4! **24.Bd5** -0.96/22
[24.Bxe5= -0.25/22 remains equal.

Bxe5 *(24...Rxb7? 25.Na4+-)* 25.Bf3]
24...Ng4!∓ 25.Qe2 Rbd8? 0.01/21
[25...Bxc3!∓ -1.50/21 26.bxc3 *(26.Bxb8? Qxb8 27.g3 Bd4-+)* 26...Nxd5 27.Rxd5 Rf6]
26.Bc4 -1.60/21
[26.Bf3!= 0.01/21]



26...Nc6? 0.01/21
[Black should play 26...Rd4!∓ -1.60/21 ...Nb4xc2! would now be deadly. 27.Bf4 Kh7 28.Rxd4 cxd4]
27.Rd7 -0.43/22
[27.Nd5= 0.01/21 Qb7 28.c3]
27...Qxb2 28.Nd5⇄ White puts up resistance **28...Rde8** 0.52/20
[28...Kh7= -0.01/20]
29.Nc7 -0.53/22
[29.Bf4± 0.52/20]
29...Rc8 0.01/21
[29...Be5!∓ -0.53/22 30.Bxe5 Ncxe5 31.Nxe8 Discovered Attack Rxe8]
30.Bd5? -2.10/22 This pair of bishops is nice.
[30.Nd5= 0.01/21]
30...Nd4-+ 31.Qd2 -3.54/21
[⌓31.Qe1 -2.04/20 Nxc2 32.Qc1]
31...Qxc2? -0.83/22
[31...Nxc2 32.Rxe7 Bh6 33.Qe2± *(33.Bf4? Bxf4 34.Qxf4 Nce3-+)*]
[31...Bf6 32.Bf3=]
[31...f4-+ -3.54/21 32.Bh2 *(32.Bxf4? Be5-+)* 32...Nf5 *(32...Nxc2 33.Rxe7 Nce3 34.Qxb2=)*]
32.Qxc2∓ Nxc2 33.Rxe7 -1.54/20
[33.Bf4∓ -0.70/21]
33...Nce3 34.Rf3 -4.24/22
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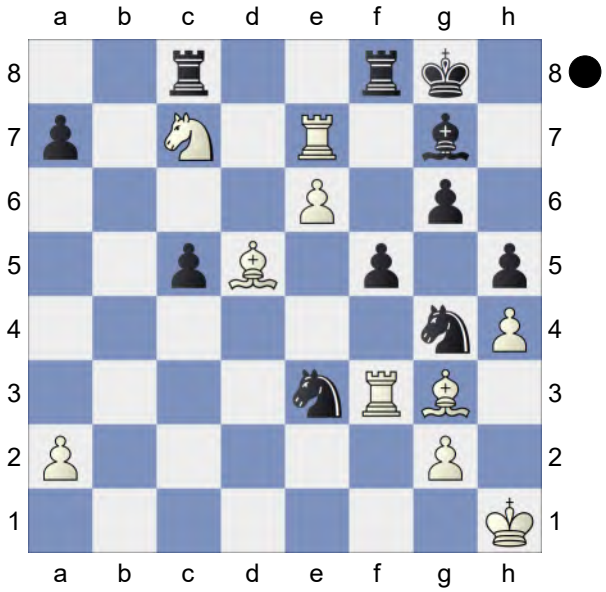
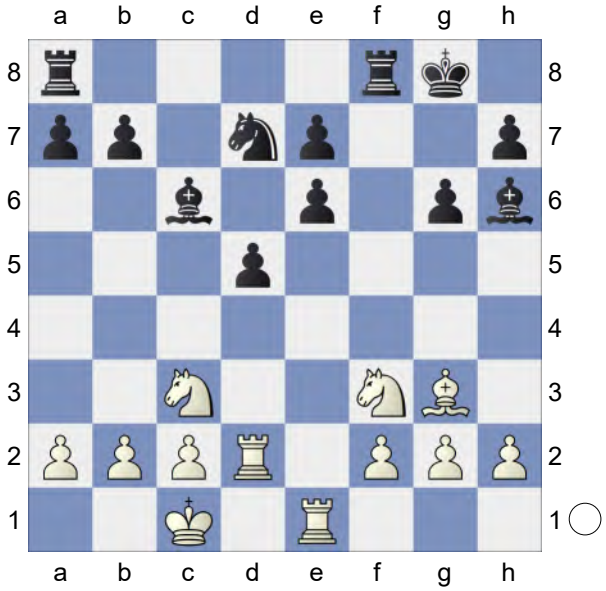


34...Rxc7 -2.20/24 **35.Rxc7-+ Nxd5 36.Rxc5 Ndf6** aiming for ...Nf6-e4.
37.Rc7 Re8 38.e7 Nd5 -2.32/23
[⌓38...Ne4 -3.98/22 39.Rxa7 Bd4]
39.Rd7 Nxe7
[And not 39...Rxe7 40.Rxd5 Kf7 41.Rc5±]
40.Bf4? -5.25/24
[40.Rf1 -3.22/23]
40...Nc6 41.Bd2 -6.73/24 Inhibits Re8-e1+.
[41.Rf1 -3.97/22]
41...Re2 Threatens to win with ...Bg7-d4.
42.Rb3 Rf2 -2.76/22
[⌓42...Bd4 -6.73/24 43.Rxd4 Nxd4 44.Rb8+ Kf7]

43.Kg1? -6.47/27
[43.Rf3 -2.76/22]
43...Re2? 0.01/35 Weighted Error Value: White=0.87/Black=0.65. Loss on time!?
[43...Nd4-+ -6.47/27 44.Rb8+ Kh7 45.Rxg7+ Kxg7]
0-1

428 **D00**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2608**
■ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2737**
Bullet Chess Losers 2024 (3.10) 12.6.24
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7 ½-½* Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8 ½-½* Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]
3.Bf4 c5 4.e4 cxd4 5.Qxd4 Nc6 6.Bb5 Bd7! 7.Bxc6 Bxc6 8.e5⇄ White has counterplay. The position is equal. **8...Nd7 9.e6 fxe6** White must now prevent ...Qd8-b6. **10.Nf3** 0-0-0 is the strong threat. **10...Qb6 11.0-0-0** -0.86/23
[11.Be5= -0.06/23]
11...Qxd4∓ 12.Rxd4 g6 Hoping for ...Bf8-g7. **13.Re1 Bg7** Threatens to win with ...0-0. **14.Rd2** -1.19/22
[⌓14.Rdd1 -0.78/20]
14...0-0 15.Bg3 -2.18/19
[15.g3∓ -1.41/22]
15...Bh6-+

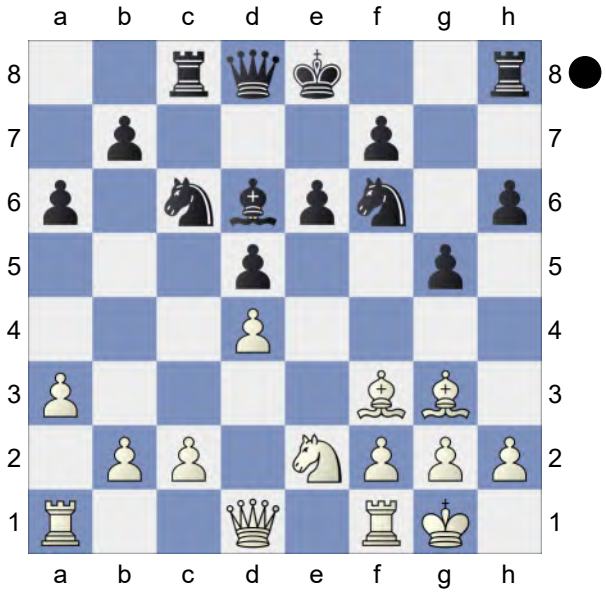


Pin **16.Rxe6 Nc5 17.Rxe7 Rae8**
[17...Bxd2+ 18.Kxd2 d4 19.Nxd4 Bxg2 *(19...Rad8 20.Be5∓)* 20.f3]
18.Bd6 -3.47/27
[18.Rxe8 -1.80/20 only move. Rxe8 *(18...Bxd2+ 19.Kxd2 Rxe8 20.Nd4∓)* 19.Nd4 Re1+ *(19...Bxd2+ 20.Kxd2 Ne4+ 21.Nxe4-+)* 20.Nd1]

18...Ne4 19.Rxe4 -5.18/24
[⌓19.Nxe4 -3.27/27 dxe4 20.Rxe8 Rxe8 *(20...Bxd2+ 21.Nxd2 Rxe8 22.Nc4∓)* 21.Nd4]
19...dxe4 Black is clearly winning.
20.Bxf8 Rxf8
[20...Bxd2+? 21.Nxd2 e3 *(21...Kxf8? 22.Nf1∓; 21...Rxf8 22.Ndxe4 h5 23.f3∓)* 22.Bc5-+]
21.Ne5 Rxf2 Pin. Weighted Error Value: White=0.52/Black=0.11 (very precise)
0-1

429 **A45**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2608**
■ **Vachier Lagrave,Maxime** **2732**
Bullet Chess Losers 2024 (2.11) 11.6.24
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 c5 5.a3N**
[5.dxc5 Qa5 6.Nf3 Qxc5 *(6...Bg4 7.Bxb8 Rxb8 8.Qd4 Bxf3 9.gxf3 e6 10.Qa4+ Qxa4 11.Nxa4 Nd7 12.b4 b6 13.c6 Bxb4+ 14.c3 Nc5 15.cxb4 Nxa4 16.c7 Rc8 17.Bxa6 Rxc7 18.Bb5+* 5) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5-5.dxc5 Qa5 6.Nf3 Bg4 The Meanest Jobava 2023*)* 7.Bd3 Bg4 8.h3 Bxf3 9.Qxf3 Nc6 10.e4 Nd4 11.Qe3 Nxc2+ 12.Bxc2 d4 13.Ba4+ b5 14.Nxb5 axb5 *(14...dxe3 15.Nd6+ Kd8 16.Nb7+ Kc8 17.Nxc5* 5) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5-5.dxc5 Qa5 6.Nf3 Qxc5 7.Bd3 B The Meanest Jobava 2023*)* 15.Qa3 Qxa3 16.Bxb5+ Kd8 17.bxa3 Rxa3 18.0-0-0 5) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5-5.dxc5 Qa5 6.Nf3 Qxc5 7.Bd3 B The Meanest Jobava 2023]
5...cxd4 6.exd4 Nc6 7.Nf3 Bg4 8.Be2 Black is slightly better. **8...Bxf3!?** A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante.
9.Bxf3 e6 10.0-0 Bd6 11.Bg5 Rc8N
[Vorgänger: 11...h6 12.Bh4 g5 13.Bg3 h5 14.Be5? -2.30/19 *(14.Bxd6∓* -0.44/18 *Qxd6 15.g3)* 14...Nxe5-+ 15.dxe5 Bxe5 16.Re1 Qc7 Threatens to win with ...g5-g4!. 17.Nxd5? -4.32/20 *(17.g3* -2.49/19 *)* 17...exd5 0-1 Smith,T (2238)-Barp,A (2375) Titled Tuesday intern op 12th May blitz 2020 (1)]
12.Ne2 h6 13.Bh4 -1.59/20 White is on the road to losing.
[White should try 13.Bc1∓ -0.35/18]
13...g5∓ Black is more active. **14.Bg3**



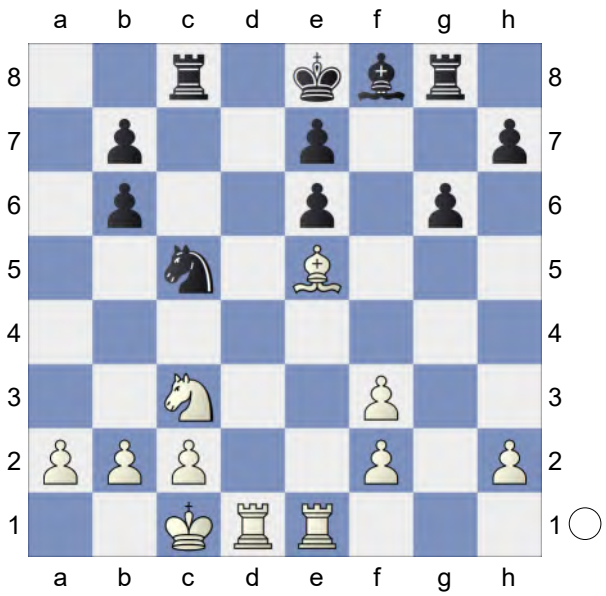
g4!↑ Black is on the roll. **15.Bxg4** -3.09/20
[15.Bxd6? gxf3 *(15...Qxd6? 16.Bxd5 Qxd5 17.f3-+)* 16.Be5 fxe2-+]
[15.Bxd5 -1.81/19 might work better. exd5 16.Bh4]
15...Nxg4-+ 16.c3 Nf6 17.f3 Nh5 18.Qd2 -4.41/19
[⌓18.Bxd6 -2.84/17 Qxd6 19.Nc1]
18...Nxg3 19.hxg3 Kd7 20.Rac1 Kc7 21.c4 dxc4 22.Rxc4 Kb8 23.Rfc1

Qb6 24.b4 Ne7 25.Rxc8+ Nxc8 26.Nc3 Be5 27.Rd1 Rd8 28.Ne2 Bg7 29.Qf4+ Qc7 30.Qg4 f5 31.Qh4 Nb6 32.Rc1 Qd7 33.Qf4+ Ka8 34.Rc7 Bxd4+
[Worse is 34...Qb5 35.Rxg7 Qxe2 36.Qc7+-]
35.Kh2 Qd6 36.Qxd6 Rxd6 37.Rh7 -5.88/20
[37.Nxd4 -3.76/21 was the only chance. Rxd4 38.Rg7]
37...Be3 38.a4 Nxa4 39.Nf4 Bxf4 40.gxf4 Endgame KRN-KR **40...Nc3 41.Rxh6 Nd5 42.g4 fxg4 43.fxg4 Nxf4 44.Kg3 Rd4 45.g5 Rxb4 46.Rf6 Nh5+ 47.Kf3 Nxf6 48.gxf6 Rb5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.47/ Black=0.16 (very precise)
0-1

430 **D00**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2608**
■ **Durarbayli,Vasif** **2628**
Crunchlabs Play-In Match D2 (2.4)
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 c5 4.e4N**
[4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 e6 6.Nb5 Na6 7.h4 Bd7 8.c3 Be7 9.a4 0-0 10.Bd3 Bc6 11.Nf3 Ne4 12.Qe2 f5 13.g3 Bf6 14.Ng5 Qd7 15.f3 Nac5 16.Bc2 a6 17.dxc5 axb5 18.fxe4 6) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5-5.exd4 e6 6.Nb5 Na6 #8 The Meanest Jobava London 2023 https://www.chessable.co [MH]]
4...cxd4 5.Qxd4 Nc6 6.Bb5 -0.29/21
[6.Qa4 0.15/21 is superior.]
6...Bd7= **7.Bxc6** **Bxc6** **8.e5** The position is equal.
[8.exd5 feels hotter. Bxd5 9.Nxd5 Qxd5 10.Nf3]
8...Nd7 8...Nd7 is better than 8...Ne4. 8...Sd7 ist besser als 8...Se4. 8...Nd7 is better than 8...Ne4. 8...Sd7 ist besser als 8...Se4. 8...Nd7 is better than 8...Ne4. 8...Sd7 ist besser als 8...Se4. **9.e6 fxe6 10.Nf3 Qb6↑** Hoping for ...Qb6xd4. White is under pressure. **11.Qd2**
[11.Be5 Qxd4 12.Bxd4 h6 13.h4 Rg8 14.0-0-0 g5! 15.hxg5 hxg5 16.g4! e5 17.Nxe5 Nxe5 18.Bxe5 And now Nc3-e2! would win. d4! 19.Bxd4 Bxh1 20.Rxh1 a6 21.Ne4 Bortnyk,O (2607)-Durarbayli,V (2631) Titled Tuesday intern op 18th Jul Early blitz 2023 (5) 1-0 1-0 Bortnyk, O (2607)-Durarbayli,V (2631) Titled Tuesday intern op 18th Jul Early blitz 2023 (5) Bortnyk,O (2607)-Durarbayli, V (2631) Titled Tuesday intern op 18th Jul Early blitz 2023 (5) 1-0]
11...d4
[11...Qxb2 12.0-0±]
12.Qxd4 Bxf3
[12...Qxb2 13.0-0±]
13.Qxb6 axb6 14.gxf3 g6! 15.Rd1N -0.70/22
[Vorgänger: 15.0-0-0 -0.40/23 15.Nc3-b5 0.01 15.Nb5 -0.01 15.Nc3-b5 0.01
A) 15...Bg7∓ -0.40/23 keeps the upper hand. 16.Ne4 *(16.Rhe1 Bxc3 17.bxc3 Rf8)* 16...Rf8;
B) 15...Rc8 0.75/20 16.Rhe1± Nc5! 17.Be5 -0.25/23 Inhibits Bf8-g7. *(*White should play *17.Ne4±* 0.75/22 *)* 17...Rg8? 1.45/23 *(*Black should play *17...Bh6+=* -0.25/23 *18.Kb1 Rf8)*

(Diagram)



18.Nb5!± Bh6+ 19.Kb1 0.86/22 *(⌓19.f4 1.34/23)* 19...Kf7? 2.84/23 *(19...Rf8± 0.86/22)* 20.a3 1.29/23 *(*Better is *20.b4+-* 2.84/23 *)* 20...Rgd8± 21.Rxd8 0.91/22 *(⌓21.f4 1.30/22)* 21...Rxd8 Naroditsky,D (2619)-Praggnanandhaa,R (2747) Bullet Chess Winners blitz 2024 (1.17) 1-0 1-0 Naroditsky,D (2619)-Praggnanandhaa,R (2747) Bullet Chess Winners blitz 2024 (1.17) Naroditsky,D (2619)-Praggnanandhaa,R (2747) Bullet Chess Winners blitz 2024 (1.17) 1-0]

[15.Nb5= 0.06/22 Ra4 16.Be3]

15...Ra5 -0.13/20

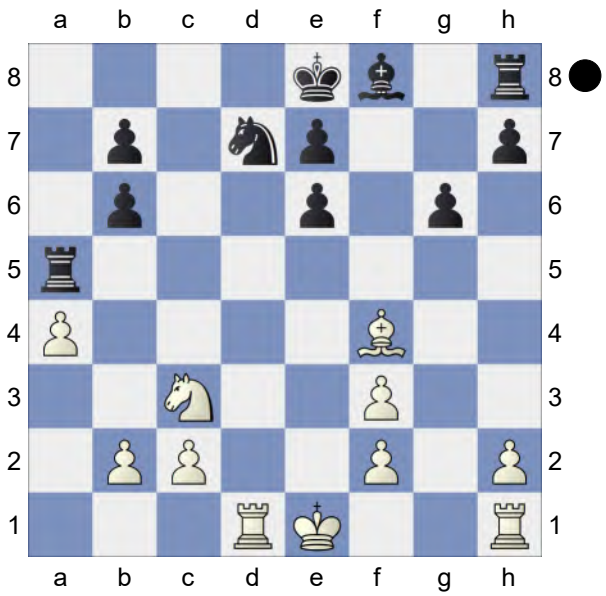
[15...Bg7∓ -0.70/22 16.Nb5 0-0]

16.a4 -1.11/23

[16.b4= -0.13/20 keeps the balance. Rf5 17.Be3]

[16.Be3= -0.19/19]

(Diagram)



16...Bg7!∓ 17.Bd2 Rf8 Black is more active. **18.Ke2 Bxc3** &Nero is more active. **19.Bxc3 Rxa4 20.Rd4 Rf4** -0.56/24

[20...Rxd4∓ -1.19/23 21.Bxd4 Rf4]

[20...b5∓ -0.83/20]

21.Rxf4!∓ Rxf4 Endgame. KRB-KRN Endgame KRB-KRN Endgame. KRB-KRN **22.Ra1** Prevents Ra4. **22...Kd8** -0.01/24

[22...e5∓ -0.76/24 is more appropriate.]

23.Ra8+= Kc7 24.Re8 Kd6 25.Bd2 -0.67/23

[25.Rh8= -0.12/25]

25...Rf5 26.h4 -0.77/22

[26.Bb4+∓ -0.34/23 Nc5 27.Ba3]

26...Rb5 27.b3 Nf6 28.Rb8 Kc6 29.Bf4 e5 30.Bg5 Rc5 31.Kd3 Rd5+ 32.Ke3 Rd1 33.Ke2 Rh1 34.Rf8 Nd5 35.c4 -0.33/22

[35.Rh8= 0.26/23]

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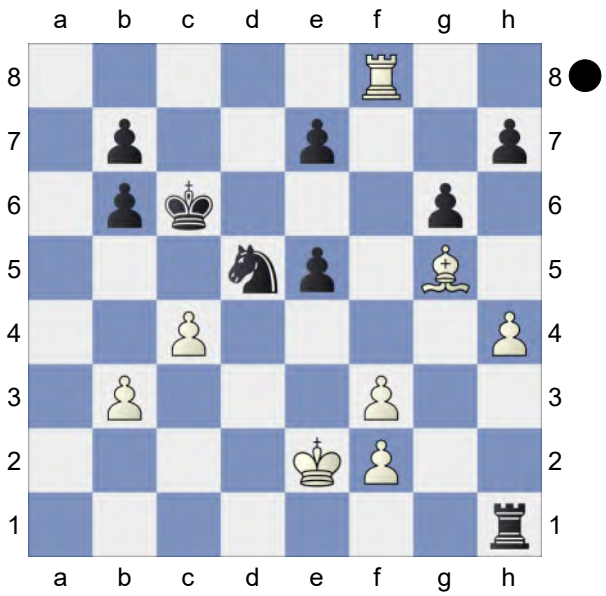

35...Nf4+!∓ 36.Bxf4 exf4 37.Rxf4 KR-KR **37...h5 38.Re4 Kd6** Prevents Re6+. **39.Rd4+ Ke6 40.b4 Rb1 41.b5 Rh1 42.Ke3 Kf6 43.Rd7 Rxh4 44.f4 Rh3+** 0.55/21

[44...Rh1!= 0.08/21]

45.f3 0.01/19

[45.Kd2± 0.55/21]

45...Rh1= 46.Rxb7 Re1+ 47.Kf2 Re6 48.Kg3 Rd6

[48...Kf5!?]

49.Rb8 Rd4? 4.49/27

[49...e6= -0.01/28]

[49...Kf7= 0.01/23]

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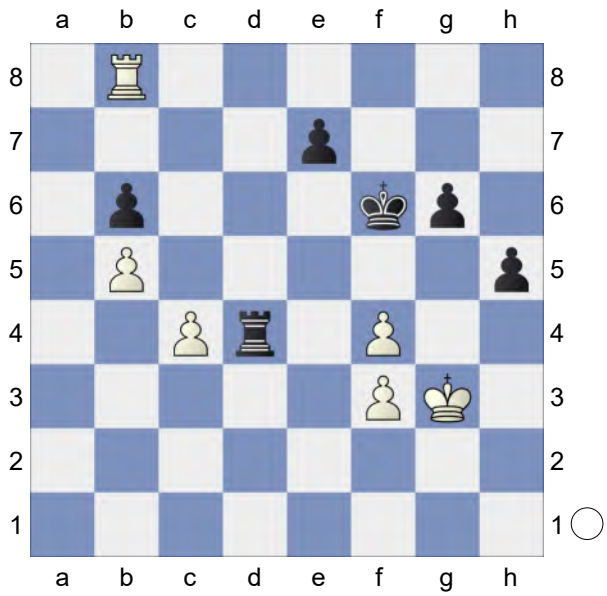
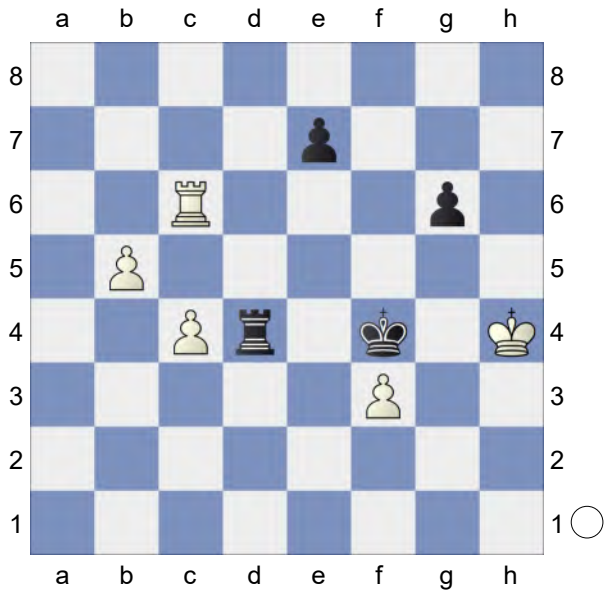


50.Rxb6++- Kf5 51.Rc6 h4+ 4.78/24

[⌓51...Rd1 2.99/24 52.b6 Rg1+ 53.Kh2 Rb1]

52.Kxh4 Kxf4



53.b6? -0.01/29

[Worse is Inferior is Worse is 53.Rxg6 Kxf3+ 54.Kg5 *(54.Kh5 Rxc4=)* 54...Rxc4=]

[White should try 53.Rc8!+- 5.07/24 Kxf3+ 54.Kg5]

53...g5+? 5.57/24

[53...Rd8= -0.01/29 and Black stays safe. and Black has nothing to worry.

and Black stays safe. 54.Kh3 *(54.Rxg6? leads to mate. Rh8+)* 54...Kxf3]

54.Kh3?? -#23/24

[54.Kh5+- 5.57/24 Rd3 *(54...Rd8 55.b7)* 55.b7]

54...Kxf3 55.b7 Rh4# Never resign too early! Weighted Error Value: White=0.43/Black=0.47 What a bad dream for White. Weighted Error Value: White=0.36/Black=0.39 Never resign too early! Weighted Error Value: White=0.43/Black=0.47

0-1

431 **A45**

□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2607**

■ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2782**

Bullet Chess Winners 2023 blitz (1.17)

[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 g6**

[3...c5 4.e4 cxd4 5.Qxd4 Nc6 6.Bb5 Bd7 7.Bxc6 Bxc6 8.e5 Ne4 9.e6 fxe6 10.Nf3 Qb6 11.Qxb6 axb6 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Nd4 Kf7 14.0-0 g6 1-0 Bortnyk,O (2605)-Caruana,F (2764) Titled Tuesday intern op 16th May Late blitz 2023 (9)]

4.e3 Bg7 5.h4 0-0 6.h5 c6N 0.56/20 Exploring less charted territory. Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain.

[6...c5= 0.16/21 7.hxg6 fxg6 *(7...hxg6 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.Nge2 Re8 10.dxc5 e5 11.Bg5 d4 12.Nb5 b6 13.Nd6 Re6 14.Ng3 bxc5 15.Nxc8 Rxc8 16.Bc4 Re7 17.Rd1* #15 Theory-Theory 6: 3... g6*)* 8.dxc5 *(8.Nf3 cxd4 9.exd4 Nc6 10.Qd2 Ne4 11.Qe3 Nxc3 12.bxc3 Qa5 13.Kd2 Bg4 14.Bh6 Rxf3 15.gxf3 Bxd4 16.Qg5 Qxc3+ 17.Kc1 Qe1#* 0-1 Rondonuwu,G (2015)-Shanawaz Thabrez,S (1882) Heusenstamm Sparkassen op 11th 2024 (6)*)* 8...Nc6 9.Nf3 Bg4 10.Qd3 b6 11.0-0-0 Nb4 12.Qb5 bxc5 13.Qxc5 a5 14.Qc7 Qxc7 15.Bxc7 Rfc8 16.Be5 Ne4 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.Nxe4 dxe4 19.Rd4 Rxc2+ 20.Kb1 Rac8 21.Bb5 Be6 0-1 Qxb6 (2463)-Joseph,M (2608) Frankfurt (rapid) 76/(296) 1999]

[6...Nxh5 7.Rxh5 gxh5 8.Qxh5 Nd7 9.Qh2 c6 10.Bd3 Nf6 11.Nf3 Bg4 12.Ne5 Bh5 13.Bxh7+ Kxh7 14.g4 Theory-Theory 6: 3... g6 - Overview]

7.hxg6± hxg6 8.Qd2 White is slightly better. **8...Bf5N** 2.68/19

[Predecessor: 8...Nbd7 9.Nf3 b5 10.Bd3 0.14/20 *(10.a3± 0.57/21)* 10...Nb6 1.43/20 *(10...b4= 0.14/20 11.Ne2 Re8)* 11.Ne5± Bb7 2.34/20 *(11...Nc4± 1.27/19 12.Bxc4 dxc4)* 12.f3+- Nc4 3.53/21 *(12...c5 2.19/19 13.Bxb5 a6)* 13.Bxc4+- dxc4 14.e4 1.71/21 *(⌓14.g4 3.31/20)* 14...Nh5 2.26/20 1-0 Khotenashvili,B (2484)-Injac,T (2290) EU-ch (Women) 19th 2018 (2) *(⌓14...c5 1.71/21)*]

[8...Nbd7± 0.55/21]

9.Nf3? 0.90/19

[9.f3+- 2.68/19]

9...Nbd7± 10.Bd3 0.48/20

[10.Nh4± 0.90/19]

10...Ne4± 11.Bxe4 dxe4 12.Ng5 -0.35/21

[12.Nh4± 0.86/21]

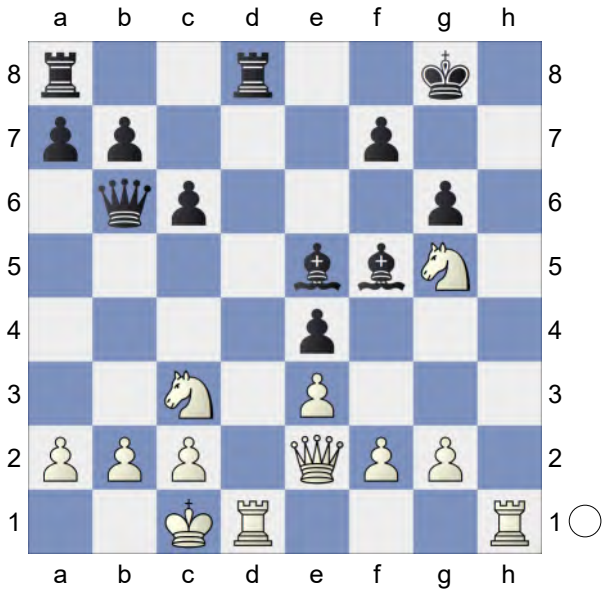
12...e5∓ 13.dxe5 Nxe5 ...Qd8xd2+ would now be deadly. **14.0-0-0** -1.15/22

[14.Qxd8= 0.01/22 Raxd8 15.Bxe5 Bxe5 16.Ngxe4]

14...Qb6? 0.50/23

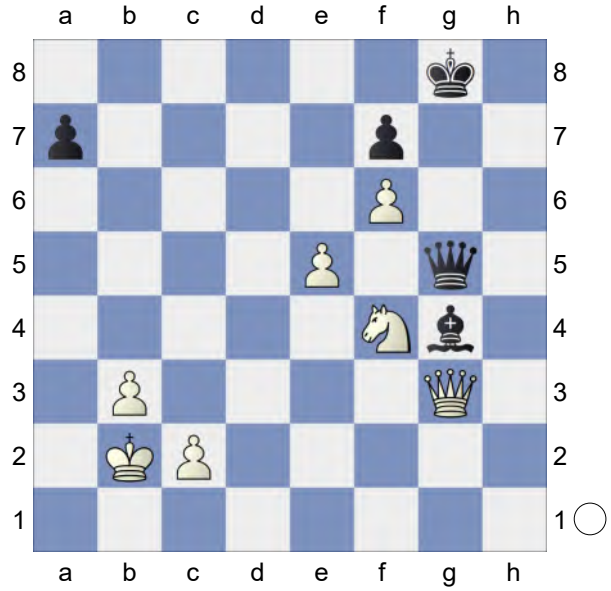
[14...Qxd2+∓ -1.15/22 15.Rxd2 Nc4]

15.Qe2±
[15.Ncxe4? Nc4 16.c3 Nxd2-+]
15...Rfd8 1.10/22
[15...Bg4± 0.52/21 16.f3 exf3 17.gxf3 Bh5]
16.Bxe5!±
[16.Ncxe4? Bg4 17.f3 Nxf3-+]
16...Bxe5



17.g4 0.10/24
[17.Ncxe4? Qxb2#]
[17.Qc4!± 1.07/24 Rf8 *(17...Rxd1+ 18.Rxd1 Rf8 19.Rh1±)* 18.Ngxe4 *(18.Ncxe4 Qxb2+ 19.Kd2 b5∓)* 18...Bxe4 19.Qxe4]
17...Bd7? 2.01/22
[17...Bxc3= 0.10/24 and Black stays safe. 18.bxc3 Qc5 *(18...Rxd1+? 19.Qxd1 Qc5 20.gxf5+-)*]
18.Ngxe4 0.99/24
[18.Ncxe4? Qxb2+ *(18...Bxb2+? 19.Kd2-+)* 19.Kd2 Bxg4+ *(19...Qxa2? 20.Ke1-+)* 20.Ke1 Bc3+ *(20...Bxe2? 21.Rxd8+ Rxd8 22.Kxe2-+; 20...Rxd1+? 21.Qxd1 Bxd1 22.Kxd1-+)* 21.Kf1 Bxe2+-+]
[18.Qc4+- 2.01/22 Be8 19.Rxd8 *(19.Ncxe4? Qxb2#; 19.Qxe4 Qc5±; 19.Ngxe4 Rac8±)* 19...Rxd8 20.Ngxe4 *(20.Ncxe4? Qxb2#)*]
18...Be6 19.f4 Bg7 20.g5 Rxd1+ 21.Rxd1 Rd8 22.Nf6+ 0.77/21
[22.Rd2 1.18/21]
22...Bxf6 23.gxf6 c5? 4.64/21
[23...Rxd1+± 0.89/22 is more resistant. 24.Nxd1 Qd8]
24.Qh2? 1.04/23
[24.Rh1+- 4.64/21 has better winning chances. Bc8 25.Qf2 Qxf6 26.Ne4]
24...Rxd1+ 25.Nxd1 Endgame White threatens Qh2-h6 and mate. KQB-KQN. White is a pawn up. **25...Bf5** 1.78/21
[25...Bg4± 0.78/22]
26.Qh4? -0.01/22
[26.Qg2+- 1.78/21]
26...Qe6= 27.b3 Qe4 Black has compensation. **28.Qf2 c4** 0.60/23
[28...Qc6= -0.01/23]
29.Qd2 Qe6? 2.18/23
[Black should play 29...cxb3± 0.58/21 30.axb3 Qc6]
30.Qd8++- Kh7 31.Qd4 0.49/23
[Better is 31.Qe7± 1.52/20]
31...cxb3± 32.axb3
[32.Qxa7 Qc6 *(32...bxc2? 33.Nc3-+; 32...Qc4? 33.Kd2-+)*]
32...Qc6 1.43/22 Repels Nd1-c3
[⌓32...g5 0.73/23]
33.Nc3!±
[33.Qxa7? Qxc2#]
33...b5? 3.47/23
[33...Qg2± 1.27/21 34.Qd2 *(34.Qxa7? Qxc2#)* 34...Qxd2+ 35.Kxd2 g5]
34.e4+- Be6 35.Qe3 b4 36.Ne2 Kg8? 3.91/21
[36...Bg4 1.71/22]
37.Qd3
[37.Qxa7 Qxe4 38.Qb8+ Kh7+-]
37...Qc8 4.85/20 Prevents Qd3-d8+.
[37...Qd7 2.68/21 38.Qd2 Bg4]
38.e5 Qf8 39.Qd4 Bf5 5.39/21

[39...Qb8 3.43/20 was called for. 40.Qe4 Bf5]
40.Kb2 Kh7 41.Qd6 Qh6 6.77/22
[41...Qxd6 3.36/21 42.exd6 Kg8]
42.Qxb4 g5 43.fxg5 Qxg5 44.Qf4 Qg6 45.Qh4+ Kg8 46.Qg3 Bg4 13.12/21
[⌓46...Bxc2 4.66/23 47.e6 fxe6]
47.Nf4 Qg5



48.Qc3?? -2.43/21 **Qxf4-+ 49.Qc7 Kh7??** 9.75/21
[49...Bf5-+ -2.40/21 50.c4 Qd4+ 51.Ka3 Qc3]
50.Qxf7++- Kh6 51.Qg7+
[51.Qxa7 Qxe5+ 52.Kb1 Bf5∓]
51...Kh5 52.Qh7+
[52.Qxa7 Qxe5+ 53.c3 Qxf6=]
52...Kg5 53.Qg7+? 0.01/19
[53.Qxa7 Qxe5+ 54.c3 Kxf6=]
[Only move: 53.Qe7+- 8.42/23 and f6-f7+ should not be overlooked Qd4+ 54.Ka2]
53...Kh4? 12.20/20
[53...Kf5? 54.f7 *(54.Qxa7 Qxe5+ 55.Ka2 Kxf6=)* 54...Qxe5+ 55.Qxe5+ Kxe5 56.f8Q+- *(56.f8R Bh3+-)*]
[53...Kh5= 0.01/19]
54.Qh7+? -0.01/22
[Less strong is 54.Qxa7 Qxe5+ 55.Ka2 Qxf6=]
[54.f7+- 12.20/20]
54...Kg3 1.36/21 Quite a comeback for White. Weighted Error Value: White=1.00/Black=1.05 Sensor Board Error (Ke4/e5)?
[54...Kg5!= -0.01/22 remains equal.]
0-1

432 **A45**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2605**
■ **Lobanov,Sergei** **2536**
Titled Tue 11th Apr Late blitz (4) 11.4.23
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390)

Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)) 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]

3.Bf4 c5 4.e4 Nxe4 5.Nxe4 dxe4 6.dxc5 Qd1xd8+ is the strong threat. **6...Qa5+ 7.c3!** b2-b4 would now be deadly. **7...Qxc5 8.Qa4+** The position is equal. **8...Nc6 9.Qxe4 g6 10.Nf3 Bg7 11.Rd1!?** A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante.

[11.Qe3 simplifies Qxe3+ 12.Bxe3 0-0 13.0-0-0]

11...Bf5N

[Predecessor: 11...0-0 12.Be3 Qf5 13.Qa4 Qa5 14.Qb3 -0.27/19 *(14.Qxa5* 0.18/21 is more appropriate. *Nxa5 15.Bb5)* 14...Be6 15.Bc4 Bxc4 16.Qxc4 Rfd8 17.0-0 Rxd1 18.Rxd1 Rd8 Dodges Rd1-d7 19.Rxd8+ Qxd8 20.h3 h6 ½-½ (20) Bortnyk,O (2605)-Hakobyan,A (2620) Chess.com INT 2023 ½-½ (20) Bortnyk,O (2605)-Hakobyan,A (2620) Chess.com INT 2023]

12.Qa4 0-0 13.Be3 Qa5 14.Qh4 -2.39/21

[14.Qxa5!= 0.26/21 and White has nothing to worry. Nxa5 15.Nd4]

14...Ne5? 0.01/21

[14...Qxa2-+ -2.39/21 15.Bc4 Qxb2]

15.Nxe5= Bxe5

[15...Qxe5 simplifies 16.Be2 Bf6 17.Qf4 Qxf4]

16.Bc4 Rac8⇄ Black is not holding back

17.Bb3! Bf6 18.Qg3

[18.Qa4 simplifies Qxa4 19.Bxa4 b5 20.Bxb5 Rb8 21.a4]

18...Qa6 19.Qf3 -0.76/21

[19.Qf4!= -0.26/23 remains equal.]

19...Rfd8∓ 20.g4 Rxd1+ 21.Qxd1 Be4 22.Rg1 e6 23.g5 Rd8 0.01/23

[23...Be5∓ -0.76/23]

24.Qg4!= Bf5 25.Qc4 b5 0.88/23

[25...Qxc4= 0.01/22 26.Bxc4 Be5]

26.Qc7± Rc8 27.Qxa7 Qxa7 28.Bxa7 Be5 29.h4 And now Ke1-e2 would win.

29...b4! 30.Be3 bxc3 31.bxc3 Bxc3+ 32.Ke2 Bb4 33.Kf3 Be7 34.Rd1 h6 0.80/23 **35.Rd7**

[35.gxh6 Rc7=]

35...Re8 1.40/22

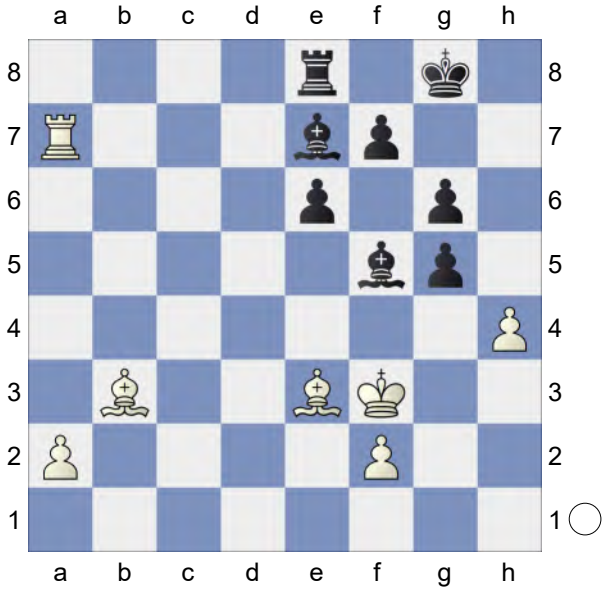
[35...Bd8± 0.70/24]

36.Ra7! Hoping for Bb3-a4. White is more active.

[36.gxh6?! Bxh4 37.Ke2 Bf6±]

36...hxg5? 2.73/24

[36...Bd6± 1.15/22]



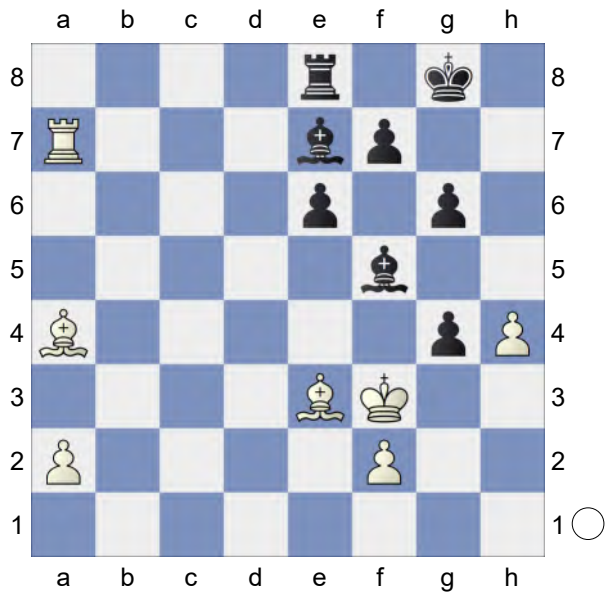
37.Ba4!+-

[37.Bxg5 Bc5 38.Rc7 Bd6=]

[37.hxg5 Kf8=]

37...g4+ 3.53/24

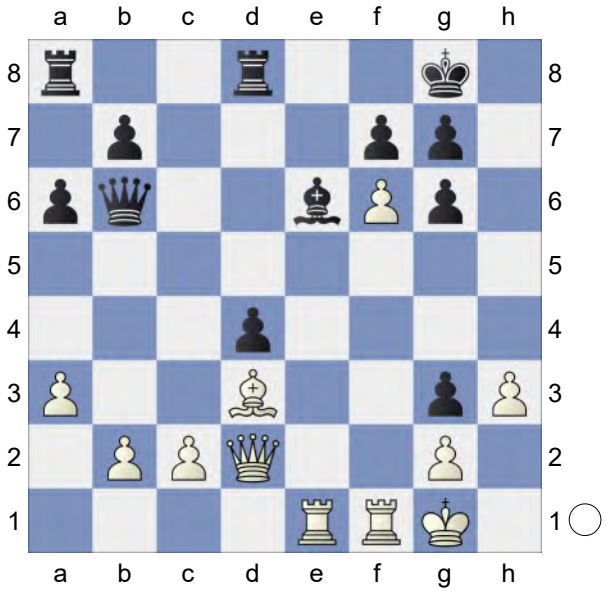
[37...Kf8 2.29/23 was worth a try. 38.Bxe8 *(38.hxg5 Rc8∓; 38.Bxg5 Bc5±)* 38...g4+ 39.Kg3 Kxe8]



38.Ke2! Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.38
1-0

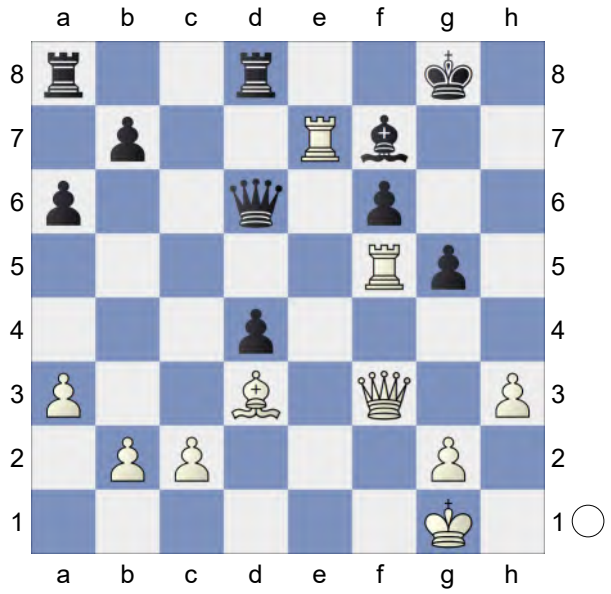
433 **D00**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2605**
■ **Malakhov,Vladimir** **2650**
Airthings Masters Play-In (9) 03.02.2023
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.a3 c5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.h3!** is recently more successful than 7.Be2. ist inzwischen erfolgreicher als 7.Le2. **7...Bd6 8.dxc5** The position is equal. **8...Bxc5 9.Bd3 Bd6 10.Bxd6 Qxd6 11.0-0 0-0 12.e4 d4 13.Ne2 Rd8N**
[Vorgänger: 13...e5 14.Ng3 Be6 15.Qd2 h6 16.Nh4 Ne7 17.f4 exf4 18.Rxf4 Nd7 19.Raf1 Ne5 1-0 (40) Bortnyk,O (2604)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2793) Chess.com INT 2022]
14.Qd2 e5 15.Nh4 Be6
[15...Qe7!?]
16.Ng3 Ne7 17.Rae1
[17.f4 looks sharper. exf4 18.Rxf4 Ng6 19.Nhf5]
17...Ng6 18.Nxg6 hxg6 19.f4 exf4? 1.78/24
[19...Rac8= -0.06/20 and Black has nothing to worry.]
20.e5+- Qb6 3.64/21
[20...Qc5± 1.37/22]
21.exf6
[21.Rxf4 Nd5=]
[21.Qxf4 Nh7±]
21...fxg3

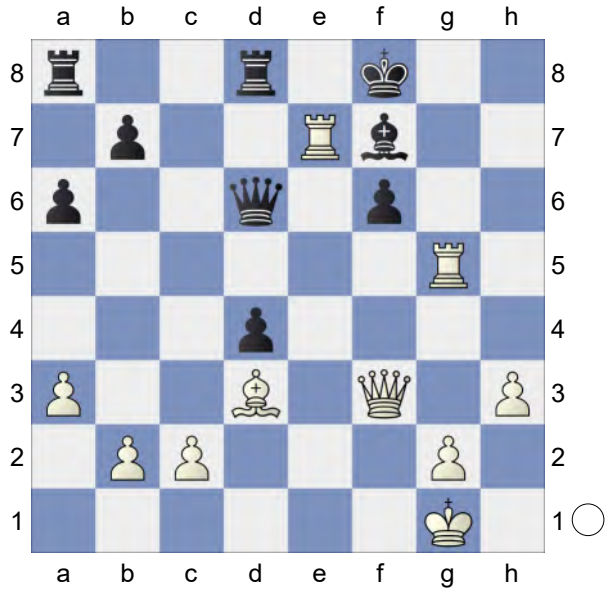


22.fxg7! Kxg7 23.Qg5 1.29/20
[23.Qf4+- 1.69/23 f5 24.Qe5+ *(24.Qxg3 Qd6±)* 24...Kf7 25.Qxg3]
23...Bd5? 3.91/22 Black cannot hold the game after this.
[23...f5± 1.29/20 24.Bxf5 *(24.Qxg3 Qd6±)* 24...d3+ 25.Kh1 Bf7]
24.Qe5+
[24.Qxg3 Re8±]
24...f6 7.98/23
[⌓24...Kg8 4.18/21 25.Rf6 *(25.Qxg3 Re8±)* 25...Qc5 26.Qxg3 Qf8]
25.Qxg3 g5 26.Re7+ Kg8 27.Rf5 White threatens Rf5xg5+! and mate.
27...Bf7 28.Qf3 Qd6 #10/20
[28...Qc6+- 5.17/22 29.Be4

(29.Rxb7 Qxf3 30.gxf3 Rd6+-) 29...Rd7 30.Rxg5+ *(30.Bxc6 Rxe7 31.Bxb7 Re3+-)* 30...Kf8 31.Bxc6 Rxe7 32.Qxf6 Re1+ 33.Kh2 *(33.Kf2 Re6+-)* 33...Re6 34.Qg7+ *(34.Qxd4 Rxc6 35.Qh8+* Skewer *Ke7+-)* 34...Ke7]



29.Rxg5+!! Pin **29...Kf8**



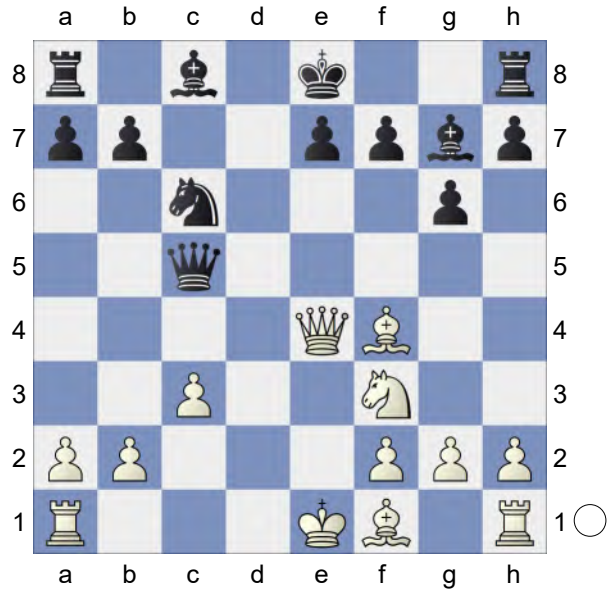
30.Rxf7+! Remove Defender **30...Kxf7**
Black is weak on the light squares
31.Bc4+ Ke8 32.Rg8+ Kd7 33.Qxb7+
13.22/5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.98
[⌓33.Rg7+ #4/10 Qe7 34.Qxb7+ *(34.Rxe7+ Kxe7 35.Qxb7+ Kd6+-)* 34...Kd6 35.Qxe7+ Kc6 36.Qc7#]
1-0

434 **D00**
□ **Siemes,Robert** **2605**
■ **Ross,P** **2545**
Charakteristik (6.3) 08.02.2023
[John Watson]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e4 Nxe4 5.Nxe4 dxe4 6.dxc5 Qa5+
[6...Nd7 7.b4 a5 8.a3 axb4 9.axb4 Rxa1 10.Qxa1 b6 11.c6 Nf6 12.Bb5 Qd5 13.Qa8 e5 14.Qxc8+ Ke7 15.Qc7+ Ke6 16.Qc8+ Ke7 17.c7 exf4]
7.c3 Qxc5 8.Qa4+ Nc6 9.Qxe4 g6 10.Nf3 Bg7 11.Rd1 0-0
[11...Qb6 12.Rd2 Bf5 13.Qa4 0-0 14.Be2 Rfd8 15.Be3 Qc7 16.0-0 Rxd2 17.Nxd2 Qd7]
12.Be3 Qa5 13.Bc4 Bf5 14.Qh4 e6 15.0-0 h5 16.h3 Ne5 17.Nxe5 Qxe5 18.Rd7 Qe4 19.Qxe4 Bxe4 20.Rfd1 Bc6 21.R7d2 Rfe8 22.Bg5 Rac8 23.Bb3 Kh7 24.a3 Bh6 25.h4 a5 26.Rd6 a4 27.Bc2 Ra8 28.Bxh6 Kxh6 29.R1d4 Ra5 30.Rb4 Rea8 31.Kf1 Kg7 32.f3 Kf8 33.Kf2 Ke7 34.Rd2 g5 35.Rdd4 gxh4 36.Rxh4 Rd8 37.Rhd4 Rxd4 38.Rxd4 Rb5 39.Rb4 Rxb4 40.axb4 h4 41.c4 b5 42.c5 e5 43.Bf5 Kf6 44.Be4 Be8 45.c6 Ke7 46.c7 Kd7 47.Bc6+
1-0

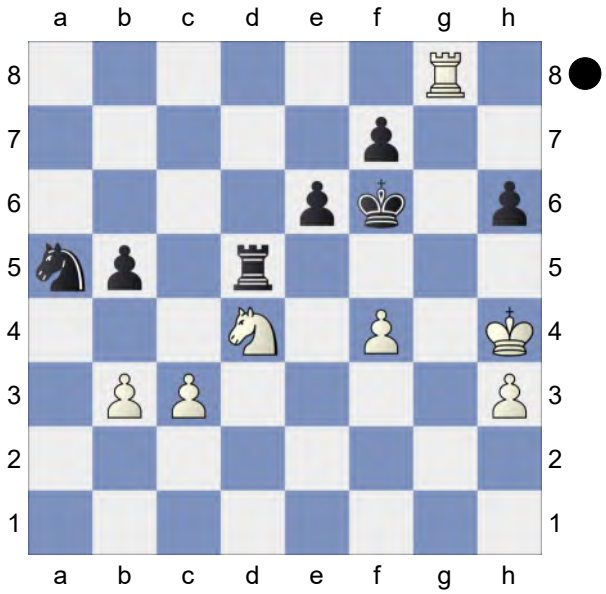
435 **A45**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2605**
■ **Hakobyan,Aram** **2620**
Airthings Masters Play-In (5) 03.02.2023
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e4 Nxe4 5.Nxe4 dxe4 6.dxc5 Qa5+ 7.c3 Threatening Bf4xb8.
[7.Qd2 Qxc5 8.0-0-0 Nc6 Inhibits Qd2-d8+. 9.Be3 Qd6 10.Qc3 Qf6 11.Qd2 -0.71/20 *(11.Ne2= 0.18/19)* 11...Bg4∓ 12.f3 -2.03/23 *(*White should try *12.Be2∓* -0.62/19 *Rd8 13.Qe1)* 12...Rd8-+ 13.Qe1 Rxd1+ 14.Qxd1 exf3 15.Nxf3 g6 -1.23/22 *(15...Qe6-+* -1.86/22 *16.Qd3 Qxa2)* 16.h3 Qe6 17.Bf4 -2.06/20 *(17.hxg4∓* -1.24/20 *Qxe3+ 18.Qd2)* 17...Bxf3-+ 18.Qxf3 ½-½ (42) Bortnyk,O (2604)-Hakobyan, A (2613) Chess.com INT 2022]
7...Qxc5 8.Qa4+ The position is equal.
8...Nc6 9.Qxe4 g6 10.Nf3 Bg7



11.Rd1!? An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante. **11...0-0N**
[Vorgänger: 11...Qb6 12.Rd2 Bf5 13.Qa4 0-0 14.Be2 Rfd8 and ...Rd8xd2 should not be overlooked 15.Be3 Qc7 16.0-0 Rxd2 17.Nxd2 Qd7 ½-½ (27) Blittkowsky,R (2110)-Wiesinger,J (2117) ICCF email 2020]
12.Be3 Qf5
[12...Qa5 13.Bc4 Bf5 14.Qh4 Ne5 15.Nxe5 Qxe5 16.0-0 Qe4 17.Qxe4 Bxe4 18.Bd5 Bxd5 19.Rxd5 Bf6 20.Rd7 b6 21.Rfd1 Kg7 22.g4 h6 23.Rb7 Rfc8 24.Rdd7 Rc4 25.h3 Ra4 26.a3 Ra5 27.Kg2 1-0 Bortnyk, O (2608)-Dominguez Perez,L (2748) Titled Jul Late 2024 (5)]
13.Qh4N -0.82/20
[13.Qxf5= 0.05/19 remains equal. Bxf5 14.Bc4]
[13.Qa4 a6 *(13...Qa5 14.Bb5 Qxa4 15.Bxa4 Be6 16.a3 Rfc8 17.0-0 a6 18.Bb6 Bf6 19.h3 h5 20.Rfe1 Kg7 21.Bc2 a5 22.a4 Ra6 23.Be3 Raa8 24.Be4 Bb3 25.Ra1 Rd8 26.Nd2 Be6 27.Rad1 Rd7 28.Nf3* ½-½ Bortnyk,O (2608)-Giri,A (2745) Titled Jun Early 2024 (10)*)* 14.Bd3 Qg4 15.Qxg4 Bxg4 16.Be4 Be6 17.a3 Rfd8 18.0-0 Bb3 19.Rc1 Bd5 20.Bxd5 Rxd5 21.Rfd1 Rad8 22.Rxd5 Rxd5 23.Kf1 Na5 24.Nd2 Rd7 25.Ke2 f5 26.f3 Kf7 27.b4 Nc6 1-0 Naroditsky,D (2619)-Taher,Y (2445) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Oct Late blitz 2023 (3)]
13...Qg4 -0.01/20
[Black should try 13...Qc2∓ -0.82/20 14.Bb5 Qxb2]
14.Qxg4= Bxg4 15.h3 Be6 16.a3 Na5 17.Be2 b6 18.0-0 Bc4 19.Rfe1 Rfd8 20.Bd4 e6 21.Bxg7 Kxg7 22.Rxd8

Rxd8 23.Nd4 Bxe2 24.Rxe2∓ Endgame KRN-KRN **24...Rd5 25.f4 Nc4 26.a4 h6 27.b3 Na5 28.Kf2 g5** 0.55/20
[28...Nb7= 0.01/21]
29.g3 -0.42/21
[29.Re5!± 0.55/20]
29...gxf4 30.gxf4 a6 31.Kf3 Kf6 32.Rg2 Rh5 33.Kg4 Rd5 34.Kh4 -0.49/22
[34.Kf3= 0.01/21]
34...b5 -0.01/23
[34...Nb7∓ -0.49/22]
35.axb5= axb5 36.Rg8



b4! Deflection **37.cxb4 Rxd4??** 2.72/21 This move loses the game for Black.
[37...Nb7!= -0.16/24 and Black stays safe. 38.Nc6 Rd1]
38.bxa5+- Rxf4+?= 8.29/25 KR-KR
[38...h5 2.55/21 39.Kxh5 Rxf4]
39.Rg4+- Rf3 40.Rb4 Rc3 41.a6 a6-a7 would now be deadly. **41...Rc8 42.a7 Ra8 43.Rb7 e5 44.b4 e4 45.b5 e3 46.Kg3 Re8 47.Rb8 Re5 48.a8Q** White wants to mate with Rb8-b6+.
[48.a8B? perishes. e2 49.Kg2 e1Q-+ *(49...e1B 50.b6±)*]
48...e2 49.Qf3+ Kg7 50.Qg4+ Kf6 51.Qf4+ Ke6 52.Re8+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) / Black=0.83
1-0

436 **A45**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2605**
■ **Madaminov,Mukhiddin** **2436**
Titled Tue 28th Feb Late blitz (10)
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 g6 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* 1-0 Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 2013*; 5.f4 Qa5 6.Bd2 Qb4 7.Qe2 Qxb2 8.Rb1 Qa3 9.e5 dxe5 10.fxe5 Nfd7 11.e6 fxe6 12.dxe6 Nf6 13.Nb5 Qxa2 14.Nc7+ Kd8 15.Rd1 Nc6 16.Bf4+ Nd4 17.Nxa8 Qxe6 18.Qxe6 Bxe6 19.c3 Bg4* 1-0 Genovese,A (2106)-Burk,E (1200) Germany senior ch-5 final 9901 1999*)*
5...Bg7 6.Bc4 *(6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.a4 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nbd7 11.Re1 a6 12.Bf1 e5 13.a5 Ne8 14.Bd3 Qh4 15.Qg4 Qxg4 16.hxg4 Rc8 17.b3 Nef6 18.g5 Ne8 19.g3 f6 20.Kg2 fxg5* 0-1 7.♗c4 ♕a5 8. ♕d2 e6_6062 (2345)-Jovic,A (2383) Gonfreville op 1979 (3.76)*)*
6...0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 1-0 Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) V0048 www.desc-

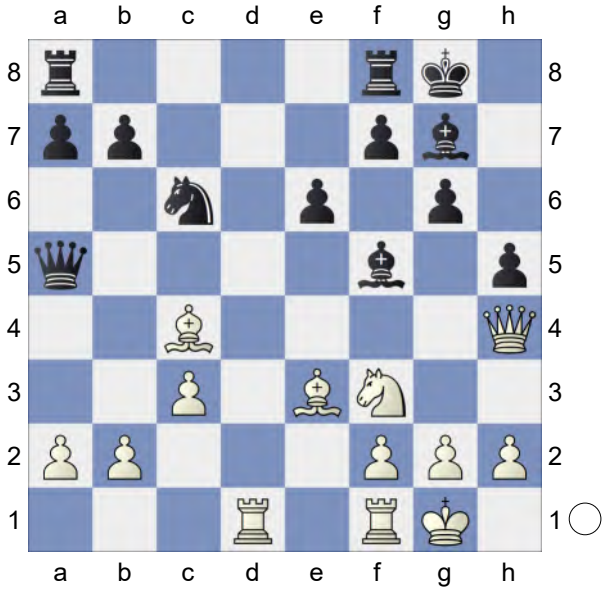
online.de 2000 (7) gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8 21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9)]

3.Bf4 c5 4.e4 Nxe4 5.Nxe4 dxe4 6.dxc5 Qa5+ 7.c3 Qxc5 8.Qa4+ The position is equal. **8...Nc6 9.Qxe4 g6 10.Nf3 Bg7** White must now prevent ...Bg7xc3+!. **11.Rd1!?** An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante. **11...0-0 12.Be3 Qa5 13.Bc4 Bf5**

[13...Qf5 14.Qxf5 Bxf5 15.h3 Na5]

14.Qh4 Ne5N

[Predecessor: 14...e6 0.52/19 14...Nc6-e5 -0.01 15.0-0 h5 0.95/20 *(15...Ne5± 0.46/18)*



16.h3!± and g2-g4 would now be decisive Ne5 17.Nxe5 Qxe5 18.Rd7 Qe4 19.Qxe4 Bxe4 20.Rfd1 Bc6 1-0 (47) Bortnyk,O (2605)-Pranav,V (2545) Chess.com INT 2023]

15.Nxe5 Qxe5 16.0-0 Bf6 17.Qh6

[17.Qf4 simplifies Qxf4 18.Bxf4 Rac8 19.Be2]

17...Bg7 18.Qf4 Rfc8 0.89/19

[18...Qxf4= 0.30/19 19.Bxf4 Rfc8]

19.Bd5± White is more active. **19...Rc7** 1.80/21

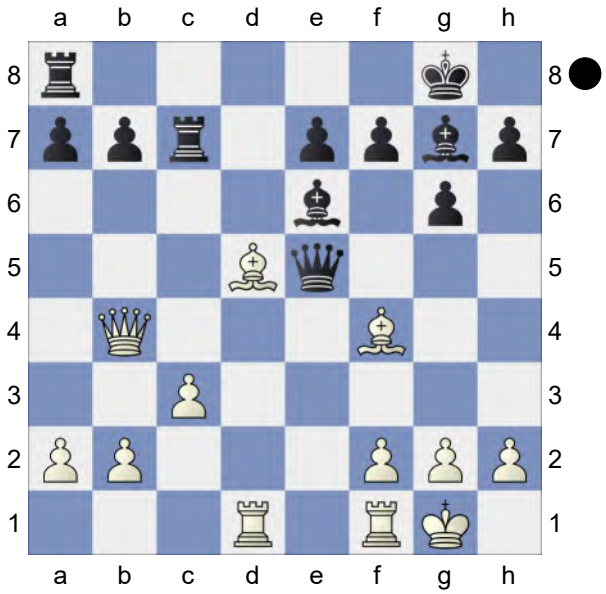
[19...Qxf4± 0.87/20 20.Bxf4 e5]

20.Qb4 Be6? 6.86/21

[20...a5± 1.60/20 21.Qb6 Rcc8 22.Bxb7 Rcb8]

21.Bf4+-

[Not 21.Bxb7 Rb8 22.Bf4 Rcxb7∓]



Skewer. White is clearly winning. **21...Qh5 22.Bxe6 a5 23.Bxf7+ Kxf7 24.Qb3+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.56

1-0

437 **D00**

□ **Siemes,Robert** **2605**

■ **Heymann,Ulrike** **2609**

103/229 London (10) 11.04.2023

[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6**

[4...c5 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Ne5 cxd4 7.exd4 Qb6 8.Na4 Qa5+ 9.c3 Nd7 10.b4 Nxb4 11.cxb4 Qxb4+ 12.Bd2 Qxd4 13.Nf3 Qf6 14.Rc1 e5 15.Qc2 Be7 16.Qxc8+ Rxc8 17.Rxc8+ Bd8 18.Bg5 0-0 19.Bxf6 Ba5+ 20.Kd1 Rxc8 21.Bxe5]

5.a3 c5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.h3 Bd6 8.dxc5 The position is equal. **8...Bxc5 9.Bd3 Qe7** 0.40/19

[9...Bd6= 0.00/17 was preferable.]

10.0-0± 0-0

[10...h6 11.Bg3 0-0 12.e4 dxe4 13.Nxe4 Nxe4 14.Bxe4 Rd8 15.Qe2 Bd7 16.Rfd1 Be8 17.b4 Bd6 18.Bxd6 Rxd6 19.Rxd6 Qxd6 20.Rd1 Qc7 21.c4 Rd8 22.c5 Kf8 23.h4 Ke7 24.g3 Rxd1+ 25.Qxd1 1-0 Athena Pallada (2932)-Reyenigma (2620) Blitz 2024]

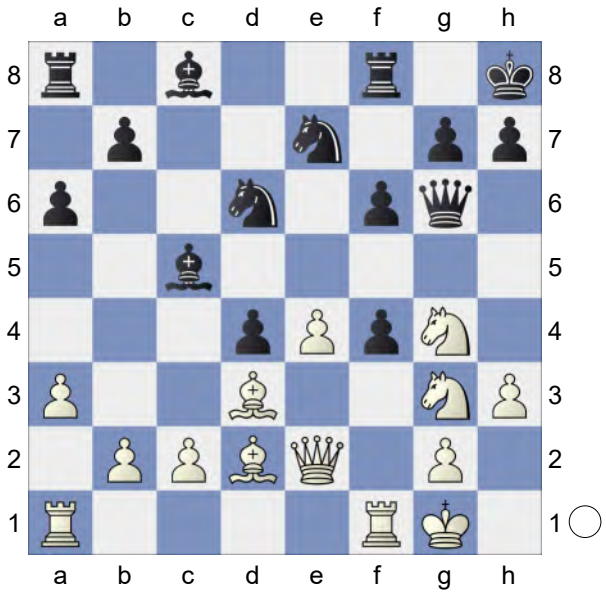
11.e4 d4N

[11...dxe4 12.Nxe4 Nxe4 13.Bxe4 e5 14.Re1 f6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Be3 Be6 17.Bxc6 bxc6 18.Qc3 Bxe3 19.Rxe3 Bd5 20.Rae1 Rfd8 21.Nh2 Qd6 22.Ng4 h5 23.Nh2 c5 24.Nf1 Qc6 25.Rg3 Kf7 26.Ne3 0-1 Bortnyk, O (2605)-Djordjevic,V (2375) Titled Tuesday intern op 18th Apr Late blitz 2023 (7)]

12.e5

[12.Ne2 0.07/17 12.e4-e5 0.72 e5 13.Bg5 Qe6 14.Ng3 Ne8 15.Bd2 Nd6 16.Nh2 -0.22/17 *(16.Nf5± 0.43/17)* 16...Qg6 17.Qf3 Ne7 0.22/18 *(⌓17...a5 -0.21/17)* 18.Ng4 f6 19.Qe2 Kh8 20.f4 exf4 0.74/20 *(20...Nc4=* -0.23/17 *)*

(Diagram)



21.Bxf4 0.13/19 *(21.e5!± 0.74/20 fxg3 22.exd6)* 21...Qe8? 4.65/20 *(21...Nc4!=* 0.13/19 *)* 22.b4]

12...dxc3 1.45/20

[12...Nh5± 0.56/19 13.Bg5 f6]

13.exf6± gxf6

[13...Qxf6? 14.Bg5+-]

14.bxc3 0.38/18

[14.b4± 1.49/19]

14...f5± 15.Bg5 -0.30/18

[White should try 15.Re1± 0.52/17]

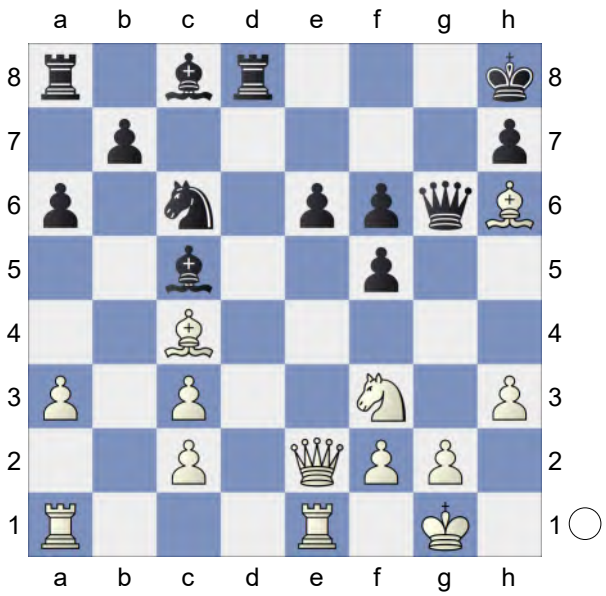
15...f6= 16.Bh6 Rd8 17.Qe2 Kh8 18.Rfe1 Qf7 0.63/19

[18...Bxa3∓ -0.31/19 19.Bxf5 Bb2 *(19...exf5 20.Qc4±)*]

19.Bc4!↑ White is pushing. **19...Qg6** 1.03/21

[Better is 19...Re8± 0.39/19]

(Diagram)



20.Bf4!±
[Don't play 20.Be3?! Bxe3 21.fxe3 Ne5=]
20...Bd6? 3.60/21
[20...Qe8± 1.19/21]
21.Nh4+- Qg7 5.54/20
[21...Qg8 3.18/21]
22.Bxd6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.64
1-0

438 **D00**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2605**
■ **Hansen,Eric** **2609**
Titled Tuesday intern op 11th Apr Late bl..
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* 1-0 Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 2013*; 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7* 0-1 Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig,F (1863) Rheinhessen-ch H1 op 1997 (2)*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* 1-0 Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) V0048 www.desc-online.de 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]
3.Bf4 g6 4.e3 Bg7 5.h4 h5 6.Nb5 Na6 7.Nf3! is now more promising than 7.Be2. im Vergleich zu 7.Le2 vielversprechender. **7...0-0 8.Ne5** The position is equal. **8...c6 9.Nc3 Nb8 10.Be2 Nbd7 11.Nd3 Ne4**
[11...b6 12.Bf3 1-0 (21) Bortnyk,O (2604)-Hansen,E (2606) Chess.com INT 2022 Bb7 13.Qe2 c5 14.0-0-0 Ne4 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Ne5 Nxe5 *(16...Qc8)* 17.Bxe5 Bxe5 18.dxe5 Qc7 19.e6 fxe6 20.g4]
12.g4N
[12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Ne5 *(13.Nc1 Qb6 14.Rb1 e5; 13.Nc5 Nxc5 14.dxc5 Bxb2)* 13...Nxe5 14.dxe5 Qa5+ 15.Qd2 Qxd2+ 16.Kxd2 Rd8+ 17.Kc1 Rd5]
12...Nxc3 13.bxc3 hxg4 14.Bxg4
[14.h5 gxh5 15.Rxh5 Qa5 16.Kd2 *(16.Kf1 Qxc3)* 16...Nf6]
14...Qa5!

[14...Nf6 15.Bxc8 Qxc8 16.h5 1-0 (22) Jobava,B (2603)-Ganesh,R (2102) Lichess.org INT 2020 Nxh5 17.Rxh5 gxh5 18.Qxh5]

15.h5 Qxc3+ 16.Kf1 Nf6 0.60/20

[16...e5= -0.06/18 17.dxe5 Bxe5 *(17...Nxe5 18.Bxc8 Nxd3 19.cxd3±)*]

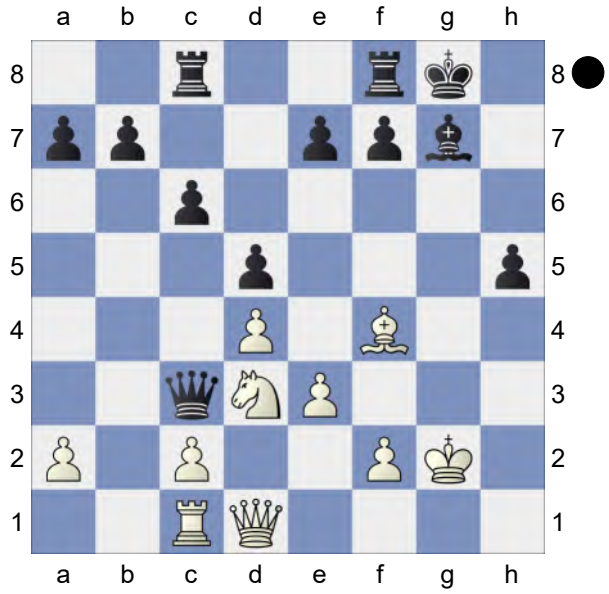
17.Bxc8± Raxc8 18.Kg2 -0.25/22

[18.hxg6± 0.52/21 c5 *(18...fxg6 19.Rb1±)* 19.gxf7+ *(19.dxc5 fxg6 20.Rb1 b6=)* 19...Rxf7 20.Ne5 *(20.dxc5 Ne4±; 20.Nxc5 b6±)*]

18...Nxh5

[18...gxh5 19.Be5 Rfe8 20.Nf4+-]

19.Rxh5 gxh5 20.Rc1!



c5! 21.Qxh5 Strongly threatening Rh1.

21...Rc6

[21...cxd4!? 22.Rh1□ f6 23.Qh7+ Kf7 24.Qh5+ Kg8 25.Qh7+ Kf7 26.Qh5+ Kg8=]

22.Rh1→ White is up to no good.

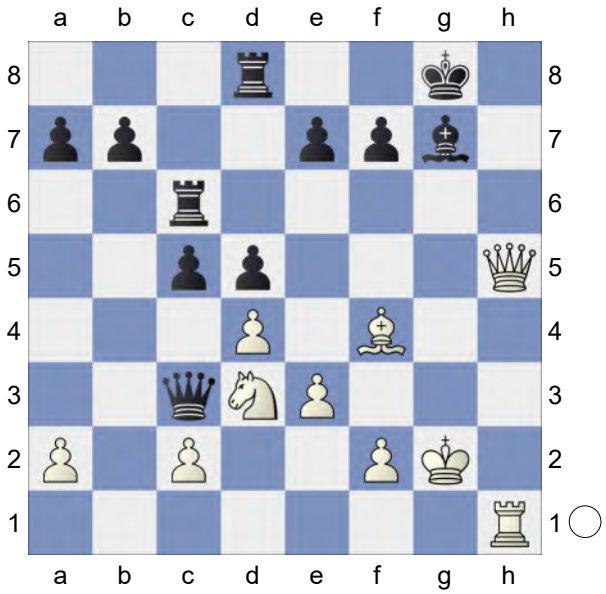
Predecessor: **22...Rd8?** 6.88/21

[22...Rg6+= -0.01/22

A) 23.Kf3 ___ Rc8 *(23...Qxc2 24.Qh7#)*;

B) 23.Kf1 Rc8 24.Be5 Bh6]

[Not 22...Qxc2 23.Qh7#]



This move loses the game for Black.

23.Ne5!+- White is clearly winning.

23...Rf6 24.Bg5 Skewer **24...Rxf2+ 25.Kxf2 Qxc2+ 26.Kg3 Qf5 27.Bxe7** Discovered Attack, Double Attack

27...Bxe5+ 12.46/21

[⌓27...Qxh5 4.86/25 28.Rxh5 Rc8 29.Bxc5 *(29.dxc5 Re8+-)* 29...b6]

28.dxe5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.45/Black=0.32

1-0

439 **A45**

□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2605**

■ **Pranav,V** **2545**

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[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**

[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-

Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000) 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)) 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]

3.Bf4 c5 4.e4 Nxe4 5.Nxe4 dxe4 6.dxc5 Qa5+

[6...Nd7 7.b4 a5 8.a3 Bf1-b5 is the strong threat. axb4 1.28/21 *(8...e6!=* -0.01/19 remains equal.*)* 9.axb4± Rxa1 10.Qxa1 Hoping for Bf1-b5. b6? 3.31/21 *(10...e5±* 1.53/20 *)* 11.c6+- Threatens to win with c6-c7! Nf6? 8.65/23 *(11...e6* 3.28/21 *12.Qa4 g5)* 12.Bb5+- And now c6-c7+ would win. Qd5 13.Qa8 c6-c7+ would kill now. e5 14.Qxc8+ Ke7 15.Qc7+ 4.00/20 Ke6+- 16.Qc8+? -0.01/18 *(*White has to play *16.Bd2!+-* 3.29/21 *Qxb5 17.Qc8+ Kd5 18.c7 Bxb4 19.Qd8+ Rxd8 20.cxd8Q+ Ke6 21.Ne2)* 16...Ke7= ⌓17.c7 9.42/20 exf4 1-0 (29) Bortnyk,O (2604)-Pranav,V (2481) Chess.com INT 2022 1-0 (29) Bortnyk,O (2604) -Pranav,V (2481) Chess.com INT 2022 18.Ne2]

7.c3 Threatening Bf4xb8. **7...Qxc5 8.Qa4+** The position is equal. **8...Nc6 9.Qxe4 g6 10.Nf3 Bg7 11.Rd1!?** Exploring less charted territory. Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain.

[11.Qe3 simplifies Qxe3+ 12.Bxe3 0-0 13.0-0-0]

11...0-0N

[Vorgänger: 11...Qb6 12.Rd2 Bf5 13.Qa4 0-0 14.Be2 Rfd8 Strongly threatening ...Rd8xd2. 15.Be3 Qc7 16.0-0 Rxd2 17.Nxd2 Qd7 ½-½ (27) Blittkowsky,R (2110)-Wiesinger,J (2117) ICCF email 2020 ½-½ (27) Blittkowsky,R (2110)-Wiesinger,J (2117) ICCF email 2020]

12.Be3 Qa5 13.Bc4 Bf5 14.Qh4 e6 0.54/21

[14...Bf6= -0.01/20 15.Ng5 Bxg5 16.Bxg5 Ne5]

15.0-0± h5 0.91/21

[15...Ne5± 0.46/19 feels stronger.]

16.h3 aiming for g2-g4. White is more active. **16...Ne5 17.Nxe5** 0.55/22

[17.Be2!± 0.96/21]

17...Qxe5 18.Rd7 0.11/21

[18.Bb3± 0.64/20]

18...Qe4= 19.Qxe4 Bxe4 Black is weak on the dark squares **20.Rfd1 Bc6 21.R7d2 Rfe8 22.Bg5 Rac8 23.Bb3 Kh7 24.a3 Bh6 25.h4 a5 26.Rd6 a4 27.Bc2 Ra8** 0.47/23

[27...Bxg5= 0.01/22 was preferrable. 28.hxg5 Ra8]

28.Bxh6!± Kxh6 29.R1d4 Ra5 0.76/23

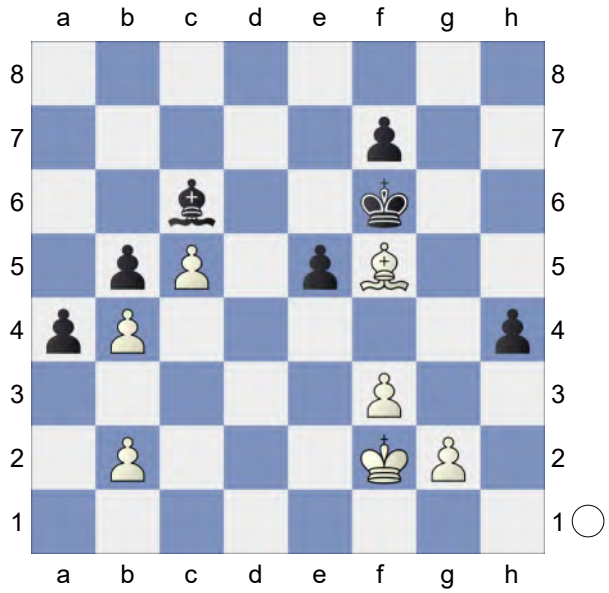
[29...Kg7± 0.33/22 is superior.]

30.Rb4 0.27/23

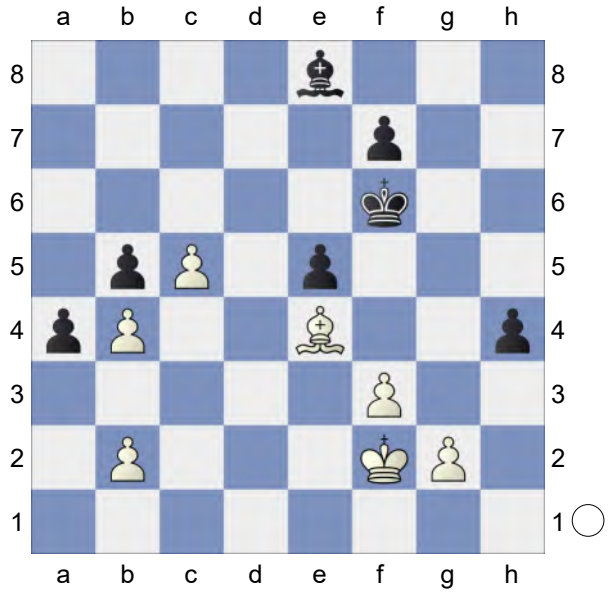
[30.Be4!± 0.76/23]

30...Rea8 31.Kf1 Kg7 32.f3 Kf8 33.Kf2 Ke7 34.Rd2 g5 35.Rdd4 gxh4 36.Rxh4 Rd8 37.Rhd4 Rxd4

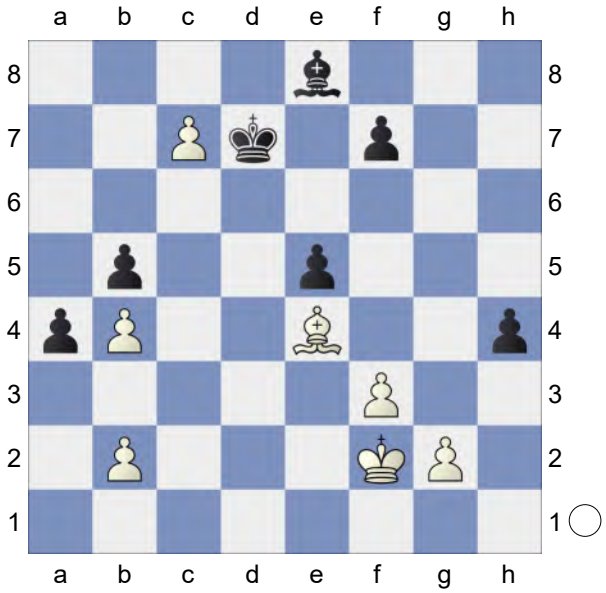
38.Rxd4= Endgame. KRB-KRB **38...Rb5 39.Rb4 Rxb4 40.axb4** KB-KB **40...h4 41.c4 b5** 0.97/26
[41...Kd6= -0.01/26]
42.c5!± Black must now prevent Bc2-e4.
42...e5! 43.Bf5 Kf6? 2.16/27
[43...Be8!± 0.52/26]



44.Be4!+- Be8 7.81/28
[Not 44...Bxe4? 45.fxe4 Ke6 46.Kf3+-]
[44...Bd7± 0.71/25]



45.c6! White is clearly winning. **45...Ke7 46.c7 Kd7**



47.Bc6+! Skewer, Double Attack.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.21 (precise)
1-0

440 **D00**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2605**
■ **Suder,Jakub** **2244**
Titled Tue 16th May Late blitz (2) 16.5.23
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 c5 5.dxc5 Nc6 6.a3 e5 7.Bg5** And now Bg5xf6 would win. **7...Be6 8.b4** White is slightly better. **8...Be7 9.Nf3 0-0 10.Na4!?** A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante. **10...Qc7 11.Be2 Rad8 12.0-0 Ne4 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.Qc1N** 0.31/20
[Predecessor: 14.c4± 0.86/21 Ng5 15.Qc2 Nxf3+ 16.Bxf3 e4! 17.Be2 0.00/20 *(17.Bd1± 0.66/20)* 17...f5? 2.17/21 *(17...d4!=* 0.00/20 and Black stays safe. *18.Qxe4 d3)*

18.cxd5+- Bxd5 19.Nb6 aiming for Nb6xd5. Bf7 20.f4 0.94/21 *(20.Rad1+- 2.16/20)* 20...exf3± 21.Rxf3 1-0 Tran,M (2370)-Le,H (2160) VIE-ch Bac Giang 2016 (4) 1-0 Tran,M (2370)-Le,H (2160) VIE-ch Bac Giang 2016 (4)]

14...f5± 15.Qb2 0.57/19

[15.c4= 0.15/20 feels stronger.]

15...Qf6 16.Kh1 -0.34/20

[16.Rad1± 0.88/21]

16...g5 ...g5-g4 is the strong threat.

17.Rad1 -1.49/21

[17.Nc3= -0.26/20 keeps the balance.]

17...g4 -1.09/20

[⌓17...f4! -1.49/21 Hoping for ...g5-g4. 18.Nc3 Nxc3 19.Qxc3 d4 *(19...g4 20.Ng1=)* 20.exd4 exd4]

18.Nd2∓ Qh4 19.Nxe4 fxe4 20.c4 -2.70/21 **d4 21.b5** -3.24/19

[21.Kg1 -2.29/18 was forced. d3 22.b5]

21...d3? 0.65/21

[21...Rxf2-+ -3.24/19 (→ ...g4-g3!) 22.Kg1 *(22.Rxf2 g3-+)* 22...dxe3 *(22...g3 23.hxg3 Rxf1+ 24.Bxf1∓)* 23.Rxd8+ *(23.bxc6? Rxd1 24.Rxd1 g3-+)* 23...Nxd8]

22.bxc6± dxe2 1.28/16

[22...Rxf2± 0.60/21 23.Bxg4 *(23.Qxe5 dxe2 24.Rxd8+ Qxd8=; 23.Rxf2? g3-+)* 23...Rxb2 24.Bxe6+ Kg7 25.Rf7+ *(25.Nxb2 bxc6 26.h3 d2∓)* 25...Kh8]

23.Qxe2± bxc6 24.Nc3 0.06/21

[White should try 24.Rxd8± 1.37/21 Qxd8 25.Rd1]

24...Rxd1= 25.Qxd1 Rxf2 0.82/26

[25...Bxc4= -0.01/25 26.Rg1 Bd3 *(26...Qxf2 27.Nxe4 Qxe3 28.Nf6+ Kh8 29.Qd6=)*]

26.Rxf2 0.20/26

[White should play 26.Nxe4± 0.82/26 Rxf1+ 27.Qxf1]

26...Qxf2 27.Nxe4 Endgame. KQB-KQN **27...Qf5 28.Qd8+ Kg7 29.Qg5+?** -5.45/26

[29.Nd2= 0.01/26]

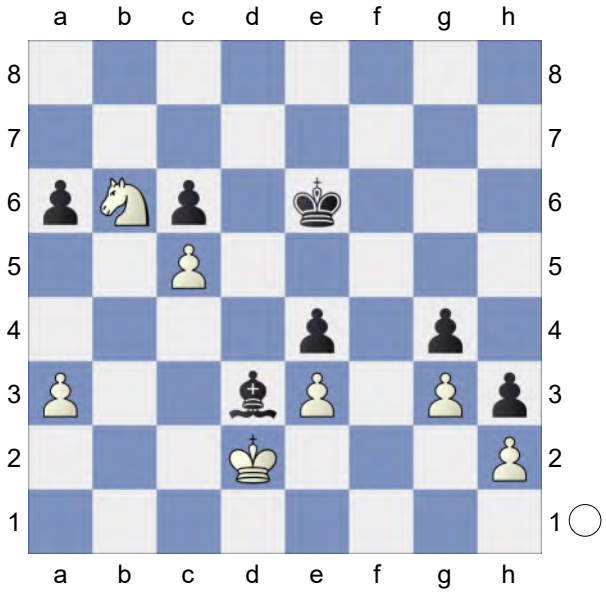
29...Qxg5-+ 30.Nxg5 Bxc4 0.01/30 KB-KN

[30...Bf5!-+ -5.19/28 31.h3 Kg6 32.hxg4 Kxg5 33.gxf5 Kxf5]

31.Ne4= Bd3 32.Nc3 h5 33.Kg1 Kf6 34.Kf2 e4 35.Kg3 Kg5 36.Na4 h4+ 37.Kf2 Kf5 38.g3 h3 39.Nb6 Ke6 40.Ke1 Bc2? 2.42/32

[40...a5= -0.01/32]

41.Kd2+- Bd3



42.Kc3! Kc3-d4 would now be deadly.

42...Ke5 43.Kb4 Be2? 3.91/28

[43...Bb5± 0.96/29 44.Ka5 Ke6]

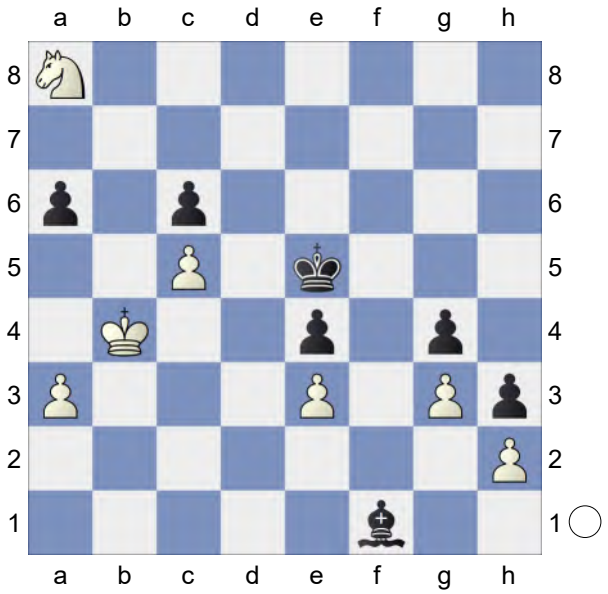
44.Na8 2.29/28

[⌓44.Na4 3.91/28]

44...Bf1? 14.76/28

[44...Ke6 2.29/28 45.Ka5 Kd5]

(Diagram)



45.Nc7! Be2 46.Ka5 Bb5 47.Kb6 Nc7xb5! would kill now. **47...Ba4 48.Kxa6 Bb3 49.Kb6 Ba4 50.Ka5** 5.71/28

[⌓50.Kb7 11.78/26 Kf5 51.Na6]

50...Bb3 51.Kb4 Bc2 52.a4 Bd3 53.a5 What a fight! Weighted Error Value: White=0.57/Black=0.74

1-0

441 **D00**

□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2605**

■ **Nguyen,Ngoc Truong Son** **2645**

Olympic Esports Prelims (1.3) 04.05.23

[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6**

[2...c6 3.Bf4 Bf5 4.e3 e6 5.Nf3 Nd7 6.Bd3 Bg6 7.h4 Ngf6 8.Ne5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Be7 10.h5 Bxd3 11.cxd3 0-0 12.h6 g6 13.a3 Nd7 14.Bg7 Re8 15.Qg4 1-0 Bortnyk,O (2605)-Nguyen,N (2645) Titled Tuesday intern op 11th Apr Early blitz 2023 (5) 1-0 Bortnyk,O (2605)-Nguyen, N (2645) Titled Tuesday intern op 11th Apr Early blitz 2023 (5)]

3.Bf4 g6 4.e3 Bg7 5.h4 c6 6.Be2 h6 7.Nf3 Bg4 0.46/19

[7...Nbd7= 0.05/19]

8.Qd2!? -0.02/19 An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante.

[8.Ne5± 0.46/19 Bxe2 9.Qxe2]

8...Nbd7= 9.a3N

[Predecessor: 9.0-0-0 Nh5 0.57/20 *(9...Rc8=* 0.06/19 *)* 10.Ne5 0.03/20 *(*Better is *10.Bh2±* 0.57/20 *)* 10...Bxe2= 11.Qxe2 Nxf4 12.exf4 Nxe5 13.fxe5 e6 14.f4 h5 15.Na4 -0.52/20 0-1 Zia,T (2229)-Ovchinnikov, V (2426) Titled Tuesday intern op 20th July blitz 2021 (5) 0-1 Zia,T (2229) - Ovchinnikov,V (2426) Titled Tuesday intern op 20th July blitz 2021 (5) *(15.Kb1=* 0.25/20 *)*]

9...Qb6 0.33/22

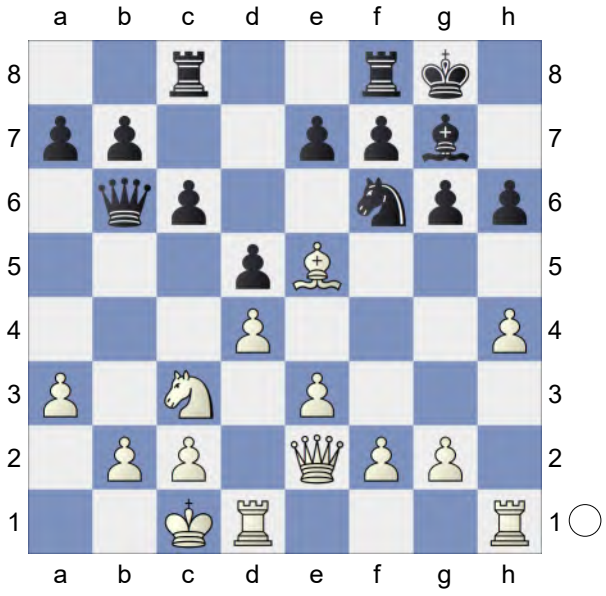
[9...0-0= -0.03/20 might be stronger.]

10.0-0-0± 0-0 11.Ne5 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Threatens to win with h4-h5! **12...Nxe5** 0.86/20

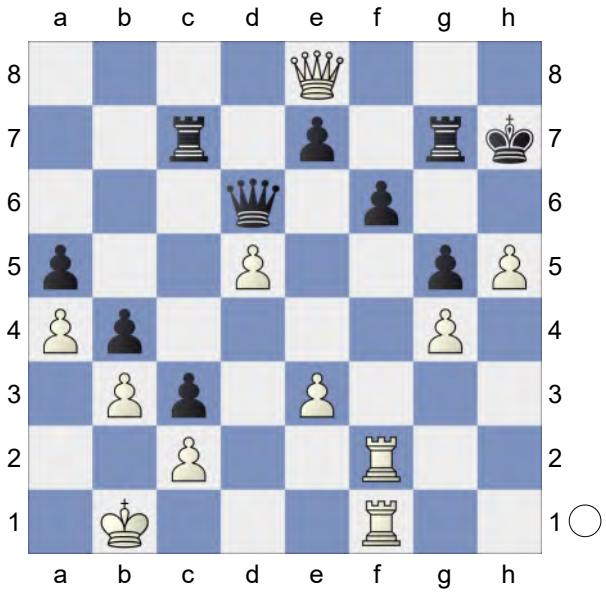
[12...Rfd8± 0.32/19]

13.Bxe5± Rac8 1.27/19

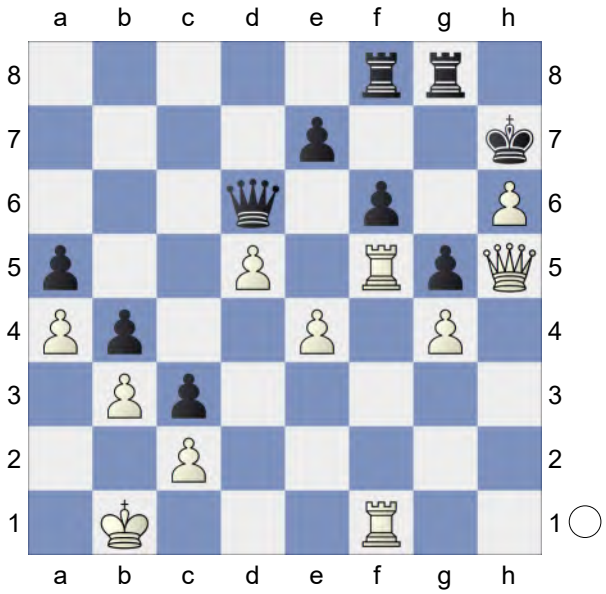
[Black should try 13...Rae8 0.79/19]



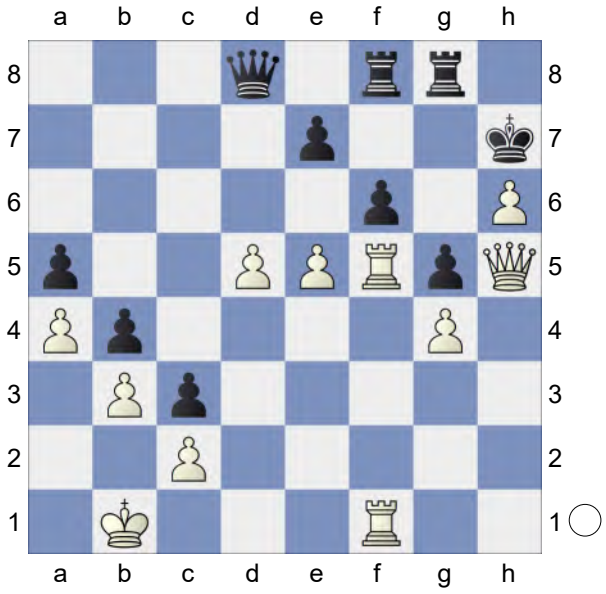
14.g4 0.67/20
[14.f4!± 1.27/19]
14...Ne4± 15.Nxe4 dxe4 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.h5 0.26/22
[17.f4± 0.64/19 is superior.]
17...g5 18.f3 exf3 19.Qxf3 c5 20.d5 Qd6 21.Qe4 b5 22.Rhf1 a5 23.Rf5 b4 24.a4 c4 25.Rdf1 White is more active. **25...c3** 1.32/22 Black is on the road to losing.
[25...f6± 0.48/23]
26.b3± Qe4-f3 would now be deadly.
26...Rc7? 3.01/25
[26...Kg8± 0.88/22]
27.Kb1? 1.18/25
[27.Qf3+- 3.01/25 f6 28.e4]
27...f6 2.17/28
[27...Rd7± 1.18/25 28.Qf3 f6]
28.R5f2+- Rf7? 5.02/23
[28...Kh8 1.69/24 is more resistant. 29.Qg6 Qxd5]
29.Qg6+ Kf8 30.Qxh6+ Kg8 31.Qg6+ Rg7 32.Qe8+ Kh7



Black is weak on the light squares
33.h6! Rg8 34.Qf7+ Kh8 35.e4 Rcc8 36.Rf5 Wards off Qd6-e5. White is clearly winning. **36...Rcf8 37.Qh5 Kh7**
(Diagram)



38.e5! Qd8
[38...Qxd5 39.exf6]



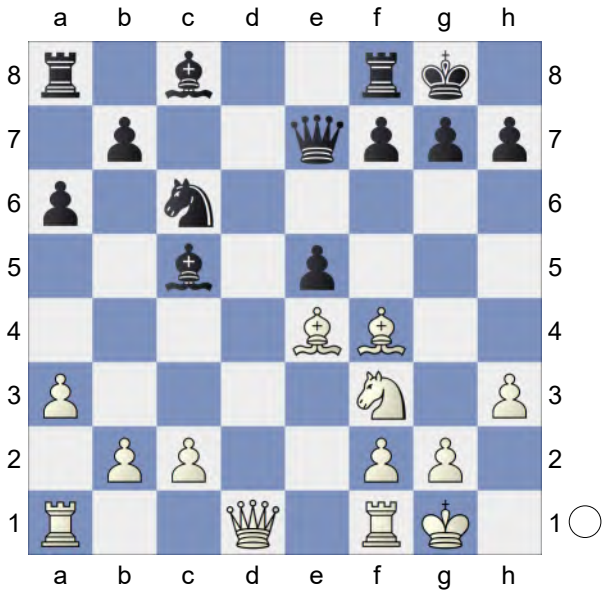
39.d6! Rg6
[39...Qe8 40.Qxe8]
40.dxe7 Qxe7 41.Qh1 Rxh6 42.Qd5 Kg7 43.Qxa5 Rg6 44.exf6+ Rfxf6 45.Rxf6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.26 (precise) /Black=0.59
1-0

442 **A45**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2605**
■ **Djordjevic,Vu** **2375**
Titled Tue 18th Apr Late blitz (7) 18.4.23
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 g6 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* 1-0 Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 2013*; 5.f4 Qa5 6.Bd2 Qb4 7.Qe2 Qxb2 8.Rb1 Qa3 9.e5 dxe5 10.fxe5 Nfd7 11.e6 fxe6 12.dxe6 Nf6 13.Nb5 Qxa2 14.Nc7+ Kd8 15.Rd1 Nc6 16.Bf4+ Nd4 17.Nxa8 Qxe6 18.Qxe6 Bxe6 19.c3 Bg4* 1-0 Genovese,A (2106)-Burk,E (1200) Germany senior ch-5 final 9901 1999*)* 5...Bg7 6.Bc4 *(6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.a4 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nbd7 11.Re1 a6 12.Bf1 e5 13.a5 Ne8 14.Bd3 Qh4 15.Qg4 Qxg4 16.hxg4 Rc8 17.b3 Nef6 18.g5 Ne8 19.g3 f6 20.Kg2 fxg5* 0-1 7.♗c4 ♕a5 8. ♕ d2 e6_6062 (2345)-Jovic,A (2383) Gonfreville op 1979 (3.76)*)* 6...0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 1-0 Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) V0048 www.desc-online.de 2000 (7) gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8 21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9)]

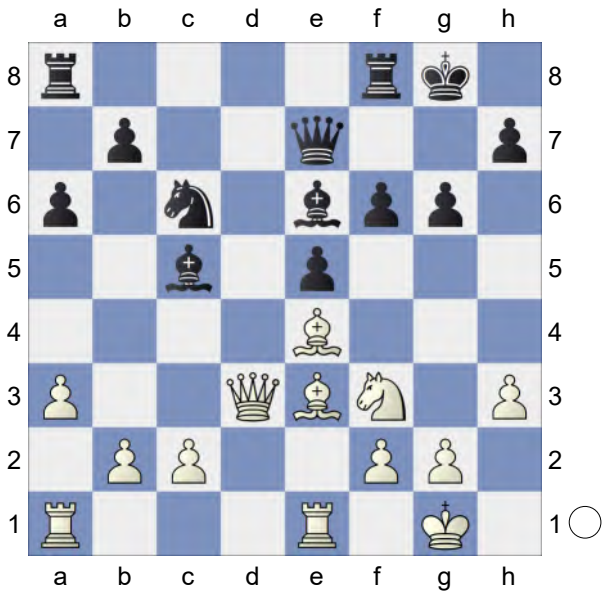
3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.a3 c5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.h3 is recently more successful than 7. Be2. ist inzwischen erfolgreicher als 7. Le2. **7...Bd6 8.dxc5** The position is equal. **8...Bxc5 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 Qe7 11.e4 dxe4N**
[Vorgänger: 11...d4 12.e5! dxc3 1.54/21 *(12...Nh5± 0.52/20 13.Bg5 f6 14.Nxd4* Discovered Attack *Nxe5 15.Bxh7+* Decoy *Kxh7 16.Qxh5+ Kg8)* 13.exf6± gxf6 14.bxc3 0.34/21 *(14.b4± 1.48/21)* 14...f5 15.Bg5 0.01/19 *(15.Re1± 0.45/19)* 15...f6= 16.Bh6 Rd8 17.Qe2 Kh8 18.Rfe1 Qf7 0.44/20 *(18...Bd6= -0.24/19)* 19.Bc4± Qg6 0.96/22 *(19...Re8!± 0.41/20)* 20.Bf4!± Bd6? 3.48/23 *(20...Qe8± 0.90/21)* 21.Nh4+- Qg7 4.88/20 *(⌓21...Qg8 3.14/20)* 22.Bxd6 1-0 (22) Bortnyk,O (2605)-Hansen,E (2609) Chess.com INT 2023]

12.Nxe4 Nxe4 13.Bxe4 e5

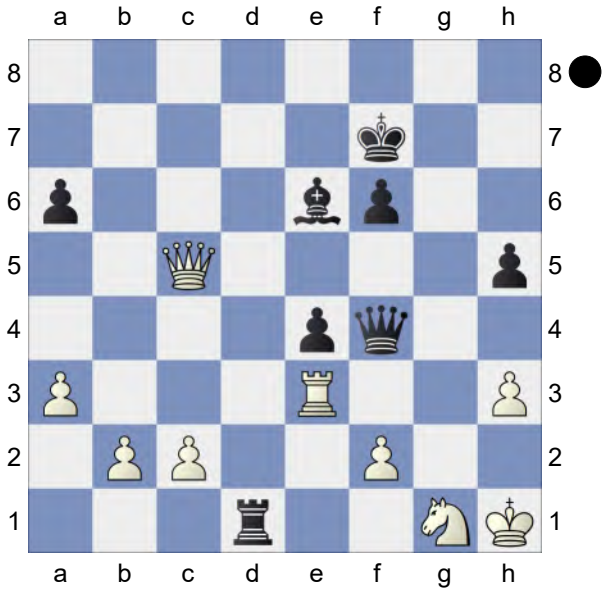


14.Re1 -0.88/20 **f6** 0.35/19
[Better is 14...exf4∓ -0.88/20 15.Bxh7+ Kxh7 16.Rxe7 Bxe7]

15.Qd3 g6 0.84/20
[15...Kh8± 0.48/18]
16.Be3 Be6 2.05/21
[16...Bxe3± 0.66/18 17.Qxe3 Be6]



Wards off Qd3-d5 **17.Bxc6** 0.56/19
[White has to play 17.Bxc5!+- 2.05/21 Qxc5 18.Bxg6]
17...bxc6 18.Qc3 Bxe3 19.Rxe3 Bd5 20.Rae1 Rfd8 0.89/19
[20...Qa7± 0.44/19 was preferable.]
21.Nh2 Qd6 1.05/18
[21...h5± 0.60/17]
22.Ng4 0.02/20
[White should try 22.Rd3± 1.05/18]
22...h5= 23.Nh2 c5! 24.Nf1 Qc6 25.Rg3 -0.25/18
[⌓25.g4 0.21/19]
25...Kf7 26.Ne3 Be6 27.Nf1 Rd4 28.Nd2 Rad8 29.Nf3 -1.01/21
[29.Nb3∓ -0.65/20 Bxb3 30.cxb3]
29...Rd1∓ 30.Rxd1 -1.87/20
[30.Nh2∓ -0.99/21 was necessary.]
30...Rxd1+-+ 31.Kh2 -2.13/21
White is weak on the light squares
[⌓31.Ne1 -1.73/21]
31...e4 32.Ng1? -5.76/22
[32.Ne1 -1.90/20]
32...Qd6 33.h4 g5 34.Kh1? -6.74/23
[34.hxg5 -3.87/20 fxg5 35.Kh1]
34...gxh4 -3.08/21
[⌓34...Qf4 -6.74/23 35.Qe3 Qxh4+ 36.Rh3 Bxh3 37.gxh3 Qf4 38.Qxc5 Qc1]
35.Re3 h3 36.gxh3? -5.45/23
[36.Re1 -2.62/22 hxg2+ 37.Kxg2]
36...Qf4? -0.56/24
[36...Bd5-+ -5.45/23 37.Kg2 h4]
37.Qxc5∓



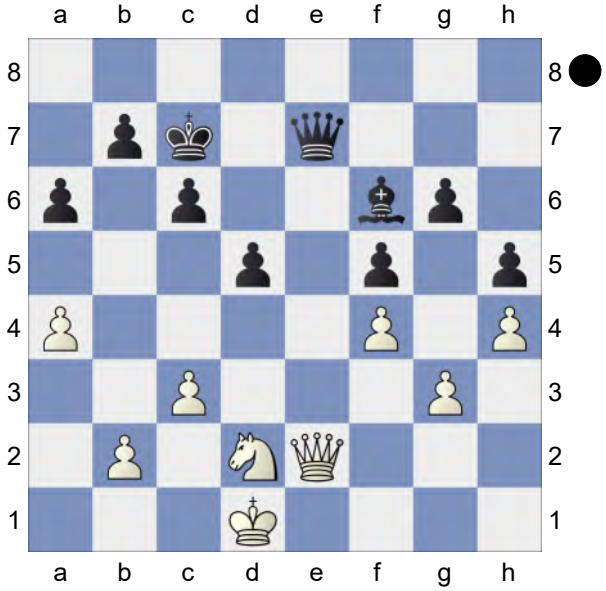
Qxf2→ -0.01/23 Black mounts an attack. Black is much more active.
[37...Bd5!∓ -1.13/22 38.Kg2 h4 *(38...Qg5+ 39.Rg3=)* 39.Qa7+ *(39.Ne2* is a self mate. *Qf3+ 40.Rxf3 exf3+ 41.Kh2 fxe2)* 39...Kg6]
38.Qc7+? -4.35/23
[38.Qxh5+= -0.01/23 Ke7 39.Qxd1 Qxe3 40.Qf1]
38...Bd7 39.Qg3 -6.29/21
[39.Rg3 -3.59/22 e3 40.Rg2]
39...Qxg3-+ 40.Rxg3 Endgame KRB-KRN **40...f5** ...f5-f4 would now be deadly. **41.Kg2 f4 42.Rg5 Bc6** (→ ...e4-e3+) **43.Kf2** -8.68/25
[⌓43.Rc5 -5.13/21 f3+ 44.Kf2]
43...e3+ 44.Ke2 Rd2+ 45.Ke1 Kf6

46.Rc5 Be4 (→ ...f4-f3) **47.Ne2 f3** (→ ...f3-f2+)
[47...Rxc2 48.Rxc2 Bxc2 49.Nxf4=]
48.Ng3 f2+ Black mates. **49.Kf1 Rd1+ 50.Ke2 Re1#** Weighted Error Value: White=1.20/Black=0.61
0-1

443 **D00**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2605**
■ **Yu,Yangyi** **2729**
Titled Tue 28. Feb Late (6) 28.02.2023
[Kitty Kat]

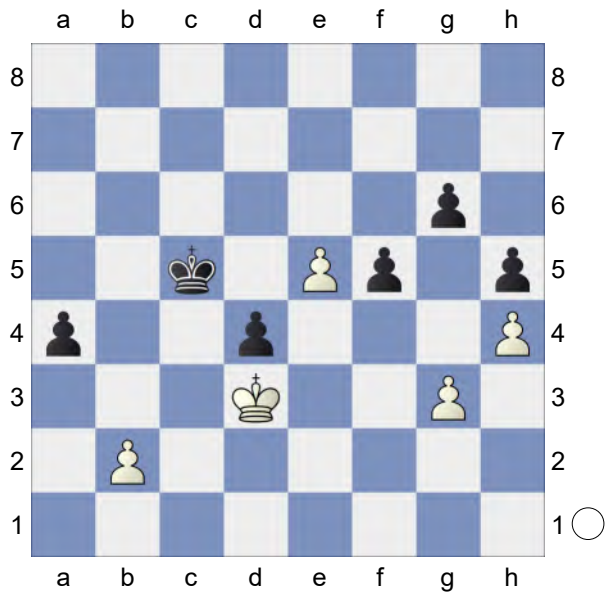
D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]
3.Bf4 c6 4.e3 Bf5 5.Nf3 Nbd7 6.Ne5 -0.26/20
[⌓6.Bd3 0.16/20 Bg6 7.0-0]
6...h5!? A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante. **7.Bd3 e6 8.Bxf5N** The position is equal.
[Predecessor: 8.Qe2 Bb4 9.0-0 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Nxe5 11.Bxe5 Bd6 12.Bxd6 Qxd6 13.e4 dxe4 14.Nxe4 Nxe4 15.Qxe4 1-0 (64) Buksa,N (2414)-Rustemov,A (2525) Chess.com INT 2021 1-0 (64) Buksa,N (2414)-Rustemov,A (2525) Chess.com INT 2021]
8...exf5 9.Ne2 Nxe5 10.Bxe5 Nd7 11.h4 Nxe5! 12.dxe5 Qe7 -0.19/21
[12...g6∓ -0.70/21]
13.f4 f6 14.Qd3 -0.77/22
[14.Qd4= -0.26/22]
14...g6∓
[Don't play 14...fxe5 15.Qxf5 exf4 16.Nxf4=]
15.exf6 Qxf6 16.0-0-0 Bg7 17.c3 -1.12/20
[17.Qa3∓ -0.64/20]
17...0-0-0 18.Nd4 Rhe8 19.Nf3 Re7 -0.62/22
[19...Qd6∓ -1.06/22]
20.Rhe1 -1.05/21
[20.Qd4∓ -0.62/22 feels stronger.]
20...Rde8 -0.67/22
[20...Qd6∓ -1.05/21 21.Re2 Qc5]
21.Kb1 -1.08/21
[21.Qd4∓ -0.67/22]
21...a6 22.Re2 Kb8 23.a3 Qf7 24.g3 Bf6 25.Qc2 -1.26/23
[⌓25.Nd2 -0.77/22]
25...Rxe3 26.Rde1 -2.14/22

[26.Ne5∓ -1.40/23 Rxe2 *(26...Bxe5 27.Rxe3 Bf6 28.Qe2±)* 27.Qxe2]
26...R3e4-+ 27.Qd3 -2.95/22
[⌓27.Ng5 -1.95/21 Bxg5 28.fxg5]
27...Qc7 -1.55/22
[27...Qe7-+ -2.95/22 28.Ng1 Kc7]
28.Nd2∓ R4e7 Black is more active. **29.Rxe7 Rxe7 30.Rxe7 Qxe7** Endgame. KQB-KQN **31.Kc2 Qe6 32.Kd1 Kc7 33.a4** -2.19/25
[33.b4∓ -1.51/21]
33...Qe7-+ 34.Qe2? -4.25/23
[34.Kc2 -1.73/23 was worth a try.]



34...Qxe2+ 35.Kxe2 KB-KN **35...b5 36.axb5 cxb5 37.Kd3 a5 38.Nf3 Kd6?** -0.37/25
[38...a4-+ -4.48/26 39.Kc2 Kd6]
39.Ne1? -4.95/27 Now White is beyond hope.
[Only move: 39.b4!∓ -0.37/25]
39...Kc5 Black is clearly winning. **40.Nf3 b4 41.cxb4+ Kxb4 42.Ne5** -7.25/27
[⌓42.Kc2 -4.68/25 Bg7 43.Nd2]
42...a4 43.Kc2 Bxe5 44.fxe5 Kc5 45.Kd3 d4

(Diagram)



Strongly threatening ...Kc5-d5. **46.e6** And now e6-e7 would win. **46...Kd6 47.Kxd4 Kxe6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.56/Black=0.36
0-1

444 **D00**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2605**
■ **Donchenko,Alexander** **2664**
ChessKid Cup Play-In (4.31) 01.05.2023
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7*

17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8 ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]

3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.a3 c5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.h3 Bd6 8.dxc5 The position is equal. **8...Bxc5 9.Bd3 Qe7!?** 0.36/19 An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante.

[9...Bd6= -0.07/19]

10.0-0± h6 11.e4 next b2-b4 is good for White. **11...d4 12.Ne2 e5 13.Bd2 0-0 14.Ng3 Be6 15.Nh4N**

[Predecessor: 15.Re1 Rac8 16.Nf5 -1.09/21 *(16.b4= 0.14/19 Bd6 17.Nh4)* 16...Bxf5∓ 17.exf5 Rfe8 -0.15/21 *(17...e4∓ -0.88/20* Strongly threatening ...Rf8-e8. *18.Bf4 Rfe8 19.Bxe4 Nxe4)* 18.Re4 -1.38/19 *(18.Nxe5!= -0.15/21* remains equal. *Nxe5 19.f4)* 18...Qd7 -0.73/20 *(*Black should play *18...Nxe4* -1.38/19 *19.Bxe4 Qc7)* 19.Qe2∓ Qxf5 0.06/23 *(19...Nxe4∓ -0.89/19 20.Qxe4 f6)* 20.Re1? -2.27/21 *(20.b4!= 0.06/23* and White is okay.*)* 20...Nxe4-+ 21.Bxe4 0-1 Jobava,B (2603)-Seo,J (2453) Titled Tuesday intern op 16th Feb blitz 2021 (5) 0-1 Jobava,B (2603)-Seo,J (2453) Titled Tuesday intern op 16th Feb blitz 2021 (5)]

15...Qd7 0.62/18

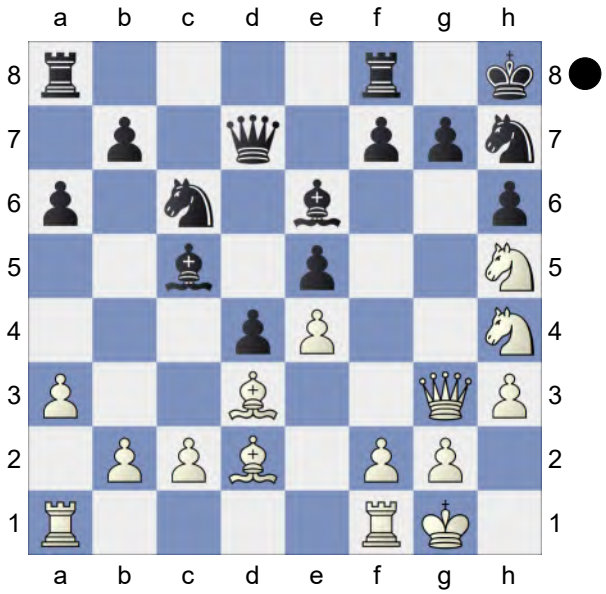
[15...Qd8= 0.08/20]

16.Qf3 0.24/20

[16.f4± 0.62/18 is more appropriate. Qd8 17.Ngf5]

16...Nh7 17.Nh5 Black must now prevent Bd2xh6! **17...Kh8! 18.Qg3** -1.03/22

[18.b4= 0.25/20 keeps the balance. Bb6 19.a4]



18...g6!∓ White is on the road to losing. **19.f4**

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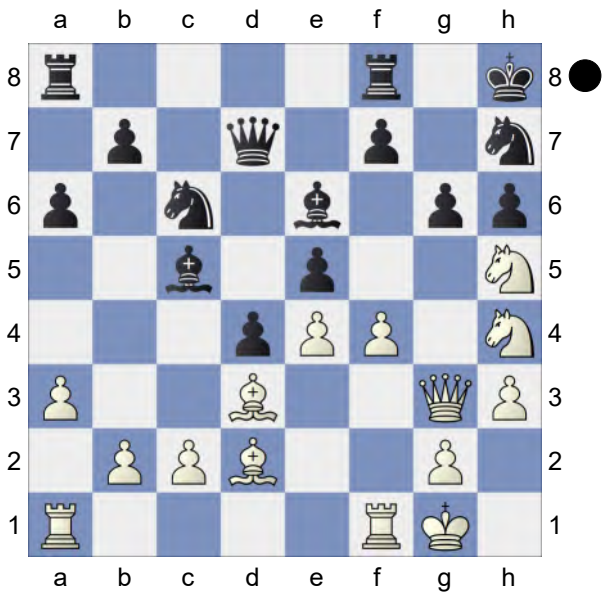

f4-f5! is the strong threat. **19...Rg8!**
[19...gxh5 20.f5± *(20.fxe5? Rg8-+)*]
20.Qf3 -1.89/20 **Qe7**
[20...gxh5 21.f5 Qd8 22.Qxh5∓]
21.Nf5 -2.75/20
[21.f5 -1.76/19 is a better defense. Qxh4 *(21...gxh5 22.Qxh5 Bc8 23.b4=)* 22.fxe6 Qxh5 *(22...gxh5? 23.exf7 Rg6 24.b4-+)* 23.exf7]
21...Bxf5-+
[Don't play 21...gxf5 22.exf5 Bd7 23.Rfe1-+]
22.exf5 gxh5 23.f6 Qxf6 24.Qxh5 Qg7 25.Rf2 Nf6 26.Qf5

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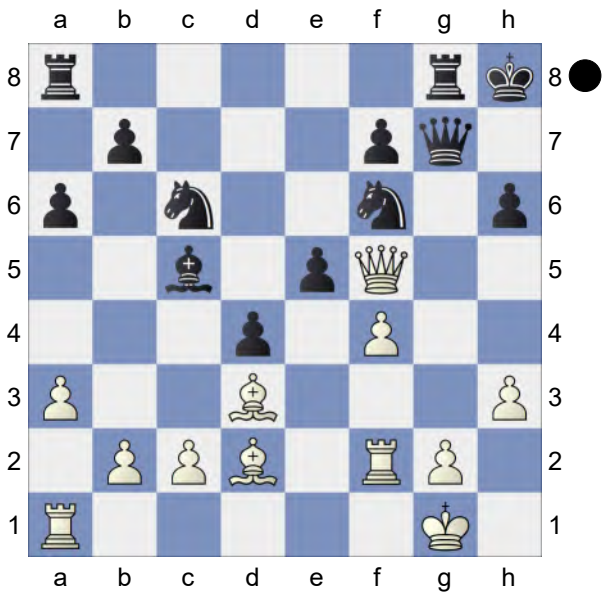
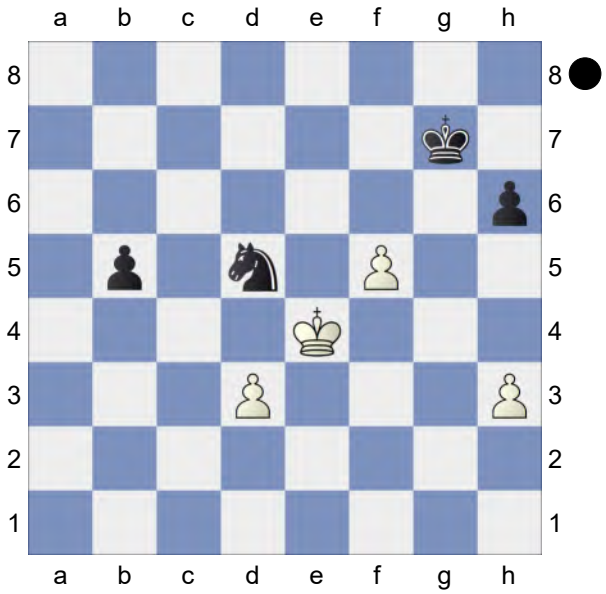


e4 27.Qxc5 exd3 28.cxd3 Rae8 29.Raf1 Qg3 30.Qf5 Qg6 31.Qxg6 fxg6 32.g4 Rgf8 33.b4 Nd5 34.Kh2 Kg7 35.Kg3 Ne3 36.Rb1 b5 37.a4 Ne7 38.axb5 axb5 39.Ra1 Ra8 40.Rxa8 Rxa8 41.Bxe3 dxe3 Endgame. KRN-KR **42.Rc2 Nd5 43.Kf3 Re8 44.f5 gxf5 45.gxf5 e2 46.Rxe2 Rxe2 47.Kxe2 Nxb4** KN-K3P **48.Ke3 Nd5+ 49.Ke4**



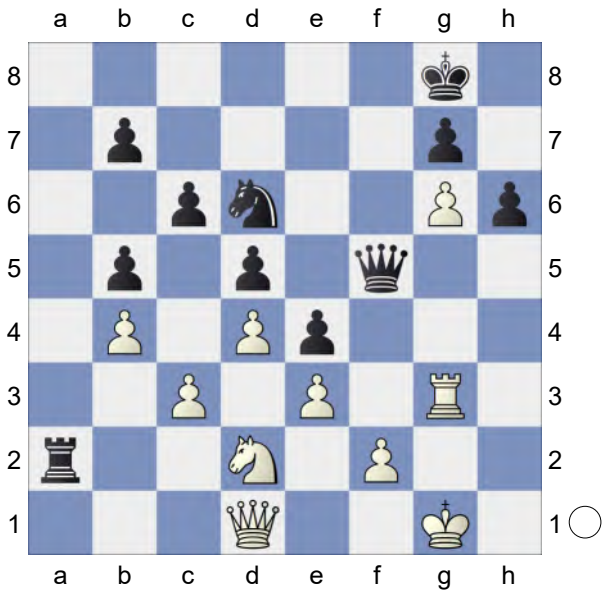
b4! 50.Kxd5 b3 (→ ...Kg7-f6) **51.Ke6 Kf8** Weighted Error Value: White=0.38/

Black=0.17 (very precise)
0-1

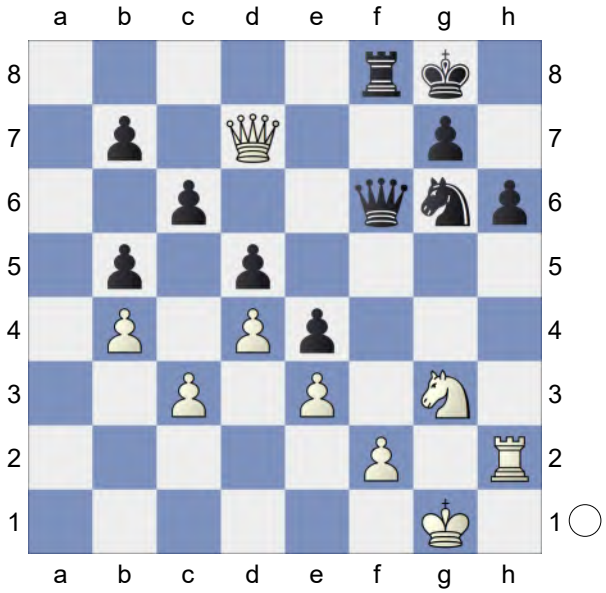
445 **A45**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2605**
■ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2768**
Titled Tue 14th Feb Late blitz (11)
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]
3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Bb4+ 5.c3 Ba5 6.a4 a6 7.b4 Nh5!? Leaves trodden paths. Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade.
[7...Nc6!? 8.bxa5 axb5=]
8.Bd2 The position is equal.
[8.Be5 seems wilder. f6 9.e4 0-0 10.bxa5 fxe5 11.Qxh5 axb5 12.axb5 exd4 13.Bd3]
8...Bb6N
[Vorgänger: 8...c6 9.Na3 Bc7 10.e4! Nf4 1.33/20 *(⌓10...Nf6* 0.78/19 *)* 11.e5± Ng6 12.Nf3 0.64/20 *(12.Bd3±* 1.27/19 *)* 12...b6 1.35/19 *(12...f6±* 0.64/20 *)* 13.Bd3 0.97/19 *(⌓13.h4* 1.35/19 *)* 13...Nd7 1.46/19 *(⌓13...f6* 0.97/19 *)* 14.Ng5 Qe7 1.60/19 *(⌓14...Ndf8* 1.24/18 *)* 15.Qh5 Ndf8 16.0-0 1.17/19 *(* White should play *16.f4+-* 1.64/19 *)* 16...h6 1.54/19 *(*Better is *16...f6* 1.17/19 *)* 17.Nh3 Qh4 18.Qe2 Ne7 2.32/19 *(18...c5±* 1.50/18 *19.f4 c4)* 19.Nf4+- g2-g3 is the strong threat. g6? 7.07/21 *(19...Nf5* 2.75/20 *20.Nh5 Nh7)* 20.g3 1-0 (20) Tricoli,M (1961)-Mattenberger, M (1659) Arco 2019]
9.a5 0.20/21
[9.e4!± 0.68/21]
9...axb5= 10.axb6 -0.47/22
[10.e4± 0.40/21]
10...Rxa1∓ 11.Qxa1 c6! 12.g4 Nf6 13.Bf4 Na6 0.28/18 Black is weak on the dark squares
[13...Nbd7 -0.09/19 is superior.]
14.Qa5 -0.71/19
[14.Nf3= 0.28/18]
14...Nd7 0.03/18
[14...Ne4∓ -0.71/19 15.Qa1 f6 *(15...Qxb6 16.f3=)*]
15.Bc7? -1.99/21 Loses the game.
[15.Nf3= 0.03/18]
15...Qg5 -1.53/19
[Black should try 15...Nxc7-+ -1.99/21

16.bxc7 Qg5]
16.Qa1 -2.11/20
[16.e3∓ -1.53/19]
16...Nxc7-+ 17.bxc7 Qf4 18.Nf3 Qxc7
[Don't take 18...Qxg4 19.Rg1 Qf4 20.Rxg7∓]
19.e3 -2.11/22
[⩲19.Qc1 -1.68/19]
19...e5 20.g5 -2.65/21
[20.dxe5 -1.86/20 was called for. Nxe5 21.Nxe5 Qxe5 22.Be2]
20...e4 21.Nd2 0-0 22.h4 Nb6 23.Bh3 -3.81/21
[23.Qd1 -2.66/20 keeps fighting.]
23...Bxh3 24.Rxh3 Ra8 25.Qd1 Qd7 26.Rg3 Nc8 27.h5 Nd6 28.Kf1 Ra2 29.g6 -4.85/26
[⩲29.h6 -3.27/23]
29...fxg6 30.hxg6 h6 31.Kg1 Qf5



aiming for ...Nd6-c4. **32.Rg2 Qf6 33.Nf1 Nf5 34.Qg4 Ra8 35.Rh2 Rf8** -2.65/24
[⩲35...Ra1 -4.61/24 Threatens to win with ...Ra1xf1+! 36.Rh3 Rc1]
36.Ng3 -3.73/26
[36.Kh1 -2.65/24 might work better.]
36...Ne7 37.Qd7? -4.24/25
[37.Rg2 -2.50/23 is the only way for White.]
37...Nxg6



And now ...Ng6-h4 would win. **38.Rg2 Qe7** Black is clearly winning. **39.Qxe7 Nxe7** KRN-KRN **40.Nh5 g5 41.Nf4 Kf7 42.Ne2 Nf5 43.Rh2 Nh4** Hoping for ... Nh4-f3+. **44.Kf1 Ra8** Weighted Error Value: White=0.59/Black=0.29 (precise)
0-1

446 **A45**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2604**
■ **Vaishali,Ramesh Babu** **2454**
Titled Tue 22nd Nov Early blitz (2)
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 g6 4.e3 Bg7 5.h4 h5 6.Nb5 Na6 7.Be2!?** A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante.
[7.Nf3 0-0 8.Ne5 c6 9.Nc3 Nb8 10.Be2 Nbd7 11.Nd3 Ne4 12.g4 Nxc3 13.bxc3 hxg4 14.Bxg4 Qa5 15.h5 Qxc3+ 16.Kf1 Nf6 17.Bxc8 Raxc8 18.Kg2 Nxh5 19.Rxh5 gxh5 20.Rc1 c5 21.Qxh5 Rc6 1-0 Bortnyk,

O (2605)-Hansen,E (2609) Titled Tuesday intern op 11th Apr Late blitz 2023 (10)]

7...0-0 **8.Nf3** The position is equal.

8...Ne4 **9.c4N**

[9.Nd2 Nxd2 10.Qxd2 c6 11.Nc3 Nc7 12.0-0-0 c5 13.Bxc7 Qxc7 14.Nxd5 Qd8 15.dxc5 Be6 16.Nf4 Qc8 17.Kb1 Bf5 18.Qd5 e5 19.Nd3 Rd8 20.Qc4 Be6 21.Qb4 a5 22.Qa4 Bd7 23.Qa3 a4 1-0 G0Dzilla (2716)-Tumaridodiegoni (2624) Blitz 2024]

9...c5N

[Predecessor: 9...c6 10.Nc3 Qa5 11.Rc1 Nxc3 12.bxc3 Bf5 0.70/19 *(⌓12...Qxa2* 0.33/18 *13.cxd5 cxd5)* 13.Qb3 dxc4 14.Bxc4 b5 15.Be2 Be4 1.04/18 1-0 (39) Shuvalova,P (2476)-Bivol,A (2370) Moscow 2021 *(*Black should play *15...Nc7±* 0.32/18 *)*]

10.0-0! **Bg4** **11.cxd5** 0.21/19

[11.Re1± 0.62/17]

11...Qxd5= **12.Nc3** **Nxc3** **13.bxc3** **cxd4** 0.63/20

[13...Rfc8= 0.21/19]

14.cxd4±

[14.exd4 Rac8=]

14...Rac8 **15.Qb3** Dodges Na6-b4

15...Rfd8 1.41/21

[⌓15...Qxb3 0.94/18 16.axb3 Rc6]

16.Rfc1 0.01/24

[White should play 16.Qxd5± 1.41/21 Rxd5 17.Rfb1]

16...Qxb3 **17.axb3** Black should prevent Rc1xc8. **17...Nb4?** 1.94/21

[17...Rxc1+= 0.09/22 18.Rxc1 Nb4]

18.Rxc8+- **Rxc8** **19.Rxa7** **Rc1+** **20.Kh2** **Bf6?** 3.37/21

[20...Nd5 1.76/21]

21.Rxb7 **Nd5**

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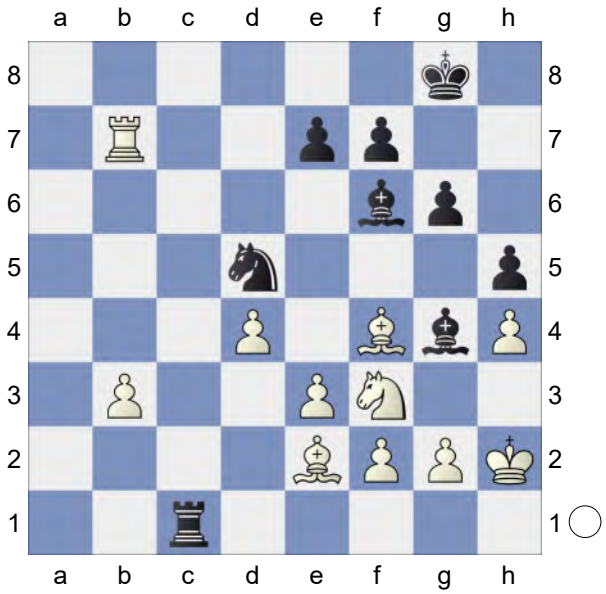

22.Bg5 0.72/24

[22.Bg3!+- 3.21/23 and the rest is easy.]

22...Rc2 2.04/24

[22...Bxg5± 0.72/24 23.hxg5 Rc2]

23.Bxf6 **exf6** **24.Bc4** **Nxe3** 5.08/22

25.fxe3

[25.Bxf7+ Kf8=]

25...Bxf3 **26.Rxf7**

[Weaker is 26.Bxf7+ Kf8 27.Ra7 Rxg2+ 28.Kh3 Be4=]

26...Rxg2+± 7.74/26 Endgame KRB-KRB. White is a pawn up.

[⌓26...Bxg2 4.87/22 27.Rxf6+ Kg7 28.Rf7+ Kh6]

27.Kh3+- **Kh8** **28.Rxf6** **Be4** **29.Rf4** **Bb7** **30.Rf8+** **Kg7** **31.Rf7+** **Kh6** **32.Rxb7** KRB-KR **32...Rg4** **33.Re7** **g5** **34.Re6+** **Kg7** **35.hxg5** **Rxg5** **36.Re5** **Rg4** **37.Rxh5** **Rg1** **38.Re5** **Re1** **39.d5**

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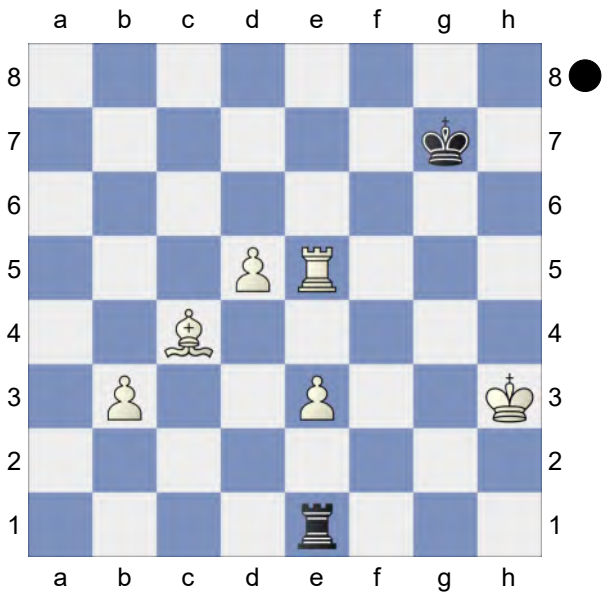
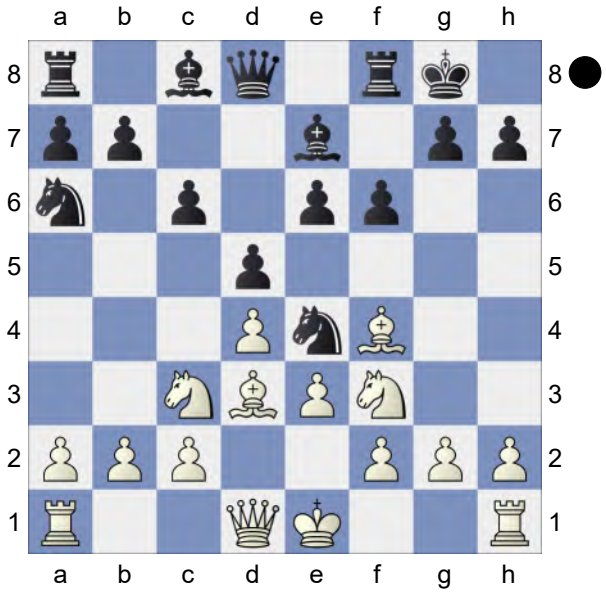


Intending d5-d6 and mate. **39...Kh6 40.d6 Rd1 41.Re6+** 16.48/24
[⌓41.Bd5 #8/18 Rg1 42.d7 Kg7 43.d8Q *(43.d8R Kh6 44.Rh8+ Kg7 45.Rg8+* Skewer *Kf6 46.Re6+ Kf7 47.Rh6+ Ke7 48.Rxg1 Kf8 49.Rh7 Ke8 50.Rg8#)* 43...Rf1 44.Qg5+ Kh7 45.Be4+ Rf5 46.Bxf5+ Kh8 47.Re8#]
41...Kh5 42.Re5+? 0.01/18
[42.Be2+ #7/16 mates Kg5 43.Bxd1 Kf5 44.Re7 Kf6 45.Kg4 Kg6 46.d7 Kh6 47.d8Q Kg6 48.Qd6#]
42...Kh6!= 43.Rd5 White mates.
43...Re1 44.d7 Rxe3+ 45.Kg2 Re7 46.d8Q Rg7+ 47.Kh2 Weighted Error Value: White=0.61/Black=1.22
1-0

447 **D00**
□ **Siemes,Robert** **2604**
■ **Kavalek,Lubomir** **2598**
82/(485) Ohrid (6) 06.12.2022
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines Kitty Kat: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines A45: Trompowsky Attack' **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.Ne5 Ne4**
[7...Nd7 8.a3 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 c6 10.Nc3 Nb8 11.Bd3 Nd7 12.Qh5 g6 13.Qh6 Nxe5 14.dxe5 f6 15.Bxg6 hxg6 16.Qxg6+ Kh8 17.Qh6+ Kg8 18.Qg6+ Kh8 19.h4 Bc5 20.Qh6+ Kg8 21.Qg6+ Kh8 22.Na4 1-0 Bortnyk,O (2608)-Sargsyan,S (2649) Julius Baer GenCup Pl/In rapid 2024 (9)]
8.f3 The position is equal.
[8.Bd3 -0.86/20 8.f2-f3 0.07 f6 9.Nf3 c6 10.Nc3



Nxc3! 11.bxc3 c5! 12.0-0 c4 13.Be2 Qa5 14.Qd2 -1.27/21 *(14.e4∓* -0.65/20 *)*

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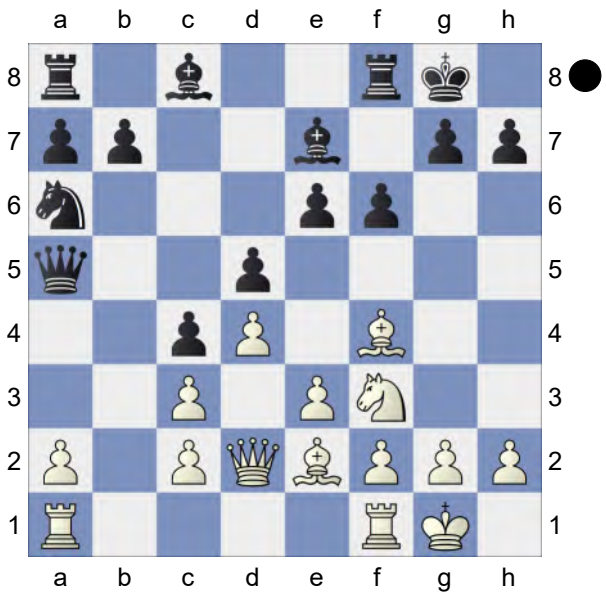


14...Nc7 -0.80/21 *(14...Ba3! -1.27/21 15.Rab1 Nc7 16.Bxc7 Qxc7)* 15.a4∓ Bd7 16.Rfb1 Bc6]

8...Nd6N

[8...Nf6 9.a3 c5 10.c3 Nh5 11.Bg3 f6 12.Nd3 Nxg3 13.hxg3 Bd7 14.a4 Qb6 15.Qc2 g6 16.Nf4 f5 17.Be2 c4 18.Kf2 Bxb5 19.axb5 Nc7 20.b3 e5 21.dxe5 g5 22.Nh5 Bc5 23.Nf6+ 1-0 Bortnyk,O (2608)-Ivic,V (2592) CrunchLab Masters Div 3 W rapid 2024 (1.3)]

9.Nxd6 cxd6 10.Nd3 f6 0.37/21

[10...Bd7 11.Be2 Rc8 12.0-0 Qb6 13.c3 Nb8 14.Kh1 Bb5 15.a4 Bxd3 16.Bxd3 Qxb2]

[10...Bf6= -0.04/22]

11.Be2± e5 12.Bg3 Nc7 13.0-0 b6 14.c3 Bb7 1.02/20

[14...a5± 0.45/17]

15.Qb3 0.49/18

[15.a4± 1.02/20]

15...Kh8 0.89/19

[15...Ba6± 0.49/18]

16.a4± e4 17.Nf4 g5 18.Nh5 White has more active pieces. **18...Qe8** 2.29/21

[18...exf3± 1.27/20 19.Rxf3 *(19.Bxf3 Ba6±)* 19...Qe8]

19.f4 1.10/21

[19.fxe4+- 2.29/21 a4-a5 would now be deadly. dxe4 20.c4]

19...Bc6 2.42/22

[19...g4± 1.10/21 is a better defense.]

20.a5 b5 21.a6 0.51/20

[21.fxg5+- 1.86/22 f5 22.h4]

21...Rb8 1.25/24

[Black should play 21...g4!± 0.51/20 22.Bxg4 f5]

22.fxg5 fxg5 23.Rxf8+ 1.06/24

[Better is 23.Qa3 1.60/23 Rxf1+ 24.Rxf1]

23...Qxf8 24.Rf1↑ White is really pushing. **24...Qh6** 2.61/23

[24...Qd8± 1.23/23]

25.Qb4+-

[25.Rf7 Qe6 26.Rf2 *(26.Rg7 Ne8∓)* 26...Be8± *(26...Rb6 27.h3±)*]

25...Nxa6? 5.45/23

[25...g4 2.35/21 is a better chance.]

26.Qa3 Rb6 27.Be5+ Pin **27...Kg8 28.Nf6+ Bxf6 29.Rxf6 b4 30.Qa1**

[30.Bxa6? bxa3 *(30...Qxf6? 31.cxb4 dxe5 32.dxe5-+)* 31.Rxh6 axb2 *(31...Rxa6? 32.bxa3 dxe5 33.Rd6-+)* 32.Rxd6 b1Q+-+ *(32...b1B? 33.Bc8+-)*]

30...Qg7 31.Rxd6 Discovered Attack

[31.Bxd6? loses. Qxf6 32.Be5 Qf7 33.Bxa6 bxc3 34.bxc3 Ba4-+ Back Rank]

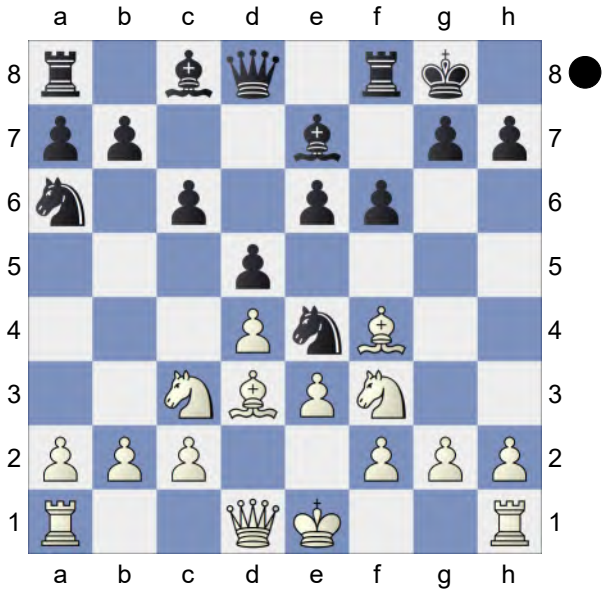
31...Qb7 32.Rd8+ Kf7 33.Qf1+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.26 (precise) /Black=0.94

1-0

448 **D00**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2604**
■ **Kravtsiv,Martyn** **2598**
Titled Tue 6th Dec Late blitz (6) 06.12.22
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.Ne5!** The main line 7.Ne5 scores better than 7.Be2. Die Hauptvariante 7.Se5 punktet besser als 7.Le2. The main line 7.Ne5 scores better than 7.Be2. Die Hauptvariante 7.Se5 punktet besser als 7.Le2. **7...Ne4 8.f3** The position is equal.

[8.Bd3 -0.72/20 8.f2-f3 -0.10 f6 9.Nf3 c6 10.Nc3



Nxc3! 11.bxc3

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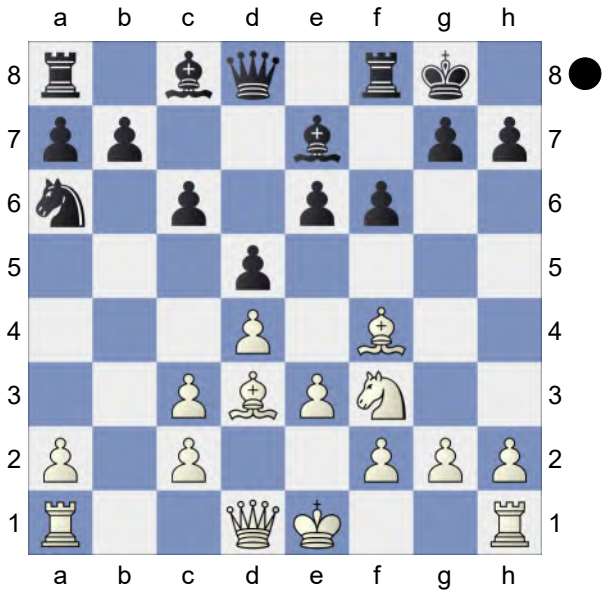

c5! 12.0-0 c4 13.Be2 Qa5 14.Qd2 -1.21/21 *(14.Qe1∓ -0.62/20)* 14...Nc7 -0.54/22 *(14...Ba3∓* -1.21/21 And now ...Ba3-b2 would win. *15.g4 Bb2)* 15.a4∓ Bd7 16.Rfb1 Bc6 0-1 (43) Bortnyk,O (2604)-Kravtsiv,M (2598) Chess.com INT 2022 0-1 (43) Bortnyk,O (2604)-Kravtsiv,M (2598) Chess.com INT 2022]

8...Nd6 9.Nxd6 cxd6 10.Nd3 f6N 0.34/20

[Vorgänger: 10...Bd7 11.Be2 Rc8 12.0-0 Qb6 13.c3 Nb8 14.Kh1 Bb5 15.a4 Bxd3 16.Bxd3 Qxb2 0-1 (39) Bortnyk,O (2604)-Vidit,S (2723) Chess.com INT 2022 0-1 (39) Bortnyk,O (2604)-Vidit,S (2723) Chess.com INT 2022]

[10...Bf6= -0.15/20 is more appropriate.]

11.Be2± e5 12.Bg3 Nc7 13.0-0 b6 14.c3 Bb7 0.91/20

[14...a5± 0.45/17 was preferrable.]

15.Qb3 0.54/19

[Better is 15.a4± 0.91/20]

15...Kh8 0.98/19

[15...Ba6± 0.54/19 feels stronger.]

16.a4± e4 1.24/21

[⌓16...Qd7 0.84/19]
17.Nf4 g5 18.Nh5 White is much more active. **18...Qe8** 2.45/20
[18...exf3± 1.10/21 19.Rxf3 *(19.Bxf3 f5±)* 19...Bc6]
19.f4? 0.94/20
[19.fxe4+- 2.45/20 and White stays clearly on top. a4-a5 would now be deadly. dxe4 20.c4]
19...Bc6 2.44/21
[19...g4± 0.94/20]
20.a5 Strongly threatening f4xg5. **20...b5**
21.a6 0.71/20
[21.fxg5+- 1.88/21 is more deadly. fxg5 22.Rxf8+ Qxf8 23.Qb4]
21...Rb8 1.37/23
[⌓21...g4 0.71/20 22.Bxg4 f5]
22.fxg5 fxg5 23.Rxf8+ 1.05/23
[White should try 23.Qa3+- 1.64/24 Qd7 24.h3]
23...Qxf8 24.Rf1 Qh6 2.23/22
[24...Qd8± 1.26/21]
25.Qb4+- Hoping for Bg3-e5+.
[25.Rf7?! Qe6 26.Rf2 *(26.Rg7 Ne8∓)* 26...Kg8± *(26...Rb6 27.Qd1±)*]
25...Nxa6? 5.48/23
[25...g4 2.47/22 is a better chance.]
26.Qa3 Rb6 27.Be5+ Pin **27...Kg8**
28.Nf6+ Bxf6 29.Rxf6 b4 30.Qa1
[30.Bxa6 bxa3 *(30...Qxf6? 31.Qa2-+)* 31.bxa3 Rb1+ *(31...Qh4? 32.Bg3-+)* 32.Bf1 Bb5-+]
30...Qg7 31.Rxd6 Discovered Attack
[31.Bxd6? too greedy. Qxf6 32.Be5 Qf7 33.Bxa6 bxc3 34.bxc3 Ba4-+ Back Rank]
31...Qb7 32.Rd8+ 8.52/5
[⌓32.Bg4 #10/20 Bb5 33.Be6+ Kf8 34.Rd8+ *(34.Bxd5 Qe7+-)* 34...Ke7 35.Bxd5 *(35.Rxd5?* loses. *Rxe6 36.c4 Bxc4-+)* 35...Kxd8 36.Bxb7 Rxb7 37.Qa2]
32...Kf7 33.Qf1+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.32/Black=0.97
1-0

449 **A45**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2604**
■ **Gines Esteo,Pedro Antonio** **2492**
Titled Tue 22nd Nov Early blitz (8)
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.Ne5!** The main line 7.Ne5 scores better than 7.Be2. Die Hauptvariante 7.Se5 punktet besser als 7.Le2. **7...c6**
[7...Nd7 8.a3 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 c6 10.Nc3 Nb8 11.Bd3 Nd7 12.Qh5 g6 13.Qh6 Nxe5 14.dxe5 f6 15.Bxg6 hxg6 16.Qxg6+ Kh8 17.Qh6+ Kg8 18.Qg6+ Kh8 19.h4 Bc5 20.Qh6+ Kg8 21.Qg6+ Kh8 22.Na4 1-0 Bortnyk,O (2608)-Sargsyan,S (2649) Julius Baer GenCup Pl/In rapid 2024 (9)]
8.Nc3 The position is equal. **8...c5** 0.44/19
[8...Nb8= -0.02/17]
9.Bxa6N
[9.a3 cxd4 10.exd4 Qb6 11.Rb1 Ne4 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.c3 f6 14.Nc4 Qd8 15.Be2 b6 16.0-0 Bb7 17.h3 Rc8 18.Ne3 g5 19.Bh2 f5 20.Qa4 Nb8 21.Qxa7 Bc6 22.Nc4 Bd5 23.Nxb6 Rc6 1-0 Eilers,S (2300)-Mortazavi,A (2333) Titled Tuesday intern op 16th May Early blitz 2023 (4) 24.Nxd5 exd5 25.Be5 Nd7 26.Bb5 Qc8 27.Bxc6 Qxc6 28.Qc7 Qe6 29.a4 f4 30.f3 Nb6 31.a5 Nc4 32.a6 Bd8 33.Qb7 Bb6 34.a7 Bxa7 35.Qxa7 Rf7 36.Qb8+ Rf8 37.b3

Nd2 38.Qd6 1-0 Gautier,A (2300)-Samuelsen,C (2333) Moscow FIDE GP 2017 (4)]
[9.g4 Bd7 10.g5 Ne4 11.Nxe4 dxe4 12.h4 cxd4 13.exd4 Bc6 14.Nxc6 bxc6 15.Bxa6 Qa5+ 16.c3 Qxa6 17.Qe2 Qxe2+ 18.Kxe2 f5 19.f3 exf3+ 20.Kxf3 c5 21.Be5 cxd4 22.Bxd4 a5 23.Rhe1 Kf7 0-1 Schnell,S (1996)-Murawski,J (2065) Titled Tuesday intern op 26th Nov Late blitz 2024 (3)]

9...bxa6 10.Nc6 Qe8 11.Nxe7+ Qxe7 12.0-0 a5 13.Bg5N White is more active.

[Predecessor: 13.Qf3 0.08/20 13.Nc3-a4 0.62 cxd4 14.exd4 Qb4 15.Qd3 Against Bc8-a6 Bb7 16.a3 Qb6 And now ...Bb7-a6! would win. 17.Rfe1 Ne4 0.76/19 *(17...Ba6= 0.24/17 18.Qd2 Rfe8)* 18.Nxe4 0.35/21 *(*White should try *18.Na4± 0.76/19 Qc6 19.b3)* 18...dxe4± 19.Qg3! 1-0 (33) Bortnyk,O (2604)-Cabarkapa,N (2461) Chess.com INT 2022]

13...Ba6 14.Re1 Rab8 1.24/19

[Black should try 14...h6± 0.55/18 15.Bxf6 Qxf6]

15.Rb1 0.65/19

[15.Na4± 1.24/19]

15...h6± 16.Bh4 Rfc8 1.24/20

[16...Rbc8± 0.66/18]

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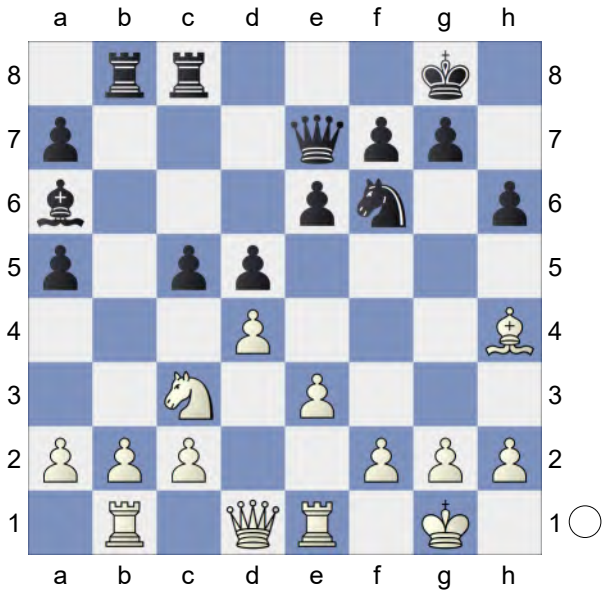

17.a3 0.59/18

[17.Na4!± 1.24/20]

17...Rb7 18.dxc5 -0.14/21

[18.Na4± 0.61/20]

18...Qxc5= 19.Bxf6 gxf6 20.Qg4+

[20.h3 simplifies f5 21.Ne2 Bxe2 22.Rxe2 a4 23.Rd2]

20...Kf8 21.Qh4 Ke7? 1.78/20 Loses the game.

[21...Kg7= 0.01/20]

22.e4+-

[22.Qxh6?! Bb5±]

22...d4 3.12/21

[⌓22...dxe4 1.66/20 23.Nxe4 Qf5]

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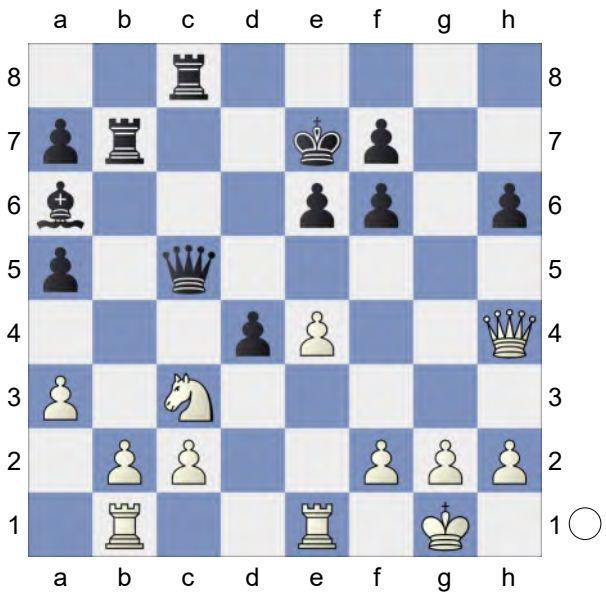


23.Nd5+!
[23.e5 dxc3 24.b4 *(24.Qxf6+ Ke8∓)* 24...axb4 25.axb4 Qc4 26.exf6+ Kd8 27.Rbd1+ Rd7∓]
23...exd5 4.52/20
[⌓23...Kd7 2.99/19 24.Nxf6+ *(24.Qxf6 Kc6+-)* 24...Kc7 25.Qxh6 Kb8]
24.exd5+ Kd7 25.Qxf6
[And not 25.Qxh6 Rb6 *(25...Qxc2?* too greedy. *26.Qxf6 Kc7 27.Rbc1+-* Pin *)* 26.Qh5 Kc7∓ *(26...Qxc2? 27.Qxf7+ Kd6 28.Rbc1+-)*]
25...Qxd5 #3/8
[25...Kc7+- 4.45/20 26.Qxa6 Qxd5 27.Qxh6 Kb8 28.Qf4+ Ka8]
26.Re7+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.78
1-0

450 **D00**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2604**
■ **Lamaze,Simon** **2372**
Titled Tuesday intern op 22nd Nov Early ..
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 g6 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* 1-0 Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 2013*; 5.f4 Qa5 6.Bd2 Qb4 7.Qe2 Qxb2 8.Rb1 Qa3 9.e5 dxe5 10.fxe5 Nfd7 11.e6 fxe6 12.dxe6 Nf6 13.Nb5 Qxa2 14.Nc7+ Kd8 15.Rd1 Nc6 16.Bf4+ Nd4 17.Nxa8 Qxe6 18.Qxe6 Bxe6 19.c3 Bg4* 1-0 Genovese,A (2106)-Burk,E (1200) Germany senior ch-5 final 9901 1999*)*
5...Bg7 6.Bc4 *(6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.a4 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nbd7 11.Re1 a6 12.Bf1 e5 13.a5 Ne8 14.Bd3 Qh4 15.Qg4 Qxg4 16.hxg4 Rc8 17.b3 Nef6 18.g5 Ne8 19.g3 f6 20.Kg2 fxg5* 0-1 7.♗c4 ♕a5 8. ♕d2 e6_6062 (2345)-Jovic,A (2383) Gonfreville op 1979 (3.76)*)*
6...0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 1-0 Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) V0048 www.desc-online.de 2000 (7) gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8 21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7

31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9)]

3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.Bd3 c5 6.dxc5 Bxc5 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.0-0 The position is equal. **8...b5 9.a3 Bb7 10.Qe2 Qe7 11.b4 Bb6** Threatens to win with ...e6-e5. **12.a4 Nxb4** 0.80/21

[12...0-0!= -0.05/19]

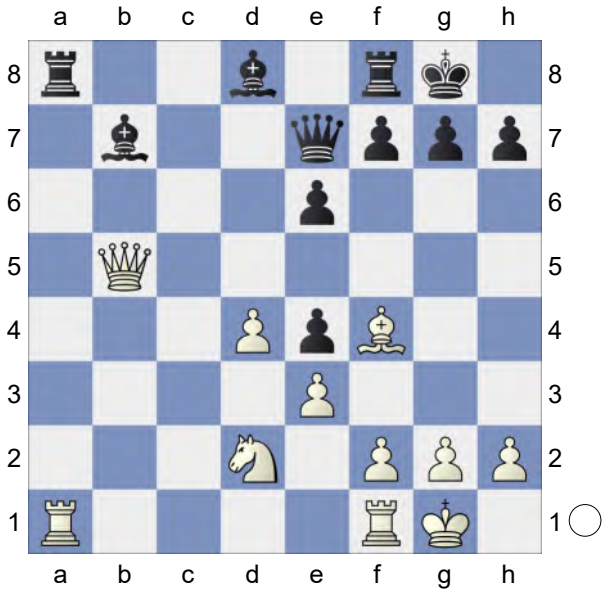
13.axb5± Nxd3 14.cxd3 0-0 15.d4 Ne4 1.34/21

[15...Rfc8± 0.46/20]

16.Nxe4! dxe4 17.Nd2 axb5? 3.25/22 Loses the game.

[17...a5± 1.01/21]

18.Qxb5+- Bd8



19.Nc4! Rxa1 20.Rxa1 Bd5

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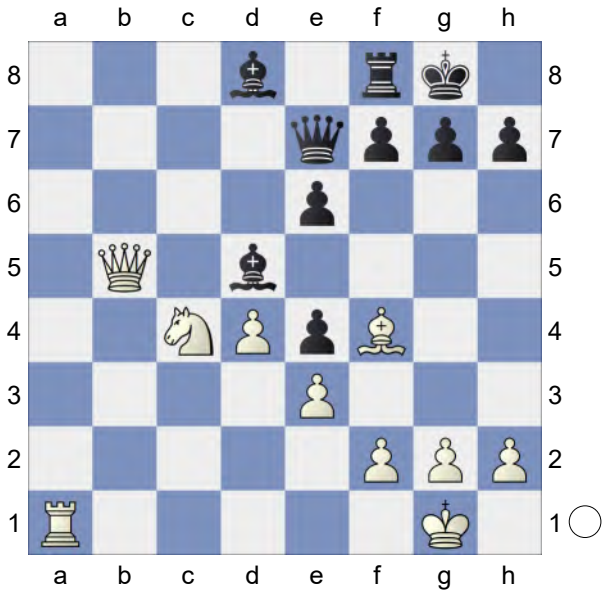


21.Bd6! Bxc4 22.Qb4 Qg5 4.87/23

[22...Qe8 3.32/22 might work better.]

23.Bxf8 White is clearly winning.

23...Bd5 24.Bd6 h5 25.Qb8 Kh7 26.Bf4 Qf6 27.Be5 Qg5 28.Ra7 Kg6 29.h3 Threatens to win with Be5-f4.

29...Bf6 30.Bf4 Qf5 31.Qc7 Bh4 32.g3 e5 33.Qxe5 Bf6 34.Qxf5+ Kxf5 Endgame KRB-KB **35.Ra5 Ke6 36.Ra6+ Kf5 37.g4+ hxg4 38.Ra5 Ke6 39.hxg4 g5 40.Ra6+ Ke7 41.Bd6+ Ke8 42.Kg2 Bd8 43.Be5 Be6 44.Kg3 Bc4 45.Rh6 Be2 46.f4 exf3 47.Bf6 Bxf6** 6.67/27

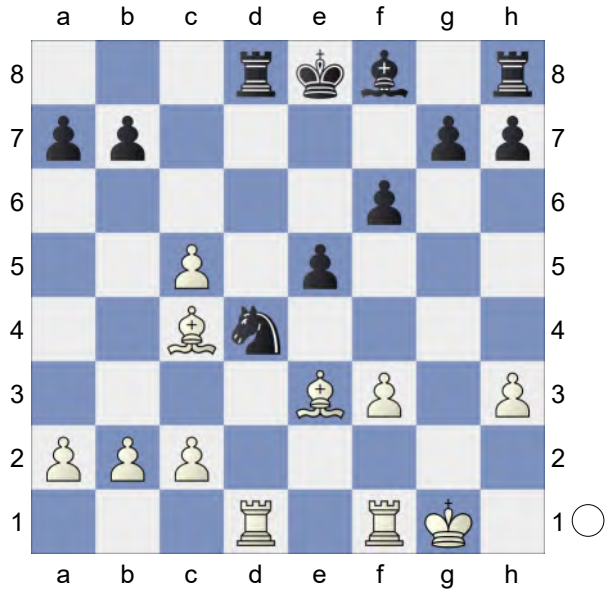
[⌓47...Be7 4.55/21 48.Kf2 Ba3 49.Bxg5 Kd7]

48.Rxf6 Ke7 49.Rxf3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) / Black=0.33

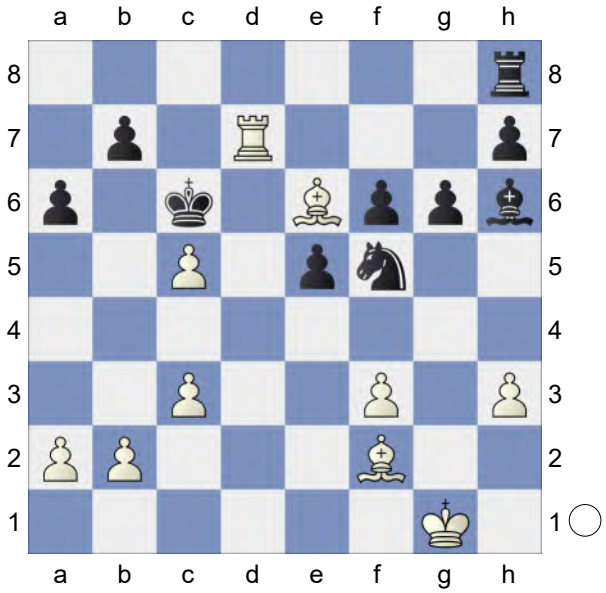
1-0

451 **D00**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2603**
■ **Prazak,Daniel** **2321**
Titled Tue 17th Dec Early (4) 17.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 c5 4.e4 Nxe4 5.Nxe4 dxe4 6.dxc5 Qxd1+ 7.Rxd1** Strongly threatening Bxb8. **7...Nc6 8.Be3** The position is equal. **8...e5 9.f3 exf3 10.Nxf3 f6 11.Bc4 Bg4 12.0-0 Rd8 13.h3 Bxf3** 1.19/22
[13...Bh5± 0.56/20]
14.gxf3± Nd4



15.c3! Nf5 1.56/23
[⌓15...Nxf3+ 1.07/22 16.Kh1 Nh4]
16.Bb5+ 0.95/22
[⌓16.Bf2 1.56/23]
16...Ke7 17.Bf2 1.00/23 &Bianco is more active.
[White should play 17.Rxd8 1.58/24 Kxd8 18.Rd1+ Kc7 19.Bf2]
17...a6 1.96/23
[17...g6± 1.00/23]
18.Ba4 0.98/23
[18.Bd3+- 1.96/23 g6 19.Be4]
18...g6 19.Rxd8 Kxd8 20.Rd1+ Kc8
21.Bd7+ Kc7 22.Be6 Bh6? 2.17/23
[22...Ng7!± 0.57/23 23.Bc4 *(23.Rd7+? Kc6-+)* 23...Nh5]
23.Rd7++- Kc6



24.Bxf5 0.91/23
[24.Rf7!+- 2.08/22 has better winning chances. Bg5 25.c4]
24...gxf5 Endgame KRB-KRB **25.Rd6+ Kc7 26.Rxf6 Rg8+** 1.63/23
[26...Bf4± 0.81/22]
27.Kf1 Bf4 28.Rxf5 Rg7 2.20/22 Inhibits Rf7+.
[28...Rd8± 1.58/23 keeps fighting.]
29.a4 Rd7 30.Ke1 0.93/21 Inhibits Rd1+.
[30.Be1+- 2.18/23]
30...Rd2? 8.11/24
[30...h6± 0.93/21]

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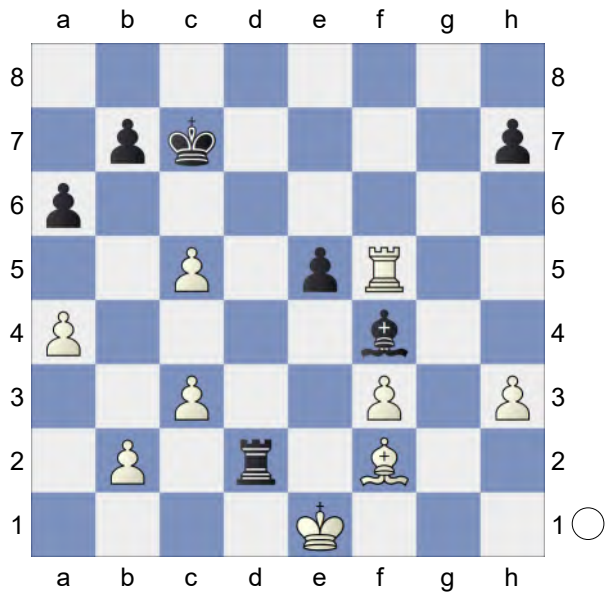


31.Rxf4! Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.29 (precise)
1-0

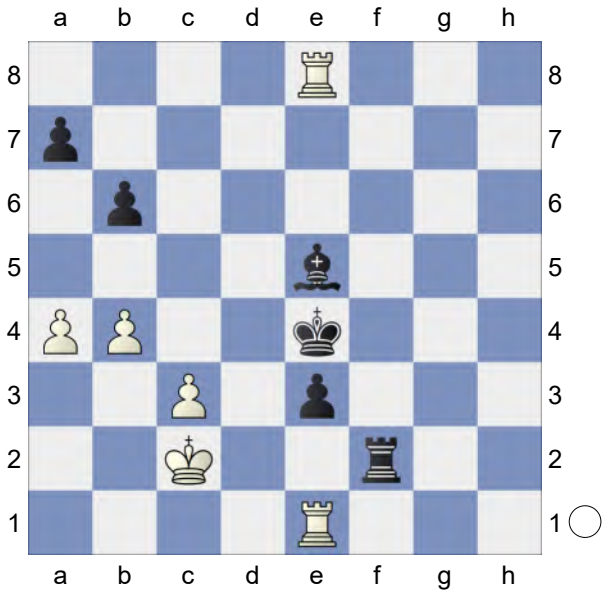
452 **D00**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2603**
■ **Lin,Bryan Enming** **2359**
Titled Tue 3rd Dec Late (5) 03.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 1-0 (88)*; 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7* Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig,F (1863) Mainz 1997 EXT 2000 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (57)*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) www.desc-online.de 2000 CBM 166 [Beliavsky, Alexander G] 1-0 (41)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]
3.Bf4 a6 4.a3 h6 5.e3 Bf5 6.Bd3 Bxd3 7.cxd3 e6 8.Qb3 White has an edge. **8...Bd6** 0.95/22
[8...b5= 0.17/16 remains equal.]
9.Qxb7± Nbd7 10.Bxd6 cxd6 11.Qb3 &Bianco is more active. **11...Rb8 12.Qc2 0-0 13.Nge2 Qa5** 1.13/19
[Better is 13...Nb6 0.80/17]
14.0-0 Rfc8 15.Rfc1 e5 16.h3 Nf8 17.b4 Qb6 18.Qb3 Qb7 19.dxe5 dxe5 20.d4 exd4 21.Nxd4 Rc4 2.21/20
[21...Ng6± 1.47/19 was worth a try. 22.Na4 Ne5 23.Rxc8+ Rxc8]
22.Na4+- Rxc1+ 23.Rxc1 Ne4 24.Nc5 Nxc5 25.Rxc5 Rd8 26.Qc2 Ne6 27.Nxe6 fxe6 Endgame KQR-KQR **28.Rc7** Prevents Qd7. **28...Qb6 29.Rc6** Against Qd6 **29...Qb5 30.Rxe6 d4** 4.97/24
[⌓30...Qc4 3.42/21 31.Rc6 Qxc2 32.Rxc2 Rd6]
31.exd4 White is clearly winning. **31...Rxd4 32.Qg6 Rd2** 15.55/29
[⌓32...Rd1+ 4.99/21 33.Kh2 Kf8]
33.Re8+ Black did not feel at home in the position after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /

Black=0.30
1-0

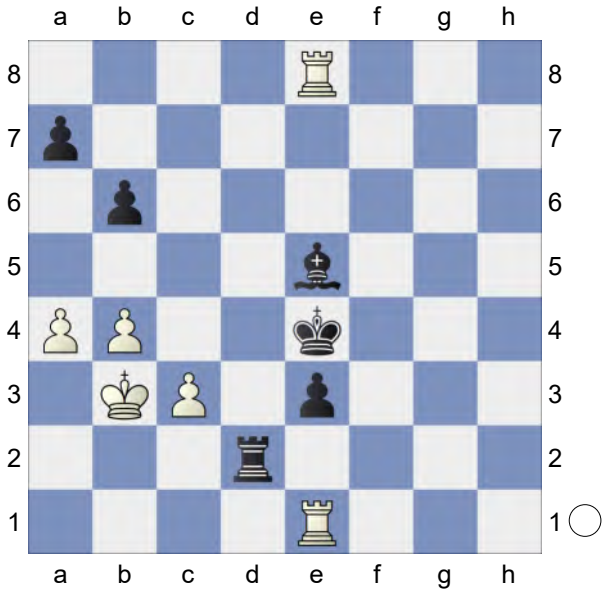
453 **A45**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2603**
■ **Dragun,Kamil** **2528**
Titled Tue 17th Dec Early (11) 17.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 1-0 (88)*; 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7* Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig, F (1863) Mainz 1997 EXT 2000 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (57)*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) www.desc-online.de 2000 CBM 166 [Beliavsky, Alexander G] 1-0 (41)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]
3.Bf4 c5 4.e4 cxd4 5.Qxd4 Nc6 6.Bb5 Bd7 7.Bxc6 Bxc6 8.e5
The position is equal.
[8.exd5 feels hotter. Bxd5 9.Nxd5 Qxd5 10.Nf3]
8...Nd7 9.e6 fxe6 10.Nf3 Qb6 11.Be5 Qxd4 12.Bxd4 Rg8 13.h4 g5 14.hxg5 e5! 15.Nxe5 Nxe5 16.Bxe5 Rxg5 17.Bg3 h6 18.0-0-0 0-0-0 19.Rhe1 h5 0.16/22
[19...Re8 -0.15/20 is superior.]
20.Ne2!= e5 0.79/23
[20...Rg4= 0.23/20]
21.Bh4± Rxg2 ...Bh6+ is the strong threat. **22.Bxd8 Kxd8 23.Nc3 Bh6+ 24.Kb1 Bf4 25.Nxd5 Bxd5 26.Rxd5+** Endgame KRR-KRB **26...Ke7 27.Rh1 Rxf2 28.a4 Bh2** 1.43/22
[28...Ke6? 29.Rd8+-]
[Black should play 28...e4 1.05/22]
29.Rb5 b6 30.Rb4 Kf6 31.Rh4! Bf4 White must now prevent ...e4. **32.Rxh5 e4** aiming for ...e3. **33.Re1 e3 34.Rh8 Kf5** 1.49/23
[Better is 34...Kf7 1.07/21]
35.Re8! Rf3 36.c3 Be5 37.Kc2 Hoping for Rf8+. **37...Ke4 38.b4 Rf2+**

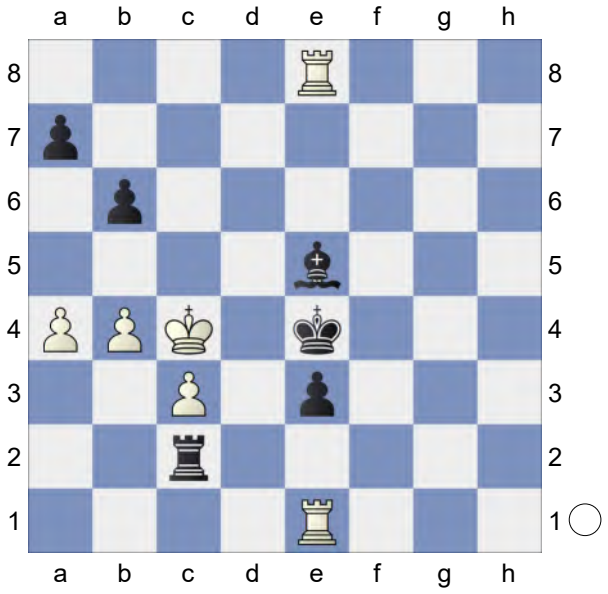


39.Kb3! And now Rxe3+! would win.
39...Rd2? 6.36/25

[39...Rf5 1.65/23 40.Kc4 a6]



40.Kc4? 2.07/23
[40.Rxe3+!! 6.36/25 Kxe3 41.Rxe5+ Kf4 42.Re7]
40...Rc2? 5.07/26
[40...Rd7 2.07/23 was worth a try. 41.Kb5 Rh7]



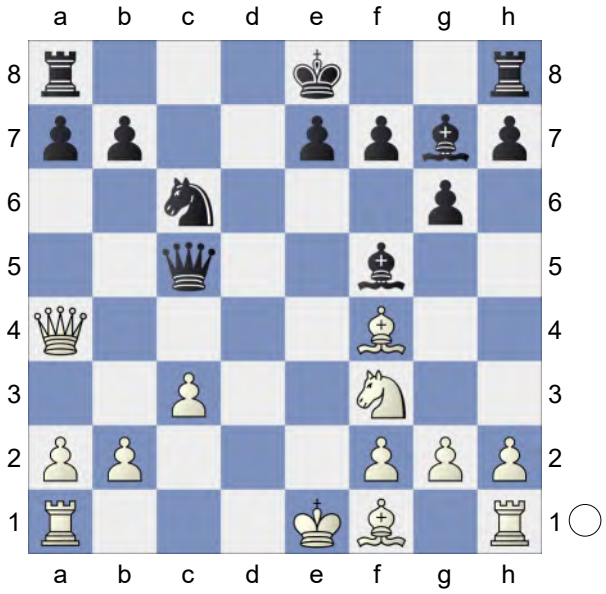
41.Rxe3+!! Kxe3 42.Rxe5++- KR-KR
42...Kf4? 5.87/27
[42...Kd2 2.54/24 is more resistant. 43.Rd5+ Kc1]
43.Re7 a5 44.bxa5 bxa5 45.Ra7 1.59/30
[45.Rc7+- 3.38/30 and White stays clearly on top.]
45...Ke5± 46.Ra6 Rb2? 5.27/28
This move loses the game for Black.
[46...Rc1± 1.55/29 is tougher. 47.Rb6 *(47.Rxa5+ Kd6±)* 47...Rc2]
47.Kc5+- White is clearly winning.
[Not 47.Rxa5+ Kd6 48.Rd5+ Kc6 49.Rc5+ Kd6+-]
47...Rb3 48.c4 Rc3 49.Rxa5 Intending Kb4+ and mate. **49...Ke6 50.Ra7 Ra3 51.a5 Ra4 52.a6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.29 (precise) /Black=0.70
1-0

454 **A45**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2603**
■ **Saya,Ethan** **2257**
Titled Tue 26th Nov Late (2) 26.11.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* 1-0 Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 2013*; 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7* 0-1 Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig,F (1863) Rheinhessen-ch H1 op 1997 (2)*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1*

Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8 1-0 Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) V0048 www.desc-online.de 2000 (7)) 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]

3.Bf4 c5 4.e4 Nxe4 5.Nxe4 dxe4 6.dxc5 Qa5+ 7.c3 Qxc5 8.Qa4+ The position is equal. **8...Nc6 9.Qxe4 g6 10.Nf3 Bf5 11.Qa4 Bg7**



And now ...Bxc3+! would win. **12.Rd1 0-0 13.Be3** 0.32/22

[13.Be2= -0.05/18]

13...Qa5± 14.Qxa5!? Exploring less charted territory. Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain. Exploring less charted territory. Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain. **14...Nxa5 15.Be2 Rfd8N**

[15...e5 16.0-0 *(16.Ng5!?)* 16...Be6 17.b3 h6 18.c4 -0.34/20 *(Better is 18.Bb5=* 0.20/21 *)* 18...f5 0.15/21 *(18...Nc6∓* -0.34/20 *)* 19.Rd6 Rfe8 20.Rfd1 Bf8 0.98/23 *(20...g5=* 0.01/21 keeps the balance.*)* 21.Nxe5!± Bxd6 22.Rxd6 0-1 Bortnyk,O (2608)-Arias,J (2333) Titled Tuesday intern op 22nd Aug Late blitz 2023 (7) 0-1 Bortnyk,O (2608)-Arias,J (2333) Titled Tuesday intern op 22nd Aug Late blitz 2023 (7)]

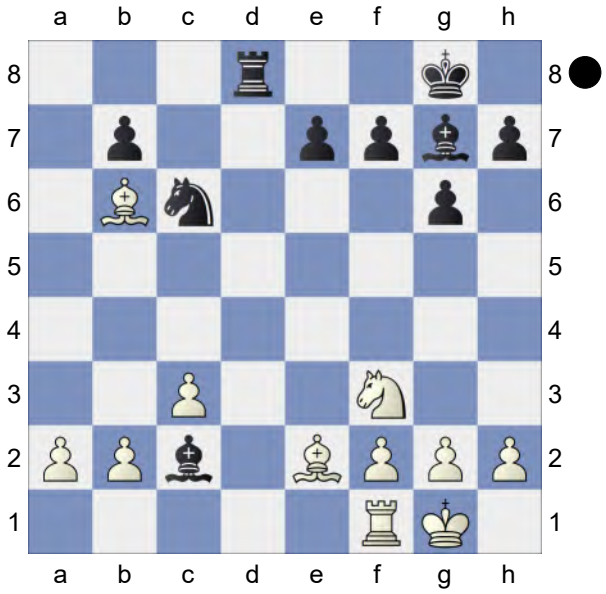
16.0-0 0.03/20

[16.Rxd8+± 0.47/22 Rxd8 17.Bxa7]

16...Bc2 1.12/22

[16...Nc6= 0.03/20 remains equal.]

17.Rxd8+± Rxd8 18.Bxa7 Nc6 19.Bb6↑



Rc1! is the strong threat. Black is under strong pressure. **19...Rd7** 1.61/22

[19...Ra8± 1.20/22]

20.Rc1+- Be4 21.Rd1 Rxd1+ 22.Bxd1 Bd5 23.a4 e5 2.00/23

[23...f5± 1.55/21 is a better defense. 24.g3 e5]

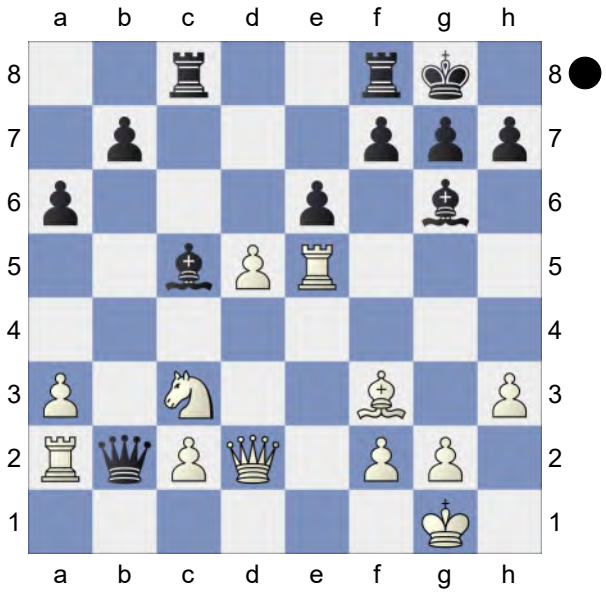
24.Kf1 f5 25.Nd2 e4 26.Bb3 Bxb3 27.Nxb3 Endgame. Hoping for Nc5. KBN-KBN **27...Bf8 28.Bc5** 1.19/24

[White should try 28.f3 0.73/23 aiming for fxe4. exf3 29.gxf3]

28...Bh6 2.00/23
[28...Ne5± 1.19/24 might work better.]
29.Bb6? -0.01/22
[29.Bd6+- 2.00/23 Black must now prevent Nc5. Kf7 30.Nc5]
29...Bf8= 30.Nc5 1.24/23
[30.Nd2+- 1.85/20]
30...Bxc5± 31.Bxc5 KB-KN **31...Kf7 32.Ke2 Ke6 33.Bb6 Ne5 34.b3** Prevents Nc4 **34...Nd3** 1.91/23
[34...g5± 1.10/21 35.f3 exf3+ 36.gxf3 h5]
35.Kd2+- Kd5 2.70/24
[⌓35...g5 1.94/21 36.f3 Ke5 37.Bd4+ Kd5]
36.c4+ Kc6 37.Bd4 Kd6 38.a5 Kc6 3.50/23
[38...Nb4 2.20/21 was worth a try. 39.Be3 Ke5]
39.h4 h5? 4.50/25
[39...Nb4 2.46/21 40.f3 exf3 41.gxf3 Kd6]
40.g3 Kd6 41.Be3 Kc6? 6.71/24
[41...Nb4 2.59/21 42.Kc3 Na2+ 43.Kd4 Nb4 44.c5+ Ke7]
42.Kc3 Ne5 43.b4 Nf3 44.b5+ Kc7 45.c5 Nh2 46.Bf4+ Kc8 47.c6 a6 would kill now. **47...bxc6 48.bxc6** White mates. **48...Ng4 49.a6 e3 50.fxe3 Nf2 51.a7 Ne4+ 52.Kd4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.42
1-0

455 **D00**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2603**
■ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2831**
Titled Tue 24th Dec Late (5) 24.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 a6 4.a3 Bf5 5.e3 e6 6.Nf3 c5 7.Bd3 Bg6 8.0-0 Nc6 9.h3 Rc8 10.Re1 Bh5 11.Be2 Be7 12.dxc5 Bxc5 13.Ne5 Bg6 14.Bf3** -0.68/20
[14.Nxg6= -0.24/18 hxg6 15.Na4]
14...Nxe5∓ 15.Bxe5 0-0 16.e4 Qb6! 17.Qd2 Nd7 0.01/21
[17...Nxe4∓ -0.73/23 18.Bxe4 dxe4 19.Nxe4 Rfd8]
18.exd5 -1.03/22
[18.Bg3= 0.01/21]
18...Nxe5∓
[18...Qxb2 19.Ra2 Qb6 20.Bg3=]
19.Rxe5 Qxb2 20.Ra2

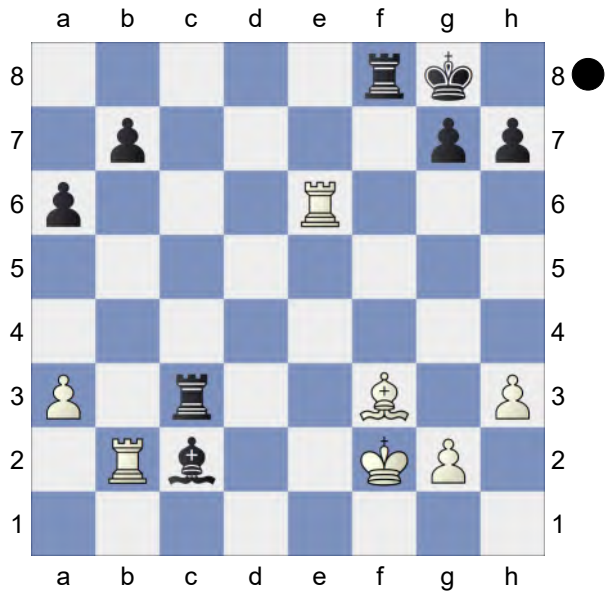


Bxf2+! 21.Kxf2 Qxc3 22.Qxc3 Rxc3 23.dxe6 fxe6
[23...Bxc2 24.e7 Re8 25.Bxb7±]
[23...Rxc2+ 24.Rxc2 Bxc2 25.e7±]
24.Rxe6? -7.02/22
[24.Re3∓ -0.80/21 Rc5 25.Ra1]
24...Bxc2? -0.45/21

[Better is 24...Bf7-+ -7.02/22 25.Re3 Rxe3 26.Kxe3 Bxa2 27.Bxb7 a5]

25.Rb2 -0.93/20

[25.Ra1∓ -0.45/21]



25...Bd1! 26.Rxb7 -2.45/24

[26.Re3∓ -0.96/22 was called for. Rxe3 27.Kxe3 Bxf3 28.gxf3]

26...Bxf3-+ 27.gxf3 Rfxf3+∓

Endgame KRR-KRR

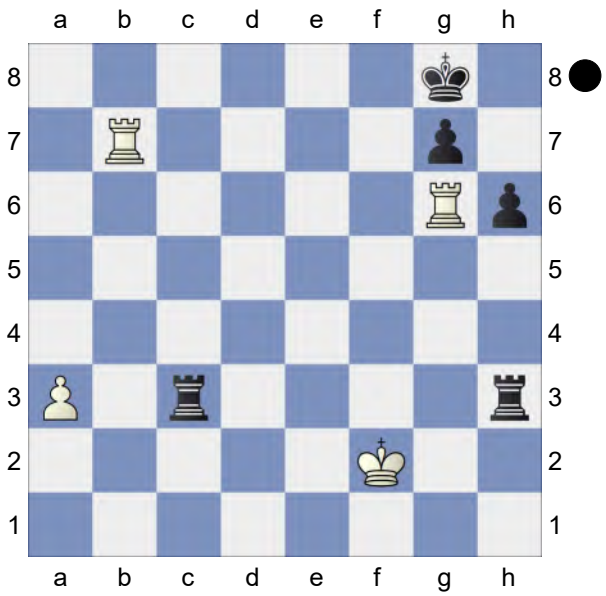
[Stronger than 27...Rcxf3+ 28.Kg2∓]

28.Kg2 Rg3+

[Weaker is 28...Rxa3 29.Re8+ Rf8 30.Ree7∓]

29.Kf2 h6 30.Rxa6 Rxh3 31.Rg6

(Diagram)



Rhf3+!

[31...Rxa3 32.Rgxg7+ Kh8 33.Rh7+ Kg8 34.Rhg7+ Kh8 35.Rh7+ Kg8 36.Rhg7+=]

32.Kg2 Rf7

[And not 32...Rxa3 33.Rgxg7+ Kf8 34.Rh7 Rg3+ 35.Kf2 Raf3+ 36.Ke2 Re3+ 37.Kd2=]

33.Rxf7 -3.92/29

[33.Rb8+ -1.95/22 Kh7 34.Ra6]

33...Kxf7-+ KR-KR **34.Ra6 h5 35.a4 Ra3 36.a5 g5?** -0.52/27

[36...h4-+ -3.92/30 White must now prevent ...g5. 37.Ra8 g5]

37.Rh6∓ h4 -0.01/28

[37...Ra2+∓ -0.54/27 38.Kg1 h4]

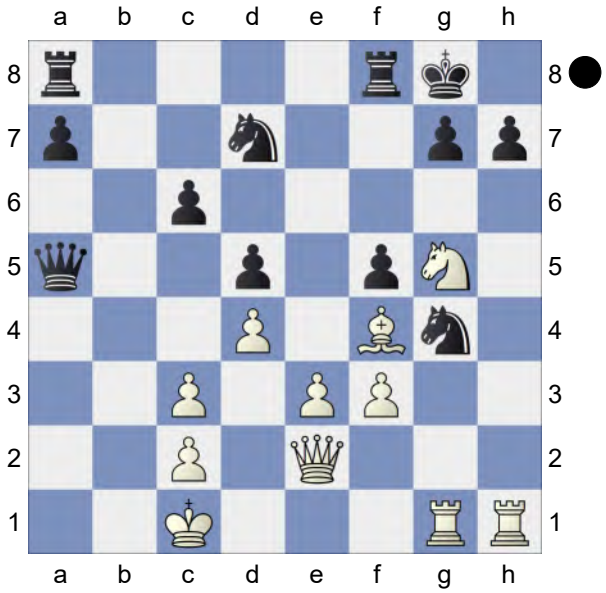
38.a6= The position is equal. **38...Ra4 39.Kh3 Kg7 40.Rb6 Rf4 41.Rc6 Kf7 42.Rb6 Ra4 43.Rc6 Rd4 44.Rb6 Kg7 45.Rc6 Ra4 46.Rb6 Ra5 47.Kg4 Kf7 48.Rc6 Ke7 49.Rg6 Kd7 50.Rh6 Kc7 51.Rf6 Kb8 52.Rh6 Ka7 53.Rf6 Re5 54.Rh6 Re1 55.Kxg5 h3 56.Rxh3 Kxa6 57.Kf4 Rb1 58.Re3 Kb5 59.Re5+ Kc4 60.Re4+ Kc3 61.Re8 Rb4+ 62.Re4 Rc4 63.Rxc4+ Kxc4**

Whites escaped into a draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /

Black=0.29 (precise)
½-½

456 **A45**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2603**
■ **Nguyen,Ngoc Truong Son** **2646**
Titled Tue 17th Dec Late (8) 17.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 1-0 (88)*; 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7* Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig,F (1863) Mainz 1997 EXT 2000 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (57)*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) www.desc-online.de 2000 CBM 166 [Beliavsky, Alexander G] 1-0 (41)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]
3.Bf4 c6 4.e3 Bf5 5.Nf3 Nbd7 6.Bd3 e6 7.a3 Be7 8.h3 0-0 9.Bxf5 exf5 10.g4 -0.40/19
[10.Qd3= -0.06/17 feels stronger.]
10...fxg4∓ 11.hxg4 Nxg4 12.Qe2
[12.Qd3 f5∓]
12...f5 13.0-0-0 b5 14.Rdg1 b4 0.91/19
[14...a5= -0.12/17 remains equal.]
15.axb4± &Bianco is more active.
15...Bxb4 16.Ng5 0.32/19
[16.Nh4± 0.76/19]
16...Bxc3± 17.bxc3 Qa5↑ Strongly threatening ...Nb6. Black has good play.
18.f3 -0.89/21
[18.Nxh7= -0.01/20 Nb6 19.Qe1 *(19.Nxf8? Nc4-+)*]



18...Nb6!∓ 19.Kd2
[Avoid the trap 19.fxg4? Nc4 20.Qxc4 dxc4-+]

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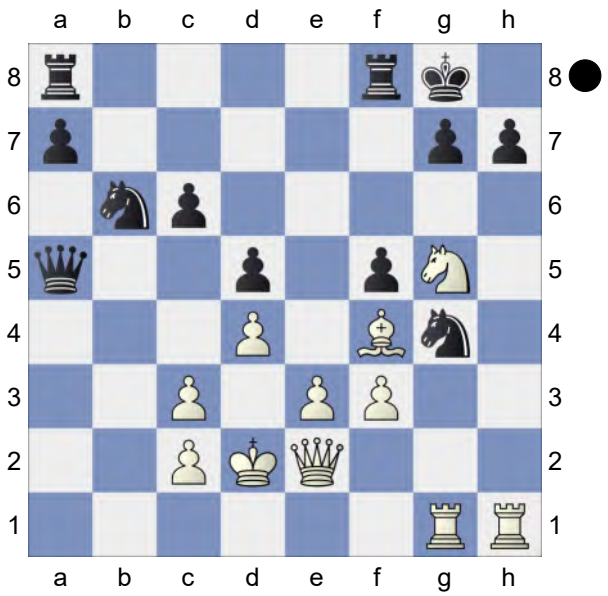
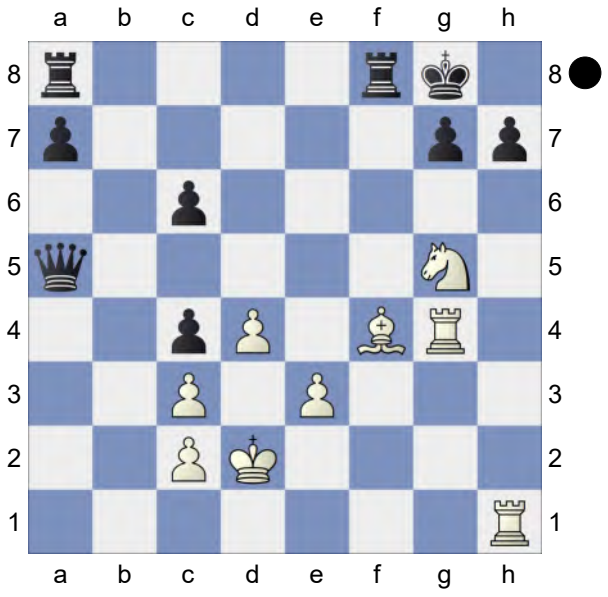


19...Nc4+ -0.01/22
[19...Na4!∓ -0.61/21 20.Qe1 *(20.fxg4? Qxc3+ 21.Kd1 Nb2+ 22.Kc1 Nc4-+)* 20...Qxc3+ 21.Kc1 Nf2 22.Qxc3 Nxc3]
20.Qxc4?? -3.73/19 **dxc4-+** **21.fxg4** **fxg4** ...Rxf4! is the strong threat.
22.Rxg4



Rxf4! 23.exf4 Qf5 24.Rhg1 -6.12/22
[24.Rgh4 -3.56/22 h6 25.Nf3]
24...h5 25.Rh4 Rb8? -1.61/22
[25...Re8 -5.26/22 26.Nf3 Rb8]
26.Nf3? -6.85/22
[26.Re1 -1.61/22]
26...Rb2 27.Ne1 Rb1 White must now prevent ...Qe4. **28.Rg5 Qe6 29.Re5 Qf6** -1.32/22
[29...Qd6-+ -2.72/25 30.Rexh5 Qa3]
30.Rexh5∓ Qe7 -0.98/23
[Better is 30...Qg6 -1.36/26 31.Rg5 Qe8]
31.Rh1 -3.12/24
[31.Nf3∓ -0.98/23 Qa3 32.Rh8+ Kf7 33.Rh1 Rxh1 34.Rxh1]
31...Qe4 32.Rf1 Rxe1? -0.01/25
33.Rxe1= Really sharp! **33...Qxf4+-+** Endgame KQ-KRR **34.Re3 Qf2+ 35.Re2 Qf4+ 36.Re3!=** 0.01/18 and White stays safe. **36...Qf2+ 37.Re2 Qf4+ 38.Ke1?** -2.53/23 **Qg3+?** 0.01/23
[38...Qf3-+ -2.53/23 39.Rhe5 Qxc3+ 40.Kf1 Qxd4]
39.Kd2= Qf4+ Whites escaped into a draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.70/Black=0.66
½-½

457 **A45**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2603**
■ **Materia,Marco** **2471**
Titled Tue 24th Dec Late (10) 24.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 1-0 (88)*; 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5*

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3.Bf4 a6 4.a3 Bf5 5.e3 e6 6.Nf3 Bd6 7.Ne5 Nbd7 8.Bd3 The position is equal. **8...Bxd3 9.cxd3 0-0 10.Qb3 Rb8 11.h3 Qe7 12.Rc1 c5 13.0-0 cxd4 14.exd4 Rfc8 15.Rfe1 Nf8 16.Bg5 h6 17.Bh4 Qd8 18.Re3** -0.66/21

[18.Qd1= -0.22/19 might be stronger.]

18...Be7 -0.24/19

[18...b5∓ -0.66/21]

19.Rf3

[19.Re2 is more complex. Qa5 20.Ng4 Nxg4 21.Bxe7 Qc7 22.hxg4 Qxe7 23.Qxd5 Qxa3 24.bxa3 exd5 25.Rec2]

19...N8d7 20.Re1 -0.64/20

[20.Qd1= -0.22/19]

20...Nxe5 -0.24/20

[20...b5∓ -0.64/20 should be considered. 21.Ne2 b4]

21.dxe5= Nd7 22.Bxe7 Qxe7 23.d4 Rc4 24.Qd1 Rbc8 25.Rg3 f6 0.29/21

[25...Nf8∓ -0.54/20]

26.exf6 Qxf6 27.Qg4 Nf8 28.Rd1 Kh7 29.Rf3 -0.01/21

[29.h4± 0.32/19]

29...Qg6 30.Qf4 Nd7 31.Qd6 R8c7 32.Re1 R4c6 33.Qf4 Nb6 0.58/23

[33...Qg5= 0.24/22]

34.Ne2 0.01/23

[34.Na2!± 0.58/23]

34...Nc4! 35.b4 Nd6 36.Ng3 Rf7 37.Qe3 Rxf3 38.Qxf3 Nb5 39.Ne2 Rc4 40.Qe3 Qe4 41.Qxe4+ dxe4 Endgame KRN-KRN **42.Nf4 Nxa3 43.Rxe4 Nc2** -0.01/26

[43...Rxb4∓ -0.42/22 is more appropriate. 44.Nxe6 Nc4]

44.Nxe6 Nxb4 45.Rg4 g5 46.h4 gxh4 0.37/23

[46...Kg6= 0.01/23 47.f3 Rc6 48.Nf4+ Kf5 49.hxg5 hxg5]

47.Rg7+±

[Don't play 47.Rxh4 Kg6=]

47...Kh8 48.Rd7 -0.01/21

[48.Rxb7± 0.54/21 Rc6 49.Rxb4 Rxe6 50.d5 Re1+ 51.Kh2]

48...Nd3= 49.f3

[49.Rxb7 Rc1+ 50.Kh2 Nxf2 51.Rb8+ Kh7 52.Rb7+ Kg6∓]

49...Rc1+ 50.Kh2 b5 With the idea ... b4. **51.d5 Nf2 52.g4** Black must now prevent d6. **52...hxg3+?** 1.52/25

[52...Rd1= -0.01/21]

53.Kxg3± Nd3 54.d6! Threatens to win with Rd8+. White has strong compensation. **54...Ne5** 2.68/23

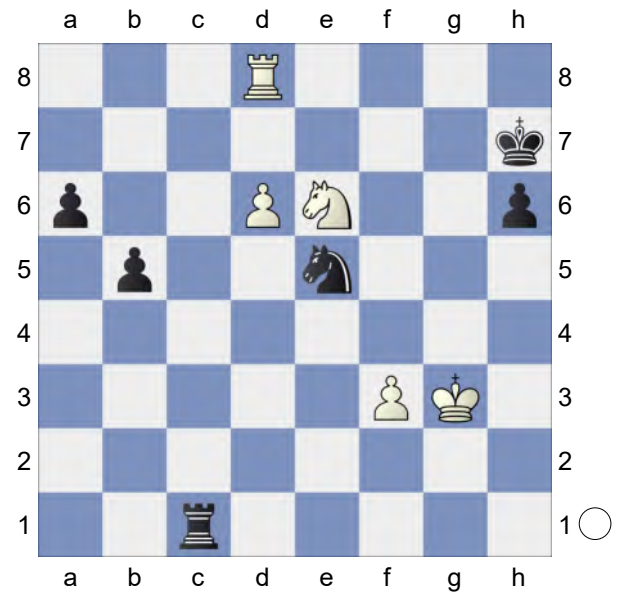
[54...Rg1+ 1.76/24 might work better. 55.Kh3 Rd1]

55.Rd8+? 0.73/5

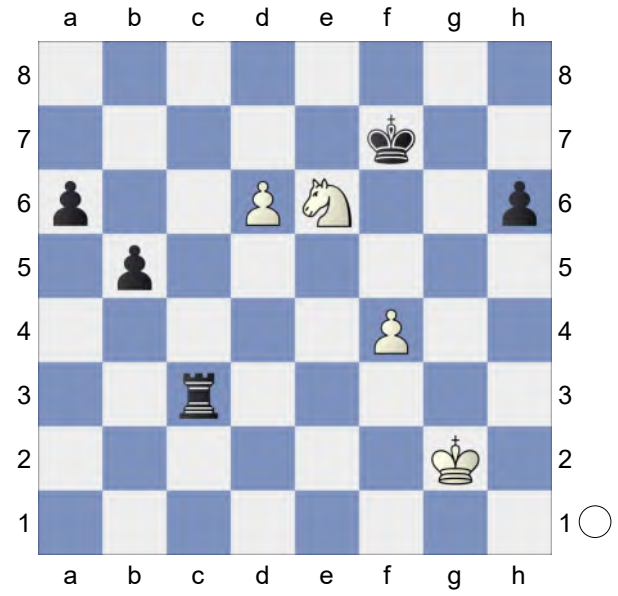
[55.Re7!+- 2.68/23 and the rest is easy.]

55...Kh7

(Diagram)



56.f4 -0.01/26
[But not 56.d7 Rd1±]
[Better is 56.Rf8!± 0.90/22]
56...Rc3+ 0.30/25
[56...Nf7 -0.01/26 was preferrable. 57.Rd7 Kg6]
57.Kg2 -0.01/24
[⌓57.Kf2 0.30/25 Ng4+ 58.Kg2]
57...Nf7= 58.d7? -6.90/26
[58.Rd7= -0.01/24 Kg6 59.Rxf7 Kxf7



60.d7!]
58...Nxd8-+ 59.Nxd8 Rd3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) / Black=0.18 (very precise)
0-1

458 **A45**
□ **Sadhwani,Raunak** **2603**
■ **Praggnanandhaa,Rameshbabu**
Global Chess League 2023 rapid (6.6)
[Kitty Kat]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4

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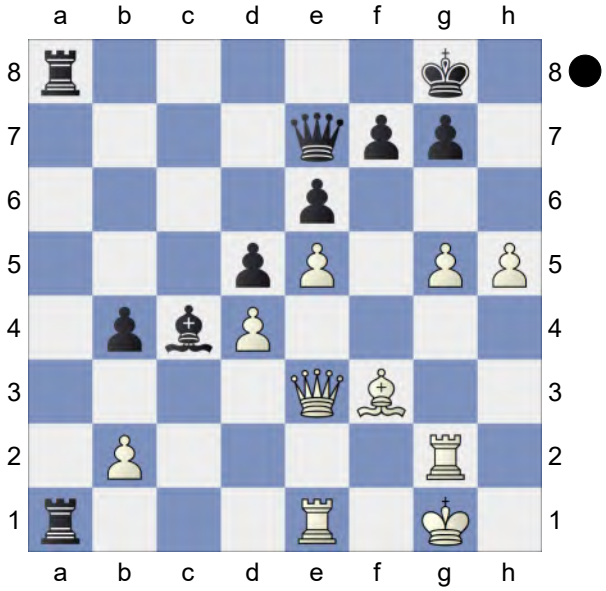
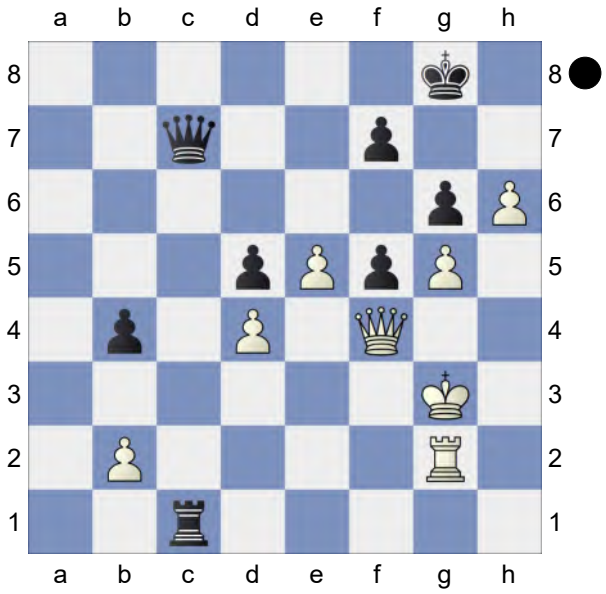
3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Ne5 Bd7! 7...Bd7 is better than 7...e6. 7...Ld7 ist besser als 7...e6. 7... Bd7 is better than 7...e6. 7...Ld7 ist besser als 7...e6. **8.g3** The position is equal. **8...e6 9.Bg2 Nxe5 10.dxe5 Ng8 11.0-0 Ne7 12.Re1N**
[Predecessor: 12.Ne2 Rc8 13.Nd4 Ng6 14.Re1 Nxf4 15.gxf4 g6 16.Qg4 -1.63/21 Wards off Qd8-h4 *(Better is 16.Re3∓ -0.35/20)* 16...Qb6-+ 17.Rad1 -2.10/20 *(17.c3∓ -1.56/19)* 17...Bc5!-+ 18.c3 Qxb2 19.Bxd5? -4.68/23 *(19.Qg3 -2.04/18* was called for.*)* 19...Bxd4-+ 20.Rxd4 Threatens to win with Bd5-b3. Qxc3 0-1 Tang,A (2508)-Bok,B (2619) Titled Tuesday intern op 01st Feb-B blitz 2022 (7) Tang,A (2508)-Bok,B (2619) Titled Tuesday intern op 01st Feb-B blitz 2022 (7) 0-1]
12...Ng6 13.Be3 Qc7 0.36/20
[13...Rc8= 0.00/19]
14.h4± Bc5 15.Bxc5 Qxc5 16.Qg4 Ne7 0.54/19
[16...h5= 0.16/21 is more appropriate. 17.Qg5 Rc8]
17.Rad1
[17.Qxg7 Rg8 18.Qxh7 Rxg3]
17...Bc6 18.h5 h6 19.Rd2 0-0 20.a3 a5 21.Ne2 Bb5 22.Nd4 Nc6 23.Nf3
[23.Bf3 simplifies Nxd4 24.Qxd4 Qxd4 25.Rxd4 Rfc8 26.Bd1]
23...Ba6 24.c3 b5 25.Nd4 Nxd4 26.cxd4 -0.52/21
[26.Rxd4± 0.42/24 b4 27.axb4 *(27.cxb4 Qc2∓)* 27...axb4 28.Rxb4]
26...Qc7 0.01/19
[26...Qe7!∓ -0.52/21]
27.f4= b4 28.axb4 axb4
[28...Rab8 keeps more tension. 29.f5 exf5 30.Qxf5 Bc8]
29.Qf3 Qe7 30.Qe3 Bc4 31.Bf3 Ra2 0.37/22
[31...Ra7= 0.01/22]
32.g4 -0.01/21
[32.Bg4± 0.37/22 might be stronger.]
32...Rfa8 33.g5 Ra1 White should prevent ...Ra1xe1+. **34.Rg2** -0.63/23
[34.Rdd1= -0.01/22 Rxd1 35.Rxd1]
34...hxg5!∓ 35.fxg5



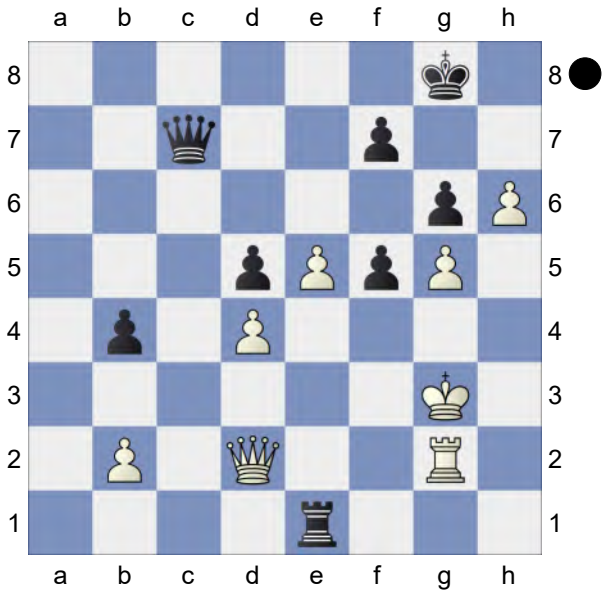
Bd3! Deflection **36.Kh2 Bf5 37.Rc1 Rxc1**
[37...g6 looks sharper. 38.h6 Qa7 39.Rgg1 Ra2]
38.Qxc1 Qa7 0.01/23
[38...b3∓ -0.63/22]
39.Qf4= Rc8 40.h6 -1.32/22
[40.g6= 0.01/23]
40...g6 -0.01/24
[40...Bg6!∓ -1.32/22 ...b4-b3 is the strong threat. 41.Bg4 Qa1 42.hxg7 Qe1]
41.Bg4 Rc4↑ Black has some pressure.
42.Rd2 -0.38/24
[42.Bxf5= -0.01/27 Rxd4 43.Be4]
42...Qc7!∓ 43.Bxf5 -1.13/26
[43.Rg2= -0.26/25 keeps the balance.]
43...exf5= -0.01/25 Endgame. KQR-

KQR
[Black should try 43...gxf5∓ -1.13/26 44.g6 fxg6]
44.Kg3 Strongly threatening e5-e6!
44...Rc1 45.Rg2? -2.30/26
[45.Qe3!= -0.01/23 and White is okay.]



White does not recover from this.
45...Re1!-+ 46.Qd2 -2.38/23
[46.h7+ -1.78/24 was necessary. Kh8 *(46...Kxh7 47.Qh4+ Kg8 48.Rh2=)* 47.Qd2]

(Diagram)

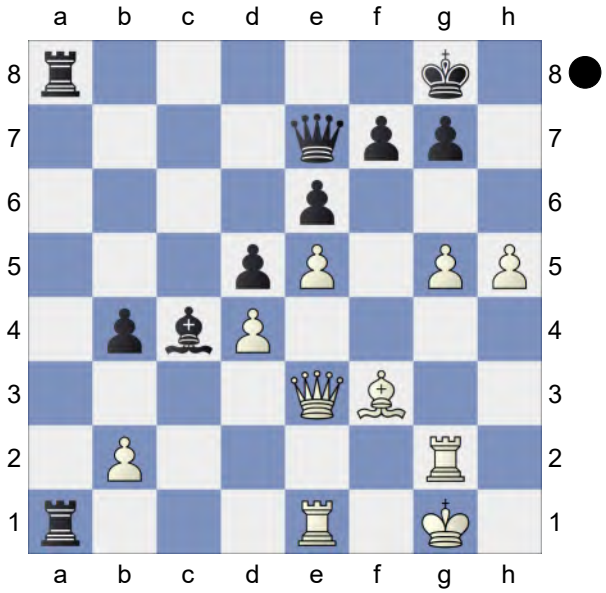


46...Re4! 47.Kh2? -5.93/22
[47.Qc2 -2.05/22 is a better chance. Qb7 48.Kh2]
47...Qc4 Black is clearly winning. **48.b3 Qxb3**
[Inferior is 48...Qxd4 49.Qxd4 Rxd4 50.Kh3=]
49.e6 Rxe6 50.Qf4 Qf4-b8+ would kill now. **50...Qe3** -5.20/28
[⌓50...Re4 -10.84/23 51.Qd2 Kh7]
51.Qxe3 Rxe3 KR-KR **52.Ra2 Re4 53.Kh3 Rg4 54.Ra5 Rxg5**
[And not 54...Rxd4 55.Ra8+ Kh7 56.Rf8= *(56.Ra7=)*]
55.Rxd5 Rg4 56.Rd7 b3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.52/Black=0.29 (precise)
0-1

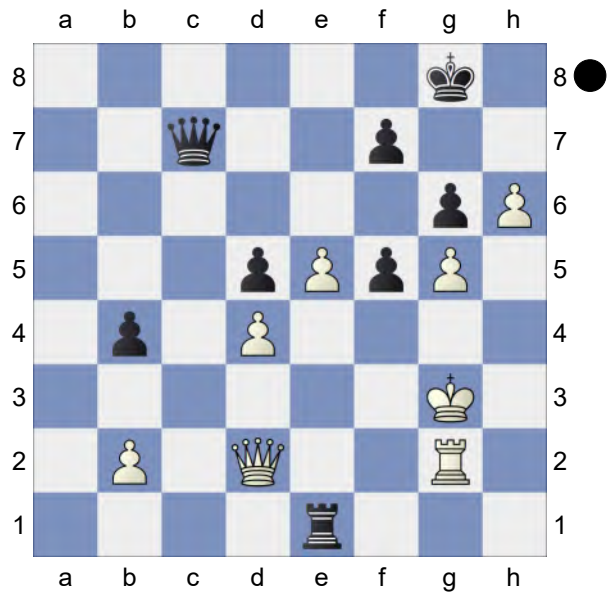
459 **B13**
□ **8.Bh4 g6 9.f4 e5** **2603**
■ **Ronneland,D** **2690**
(open) 45/127 (6.6) 26.06.2023
[Kitty Kat]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 Nf6**

2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Ne5 Prevents Bc8-g4 **7...Bd7 8.g3** The position is equal. **8...e6 9.Bg2 Nxe5 10.dxe5 Ng8 11.0-0**
[11.h4 Rc8 12.0-0 Ne7 13.h5 h6 14.Ne2 Nc6 15.c3 Be7 16.Nc1 0-0 17.Nd3 b5 18.a3 a5 19.Qg4 Kh8 20.Rfe1 f5 21.exf6 Bxf6 22.Bh3 Qe7 23.Rxe6 Bxe6 24.Qxe6 Qxe6 25.Bxe6 d4 1-0 Firouzja,A (2767)-Giri, A (2728) London TechM GCL Final 2024 (1.1)]
11...Ne7 12.Re1N
[12.Ne2 Rc8 *(12...Qc7)* 13.Nd4 -0.43/19 *(13.Re1=* 0.04/18 *)* 13...Ng6∓ 14.Re1 Nxf4 15.gxf4 g6 16.Qg4 -1.67/19 Dodges Qd8-h4 *(16.Re3=* -0.26/18 *)* 16...Qb6-+ 17.Rad1 -2.22/20 *(⌓17.c3* -1.67/19 *)* 17...Bc5-+ 18.c3 Qxb2 19.Bxd5? -4.66/20 *(19.f5* -1.90/17 *)* 19...Bxd4-+ 20.Rxd4 and Bd5-b3 should not be overlooked Qxc3]
12...Ng6 13.Be3! Qc7 14.h4 Bc5 15.Bxc5 Qxc5 16.Qg4 0.01/18
[16.h5± 0.57/17 Ne7 17.Qg4]
16...Ne7 17.Rad1 Bc6 0.57/18
[17...Qb6= 0.20/19]
18.h5 h6 19.Rd2 0-0 20.a3 a5 21.Ne2 Bb5 22.Nd4 Nc6 23.Nf3 Ba6 24.c3 b5 0.64/20
[24...Bc4= 0.17/20]
25.Nd4± Nxd4 26.cxd4 -0.49/20
[26.Rxd4± 0.68/21 Rfb8 27.Bf1]
26...Qc7 0.01/17
[26...Qe7!∓ -0.49/20]
27.f4= b4 28.axb4 axb4
[28...Rfb8 29.f5 exf5 30.Qxf5 Bc8]
29.Qf3 Qe7 30.Qe3 Bc4 31.Bf3 Ra2 32.g4 Rfa8 33.g5 Ra1 34.Rg2 -0.59/21
[34.Rxa1= 0.01/21 Rxa1+ 35.Kg2]
34...hxg5
[34...Bd3 feels hotter. 35.gxh6 Qh4 36.Bd1 Bc2]
35.fxg5



Bd3! Deflection **36.Kh2 Bf5 37.Rc1 Rxc1 38.Qxc1 Qa7** 0.01/22
[38...b3∓ -0.35/19 was preferable.]
39.Qf4 Rc8 40.h6 -1.18/19
[40.Bg4= 0.01/21]
40...g6 -0.41/20
[Black should try 40...Bg6∓ -1.18/19 And now ...b4-b3 would win. 41.hxg7 Qa1 *(41...Rc4 42.Rg4=)*]
41.Bg4∓ Rc4 42.Rd2 -0.57/22
[42.Bxf5= -0.01/24 Rxd4 43.Be4 Promotion *(43.h7+? Kh8-+)*]
42...Qc7↑ Black is more active. **43.Bxf5** -1.29/22
[43.Rg2∓ -0.60/22]
43...exf5 Endgame KQR-KQR **44.Kg3 Rc1 45.Rg2?** -1.66/22 Now White is beyond hope.
[45.Qe3!= -0.11/20 and White stays safe.]
45...Re1-+ 46.Qd2 -2.38/21
[46.h7+ -1.67/23 was called for. Kh8 *(46...Kxh7 47.Rh2+ Kg7 48.Qh4±)* 47.Qd2]



46...Re4! 47.Kh2? -5.47/19
[47.Qc2 -1.99/20 is a better chance. f4+ 48.Kh2]
47...Qc4 Black is clearly winning. **48.b3 Qxb3**
[48...Qxd4 49.Qxd4 Rxd4 50.Kh3=]
49.e6 Rxe6 50.Qf4 White threatens Qf4-b8+ and mate. **50...Qe3** -4.55/26
[⌓50...Re4 -9.37/20 51.Qd2 Qf3 52.h7+ Kxh7]
51.Qxe3 Rxe3 KR-KR. Black is two pawns up. **52.Ra2 Re4 53.Kh3 Rg4**
[Stronger than 53...Rxd4 54.Ra8+ Kh7 55.Rf8=]
54.Ra5 Rxg5
[54...Rxd4 55.Ra8+ Kh7 56.Rf8=]
55.Rxd5 Rg4 56.Rd7 b3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.44/Black=0.22 (precise)
0-1

460 **D00**
□ **Cordova,Emilio** **2602**
■ **Kovalyov,Anton** **2602**
[Richard Palliser]

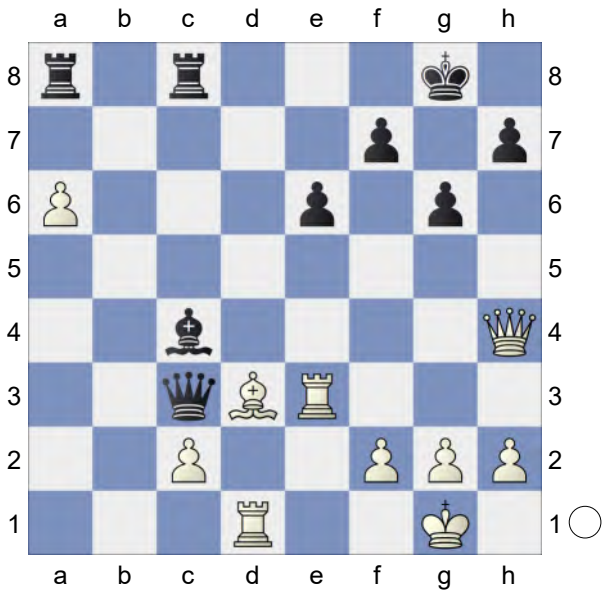
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 e6
[A solid and pretty decent response. Another is 3...c5 when 4.e4!? *(4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6* is just a decent Exchange Caro for Black*)* 4...Nxe4 5.Nxe4 dxe4 is a position we've touched on before. White's play is aggressive, but not especially dangerous, with 6.dxc5 Qa5+ 7.c3 Qxc5 8.Qa4+ Nc6 9.Qxe4 Bf5 equalising comfortably before 10.Qe3?! e5 11.Qxc5 Bxc5 12.Bg3 0-0-0 saw Black beginning to take over in Bortnyk-Grischuk, Internet (blitz) 2016.]
4.e3 Bd6 This very solid approach is something of a problem for White, as we've seen before. **5.Nf3 Bxf4**
[Kovalyov refuses to fear White's increased grip on e5 after this. Black also seems to be fine after 5...0-0 6.Bd3 c5 , as we first considered in Jobava-Malakhov, Warsaw (rapid) 2013.]
6.exf4 0-0
[As I've previously pointed out, even 6...c5 7.dxc5 0-0 8.Bd3 Qe7 9.0-0 Qxc5 10.Ne5 Nc6 should be OK for Black, despite White's slightly more comfortable development.]
7.Bd3 b6 A notable approach, preparing ...c5 without needing to worry about White then capturing the pawn. **8.Ne2**
[Trying to improve his worst-placed piece. Instead, 8.0-0 c5 9.Ne5 hopes for a capture on d4, but after Bb7 I'm really not sure what White's supposed to do next.]

8...Ba6
[New. Similar was the previously-seen 8...c5 9.c3 Ba6 , which certainly looked very comfortable for Black after 10.Bxa6 Nxa6 11.a4 Nc7 12.0-0 Nce8! 13.Nc1 Nd6 in Miladinovic-Draskovic, Ulcinj 2014.]
9.Ne5 c5 10.c3 Possible thanks to his 8th move, but in any case Black can hardly experience any problems here.
10...Bxd3 11.Qxd3 Qd6 12.0-0 Nc6 13.Rfe1 Rac8 14.Rad1 Rfe8 Both sides have centralised and ... both sides will rather struggle to play for a win with each so solid. **15.h3 cxd4 16.Nxd4**
[Alternatively, 16.Nxc6 Qxc6 17.Nxd4 Qd7 18.Nf3 Qa4 19.Qd2 Ne4 20.Qe2 Red8 and Black again has everything under control.]
16...Nxd4 17.Qxd4 Qc5 18.g4 Re7 19.a4
[Cordova has just seized some useful space, but presumably couldn't see what to do next. Indeed, after 19.a4 Black might just retreat his queen, but even Qxd4 20.Rxd4 Kf8 21.Kg2 Ne4!? is fine, and if 22.c4 f6! 23.cxd5 exd5 24.Rxd5 Nc5 25.Rc1 Rec7 26.Nf3 Ne6 , regaining the pawn.]
½-½

461 **A45**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2601**
■ **Yildiz,Egehan** **2204**
Titled Tue 4th Feb Early blitz (1) 4.2.25
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.a3 Bd6**
[5...c5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.h3 Qb6 *(7...b5 8.Bd3 b4 9.axb4 cxb4 10.Na4 Bd6 11.0-0 Bxf4 12.exf4 0-0 13.Re1 a5 14.Nc5 Nd7 15.Nxd7 Qxd7 16.Bxh7+ Kxh7 17.Ng5+ Kg6 18.Qg4 f5 19.Qh4 Qe7 20.Re5 Bd7 21.Qh7+ Kf6 22.Qh4* Athena Pallada (2984)-Miki Train (2606) Blitz 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (45)*)* 8.Be2 Bd7 9.0-0 cxd4 10.exd4 Ne4 11.Rb1 Be7 12.Bd3 f5 13.Na4 Qa5 14.Nc5 Nxc5 15.b4 Qd8 16.bxc5 g5 17.Be5 Rg8 18.Rxb7 g4 19.hxg4 Rxg4 20.Re1 Athena Pallada (2934)-Pohalifmanu (2727) Blitz 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0]
6.Nf3 0-0 7.Ne5N
[7.Bd3 c5 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.0-0 Nc6 10.e4 d4 *(10...dxe4 11.Nxe4 Be7 12.Qe2 Nd4 13.Nxd4 Qxd4 14.c3 Qa4 15.b4 Bd7 16.Rfd1 Bc6 17.Bc2 Qb5 18.c4 Qf5 19.Nxf6+ Qxf6 20.Be5 Qg5 21.f4 Qh6 22.Rd3 f5 23.Rh3 Qg6 24.Rg3 Qf7 25.Rxg7+* Bortnyk,O (2608)-Hayrapetyan,H (2432) Chess.com INT 2024 Mega2024 Update 16 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (54) *)* 11.Ne2 Nh5 12.e5 Nxf4 13.Nxf4 f6 14.exf6 Qxf6 15.Nh5 Qh6 16.Ng3 e5 17.Be4 Bg4 18.Qd3 Bxf3 19.Bxf3 Kh8 20.Rfe1 Rae8 21.Ne4 Ba7 Ivitza,P (2504)-Bierkens,P (2419) Ramat Aviv 2018 200 Traps In The Opening [Pilnik,H/Primel,D] 1-0 (36) 22.g3 Nd8 23.Re2 Nf7 24.Rae1 b5 25.h4 Bb6 26.Kg2 Qg6 27.Ng5 Qxd3 28.cxd3 Nxg5 29.hxg5 Bc7 30.Rc2 Bd8 31.g6 h6 32.Bd5 Bf6 33.Rc6 a5 34.Ra6 a4 35.Rb6 Rb8 36.Bb7 1-0 (36) Horvath,J (2504)-Vrolijk,L (2419) Utrecht Open 2018 [Richard Palliser]]
7...c5 8.dxc5 Black has an edge.
8...Bxc5 9.Bd3 Nbd7 10.0-0 Nxe5 11.Bxe5 Bd6
[11...b5 with more complications.

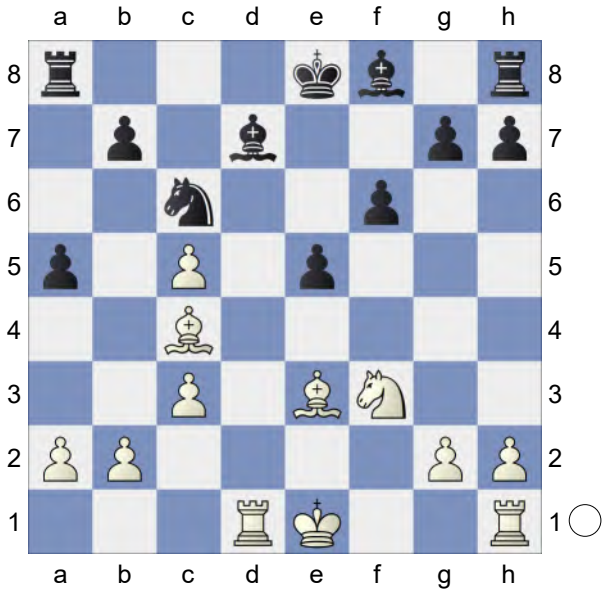
12.Qf3 Bb7 13.Qg3 g6]
12.Bxd6 Qxd6 13.e4 dxe4 0.30/22
[⌓13...d4 -0.29/18 14.Ne2 e5]
14.Nxe4= Qe7 15.Re1 Rd8 16.Qf3 Bd7 0.88/23
[16...Rb8= 0.21/19]
17.Nxf6+± Qxf6 18.Qxb7 Rab8 19.Qxa6 0x0.0010f922457fdp-1022s more active pieces.
[19.Qe4 seems wilder. Rxb2 20.Qxh7+ Kf8 21.Rad1]
19...Qxb2 20.a4 Ra8 21.Qc4 Rdc8 1.85/22
[21...Qb6± 1.28/22]
22.Qh4+- g6 23.a5 Qc3 24.a6 Bc6 25.Rad1 Bd5 26.Re3 Hoping for Bxg6!
26...Bc4? 10.60/23
[26...Qb2 1.85/19 27.Qf4 Ra7]



27.Bxg6! hxg6
[27...Qg7 28.Be4]
28.Rxc3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.22 (precise)
1-0

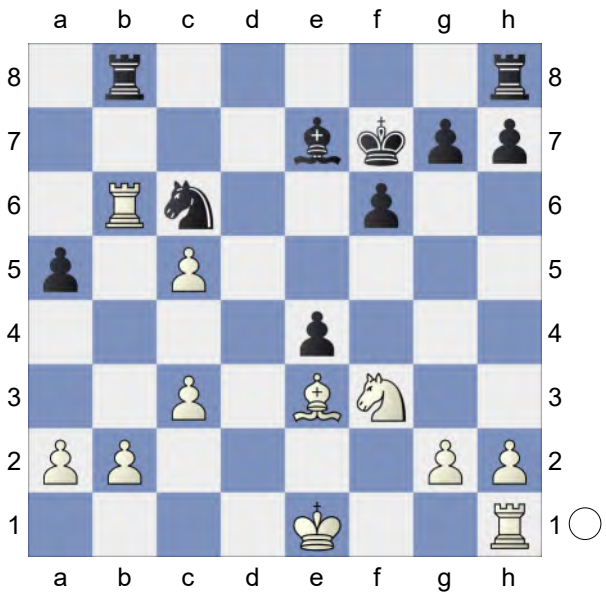
462 **D00**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2601**
■ **Kacharava,Nikoloz** **2521**
Titled Tue 8th Apr Late blitz (5) 08.04.25
[TA]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 c5 4.e4 Nxe4 5.Nxe4 dxe4 6.dxc5 Qxd1+ 7.Rxd1 Bd7 8.f3 The position is equal.
8...exf3 9.Nxf3 f6 Wards off Ne5
10.Bc4 e5 11.Be3 Nc6 0.16/22
[11...Na6∓ -0.47/21 12.Bf7+ Decoy Kxf7 13.Rxd7+ Be7]
12.c3 a5



13.Bf7+ -0.07/21 **Kxf7** 1.00/16
[13...Ke7!= -0.07/21]
14.Rxd7+± Be7 15.Rxb7 White has more active pieces. **15...Rab8 16.Rb6 e4** 2.32/20
[16...Bxc5± 1.32/19 keeps fighting. 17.Bxc5 Rxb6 18.Bxb6 Rb8]

(Diagram)

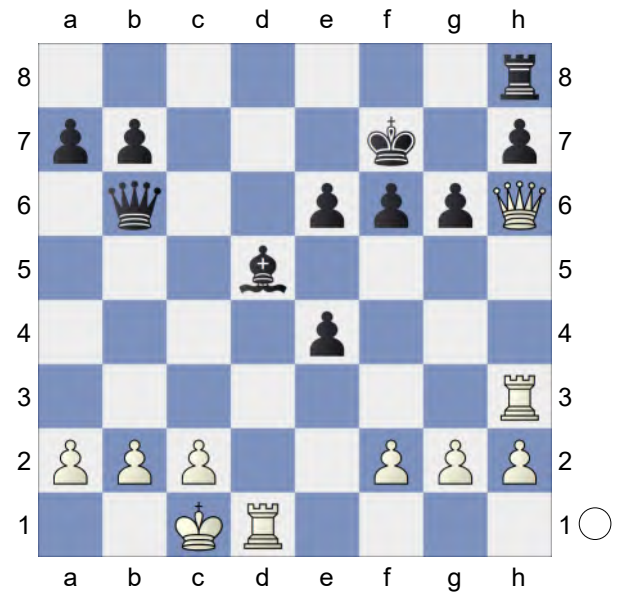


17.Ng5+? 0.34/18
[17.Rxc6 exf3 18.b3 *(18.gxf3 Rxb2 19.0-0 Rhb8±)* 18...fxg2]
[White must play 17.Nd2!+- 2.32/20]
17...fxg5± 18.0-0+ Bf6 19.Rxc6 Threatens to win with Rb6. **19...Rxb2 20.Bxg5 e3** And now ...e2 would win. **21.Bxf6 e2?** 5.47/25 Loses the game.
[21...gxf6= 0.30/20 and Black is okay. 22.Rcxf6+ *(22.Rfxf6+ Kg7=)* 22...Ke7]
22.Rc7++- White is clearly winning.
22...Ke6 23.Re7+
[23.Rxg7? too greedy. exf1Q+ *(23...exf1R+? 24.Kxf1 Kxf6 25.Rg3-+)* 24.Kxf1 Kxf6-+]
[23.Bxg7? exf1Q+ 24.Kxf1 Rhb8-+]
23...Kd5 24.c4+
[24.Rxg7? loses. exf1Q+ 25.Kxf1 Rf8 *(25...Kxc5? 26.Rg5+* Skewer *Kc4 27.Rg4+ Kd3 28.Bxh8+-)* 26.Rg5+ Ke6 27.Re5+ Kxf6-+]
[24.Bxg7 exf1R+ 25.Kxf1 Rb1+ 26.Kf2 Rc8∓]
24...Kxc4 25.Rf4+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=0.56
1-0

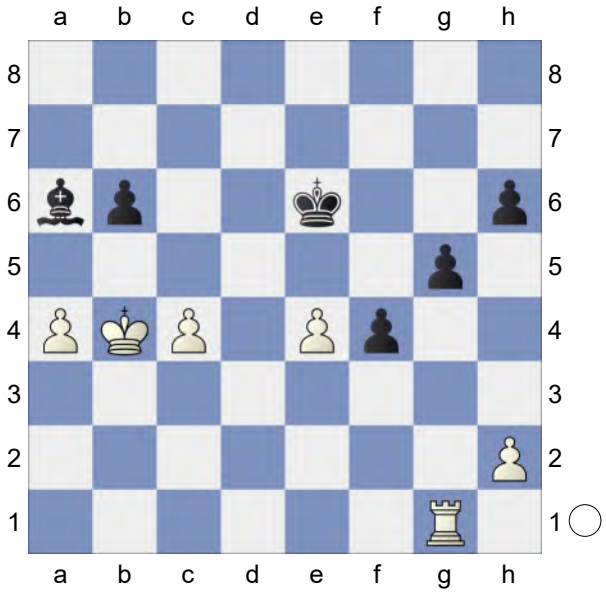
463 **D00**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2601**
■ **Shirov,Alexei** **2620**
Titled Tue 27th May Late blitz (10)
[TA]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 c5 4.e4 cxd4 5.Qxd4 Nc6 6.Bb5 Bd7 7.Bxc6 Bxc6 8.e5 The position is equal. **8...Nd7 9.e6 fxe6 10.Nf3** Black should prevent 0-0-0. **10...Qb6 11.Qd2 g6 12.0-0-0 Bg7 13.Rhe1↑** Against d4. White is pushing. **13...0-0 14.Bh6 Rf6 15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.Re3 Nc5** 0.52/18
[16...Rc8= -0.01/17]
17.Ne5± Ne4 1.63/20
[17...Raf8± 0.33/17]
18.Nxe4+- dxe4 19.Ng4 Rxe4! would now be deadly. White is more active.
19...Bd5 2.86/20
[19...Qc7± 1.58/18 is a better defense. 20.Nxf6 exf6]
20.Rh3 1.65/19
[⌓20.Rxe4 2.86/20 And now Qh6+ would win. Qc7 *(20...Bxe4?* is the wrong capture. *21.Qh6+ Kh8 22.Nxf6+-)* 21.Qh6+ Deflection Kg8 22.Nxf6+ exf6 23.Re3]
20...Rh8 2.53/22
[20...Rf7 1.65/19 was necessary. 21.Qc3+ Rf6 22.Nxf6 exf6]
21.Qh6+ Kf7 22.Nxf6 exf6

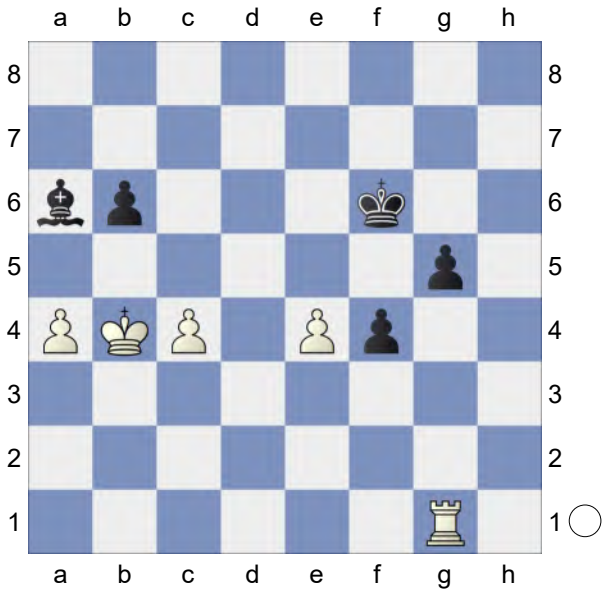
(Diagram)



23.c4 1.14/23 **Qc5** 1.51/21
[⌓23...Bc6 1.14/23]
24.Rc3± Bc6 25.Qf4 1.06/19
[⌓25.Qe3 1.45/21 Qxe3+ 26.fxe3 *(26.Rxe3 a6±)*]
25...e5 26.Qe3 Qxe3+ 27.fxe3 Endgame. KRR-KRB **27...Ke6 28.b4 a6 29.Kb2 f5** 1.97/19
[29...Ba4± 1.20/19 30.Rd5 f5]
30.Kb3!+- f4 31.a4 b6 2.24/21
[31...Ra8 1.85/18 keeps fighting. 32.exf4 exf4]
32.b5 Bb7 33.bxa6 1.03/19
[33.Rc2+- 1.85/18 Rcd2 is the strong threat. axb5 34.axb5]
33...Bxa6± 34.Kb4 0.47/19
[Better is 34.Re1!± 1.27/20]
34...f3 2.42/21
[34...Rc8± 0.47/19]
35.gxf3+- exf3 36.e4! Rf8 3.72/22
[36...Bb7 2.27/21 was called for.]
37.Rf1 f2 38.Rc2 Rf4 39.Rcxf2
[39.Rfxf2 Rxe4 40.Rf8 Rd4+-]
39...g5 40.Rxf4 exf4 41.Rg1 2.02/22
[⌓41.Kc3 3.98/21]
41...h6? 4.16/21
[41...Ke5 2.02/22 might work better. 42.Kc3 *(42.Rxg5+ Kxe4 43.Kc3 f3+-)* 42...Kxe4]



42.h4? 1.30/23 **Kf6** 1.90/24
[42...Ke5± 1.30/23]
43.hxg5+ 1.00/26
[43.Kc3+- 1.90/24 gxh4 44.Kd4 *(44.Rb1 Kg5=)*]
43...hxg5±

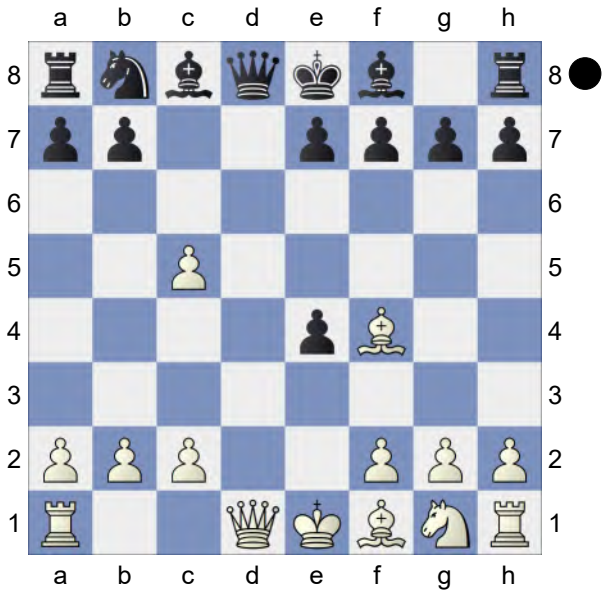


44.Kc3 0.66/22
Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) /Black=0.50
[44.e5+!± 1.24/21 Kxe5 45.Rxg5+

Ke4 46.Rg4]
1-0

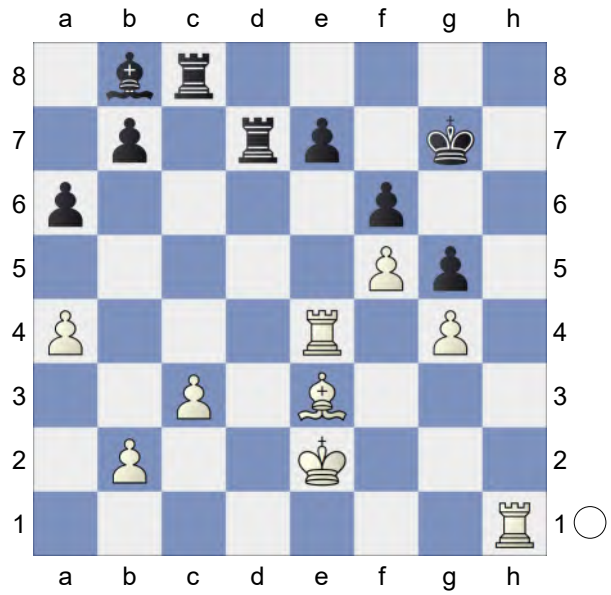
464 **A45**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2601**
■ **Mekhitarian,K** **2564**
Titled Tue 13th May Early blitz (9)
[TA]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
Including this game is basically just for a bit of fun. Black plays a very dodgy opening and his position is resignable after seven moves. However, White doesn't play the most precise refutation and before we know it Black has tremendous compensation for the piece. Inf 2/50 **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 g6 *(3...Qa5 4.Bd2 b5 5.e4 b4 6.e5 bxc3 7.Bxc3 Qa4 8.exf6 Qe4+ 9.Qe2 Qxe2+ 10.Bxe2 gxf6 11.d6 e5 12.Bf3 Nc6 13.Bxc6 dxc6 14.f4 Bxd6* 0-1 Reynolds,R (2565)-Zanetti,A (2389) corr CNEC 15 jub 1993*; 3...e6 4.e4 exd5 5.e5 Qe7 6.Qe2 Ne4 7.Nxd5 Qxe5 8.Nc3 d5 9.f3 f5 10.fxe4 fxe4 11.Nf3 Qf5 12.Nh4 Qf7 13.Qf2 Qxf2+ 14.Kxf2 Be7 15.Bb5+ Nc6 16.g3 0-0+ 17.Ke1 Nd4 18.Ba4* 0-1 (27) Wohlfahrt,R (2127)-Grooten,H (2390) 20th Open B ? blingen GER 2003 (5)*)* 4.e4 d6 5.f4 *(5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Be2 Bg7 7.Nf3 0-0 8.0-0 Rb8 9.a4 a6 10.Nd2 Ne8 11.a5 Nc7 12.Nc4 Nb5 13.Na4 Nf6 14.Bd3 e6 15.Nab6 Re8 16.c3 Nc7 17.Bc2 exd5 18.exd5 Ncxd5 19.Nxd5 Nxd5* 1-0 (23) Kholmov,R-Stein,L Kislovodsk 2/50 1966*)* 5...Bg7 6.Bb5+ *(6.Nf3 0-0 7.Bd3 b5 8.Bxb5 Nxe4 9.Nxe4 Qa5+ 10.Ned2 Qxb5 11.c4 Qb6 12.0-0 Bf5 13.Qb3 Na6 14.Re1 Nb4 15.Nh4 Nc2 16.Nxf5 Qxb3 17.Nxe7+ Kh8 18.Nxb3 Nxe1 19.Bd2 Nd3 20.f5 Rfe8* 0-1 (47) Ersoz,T (2109)-Shemyakinskiy,N (2307) Titled Tuesday intern op 04th Mar Early blitz 2025 (9)*)* 6...Nfd7 7.Bd3 0-0 8.Nf3 e6 9.dxe6 fxe6 10.0-0 a6 11.a4 Nc6 12.Kh1 Nb4 13.Be2 Nf6 14.Be3 b6 15.Ng5 h6 16.Nh3 Bb7 17.Bf3 1-0 (61) Borges-Bjazevic CADAP event? 1983]
3.Bf4 c5 4.e4 Nxe4 5.Nxe4 dxe4 6.dxc5



Strongly threatening Qxd8+. **6...Qa5+**
[6...Qxd1+ simplifies 7.Rxd1 Bd7 8.Be3 e5]
7.c3! And now Bxb8 would win. **7...Qxc5 8.Qa4+** The position is equal. **8...Nc6 9.Qxe4 g6 10.Nf3 Bg7 11.Rd1**
[11.Qe3 simplifies Qxe3+ 12.Bxe3 0-0 13.0-0-0]
11...0-0 12.Be3 Qf5 13.Bd3 Qxe4 14.Bxe4 Be6 15.Bd5 Bxd5 16.Rxd5 Rfd8 17.Rb5 Rd7 18.Ke2 Rad8 19.g4 a6 20.Rb6 Ne5 21.Nxe5 Bxe5 22.h4 Bb8 23.Rb4 Bd6 24.Rc4 Be5 25.h5 Kg7 26.a4 f6 27.f4 Bb8 28.Re4 Rc8

29.hxg6 hxg6 30.f5 g5 0.84/18
[30...b5= 0.13/21 remains equal.]



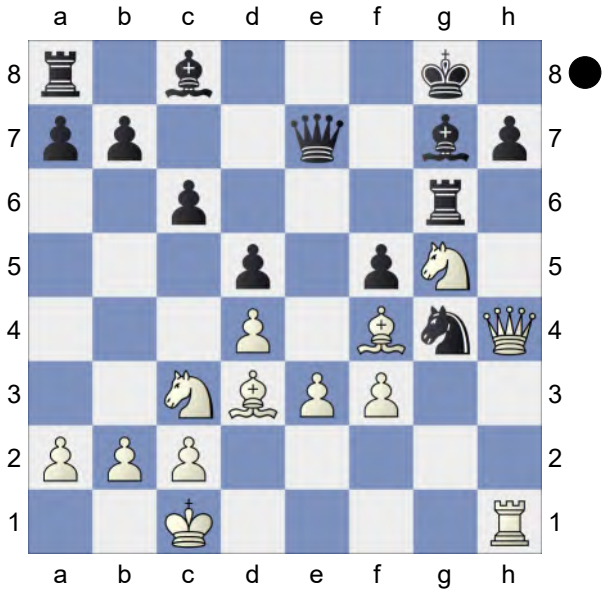
31.Bd4!± Rg8 1.48/22
[⌓31...Bf4 0.84/21]
32.Re6 Kf7 2.27/25
[32...Bd6± 1.17/25]
33.Kf3 1.17/24
[33.Bc5+- 2.27/25]
33...Bd6 1.60/23
[⌓33...Kg7 1.17/24]
34.Rh7+ Rg7 35.Rh6 White is much more active. **35...Kg8** Against Bxf6
36.Ke4 1.00/22
[White should try 36.Re3 1.60/22]
36...Bc7 2.19/23
[36...Rh7± 1.00/22 37.Rxh7 Kxh7]
37.b4+- Kf7? 3.41/25
[37...Bd6 1.84/17 was necessary. 38.Rh3 Rf7]
38.b5 axb5 39.axb5 c4 would now be deadly. **39...Kg8 40.b6 Bf4 41.c4** 1.14/18
[41.Rh3+- 2.59/21 is more deadly.]
41...Rh7? 6.91/20
[41...Rf7± 1.14/18]
42.Rxh7 Kxh7 Endgame. KRB-KRB **43.c5 Kg7 44.c6 bxc6 45.Rxc6 Kf7** 5.70/21
[⌓45...Rd8 4.02/22 46.b7 Rd7]
46.Bc5 Hoping for Rc8. **46...Rd8**
47.Re6 1.90/19
[⌓47.Bd4 3.73/25]
47...Rd7 48.Rc6 Rd8 Prevents Rc8.
49.Be3 1.52/20
[49.Bd4+- 3.30/22 has better winning chances.]
49...Be5? 3.10/21
[49...Rd1± 1.52/20 was worth a try.]
50.Rc1 1.82/21
[⌓50.Rc4 3.10/21]
50...Rb8? 4.42/20
[50...Ra8 1.82/21 51.Kd5 Rd8+ 52.Ke4 *(52.Kc6 e6±)* 52...e6]
51.Rh1
[51.Kd5 Rd8+ 52.Ke4 *(52.Kc6 e6±)* 52...Kg7+-]
51...Kg7 Inhibits Rh7+. **52.Kd5 Rd8+ 53.Ke6?** 0.08/16
[53.Kc4+- 4.68/20 Re8 54.Kb5]
53...Rd3= 54.Bc5 Rc3? 6.04/22 White now steadily converts the win.
[54...Bd6= 0.19/18 55.b7 Rb3 56.Bxd6 exd6]
55.Kd5+-
[55.Bxe7 Rc6+ 56.Kd5 Rxb6=]
55...Rb3 56.Kc6
[56.Bxe7 Rxb6 57.Bc5 Rb3=]
56...Rc3 aiming for ...Bd6. **57.Kd5 Rb3 58.Kc4**
[58.Bxe7 Rxb6 59.Bc5 Rb8=]
58...Rb2 59.Rd1
[Stronger than 59.Bxe7 Rxb6 60.Re1 Kf7=]
59...Bd6 7.83/19
[⌓59...Rg2 4.94/19 60.Rd7 *(60.Bxe7 Rxg4+ 61.Kb5 Rg2±)* 60...Rxg4+ 61.Kb5 Bh2 62.Bxe7 *(62.Rxe7+ Kh6+-)* 62...Rg2 63.Bd6+ Kh6 64.Bf8+ Kh5 65.Rh7+ Kg4 66.Rxh2 Promotion Rxh2]

60.Bxd6 exd6 61.Rxd6 KR-KR **61...Kf7 62.Kc5** White threatens Kc6 and mate. **62...Ke7 63.Rd4 Rc2+ 64.Rc4 Rb2 65.Rb4 Rc2+ 66.Kb5 Kd6 67.Rd4+** 16.29/26
[⌓67.b7 93.16/22 Kc7 68.Rc4+ Rxc4 69.Kxc4 Kxb7 70.Kd5 Kc8 71.Ke6 Kc7 72.Kxf6]
67...Ke5 68.Rc4 Rb2+ 69.Rb4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.46/ Black=0.51
1-0

465 **A45**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2601**
■ **Budrewicz,K** **2185**
Titled Tue 18th Feb Early blitz (2)
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 g6 4.e3 Bg7 5.h4 0-0 6.h5 Nxh5** 0.82/19
[6...c5= 0.16/16 remains equal.]
7.Rxh5± gxh5 8.Qxh5 White is slightly better. **8...e6** 1.47/20
[⌓8...Nd7 0.79/20]
[8...c6 9.Bd3 *(9.Nf3 Nd7 10.Bd3 Nf6 11.Qh4 Ne4 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Bxe4 Bf5 14.Bxf5 Qa5+ 15.c3 Qxf5 16.0-0-0 f6 17.Qg3 Qg6 18.Qh3 e5 19.dxe5 fxe5 20.Nxe5 Bxe5 21.Bxe5 Rxf2 22.Rd2 Rf1+ 23.Rd1 Rxd1+* Teh,W (1977)-Mikalajunas,K (1941) Sutton Coldfield 2024 0-1 (48)*)* 9...f5 10.Nf3 e6 11.0-0-0 Nd7 12.Rh1 Nf6 13.Qh4 Bd7 14.Ne2 Qe7 15.Ne5 Be8 16.g4 Bg6 17.Ng3 Rae8 18.gxf5 exf5 19.Nxf5 Qe6 20.Nxg7 1-0 (20) Holstein,F (2436)-5...0-0 6 e3 c5 7 Bd3 b6 (2165) Herceg Novi 2019 200 Traps In The Opening [Pilnik,H/Primel, D]]
9.Bd3N White has strong compensation.
[9.0-0-0 Qf6 *(9...Nd7 10.Qh2 c5 11.Bd3 f5 12.Nf3 Nf6 13.Ne5 c4 14.Be2 b5 15.Rh1 b4 16.Na4* 8) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 g6-3.Bf4 g6 4.e3 Bg7 5.h4 O-O #5 London 2023 https://www.chessable.co [MH]*; 9...f5 10.Qh2 Rf7 11.Nf3 Bf6 12.Bd3 Nc6 13.g4 fxg4 14.Rg1 Rg7 15.Bh6 gxf3 16.Bxg7 Bxg7 17.Qxh7+* 8) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 g6-3.Bf4 g6 4.e3 Bg7 5.h4 O-O #6 London 2023 https://www.chessable.co [MH] *)* 10.Bd3 h6 11.Nf3 Qe7 12.g4 f6 13.Qg6 f5 14.gxf5 Rf6 15.Qg3 exf5 16.Nxd5 8) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 g6-3.Bf4 g6 4.e3 Bg7 5.h4 O-O #7 London 2023 https://www.chessable.co [MH]]
9...f5 10.Nf3 Nd7 11.Qh2 0x0.0010f922457fdp-1022s more active pieces. The black rooks are badly placed.
[11.Ng5 Nf6 12.Qh2 c5=]
11...c6 1.99/21
[11...c5± 1.22/20]
12.g4 Nf6 13.gxf5 1.36/21
[13.Ne5+- 1.99/22]
13...exf5 1.75/22
[13...Ng4± 1.36/21 14.Qg3 *(14.Qh3 exf5 15.Ke2 Qf6=)* 14...exf5]
14.0-0-0 Ng4 15.Qg3 Qe7 1.95/19
[15...Rf7± 1.38/18 is a better defense.]
16.Rh1+- Rf7 17.Ng5 1.17/21
[17.Ne5+- 1.95/19]
17...Rf6± 18.f3 0.81/21
[Reject 18.Rxh7?! Rh6=]
[⌓18.Nxh7 1.25/20 Rg6 19.Be2]
18...Rg6 1.82/22 **19.fxg4+-** Really sharp!
[Not 19.Nxh7 Ne5 20.Qh2 Nxd3+

21.cxd3 Bd7=]
[19.Qh4

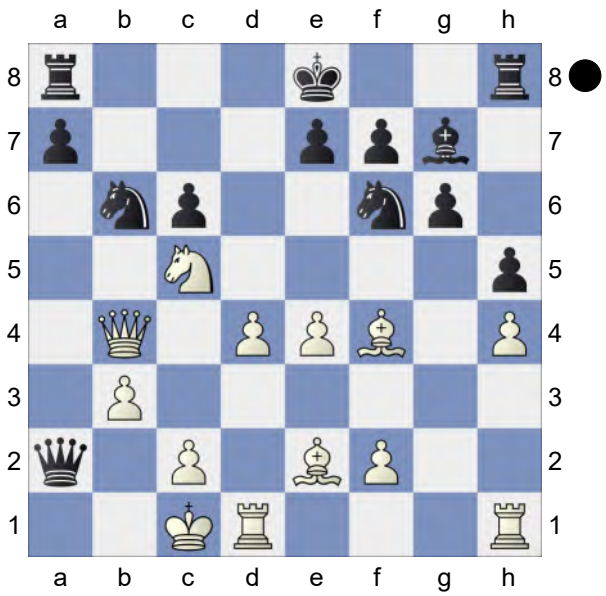


Rh6! 20.Qe1 Nf2!∓]
19...Rxg5 20.Bxg5 Qxg5 21.Ne2 Qxg4 22.Qd6 1.37/23
[22.Qc7+- 2.55/23 Qg6 23.Qd8+ Kf7 24.Nf4 *(24.Rg1 Qe6±)*]
22...Qg5± 23.Rg1 Qh4 8.20/24
[23...Qxe3+± 1.30/24 24.Kb1 Be6]
24.Qe5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.37
1-0

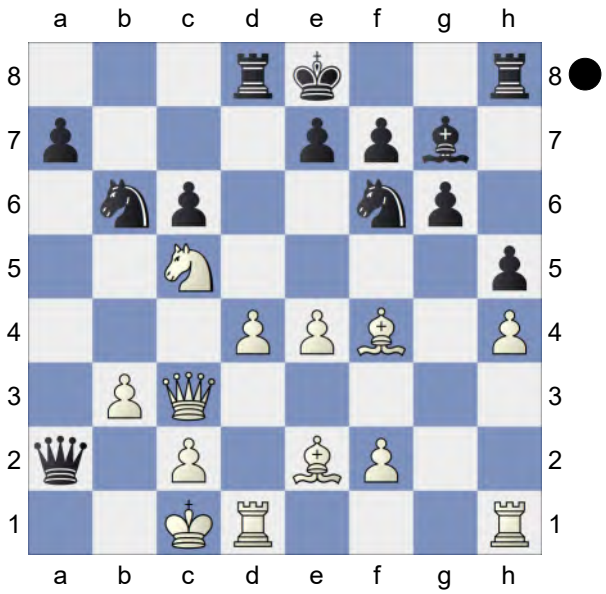
466 **D00**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2601**
■ **Ibarra Jerez,Jose Carlos** **2559**
Titled Tue 25th Feb Late blitz (8) 25.2.25
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 g6 4.e3 c6 5.h4 Bg7 6.Be2 h5**
[6...h6 7.Nf3 Bg4 8.Qd2 Nbd7 9.a3 Qb6 10.0-0-0 0-0 11.Ne5 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Nxe5 13.Bxe5 Rac8 14.g4 Ne4 15.Nxe4 dxe4 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.h5 g5 18.f3 exf3 19.Qxf3 c5 20.d5 Qd6 21.Qe4 Bortnyk,O (2605)-Nguyen,N (2645) Chess.com INT 2023 Mega2023 Update 27 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (45)]
7.Nf3 Bg4
[7...Bf5 8.Ne5 Nbd7 9.f3 Rc8 10.Qd2 a6 11.0-0-0 b5 12.Nxd7 Nxd7 13.e4 Be6 14.Be3 Qa5 15.a3 Nb6 16.Kb1 Nc4 17.Bxc4 bxc4 18.Rhe1 Rb8 19.Ka1 Rb7 20.exd5 cxd5 21.Bf4 0-0 22.Re3 So,W (2803)-Corrales Jimenez,F (2527) New York, United States 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (34) Rc8 23.Ne2 Qb6 24.Qc3 f6 25.Re1 Bf7 26.g4 hxg4 27.fxg4 Re8 28.g5 e5 29.gxf6 exd4 30.Rxe8+ Bxe8 31.Nxd4 Qxf6 32.Be5 Qf7 33.Bxg7 Kxg7 34.Nf5+ 1-0 (34) So,W (2747)-Corrales Jimenez,F (2555) New York USA 2024 [Kitty Kat]]
8.Qd2N The position is equal.
[8.Ne5 Bxe2 9.Qxe2 Nbd7 10.0-0-0 Theory 3: 3... c6 #3 - 4... g-N,N Theory 3 (3... c6)]
8...Nbd7 9.0-0-0 Bxf3 10.gxf3 b5 11.e4 -0.41/20
[11.Rhg1= 0.16/16]
11...b4∓ 12.Na4 Qa5 13.b3 Nb6 14.Nc5 -0.46/22
[Better is 14.e5= 0.16/20 Nxa4 15.bxa4 *(15.exf6? Nc3-+)*]
14...dxe4 -0.01/21
[14...Qxa2∓ -0.46/22 is superior. 15.c3 Qxd2+ 16.Bxd2 *(16.Kxd2 bxc3+ 17.Kc2 Nfd7∓)* 16...Nfd7]
15.fxe4= Qxa2 16.Qxb4 -0.95/21
[16.c4!= -0.01/21 keeps the balance. Qa3+ 17.Kc2 Nxe4 18.Nxe4 Qa2+ 19.Kc1 Qa1+ 20.Kc2 Qa2+ 21.Kc1 Qa1+ 22.Kc2 Qa2+]

(Diagram)

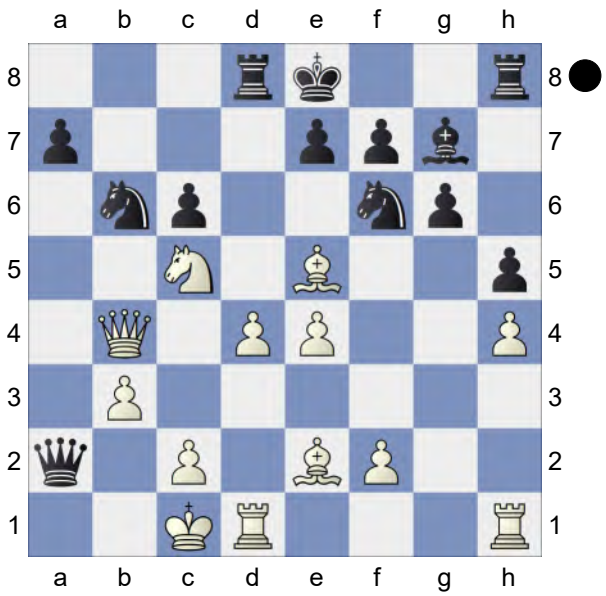


Active counter play! **16...Rd8** -0.23/20
[16...Nfd5!∓ -0.95/21 17.exd5 Nxd5]
17.Be5? -2.85/22
[Reject 17.Qc3



Nbd5! 18.exd5 Nxd5∓]
[17.Bf3= -0.23/20 and White has nothing to worry.]

(Diagram)



17...Nxe4!-+ 18.Nxe4 Bxe5 19.Qc3 Qa3+? 0.38/22
[19...Bf4+-+ -2.80/23 20.Nd2 e5]
20.Kb1± Bg7 2.40/21
[20...Bd6± 0.33/22]
21.Qxc6++- Rd7? 4.12/22
[21...Kf8 2.39/24 was called for.]
22.Qc5 Qxc5 23.dxc5 Nd5 8.45/22
[23...0-0 3.73/23 24.cxb6 Rxd1+ 25.Rxd1 axb6]
24.Bb5 Black must now prevent Rxd5.
24...e6 25.c4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.54/Black=0.68
1-0

467 **A45**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2601**
■ **Ahmad,Khagan** **2391**
Titled Tue 4th Feb Early blitz (3) 4.2.25

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e4 Nxe4 5.Nxe4 dxe4 6.dxc5 Qa5+ 7.c3 Qxc5 8.Qa4+ Nc6 9.Qxe4 g6 10.Nf3 Bg7 11.Rd1 0-0
[11...Bf5 12.Qa4 e5 13.Be3 Qe7 14.Bb5 0-0 15.0-0 Rfd8 16.Bxc6 bxc6 17.Qxc6 Rac8 18.Qa6 Rxd1

19.Rxd1 Rd8 20.Rxd8+ Qxd8 21.h3 Qd1+ 22.Kh2 e4 23.Qc6 Qd8 24.Ng5 Qb8+ 25.g3 h6 26.Bf4 Qd8 27.Nxe4 g5 28.Be3 Qd3 29.Nf6+ Bxf6 30.Qxf6 Bg6 31.Bd4 1-0 Bortnyk,O (2608)-Ahmad,K (2406) Titled Tuesday intern op 03rd Sep Early blitz 2024 (2)]

12.Be3 Qa5 13.Bc4 Bf5 14.Qh4!? A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante. **14...Bf6 15.Ng5 h5 16.Rd5 Bxc3+ 17.bxc3 Qxc3+ 18.Bd2 Qa1+ 19.Ke2 Qxh1 20.Rxf5 Rad8N**

[20...e6 21.Rxf7 Rxf7 22.Bxe6 Re8 23.Qe4 Rxe6 24.Nxe6 Rf5 25.f4 Qa1 26.Ng5 Qd4 27.Qe8+ Kg7 28.Ne6+ 1-0 Papayan,O (2183)-Mitrabha,G (2540) Chess.com Speed Play In blitz 2024 (1)]

21.Rxf7 Rxd2+ 22.Kxd2 Rd8+ 23.Bd3 Rxd3+ 24.Kxd3 Ne5+ 25.Ke2

1-0

468 **A45**

□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2601**

■ **Pichot,A** **2587**

Titled Tue 1st Apr Late blitz (4) 01.04.25

[TA]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 b5 5.a3

[5.h4 e6 6.g4 b4 7.Na4 Bd6 8.g5 Ne4 9.Bd3 Bd7 10.c4 Bxf4 11.exf4 Bc6 12.Nf3 dxc4 13.Bxc4 Qd6 14.Ne5 Nc3 15.bxc3 Bxh1 16.f3 f6 17.Nc5 fxe5 18.Kf2 bxc3 19.Nxe6 exd4 1-0 (45) Torombot (3043)-Expositor (2839) Rapid 2024]

5...Bf5N 0.56/25

[5...Nbd7= 0.04/22]

[5...e6 6.Nf3 Bb7 7.Bd3 *(7.b4 Nbd7 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.0-0 0-0 10.Ne5 Qe7 11.Qf3 Ne8 12.Qh3 f5 13.Qg3 Nef6 14.Qh4 Rae8 15.f3 Nb8 16.Ne2 Qd8 17.h3 Be7 18.Qf2 Nbd7 19.c3 Bd6 20.a4 c6 21.Nxc6 Bxc6* 1-0 (35) Aqua Blazing (2838)-Art Vandelay1998 (2734) Blitz 2024*)* 7...Nbd7 8.Ne5 c5 9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.h4 Rc8 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qe2 Nxe5 13.Bxe5 Bd6 14.Bxd6 Qxd6 15.Rad1 Rfd8 16.f3 h6 17.e4 b4 18.axb4 Qxb4 19.exd5 Qxb2 20.Ne4 1-0 (79) bubeliang (2703)-Vahe Dan (2759) Blitz 2024]

6.Nf3 e6 7.Ne5 Nfd7 8.g4 White is slightly better. **8...Bg6 9.h4** 0.03/26

[9.Nxg6± 0.53/24 hxg6 10.e4]

9...Nxe5= 10.Bxe5 h5 would now be deadly. **10...h6 11.Bd3 Bxd3 12.cxd3 Nd7 13.Ne2** -0.33/24

[13.Bg3= 0.08/24 was preferrable.]

13...Nxe5∓ 14.dxe5 Be7 15.h5 -0.50/28

[15.d4= -0.14/23 is superior.]

15...c5 16.d4 Rc8 17.Rc1 0-0 18.Kf1 Qb6 19.Kg2 Rc7 0.00/33

[19...a5∓ -0.57/26]

20.dxc5= Bxc5 21.Ng1 -0.34/28

[21.b4= 0.07/25 Be7 22.Qd4 Qxd4 23.exd4]

21...Rfc8∓ 22.Nf3 Be7 23.Rxc7 Rxc7 24.Qd3 Qc5 25.Nd4 Qc4 26.Qd2 b4 27.Ra1 bxa3 28.bxa3 Qc3 29.Qxc3 Rxc3= Endgame. KRB-KRN **30.a4 Bc5 31.Nf3 a5 32.Rb1 Rc4 33.Kg3 Bb4**

[33...Rxa4 34.Rb8+ Kh7 35.Rb7]

34.Nd4 Kf8 35.f4 Ke7 36.g5 Rc3 37.Kf2 Kd7 1.29/26

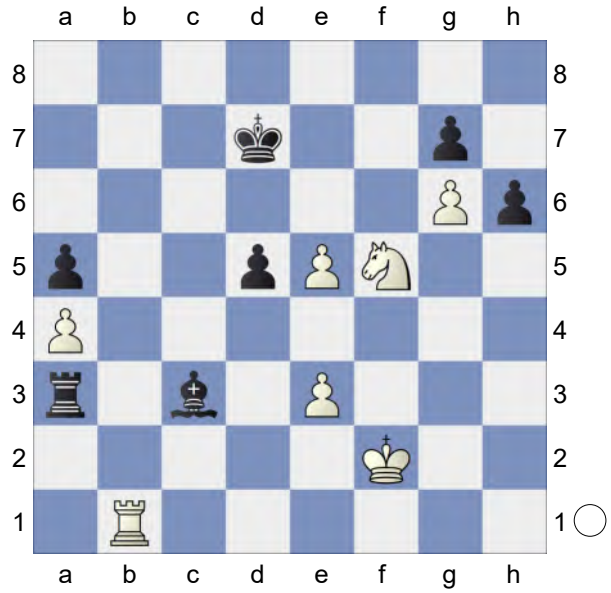
[37...Rc5= 0.19/27 remains equal.]

38.g6± fxg6 39.hxg6 Ra3 3.04/27

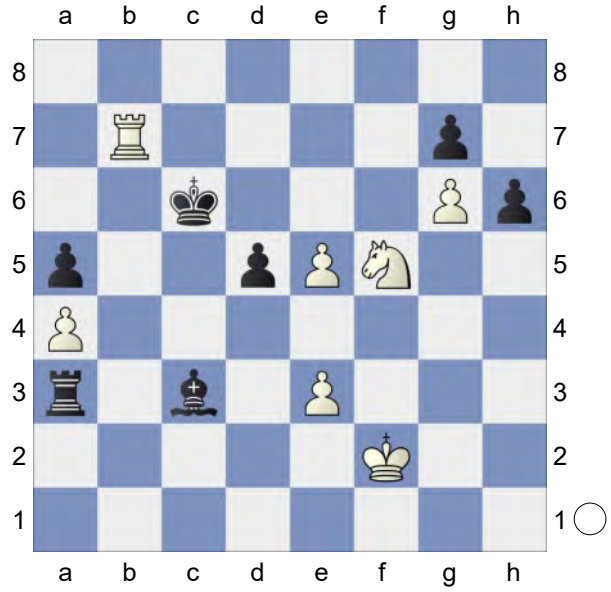
[39...Rc8± 1.59/28 40.Kf3 h5]

40.f5+- exf5 41.Nxf5 Bc3

[Much weaker is 41...Ke6 42.Nxg7+ Kxe5 43.Nh5+-]



42.Rb7+! Skewer **42...Kc6?** 5.84/23
[42...Ke6 2.06/26 is tougher. 43.Nxg7+ Kxe5]



43.e6! Ra2+
[43...Rxa4 44.e7]
44.Kf3
Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.32
1-0

469 **A45**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2601**
■ **Sargsyan,Anna M** **2357**
Titled Tue 18th Mar Early blitz (1)
[Kitty Kat]

D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 3 Bf4 D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 Bf5 4.e3 e6 5.Nf3 Be7**
[5...Bd6 6.Ne5 Nbd7 7.Nb5 h6 8.Nxd7 Kxd7 9.Nxd6 cxd6 10.f3 Qb6 11.Qc1 Nh5 12.g4 g5 13.Bxd6 Qxd6 14.gxf5 exf5 15.Qd2 Rad8 16.0-0-0 Kc8 17.c4 f4 18.e4 dxe4 19.fxe4 Qc7 20.e5 Torombot (2992)-Magnusglad (2770) Rapid 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (55)]
[5...c6 6.Ne5 Bb4 7.g4 Bg6 8.f3 Qa5 9.Qd2 Nfd7 10.h4 Nxe5 11.Bxe5 f6 12.h5 Bf7 13.Bg3 Nd7 14.Bd3 e5 15.h6 g6 16.0-0 0-0-0 17.a3 Bd6 18.b4 Qc7 19.Qh2 f5 20.gxf5 Suyarov,M (2467)-Ritviz,P (2393) Pavlodar 2024 Mega2024 Update 51 [monko] 1-0 (36)]
[5...h6 6.Bd3 Bxd3 7.cxd3 c6 8.0-0 Nbd7 9.h3 Be7 10.e4 0-0 11.Qe2 a5 12.Rac1 a4 13.a3 Qa5 14.Rfe1 Rfe8 15.Ne5 Bf8 16.Qf3 Qb6 17.Qg3 Nxe5 18.Bxe5 Nd7 19.Rc2 Nxe5 20.dxe5 Bortnyk,O (2608)-Makarian,R (2550) Chess.com INT 2024 Mega2024 Update 50 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (41)]
6.Ne5N
[6.Bd3 Bg6 *(6...Bxd3 7.cxd3 0-0 8.Qb3 Nbd7 9.h3 Nb6 10.a4 a5 11.Nb5 Bb4+ 12.Ke2 Rc8 13.Rhc1 c6 14.Nc3 Nfd7 15.Na2 Be7 16.Rc2 f6 17.Kf1 Qe8 18.Re1 Qh5 19.e4 e5 20.exd5 Nxd5 21.Bg3* Devereaux,M (2331)-Lyell,M (2230)

Nottingham ENG 2005 10000 Comentadas [Jorge Luis Fernandez] 1-0 (31)) 7.0-0 a6 8.h3 Nbd7 9.Qe2 c5 10.Rad1 0-0 Miscellaneous Variations Mov-Miscellaneous Nd Moves]

6...h6 7.Bd3 Nbd7 0.39/20
[7...Bxd3= 0.05/16 8.Qxd3 *(8.cxd3 0-0=; 8.Nxd3 Nbd7=)* 8...0-0]

8.0-0 -0.01/18
[8.Bxf5± 0.39/20 might be stronger. exf5 9.Qd3]

8...c6 9.h3 Nxe5 10.Bxe5 0-0 11.Bxf5 exf5 12.Qf3 Qd7
[12...g6 feels hotter. 13.Qf4 h5 14.Rfd1 Re8]

13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.Ne2 Rfe8 15.Rfd1 g6 16.Rac1 b5 17.b3 Rab8 18.Rd2 -0.11/18
[18.c4 0.21/18 should be considered.]

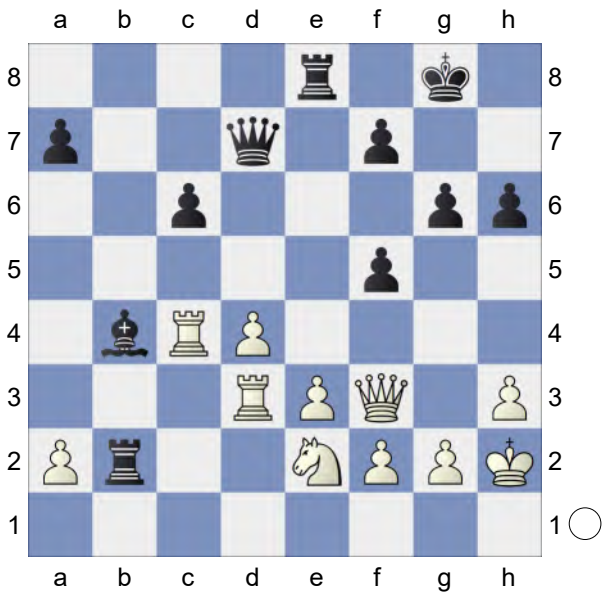
18...Be7= 19.c4 Ba3 0.33/22
[19...bxc4= -0.01/19 20.bxc4 Ba3 21.cxd5 Bxc1 22.dxc6 Qd6 23.Nxc1 Rec8]

20.Rcc2 -0.01/20
[20.cxd5± 0.33/22 feels stronger. cxd5 21.Rcc2]

20...bxc4 21.bxc4 Rb1+ 22.Kh2 Bb4 23.Rd3 -0.54/19
[23.Nc3!= 0.01/22 Qd6+ 24.g3]

23...dxc4∓ 24.Rxc4 Rb2

(Diagram)

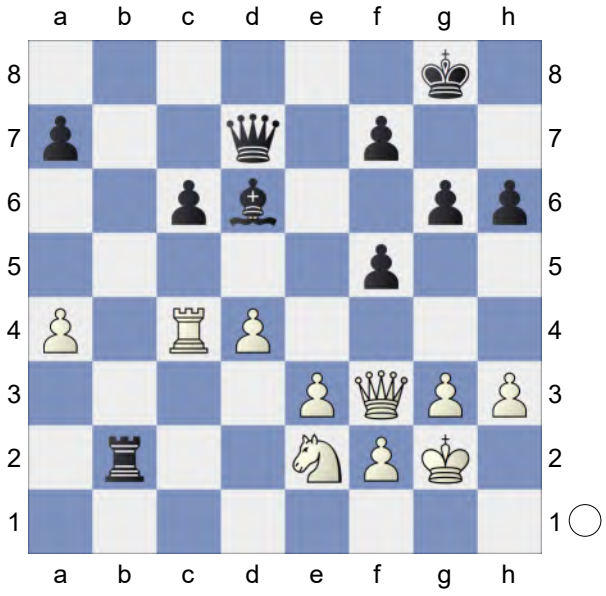


Strongly threatening ...Qd5. **25.a3 Bd6+ 26.g3 Reb8** 0.30/20
[Black should play 26...Qe6∓ -0.42/21 27.Rdc3 Qd5]

27.Kg2= R8b3 1.52/23
[27...a5± 0.33/20]

28.Rxb3± Rxb3 29.a4 0.26/22
[Don't do 29.Rxc6 Bxa3 30.Nf4 Kg7±]
[29.Qxc6± 1.33/22 Qe6 30.a4]

29...Rb2 0.95/20
[29...Rb6= 0.26/22]

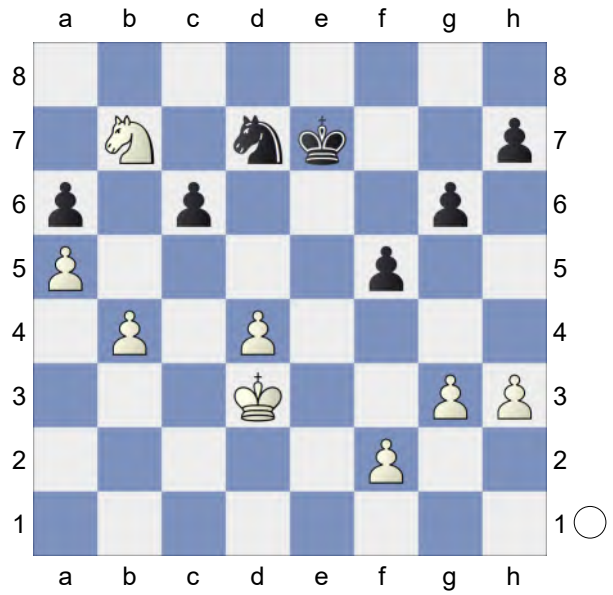


30.Qxc6! Qxc6+
[30...Qe7 31.Qf3]
31.Rxc6 Endgame KRB-KRN **31...Bb4 32.Nf4** Black must now prevent Nd3. **32...a5 33.Nd3 Ra2 34.d5** aiming for d6. **34...Kf8?** 3.16/24 This costs Black the game.
[34...Bf8± 1.48/21 was necessary. 35.Kf3 Rd2]
35.d6+- Ke8? 6.18/23
[35...Rd2 3.14/25]
36.Ne5 White is clearly winning. **36...Kd8** 8.30/24 Against Rc8+
[⌓36...Kf8 5.04/22 37.Rc8+ Kg7]
37.d7 Threatening mate with Rc8+. **37...Ke7** 10.74/26
[⌓37...Rd2 4.60/24 38.Nxf7+ Kxd7 39.Ne5+ Ke8 40.Rxg6 Ra2 41.Rxh6 Rxa4 42.Re6+ Kf8 43.Rf6+ Ke7 44.Rxf5 Bc3]
38.Rc8 4.75/26 Weighted Error Value: White=0.30/Black=0.40
[⌓38.Rc7 10.74/26 Rd2 39.Nc6+ Ke6 40.d8Q Rxd8 41.Nxd8+ Kd5 42.Nxf7]
1-0

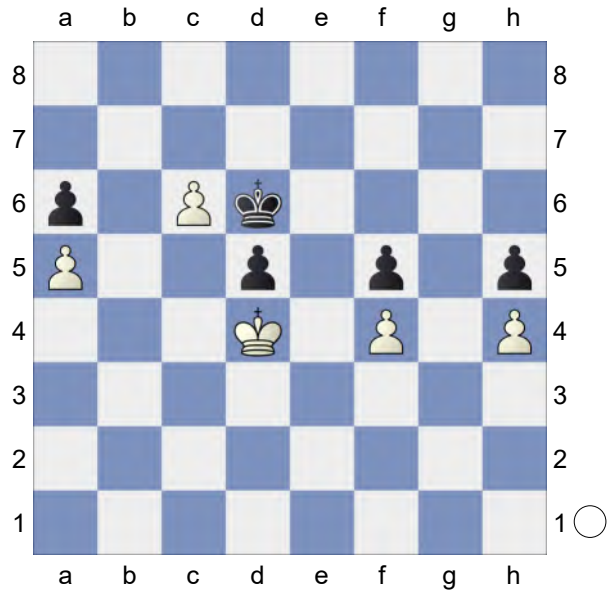
470 **D00**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2601**
■ **Pyrih,Roman** **2393**
Titled Tue 28th Jan Early blitz (3)
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines Kitty Kat: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines ' **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 c6 6.Nc3 Nb8 7.Nf3 Bd6**
[7...Nbd7 8.Bd3 Bb4 9.a3 Bxc3+ 10.bxc3 Qa5 11.Bd6 Qxc3+ 12.Nd2 Qa5 13.0-0 Qd8 14.c4 Nb8 15.c5 b6 16.e4 dxe4 17.Nxe4 Nd5 18.Qf3 f6 19.Qh5+ g6 20.Qh6 Kf7 21.f4 Kg8 22.Ng5 0-1 Firouzja,A (2759)-Mamedyarov,S (2770) NIC Classic KO rapid 2021 (1.21)]
8.Ne5! White has an edge. 8.Ne5 is better than 8.Bd3. 8.Se5 ist besser als 8. Ld3. **8...Qc7 9.g3N** -0.33/20
[9.Qf3 Nbd7 10.Nd3 *(10.Nxd7 Bxd7 11.Bg5 Be7 12.Bd3 c5 13.dxc5 Qxc5 14.0-0 Bc6 15.Qg3 h6 16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.e4 Bxc3 18.exd5 Bxd5 19.bxc3 0-0 20.Rab1 b6 21.a4 Rac8 22.Rb4 Qxc3 23.Rh4 Kh8 24.Qf4 Qf6* 1-0 Schnaider,I (2392)-Hoang,T (2183) Titled Tuesday intern op 07th Jan Early blitz 2025 (4)) 10...e5 11.dxe5 Nxe5 12.Nxe5 Bxe5 13.Qg3 Bxf4 14.Qxg7 Rg8 15.Qxf6 1-0 Bortnyk,O (2604)-Kozak,A (2459) Titled Tuesday intern op 10th May Early blitz 2022 (2)]
[9.Qf3= 0.05/19]
9...Nbd7∓ 10.Nxd7 Bxd7 11.Bg2 e5 12.dxe5 Bxe5 13.Bxe5 Qxe5 14.0-0 0-0 15.Rc1 Rad8 16.Qd4 Qxd4 17.exd4 Bf5 18.Nd1 Rfe8 19.Ne3 Be4 20.Rfd1 -0.36/20
[20.f3= 0.09/21 Bd3 21.Rfe1]
20...Bxg2 21.Kxg2 g6 22.a4 Re4 23.a5 a6 24.Rd3 Rde8 25.h3 R8e7 26.Rcd1 Ne8 27.c4 dxc4 28.Nxc4 Nf6 29.Rb3 R4e6 Inhibits Nc4-d6. **30.Ne3 Rd6 31.Nc4 Rde6** 0.04/24
[31...Rd5∓ -0.45/24 feels stronger.]
32.Nb6 Kg7 33.Rdd3 Rc7 34.Na4 Ree7 35.Nc5 Nd5 1.06/26 Inhibits Rd3-e3.
[35...Ne4= 0.01/23 remains equal.]
36.Rd2 Kf8 1.27/24
[Better is 36...Nf6 0.72/23]
37.Kf3 aiming for Rd2-e2. White is more active. **37...Ke8?** 3.17/25 A mistake that costs the game.

[37...Re1± 1.09/22]
38.Re2+- Rxe2 39.Kxe2 Nf6 40.Rxb7 Rxb7 41.Nxb7 Endgame KN-KN. White is a pawn up. **41...Nd7 42.b4 Ke7 43.Kd3 f5**



44.d5! cxd5 45.Kd4 Ke6 10.76/26
[⌓45...Nf6 4.13/23 46.Nc5 Kd6 47.Nxa6 Kc6]
46.Nc5+ Nxc5 47.bxc5 KP-KP **47...g5 48.f4 gxf4 49.gxf4 h6** White mates. **50.h4 h5 51.c6 Kd6**



52.c7! Deflection **52...Kxc7 53.Kxd5 Kd7 54.Ke5 Kc6 55.Kxf5 Kb5**

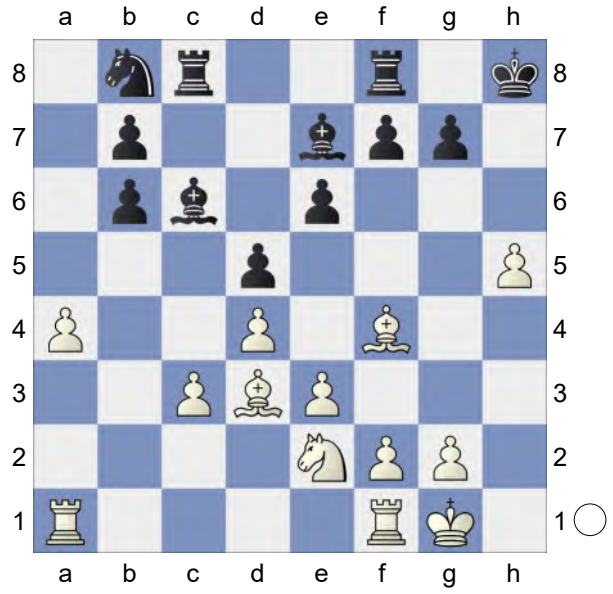
Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.46
1-0

471 **D00**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2601**
■ **Kravtsiv,Martyn** **2598**
Titled Tue 18th Mar Early blitz (10)
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines A45: Trompowsky Attack **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 Be7 6.h4**
[6.Nf3 0-0 7.Bd3 *(7.Ne5 Ne4 8.f3 Nf6 9.a3 c5 10.c3 Nh5 11.Bg3 f6 12.Nd3 Nxg3 13.hxg3 Bd7 14.a4 Qb6 15.Qc2 g6 16.Nf4 f5 17.Be2 c4 18.Kf2 Bxb5 19.axb5 Nc7 20.b3 e5 21.dxe5 g5* Bortnyk,O (2608)-Ivic, V (2592) Chess.com INT 2024 Mega2024 Update 39 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (36) *)* 7...c6 8.Nc3 Nb4 9.0-0 Nxd3 10.Qxd3 c5 11.dxc5 Bxc5 12.Rad1 b6 13.Ne5 a5 14.e4 Ba6 15.Qg3 Bxf1 16.Kxf1 Nh5 17.Qg4 Nxf4 18.Qxf4 Bd6 19.exd5 Qb8 20.Re1 f6 Primesolver (2668)-Anythingbutaverage (2928) Blitz 2024 [Kitty Kat] 0-1 (35)]
6...Ne4N
[6...0-0 7.Nf3 c5 8.a4 Bd7 9.Ne5 Nb4 10.g4 a6 11.Nc3 cxd4 12.exd4 Rc8 13.f3 Be8 14.Bd3 Nd7 15.g5 Nxe5 16.Bxe5 Bd6 17.f4 Bxe5 18.fxe5 Qb6 19.Rb1 Qxd4 20.Qe2 Nc6 21.h5 6.♘a3 cd4 7.cd4 ♗d7 (2718)-Deslandes,P (2766) Moscow 2022 CBM 72 ext [John Watson] 0-1 Qxe5 22.g6 fxg6 23.hxg6 Bxg6 24.Bxg6 hxg6 25.Qxe5 Nxe5 26.Ke2 d4 0-1 (26) Erigaisi,A (2718)-Caruana,

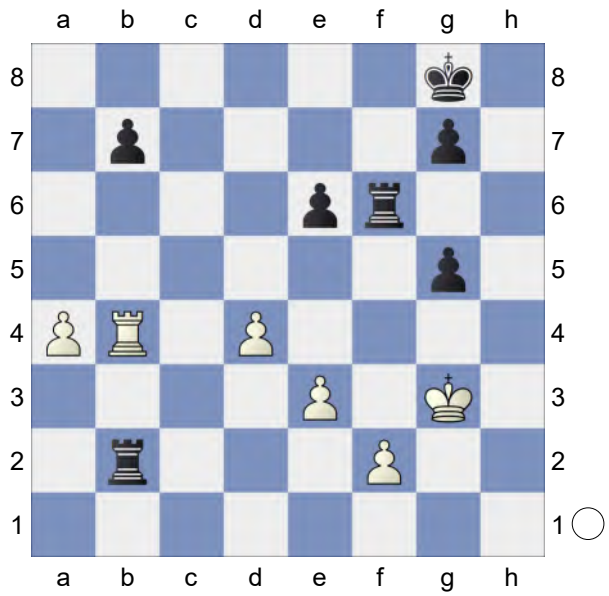
F (2766) Chess.com INT 2022 Mega2023 Update 08 [Kitty Kat]]
[6...c6 7.Nc3 c5 8.Nf3 Bd7 9.Ne5 Nb4 10.g4 0-0 11.dxc5 Bxc5 12.g5 Ne8 13.h5 f6 14.gxf6 Nxf6 15.Rg1 Be8 16.Bh3 Nxh5 17.Bxe6+ Kh8 18.Nxd5 Nxd5 19.Qxd5 Nxf4 20.exf4 Bxf2+ 21.Kxf2 Esipenko,A (2681)-Hedman,J (2547) Sochi 2022 [Richard Palliser,MH] 1-0 (34)]

7.Bd3 c6 8.Bxe4 Active counter play! White has an edge. **8...cxb5 9.Bd3 Qa5+ 10.c3 b4** Inhibits a3. **11.Ne2**
[11.a3 keeps more tension. bxc3 12.b4 Qb6 13.Ne2]
11...bxc3 0.63/19
[11...Bd7= 0.29/18]
12.bxc3 Bd7 13.a4 0.39/18
[⌓13.Be5 0.70/18]
13...0-0 1.62/20
[13...h6± 0.39/18]
14.Qb1+- Qb6 15.Bxh7+ Kh8 16.Bd3 Rac8 17.Qxb6 axb6 18.h5 Nb8 19.0-0 Bc6



20.Rfc1 1.41/22
[20.a5!+- 1.83/20]
20...Nd7± 21.c4 1.23/21
[⌓21.a5 1.54/20]
21...dxc4 22.Bxc4 Nf6 23.Bg5 Rfe8 24.Nf4 0.76/23
[⌓24.Bxf6 1.46/22 Bxf6 25.Bb5]
24...Nxh5 25.Bxe7
[25.Nxh5 Bxg5 26.Bb5 Bxb5 27.axb5 g6=]
25...Nxf4 26.Bg5
[26.exf4 Rxe7 27.d5 Bxd5 28.Bxd5 Rxc1+ 29.Rxc1 exd5=]
26...Nxg2 27.Bf1 f6 28.Bxg2 fxg5 29.Rcb1 Bxg2 30.Kxg2 Endgame KRR-KRR **30...Rc6 31.Rb5 Rf8 32.Rab1 Rc2 33.Rf1**
[Much weaker is 33.Rxb6?! Rcxf2+ 34.Kg1 Re2=]
33...Ra2 34.Rxb6 Rf6 1.01/21
[34...e5± 0.68/22]
35.Rb4 0.57/23
[Better is 35.Rxb7± 1.01/21 Rxa4 36.Rb5]
35...Kg8 0.89/24
[35...Kh7± 0.57/23 is more appropriate.]
36.Kg3 Ra3 37.Rfb1 0.80/24
[⌓37.Rc1 1.16/21]
37...Ra2 38.R1b2 0.62/25
[38.f3± 0.94/21]
38...Rxb2? 2.13/24
[38...Ra1!± 0.62/25]

(Diagram)



39.Rxb2± KR-KR **39...Rf7 40.Rb5 g4** 3.48/26
[40...Rc7 2.29/24 was necessary. 41.Kg4 *(41.Rxg5 Rc4±)* 41...Kf7 42.Kxg5 Rd7]
41.Rb6+-
[Don't do 41.Kxg4 Rxf2 42.Rxb7 Rg2+ 43.Kf3 Rg5]
41...Rf3+ 42.Kg2 Rf5 43.Rxe6 White is clearly winning. **43...Ra5 44.Rb6 Rxa4 45.Rxb7 Ra6 46.Rb5 Rg6 47.Kg3 Kf7 48.Rf5+ Ke6 49.Rf4 Rh6 50.Rxg4 g6** 15.38/27
[⌓50...Kf6 4.93/23 51.e4 Rh1]
51.Kf4 5.27/22
[⌓51.Rh4 15.38/27 Rxh4 52.Kxh4]
51...Kf6 52.Ke4 Rh2 53.f4 Rd2 54.Rg5 Rb2 55.Rc5 Rb6 56.Rc4 Ra6 57.d5 Ra5 58.Rc6+ Ke7 59.Rxg6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=0.35
1-0

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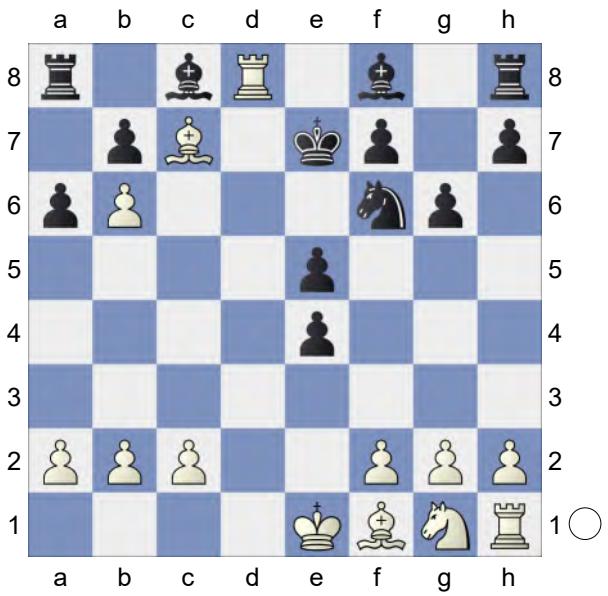
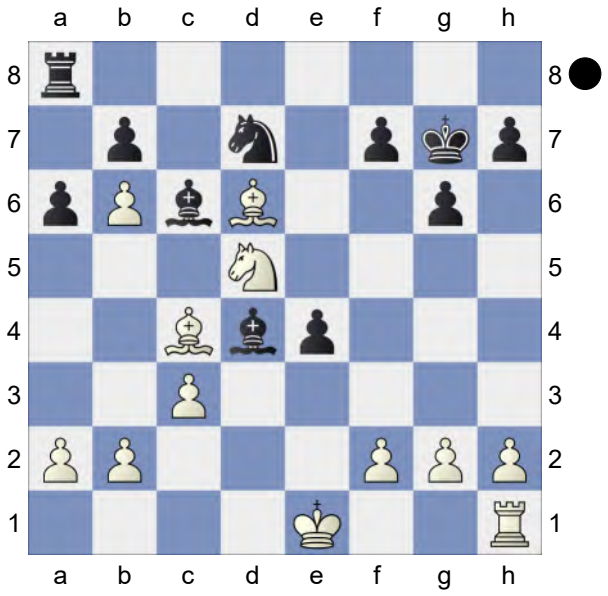
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2601**
■ **Huschenbeth,Niclas** **2596**
Titled Tue 21st Jan Early blitz (2)
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e4 dxe4 5.dxc5 Qxd1+** 0.51/20
[5...Nbd7= 0.03/17 6.b4 e5 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bxf6 Nxf6 9.Qxd8+ Kxd8 10.0-0-0+ Kc7 11.Nb5+ Kc6 12.Nd6 Be6 13.Bb5+ Kc7 14.Ba4 a5 15.b5 b6 16.Bb3 Bxb3 17.axb3 bxc5 18.Nxf7 Rg8 19.Nxe5 a4 20.Kb2 axb3 Aqua Blazing (2815)-Der Kaufmann (2816) Blitz 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (42)]
6.Rxd1± **a6** Against Nb5 **7.Na4 Nbd7 8.Bc7N** aiming for Nb6. White is slightly better.
[8.b4 e5 9.Be3 a5 10.b5 Ng4 11.c6 Nxe3 12.cxd7+ Bxd7 13.fxe3 Rc8 14.c4 Bb4+ 15.Kf2 Be6 16.Nb6 Rc7 17.Be2 0-0 18.Nh3 h6 19.a4 Bc5 20.Nd5 Rcc8 21.Ke1 f5 22.Nf2 Rfe8 Sushila1 (2798)-Shinzouwosasageyo (2663) Blitz 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (33)]
8...e5 1.23/22
[8...e6± 0.59/23]
9.Nb6 0.74/22 0x0.0010f922457fdp-1022s more active pieces. The black rooks are badly placed.
[⌓9.Ne2 1.23/22]
9...Nxb6± 10.Rd8+ Ke7 And now ... Nbd7 would win. **11.cxb6**
[Of course not 11.Bxb6 Nd7 12.Ba5 Nxc5∓]
11...g6!

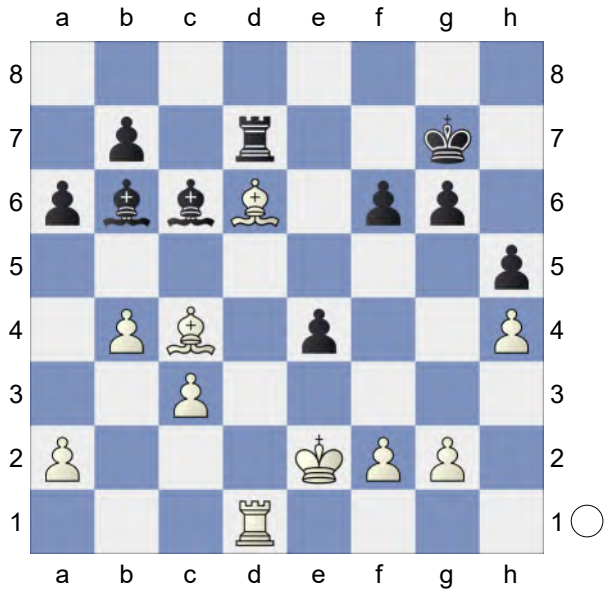


12.Bxe5! Bg7 13.Rxh8
[13.Rd4 is interesting. Bf5 14.Ne2 Rhc8 15.c3]
13...Bxh8 14.Ne2 Bd7 15.Nc3
Prevents Nd5. **15...Bc6 16.Bc4 Nd7 17.Bc7 Bd4 18.Nd5+ Kf8! 19.Bd6+** 0.01/25
[White should try 19.c3± 0.54/20 Be5 20.h4]
19...Kg7= 20.c3



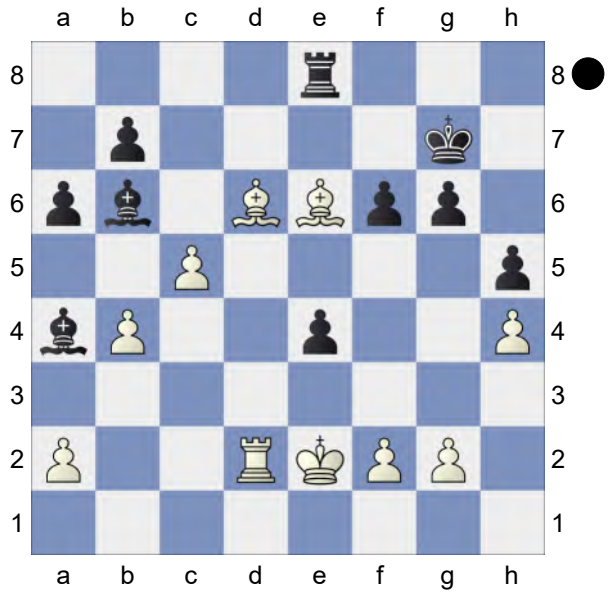
Nxb6! 21.Nxb6 Bxb6 22.Ke2
Inhibits e3. **22...Rd8 23.Rd1 f6** 0.09/19
[23...Kf6∓ -0.34/19]

24.h4 -0.22/19
[⌓24.Be6 0.09/19]
24...h5 25.b4 -0.78/23
[25.b3= -0.01/19 keeps the balance.]
25...Rd7 0.71/22
[25...Bb5!∓ -0.78/23 stays on course. 26.Bxb5 axb5]



26.Be6 -0.01/26
[26.Bb3!± 0.71/22]
26...Rd8 27.c4 Ba4 28.Rd2 -0.55/22
[28.Rd5= 0.01/24]
28...Bd7? 8.76/25
[28...Re8∓ -0.55/22 29.c5

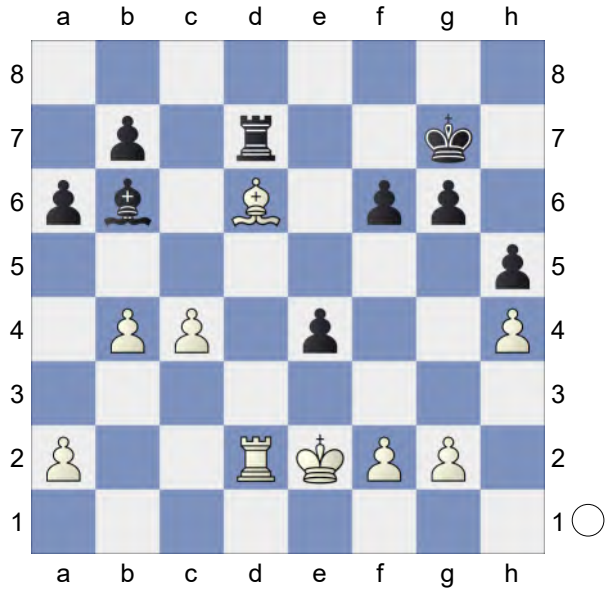
(Diagram)



Bxc5! 30.Bxc5 Rxe6]

29.Bxd7+- White is clearly winning.

29...Rxd7



30.Bf8+! Kxf8 31.Rxd7 Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) /Black=0.25 (precise)

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□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2601**

■ **Narva,Mai** **2384**

Titled Tue 11th Feb Late blitz (3) 11.2.25

[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 h6 5.a3**

[5.Nf3 e6 6.Bd3 c5 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.e4 Nc6 9.0-0 Nh5 10.Bd2 Nf6 11.h3 0-0 12.Bf4 b5 13.exd5 exd5 14.Re1 Be6 15.Qd2 Re8 16.a3 Rc8 17.Rad1 Bf8 18.Be3 Qd7 19.Nd4 Ne5 Torombot (3050)-Expositor (2831) Rapid 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (77)]

5...e6 6.Nf3 Bd6N

[6...c5 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.Bd3 b6 *(8...Nc6 9.0-0 0-0 10.e4 Re8 11.e5 Nd7 12.Qd2 Bf8 13.h3 b5 14.Rfe1 Bb7 15.Ne2 Nc5 16.Ng3 Rc8 17.Nh5 Ne4 18.Qc1 Ne7 19.Bxh6 gxh6 20.Bxe4 dxe4 21.Nf6+ Kg7 22.Nh2 Nf5 23.Qf4* Bortnyk,O (2608)-Sarana,A (2717) chess.com INT 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (80)*)* 9.e4 Bb7 10.e5 Nfd7 11.0-0 g5 12.Bg3 Nc6 13.Re1 g4 14.Nh4 Qg5 15.Nxd5 exd5 16.e6 Nf6 17.b4 Bd4 18.exf7+ Kxf7 19.Nf5 Bxa1 20.Bh4 Qxf5 21.Bxf5 Bortnyk,O (2608)-Nakamura,H (2802) chess.com INT 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (52)]

7.Bd3 0-0 8.0-0 The position is equal.

8...c5 9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.e4 d4 0.47/18

[10...Re8= 0.13/17]

11.Ne2± Nc6 12.h3 Qe7 13.e5 Nd5 14.Bh2 Rd8 0.47/18

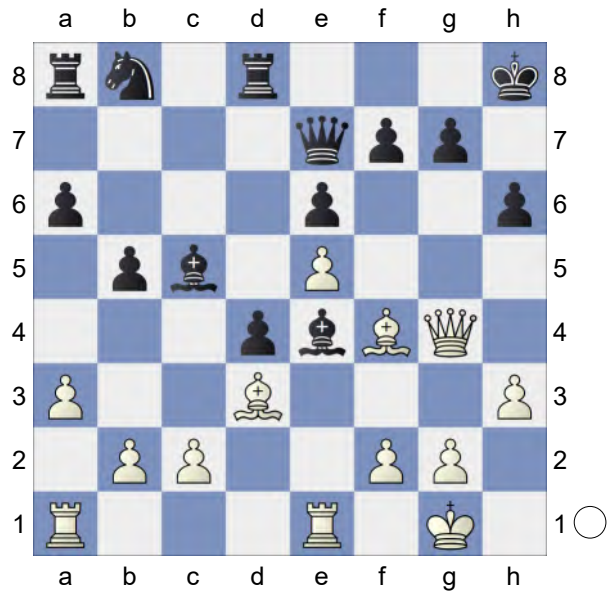
[14...b5= 0.16/19]

15.Re1 b5 16.Nf4 Nxf4 17.Bxf4 Bb7 18.Nd2 Nb8 1.10/21

[18...Qf8± 0.45/19]

19.Qg4± Hoping for Bxh6. **19...Kh8**

20.Ne4 0.77/18 &Bianco is more active.
[⌓20.b4 1.14/21 Bb6 21.Ne4]
20...Bxe4? 2.51/23
[20...Qf8± 0.77/18]



Loses the game. **21.Bxh6!→** White attacks with force. **21...Bg6** **22.Bg5** Skewer. White has strong compensation. **22...f6?** #7/16
[22...Qd7+- 2.48/22]
23.Qh4+ 33.36/21
[⌓23.Bxg6 #7/16 Kg8 24.Qh5 Qf7 25.Bxf7+ Kf8 26.exf6 Rd7 27.fxg7+ Kxg7 28.Qg6+ Kh8 29.Qh6#]
23...Kg8 **24.Bxg6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.63
1-0

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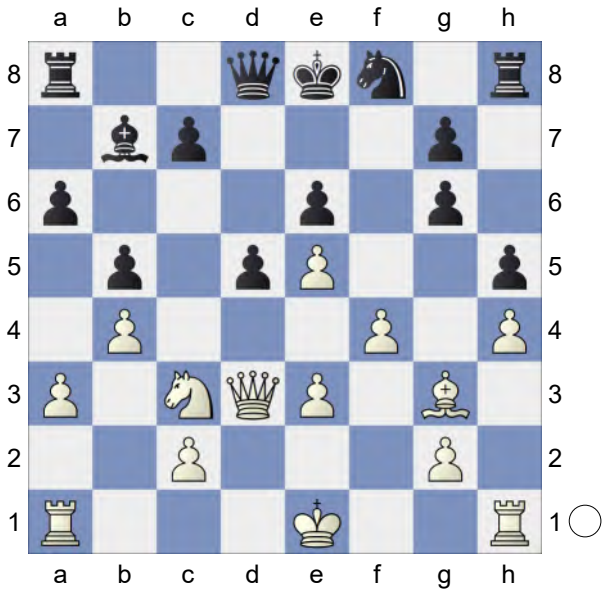
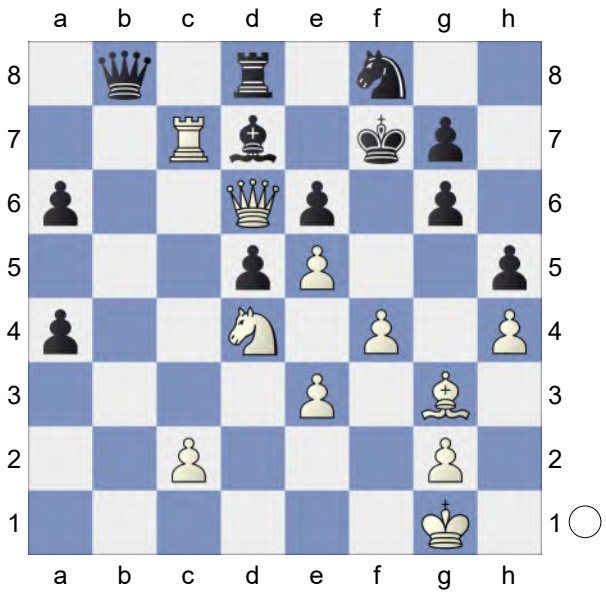
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2601**
■ **Al Tarbosh,Ward** **2235**
Titled Tue 25th Feb Early blitz (6)
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4** **Nf6** **2.Nc3** **d5** **3.Bf4** **a6** **4.e3** **e6** **5.a3** **Bd6**
[5...c5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.h3 Qb6 *(7...b5 8.Bd3 b4 9.axb4 cxb4 10.Na4 Bd6 11.0-0 Bxf4 12.exf4 0-0 13.Re1 a5 14.Nc5 Nd7 15.Nxd7 Qxd7 16.Bxh7+ Kxh7 17.Ng5+ Kg6 18.Qg4 f5 19.Qh4 Qe7 20.Re5 Bd7 21.Qh7+ Kf6 22.Qh4* Athena Pallada (2984)-Miki Train (2606) Blitz 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (45)*)* 8.Be2 Bd7 9.0-0 cxd4 10.exd4 Ne4 11.Rb1 Be7 12.Bd3 f5 13.Na4 Qa5 14.Nc5 Nxc5 15.b4 Qd8 16.bxc5 g5 17.Be5 Rg8 18.Rxb7 g4 19.hxg4 Rxg4 20.Re1 Athena Pallada (2934)-Pohalifmanu (2727) Blitz 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0]
6.Nf3 **Nbd7N**
[6...0-0 7.Bd3 c5 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.0-0 Nc6 10.e4 d4 *(10...dxe4 11.Nxe4 Be7 12.Qe2 Nd4 13.Nxd4 Qxd4 14.c3 Qa4 15.b4 Bd7 16.Rfd1 Bc6 17.Bc2 Qb5 18.c4 Qf5 19.Nxf6+ Qxf6 20.Be5 Qg5 21.f4 Qh6 22.Rd3 f5 23.Rh3 Qg6 24.Rg3 Qf7 25.Rxg7+* Bortnyk,O (2608)-Hayrapetyan,H (2432) Chess.com INT 2024 Mega2024 Update 16 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (54) *)* 11.Ne2 Nh5 12.e5 Nxf4 13.Nxf4 f6 14.exf6 Qxf6 15.Nh5 Qh6 16.Ng3 e5 17.Be4 Bg4 18.Qd3 Bxf3 19.Bxf3 Kh8 20.Rfe1 Rae8 21.Ne4 Ivitza,P (2504)-Bierkens,P (2419) Ramat Aviv 2018 200 Traps In The Opening [Pilnik,H/Primel,D] 1-0 (36) Ba7 22.g3 Nd8 23.Re2 Nf7 24.Rae1 b5 25.h4 Bb6 26.Kg2 Qg6 27.Ng5 Qxd3 28.cxd3 Nxg5 29.hxg5 Bc7 30.Rc2 Bd8 31.g6 h6 32.Bd5 Bf6 33.Rc6 a5 34.Ra6 a4 35.Rb6 Rb8 36.Bb7 Horvath,J (2504)-Vrolijk,L (2419) Utrecht Open 2018 [Richard Palliser] 1-0 (36)]
7.Bd3 **b5** **8.b4** The position is equal.
8...Nf8 0.46/19

[8...Bb7= 0.04/19]
9.Ne5 0.14/17
[9.0-0± 0.46/19 might be stronger.]
9...Ng6 10.Bg3 Bb7 11.h4 Bxe5 12.dxe5 Hoping for h5. **12...Nd7 13.f4 h5 14.Bxg6 fxg6 15.Qd3 Nf8** 1.71/21
[15...Kf7± 0.61/20]



16.Ne2 0.85/22
[16.Nxb5!+- 1.71/21 and White stays clearly on top. Black must now prevent 0-0! axb5 17.Qxb5+ Nd7 18.Qxb7]
16...Qe7 1.17/23
[⌓16...Kf7 0.85/22]
17.Nd4 c5 1.99/24
[17...Kf7± 0.94/20]
18.bxc5+- Qxc5 19.0-0 Qc4 2.59/25
[⌓19...Bc6 1.62/22 20.Be1 Bd7]
20.Qd2 1.38/19
[20.a4+- 2.59/25]
20...Qc8 2.00/23
[20...Kf7± 1.38/19]
21.Rfb1 Bc6 22.a4 bxa4 23.Rb6 Prevents Bb5. 0x0. 0010f922457fdp-1022s more active pieces. **23...Bd7** 2.08/23
[⌓23...Bb5 1.61/24 24.Qa5 *(24.Nxb5 axb5 25.Qb4 Qc4±)* 24...Kf7]
24.Qb4 White has strong compensation.
24...Kf7 25.Rb1 1.30/22
[25.Rb7+- 1.76/22]
25...Nh7? 4.04/25 Loses the game.
[25...Bb5± 1.30/22 26.Be1 Kg8]
26.Rb7 Rd8 6.05/23
[⌓26...Nf8 3.84/23 27.Qxa4 Kg8]
27.Qd6 White is clearly winning. **27...Nf8 28.Rc7 Rb8 29.Rxb8 Qxb8**



30.Nxe6! Pin **30...a3**
[30...Nxe6 31.Rxd7+]
31.Nxd8+ Qxd8 32.e6+ Kg8 33.e7 Qe8 34.exf8Q+ Qxf8 35.Qxf8+ Kxf8 36.Be1 Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.55
[And not 36.Rxd7 a2 37.Kh2 *(37.Rxd5 a1Q+ 38.Kh2 Qc3∓; 37.Rd8+ Ke7∓)* 37...a1Q 38.Rxd5 Qc3∓]
1-0

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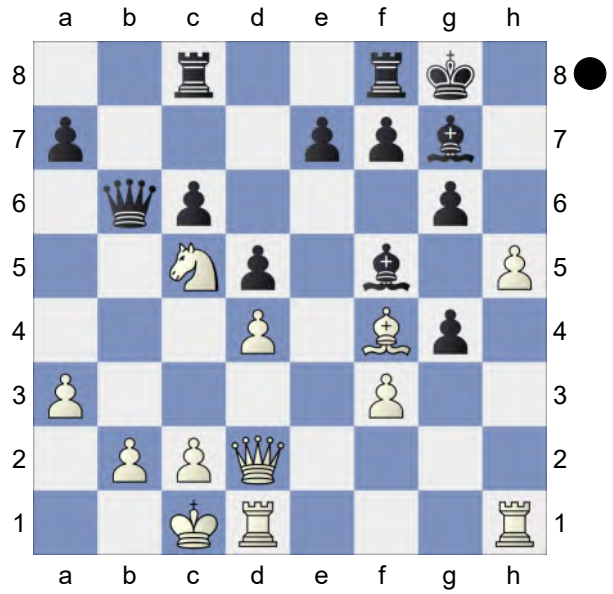
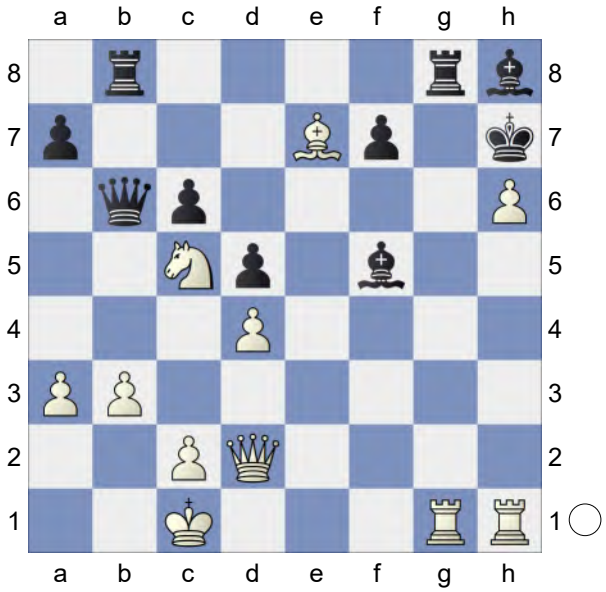
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2601**
■ **Mateus,Al** **2237**
Titled Tue 11th Feb Early blitz (3)
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 g6 4.e3 Bg7 5.h4 h5 6.Nf3 0-0 7.Ne5 c5 8.f3** The position is equal. **8...Nc6 9.Qd2 cxd4 10.exd4 Bf5 11.Bb5 Nb4** 0.45/20
[11...Rc8= -0.04/18]
12.Ba4± Rc8 13.a3! Nc6 14.Bxc6 bxc6 15.Na4 Nd7 16.Nxd7 Bxd7 17.Nc5 Bf5 18.0-0-0 Qb6 0.91/20
[18...Re8!± 0.48/21]
19.g4N -0.01/22
[19.Qc3± 0.91/20]
[19.Rde1 Rfe8 20.Bh6 Rb8 21.Nb3 Bxc2 22.Bxg7 Kxg7 23.Qxc2 Qxb3 24.Qxb3 Rxb3 25.Re2 Reb8 26.Rc2 f6 27.Re1 Kf7 28.Ree2 R8b6 29.Rcd2 a5 30.Kd1 a4 31.Kc1 e6 32.Rd1 c5 33.dxc5 Rc6 Lai,D (2058)-Mihajlovskij,S (2312) Chess.com INT 2024 1-0 (47)]
19...hxg4= 20.h5



aiming for fxg4. **20...g5?** 3.18/19
This move loses the game for Black.
[20...gxf3= 0.20/19 21.hxg6 fxg6]
21.Bxg5 Rb8
[21...gxf3? 22.Bxe7 Rb8 23.b3+-]
22.b3 Kh7 4.37/22
[22...Rfe8 2.79/18 might work better. 23.h6 Bf8]
23.fxg4 Bxg4 24.Rdg1 Bf5? 8.50/21
[24...f5 3.05/20 25.h6 Bf6]
25.h6 Bh8 26.Bxe7 Threatening mate with Rg7+! **26...Rg8**



Against Rg7+ **27.Rg7+!** White mates.
27...Rxg7
[27...Bxg7 28.hxg7+]
28.hxg7+ Kxg7 29.Qh6+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.40/Black=0.67
1-0

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□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2601**
■ **Movahed,Sina** **2518**
Titled Tue 27th May Late blitz (11)
[TA]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
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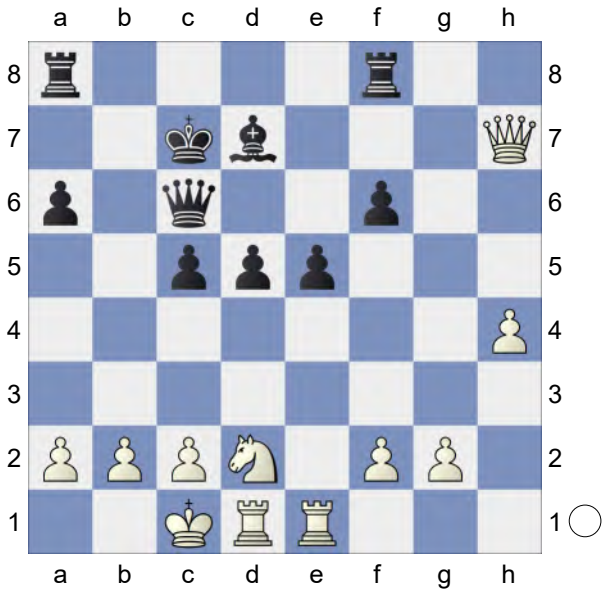
D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines B13: Caro-

Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e4 cxd4 5.Qxd4 Nc6 6.Bb5 a6N**
[6...Bd7 7.Bxc6 Bxc6 8.e5 Nd7 9.e6 fxe6 10.Nf3 Qb6 11.Qd2 d4 12.Qxd4 Bxf3 *(12...Qxd4 13.Nxd4 Bxg2 14.Rg1 e5 15.Ne6 exf4 16.Rxg2 Rc8 17.Rd1 g6 18.Rg4 Nf6 19.Rxf4 Bh6 20.Ra4 Kf7 21.Nd4 a6 22.Rb4 Rc7 23.Nf3 Rhc8 24.a4 Ke8 25.Rd3 Bc1 26.Nd4 Bxb2 27.Rxb2* ½-½ (31) Bortnyk,O (2608)-Lazavik,D (2578) CrunchLab Masters PlayIn rapid 2024 (7) *)* 13.Qxb6 axb6 14.gxf3 g6 15.Rd1 *(15.0-0-0 Rc8 16.Rhe1 Nc5 17.Be5 Rg8 18.Nb5 Bh6+ 19.Kb1 Kf7 20.a3 Rgd8 21.Rxd8 Rxd8 22.Bc7 Rd5 23.Nc3 Rf5 24.Bxb6 Nd7 25.Be3 Bxe3 26.Rxe3 Ne5 27.Ne4 h6 28.Rb3 Nxf3 29.Rxb7 Nxh2* 1-0 (31) Naroditsky,D (2619)-Praggnanandhaa,R (2747) Bullet Chess Winners blitz 2024 (1.17)) 15...Ra5 16.a4 Bg7 17.Bd2 Rf8 18.Ke2 Bxc3 19.Bxc3 Rxa4 20.Rd4 Rf4 21.Rxf4 0-1 (55) Bortnyk,O (2608)-Durarbayli,V (2628) Crunchlab PlayIn Match D2 rapid 2024 (2.4)]
[6...e6 7.exd5 exd5 8.0-0-0 Be6 9.Nf3 Bd6 10.Ng5 0-0 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.Nxe6 fxe6 13.Bxd6 Qxd6 14.Rhe1 Rfe8 15.Qe5 Qxe5 16.Rxe5 Nd7 17.Re2 e5 18.f3 Kf7 19.g3 Re7 20.Red2 Nb6 21.b3 1-0 (34) Punchen (2625)-Bakayoyo (2729) Blitz 2024]
7.Bxc6+ bxc6 Black is weak on the dark squares **8.e5** White has an edge. **8...Ng8 9.Qa4** -0.46/26
[9.0-0-0± 0.44/23]
9...Qd7 10.0-0-0 e6! 11.Ne4 c5 12.Qa3↑ White has the initiative. **12...f6** 1.20/21
[12...Qb5= -0.09/27 13.Nd6+ Bxd6 14.exd6 Nf6]
13.Nf3 0.60/23 White is much more active.
[13.Nxc5 Qb5 14.b4 a5 15.exf6 Nxf6=]
[13.Be3± 1.20/21]
13...Qc6 14.Nd6+ Bxd6 15.exd6 Nh6 16.Bxh6 gxh6 17.Qe3
[17.Nd2!?]
17...Qxd6 18.Rhe1 -0.04/21
[18.Qxh6± 0.61/21 Kf7 19.Rhe1]
18...Bd7 0.88/21
[18...0-0!= -0.04/21]
19.Qxh6± Rf8 20.Qh5+ Kd8 21.Qxh7 Kc7 22.h4 e5 23.Nd2 0.21/22
[23.Qd3± 0.62/19 should be considered. Be6 *(23...e4 24.Rxe4* Pin *Bc6 25.Rg4+-)* 24.Nd2]
23...Qc6



24.f4 0.00/28 **Rh8= 25.Qd3 e4 26.Qa3 Bg4! 27.c4?** -2.42/22 **d4?** -0.13/23
[27...Bxd1 28.cxd5 Qxd5 29.Rxd1]
[27...Rad8-+ -2.42/22 Strongly threatening ...dxc4. 28.Kc2 *(28.cxd5? Rxd5 29.Qe3 Bxd1-+)*

28...Bxd1+ 29.Kxd1 f5 *(29...dxc4? 30.Kc1-+; 29...Rxh4? 30.Qg3-+)* 30.Qa5+ Kb7 31.cxd5 Qxd5 *(31...Rxd5? 32.Kc1-+)*]

28.Nxe4! Bxd1 29.Kxd1 Rhe8

[29...Rxh4 30.Nxc5 Rah8 31.Nxa6+ Kc8 32.Nb4 Qxc4 33.Qa8+ Kc7 34.Qa5+ Kc8 35.b3+-]

30.Qa5+

[30.Nxc5 Rxe1+ 31.Kxe1 Qxg2∓]

30...Qb6? 4.02/31

[30...Kb7= 0.19/22 31.Qxc5 *(31.Nxc5+ Ka7=)* 31...Qxc5 32.Nxc5+ Kc6]

31.Qxc5+? 0.00/21

[White has to play 31.Qxb6++- 4.02/31 Kxb6 32.Nxf6 Rxe1+ 33.Kxe1]

31...Qxc5 32.Nxc5+- Endgame. KRR-KRN **32...f5** 1.05/19

[32...Rxe1+= 0.00/21 33.Kxe1 Re8+ 34.Kd2 Kc6]

33.Ne6+± Kb6? 2.70/22

[33...Kd7± 1.14/20 was called for. 34.Nxd4 Rg8]

34.Ng5? 0.03/28

[34.Nxd4? Red8 35.Re6+ Kc5 36.Re5+ Kxc4 *(36...Kxd4? 37.Rxf5 Rf8 38.Rxf8-+)* 37.Rxf5 Rxd4+ *(37...Kxd4? 38.Kc2-+)* 38.Ke2 Rg8-+]

[34.Kd2+- 2.70/22]

34...Rxe1+= 35.Kxe1 KR-KN **35...Kc5 36.b3** Hoping for Ne6+. **36...a5** 1.46/26

[36...Rh8= 0.03/29]

37.Kd2 0.17/23

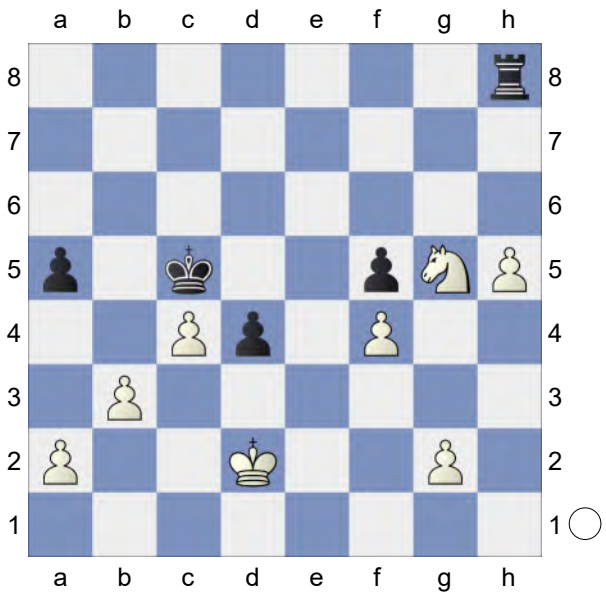
[White must play 37.Ne6+± 1.46/26 Kb4 38.Nxd4]

37...Re8! 38.h5 And now h6 would win.

38...Rh8 1.12/25

[Black should play 38...Re3!± 0.52/27]

(Diagram)



Black is on the road to losing. **39.Ne6+** 2.47/26

[39.Kd3!± 1.12/25]

39...Kd6 4.32/26

[39...Kb6 2.47/26 40.Ng7 *(40.Nxd4 Rg8±; 40.Kd3 Rxh5 41.c5+ Kc6±)* 40...Rh7 41.Nxf5 Rxh5 42.Nxd4 Rh1]

40.Nxd4+- Rxh5 41.Kc3 Kc5 5.10/22

[⌓41...Kd7 3.24/19 42.a3 Rh2]

42.a3 Rh2 43.b4+

[43.Nxf5 Rxg2 44.b4+ axb4+ 45.axb4+ Kc6+-]

43...axb4+ 44.axb4+ Kb6 45.c5+

[Less strong is 45.Nxf5 Rxg2 46.Kd4 Rf2±]

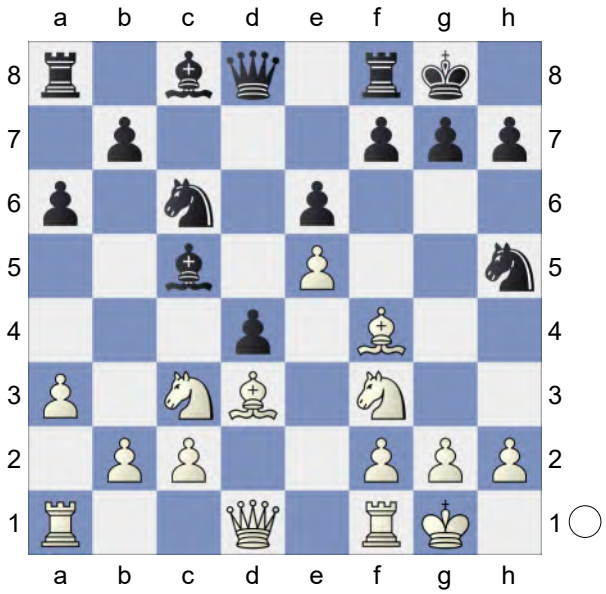
45...Kc7 46.g3 Rh5 47.Kc4 Kd7 48.b5 Rh2 49.Nxf5 Rb2 50.Nd4 Rb1 51.Kd5 Rc1 52.c6+ Kc7 53.f5 Rf1 54.g4 Rg1 55.f6 Black must now prevent f7. **55...Rxg4 56.f7** White mates. **56...Rg5+ 57.Ke4 Rg6 58.f8Q**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.44/ Black=0.58

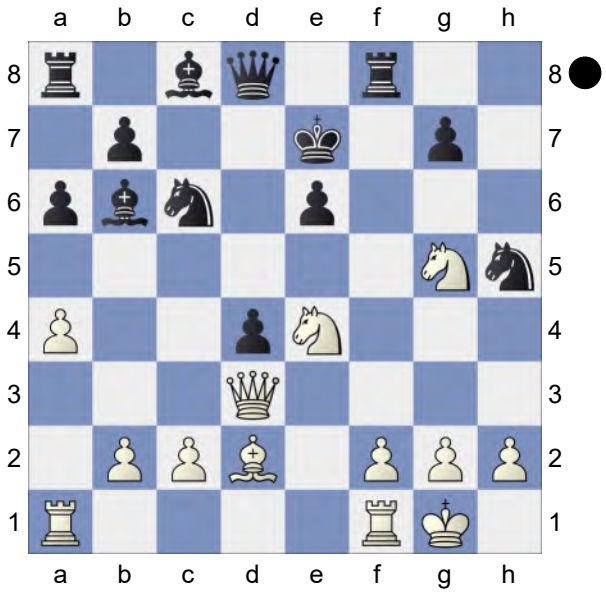
1-0

477 **A45**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2601**
■ **Materia,Marco** **2493**
Titled Tue 8th Jul Early blitz (10) 8.7.25
[TA]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.a3 c5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Bd3 Bd6 0.16/26
[7...c4∓ -0.44/23 8.Be2 Bd6]
8.dxc5= The position is equal. **8...Bxc5 9.0-0 0-0 10.e4 d4** 0.85/24
[10...h6± 0.39/22]
[10...dxe4 11.Nxe4 Be7 12.Qe2 Nd4 13.Nxd4 Qxd4 14.c3 Qa4 15.b4 Bd7 16.Rfd1 Bc6 17.Bc2 Qb5 18.c4 Qf5 19.Nxf6+ Qxf6 20.Be5 Qg5 21.f4 Qh6 22.Rd3 f5 23.Rh3 Qg6 24.Rg3 Qf7 25.Rxg7+ 1-0 (54) Bortnyk,O (2608)-Hayrapetyan,H (2432) Titled Tuesday intern op 13th Feb Early blitz 2024 (4)]
11.e5N 0.26/25
[11.Ne2± 0.85/24 Nh5 12.e5 Nxf4 13.Nxf4 f6 14.exf6 Qxf6 15.Nh5 Qh6 16.Ng3 e5 17.Be4 Bg4 18.Qd3 Bxf3 19.Bxf3 Kh8 20.Rfe1 Rae8 21.Ne4 Ba7 22.g3 Nd8 23.Re2 Nf7 24.Rae1 b5 25.h4 Bb6 26.Kg2 1-0 (36) Ivitza,P (2504)-Bierkens,P (2419) ISR-ch Ramat Aviv 1998 (3.1) Qg6 27.Ng5 Qxd3 28.cxd3 Nxg5 29.hxg5 Bc7 30.Rc2 Bd8 31.g6 h6 32.Bd5 Bf6 33.Rc6 a5 34.Ra6 a4 35.Rb6 Rb8 36.Bb7 1-0 Horvath,J (2504)-Vrolijk,L (2419) Utrecht Open 2018 (3.1)]
11...Nh5 1.32/24
[11...dxc3= 0.26/25 12.exf6 cxb2 *(12...Qxf6? 13.Bg5+-)* 13.fxg7 bxa1Q 14.gxf8Q+ *(14.gxf8R+ Qxf8 15.Qxa1 f6±)* 14...Qxf8 15.Qxa1 f6]



12.Bxh7+? -0.55/26 **Kxh7∓ 13.Ng5+ Kg6 14.Qd3+ f5 15.exf6+ Kxf6 16.Nce4+ Ke7 17.Bd2 Bb6** 0.00/20
[17...Bd6∓ -0.57/20]
18.a4 -0.76/19
[18.Rae1= 0.00/20]



18...Qd5 0.60/22
[18...Ke8!∓ -0.76/19]
19.Qa3+ Ke8 Threatens to win with ... Bd8. **20.Rae1** -0.53/20
[20.Nd6+± 0.61/19 Kd7 21.Nc4

Qxc4 *(21...Bc5 22.Nb6+ Bxb6 23.Qxf8=)* 22.Qxf8]

20...Bc7 ...Nf6 is the strong threat. **21.f4** -0.94/18 **Nxf4** 0.25/23

[21...Nf6∓ -0.94/18 Hoping for ... Nxe4. 22.Qd3 Nxe4 23.Rxe4 e5 24.fxe5 Rxf1+ *(24...Nxe5 25.Rxe5+* Remove Defender *Bxe5 26.Qg6+* Deflection *Kd8 27.Rxf8+ Kc7 28.Nf3+-; 24...Bxe5? 25.Rxf8+ Kxf8 26.c4+-)* 25.Qxf1 Be6 *(25...Nxe5 26.c4±)* 26.Nxe6 Qxe6]

22.Nh7 The board is on fire. **22...Rf5** aiming for ...d3. **23.Bxf4?** -1.71/20

[23.g4!= 0.00/18 Rf7 24.Nhg5]

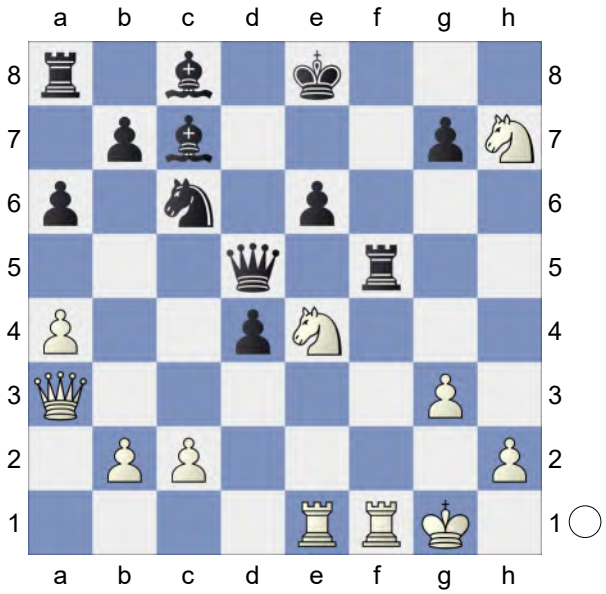
23...Bxf4-+ 24.g3 -3.14/21

[24.g4 -1.88/19 was called for. Be3+ *(24...Bxh2+ 25.Kxh2 Rxf1 26.Rxf1±)* 25.Rxe3 dxe3 *(25...Rxf1+ 26.Kxf1 dxe3 27.Nhf6+ gxf6 28.Nxf6+ Kf7 29.Nxd5±)* 26.gxf5 Qxe4 27.Qf8+ Kd7 28.Qxg7+ Kd6 29.Nf6]

24...Bc7?? 3.35/26

[24...Be3+-+ -3.14/21 and all is fine. 25.Rxe3 dxe3 *(25...Rxf1+ 26.Kxf1 Kd8 27.Qf8+ Kc7 28.Qxg7+ Kb8 29.Re2±)* 26.Rxf5 Qd1+ *(26...exf5? 27.Nef6+ gxf6 28.Nxf6+ Kf7 29.Nxd5+-)* 27.Rf1 e2 Pin 28.Qf8+ Kd7 29.Qxg7+ Kd8 30.Rxd1+ exd1Q+ 31.Kf2 Qxc2+ 32.Ke3 Qc1+ *(32...Qxa4 33.Qf8+ Kc7 34.Qd6+ Kb6 35.Qc5+ Kc7 36.Qd6+ Kb6 37.Qc5+ Kc7 38.Qd6+=)* 33.Kf2 b5 34.Qf8+ Kc7 35.Qg7+ Kb8]

(Diagram)



25.g4?→ 1.27/26 White goes for the king.

[25.Rxf5!+- 3.35/26 is the precise move to win. White wants to mate with Qf8+. Qxf5 26.Rf1 Qxe4 *(26...Bf4? 27.Rxf4+-)* 27.Rf8+ *(27.Qf8+ Kd7+-)* 27...Kd7 28.Rf7+ Skewer, Double Attack Ne7 29.Qxe7+ Kc6 30.Qxc7+ Kd5 31.Qd8+ *(31.Rxg7 Qe1+ 32.Kg2 Qe2+ 33.Kh3 e5+ 34.g4 Qe3+ 35.Kh4 Qh6+ 36.Kg3 Qe3+ 37.Kg2 Qd2+ 38.Kh1 Qe1+ 39.Kg2 Qe2+ 40.Kh3 Qe3+ 41.Kg2 Qd2+ 42.Kg3 Qf4+ 43.Kh4 Qxh2+ 44.Kg5 Ke4±)* 31...Kc5 32.Ng5 *(32.Rxg7 Qe1+ 33.Kg2 Qe2+ 34.Kg1 Qd1+ 35.Kg2 Qxc2+ 36.Kf3 Qf5+ 37.Kg2 Qe4+ 38.Kf2 Kc4∓)* 32...Qe1+ 33.Rf1 Qe3+ 34.Kg2]

25...Rxf1+ 26.Rxf1 Bxh2+

[26...Qxe4 27.Qf8+ Kd7 28.Rf7++- *(28.Qxg7+? Kd6-+; 28.Qxg7+?* is the wrong capture. *Kd6-+)*]

27.Kxh2 Qe5+ 2.06/22

[27...Kd8± 1.42/20]

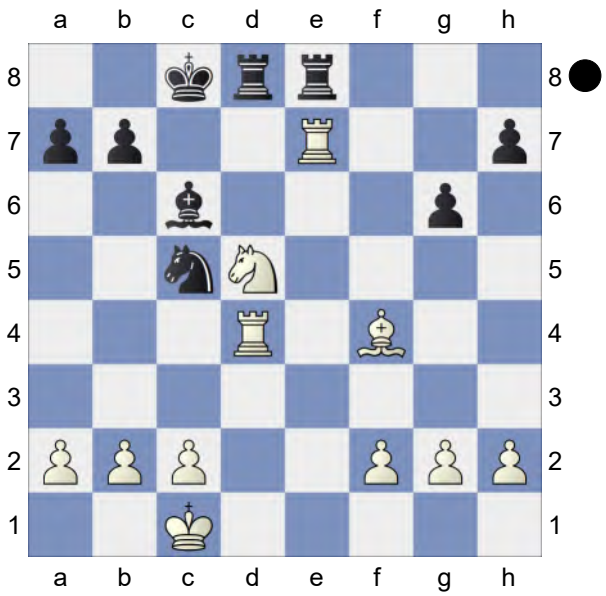
28.Ng3 A dynamic duo of knights.

28...Kd8? 3.36/21

[28...Nd8 1.61/19]
29.Rf7+- Bd7 30.Qf8+ Skewer, Double Attack **30...Be8** 7.58/21
[⌓30...Kc7 4.12/22 31.Qxa8 Nd8]
31.Rxg7
[Not 31.Rxb7 Ra7 32.Rxa7 Nxa7=]
31...Rc8 32.Nf6 Ne7 33.Qxe7#
Weighted Error Value: White=0.64/ Black=0.80
1-0

478 **D00**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2601**
■ **Kezin,R** **2478**
Titled Tue 11th Mar Early blitz (4)
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack
1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 c5 4.e4 cxd4 5.Qxd4 Nc6 6.Bb5 Bd7 7.Bxc6 Bxc6 8.e5 The position is equal.
[8.exd5 feels hotter. Bxd5 9.Nxd5 Qxd5 10.Nf3]
8...Nd7 9.e6! fxe6 10.Nf3 Qb6 11.Qd2 0-0-0N 0.50/20
[11...g6= 0.04/18 12.0-0 Bg7 13.Rfe1 0-0 14.Rxe6 Qxb2 15.Rf1 Qxc3 16.Qc1 Nc5 17.Re3 Qf6 18.Be5 Qf5 19.Bxg7 Kxg7 20.Rxe7+ Rf7 21.Qe3 Ne4 22.Nd4 Qf6 23.Rxf7+ Qxf7 24.f3 Nf6 25.Qc3 Kg8 26.Ra1 Re8 Nihalsarin2004 (2922)-BabaRamdev (2759) Blitz 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (49)]
[11...d4
A) 12.Nxd4 Bxg2 13.Ndb5 *(13.Rg1 e5 14.Ndb5 exf4 15.Rxg2 Qe6+ 16.Qe2 Qxe2+ 17.Nxe2 Rc8* 12) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3-Jobava London 3.Bf4 c5 4.e4 #*)* 13...e5 14.Be3 Qc6 15.Rg1 a6 16.Na7 Rxa7 17.Bxa7 Bf3 18.Be3 e6 19.Ne2 Qd5 20.0-0-0 Qxd2+ 21.Rxd2 Nf6 22.Nc3 Bc6 23.Rg5 Nd7 24.Rg4 h5 25.Rg5 Kf7 26.Ne4 Nf6 Nihal,S (2687)-Le,T (2598) Chess.com INT 2025 1-0 (59);
B) 12.Qxd4 Bxf3 *(12...Qxd4 13.Nxd4 Bxg2 14.Rg1 e5 15.Ne6 exf4 16.Rxg2 Rc8 17.Rd1 g6 18.Rg4 Nf6 19.Rxf4 Bh6 20.Ra4 Kf7 21.Nd4 a6 22.Rb4 Rc7 23.Nf3 Rhc8 24.a4 Ke8 25.Rd3 Bc1 26.Nd4 Bxb2 27.Rxb2* Bortnyk,O (2608)-Lazavik,D (2578) Chess.com INT 2024 Mega2024 Update 38 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (31) *)* 13.Qxb6 axb6 14.gxf3 g6 15.Rd1 Ra5 16.a4 Bg7 17.Bd2 Rf8 18.Ke2 Bxc3 19.Bxc3 Rxa4 20.Rd4 Rf4 21.Rxf4 Rxf4 22.Ra1 Kd8 23.Ra8+ Kc7 24.Re8 Kd6 25.Bd2 Rf5 26.h4 Bortnyk,O (2608)-Durarbayli,V (2628) Chess.com INT 2024 Mega2024 Update 38 [Kitty Kat] 0-1 (55)]
12.0-0-0 g6 0.73/21
[12...Rg8± 0.33/19 is superior.]
13.Rhe1 0.33/20
[White should try 13.Be3± 0.73/21 Qb4 14.Bd4]
13...Bg7!± 14.Rxe6 Qb4 1.45/20
[Black should play 14...Rhe8 0.79/21]
15.Nd4± Bxd4 16.Qxd4 Qxd4 17.Rxd4 Rhe8 18.Nxd5→ White is out for blood. &Bianco is much more active. The black rooks are badly placed.
18...Nc5 1.87/23
[18...Nf6± 1.43/22]
19.Rxe7+-
(Diagram)

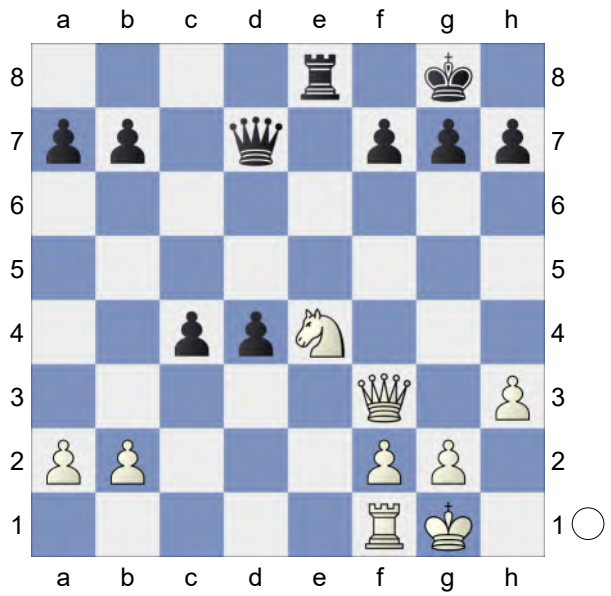


White wants to mate with Rc7+. **19...Ne6** Prevents Rc7+. **20.Rxe8 Rxe8 21.Rc4 Nxf4 22.Nxf4 Re1+ 23.Kd2 Rh1 24.h3 g5** 2.53/23
[24...Kb8 1.85/19 was called for. 25.f3 g5]
25.Nd5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.16 (very precise)
1-0

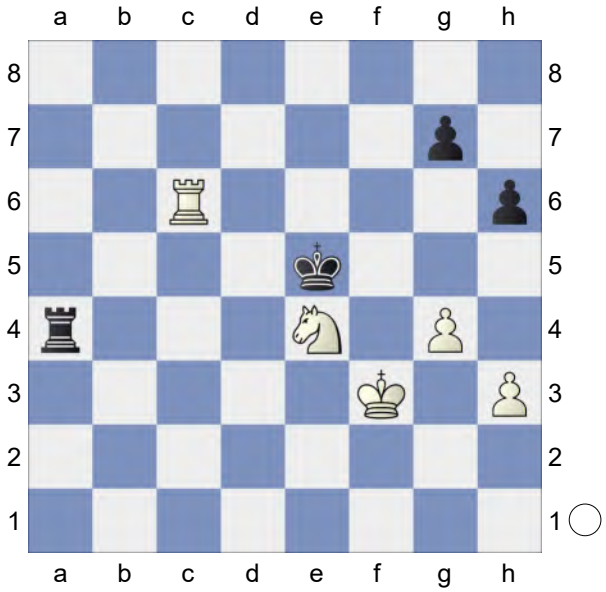
479 **A45**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2601**
■ **Materia,Marco** **2486**
Titled Tue 18th Mar Late blitz (5) 18.3.25
[Kitty Kat]

D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 3 Bf4 D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 Bf4 D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 3 Bf4 B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 Bf5 4.e3 e6 5.Nf3 Bd6 6.Ne5
[6.Bd3 Bxf4 7.exf4 0-0 8.0-0 Nbd7 9.Bxf5 exf5 10.Ne5 c6 11.Re1 Qc7 12.Qd3 Ne4 13.Qh3 Nd6 14.Re3 f6 15.Nd3 Rae8 16.Rae1 Rxe3 17.Rxe3 g6 18.Qf3 Re8 19.h4 h5 20.Rxe8+ Nxe8 Bortnyk,O (2608)-Najer,E (2637) chess.com INT 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (41)]
6...0-0
[6...Nbd7 7.Nb5 h6 8.Nxd7 Kxd7 9.Nxd6 cxd6 10.f3 Qb6 11.Qc1 Nh5 12.g4 g5 13.Bxd6 Qxd6 14.gxf5 exf5 15.Qd2 Rad8 16.0-0-0 Kc8 17.c4 f4 18.e4 dxe4 19.fxe4 Qc7 20.e5 Ng7 21.Bh3+ Torombot (2992)-Magnusglad (2770) Rapid 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (55)]
7.Bd3N
[7.g4 Bxe5 8.dxe5 Nxg4 9.f3 Nh6 10.h4 Nd7 11.Qd2 9) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 Bf-4.e3 e6 5.Nf3 Bd6 #1 London 2023 https://www.chessable.co [MH]]
[7.Be2 Ne4 8.Nxe4 Bxe4 9.0-0 Nd7 10.c4 Bxe5 11.dxe5 dxc4 12.Bxc4 Nb6 13.Bb3 Qxd1 14.Rfxd1 Rfd8 15.Rd4 Rxd4 16.exd4 Rd8 17.Be3 Bd5 18.Bc2 Nd7 19.Rc1 f5 20.exf6 Nxf6 21.Bb1 c6 Valeanu,E-Lundeby,O Predeal 2006 0-1 (62)]
7...Bxd3 8.cxd3 The position is equal.
8...c5 9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.d4 Be7 12.h3 Nxe5 0.43/21
[12...Qb6= -0.01/17]
13.Bxe5 -0.12/19
[13.dxe5± 0.43/21 Nd7 14.Qg4]
13...Rc8= 14.Qb3 Qd7 15.Rac1 Rc4 16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.Ne4! Bxd4 1.01/25
18.Rxc4± dxc4 19.Qd1 Pin **19...e5 20.exd4 exd4 21.Qf3 Re8** 1.35/19
[⌓21...b5 0.76/19]

(Diagram)



22.Nc5 0.31/22
[22.a4!± 1.35/19]
22...Qc7!± 23.Ne4 b5 0.49/18
[Black should try 23...Qd7!= -0.01/19]
24.Qf5 0.01/20
[24.Re1± 0.49/18 Qc8 25.Qg4]
24...h6= 25.Qd5 Re5? 3.19/22
A mistake that costs the game.
[25...Qe5= -0.04/19 and Black stays safe. 26.Qxe5 Rxe5]
26.Qxd4+- Qe7 27.f3 f5 28.Nc3 Kh7 29.a3 a6 30.Rd1 Re6 31.f4 Qh4 32.Kh2 Rg6 (→ ...Qg3+) **33.Qe3** Against Qg3+ **33...Qf6 34.Rd5 Qf7 35.Qd4 Rf6 36.Rd7 Qf8** 5.93/25
[36...Qg6 3.48/22 was worth a try. 37.a4 bxa4 38.Qxc4 Rd6]
37.Nd5 Re6 38.Ne3 Hoping for Nxf5!
38...Re4 39.Qa7 And now Nxf5! would win. **39...Rxf4 40.Rf7 Qh8 41.Nd5 Rf1 42.Qd7 Qb8+ 43.Qc7?** 1.82/21
[43.Nc7 10.46/22 Kh8 44.Rxg7]
43...Qxc7+ 44.Nxc7 Endgame KRN-KR
44...Rf2 2.62/22
[44...Kg8± 1.47/24 keeps fighting. 45.Rd7 Rf2]
45.Nxa6 Rxb2? 4.15/21
[45...Kg6 2.10/23 46.Rb7 Rxb2]
46.Rxf5 c3 47.Rc5 Rb3 48.Nc7 Rxa3 49.Rxb5
[Inferior is 49.Nxb5 Ra5=]
49...Ra7 50.Rc5 Ra3 51.Nd5 Ra2 52.Nxc3 Rc2 53.Ne4 Re2 54.Rc4 Re3 55.Kg1 Kg6 56.Kf2 Ra3 57.Rc3 Ra4 58.Kf3 Kf5 59.Rc5+ Kg6 60.Rc6+ Kf5 6.09/24
[⌓60...Kh7 4.30/22 61.h4 g6]
61.g4+ Ke5

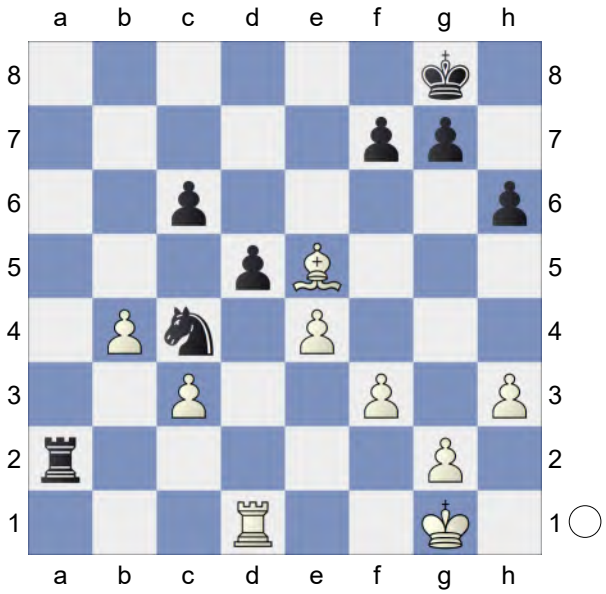


62.Re6+!! Kd4 63.Re7 Ra3+ 64.Kf4 g5+ 65.Kf5 Rxh3 66.Nf6 Rh4 67.Rh7 Rh1 68.Rd7+ Ke3 69.Re7+ Kf3 70.Ra7 Kg3 71.Rh7 Rf1+ 72.Kg6 Ra1 73.Rxh6 Kf4 74.Rh8 Ra6 75.Re8 Rb6 76.Re4+ Kf3 77.Ra4 Rb5 78.Rd4 Re5 79.Kh5 Kg3 80.Rd5 Re7 81.Kxg5 Rg7+ 82.Kf5 White threatens Nh5+ and mate. **82...Kh4 83.Rd1** 15.64/25
[⌓83.Kf4 #6/15 Kh3 84.Kf3 Kh2 85.Kf2 Rh7 86.Nxh7 Kh3 87.Nf6 Kh4 88.Rh5#]
83...Ra7 White is clearly winning.
84.Rh1+ Kg3 85.g5 Ra5+ 86.Kg6 Rf1 is the strong threat. **86...Kf4 87.Rh4+ Kg3 88.Rc4 Kf3 89.Kh6**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.28

(precise) /Black=0.40
1-0

480 **A45**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2601**
■ **Nguyen,Ngoc Truong Son** **2632**
Titled Tue 11th Feb Early blitz (9)
[Kitty Kat]

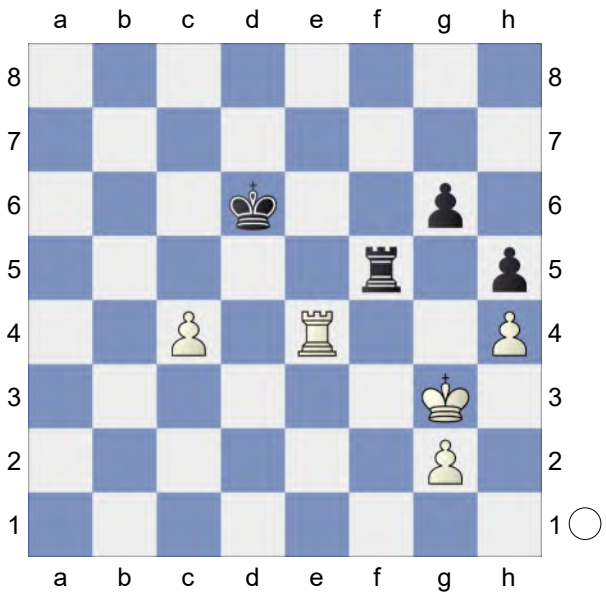
D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Bd6 5.Nxd6+ cxd6 6.e3 Nc6 7.Nf3** Prevents e5. **7...0-0 8.h3N** The position is equal.
[8.Be2 e5 *(8...Re8 9.Bg5 Qa5+ 10.c3 Ne4 11.Bh4 e5 12.0-0 exd4 13.Nxd4 Nxd4 14.Qxd4 Qc5 15.Rfd1 g5 16.Bg3 Nxg3 17.hxg3 Re5 18.Rd2 Bd7 19.Bf3 Bc6 20.Rad1 Qa5 21.a3 Rae8 22.Qb4 Qxb4 23.axb4* Dubnevych,M (2264)-Filippskikh,O (1996) Lvov 2024 1-0*)* 9.dxe5 dxe5 10.Nxe5 Bf5 11.0-0 Nb4 12.Nd3 Nxd3 13.cxd3 d4 14.Bf3 Nd5 15.Bxd5 Qxd5 16.e4 Bxe4 17.dxe4 Qxe4 18.Qd2 Rfe8 19.Rfe1 Qd5 20.Rxe8+ Rxe8 21.Re1 Re4 22.f3 Re6 Jendryschik,L-Loeffelholz,S Wolfsburg 2024 1-0]
[8.c3 Ne4 9.Bd3 f5 10.h3 Qf6 11.Bh2 Bd7 12.0-0 Be8 13.Ne1 Qe7 14.f3 Nf6 15.Bc2 Bg6 16.Nd3 e5 17.Ba4 e4 18.fxe4 dxe4 19.Nc1 d5 20.Bxc6 bxc6 21.Qa4 Qe6 22.Nb3 Nd7 Jobava London-3...e6 [BortnykChess]]
8...Re8 9.Be2 e5 10.Bh2 Bf5 0.01/19
[10...Qb6∓ -0.31/19 deserves consideration.]
11.c3= h6 12.0-0 Qb6 13.Qb3 Qxb3 14.axb3 a6 15.b4 Bd7 0.90/22
[15...Nd7± 0.42/18]
16.b5± axb5 17.Bxb5 Ne4 18.Bxc6 Bxc6 19.dxe5 dxe5 20.Nxe5 Nd2 21.Rfd1 Nc4 1.65/22
[21...Nb3± 0.99/21 22.Rxa8 Rxa8]
22.Nxc6 0.93/23
[22.Rxa8+- 1.65/22 Rxa8 23.Nxc4 dxc4 24.f3]
22...bxc6 23.b3 Nd2 24.b4! Ne4 25.Rxa8 Rxa8 Endgame KRB-KRN
26.Be5 Ra2 27.f3 Nd2 28.e4! Nc4 1.94/22
[28...dxe4± 0.87/24 was called for. 29.Bf4 Nb3]



29.Bd4 0.71/22
[29.exd5!+- 1.94/22 Nxe5 *(29...cxd5 30.Rxd5)* 30.f4]
29...dxe4 30.fxe4 Re2 31.e5 Nxe5 1.24/25
[31...Ne3!± 0.33/21 32.Bxe3 Rxe3]
32.Kf1 Re4 33.Bxe5 Rxe5 KR-KR
34.Rd6 c5 35.b5 c4 36.b6
[36.Rd8+?! Kh7=]
36...Kh7? 4.01/23
[36...Rb5 2.19/24 37.Kf2 Kf8]
37.b7 1.62/27
[⌓37.Kf2 4.01/23]
37...Rb5+- 38.Rd7 aiming for Ke2.

38...Rb2 39.Rxf7 Kg6 40.Rc7 Kf6 41.h4
[41.Rxc4 Rxb7 42.Ke2 Rb1±]
41...h5 2.00/27
[41...g6± 1.54/24 was necessary. 42.g4 *(42.Rxc4 Rxb7 43.Ke2 Rb1±)* 42...Ke6]
42.Kg1
[42.Rxc4?! Rxb7 43.Ke2 Rb2+ 44.Kf3 Rc2±]
42...g6 43.Kh2 1.23/26
[43.Rxc4?! Rxb7 44.Kf2 Rb2+ 45.Kf3 Rb5±]
[43.Kf1+- 2.09/26]
43...Ke5 1.79/25
[43...Rb3± 1.23/26 might work better. 44.Kg3 *(44.Rxc4 Rxb7 45.Kg3 Ke5±)* 44...Rxc3+ 45.Kf4 Rb3]
44.Kg3 Rb3 45.Rc5+ 1.28/26
[Don't do 45.Rxc4?! Rxb7 46.Kf3 Kd5±]
[45.Kf2+- 1.85/26]
45...Kd6± 46.Rxc4 Threatens to win with Rb4. **46...Rxb7 47.Kf4 Rb5 48.Re4** 0.69/25
[48.Ra4± 1.27/23]
48...Rf5+± 49.Kg3 Rc5 50.c4 Rf5? 3.10/25
[Better is 50...g5± 0.69/26]

(Diagram)



This costs Black the game. **51.Rf4!+- Rc5 52.Rf6+ Ke7 53.Rxg6 Rxc4** 7.52/38
[⌓53...Rc8 4.18/23 54.Kf4 Rc5]
54.Rg5 White is clearly winning. **54...Rc3+ 55.Kh2 Kf6 56.Rxh5 Rc4 57.Kh3 Rc2 58.Rg5 Rc3+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) / Black=0.29 (precise)
1-0

481 **D00**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2601**
■ **Manukyan,Saa** **2233**
Titled Tue 4th Mar Late blitz (3) 04.03.25
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines Kitty Kat: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines ' **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.a3 c5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.dxc5**
[7.h3 Bd6 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 Qe7 11.e4 dxe4 12.Nxe4 Nxe4 13.Bxe4 e5 14.Re1 f6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Be3 Be6 17.Bxc6 bxc6 18.Qc3 Bxe3 19.Rxe3 Bd5 20.Rae1 Rfd8 21.Nh2 Qd6 Bortnyk,O (2605)-

Djordjevic,V (2375) Chess.com INT 2023 0-1 (50)]

7...Bxc5 8.Bd3 The position is equal. **8...Bd6N**

[8...0-0 9.0-0 h6 *(9...Qe7 10.e4 d4 11.Ne2 e5 12.Bd2 Nh5 13.Bg5 f6 14.Bd2 g6 15.Bh6 Rd8 16.Qd2 Be6 17.Ng3 Nxg3 18.fxg3 Rd7 19.Rf2 Qd6 20.Raf1 Rf7 21.g4 b5 22.h3 Qd7 23.Nh4 Be7 24.g5* Feys,B (2618)-Deslandes,P (2764) London 2023 CT-2879 [John Watson] 0-1 (43) *)* 10.e4 Re8 11.e5 Nd7 12.Qd2 Bf8 13.h4 b5 14.Rfe1 Bb7 15.Ne2 Nc5 16.Ng3 Nxd3 17.Qxd3 b4 18.Nh5 bxa3 19.bxa3 a5 20.Bxh6 Ba6 21.Qc3 gxh6 22.Qxc6 Re7 23.Qa4 Prie,E (2471)-Arnaudov,P (2440) Lyon 2017 [Eric Prié & Richard Palliser] 1-0 (41) Bc4 24.c3 Bd3 25.Re3 Bg6 26.Nf6+ Kh8 27.h5 Bh7 28.Qf4 Rc7 29.Nd4 Bg7 30.Rg3 Rac8 31.Nxh7 Kxh7 32.Nb5 Rd7 33.Nd6 Rcc7 34.Re1 Qf8 35.c4 Rxd6 36.exd6 Rxc4 37.Qf3 Rc3 38.Qg4 Steinert,M (2471)-C 00/25 (2440) Osijek 2017 200 Traps In The Opening [GM Arturs Neiksans] 1-0 (41)]

9.Bxd6 Qxd6 10.0-0 0-0 11.e4 dxe4 0.23/19

[⩲11...d4 -0.28/19]

12.Nxe4= Nxe4 13.Bxe4 Qc7 14.Re1 h6 15.c4 Rd8 16.Qe2 Nd4 0.53/17

[16...Ne7= 0.09/19 feels stronger.]

17.Nxd4± Rxd4 18.Rad1 Rxd1 19.Rxd1 Bd7 20.Bc2 0.03/19

[20.b4± 0.41/19]

20...Bc6 21.Qd3 Strongly threatening Qh7+. **21...g6 22.b4**

[22.Qd4 keeps more tension. Qe7 23.b4 Qg5 24.Be4]

22...Rc8 23.a4 b5 24.axb5 axb5 25.c5 Qf4 26.Qc3 Qg5 27.Qg3 0.01/21

[27.f3± 0.66/21]

27...Qf6 28.h3 -0.01/20

[⩲28.h4! 0.30/21]

28...Bd5 0.54/20

[Black should try 28...Ra8= -0.01/20]

29.Bd3 0.22/20

[29.Bb3± 0.54/20 might be stronger.]

29...Qc3!= 30.Qf4

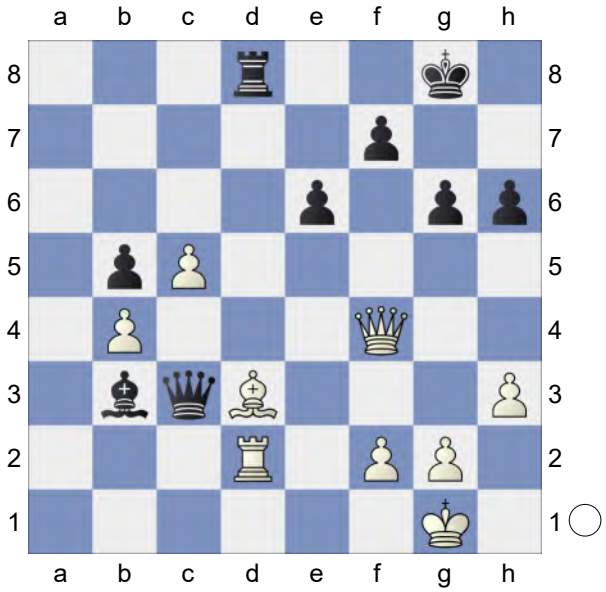
[Reject 30.Bxb5 Qxb4 31.Bd3 Qd4∓]

30...Bb3 0.50/24

[30...g5!= 0.01/20 31.Qd2 Qxd2 32.Rxd2 Kg7]

31.Rd2 Rd8? 5.26/20

[31...e5!± 0.45/20 32.Qxh6 Qxb4]

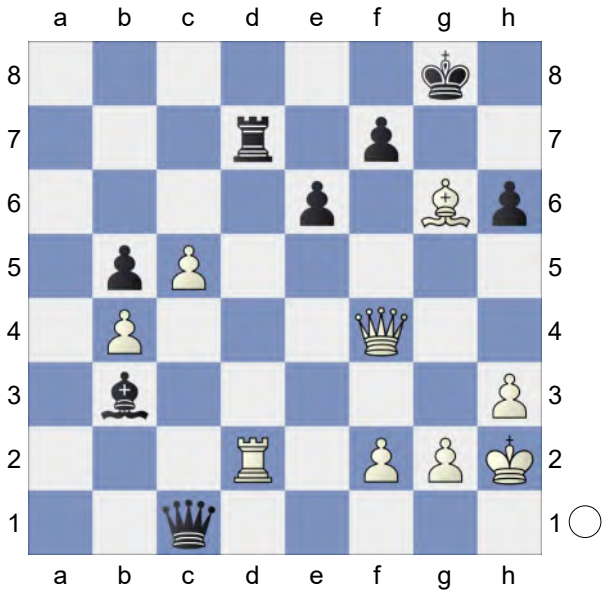


Loses the game. **32.Bxg6!+- Qc1+**

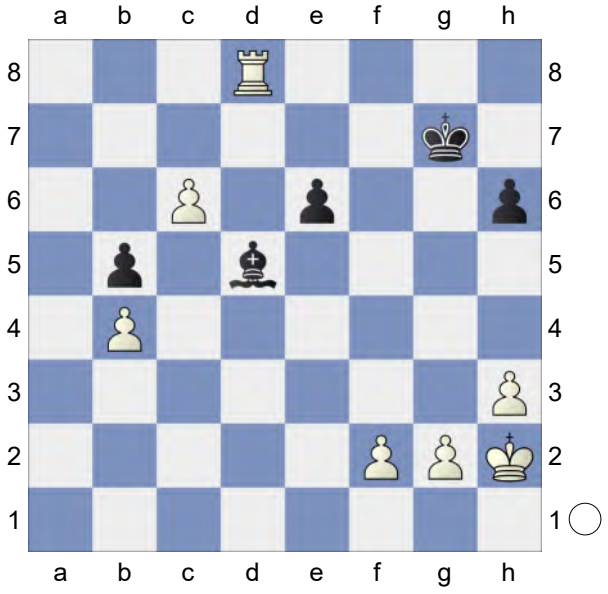
[32...Rf8 33.Rd8]

33.Kh2 Really sharp! **33...Rd7**

(Diagram)



34.Bxf7+! Rxf7 35.Rd8+ Discovered Attack **35...Kg7 36.Qxc1** White wants to mate with Qc3+. **36...Bd5 37.Qc3+ Kh7 38.c6 Rg7 39.Qxg7+** 14.45/5 **Kxg7**

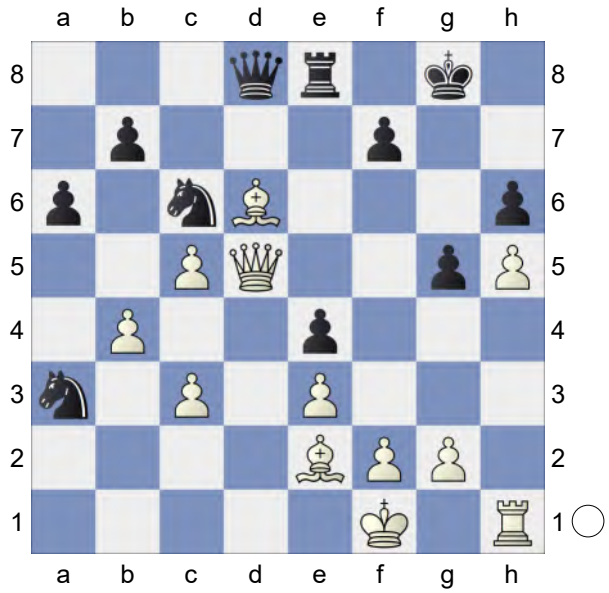


40.Rxd5! exd5 41.c7 Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) /Black=0.89 **1-0**

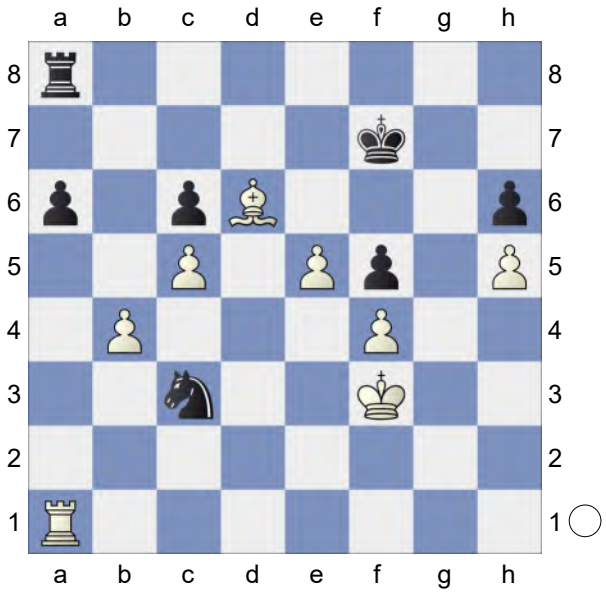
482 **A45**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2601**
■ **Henriquez Villagra,Cristobal** **2597**
Titled Tue 18th Mar Late blitz (11)
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 h6 5.a3**
[5.Nf3 e6 6.Bd3 c5 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.e4 Nc6 9.0-0 Nh5 10.Bd2 Nf6 11.h3 0-0 12.Bf4 b5 13.exd5 exd5 14.Re1 Be6 15.Qd2 Re8 16.a3 Rc8 17.Rad1 Bf8 18.Be3 Qd7 19.Nd4 Ne5 Torombot (3050)-Expositor (2831) Rapid 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (77)]
5...c5N 0.48/19
[5...e6= -0.14/16 6.Bd3 c5 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.Nf3 Nc6 9.e4 0-0 10.0-0 dxe4 *(10...Re8 11.e5 Nd7 12.Qd2 Bf8 13.h3 b5 14.Rfe1 Bb7 15.Ne2 Nc5 16.Ng3 Rc8 17.Nh5 Ne4 18.Qc1 Ne7 19.Bxh6 gxh6 20.Bxe4 dxe4 21.Nf6+ Kg7 22.Nh2 Nf5 23.Qf4 Be7 24.Rad1 Bxf6 25.Rxd8* Bortnyk,O (2608)-Sarana,A (2717) chess.com INT 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (80) *)* 11.Nxe4 Nxe4 12.Bxe4 Qf6 13.Qc1 e5 14.Bg3 Re8 15.Re1 Bg4 16.Bxc6 bxc6 17.Bxe5 Qf5 18.Nd4 Bxd4 19.Bxd4 Rxe1+ 20.Qxe1 Qxc2 Naroditsky,D (2711)-Dominguez Perez,L (2656) New York, United States 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (66)]
[5...Bf5 6.Bd3 Bxd3 7.cxd3 e6 8.Qb3 Bd6 9.Qxb7 Nbd7 10.Bxd6 cxd6 11.Qb3 Rb8 12.Qc2 0-0 13.Nge2 Qa5 14.0-0 Rfc8 15.Rfc1 e5 16.h3 Nf8 17.b4 Qb6 18.Qb3 Qb7 19.dxe5 dxe5 20.d4 Bortnyk,O (2603)-Lin,B (2359) chess.com INT 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (33)]
6.dxc5± Nc6 7.b4 e5 8.Bg3

White is slightly better. **8...g6 9.Nf3 Bg4** 1.13/19
[9...Bg7!± 0.69/18]
10.Be2± Bxf3 1.60/19
[Black should try 10...e4 1.03/17]
11.Bxf3
[11.gxf3 Bg7±]
11...e4 12.Be2 Bg7 13.Na4 0-0 14.Nb6 Nd7 15.Nxa8
[Much less strong is 15.Nxd5 Nxc5 16.Rc1 *(16.bxc5 Bxa1 17.c3 Bb2±)* 16...Ne6±]
15...Bc3+ 16.Kf1 Bxa1 17.Qxa1 Qxa8 18.Bd6 Re8 19.h4 Nde5 2.01/23
[19...b6± 1.59/17 was necessary. 20.cxb6 Qc8]
20.h5+- g5 21.Qd1 Nc4 22.Qxd5 Nxa3 23.c3 Qd8 1.96/23
[23...Qc8± 1.42/22]



24.g3? 0.44/24
[24.Bxa6!+- 1.96/23 Qa8 25.Be2]
24...Qf6± 25.Kg2 And now Rc1 would win. **25...Qxc3** 0.92/21
[25...Nb5± 0.41/24]
26.Bg4 Black must now prevent Bd7.
26...Qc4 27.Qf5 -0.01/23
[27.Qxc4± 0.82/21 Nxc4 28.Rb1]
27...Qe6 1.34/21
[27...Re6= -0.01/23]
28.Rd1 0.63/21
[28.Rc1± 1.34/21]
28...Qxf5 1.00/21
[28...Nb5± 0.63/21 was preferrable.]
29.Bxf5± Rd8 2.42/23 Prevents Bd7.
[29...Nb5± 1.00/24]
30.Bxe4+- This bishop pair is nice.
30...Nb5 31.Bxc6 bxc6 Endgame KRB-KRN **32.e4 f6 33.f4 Kf7 34.e5** 1.30/22
[34.fxg5+- 2.24/23 hxg5 35.Kf3]
34...gxf4± 35.gxf4 Hoping for exf6.
35...f5 36.Ra1 0.75/22
[⌓36.Kf3 1.19/23]
36...Ra8 1.31/23
[Black should play 36...Rg8+ 0.75/22 37.Kh1 Ke6 38.Rxa6 Nd4]
37.Kf3 0.89/23 &Bianco is more active.
[Better is 37.Kh3 1.31/23]
37...Nc3? 5.60/24
[37...Rg8± 0.89/23]

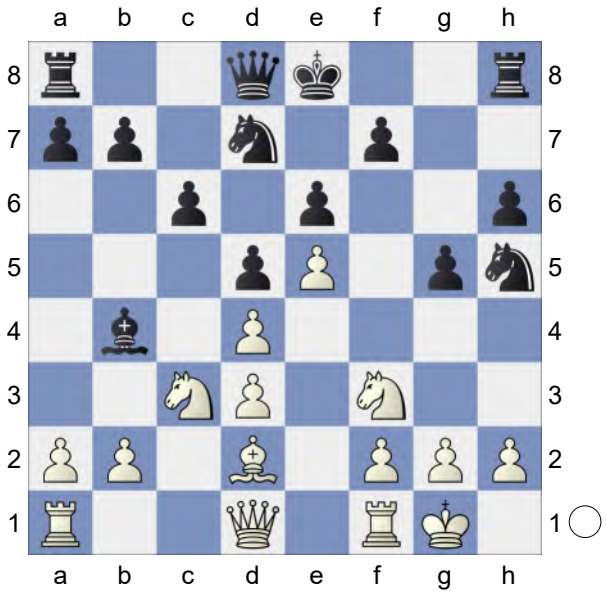


38.Rg1+- Rg8 14.79/25
[⌓38...Re8 5.09/24 39.Rg6 Re6]
39.e6+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=0.57
1-0

483 **A45**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2601**
■ **Todev,Simeon** **2171**
Titled Tue 18th Feb Late blitz (2) 18.2.25
[Kitty Kat]

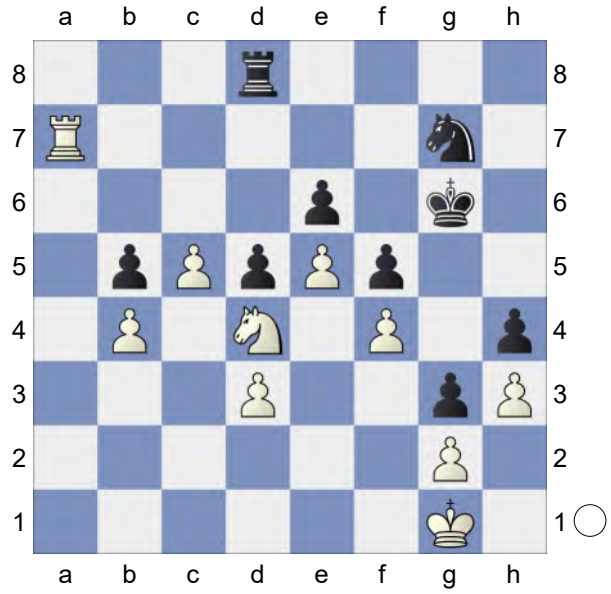
D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 Bf5 4.e3 Nbd7N**
[4...e6 5.Bd3 Bg6 *(5...c6 6.Nf3 Bg6 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.h3 Be7 9.Qe2 0-0 10.e4 dxe4 11.Nxe4 Nxe4 12.Bxe4 Bxe4 13.Qxe4* #1/11 2) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 Bf-3.Bf4 Bf5 4.e3 e6*)* 6.Nge2 c5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Nb5 Rc8 9.c4 a6 10.Nbc3 Bxd3 11.Qxd3 cxd4 12.Nxd4 Nxd4 13.Qxd4 Rxc4 14.Qd3 Bd6 15.Bxd6 Qxd6 16.Rfd1 Qc7 17.Ne2 0-0 18.b3 Rc5 19.Rac1 Harika,D (2509)-Lagno,K (2542) Chess.com INT 2023 Mega2024 Update 04 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (59)]
[4...a6 5.Bd3 Bg6 6.Nf3 e6 7.Ne5 c5 8.0-0 Nc6 9.Nxc6 bxc6 10.Na4 cxd4 11.exd4 Be7 12.c4 0-0 13.c5 Nd7 14.Bxg6 hxg6 15.Re1 Re8 16.Qd2 Bf8 17.Qd3 Qa5 18.b3 Qb5 19.Qc2 Toomanymanoevres (2935)-Evg85 (2798) Blitz 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (33)]
5.Bd3 Bxd3 6.cxd3 c6 7.Nf3 e6 8.0-0 The position is equal. **8...h6 9.e4 Bb4 10.e5 Nh5** 0.88/21
[10...Ng8± 0.35/17]
11.Bd2± g5

(Diagram)



12.Ne2 0.27/18
[Better is 12.Nxd5!± 0.91/18 exd5 13.Bxb4]
12...Bxd2 13.Nxd2 Ng7 14.Ng3 -0.09/18
[14.b4± 0.31/18]
14...f5 15.f4 g4 16.b4 h5 17.Ne2 a6 18.a4 h4 19.Qb3 b5 0.87/19
[19...Nh5= 0.14/18]
20.Rfc1 Qb6 21.axb5 cxb5 22.Qc3 &Bianco is more active. **22...0-0 23.Nb3 Nh5** 2.27/24 This costs Black the game.
[23...Kf7± 0.93/19 is a better defense.]
24.Qc7+- Qxc7 25.Rxc7 Rfd8 26.Rc6 Kf7 27.Nc5
[But not 27.Raxa6?! Rxa6 28.Rxa6 g3 29.hxg3 hxg3+-]
27...Nxc5 3.81/21
[27...Nf8 2.57/22 was worth a try. 28.Kf2 *(28.Rcxa6 Rxa6 29.Rxa6 g3±)* 28...g3+ 29.hxg3 hxg3+ 30.Kf3 Rdc8]
28.dxc5
[Not 28.bxc5 a5±]
28...g3 29.h3 Ng7? 4.95/23
[29...a5 2.91/22]
30.Rcxa6 Rxa6 31.Rxa6 Ne8 8.17/23

[⌓31...d4 4.25/23 32.Kf1 Nh5]
32.Ra7+ Kg6 33.Nd4 Ng7



34.Rxg7+! Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.65
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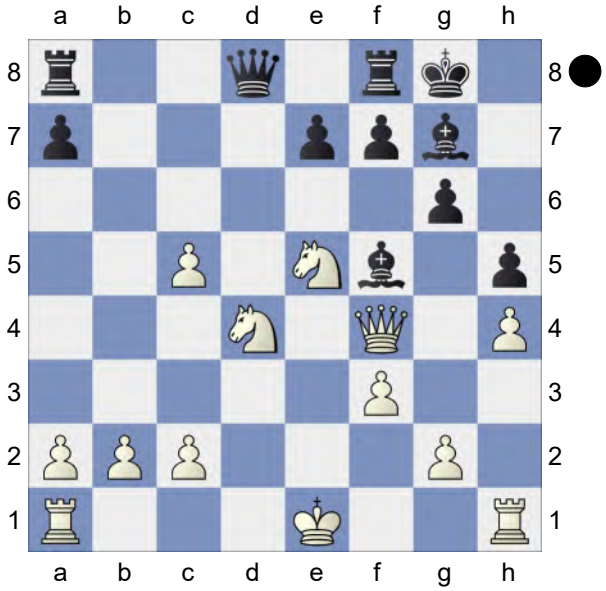
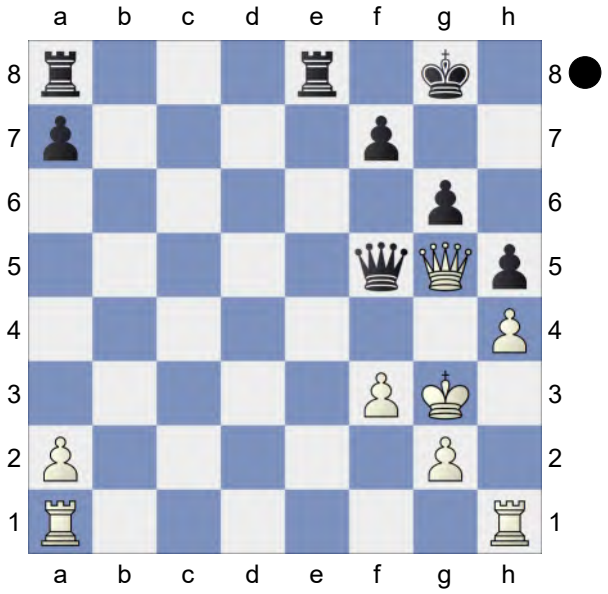
484 **A45**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2601**
■ **Matinian,N** **2415**
Titled Tue 11th Mar Late blitz (2) 11.3.25
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 g6 4.e3 Bg7 5.h4 h5 6.Nf3 0-0 7.Ne5 c5 8.f3** The position is equal.
[8.Qd2 cxd4 9.exd4 Nc6 10.f3 Bf5 11.Bb5 Na5 12.g4 Be6 13.0-0-0 Rc8 14.Kb1 Qb6 15.Be2 Nc4 16.Bxc4 dxc4 17.Bh6 Rfd8 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.gxh5 Nxh5 20.Rhg1 Rh8 21.Rg5 Nf6 22.d5 Rcd8 Sevian,S (2689)-Robson,R (2693) Saint Louis USA 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (54)]
8...Nc6 9.Bb5N -0.52/21
[9.Qd2= 0.00/19 Qa5 10.Bb5 Nxe5 11.dxe5 Ne8 12.Qxd5 Be6 13.Qe4 Nc7 14.Be2 b5 15.Qc6 Rfc8 16.Kf2 b4 17.Ne4 Nd5 18.Qa6 Qb6 19.Rhd1 c4 20.Qxb6 axb6 21.Bh2 Bh6 22.Ng5 Bxg5 23.hxg5 b5 24.e4 Bortnyk,O (2608)-Sindarov,J (2674) Chess.com INT 2024 Mega2024 Update 38 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (47)]
9...cxd4 -0.14/21
[9...Nxe5∓ -0.52/21 10.dxe5 d4 11.exf6 exf6]
10.exd4= Bf5 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.Qd2 -0.29/21
[12.Nxc6 0.05/19 deserves consideration. Qd7 13.Na5]
12...c5 13.dxc5 -0.78/20
[13.0-0-0= -0.28/18]
13...d4!∓ 14.Ne2 Nd5 15.Nxd4 -1.86/21
[Better is 15.Bg3!∓ -0.63/19]
15...Nxf4-+ 16.Qxf4



Qa5+ -1.12/20
[Black should try 16...Bh6!-+ -1.85/23 17.Qxh6 Qxd4]
17.c3? -3.25/18
[17.Kf1∓ -1.12/20 Qxc5 18.Re1 Bxc2 19.Nxc2 Qxc2 20.g4]
17...Qxc5 18.Nxf5 Bxe5 19.Qg5 Bxc3+? -0.78/22 **20.bxc3∓ Qxc3+**

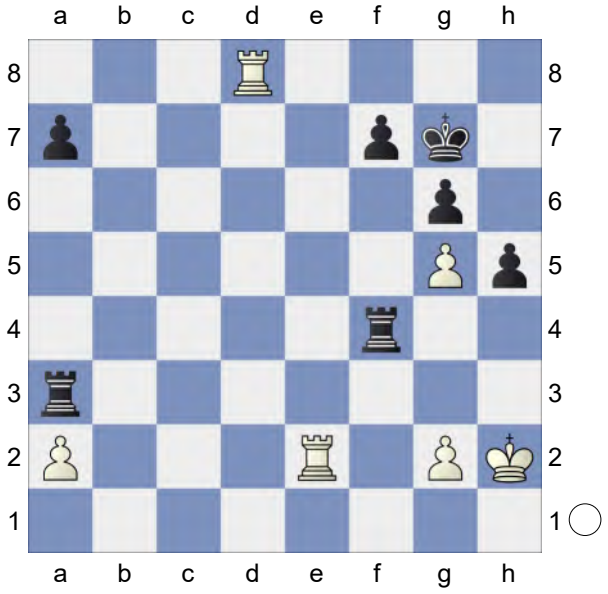
21.Kf2 Qc2+ 22.Kg3 Qxf5 23.Qxe7 Rfe8 24.Qg5



Qxg5+ 25.hxg5 Endgame KRR-KRR **25...Re5 26.f4 Ra5 27.Rhf1 Rb8 28.Rf2 Rb4 29.Rd1 Ra3+ 30.Kh2!** Threatens to win with Rd8+. **30...Rba4?** 13.83/30

[30...Raa4∓ -0.31/22]

31.Rd8++- Kg7 32.Re2 Intending Ree8 and mate. **32...Rxf4**



33.Ree8! f6 34.Re7# White used his chance. Weighted Error Value: White=0.

22 (precise) /Black=0.50

1-0

485 **A45**

□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2601**

■ **Timmermans,M** **2407**

Titled Tue 29th Apr Late blitz (5) 29.4.25

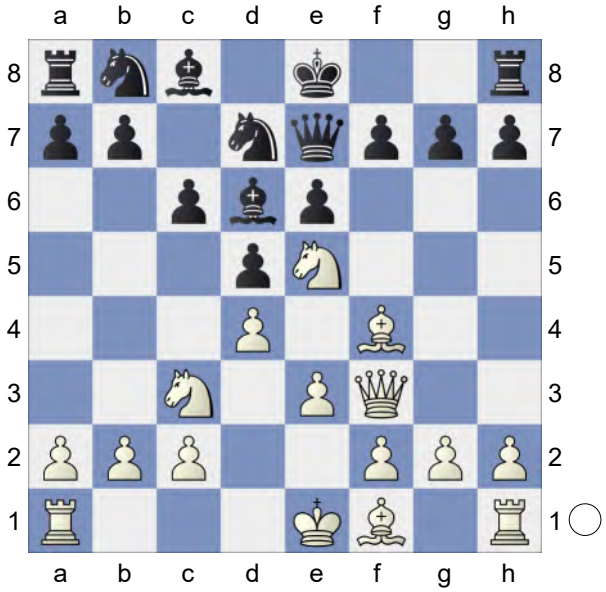
[TA]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N

[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (120 (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ (41) Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 (41) Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 (23) Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]

3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 c6 6.Nc3 Nb8 7.Nf3 0.04/20
[7.a3± 0.42/22]
7...Bd6 0.43/20
[7...Bb4= 0.04/20]
8.Ne5 -0.04/19
[8.Bxd6± 0.43/20 is more appropriate. Qxd6 9.Be2]
8...Qe7 0.53/22
[8...Qc7= -0.04/19]
9.Qf3 Nfd7? 2.49/21
[9...Nbd7± 0.49/20]



10.Nxf7!+- Discovered Attack, Deflection
10...Qxf7
[10...Bxf4 11.Nxh8]
11.Bxd6 Qxf3 12.gxf3 Black is weak on the dark squares **12...Kf7 13.0-0-0 a5 14.e4 Nf6 15.h4 Rd8 16.Bc7** This pair of bishops is nice. **16...Rg8 17.h5 b5 18.Bd3** Threatens to win with e5. **18...Na6 19.Bxa5 Nc5 20.Bb4 Nxd3+ 21.cxd3 h6 22.a3 Bd7 23.Kd2 Rge8 24.f4 Kg8 25.Rdg1 Kh8 26.f3 Rg8 27.Be7 Nh7 28.Ke3 Rae8 29.Bd6 Rd8 30.Be5**
[30.Na2 Nf6 31.Nb4 Kh7+-]
30...Nf6 31.Ne2 Rdf8 32.Ng3 Be8 33.Rc1 Kh7 34.Rc2 Rf7 35.f5 White is clearly winning. **35...exf5 36.Nxf5 Nd7 37.Rg2**
[Not 37.Rxc6 Nxe5 38.Rc5 Nd7±]
37...Nxe5 38.dxe5 Bd7 39.Nd6 Re7 40.f4 Rf8 41.Rhg1 dxe4 42.dxe4 c5 43.f5 Kh8 44.e6 Bxe6 45.fxe6 Rxe6 46.Rg6 Rxd6 47.Rxd6 Black got outplayed after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.31/ Black=0.45
1-0

486 **A45**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2601**
■ **Zlatkov,Anton** **2321**
Titled Tue 18th Mar Late blitz (3) 18.3.25
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines Richard Palliser,MH: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines ' **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 c5 5.dxc5 Nc6 6.a3 Bg4N**
[6...e5 7.Bg5
A) 7...Be6 8.b4 Be7 9.Nf3 0-0 10.Na4 *(10.Be2 h6 11.Bh4* Theory-Theory 1: 3... c5 #7 - 4... a*)* 10...Qc7 11.Be2 Rad8 12.0-0 Ne4 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.Qc1 f5 15.Qb2 Qf6 16.Kh1 g5 17.Rad1 g4 18.Nd2 Qh4 19.Nxe4 fxe4 20.c4 d4 21.b5 d3 22.bxc6 Bortnyk,O (2605)-Suder,J (2244) Chess.com INT 2023 Mega2023 Update 29 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (53);
B) 7...d4 8.exd4 Nxd4 *(8...exd4 9.Ne4 Qd5 10.Nxf6+ gxf6 11.Bxf6 Rg8 12.Qf3 Qxc5 13.0-0-0 Bh6+ 14.Kb1 Bg4 15.Qe4+ Kf8 16.Qxh7 Bf4 17.Qd3 Rc8 18.g3 Be5 19.f3 Be6 20.Bh4 Bg7 21.Bh3 Ne5 22.Qd2 d3 23.cxd3*

Nakamura,H (2775)-Fressinet,L (2717) World Rapid Championship, Dubai 2014 [Richard Palliser] ½-½ *)* 9.b4 b6 *(9...Be7 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.Ne4 Bg4 12.Be2 Nxe2 13.Nd6+ 5) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 a6-1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 a6 4.)* 10.Nf3 bxc5 11.Bc4 Be7 12.Nxe5 0-0 13.0-0 Bf5 14.Be3 Nxc2 15.Qxd8 Bxd8 16.Bxc5 Nxa1 17.Bxf8 Kxf8 18.Rxa1 5) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 a6-1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 a6 4.]

7.Be2 Bxe2 8.Ngxe2 White is slightly better. **8...e6 9.b4 Be7** 0.92/19

[9...b6± 0.50/18 might be stronger.]

10.0-0 0.57/17

[10.Na4± 0.92/19]

10...0-0 1.12/20

[10...b6!± 0.57/17]

11.Na4± Nd7 Against Nb6 **12.h3 Bf6 13.c3 Rc8 14.Rc1** 0.70/19

[14.e4± 1.08/20]

14...Nde5 1.73/21

[Better is 14...Nce5± 0.70/19]

15.Nb6+- Rc7 16.Nd4 Re8 17.Nxc6 bxc6 2.30/19

[⌓17...Rxc6 1.67/22 18.Bxe5 Bxe5]

18.Qa4 Qe7 19.c4

[Much less strong is 19.Qxa6?! Ra7 20.Qe2 Rxa3±]

19...g5 20.Bxe5 Bxe5 21.cxd5

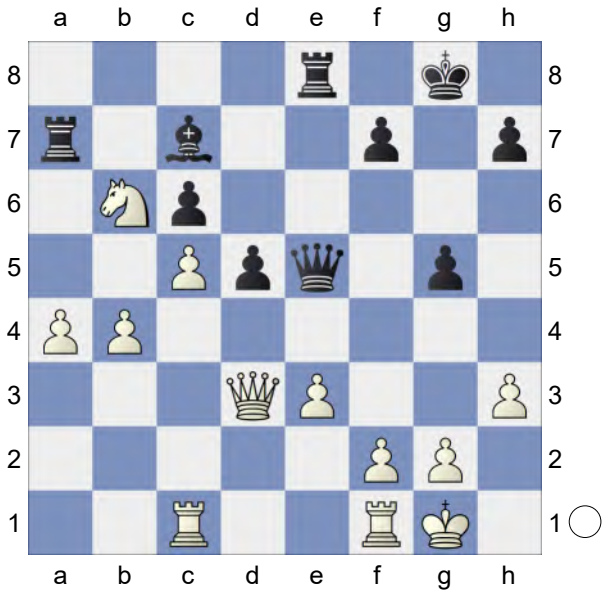
[Weaker is 21.Qxa6 Ra7 22.Nxd5 Rxa6∓]

21...exd5 22.Qxa6 Ra7 2.88/20

[⌓22...g4 1.80/19]

23.Qd3 Bc7 24.a4 And now Qf5 would win. **24...Qe5**

(Diagram)



25.g3 Bxb6? 4.11/23

[25...h5 2.09/21 26.b5 h4 27.bxc6 hxg3]

26.cxb6 Rxa4 27.Rxc6 Rxb4 28.Rb1 White is clearly winning. **28...Rxb1+ 29.Qxb1 d4 30.exd4 Qxd4** 14.48/23

[⌓30...Qe1+ 4.79/19 31.Qxe1 Rxe1+ 32.Kg2 Rb1]

31.b7 Black got outplayed after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.37

1-0

487 **D00**

□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2601**

■ **Plyasunov,Daniil** **2300**

Titled Tue 11th Mar Early blitz (3)

[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 b5 5.a3**

[5.h4 e6 6.g4 b4 7.Na4 Bd6 8.g5 Ne4 9.Bd3 Bd7 10.c4 Bxf4 11.exf4 Bc6 12.Nf3 dxc4 13.Bxc4 Qd6 14.Ne5 Nc3 15.bxc3 Bxh1 16.f3 f6 17.Nc5 fxe5 18.Kf2 bxc3 19.Nxe6 exd4 Torombot (3043)-Expositor

(2839) Rapid 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (45)]

5...e6 6.b4N

[6.Nf3 Bb7 7.Bd3 Nbd7 8.Ne5 c5 9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.h4 Rc8 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qe2 Nxe5 13.Bxe5 Bd6 14.Bxd6 Qxd6 15.Rad1 Rfd8 16.f3 h6 17.e4 b4 18.axb4 Qxb4 19.exd5 Qxb2 20.Ne4 Nxd5 bubeliang (2703)-Vahe Dan (2759) Blitz 2024 [monko] 1-0 (79)]

6...c6 7.Nf3 a5 8.Ne5 -0.77/19

[8.Bd3= -0.04/18 remains equal.]

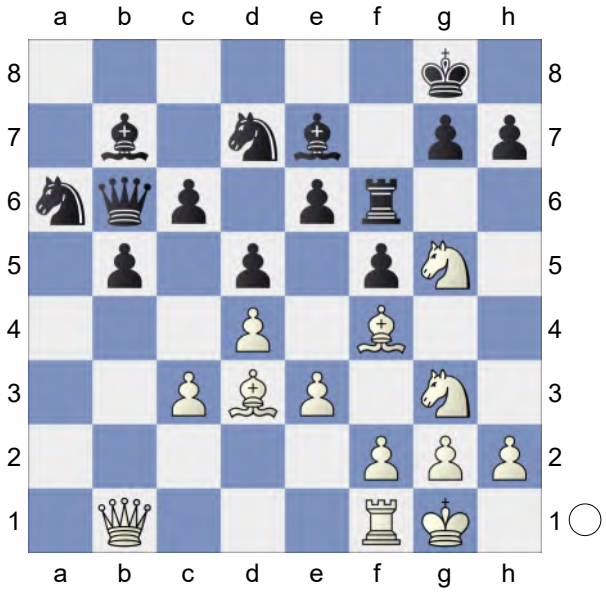
8...axb4∓ 9.axb4 Rxa1 10.Qxa1 Threatens to win with Qa7. **10...Bxb4 11.Bd3! 0-0 12.0-0 Nfd7 13.Nf3 Qb6 14.Ne2 Bb7 15.Ng3 Na6 16.c3 Be7 17.Qb1 f5** 0.01/18

[17...g6∓ -0.56/20]

18.Ng5↑ Black is under pressure.

18...Rf6 1.17/22

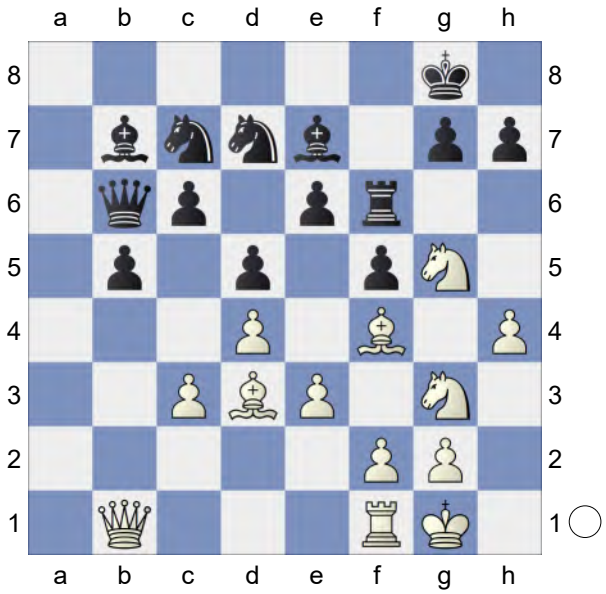
[18...Bxg5= -0.01/22 keeps the balance. 19.Bxg5 g6]



19.h4 0.40/18

[Better is 19.Bxf5!± 1.17/22 exf5 20.Nxf5]

19...Nc7



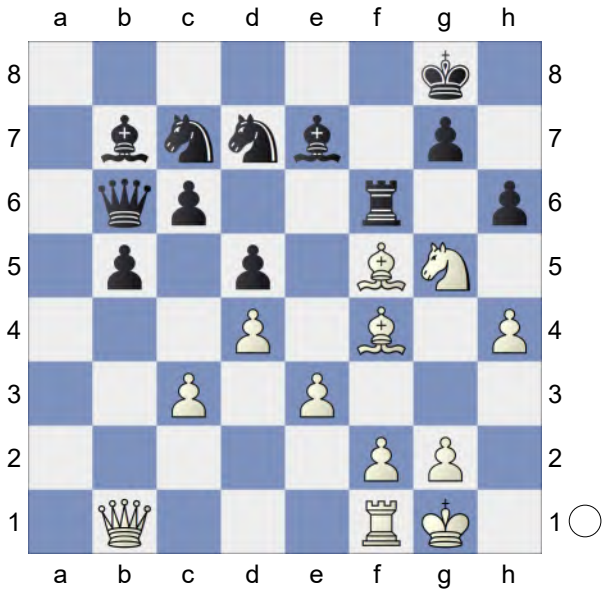
20.Nxf5! &Bianco is much more active.

20...exf5

[20...Rxf5? 21.Bxf5 Bxg5 22.Bxh7+ Kh8 23.hxg5+-]

21.Bxf5 Nf8 Prevents Be6+.

[21...h6?



22.Be6+! Kf8 23.Bxd7 *(23.Qh7 Ke8=)* 23...hxg5 24.hxg5+-]

22.Bxh7+ Kh8 23.Be5 Hoping for Qd1! White has compensation. **23...Rh6?** #1/6

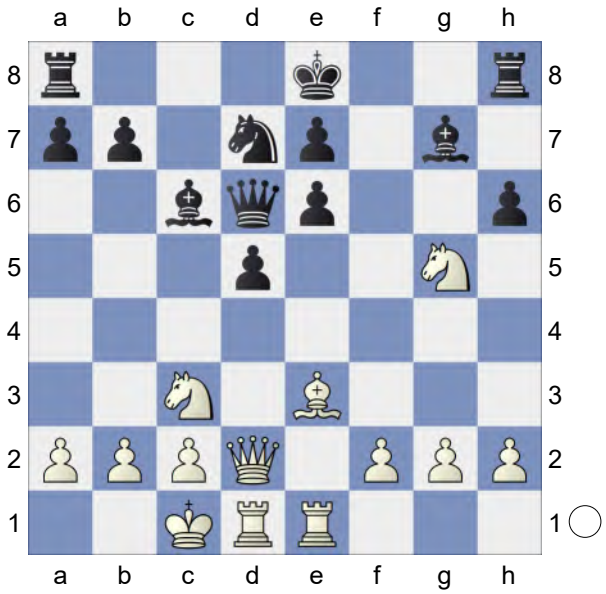
[23...c5± 0.76/23]

24.Nf7# Weighted Error Value: White=0.

19 (very precise) /Black=0.60
1-0

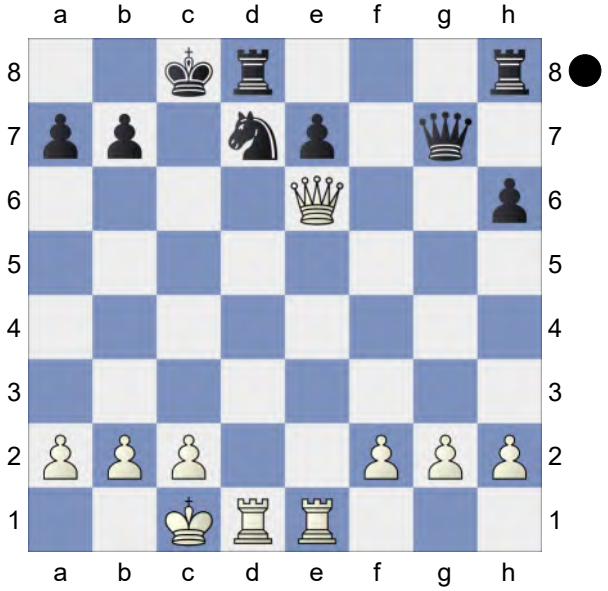
488 **A45**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2601**
■ **Gharibyan,Mamikon** **2495**
Titled Tue 1st Jul Early blitz (8) 01.07.25
[TA]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e4 cxd4 5.Qxd4 Nc6 6.Bb5 Bd7 7.Bxc6 Bxc6 8.e5⇄**
White is not keeping still. The position is equal. **8...Nd7 9.e6 fxe6 10.Nf3 Qb6 11.Qd2** 0-0-0 would now be deadly.
11...g5 0.41/22
[11...Qxb2 12.0-0=]
[11...d4= -0.19/20 12.Qxd4 *(12.Nxd4 Bxg2 13.Ndb5 e5 14.Be3 Qc6 15.Rg1 a6 16.Na7 Rxa7 17.Bxa7 Bf3 18.Be3 e6 19.Ne2 Qd5 20.0-0-0 Qxd2+ 21.Rxd2 Nf6 22.Nc3 Bc6 23.Rg5 Nd7 24.Rg4 h5 25.Rg5 Kf7 26.Ne4 Nf6* 1-0 (59) Nihal,S (2687)-Le,T (2598) Titled Tuesday intern op 07th Jan Early blitz 2025 (10) *)* 12...Bxf3 *(12...Qxb2 13.0-0±; 12...Qxd4 13.Nxd4 Bxg2 14.Rg1= e5 15.Ne6 exf4 16.Rxg2 Rc8 17.Rd1 g6 18.Rg4 Nf6 19.Rxf4 Bh6 20.Ra4 Kf7 21.Nd4 a6 22.Rb4 Rc7 23.Nf3 Rhc8 24.a4 Ke8 25.Rd3 Bc1 26.Nd4 Bxb2 27.Rxb2 Rxc3 28.Rxb7 Rxd3 29.cxd3* ½-½ (31) Bortnyk,O (2608)-Lazavik,D (2578) CrunchLab Masters PlayIn rapid 2024 (7) *)* 13.Qxb6 Nxb6 14.gxf3 g6]
[11...g6 12.0-0 Bg7 13.Rfe1 0-0 14.Rxe6 Qxb2 15.Rf1 Qxc3 16.Qc1 Nc5 17.Re3 Qf6 18.Be5 Qf5 19.Bxg7 Kxg7 20.Rxe7+ Rf7 21.Qe3 Ne4 22.Nd4 Qf6 23.Rxf7+ Qxf7 24.f3 Nf6 25.Qc3 Kg8 26.Ra1 1-0 (49) Nihalsarin2004 (2922)-BabaRamdev (2759) Blitz 2024]
12.Be3N -0.27/20
[12.Nxg5 d4 13.Qe2 0-0-0∓]
[12.Bxg5± 0.41/22 Qa5 13.0-0-0 *(13.Rb1 Qb4 14.0-0 e5 15.Nxd5 Qxd2 16.Nc7+ Kf7 17.Bxd2 Rg8 18.Nxa8 Bxf3 19.g3 e6 20.Rfd1 Bxd1 21.Rxd1 Bc5 22.b4* 3) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5-1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4. *)*]
12...Qc7 0.89/22
[12...Qxb2= -0.27/20 keeps the balance. 13.Rb1 Qa3]
13.Nxg5 0.49/20
[White should try 13.0-0-0!± 0.89/22]
13...Qd6!± 14.0-0-0 aiming for Nce4!
14...Bg7 1.17/21
[14...h6!± 0.36/23 15.Nf3 Bg7]
15.Rhe1 0.31/18 White is more active.
[White should play 15.Qe2± 1.17/21 h5 16.Kb1]
15...h6!



16.Nxe6 -0.93/21 **Qxe6∓** **17.Bd4**

-2.10/22 Prevents Qf6
[17.Bc5∓ -0.99/21 only move. Be5 18.f4]
17...Qf7-+ 18.Bxg7 Qxg7 19.Nxd5 Bxd5
[19...Qxg2 20.Nxe7 *(20.Rxe7+ Kd8±)* 20...Kd8 21.Qa5+ b6 22.Qc3+-]
20.Qxd5 0-0-0 -0.46/22
[20...Qg5+-+ -2.14/25 21.Qxg5 hxg5]
21.Qe6 -1.15/21
[21.Re3!∓ -0.46/22]

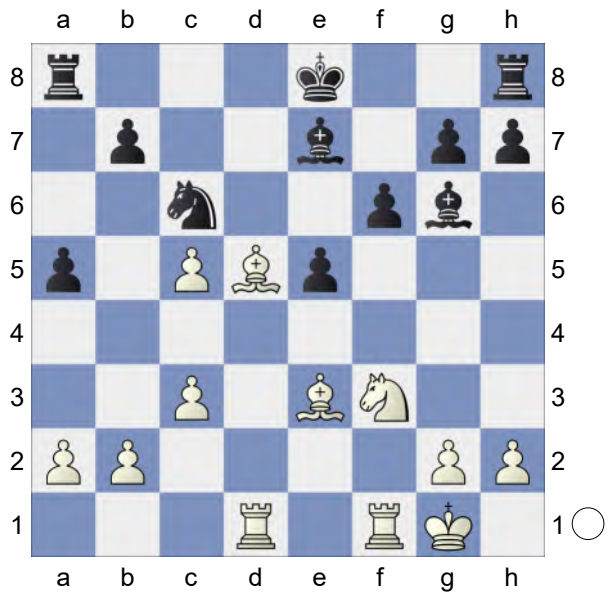


21...Kb8? 1.41/23 **22.Rxd7±** Hoping for g3. **22...Rxd7 23.Qxd7** Strongly threatening g3. **23...Qxg2** Endgame. KQR-KQR **24.b3**
[But not 24.Rxe7 Qf1+ 25.Qd1 Qxf2±]
[Much less strong is 24.Qxe7 Qxh2 25.Qf6 Rc8±]
24...a6? 4.43/25 This move loses the game for Black.
[24...Qxh2± 1.35/23 25.Rxe7 Qh1+ 26.Kb2 Qc6 27.Qxc6 bxc6]
25.Rxe7+- White is clearly winning.
[Not 25.Qxe7 Qxf2 26.Qe5+ Ka7 27.Qe3+ Qxe3+ 28.Rxe3 Rg8±]
25...Rc8 26.Re8 Rxe8 6.30/18
[⌓26...Qg5+ 4.39/20 27.Kb2 Qf6+ 28.Kb1 Rxe8 29.Qxe8+ Kc7]
27.Qxe8+ KQ-KQ **27...Kc7 28.Qe7+ Kb8 29.Qf8+ Ka7 30.Qxh6 Qxf2 31.Qh8 Qg1+ 32.Kb2 Kb6 33.h4 a5 34.a4 Ka6 35.h5 b5 36.Qf6+** Deflection **36...Kb7 37.h6 bxa4 38.Qg7+**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=0.69
1-0

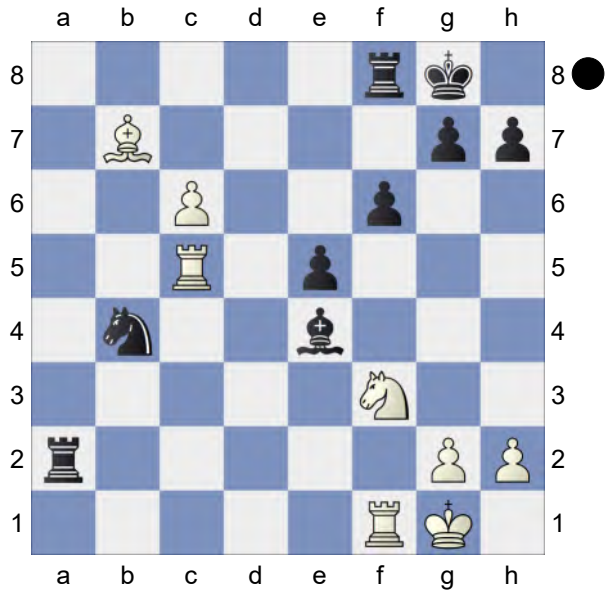
489 **D00**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2601**
■ **Shirov,Alexei** **2620**
Titled Tue 13th May Early blitz (7)
[TA]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 c5 4.e4 Nxe4 5.Nxe4 dxe4 6.dxc5 Qxd1+ 7.Rxd1 Nc6 8.f3 e5 9.Be3 Bf5 10.c3 Be7 11.Bc4 a5 12.Bd5 exf3 13.Nxf3 f6! 14.0-0 Nxe5! would now be deadly.
[14.Bxc6+ bxc6 15.b3 Kf7∓]
14...Bg6 0.78/19
[14...Bg4= 0.21/18 remains equal.]

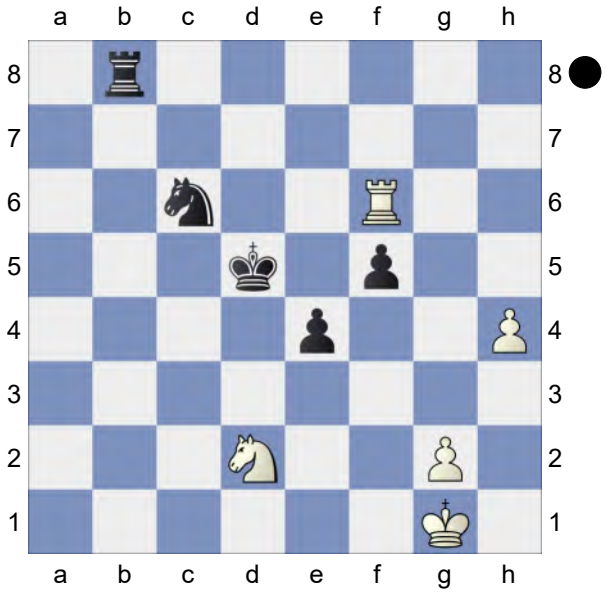
(Diagram)



15.b4 -0.69/19 White has more active pieces. **15...axb4∓ 16.cxb4 Nxb4 17.Bxb7 Rxa2** -0.25/20
[17...Ra3∓ -0.77/20 18.Bf2 Rxa2]
18.c6= Be4 19.Rc1 0-0 20.Bc5? -2.65/23
[Better is 20.Rfd1∓ -0.58/18]
20...Bxc5+-+
[20...Nxc6 21.Bxc6 Bxc6 22.Bxe7 Bxf3 23.Rxf3±]
21.Rxc5



Rc2 1.04/25 Prevents Rc4.
[21...Nd3!-+ -2.60/20 22.Rb5 Nf4]
22.Rxc2± Nxc2 23.Rd1? -0.68/23
[23.Nd2± 1.10/22 Bxc6 24.Bxc6]
23...Nb4∓ 24.Rd6 Kf7 ...Re8 is the strong threat. **25.Rd7+ Ke6 26.Rxg7 Bxc6 27.Rxh7 Rb8 28.Bxc6 Nxc6** Endgame. KRN-KRN **29.h4 e4 30.Nd2** -4.65/22
[30.Rc7!= -0.14/20 Kd6 31.Rf7]
30...f5? -0.75/21
[30...e3-+ -4.65/22 and Black stays clearly on top. 31.Nf3 Rb1+ 32.Kh2 e2]
31.Rh6+ Kd5 Hoping for ...Ne5.
32.Rf6? -2.61/23
[32.Nc4∓ -0.79/21]



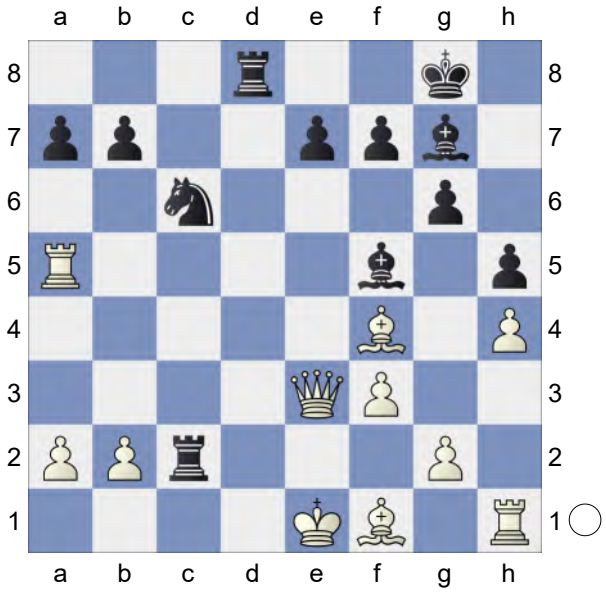
32...Nd4!-+
[32...e3 33.Nf3∓]
33.Kf2 Ke5? -0.78/20
[33...Rb2-+ -2.45/22 has better winning chances. 34.Ke3 Ra2]
34.Rf7? -4.00/22
[34.Ra6∓ -0.78/20]
34...Rb2 35.Ke1 Rc2 -2.06/22 Repels Nc4+
[⌓35...Ke6 -3.87/23 36.Rf8 Ke7 37.Rxf5 Remove Defender Nxf5 38.Nxe4 Rxg2 *(38...Nxh4?*

39.Kd1-+)]
36.Kd1 -3.01/22
[36.h5 -2.06/22 was necessary. Kf4 37.Nxe4 Kxe4 38.Rg7]
36...Ra2 37.Nc4+ Kf4 38.Rg7? -5.25/21
[38.Rd7 -2.00/20 Nb5 39.h5]
38...e3 39.g3+ Kf3 40.Nxe3 Kxe3 KRN-KR **41.Kc1 Rh2 42.Kb1 Kf3 43.Rg5 Ke4 44.h5 Nf3 45.Rg8 Rxh5 46.g4 Rh1+ 47.Kc2 f4** Strongly threatening ...Ne5. **48.g5 Ne5 49.g6 Rg1** aiming for ...f3! **50.g7 f3 51.Kd2 Rg2+** -8.34/20
[⌓51...f2 -#9/20 52.Rf8 Nf3+ *(52...f1R 53.Rxf1 Rxg7 54.Kc3∓)* 53.Kc3 f1Q *(53...f1R 54.g8Q∓; 53...Rxg7* gets mated. *54.Re8+ Kf4 55.Rf8+ Kg3 56.Rh8 f1Q 57.Rb8 Rc7+ 58.Kb2 Qc1+ 59.Ka2 Rc2+ 60.Kb3 Rb2+ 61.Ka4 Qa1#)* 54.Re8+ Ne5 55.g8Q Qd3+ *(55...Rxg8 56.Rxg8 Qc4+ 57.Kd2 Qxg8 58.Kc2 Qc4+ 59.Kd2 Nf3+ 60.Kd1 Qc3 61.Ke2 Qe1#)* 56.Kb2 Rxg8 57.Rxg8 Nc4+ 58.Ka2 Qa3+ 59.Kb1 Qb2#]
52.Ke1 Ke3 53.Kf1 Ke4? 0.01/21
[53...Ra2 -#6/14 mates 54.Kg1 f2+ 55.Kg2 f1Q+ Decoy 56.Kxf1 Rf2+ 57.Ke1 Nd3+ 58.Kd1 Rd2#]
54.Ke1= Nc4? 0.01/24
[54...Rg6-+ -8.34/24 (-> ...Ke3) 55.Kf2 Rg5]
55.Re8+ The position is equal. **55...Kf4 56.g8Q** Chess con chili. **56...f2+ 57.Ke2** Threatening mate with Qf7+. **57...f1Q+**
[57...Rxg8 simplifies 58.Rxg8 Ke4 59.Kxf2 Kd5]
58.Kxf1 Rxg8
[58...Ne3+ looks sharper. 59.Ke1 Rxg8 60.Rxg8 Nf5]
59.Rxg8 KR-KN **59...Ne5 60.Ke2 Ke4 61.Rh8 Kf4 62.Rh4+ Kf5 63.Ra4 Kg5 64.Ke3 Kf5 65.Ra5** Kd4 would kill now. **65...Kf6 66.Ke4 Ng6 67.Ra6+ Kg5 68.Re6 Nf4 69.Re5+ Kg4 70.Rf5 Ng6 71.Ra5 Nh4 72.Ra8 Kg5 73.Ke5 Ng6+ 74.Ke6 Nf4+ 75.Kf7** White happily takes the draw.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.86/ Black=0.49. Sensor Board Error (Ke4/ e5)?
1-0

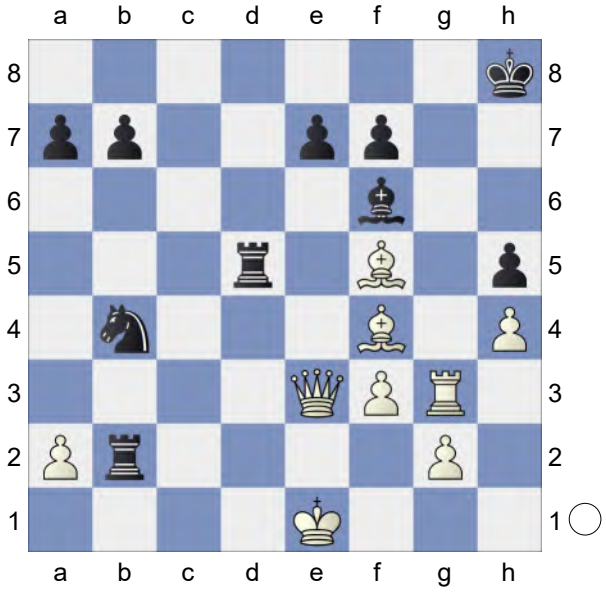
490 **A45**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2601**
■ **Ragger,Markus** **2580**
Titled Tue 18th Feb Late blitz (6) 18.2.25
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 g6 4.e3 Bg7 5.h4 h5 6.Nf3 0-0 7.Ne5 c5 8.Qd2** The position is equal. **8...cxd4 9.exd4 Nc6 10.f3 Nd7**
[10...Bf5 11.Bb5 Nxe5 12.dxe5 Nd7 13.0-0-0 Nxe5 14.Qxd5 Qc7 15.g4 Nd3+ 16.Bxd3 Qxf4+ 17.Kb1 Be6 18.Qe4 Qxe4 19.Nxe4 hxg4 20.fxg4 Bxg4 21.Rdg1 f5 22.Bc4+ Kh8 23.h5 g5 24.Nxg5 Bh6 25.Nf7+ Night King96 (2803)-Watneg (2853) Blitz 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0]
11.Nxd5 Ndxe5 12.dxe5 Bf5N
[12...Nxe5 13.0-0-0 Be6 14.Qe3 Bxd5 15.Bxe5 Bxe5 16.Qxe5 7) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 g6-6.Nf3 O-O 7.Ne5 c5 8.Qd2 Nc6 London 2023 https://www.chessable.co [MH]]
13.0-0-0 Rc8 14.Qe3 -0.62/22
[14.Bg5± 0.43/19]
14...Nxe5 -0.01/22
[14...Qa5∓ -0.62/22 15.Qa3 Qxa3 16.bxa3 Rfd8]

15.Nc3 -0.41/21
[15.Bxe5? Rxc2+ 16.Kb1 Rc5+ 17.Bd3 Rxd5 18.Bxg7 Kxg7-+]
[15.c3= -0.01/22 Nc6 16.Bb5 *(16.Nf6+ Bxf6 17.Rxd8 Rfxd8±)*]
15...Qa5? 1.35/21
[15...Qb6∓ -0.41/21 stays ahead. 16.Qxb6 axb6]
16.Rd5± Rxc3 17.Rxa5 Rxc2+ 18.Kd1 Rd8+ 19.Ke1 Nc6



20.Rxf5! gxf5 21.Bh6 Bf6 Prevents Qg5+. **22.Bd3** 0.99/23
[White should play 22.Rh3 1.38/21 And now Rg3+ would win. Rxb2 23.Qc1 Rxa2 24.Qc4 Ra1+ 25.Kf2 Bd4+ 26.Kg3]
22...Rxb2 Hoping for ...Nb4. **23.Rh3** aiming for Rg3+.
[Don't take 23.Bxf5?! Nd4 24.Qd3 Rxa2 25.Bh7+ Kh8±]
23...f4 6.02/22 Prevents Rg3+. Loses the game.
[23...Rxg2= 0.01/22 24.Bc4 *(24.Bxf5 Bd4=)* 24...Bd4]
24.Bxf4 Nb4? 10.30/23
[24...Rxg2 3.98/22 25.Rg3+ Rxg3]
25.Rg3++- Kh8 26.Bf5? 3.38/20
[26.Be4 9.98/23 Threatening mate with Be5! Nd5 27.Bxd5 Rxd5 28.Qc1]
26...Rd5 18.84/27
[26...Nd5 3.38/20 27.Qd3 *(27.Qxa7? Bc3+ 28.Kf1 Nxf4-+)* 27...Rxa2]



Prevents Be5. **27.Bd6! Nd3+**
[27...Nc2+ 28.Bxc2]
28.Bxd3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.51/Black=0.93
1-0

491 **D00**
□ **Narayanan,Sunilduth Lyna** **2601**
■ **Atakisi,U** **2308**
Titled Tue 8th Apr Late blitz (1) 08.04.25
[TA]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack
Richard Palliser,MH: 'B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack
' 1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 Bg4 6.Be2
[6.f3 Bd7 7.g4 Nc6 8.Qd2 e6 9.Bb5 Rc8 10.Nge2 a6 11.Bxc6

Bxc6 12.h4 Bb5 13.Nxb5 axb5 14.c3 Be7 15.h5 Nd7 16.a3 Nb6 17.b3 h6 18.Qd3 Qd7 19.Kf2 Qc6 20.Rhg1 Nd7 1-0 (32) Mamedyarov,S (2747)-Harikrishna,P (2717) Aimchess Rapid 2022 (12.4)]

6...Bxe2 7.Ncxe2N

[7.Qxe2 a6 8.g4 Nc6 9.0-0-0 *(9.g5 Ne4 10.Nxe4 Nxd4 11.Qd3 dxe4 12.Qxe4 Qa5+ 13.c3 Nc6 14.Nf3 Rd8* 15.b3 g6 16.♗b2 21333-Vogt,F corr WC27/final 2011*)* 9...e6 10.g5 Ng8 13.Qc2 2019]

7...Nc6 8.Nf3 The position is equal.

8...e6 9.0-0 Bd6 10.c3 0-0 11.Re1 b5 12.a3 Qc7 13.Bxd6 Qxd6 14.Nc1 a5 15.Nd3 b4 16.cxb4 axb4 17.a4 Rfc8 18.Rc1 Na5 0.29/22

[⌓18...Ne4 -0.29/24]

19.Nc5 -0.31/19

[19.Nfe5= 0.29/22]

19...Nd7∓ 20.Qc2 -0.76/23

[20.Nxd7= -0.04/24 Qxd7 21.Qd3]

20...h6∓ 21.g3 Rc6 -0.21/22

[21...b3∓ -0.99/24 22.Qc3 Nxc5 23.dxc5 Qc6]

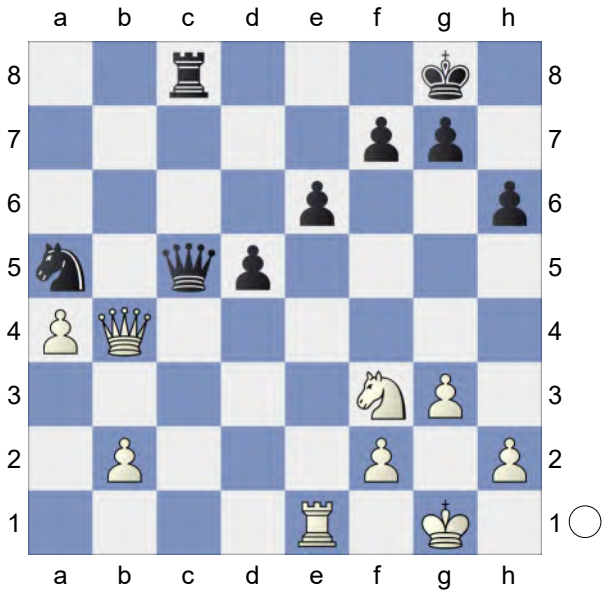
22.Qd2= Nxc5

[22...Nc4 feels hotter. 23.Rxc4 dxc4 24.Nxd7 Qxd7 25.Ne5 Qb7]

23.dxc5 Rxc5 24.Qxb4 Rac8 25.Rxc5 Qxc5 2.64/23

[25...Rxc5= 0.21/26 and Black stays safe. 26.Ne5 Nc6]

(Diagram)

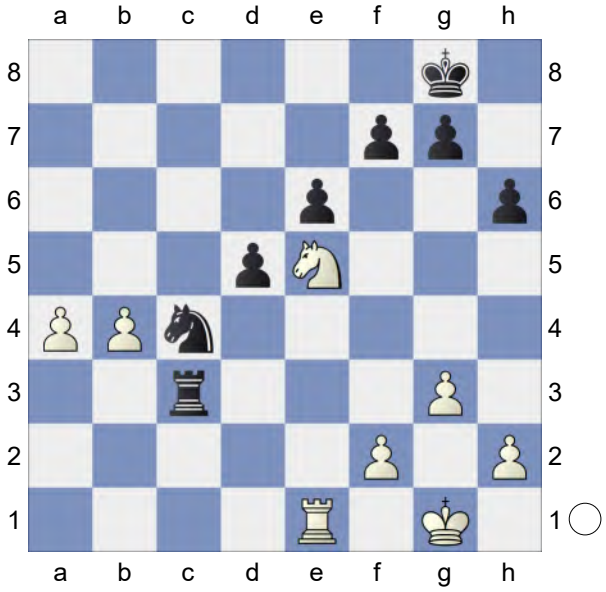


26.Qxc5+- Rxc5= Endgame. KRN-KRN

27.b4! Rc3 28.Ne5 0.72/27

[28.bxa5+- 3.26/28 and the rest is easy. Hoping for Rb1! Ra3 29.Ne5]

28...Nc4±



29.Nd7 -0.05/27

[29.Nxc4!± 0.97/28 dxc4 30.Re4]

29...Rb3 30.b5 Rb4 31.Ra1 Black must now prevent a5. **31...Nb2?** 8.75/26

[31...Na5= 0.27/24]

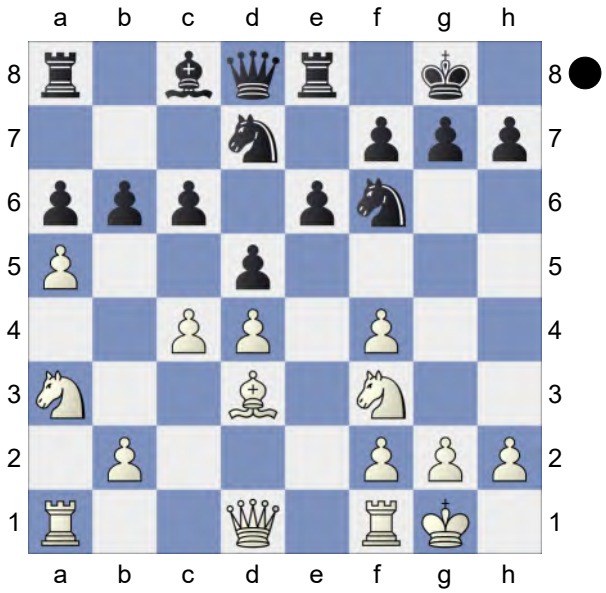
32.a5+- Rxb5 33.a6

Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/

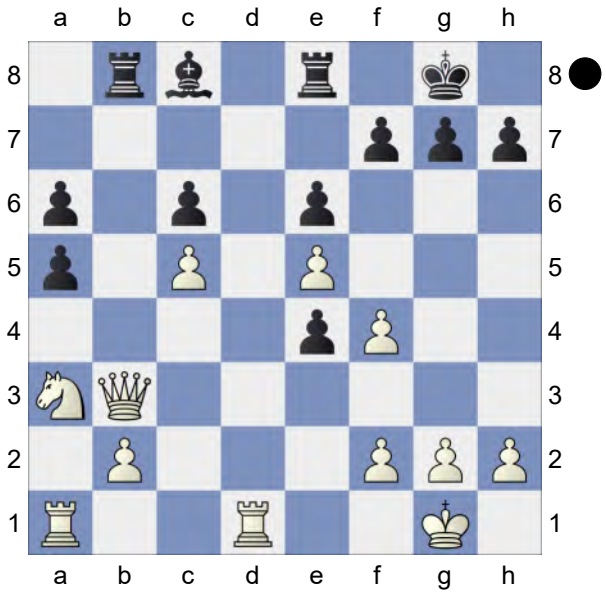
Black=0.31
1-0

492 **D00**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2601**
■ **Tan,Zhongyi** **2546**
Titled Tue 24th Jun Late blitz (8) 24.6.25
[TA]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Bb4+ 5.c3 Ba5 6.a4 a6 7.Na3
[7.b4!?]
7...c6 0.02/19
[7...c5∓ -0.35/18]
8.Nf3= The position is equal. **8...0-0 9.e3 Bc7 10.Bd3 Nbd7 11.0-0 Re8 12.c4** -0.39/19
[12.Ne5= 0.07/18 feels stronger.]
12...Bxf4 13.exf4 b6 14.a5



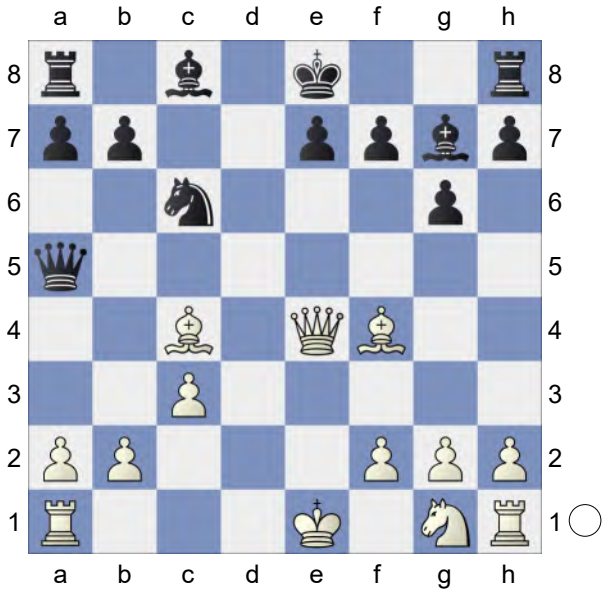
Deflection **14...bxa5** 0.67/19
[Better is 14...c5= -0.18/18]
15.c5± Ne4 1.52/20
[15...Qc7± 0.66/17]
16.Bxe4 dxe4 17.Ne5 Nxe5 18.dxe5 Qd5 Repels Nc4 **19.Qc2 Rb8 20.Rfd1** Dodges Qd3 **20...Qb3 21.Qxb3**



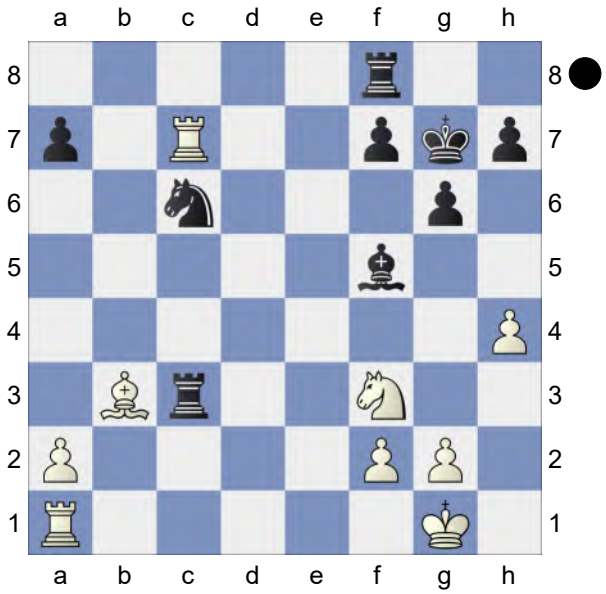
Remove Defender **21...Rxb3 22.Nc4↑** Black is under strong pressure. **22...Rb4 23.Nd6 Rd8 24.Rd2** 0.75/21
White is much more active.
[White should play 24.Re1 1.49/20]
24...f6 1.79/21
[24...a4± 0.75/21]
25.Rxa5+- Rb5 3.16/23
[⌓25...h6 1.67/20 26.Kf1 f5]
26.Rxb5
[Worse is 26.Nxb5 Rxd2 27.Nc3 Rxb2=]
26...axb5 27.Nxe4 Rd5 2.99/24
[⌓27...Rxd2 2.09/25 28.Nxd2 Kf7]
28.exf6 Rxd2 29.Nxd2 gxf6
Endgame. KB-KN **30.Ne4 Kg7 31.Nd6 Bd7 32.g4 e5?** 5.00/26
[32...f5 3.00/23 33.g5 h6]
33.f5 h5 34.f3 h4 35.Kg2 Kh6 36.Ne4 Kg7 37.Kh3 b4! is the strong threat. **37...Be8 38.Nd6 Bf7 39.Nxf7 Kxf7 40.Kxh4** White mates. **40...Kg7 41.g5 Kf7 42.gxf6 Kxf6 43.Kg4**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.61
1-0

493 **A45**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2601**
■ **Wafa,Hamed** **2304**
Titled Tue 21st Jan Early blitz (6)
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e4 cxd4 5.Qxd4 Nc6 6.Qa4**
[6.Bb5 Bd7 7.Bxc6 Bxc6 8.e5 Nd7 9.e6 fxe6 10.Nf3 Qb6 11.Qd2 *(11.0-0-0 Qxd4 12.Rxd4 g6 13.Re1 Bg7 14.Rd2 0-0 15.Bg3 Bh6 16.Rxe6 Nc5 17.Rxe7 Rae8 18.Bd6 Ne4 19.Rxe4 dxe4 20.Bxf8 Rxf8 21.Ne5 Rxf2* 0-1 (21) Bortnyk,O (2608)-Firouzja,A (2737) Chess.com INT 2024 Mega2024 Update 33 [Kitty Kat] *)* 11...d4 12.Qxd4 Bxf3 13.Qxb6 axb6 14.gxf3 g6 15.0-0-0 Rc8 16.Rhe1 Nc5 17.Be5 Rg8 18.Nb5 Bh6+ 19.Kb1 Kf7 20.a3 Rgd8 Naroditsky,D (2619)-Praggnanandhaa,R (2747) Chess.com INT 2024 Mega2024 Update 33 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (31)]
6...Nxe4N
[6...dxe4 7.Nb5 *(7.Rd1 Bd7 8.Nxe4 e5 9.Nxf6+ gxf6 10.Qe4 Qb6 11.Bc1 Bc5* #4 17) Jobava London-2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e4*)* 7...e5 8.Bxe5 Bc5 9.Bxf6 *(9.Nc7+ Kf8 10.Bg3 Bxf2+ 11.Kxf2 e3+ 12.Kxe3 Qe7+ 13.Kd2 Ne4+ 14.Kd1 Bg4+ 15.Nf3 Nxg3 16.hxg3 Bxf3+ 17.gxf3 Qxc7* #10 17) Jobava London-2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e4*)* 9...Qxf6 10.Qxe4+ Be6 11.0-0-0 0-0 12.Bd3 Qh6+ 13.Kb1 Rae8 #9 17) Jobava London-2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e4]
7.Nxe4 dxe4 8.Qxe4 -0.29/19
[8.Bb5 0.03/19 is more appropriate.]
8...Qa5+ 9.c3 -0.30/18
[9.Bd2 0.01/19 might be stronger. Qc5 10.Be3]
9...g6 10.Bc4 Bg7



...Bxc3+! is the strong threat. **11.Nf3 Bf5 12.Qe3 0-0**
[12...Qa4!? 13.Qe2 0-0=]
13.0-0 Rad8 14.Rfe1 b5↑ Black has some pressure. **15.Bb3 b4 16.Bh6 bxc3 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.bxc3 Rd3 19.Qf4 Rxc3 20.h4 Qb4** 0.04/22
[Black should play 20...h5∓ -0.52/20]
21.Qxb4= Nxb4 22.Rxe7 Nc6 23.Rc7



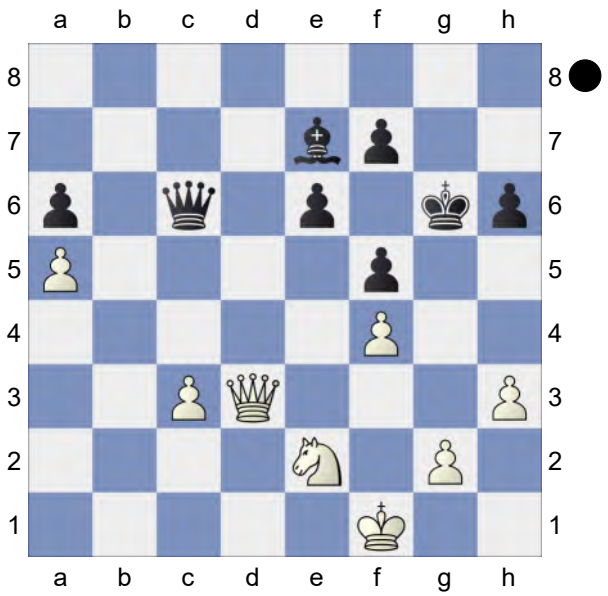
And now Re1 would win. **23...h6?**

2.77/23
[23...Nd4!= 0.26/22 and Black stays safe. 24.Rxc3 Ne2+ 25.Kh2 Nxc3]
24.Re1 Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.34
1-0

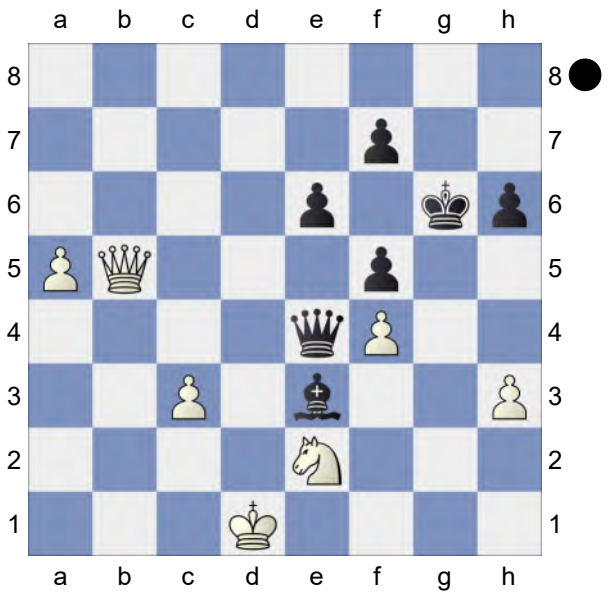
494 **A45**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2601**
■ **So,Wesley** **2745**
Titled Tue 17th Jun Early blitz (9)
[TA]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (120) (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ (41) Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 (41) Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 (23) Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]
3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.a3 c5 6.Nf3 b5 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.Bd3 Black has an edge.
8...Bb7 9.Qe2 0-0 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.Rad1 -0.82/18
[11.e4!∓ -0.34/19]
11...Rc8 12.h3 Qe7 13.e4 -1.25/21
[13.Ne5∓ -0.67/20]
13...dxe4 -0.06/26
[13...Bxa3!∓ -1.25/21 14.bxa3 Rxc3 15.exd5 Nxd5 *(15...Bxd5 16.Nd4∓)*]
14.Nxe4 Nxe4 15.Bxe4 Bxe4 16.Qxe4 Nf6 17.Qe2 Rfd8 18.c3 h6 19.Be5 Rxd1 20.Rxd1 Rd8 21.Rxd8+ Qxd8 22.Bxf6 gxf6= Endgame. KQB-KQN
23.Kf1 Qd5 24.Ne1 f5 25.Qd3 aiming for Qxd5. **25...Qb3 26.Qc2 Qc4+ 27.Qd3 Qb3**
[27...Qe4 with more complications. 28.Qg3+ Kh7 29.Nd3 f4]
28.Qd2 Kg7 29.Nd3 Bd6 30.Nc1 Qc4+ 31.Qd3 Bf4 32.b3 Qc5 33.Ne2? -1.57/24
[33.b4= -0.06/22 Qc6 34.Nb3]
33...Be5 -0.22/22
[33...Qxa3!∓ -1.57/24 Strongly threatening ...Qa1+. 34.Qd4+ e5]
34.a4 bxa4 35.bxa4 Qc6 36.f4 -1.39/23
[White should play 36.Qc2∓ -0.55/21]
36...Bf6 -0.86/21
[⌓36...Bc7 -1.39/23 37.Qd4+ Kg8]
37.a5 -1.56/22
[White should try 37.Qc2 -0.86/21]
37...Be7 38.Qd4+ Kg6 -0.84/23
[⌓38...Kg8 -1.48/23 39.Qd3 h5]
39.Qd3 -1.81/20
[39.Qh8∓ -0.84/23]

(Diagram)



39...Bc5 -0.46/19
[39...Qd6!-+ -1.81/20 40.Qxd6 Bxd6]
40.Ke1? -3.00/22
[40.Qc4∓ -0.46/19]
40...Qxg2-+ ...Qe4 would now be deadly. **41.Qxa6 Be3**
[41...Qxh3 42.Qb5 Be3 43.Kd1]
42.Kd1 Qe4 Repels Qd3 **43.Qb5**



Prevents Qb1+. **43...h5!** ...h4! is the strong threat.
[Don't play 43...Bxf4?! 44.Nxf4+ Qxf4 45.a6=]
44.a6? -3.43/18
[44.h4∓ -1.14/19]
44...h4!
[Worse is 44...Bxf4 45.Nxf4+ Qxf4 46.Kc2=]
45.a7? -5.33/21
[45.Nd4 -3.22/18]
45...Bxa7 Hoping for ...Be3. **46.Qe8 Be3?** 0.00/50
[Better is 46...Qd3+-+ -6.36/23 47.Ke1 Kg7 *(47...Qxh3 48.Qg8+ Kh6 49.Qxf7=)*]
47.Qg8+= Kf6? #1/32
[47...Kh6= 0.00/50 48.Qg5+ Kh7 49.Qxh4+ Kg8 50.Qg5+ Kh7 51.Qh4+ Kg7 52.Qg5+ Kf8 53.Qd8+ Kg7 54.Qg5+ Kh7 55.Qh5+ Kg8 56.Qg5+ Kh7]
48.Qg5# Never resign too early!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.48/ Black=0.47
1-0

495 **A45**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2601**
■ **Kim,Yoon Young** **2304**
Titled Tue 11th Mar Early blitz (1)
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e4 Nxe4 5.Nxe4 dxe4 6.dxc5 Qa5+ 7.c3 Qxc5 8.Qa4+ The position is equal.
8...Nc6 9.Qxe4 g6 10.Nf3 Bg7 And now ...Bxc3+! would win. **11.Rd1 0-0 12.Be3 Qf5**
[12...Qa5 13.Bc4 Bf5 14.Qh4 Ne5 15.Nxe5 Qxe5 16.0-0 Qe4 17.Qxe4 Bxe4 18.Bd5 Bxd5 19.Rxd5 Bf6 20.Rd7 b6 21.Rfd1 Kg7 22.g4 h6

23.Rb7 Rfc8 24.Rdd7 Rc4 25.h3 Ra4 26.a3 Ra5 27.Kg2 Bortnyk,O (2608)-Dominguez Perez,L (2748) chess.com INT 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (93)]

13.Bd3N

[13.Qa4 a6 *(13...Qa5 14.Bb5 Qxa4 15.Bxa4 Be6 16.a3 Rfc8 17.0-0 a6 18.Bb6 Bf6 19.h3 h5 20.Rfe1 Kg7 21.Bc2 a5 22.a4 Ra6 23.Be3 Raa8 24.Be4 Bb3 25.Ra1 Rd8 26.Nd2 Be6 27.Rad1 Rd7 28.Nf3* Bortnyk,O (2608)-Giri,A (2745) chess.com INT 2024 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (66) *)* 14.Bd3 Qg4 15.Qxg4 Bxg4 16.Be4 Be6 17.a3 Rfd8 18.0-0 Bb3 19.Rc1 Bd5 20.Bxd5 Rxd5 21.Rfd1 Rad8 22.Rxd5 Rxd5 23.Kf1 Na5 24.Nd2 Rd7 25.Ke2 f5 26.f3 Kf7 27.b4 Nc6 Naroditsky,D (2619)-Taher,Y (2445) Chess.com INT 2023 Mega2024 Update 01 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (35)]

[13.Qh4 Qg4 14.Qxg4 Bxg4 15.h3 Be6 16.a3 Na5 17.Be2 b6 18.0-0 Bc4 19.Rfe1 Rfd8 20.Bd4 e6 21.Bxg7 Kxg7 22.Rxd8 Rxd8 23.Nd4 Bxe2 24.Rxe2 Rd5 25.f4 Nc4 26.a4 h6 27.b3 Na5 Bortnyk,O (2605)-Hakobyan,A (2620) Chess.com INT 2023 1-0 (52)]

13...Qxe4 14.Bxe4 Be6 15.a3 Bc4

[15...Bb3!?]

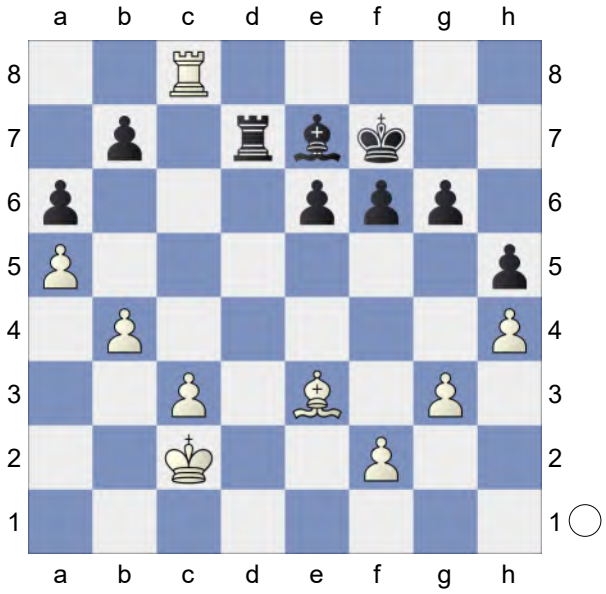
16.Bd3 -0.34/17

[16.Nd2= -0.01/19 might be stronger. Ba2 17.f3]

16...Bxd3 17.Rxd3 Rfd8 18.Ke2 Kf8 0.42/19

[18...Rxd3= 0.04/20 was preferrable. 19.Kxd3 Rd8+ 20.Kc2 e5]

19.h4 h5 20.Rc1 Rxd3 21.Kxd3 Rd8+ 22.Kc2 a6 23.a4 Ne5 24.Nxe5 Bxe5± Endgame KRB-KRB 25.Re1 Bf6 26.g3 Rd7 27.a5 e6 28.b4 Rc7 29.Bc5+ Be7 30.Bb6 Rd7 31.Re4 Bd8 32.Be3 Be7 33.Rc4 f6 34.Rc8+ Kf7



35.Kb3! Black should prevent c4. **35...e5 36.c4 Ke6 37.b5 axb5** 1.97/26 Black cannot hold the game after this.

[37...Rd3+!± 0.50/21 38.Kc2 Rd8 39.Rxd8 Bxd8]

38.cxb5+- Rd5? 5.93/23

[38...Rd3+ 2.01/22 is more resistant. 39.Rc3 Rxc3+ 40.Kxc3 Kd5]

39.Kc4 Rd1 40.Rb8 3.66/22

[⌓40.a6 7.39/25 bxa6 41.bxa6]

40...Ra1 41.Bb6

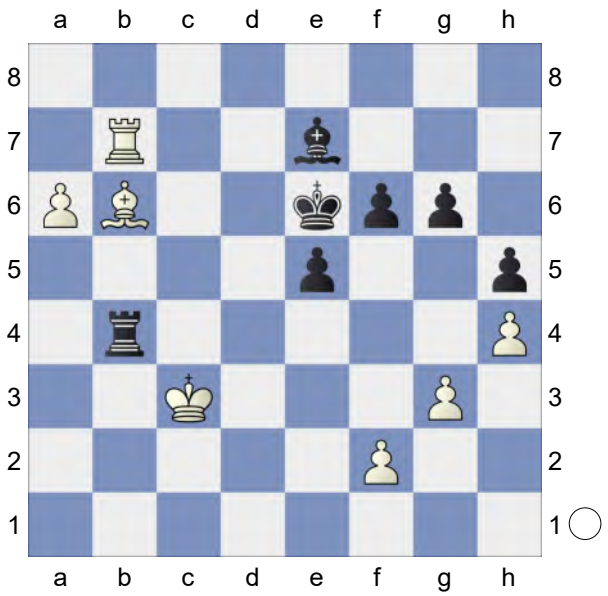
[Not 41.Rxb7 Ra4+ 42.Kd3 Ra3+ 43.Kc4 Ra4+ 44.Kd3 Ra3+ 45.Ke2 Ra2+ 46.Kf3 Rxa5=]

41...Ra4+ 42.Kc3 Rb4? 6.94/25

[42...Bb4+ 3.49/22 43.Kb3 Bd6]

43.Rxb7 Rxb5 44.a6 a7 is the strong threat. **44...Rb4**

(Diagram)

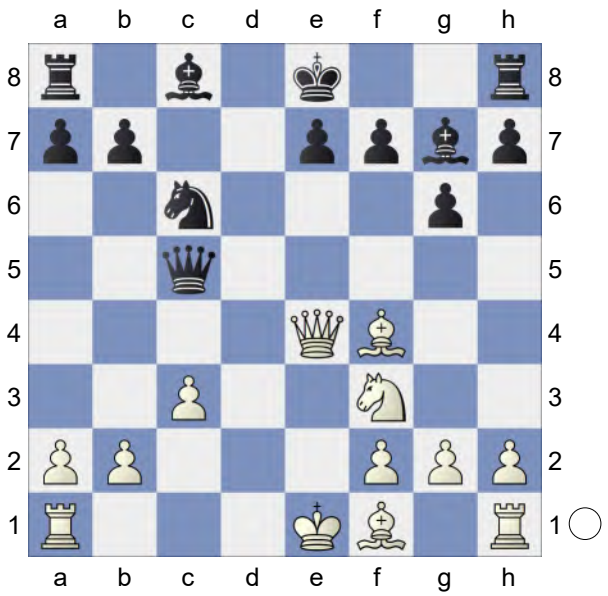


45.Rxe7+! Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /Black=0.48
1-0

496 **D00**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2601**
■ **Lysyj,Igor** **2582**
Titled Tue 24th Jun Late blitz (10)
[TA]

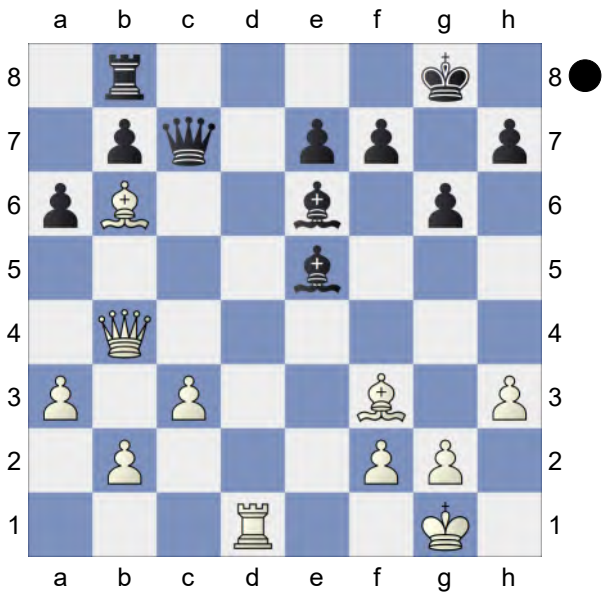
D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 c5 4.e4 Nxe4 5.Nxe4 dxe4 6.dxc5 Threatens to win with Qxd8+. **6...Qa5+**
[6...Qxd1+ simplifies 7.Rxd1 Nc6 8.Be3 g6]
7.c3 Black must now prevent b4.
7...Qxc5 8.Qa4+ The position is equal.
8...Nc6 9.Qxe4 g6 10.Nf3 Bg7

(Diagram)



...Bxc3+! is the strong threat. **11.Rd1**
[11.Qe3 simplifies Qxe3+ 12.Bxe3 0-0 13.0-0-0]
11...Bf5 12.Qa4 Qb6 13.Bb5 0-0 14.Be3 Qc7 15.0-0 Ne5 16.Nxe5
[16.Bxa7? Nxf3+ 17.gxf3 b6-+]
16...Bxe5 17.h3 a6 18.Be2 Rfd8 19.Bf3 Be6 20.a3 Rxd1 21.Rxd1 Rb8 22.Qh4 Bf6 0.53/20
[22...b5= 0.12/18]
23.Qb4± Be5 2.13/22 Against Bf4. White leaves nothing to chance now.
[Black should play 23...a5!± 0.70/19 24.Qb5 b6]
24.Bb6+-

(Diagram)



Deflection **24...Qc4 25.Qxe7 Kg7?** 3.40/19
[25...Qf4 1.80/18 is a better defense. 26.Be3 *(26.Bxb7? Bf6-+)* 26...Qh2+ 27.Kf1 a5 28.Rd8+ *(28.Bxb7 Kg7±)* 28...Rxd8 29.Qxd8+ Kg7]
26.Bd4
[26.Bxb7 Bf6 27.Qd6 *(27.Bd4? Qxd4 28.cxd4 Bxe7-+)* 27...Rxb7∓]
26...Bxd4 27.Rxd4 Qa2 28.Qc7
[28.Bxb7 Qxb2 29.Bxa6 Qxc3=]
28...Re8 29.Qxb7 Bb3 4.20/20
[⌓29...h5 2.95/18 30.Kh2 *(30.Qxa6 Qxb2 31.Qa5 Rc8±)* 30...Qb1]
30.Kh2
[30.Qxa6 Re1+ 31.Kh2 Qxb2±]
30...Qxb2 31.Bd5
[31.Qxa6 Qxf2 32.Qb5 Re3+-]
31...Qxf2 32.Bxb3? 0.75/18
[32.Qxb3+- 3.27/23 and the rest is easy. And now Bf3 would win. Re1 33.Qa2 Qg1+ 34.Kg3]
32...Re3? 4.08/21
[32...Re1± 0.75/18 is more resistant. 33.Rd3 *(33.Qxa6 Qg1+ 34.Kg3 Re3+ 35.Kh4 Qe1+ 36.Kg5 h6+ 37.Kg4 Qg3#)* 33...Rb1]
33.Rd1
[33.Qxa6 Qg3+ *(33...Rxc3 34.Qd6=)* 34.Kg1 Re1+ *(34...Rxc3 35.Rd7=; 34...Rxc3 35.Rd7=)*]
33...Rxc3 34.Kh1 h5 35.a4 Re3 36.Bc4 White is clearly winning.
36...Re1+ 37.Rxe1 Qxe1+ 38.Kh2 Qe5+ 6.81/36
[⌓38...Qf2 4.64/18 39.Qxa6 *(39.Bxa6 Qf4+ 40.g3 Qxa4+-)* 39...Qf4+ 40.Kh1 g5]
39.g3 Qf5 40.Qb2+
[Weaker is 40.Qxa6 Qf2+ 41.Kh1 Qf3+ 42.Kh2 Qf2+ 43.Kh1 Qf3+ 44.Kg1 *(44.Kh2 Qf2+=)* 44...Qxg3+ 45.Kf1 Qxh3+ 46.Ke2 Qg4+ 47.Ke1 Qe4+ 48.Be2 Qb4+ 49.Kf1 Qf4+ 50.Kg2 Qg5+ 51.Kf3 Qf5+ 52.Ke3 Qg5+ 53.Kd3 h4±]
40...Kh7 41.Bxa6 h4 42.Bb5
[Not 42.gxh4 Qf4+ 43.Kg1 Qxa4+-]
42...hxg3+ 43.Kxg3
Weighted Error Value: White=0.32/ Black=0.52
1-0

497 **A45**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2601**
■ **Lin,Bryan Enming** **2316**
Titled Tue 14th Jan Late blitz (4) 14.1.25
[Kitty Kat]

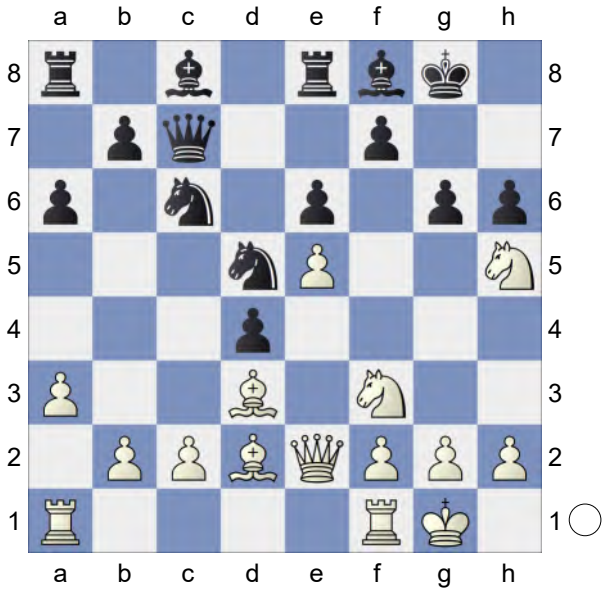
D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 h6 5.Nf3 e6 6.a3 c5 7.Bd3 Nc6 8.0-0** The position is equal. **8...Bd6** 0.22/19
[Black should play 8...c4 -0.29/18 9.Be2 b5]
9.dxc5= Bxc5 10.e4 d4N
[10...dxe4 11.Nxe4 Nxe4 12.Bxe4 Qxd1 13.Rfxd1 0-0 14.b4 Be7 15.Bd6 Bxd6 16.Rxd6 e5 17.Bxc6 bxc6 18.Nxe5 Re8 19.Nxc6 Bb7

20.c4 Bxc6 21.Rxc6 Rad8 22.Rxa6 Rd2 23.c5 Ree2 24.Rf1 Rb2 25.c6 Bortnyk,O (2608)-Gurevich,D (2357) Chess.com INT 2024 Mega2024 Update 16 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (37)]

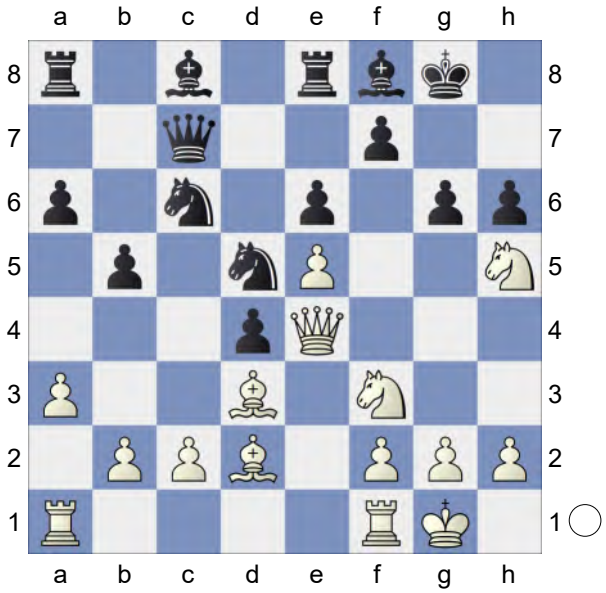
11.Ne2 0-0 12.Ng3 Re8 0.57/19
[12...g5= 0.26/18 13.Bd2 Bd6]

13.e5± Nd5 14.Bd2 Qc7 1.00/19
[14...f5± 0.69/17]

15.Qe2± Bf8 16.Nh5 g6

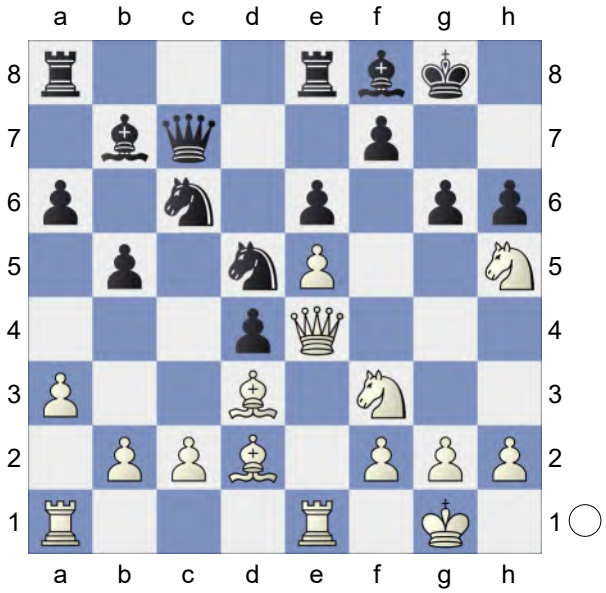


17.Qe4! b5
[17...b6 18.Nf6+]



18.Rfe1! &Bianco is more active.

18...Bb7



19.Qg4! Kh8 20.Nf6 Strongly threatening Qh4. **20...Nxf6** 1.92/20
[20...Nxe5± 1.03/19 21.Nxe5 *(21.Nxe8 Nxf3+ 22.gxf3 Rxe8±)* 21...Nxf6]

21.exf6+- Threatens to win with Qh4.

21...Rad8? 5.66/21 Black cannot hold the game after this.
[21...Qd8± 1.55/20 is more resistant.]

22.Bf4 Qc8 14.92/22
[⌓22...h5 4.99/20 23.Qxg6 *(23.Bxc7 hxg4 24.Bxd8 gxf3+-)* 23...fxg6 24.Bxc7 Rd5 25.Bxg6 Rc8]

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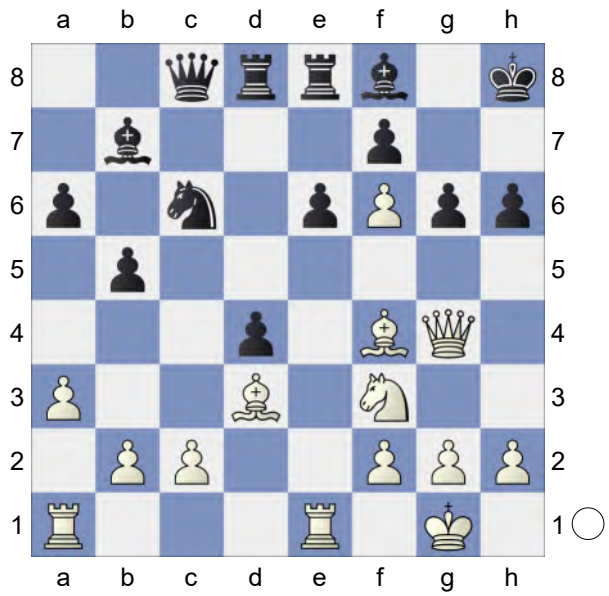


23.Bxh6! Intending Qh4 and mate.
23...Rd5 24.Bxf8 Rxf8 25.Ng5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.89
1-0

498 **D00**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2601**
■ **Kezin,R** **2471**
Titled Tue 24th Jun Early blitz (11)
[TA]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.Ne5 c6
[7...Nd7 8.a3 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 c6 10.Nc3 Nb8 11.Bd3 Nd7 12.Qh5 g6 13.Qh6 Nxe5 14.dxe5 f6 15.Bxg6 hxg6 16.Qxg6+ Kh8 17.Qh6+ Kg8 18.Qg6+ Kh8 19.h4 Bc5 20.Qh6+ Kg8 21.Qg6+ Kh8 22.Na4 1-0 (29) Bortnyk,O (2608)-Sargsyan,S (2649) Julius Baer GenCup Pl/In rapid 2024 (9)]
8.Nc3 Threatens to win with Bxa6. The position is equal. **8...c5** 0.88/18
[8...Qa5= 0.00/21]
9.Bxa6±
[9.g4 Bd7 10.g5 Ne4 11.Nxe4 dxe4 12.h4 cxd4 13.exd4 Bc6 14.Nxc6 bxc6 15.Bxa6 Qa5+ 16.c3 Qxa6 17.Qe2 Qxe2+ 18.Kxe2 f5 19.f3 exf3+ 20.Kxf3 c5 21.Be5 cxd4 22.Bxd4 a5 23.Rhe1 Kf7 0-1 (52) Schnell,S (1996)-Murawski,J (2065) Titled Tuesday intern op 26th Nov Late blitz 2024 (3)]
9...bxa6 10.0-0N 0.04/21
[10.Nc6± 0.80/19 Qe8 11.Nxe7+ Qxe7 12.0-0 a5 13.Bg5 Ba6 14.Re1 Rab8 15.Rb1 h6 16.Bh4 Rfc8 17.a3 Rb7 18.dxc5 Qxc5 19.Bxf6 gxf6 20.Qg4+ Kf8 21.Qh4 Ke7 22.e4 d4 23.Nd5+ exd5 24.exd5+ Kd7 25.Qxf6 Qxd5 26.Re7+ 1-0 Bortnyk,O (2604)-Gines Esteo,P (2492) Titled Tuesday intern op 22nd Nov Early blitz 2022 (8)]
10...Bb7 11.a3 Rc8 12.Na4 Ne4 0.44/20
[12...a5= 0.00/21 might be stronger.]
13.f3!± Nf6 14.Bg3 -0.11/24
[14.Nxc5± 0.45/21 Bxc5 15.dxc5]
14...cxd4 15.exd4 a5 0.38/22
[15...Bc6= 0.00/21 16.Nc5 Bb5]
16.c3 Ne8 0.87/23
[16...Nd7± 0.38/24 is superior.]
17.Re1± Ba6 18.b4 0.57/24
[White should play 18.Bf2± 0.95/21]
18...Nd6± 19.Nc5 Bb5 1.03/21
[19...Bc4!± 0.60/21]
20.a4± Be8 21.b5 White is much more active. **21...Nc4** 2.56/21
[21...h6± 1.29/23 was called for. 22.Qc2 Nf5]
22.Nxc4+- dxc4 23.Na6 Qb6 24.Kh1 f6 25.d5 0.84/18
[25.Nc5!+- 1.67/21 e5 26.Bf2]
25...e5± 26.f4 Bg6 27.fxe5 fxe5 28.Rxe5 0.71/24

[⌓28.Bxe5 1.12/23 aiming for d6. Bd6 29.Bxd6 Qxd6 30.h3]

28...Bf6 1.36/21

[⌓28...Bd6 0.71/24]

29.Re6 Qb7 1.85/20

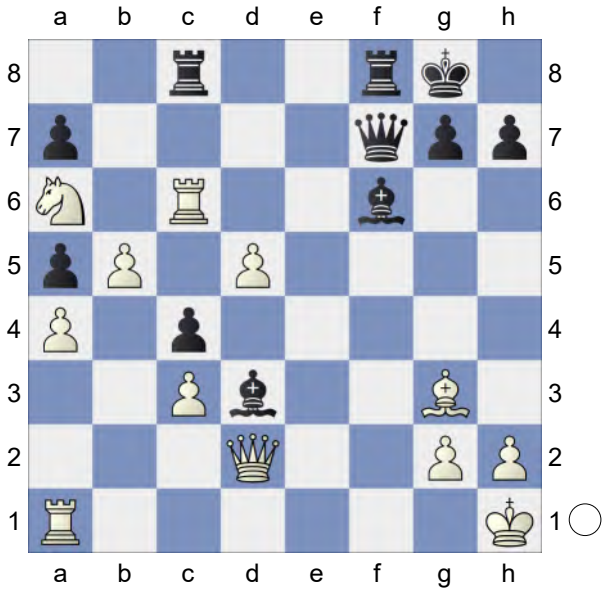
[29...Qd8± 1.38/22 was worth a try.]

30.Qd2!+- Bd3 31.Rc6? -0.09/23

[31.d6± 1.49/22]

31...Qf7 0.71/20

[31...Rce8!= -0.09/23 keeps the balance. 32.Rg1 Re2]



32.d6? -5.92/20

[32.Rxc8!± 0.71/20 and life is bright. Rxc8 33.d6]

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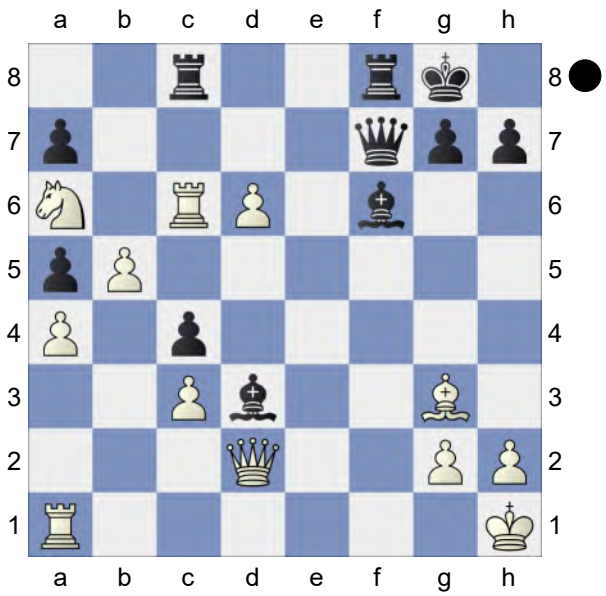

32...Bxc3!-+ Double Attack **33.Qd1**

[33.Qf2 Qxf2]

33...Rxc6 34.bxc6 Bxa1 This pair of bishops is nice. **35.h3 Bd4 36.d7 Qe6 37.Nb8** -8.07/21

[⌓37.Qf3 -5.05/18 Rxf3 38.d8Q+ Rf8 39.Qxd4 Qxc6 40.Nc7]

37...Bb6 (-> ...Rf1+) **38.c7 Be4**

[38...Bxc7 39.Bxc7 Rxb8 40.Bxb8 Qxd7 41.Be5=]

39.Qg4 Qxg4 -4.25/24

[⌓39...Bxg2+ -#8/18 40.Kxg2 Qd5+ 41.Kh2 Qd2+ 42.Bf2 Rxf2+ *(42...Bxf2? 43.Kh1-+)* 43.Kg3 Bxc7+ 44.Kh4 Bd8+ *(44...Bxb8 45.Qxc4+ Rf7 46.Qc8+ Rf8 47.Qc4+ Kh8 48.Qe6)* 45.Kg3 Qe3+ 46.Qf3 Qxf3#]

40.hxg4

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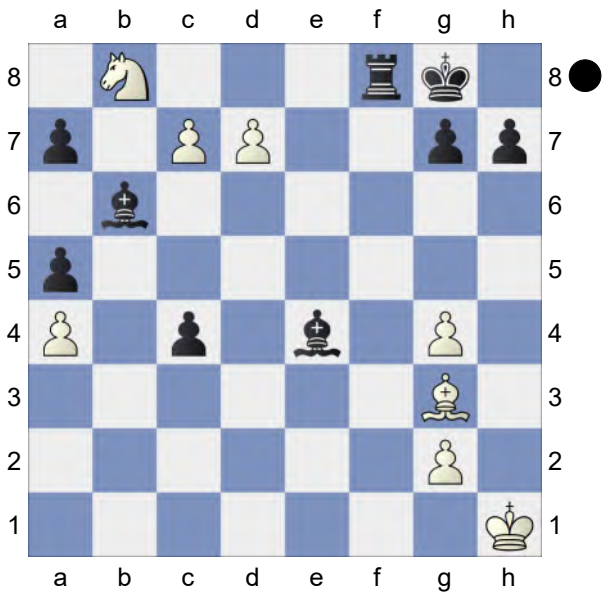
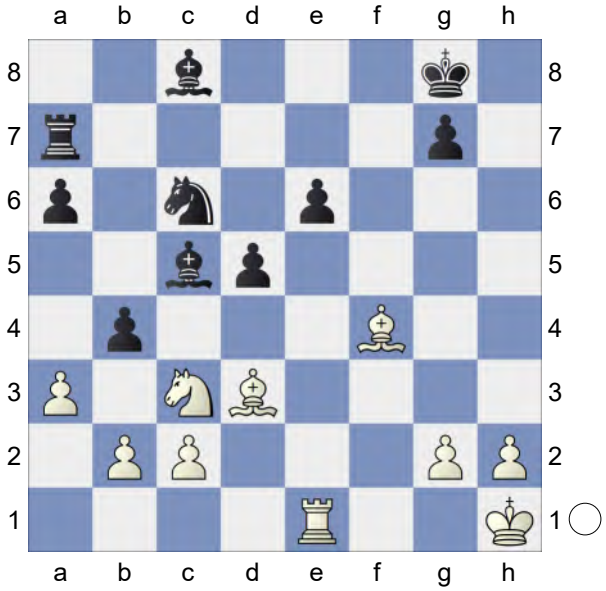


Rf1+? 1.12/5
[40...Bxc7 41.Bxc7 c3 42.d8Q±]
[40...Bb7!-+ -3.35/29 41.Bd6 *(41.Nc6? Bxc7* Promotion *42.Bxc7 Bxc6-+)* 41...c3 42.Bxf8 Bxc7]
41.Kh2± Dancing on a razor blade.
41...Bxc7 42.Bxc7 Endgame. KRB-KBN **42...Rd1 43.d8Q+**
[43.d8B c3 44.Bxa5 c2-+]
[43.d8R+ Rxd8 44.Bxd8 Bc2+-]
43...Rxd8 44.Bxd8 c3 1.70/26
[44...Bc2± 1.19/26 keeps fighting. 45.Nc6 *(45.Bxa5 Bxa4 46.Na6 Kf7+-)* 45...Bxa4]
45.Bxa5+- c2 46.Bd2 Bb7 2.40/24 Repels Na6
[46...Kf7± 1.33/23 47.Na6 Ke6 48.Nc5+ Ke5]
47.Nd7 Bc6 48.Nc5 Kf7 49.Kg3 Ke7 2.56/26
[⌓49...a5 1.64/23 50.Kf4 *(50.Bxa5? is the wrong capture. c1Q-+)* 50...Bxg2]
50.a5 Kd6 51.Nd3 Bb5 52.Nb4 Kc5 53.Nxc2 Kc4? 9.26/22
[53...Kd5 3.76/20 54.Kf4 Kd6]
54.Ne1? 3.61/19
[54.Na3+ 9.26/22 Kc5 55.Be3+ Kb4 56.Nxb5]
54...Bc6 55.Nf3 A wild game.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.73/ Black=0.56
1-0

499 **D00**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2601**
■ **Ibrahimli,Murad** **2423**
Titled Tue 4th Feb Early blitz (5) 4.2.25
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.a3 Bd6 6.Nf3 c5 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.Bd3** The position is equal. **8...Nc6 9.0-0 0-0** 9...Bd6 injects fresh life into this line. 9...Ld6 bringt frisches Leben in diese Variante. **10.e4 h6N**
[10...dxe4 11.Nxe4 Be7 12.Qe2 Nd4 13.Nxd4 Qxd4 14.c3 Qa4 15.b4 Bd7 16.Rfd1 Bc6 17.Bc2 Qb5 18.c4 Qf5 19.Nxf6+ Qxf6 20.Be5 Qg5 21.f4 Qh6 22.Rd3 f5 23.Rh3 Qg6 24.Rg3 Qf7 25.Rxg7+ 1-0 Bortnyk,O (2608)-Hayrapetyan,H (2432) Titled Tuesday intern op 13th Feb Early blitz 2024 (4)]
[10...d4 11.Ne2 Nh5 12.e5 Nxf4 13.Nxf4 f6 14.exf6 Qxf6 15.Nh5 Qh6 16.Ng3 e5 17.Be4 Bg4 18.Qd3 Bxf3 19.Bxf3 Kh8 20.Rfe1 Rae8 21.Ne4 Ba7 22.g3 Nd8 23.Re2 Nf7 24.Rae1 b5 25.h4 1-0 Horvath,J (2504)-Vrolijk,L (2419) Utrecht Open 2018 (3.1) Bb6 26.Kg2 Qg6 27.Ng5 Qxd3 28.cxd3 Nxg5 29.hxg5 Bc7 30.Rc2 Bd8 31.g6 h6 32.Bd5 Bf6 33.Rc6 a5 34.Ra6 a4 35.Rb6 Rb8 36.Bb7 1-0 Ivitza,P (2504)-Bierkens,P (2419) ISR-ch Ramat Aviv 1998 (3.1)]
11.e5 Nd7 12.Qd2 f5 13.exf6 Qxf6

14.Bg3 Nde5 15.Nxe5 Nxe5 16.Rae1 Chess con chili. **16...Nc6N** 0.51/19
[16...Nxd3 17.Qxd3 -0.61/21 *(17.cxd3= -0.17/21 Bd4 18.a4)* 17...Qf5 0.01/22 *(17...Rf7∓ -0.61/21)* 18.Qd2 Bd7 19.Re5 Qf7 20.Rfe1 Rac8 21.Nd1 Be7 22.c3 Bd6 0.01/18 ;1-0 Bortnyk,O (2604)-Moroni, L (2581) Titled Tuesday intern op 17th May Late blitz 2022 (3) *(22...Bf6∓ -0.66/19)*]
[16...Nxd3= -0.24/21 17.cxd3 Bd4]
17.Kh1 b5 18.Qd1 Ra7 19.Qh5 and Nc3xd5! should not be overlooked
19...Qg5 20.Qxg5 hxg5 21.f4 -0.35/21
[21.h3= 0.24/19]
21...gxf4∓ 22.Rxf4 Rxf4 23.Bxf4 b4 0.61/23
[23...Bd7∓ -0.35/19]



24.Nxd5!± bxa3

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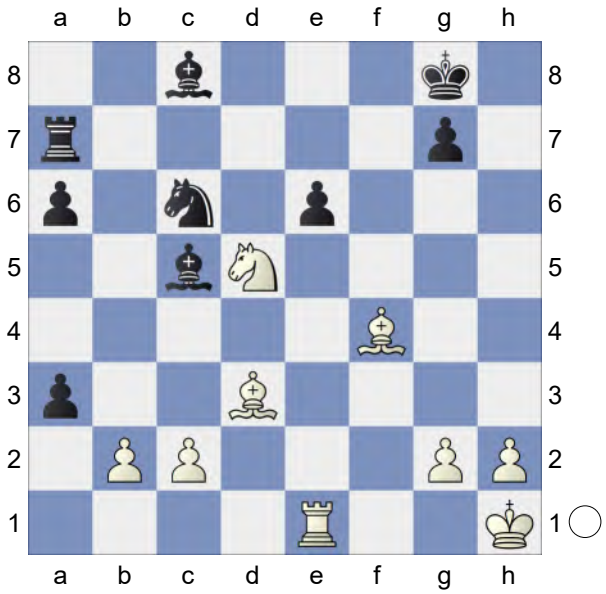
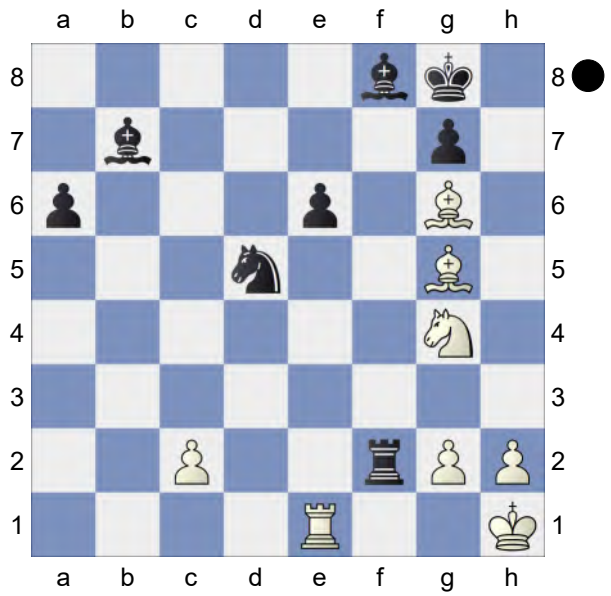


25.bxa3! Rf7 26.Be3! White is more active. **26...Bxa3 27.Nb6 Bb7 28.Nc4** 0.29/19
[White should play 28.Bc4± 0.77/20 Nd8 29.Rd1]
28...Bf8= 29.Bg5 -0.67/21
[29.c3± 0.41/18]
29...Nb4∓ 30.Bg6 Rf2 31.Ne3 Nd5 0.04/21
[Black should play 31...Bc5∓ -0.83/22 Strongly threatening ...Bc5xe3. 32.h4 Nxc2]
32.Ng4
[32.Kg1!? Rd2□ 33.Nxd5 Rxd5 34.h4=]

(Diagram)

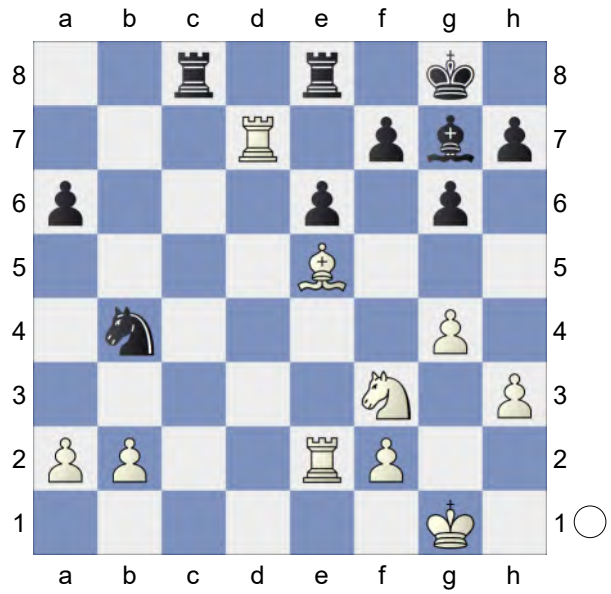


32...Rxg2 2.97/20 **33.Kxg2+- Ne3+?** 7.92/24
[33...Nf4+ 2.94/21 34.Kg3 Nxg6 35.Rxe6 Kh7]
34.Kh3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.49
1-0

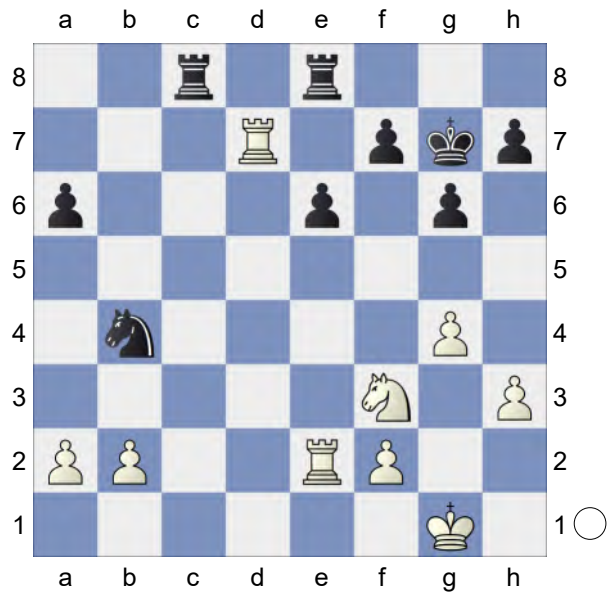
500 **A45**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2601**
■ **Lobanov,Sergei** **2508**
Titled Tue 18th Feb Early blitz (6)
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e4 Nxe4 5.Nxe4 dxe4 6.dxc5 Qa5+ 7.c3 Qxc5 8.Qa4+** The position is equal. **8...Nc6 9.Qxe4 g6 10.Nf3 Bg7 11.Rd1 Bf5**
[11...0-0 12.Be3 Qa5 13.Bc4 Bf5 14.Qh4 Ne5 15.Nxe5 Qxe5 16.0-0 Qe4 17.Qxe4 Bxe4 18.Bd5 Bxd5 19.Rxd5 Bf6 20.Rd7 b6 21.Rfd1 Kg7 22.g4 h6 23.Rb7 Rfc8 24.Rdd7 Rc4 25.h3 Ra4 26.a3 Bortnyk,O (2608)-Dominguez Perez,L (2748) chess.com INT 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (93)]
12.Qa4 Qa5N 0.41/21
[12...Qb6= 0.05/19]
[12...0-0 13.Be3 Qa5
A) 14.Qxa5 Nxa5
A1) 15.Nd4 Bg4 *(15...Rfc8 16.Nxf5 gxf5 17.Rd5 Nc4 18.Bxc4 Rxc4 19.Rxf5 Rd8 20.Ke2 e5 21.Rd1 Rxd1 22.Kxd1 Ra4 23.a3 f6 24.Rh5 Bf8 25.Rh3 b5 26.Ke2 a5 27.Bb6 h6 28.Rd3 b4 29.axb4 axb4 30.c4* Song,E (2391)-Arutla,A (2161) Sunnyvale 2023 1-0 (51) *)* 16.f3 Bxd4 17.Rxd4 Be6 18.Ra4 b6 19.Ba6 Rfd8 20.c4 Bd7 21.Ra3 Bc8 22.Bb5 Bd7 23.Bxd7 Rxd7 24.Rc3 Rc8 25.b3 b5 26.c5 Nc6 27.Ke2 Rcd8 28.a3 a6 29.Ra1 f6 Iwanczuk,K (1950)-Ugorek,K (1990) Wroclaw 2023 1-0 (60);
A2) 15.Be2 Rfd8 16.0-0 Bc2 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 18.Bxa7 Nc6 19.Bb6 Rd7 20.Rc1 Be4 21.Rd1 Rxd1+ 22.Bxd1 Bd5 23.a4 e5 24.Kf1 f5 25.Nd2 e4 26.Bb3 Bxb3 27.Nxb3 Bf8 28.Bc5 Bh6 Bortnyk,O (2603)-Saya,E (2257) Chess.com INT 2024 MegaBase2025-Update05 [monko] 1-0 (52);
B) 14.Qh4 Ne5 15.Nxe5 Bxe5 16.Bc4 Rac8 17.Bb3 Bf6 18.Qg3 Qa6 19.Qf3 Rfd8 20.g4 Rxd1+ 21.Qxd1 Be4 22.Rg1 e6 23.g5 Rd8 24.Qg4 Bf5 25.Qc4 b5 26.Qc7 Rc8 27.Qxa7 Bortnyk,O (2605)-Lobanov,S (2536) Chess.com INT 2023 Mega2023 Update 24 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (38)]
13.Qxa5± Nxa5 14.Bb5+ Nc6 15.0-0 a6 16.Ba4 b5 17.Bb3 0-0 18.h3

Rad8 19.Bd5 Rc8 20.g4 Be6 21.Rfe1 Bxd5 22.Rxd5 b4 23.cxb4 Nxb4 24.Rd7 e6 0.63/23
[24...Rfd8!= -0.04/20 25.Rexe7 *(25.Rdxe7 Nd3∓)* 25...Nd5 26.Rxd8+ Rxd8]
25.Bd6 &Bianco is more active. **25...Nc2** White stays focused until the end. **26.Re2 Rfe8 27.Be5 Nb4** 2.08/21
[27...Bxe5± 0.76/19 28.Nxe5 f6]



28.Bxg7!+- Kxg7

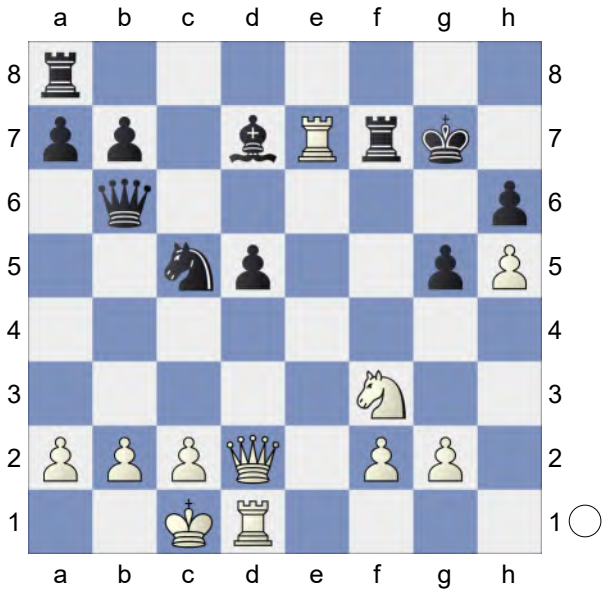


29.Ng5! h6? 3.30/22
[29...Rc5 1.73/19 was called for.]
30.Nxf7
[30.Rxf7+ Kg8±]
30...Kf6 31.Nxh6 Strongly threatening Rf7+.
[Weaker is 31.Nd6 Re7 32.g5+ *(32.Nxc8 Rxd7 33.b3 Nd5=)* 32...hxg5 33.Ne4+ *(33.Nxc8 Rxd7 34.b3 Nd5=)* 33...Kf7 34.Nxg5+ *(34.Nd6+ Kf8±)* 34...Kf8+-]
31...g5 32.Nf7 Nd6 is the strong threat. **32...Nd5 33.Ne5**
[But not 33.Nd6 Rc1+ 34.Kh2 Rf8]
33...Re7 Inhibits Rf7+. **34.Rxe7 Kxe7** Endgame KRN-KRN **35.Kh2 Rc1** 2.75/24
[⌓35...Nf4 1.80/23 36.Re4 Rc2]
36.Nf3 Kf6 37.h4 gxh4 38.Nxh4 Kg5 2.26/23
[⌓38...Nf4 1.86/22 39.Re4 Nd3]
39.Kg3 Kf6 40.f4 Ra1 41.g5+ Kf7 42.a3 a5 3.61/22
[42...Rg1+ 2.55/22 was necessary. 43.Ng2 Rd1]
43.Nf3 Ne7 44.Nd4 Rg1+ 45.Kf2 Rb1 46.Nxe6 Nf5 47.Kf3 Rf1+ 48.Kg4 Ne7 49.Nd8+ Kf8 50.Ne6+? 0.01/17
[White should play 50.Nb7+- 5.21/22]
50...Kf7= 51.Nc5 Rg1+ 52.Kf3 Rf1+ 53.Kg3 Rc1 54.Nd3 Rd1 55.Ne5+ Kg7 5.45/20
[⌓55...Kf8 3.59/20 56.Nf3 Rd3]
56.Ng4 Nf5+ 57.Kf2 Rd3? 5.15/21
[57...Rd4 2.93/23 58.Kf3 Nh4+ 59.Kg3 Nf5+ 60.Kh3 *(60.Kf3 Nh4+ 61.Kg3 Nf5+ 62.Kh3 Rxf4+-)* 60...Rxf4]
58.Ne3 Nd4 5.98/23
[58...Kg6 2.88/19 59.Nxf5 Kxf5]
59.Re1+- Rd2+ 60.Kg3 Rxb2 61.Rd1 Ne6 62.Rd7+ Kf8 63.Kg4 Rf2 64.Nd5 Nd4 65.g6 White wants to mate with g7+. **65...Ne6** Prevents g7+. **66.Rf7+**

9.71/5
[⌓66.f5 #12/20 Rg2+ 67.Kf3 Nf4 68.Nxf4 Rg1 69.f6 Ke8 70.f7+ Kxd7 71.f8Q]
66...Ke8 67.Nc7+ Kd8 68.Nxe6+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.26 (precise) /Black=0.32
1-0

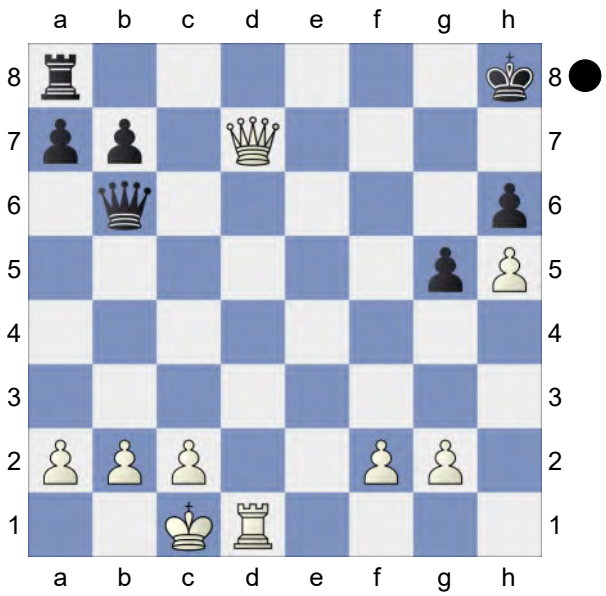
501 **A45**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2601**
■ **George,Kevin** **2288**
Titled Tue 11th Mar Late blitz (4) 11.3.25
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e4 cxd4 5.Qxd4 Nc6 6.Bb5 Bd7 7.Bxc6 Bxc6 8.e5** The position is equal. **8...Nd7 9.e6 fxe6 10.Nf3** Prevents e5. **10...Qb6 11.Qd2 g6**
[11...d4 12.Nxd4 *(12.Qxd4 Qxd4 13.Nxd4 Bxg2 14.Rg1 e5 15.Ne6 exf4 16.Rxg2 Rc8 17.Rd1 g6 18.Rg4 Nf6 19.Rxf4 Bh6 20.Ra4 Kf7 21.Nd4 a6 22.Rb4 Rc7 23.Nf3 Rhc8 24.a4 Ke8 25.Rd3 Bc1 26.Nd4 Bxb2* Bortnyk,O (2608)-Lazavik,D (2578) Chess.com INT 2024 Mega2024 Update 38 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (31) *)* 12...Bxg2 13.Ndb5 e5 14.Be3 Qc6 15.Rg1 a6 16.Na7 Rxa7 17.Bxa7 Bf3 18.Be3 e6 19.Ne2 Qd5 20.0-0-0 Qxd2+ 21.Rxd2 Nf6 22.Nc3 Bc6 23.Rg5 Nd7 24.Rg4 h5 25.Rg5 Kf7 26.Ne4 Nihal,S (2687)-Le,T (2598) Chess.com INT 2025 1-0 (59)]
12.0-0-0
[12.0-0 Bg7 13.Rfe1 0-0 14.Rxe6 Qxb2 15.Rf1 Qxc3 16.Qc1 Nc5 17.Re3 Qf6 18.Be5 Qf5 19.Bxg7 Kxg7 20.Rxe7+ Rf7 21.Qe3 Ne4 22.Nd4 Qf6 23.Rxf7+ Qxf7 24.f3 Nf6 25.Qc3 Kg8 26.Ra1 Re8 Nihalsarin2004 (2922)-BabaRamdev (2759) Blitz 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (49)]
12...Bg7 13.Rhe1 Nc5N
[13...0-0 14.Bh6 Bxh6 15.Qxh6 Rf6 16.Rd2 3) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5-1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.]
14.Be5 0-0 15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.Nd4 Bd7 17.h4 h6 18.h5 next hxg6 is good for White. **18...g5! 19.Nf3** -0.45/16
[19.g3= 0.01/17]
19...Rf6!∓ 20.Nxd5 -1.79/20 **exd5-+ 21.Rxe7+ Rf7??** 1.75/23
[21...Kf8-+ -1.78/20 avoids the disaster. 22.Re2 Bg4 23.Qxd5 Bxh5]



22.Qd4+ Kg8 23.Rxf7 Really sharp!
23...Kxf7 24.Ne5+ Kg8? 3.32/23
[24...Ke8± 0.75/21 was called for.]
25.Nxd7+- Nxd7 26.Qxd5+ Kh8 27.Qxd7

(Diagram)



Strongly threatening Rd6. **27...Qxf2 28.Qxb7** KQR-KQR. Active counter play! **28...Re8 29.Qc6 Qe3+ 30.Kb1 g4?** 6.67/23

[30...Re6 3.44/21 31.Qd7 Kg8]

31.a4 Re7 32.Rd8+ Kg7 33.Qg6# Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=1.04

1-0

502 **A45**

□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2601**

■ **Demchenko,Anton** **2619**

Chess.com Classic Play-In blitz (3)

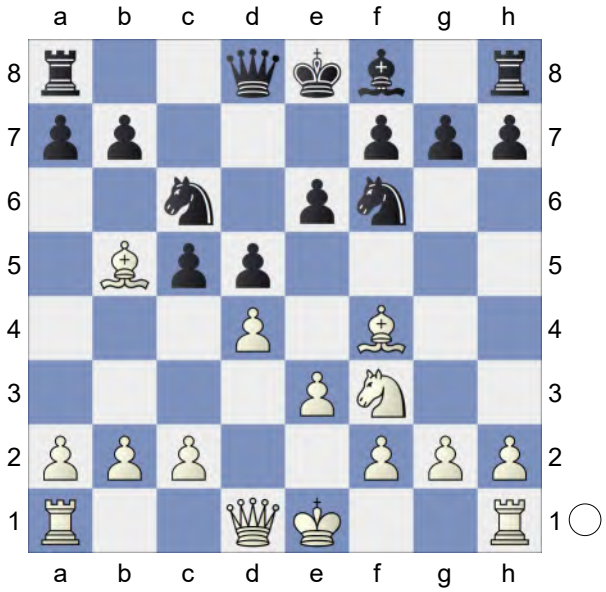
[TA]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines

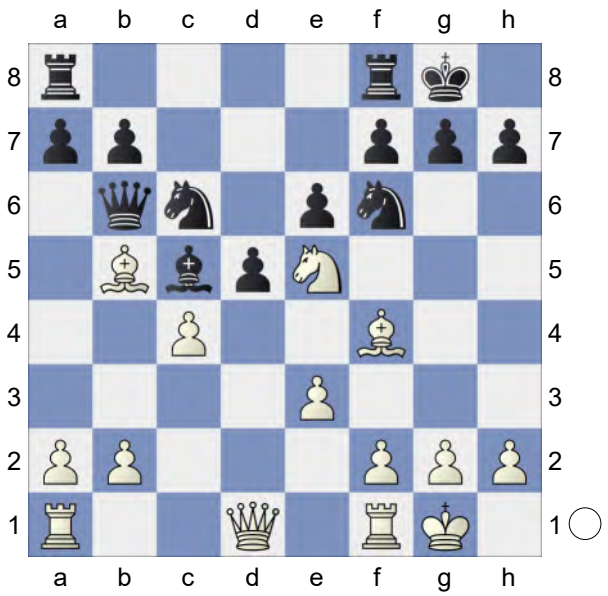
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N

[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (120 (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ (41) Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 (41) Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 (23) Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]

3.Bf4 Bd7 4.e3 e6 5.Nf3 c5 6.Nb5 Bxb5 7.Bxb5+ Nc6



...Qa5+ would now be deadly. **8.0-0** White is slightly better. **8...Be7 9.Ne5 Qb6 10.c4** aiming for Qa4. **10...0-0! 11.dxc5 Bxc5**



12.b4 -0.20/24 **Be7**
[Of course not 12...Bxb4?! 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Rb1±]
13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Bg5 -0.33/22
[14.Rb1± 0.32/20]
14...Rfe8
[But not 14...Bxb4?! 15.Bxf6 gxf6 16.Nd7±]
15.Rb1 Qc7 16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.Nf3 dxc4 18.Qc2 c3 Strongly threatening ... a5. **19.Nd4! Bxd4 20.exd4** The position is equal. **20...a5**
[20...Red8 simplifies 21.Qxc3 Rd6 22.a3 Rb8]
21.a4 e5 22.Qxc3 exd4 23.Qxd4 axb4 24.Rxb4 c5 25.Qc4 Qa7 26.Rb5 Qxa4 27.Qxa4 Rxa4 28.Rxc5= Endgame. KRR-KRR **28...Rae4 29.g3 g6 30.Kg2 Re1 31.Rxe1 Rxe1** KR-KR **32.h4 h5 33.Kf3 Re6 34.Kf4 Kg7 35.Rc7 Rf6+ 36.Ke3 Re6+ 37.Kf3 Rf6+ 38.Kg2 Re6 39.Rc4 Kf6 40.Kf3 Ra6 41.Rb4 Rc6 42.Ra4 Rb6 43.Re4 Ra6 44.Re3 Rb6 45.Rc3 Rd6 46.Rb3 Rc6 47.Rb4 Rd6 48.Kf4 Rc6 49.Rd4 Ra6 50.Re4 Rb6 51.Kf3 Ra6 52.Rf4+ Ke6 53.g4 Ra3+ 54.Kg2 hxg4 55.Rxg4 Ra5 56.Re4+ Re5 57.Rf4 Rf5 58.Ra4 Rc5 59.Kg3 Kf6 60.Rf4+ Ke6 61.Re4+ Kf6 62.Rf4+ Ke6 63.Rb4 Kf6 64.Rb6+ Kg7 65.Ra6 Rb5 66.f3 Rc5 67.Ra4 Rd5 68.Re4 Rb5 69.Kf4 Rf5+ 70.Kg3 Rb5 71.Rd4 Rf5 72.Kg4 Rb5 73.Rd3 Rb4+ 74.f4 Rb1 75.Re3 Rg1+ 76.Kh3 Rh1+ 77.Kg3 Rg1+ 78.Kh3 Rh1+ 79.Kg3 Rg1+ 80.Kh3**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.05 (flawless)
½-½

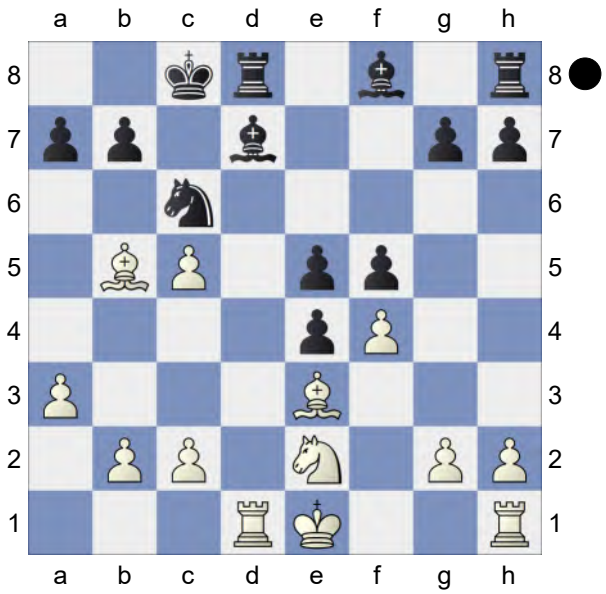
503 **A45**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2601**
■ **Moussard,Jules** **2592**
Titled Tue 18th Mar Late blitz (7) 18.3.25
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e4 Nxe4 5.Nxe4 dxe4 6.dxc5 Qxd1+ 7.Rxd1** And now Bxb8 would win. **7...Nc6 8.Bb5N**
[8.Be3 e5 9.f3 exf3 10.Nxf3 f6 11.Bc4 Bg4 12.0-0 Rd8 13.h3 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Nd4 15.c3 Nf5 16.Bb5+ Ke7 17.Bf2 a6 18.Ba4 g6 19.Rxd8 Kxd8 20.Rd1+ Kc8 21.Bd7+ Kc7 22.Be6 Bh6 Bortnyk,O (2603)-Prazak, D (2321) chess.com INT 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (31)]
[8.a3 e5 9.Be3 f5 10.g3 f4 *(10...Be6 11.Bb5 Be7 12.f4 Bf6 13.Rd6 Ke7 14.c3 Rhd8 15.Bxc6 bxc6 16.fxe5 Bxe5 17.Bg5+ Bf6 18.Bxf6+ Kxf6 19.Rxc6 Rac8 20.Rxc8 Rxc8 21.b4 Rd8 22.Ne2 Rd3 23.c6 Ke5 24.b5 g6 25.a4* G0Dzilla (2739)-Lintchevski,D (2892) Blitz 2024 [Kitty Kat] 0-1 (43)*)* 11.gxf4 exf4 12.Bxf4 Bxc5 13.b4 Bb6

14.Bc4 Bg4 15.Ne2 Rf8 16.Bg3 Rc8 17.Bb5 a6 18.Ba4 Bf3 19.Rg1 g6 20.c4 Bc7 21.Bxc7 Rxc7 22.Rd5 Ke7 Monoboy2016 (2749)-Realdavidnavara (2897) Blitz 2024 [monko] ½-½ (45)]

8...Bd7 9.Ne2 e5 10.Be3
[10.Bxc6!? Bxc6 11.Bxe5=]

10...0-0-0 11.a3 f5 12.f4 -1.21/20
[12.b4∓ -0.32/18]



12...exf3 -0.41/19
[Black should try 12...exf4!∓ -1.21/20 13.Bxf4 *(13.Nxf4 g5∓)* 13...Bxc5]

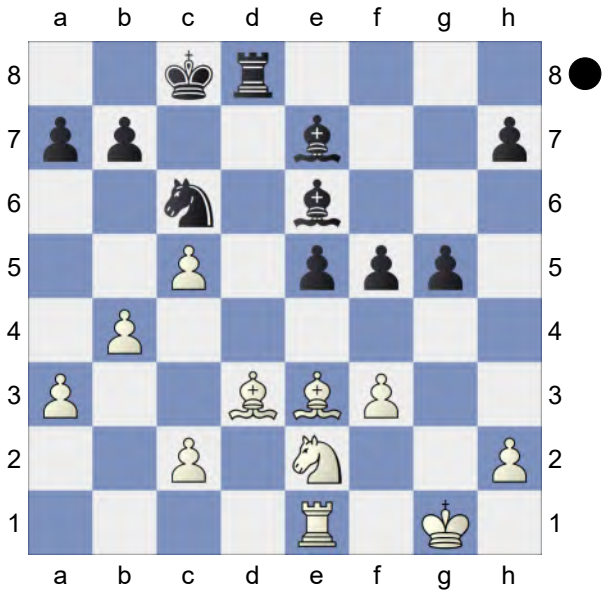
13.gxf3∓ Be7! 14.0-0 Be6 15.b4 -0.99/19
[15.Bf2∓ -0.68/19]

15...Rxd1 -0.67/21
[15...a6∓ -0.99/19 16.Bd3 Kb8]

16.Rxd1 Rd8 -0.32/18
[16...a6 -0.66/18 might be stronger. 17.Bxc6 bxc6]

17.Re1 -0.63/21
[17.Rxd8+ -0.32/18 deserves consideration. Kxd8 18.Bd3]

17...g5 18.Bd3 -1.34/21
[18.Bf2!∓ -0.42/19]



18...e4!↑ Keeping White busy. **19.fxe4 f4 20.Bf2 Ne5** Black has strong compensation. **21.Rd1** -2.32/22
[⌓21.Rc1 -1.62/21]

21...Bg4-+ 22.Kf1 Bh3+ -0.94/5
[22...h5-+ -1.68/23 Threatens to win with ...h4. 23.c6 Nxc6]

23.Kg1∓ Bg4 -0.01/20
[23...Bf6∓ -1.26/22 aiming for ...Bg4. 24.Nc1 Bg4]

24.Kf1= Bf3 -1.16/18
[24...h5-+ -1.63/22 25.c6 Nxc6]

25.Ke1 Bg4 -0.01/19
[25...Bf6∓ -1.16/21 ...Bg4 is the strong threat. 26.Rd2 Bh5]

26.Kf1! Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) /Black=0.32
½-½

504 **A45**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2601**
■ **Fressinet,Laurent** **2588**
Chessable Masters Play-In blitz (5)
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3**

Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.Ne5 Nd7 8.a3 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 c6 10.Nc3 c5N
[10...Nb8 11.Bd3 Nd7 12.Qh5 g6 13.Qh6 Nxe5 14.dxe5 f6 15.Bxg6 hxg6 16.Qxg6+ Kh8 17.Qh6+ Kg8 18.Qg6+ Kh8 19.h4 Bc5 20.Qh6+ Kg8 21.Qg6+ Kh8 22.Na4 fxe5 23.Qh5+ Kg8 24.Rh3 Rf7 25.Rg3+ Bortnyk,O (2608)-Sargsyan,S (2649) Chess.com INT 2024 Mega2024 Update 48 [Kitty Kat] 1-0]
11.Bxa6 -0.16/20
[⌓11.Qf3 0.17/17]
11...bxa6= 12.0-0 Bd7 13.Re1 -0.21/19
[⌓13.e4! 0.15/19]
13...f6 14.Bg3 Qb6 15.Rb1 Rac8 16.Ne2 Rfe8 17.h4 Bf8 18.c3 Red8 0.04/21
[18...Bc6∓ -0.43/18 deserves consideration.]
19.Nf4 Be8 20.h5 Bf7
[20...Be7 seems wilder. 21.Qg4 Rc6 22.Rbd1 Bf7]
21.b4 cxd4 22.cxd4 Rc3 23.Ra1 -0.51/20
[White should try 23.h6= 0.05/20]
23...Rdc8!∓ 24.Qg4 Qc6 25.Bh4 e5 26.Ne2 Rc2 0.07/20
[26...Rc4 -0.29/22 is more appropriate.]
27.Bg3? -2.29/24
[27.h6!= 0.07/20]
27...Qe8-+ 28.Qh4 Bxh5 29.Nc1 g5 30.Qh2 -3.31/21
[⌓30.Qh3 -1.93/23]
30...exd4 31.Nd3 Re2 32.exd4 Rc3 33.Rxe2 -3.31/23
[⌓33.f3 -2.07/24]
33...Qxe2
[Inferior is 33...Bxe2 34.Nc5∓]
34.Nc5 Bg4

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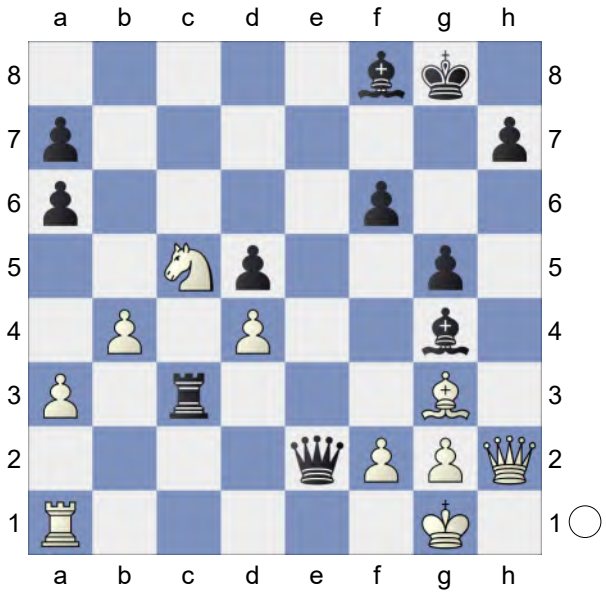
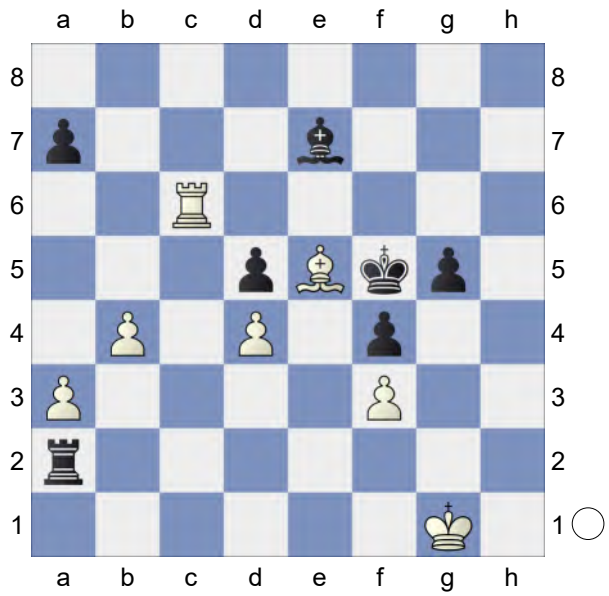


aiming for ...Rxa3! **35.f3** -3.09/23
[⌓35.Kh1 -1.97/21]
35...Bf5 36.Kh1 Rc2 -1.27/20
[Black should play 36...Qb2-+ -1.96/21 37.Rg1 Rc4]
37.Re1 Qd2 38.Qg1 -2.18/21
[⌓38.Nxa6 -1.61/20 g4 39.Nc5]
38...h5 Hoping for ...h4. **39.Nb3** -3.49/23
[39.Rf1 -2.03/18 was worth a try.]
39...Qc3 40.Qe3 Qxe3 -2.31/22
[⌓40...h4 -4.07/22 41.Bf2 Qb2]
41.Rxe3 Kf7 42.Bb8 Ra2 43.Nc5 h4 44.Kg1 h3 45.gxh3 Bxh3 46.Nxa6 f5 47.Be5 -2.43/25
[47.Bxa7∓ -1.13/19 was necessary. f4 48.Rb3]
47...f4 48.Rc3 Be7 -0.98/20
[48...Rg2+-+ -1.91/22 49.Kh1 Rg3]
49.Nc7 -1.86/22
[49.b5∓ -0.98/20 keeps fighting.]
49...Be6? 0.01/23
[49...Rg2+-+ -1.86/22 50.Kh1 Rg3]
50.Nxe6= Kxe6 Endgame KRB-KRB
51.Rc6+ Kf5

(Diagram)



Threatens to win with ...g4. **52.Rc7 Ke6 53.Rc6+ Kf5 54.Rc7 Ke6 55.Rxa7 g4 56.fxg4 f3 57.Ra6+ Kf7 58.Ra7** And now Bd6 would win. **58...Ke8 59.Ra8+ Kd7 60.Ra7+ Ke6 61.Ra6+ Kf7 62.Ra7** Strongly threatening Bd6. **62...Kf8 63.Ra8+**

[63.Rc7!? Rxa3 64.Rc1±]

63...Kf7 64.Ra7 Whites escaped into a draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.33/Black=0.22 (precise)

½-½

505 **D00**

□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2601**

■ **Henriquez Villagra,Cristobal** **2597**

Titled Tue 18th Feb Late blitz (8) 18.2.25

[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 h6 5.Nf3 e6 6.a3 c5 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.Bd3 Nc6 9.0-0 Bd6N**

[9...0-0 10.e4 Re8 11.e5 Nd7 12.Qd2 Bf8 13.h3 b5 14.Rfe1 Bb7 15.Ne2 Nc5 16.Ng3 Rc8 17.Nh5 Ne4 18.Qc1 Ne7 19.Bxh6 gxh6 20.Bxe4 dxe4 21.Nf6+ Kg7 22.Nh2 Nf5 23.Qf4 Be7 24.Rad1 Bortnyk,O (2608)-Sarana,A (2717) chess.com INT 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (80)]

10.Bxd6 Qxd6 11.e4 dxe4

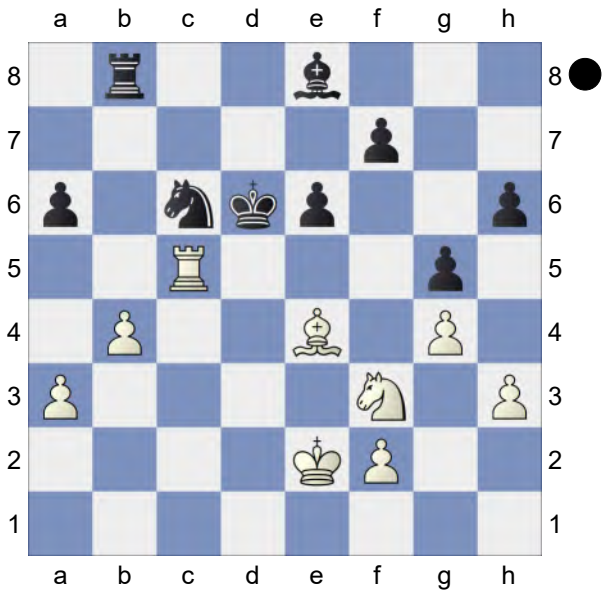
[11...d4 looks sharper. 12.Na4 e5 13.c4 dxc3 14.Nxc3 0-0]

12.Nxe4

[12.Bxe4 keeps more tension. Nxe4 13.Nxe4 Qf4 14.Qe2]

12...Nxe4 13.Bxe4 Qxd1 14.Rfxd1 Bd7 15.b4 Ke7 16.c4 Rhc8 17.c5 Rab8 18.Rac1 Be8 19.Kf1 g5 20.h3 Rd8 21.g4 Rxd1+ 22.Rxd1 b6 23.Rc1 bxc5 24.Rxc5 Kd6 25.Ke2? -1.71/23

[25.Nd2= 0.28/21 and White has nothing to worry.]



25...Nxb4!-+ 26.Rc3 Bc6 27.axb4 -1.86/22

[27.Bxc6∓ -1.39/22 Nxc6 28.Rd3+ Kc7 29.Rc3]

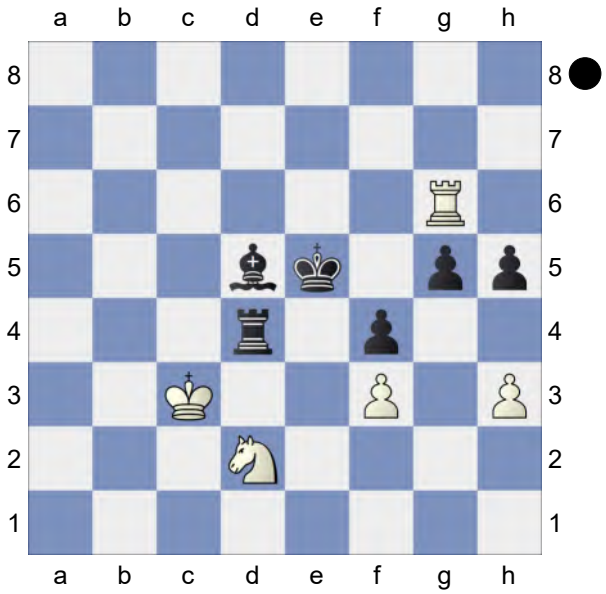
27...Bxe4∓ Endgame KRB-KRN **28.Ra3 Rb6 29.Nd2 Bd5 30.f3** -2.65/25

[⌓30.Kd3 -1.85/22]

30...Ke5

[30...Rxb4? 31.Rxa6+ Ke5 32.Ra7-+]

31.Ke3 f5
[Avoid the trap 31...Rxb4? 32.Rxa6 h5 33.Ra5]
32.gxf5 exf5 33.Ra5 And now Nc4+ would win. **33...f4+** -1.55/22
[Black should try 33...Rxb4-+ -2.98/22 ...Rh4 is the strong threat. 34.Ke2 Rh4]
34.Kd3 aiming for Nc4+. **34...Rxb4** -0.33/25
[Better is 34...Ke6-+ -1.73/24 Strongly threatening ...Bc6. 35.Nc4 Bxc4+ 36.Kxc4 Kf6]
35.Rxa6∓ Rd4+ 36.Kc3 h5 37.Rg6

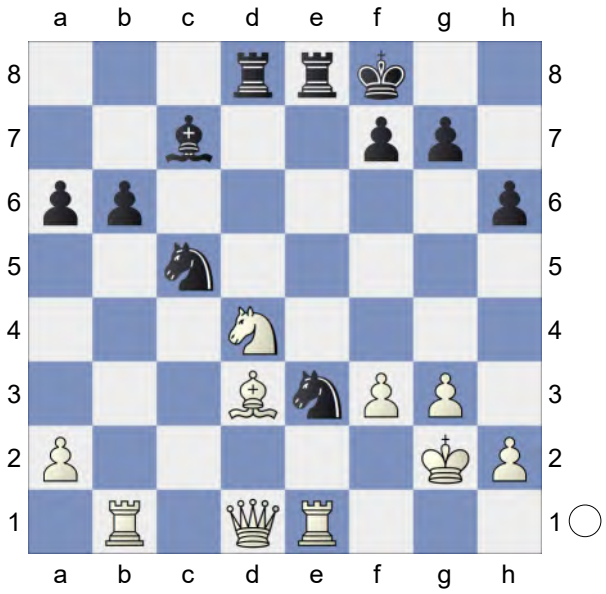


Ra4 0.05/26
[37...Rxd2! -0.29/26 deserves consideration. 38.Kxd2 Kf5]
38.Rxg5+= The position is equal. **38...Ke6 39.Rxh5 Bxf3 40.Nxf3** KRN-KR **40...Ra3+ 41.Kd4 Rxf3** KR-KR **42.Ke4 Rf1 43.Re5+ Kf6** (→ ...Re1+) **44.Rf5+ Kg6 45.Rxf4 Rxf4+ 46.Kxf4** KP-K **46...Kh5 47.Kg3 Kg5 48.h4+ Kh5 49.Kh3 Kh6 50.Kg4 Kg6 51.h5+ Kh6 52.Kh4 Kh7 53.Kg5 Kg7 54.h6+ Kh7 55.Kh5 Kh8 56.Kg6 Kg8 57.h7+ Kh8 58.Kh6** Black had all chances to win. Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.13 (very precise)
½-½

506 **A45**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2601**
■ **Sevian,Samuel** **2694**
Titled 5th Apr Late (10) 15.04.2025
[TA]

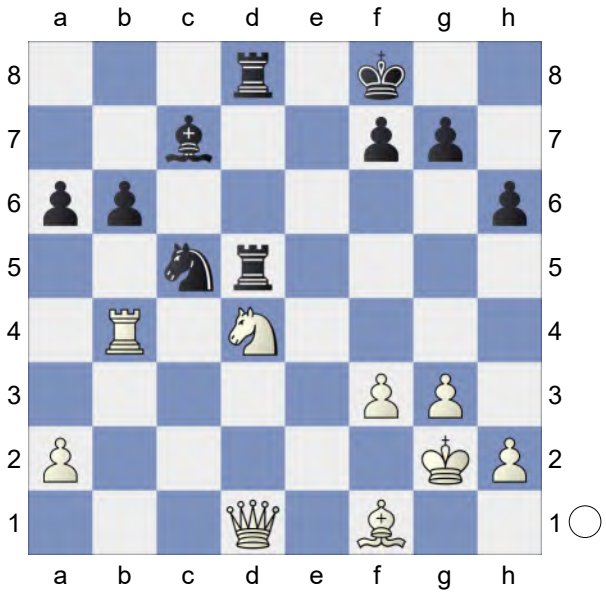
D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N
[2...c5 3.d5 g6 4.e4 d6 5.Bb5+ *(5.Nf3 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.a4 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nbd7 11.Re1 a6 12.Bf1 e5 13.a5 Ne8 14.Bd3 Qh4 15.Qg4 Qxg4 16.hxg4 Rc8 17.b3 Nef6 18.g5 Ne8 19.g3 f6* 0-1 (79) Sadykov,R (2345)-Skliarov,V (2383) Julius Baer Play In rapid 2023 (3.76)*; 5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leis Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 0-1 (57) Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig,F (1863) Rheinhessen-ch H1 op 1997 (2)]
[2...e6 3.e4 c5 4.d5 d6 5.Bb5+ Bd7 6.a4 e5 7.Nge2 g6 8.0-0 a6 9.Bxd7+ Nbxd7 10.Ng3 Bg7 11.Ra3 0-0 12.a5 h6 13.Qe2 Kh7 14.Nd1 Ne8 15.Ne3 Nc7 16.c4 Rh8 17.Bd2 0-1 (42) Obran,H-Renaud,G (2365) Saint Louis 132/(142) 2017

(10)]
3.Bf4 h6 4.e3 a6 5.Bd3 c5 6.dxc5 Nbd7 0.87/18
[6...Nc6= 0.09/18 keeps the balance.]
7.b4± White has more active pieces.
7...e5 8.Bg3 White is slightly better.
8...b6 1.25/20
[⌓8...h5 0.84/17]
9.c6 Nb8 10.Bxe5 aiming for c7.
10...Bxb4? 3.43/19
[10...Nxc6± 1.28/19 11.Bxf6 Qxf6 12.Nxd5 Bxb4+ 13.Kf1 Qd8]
11.c7+- Bxc3+ 12.Kf1
[12.Bxc3 Qxc7 13.Bxf6 gxf6±]
12...Bxe5 13.cxd8Q+
[13.cxd8R+ Kxd8 14.Rc1 Ra7+-]
13...Kxd8 14.Rb1 Nbd7 15.Nf3 Bc7 16.c4 Ke7 17.cxd5 Bb7 18.e4 Rhe8 19.Nd4 Kf8 20.f3 Nc5 21.g3 Rad8 22.Kg2 Bxd5 23.exd5 Nxd5 White must now prevent ...Ne3+. **24.Re1 Ne3+**

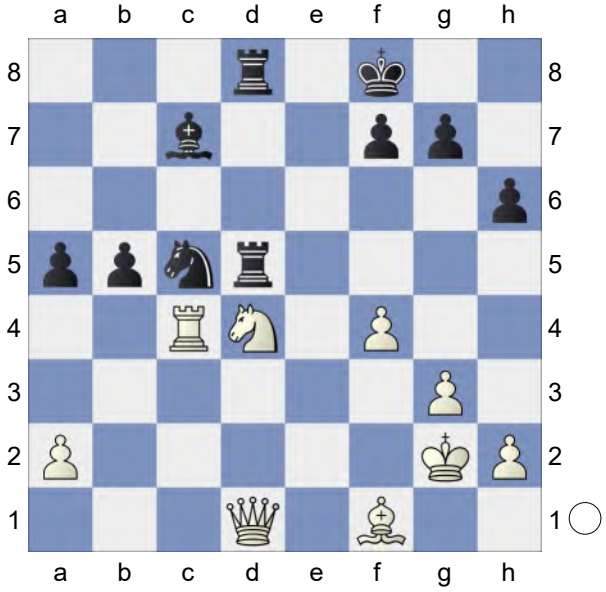


25.Rxe3! Rxe3 26.Bf1 Re5 27.Rb4 Red5

(Diagram)

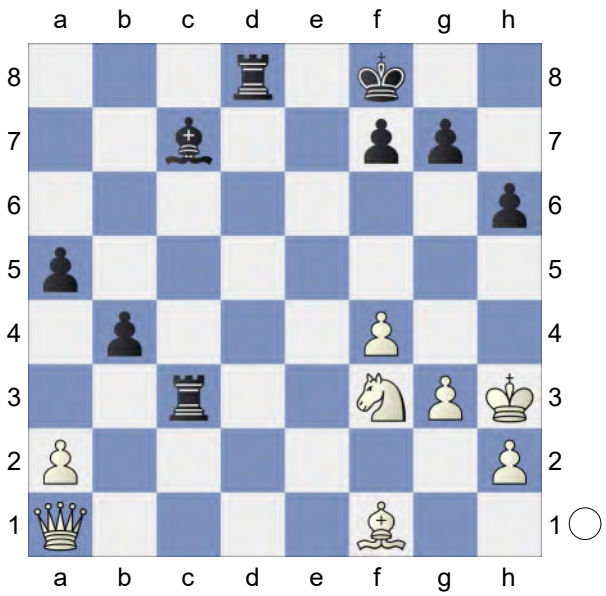


28.f4! a5 29.Rc4 b5



30.Rxc5 Rxc5 31.Qa1
[31.Bxb5 Rxb5 32.Qe2 Rc5∓ *(32...Rxd4? 33.Qxb5 Rd2+ 34.Kh3+-)*]
31...b4 32.Nf3 Rc2+ 33.Kh3 Rc3

(Diagram)

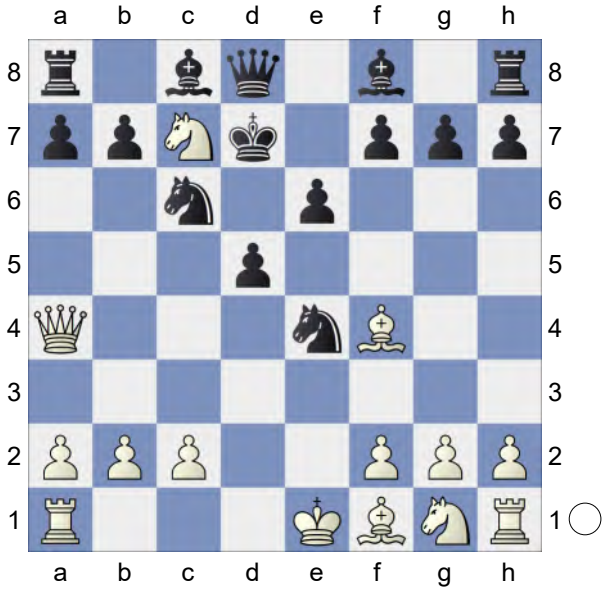


34.Ne5 Bxe5 2.72/23
[⌓34...Rd4 1.79/18 35.Qb1 g6 36.Nxg6+ Demolition fxg6 37.Qxg6 Rxf4]
35.fxe5 Rd2 2.90/22
[⌓35...Rc5 2.06/20 36.e6 fxe6]
36.Qe1 Rcc2 37.Qe4? 0.01/25
[37.Kg4+- 1.66/20]
37...g6= The position is equal. **38.Kg4** Strongly threatening Bd3. **38...Rxh2 39.Bd3 Rcf2 40.Qb7 Kg7** ...h5+ is the strong threat. **41.Be4** And now Qa7 would win. The board is on fire.
[Wrong is 41.e6? h5+ 42.Kg5 Rhg2-+]
41...a4 Hoping for ...b3! **42.e6** Threatens to win with Bf3. **42...Rh5! 43.exf7 Rg5+ 44.Kh3 Rh5+ 45.Kg4 Rg5+ 46.Kh3 Rh5+ 47.Kg4** Black escapes into a draw.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.18 (very precise)
½-½

507 **A45**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2601**
■ **Putnam,Liam** **2419**
Titled Tue 8th Apr Early blitz (4) 8.4.25
[TA]

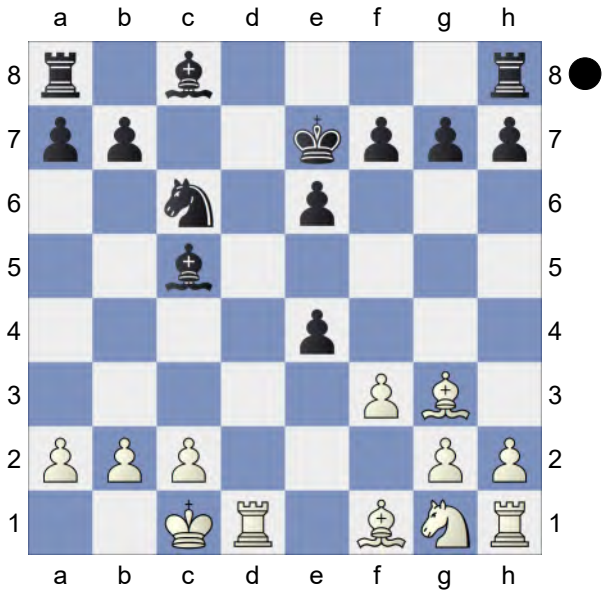
D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (120 (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ (41) Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 (41) Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 (23) Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]
3.Bf4 c5 4.e4 cxd4 5.Qxd4 Nc6 6.Qa4 -0.64/20
[6.Bb5= -0.03/21 Bd7 7.Bxc6 Bxc6 8.e5]

6...e6 0.64/20
[6...dxe4∓ -0.64/20 7.Nxe4 e5 8.Nxf6+ gxf6]
7.Nb5
[7.exd5 simplifies Nxd5 8.0-0-0 Bd6 9.Nxd5 exd5 10.Ne2]
7...Nxe4 1.76/21
[7...e5± 0.49/18]
8.Nc7++- White is clearly better. **8...Kd7**

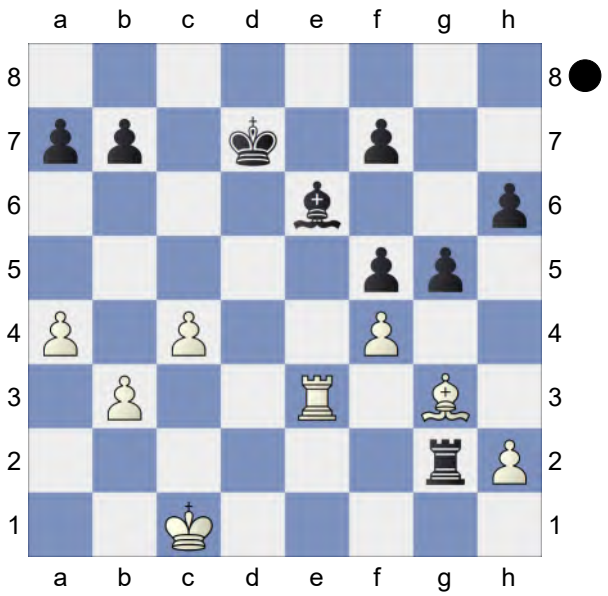


9.Qxe4? -0.95/23 **Qxc7!∓**
[9...dxe4 10.0-0-0+ Ke7 *(10...Bd6? 11.Bxd6 Qg8 12.Nxa8+-)* 11.Rxd8 *(11.Nxa8? Qa5-+)* 11...Kxd8 12.Nxa8]
10.Bxc7 -1.53/22
[⌓10.0-0-0 -0.80/20 Bd6 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.Qg4]
10...dxe4 11.Bg3 Bc5 12.0-0-0+ Ke7 13.f3

(Diagram)



e3 -0.74/18
[13...exf3!-+ -1.63/20 and Black stays clearly on top. 14.Nxf3 f6]
14.Bb5 -1.66/20
[14.Ne2∓ -0.74/18]
14...Nd4 -0.98/18
[14...f6-+ -1.66/20 White must now prevent ...h5. 15.Ne2 Re8 16.Bxc6 bxc6]
15.Bd3 Bd7 16.c3 Nf5 17.Bxf5 exf5 18.Ne2 Rhd8 19.Rd5 Rac8 20.Nd4 Dodges Bb5 **20...Bxd4** -0.33/23
[Better is 20...Be6∓ -1.37/23 21.Rxd8 Rxd8]
21.Rxd4∓ Be6 22.Rxd8 Rxd8 Endgame. KRB-KRB
[Don't take 22...Kxd8 23.Bf4∓]
23.Re1? -2.38/20
[23.Rd1!∓ -0.47/24]
23...Rd2-+
[Worse is 23...Bxa2 24.Bf4=]
24.Rxe3 Rxg2 25.c4 g5 Threatens to win with ...f4. **26.f4 h6 27.a4** -2.28/25
[⌓27.Rb3 -1.75/19]
27...Kd7? -0.45/24
[Black should play 27...Kf6-+ -2.28/25 28.b3 Kg6]
28.b3∓



f6 -0.11/23 Black is more active.
[28...Ke7!∓ -0.76/21 29.Rd3 Ra2]
29.Rd3+= Kc6 30.fxg5 fxg5 31.Rd6+ Kc5! 32.Rxe6 Strongly threatening Re5+. KRB-KR **32...f4 33.Be1**
[33.Rxh6 simplifies fxg3 34.hxg3 Rxg3 35.Kc2]
33...Rxh2 34.Bc3 f3 Hoping for ...f2. **35.Re5+ Kc6 36.Rf5 g4** ...f2 would now be deadly. **37.Be5 Re2 38.Bd4 h5 39.Kd1** -1.50/26
[39.Rxh5= -0.01/23 keeps the balance. g3 40.Kd1]
39...h4∓ ...h3 is the strong threat. Black has strong compensation. **40.Rf4?** -6.20/26
[40.Bxa7 -2.17/20 h3 41.Bb8]
40...Rg2-+ And now ...h3 would win. Black is clearly winning. **41.Rf6+ Kd7 42.Rh6 h3 43.Be5 Rg1+ 44.Kd2 f2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.54/ Black=0.33
0-1

508 **D00**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2601**
■ **Mekhitarian,Krikor Sevag** **2564**
Titled 5. Apr Late (5) 15.04.2025
[TA]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
Including this game is basically just for a bit of fun. Black plays a very dodgy opening and his position is resignable after seven moves. However, White doesn't play the most precise refutation and before we know it Black has tremendous compensation for the piece.
Inf 2/50 **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 g6 *(3...Qa5 4.Bd2 b5 5.e4 b4 6.e5 bxc3 7.Bxc3 Qa4 8.exf6 Qe4+ 9.Qe2 Qxe2+ 10.Bxe2 gxf6 11.d6 e5 12.Bf3 Nc6 13.Bxc6 dxc6 14.f4 Bxd6* 0-1 Reynolds,R (2565)-Zanetti,A (2389) corr CNEC 15 jub 1993*; 3...e6 4.e4 exd5 5.e5 Qe7 6.Qe2 Ne4 7.Nxd5 Qxe5 8.Nc3 d5 9.f3 f5 10.fxe4 fxe4 11.Nf3 Qf5 12.Nh4 Qf7 13.Qf2 Qxf2+ 14.Kxf2 Be7 15.Bb5+ Nc6 16.g3 0-0+ 17.Ke1 Nd4 18.Ba4* 0-1 (27) Wohlfahrt,R (2127)-Grooten,H (2390) 20th Open B ? blingen GER 2003 (5)*)*
4.e4 d6 5.f4 *(5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Be2 Bg7 7.Nf3 0-0 8.0-0 Rb8 9.a4 a6 10.Nd2 Ne8 11.a5 Nc7 12.Nc4 Nb5 13.Na4 Nf6 14.Bd3 e6 15.Nab6 Re8 16.c3 Nc7 17.Bc2 exd5 18.exd5 Ncxd5 19.Nxd5 Nxd5* 1-0 (23) Kholmov,R-Stein,L Kislovodsk 2/50 1966*)* 5...Bg7 6.Bb5+ *(6.Nf3 0-0 7.Bd3 b5 8.Bxb5 Nxe4 9.Nxe4 Qa5+ 10.Ned2 Qxb5 11.c4 Qb6 12.0-0 Bf5 13.Qb3 Na6 14.Re1 Nb4 15.Nh4 Nc2 16.Nxf5 Qxb3 17.Nxe7+ Kh8 18.Nxb3 Nxe1 19.Bd2 Nd3 20.f5 Rfe8* 0-1 (47)

Ersoz,T (2109)-Shemyakinskiy,N (2307) Titled Tuesday intern op 04th Mar Early blitz 2025 (9)) 6...Nfd7 7.Bd3 0-0 8.Nf3 e6 9.dxe6 fxe6 10.0-0 a6 11.a4 Nc6 12.Kh1 Nb4 13.Be2 Nf6 14.Be3 b6 15.Ng5 h6 16.Nh3 Bb7 17.Bf3 1-0 (61) Borges-Bjazevic CADAP event? 1983]

3.Bf4 c5 4.e4 Nxe4 5.Nxe4 dxe4 6.dxc5 Qa5+ 7.c3! With the idea b4. **7...Qxc5 8.Qa4+** The position is equal. **8...Nc6 9.Qxe4 g6 10.Nf3 Bg7 11.Rd1**

[11.Qe3 simplifies Qxe3+ 12.Bxe3 0-0 13.0-0-0]

11...0-0 12.Be3 Qf5 13.Bd3 Qa5 14.Bc4 Bf5 15.Qh4 Ne5 16.Nxe5 Qxe5

[16...Bf6 is more complex. 17.Qh6 Qxe5 18.0-0 Rad8]

17.0-0 Qc7 ...Bf6 is the strong threat. **18.Bb3 Bf6 19.Bg5 Bxg5 20.Qxg5 Rfd8 21.h4** 0.00/23

[21.g4± 0.37/21 Be6 22.Bxe6 fxe6 23.Rde1]

21...Kg7 22.Rxd8 Rxd8 23.Re1 f6 24.Qe3 e5 25.Qxa7 And now Rd1 would win. **25...Rd2 26.Qe3**

[26.Qa3!?]

26...Rxb2 27.Rd1 Rb1 28.Rxb1 Bxb1= Endgame. KQB-KQB **29.Bd5 b6 30.a4 Bf5 31.c4 Bd7 32.Qa3 Bc8 33.Qb4 h5 34.g3 Ba6 35.Kh2 Bc8 36.Qb5 Bd7 37.Qa6 Bc8 38.Qa8 Kh6** 0.56/26

[38...f5= 0.00/23]

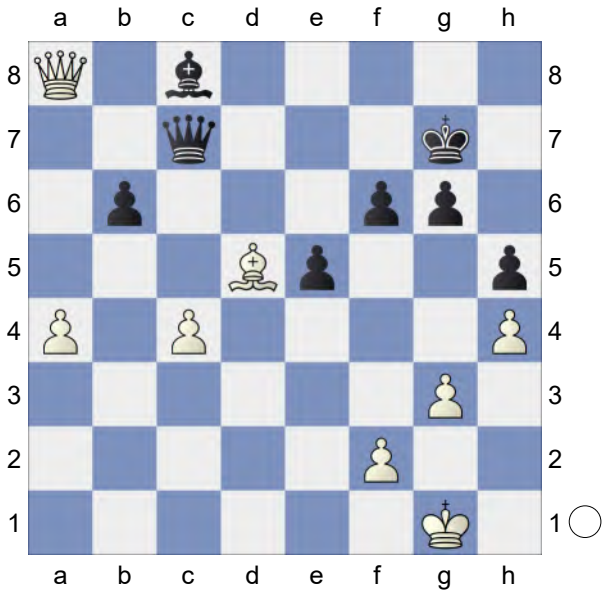
39.Kg1 0.12/26

[39.Qc6± 0.56/26 was preferrable. Qxc6 40.Bxc6]

39...Kg7 1.24/25

[39...g5= 0.12/26]

(Diagram)



40.Kg2 0.07/23

[40.c5!± 1.24/25 Hoping for cxb6. bxc5 *(40...Qxc5? loses. 41.Qa7+ Kh8 42.Qf7+-)* 41.Bc4]

40...Kh6 1.00/23

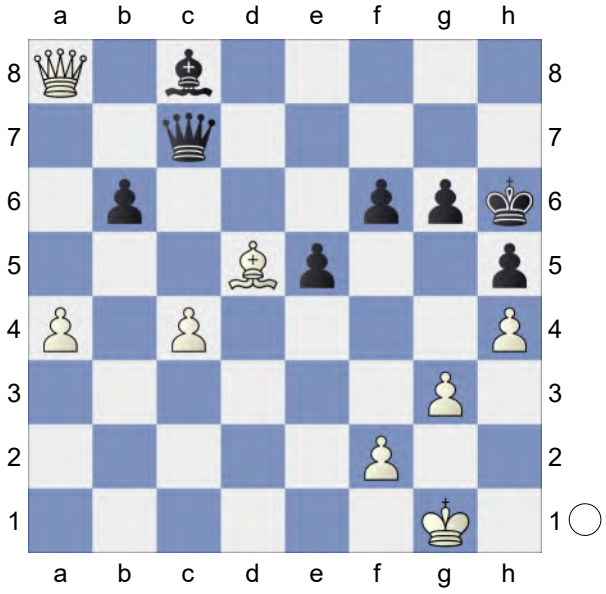
[40...f5= 0.07/23 keeps the balance.]

41.Kh2 0.11/21

[41.Kf1± 1.00/23]

41...Kg7 42.Kg1 Kh6 0.61/19

[42...g5!= 0.11/21]



43.a5 -0.04/18 **bxa5 44.c5 Kg7**

[44...Qxc5? is the wrong capture.

45.Be6+-]
45.c6 f5 46.Bc4 Kf6 47.Ba6 Bxa6 48.Qxa6 Strongly threatening Qb7. KQ-KQ **48...Ke6 49.Qb5 Kd6 50.Kh2 e4 51.Kg1 Qxc6**
[51...Qa7 looks sharper. 52.Kg2 Qa8 53.Qb6 e3]
52.Qxa5 Ke6 53.Qd8 Kf7 54.Qh8 Qf6 55.Qc8 Kg7 56.Qd7+ Qf7 57.Qd4+ Qf6 58.Qa7+ Qf7 59.Qc5 Kh7 60.Kh2 Qe6 61.Kg1 Kg7 62.Qd4+ Kf7 63.Qa7+ Kf6 64.Qd4+ Ke7 65.Qg7+ Kd6 66.Qh6 Ke5 67.Qh8+ Kd5 68.Qd8+ Kc4 69.Kf1 Kc3 70.Ke1 Kb4 71.Qc7 Kb5 72.Kd2 Qc6 73.Qb8+ Kc5 Threatens to win with ...Qd6+. **74.Qa7+ Kd5 75.Ke3 Qc1+ 76.Ke2 Qc2+ 77.Ke1 Qc3+ 78.Ke2 Qd3+ 79.Ke1 Qc3+ 80.Kf1 Qc6 81.Ke2 Ke5 82.Qg7+ Qf6 83.Qc7+ Qd6 84.Qg7+ Kd5 85.Qg8+ Kd4 86.Kf1 Qc6 87.Qd8+ Ke5 88.Qh8+ Qf6 89.Qb8+ Qd6 90.Qh8+ Kd5 91.Qg8+ Qe6 92.Qg7 Kd6 93.Ke2 Kd5 94.Ke3 Qb6+ 95.Ke2 Qa6+ 96.Ke1 Kc4 97.Kd2?** -11.04/19 Black converts the advantage convincingly.
[97.Qf7+= 0.00/25 Kc5 98.Qc7+ Kd5 99.Qf7+ Ke5 100.Qe7+ Kd4 101.Qd7+ Kc5 102.Qc7+]
97...Qa2+-+ 98.Ke3 Qb3+ 99.Kf4 Qf3+ 100.Kg5 Qxf2 101.Qf7+ Kd3 102.Qb3+ Ke2 103.Kxg6 e3 104.Kxh5 Kf1 White must now prevent ...e2! **105.Qd1+ Kg2 106.g4 fxg4** ...e2 would now be deadly. **107.Qxg4+ Qg3 108.Qe2+ Qf2 109.Qg4+ Kh2** (-> ...e2) **110.Qe4 e2** Black mates. **111.Qe5+ Kg2 112.Qe4+ Qf3+**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.13 (very precise)
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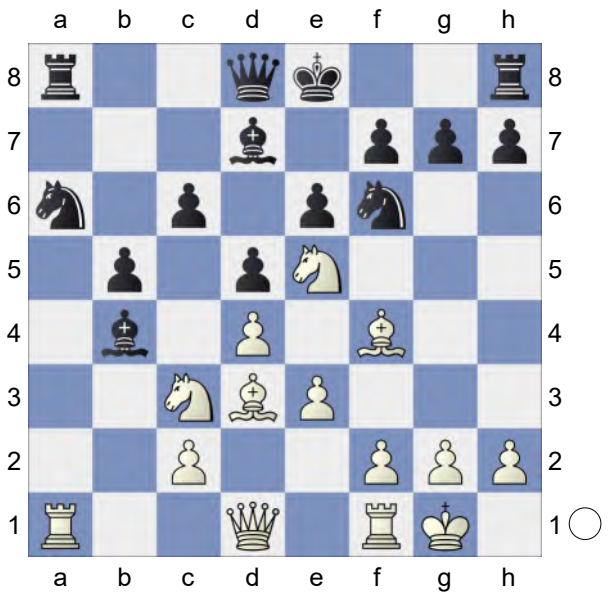
509 **A45**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2601**
■ **Duda,Jan Krzysztof** **2739**
Titled Tue 18th Feb Late blitz (11)
[Kitty Kat]

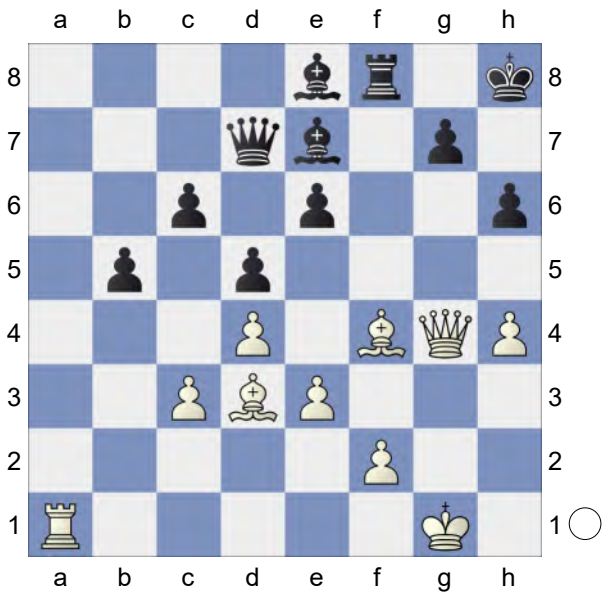
D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 b5 5.a3**
[5.h4 e6 6.g4 b4 7.Na4 Bd6 8.g5 Ne4 9.Bd3 Bd7 10.c4 Bxf4 11.exf4 Bc6 12.Nf3 dxc4 13.Bxc4 Qd6 14.Ne5 Nc3 15.bxc3 Bxh1 16.f3 f6 17.Nc5 fxe5 18.Kf2 bxc3 19.Nxe6 exd4 Torombot (3043)-Expositor (2839) Rapid 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (45)]
5...e6 6.b4N
[6.Nf3 Bb7 7.Bd3 Nbd7 8.Ne5 c5 9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.h4 Rc8 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qe2 Nxe5 13.Bxe5 Bd6 14.Bxd6 Qxd6 15.Rad1 Rfd8 16.f3 h6 17.e4 b4 18.axb4 Qxb4 19.exd5 Qxb2 20.Ne4 Nxd5 bubeliang (2703)-Vahe Dan (2759) Blitz 2024 [monko] 1-0 (79)]
6...c6 7.Nf3 a5 8.Bd3 The position is equal. **8...Bd7 9.0-0 axb4 10.axb4 Na6! 11.Ne5 Bxb4** 0.43/21
[11...Nxb4= -0.17/20 12.Be2 Be7]

(Diagram)



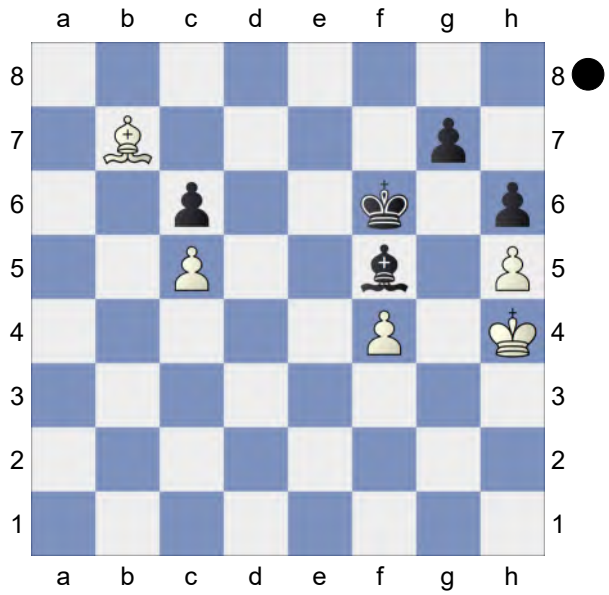
12.Ne2 -0.15/19
[12.Nxb5!± 0.43/21 cxb5 13.Nxd7 Nxd7 14.Bxb5]
12...0-0 13.Ng3 Be7 14.c3 Nc7 -0.01/19
[14...c5∓ -0.50/19 is more appropriate.]
15.Qc2 h6 16.h4 Qc8 0.01/18
[16...c5∓ -0.34/18]
17.Rxa8= Nxa8 18.Ra1 Qb7 Prevents Ra7. **19.Qe2 Nb6 20.Nh5 Nxh5 21.Qxh5 Be8! 22.Qg4 f5 23.Qg3 Kh7 24.Rb1** -0.57/18
[Better is 24.h5= 0.01/20]
24...Nd7 -0.01/21
[24...Na4∓ -0.57/18 25.c4 Nc3]
25.Ra1 -0.71/25
[25.Nxd7!= -0.01/21 Qxd7 26.Be5]
25...Nf6!∓ 26.Qh3 -0.89/18
[26.Nf3∓ -0.53/20 deserves consideration.]
26...Kh8 -0.01/21
[26...Ne4∓ -0.89/18 27.Bxe4 dxe4]
27.g4!= fxg4 28.Nxg4 Nxg4 29.Qxg4 Qd7 0.82/24
[29...Bf7!± 0.39/22]

(Diagram)



30.Ra8 -0.01/23
[Much worse is 30.Be5?! Bf6=]
[30.Bb8!± 0.82/24 Ra7 is the strong threat. e5 31.Qxd7 Bxd7 32.Bxe5]
30...e5 31.Qxd7 Bxd7 32.Rxf8+ Bxf8 33.Bxe5 Endgame KBB-KBB **33...Be7 34.h5 Kg8 35.Bg6 Ba3** 0.66/24
[35...Bg4 0.32/22 should be considered.]
36.Bc7± Be7 37.Kg2 b4 38.cxb4 Bxb4 39.Bb6 0.40/26
[39.Kg3± 0.76/23]
39...Be6 1.52/23
[Black should play 39...Kf8± 0.40/26]
40.Kg3 0.31/25
[40.Be8± 1.52/23]
40...Kf8 0.69/22
[⌓40...Bd6+ 0.31/25 41.f4 Kf8]
41.f4 0.18/26
[41.Bc7!± 0.69/22]
41...Bd6 42.Kf3 Ke7 43.Bc5 0.01/22
[43.f5± 0.38/21 Bc8 44.Ba5]
43...Bxc5= 44.dxc5 KB-KB **44...Bd7 45.e4 dxe4+ 46.Bxe4 Be8 47.Kg4 Kf6 48.Kh4 Bd7 49.Kg3 Be8 50.Kg4 Ke6 51.Kh4 Kf6 52.Kg4 Bd7+ 53.Kh4 Kf7 54.Kg3 Ke7 55.Kh4 Be8 56.Bf5 Bf7 57.Bc8 Bd5**

[57...Be6!? 58.Ba6 Bf5=]
58.Bf5 Kf6 59.Bd7 Be4 60.Bc8 Bf5 61.Bb7? -5.58/39
[61.Ba6!= 0.01/35]



White is on the road to losing.
61...Bd7!-+ 62.Ba6 Kf5 63.Kg3 Ke4 64.Bc4? -7.50/31
[64.f5 -3.97/29 Bxf5 65.Be2]
64...Kd4 65.Bf7 Kxc5 66.Kf3 Bf5 Hoping for ...Kd4. **67.Ke3 Kd6 68.Kd4 Ke7 69.Bc4 Kd6?** -0.01/30
[69...Bg4-+ -5.89/29 70.Ke5 Bxh5]
70.Be2? -7.11/31
[70.Bf7= -0.01/30]
70...c5+ 71.Kc3 Be6 72.Bf3 Bd5 73.Bg4 Ke7 74.Kd3 Kf6 75.Ke3 Be6 76.Bf3 Kf5 77.Be2 Bd5 78.Bd1 Be4 Prevents Bc2. **79.Be2 Bb1 80.Bf3 c4 81.Bd5 c3 82.Bf7 c2 83.Kd2 Kxf4 84.Kc1 Kg5** And now ...Kh4 would win. **85.Kb2 c1Q+ 86.Kxc1 Bf5** aiming for ...Bg4. **87.Kd2 Bg4 88.Ke3 Bxh5 89.Bd5 Bg4 90.Kf2 h5** -10.22/25
[⌓90...Kf4 -#18/25 91.Bb7 g5 92.Ke1 h5 93.Bd5 h4 94.Bg2 Bf5 95.Bc6 h3 96.Kd2 Bg4 97.Kd3 Bf3 98.Bd7 h2 99.Kc2 h1Q 100.Bb5 g4 101.Bd7 g3 102.Kd3 g2 103.Ba4 g1Q 104.Kc4 Be2+ 105.Kc3 Qc1+ 106.Bc2 Qe4 107.Kb3 Qc4#]
91.Be4 Kf4 92.Bg6 h4 Black mates. **93.Kg2 Bf5 94.Be8 g5 95.Bc6 h3+ 96.Kh2 g4 97.Bb7 g3+ 98.Kg1 Be4 99.Bxe4 Kxe4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.16 (very precise)
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510 **D00**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2601**
■ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2803**
Titled Tue 25th Feb Late blitz (7) 25.2.25
[Kitty Kat]

D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 3 Bf4 D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 3 Bf4 A45: Trompowsky Attack D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 3 Bf4 B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 Bf5 4.e3 e6 5.Nf3 Bd6 6.Bd3**
[6.Ne5 Nbd7 7.Nb5 h6 8.Nxd7 Kxd7 9.Nxd6 cxd6 10.f3 Qb6 11.Qc1 Nh5 12.g4 g5 13.Bxd6 Qxd6 14.gxf5 exf5 15.Qd2 Rad8 16.0-0-0 Kc8 17.c4 f4 18.e4 dxe4 19.fxe4 Qc7 20.e5 Ng7 Torombot (2992)-Magnusglad (2770) Rapid 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (55)]
6...Bg6
[6...Bxf4 7.exf4 0-0 8.0-0 Nbd7 9.Bxf5 exf5 10.Ne5 c6 11.Re1 Qc7 12.Qd3 Ne4 13.Qh3 Nd6 14.Re3 f6 15.Nd3 Rae8 16.Rae1 Rxe3 17.Rxe3 g6 18.Qf3 Re8 19.h4 h5 20.Rxe8+ Nxe8 21.Qe3 Bortnyk,O

(2608)-Najer,E (2637) chess.com INT 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (41)]

7.Ne5 Nbd7 8.h4 Bxd3N

[8...Qe7 9.h5 Bxd3 10.cxd3 h6 11.Qb3 Rb8 12.Nb5 a6 13.Nc3 c5 14.Nxd7 Nxd7 15.Bxd6 Qxd6 16.Qa3 Ke7 17.dxc5 Nxc5 18.d4 Nd3+ 19.Ke2 Qxa3 20.bxa3 Nb2 21.Rab1 Nc4 22.Rb3 Rhc8 23.Na4 smihir6 (2667)-Cheerychocolate (2673) Blitz 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (34)]

9.cxd3 a6 10.h5 h6 11.Qf3 Qe7 12.0-0 -0.05/20

[⌓12.Rc1 0.27/18]

12...0-0 13.e4 dxe4 14.dxe4 Bxe5 15.dxe5 Nh7 16.Qg3 Prevents Qh4.

16...Kh8 17.Be3 Rad8 18.Rac1 b5 0.65/19

[18...Qb4= 0.17/18]

19.Ne2± c5 Prevents Nd4. **20.b3** Prevents c4. **20...Rc8 21.Rfd1 c4 22.Rd6 Nc5 23.Bxc5**

[23.bxc4!? Nxe4 24.Qf4 Nxd6 25.exd6=]

23...Rxc5 24.Rcd1 -0.18/18

[24.b4!± 0.35/19 Rcc8 25.Nc3]

24...Rc7 0.38/18

[24...b4= -0.18/18]

25.bxc4 -0.08/21

[25.b4± 0.38/18 might be stronger.]

25...bxc4 0.31/21

[25...Rxc4= -0.08/21 26.f4 *(26.Rxa6 Qc5=)* 26...Qb7]

26.Nc3

[26.Rxa6 Qc5±]

26...a5 27.f4 Rb8 28.f5 -0.19/20

[⌓28.a4 0.28/19]

28...Ng5 29.Qf4 Rcc8 30.f6 Qf8 31.R1d4 -0.75/22

[31.Kh2= -0.01/19]

31...Kh7 -0.21/22

[31...a4!∓ -0.75/22]

32.Kh2= Rb2 33.Rd2 -0.61/24

[33.Na4= -0.01/21 Rc2 34.Nb6 gxf6 35.exf6 *(35.Nxc8? fxe5 36.Qf6 exd4-+)*]

33...Rcb8 -0.07/23

[33...Rxd2!∓ -0.61/24 34.Qxd2 Rb8]

34.Qe3 -0.93/22

[34.fxg7!= -0.07/23 Kxg7 35.Rxb2 Rxb2 36.a4]

34...Qc8 -0.50/18

[Black should play 34...Rxd2!∓ -0.93/22 35.Rxd2 Rd8]

35.fxg7∓ Kxg7 36.Qf4 Kh7 37.Qf6 Rxd2 38.Rxd2 Qg8 39.Qf4 -0.37/22

[39.Rd7= 0.01/22 was preferrable.]

39...Qg7 -0.01/23

[39...Qe8∓ -0.37/22 is more appropriate.]

40.Qf6 Rc8 41.Qxg7+ Kxg7= Endgame KRN-KRN **42.Kg3 Kf8 43.Kf4 Ke7** 0.65/21

[43...Rb8!= 0.04/23]

44.Rd6 0.01/25

[44.a4!± 0.65/21]

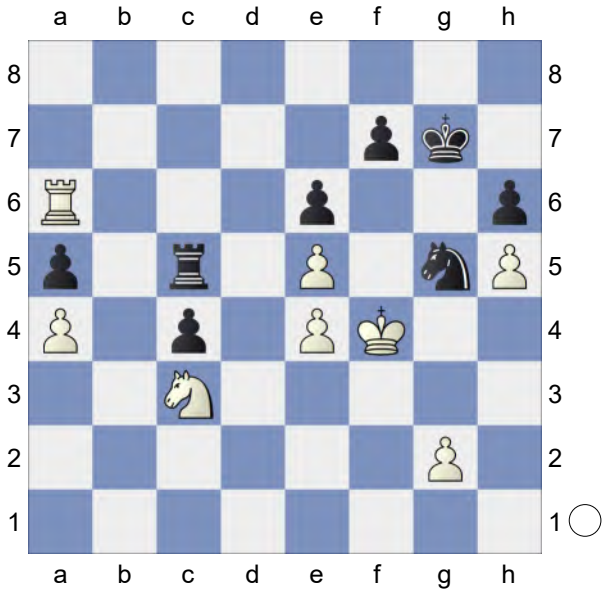
44...Rc5 0.68/25

[44...Rb8= 0.01/25]

45.Ra6± Kf8 1.21/25

[Better is 45...Nh7 0.84/27]

46.a4!± Kg7



47.Ra7 0.98/26
[⌓47.Rb6! 1.36/27]
47...Kf8 48.Rb7 Rb8+ is the strong threat. **48...Rc8** Prevents Rb8. **49.Rb5 Rd8 50.Rc5** 0.44/23
[50.Rxa5± 1.46/24 Hoping for Rc5. Rd3 51.Nb5]
50...Rd4 1.45/23
[Black should try 50...Rd3± 0.44/23 51.Rxc4 Ke8]
51.Rxa5 Rd3 52.Nb5 Strongly threatening Ra8+. **52...Kg7?** 3.62/22
[52...Rd2± 0.84/22]
53.Ra7 Rd2 54.Ke3? -0.01/25
[54.a5+- 2.39/23]
54...Rxg2? 1.61/24
[54...Rd3+!= -0.01/25 and Black has nothing to worry. 55.Kf4 Rd2]
55.Nd6 aiming for Ne8+. **55...c3?** 9.83/24
[55...Rg3+± 1.38/22 56.Ke2 Kf8]
56.Rc7? 1.49/21
[56.Ne8++- 9.83/24 and the rest is easy. Kf8 57.Nf6 Rg3+ 58.Ke2 Rg2+ 59.Kf1 *(59.Kd1 Rd2+ 60.Kc1 Rd8+-)* 59...Rg1+ 60.Kxg1 Nf3+ 61.Kf2 Nxe5 62.Nd7+ Ke7 63.Nxe5+ Kd6 64.Nxf7+ Kc6 65.Ke3]
56...c2? 5.08/24
[56...Ra2 57.Ne8+ Kh8 58.Nf6]
[56...Kf8± 1.49/21 is more resistant.]
57.a5? 1.91/21
[57.Ne8+ 5.08/24 Kg8 58.Nf6+ Kg7 59.Rc8 c1B+ 60.Rxc1 Rg3+ 61.Kf2]
57...Rg3++- 58.Kd2 1.10/23
[58.Ke2+- 1.91/23 And now Ne8+ would win. Rg2+ 59.Kd3]
58...Ra3±

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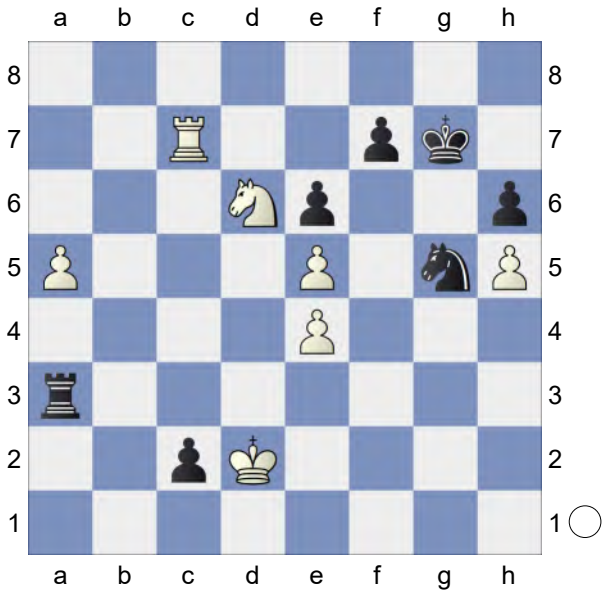

59.Rc5 -0.01/25
[Inferior is 59.Kxc2 Rxa5 60.Ne8+ Kh8∓]
[Not 59.Rxc2 Nf3+ 60.Kd1 Rxa5∓]
[59.Nb7!± 1.21/23]
59...Ra2!= 60.Kc1 White wants to mate with Ne8+.
[Much worse is 60.Rxc2 Rxa5 61.Ne8+ Kh8∓]
60...Nf3! Weighted Error Value: White=0.56/Black=0.39. Loss on time!?
0-1

511 **A45**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2601**
■ **Gurel,Ediz** **2624**
Titled Tue 4th Feb Early blitz (11) 4.2.25
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c6 4.e3 Bf5 5.Bd3 Bxd3 6.cxd3 Nbd7N**
[6...e6 7.Nf3 Bd6 8.Qb3 b6 9.Ne5 Bxe5 10.Bxe5 0-0 11.Rc1 Nbd7 12.Na4 Nxe5 13.dxe5 Nd7 14.Rxc6 Nxe5 15.Rc3 d4 16.exd4 Qxd4 17.0-0 Rfd8 18.Rd1 h5 19.h3 Rd5

20.Rc2 Rad8 21.Nc3 Hong,A (2572)-Bilan,D (2303) Chess,com INT 2024 Mega2024 Update 50 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (37)]

7.Nf3 e6 8.0-0 White has an edge. **8...Be7 9.a3 0-0 10.b4 a5 11.b5 c5 12.dxc5 Nxc5 13.d4 Nce4 14.Na4 Rc8 15.Qb3** -0.60/22

[15.Ne5= -0.25/18]

15...Bd6 -0.14/21

[15...Nh5!∓ -0.60/22]

16.Bxd6= Qxd6 17.Rac1 h6 0.01/22

[17...Rxc1!∓ -0.45/22 18.Rxc1 Ng4]

18.h3 Nd7 19.Rfd1 Rc7 20.b6 -0.69/23

[20.Nc3!= -0.23/23]

20...Rc6∓ 21.Qb5 -1.40/25

[21.Ne5∓ -0.49/22 Rxc1 22.Rxc1 Nxe5 23.dxe5 Qxe5 24.Qb2 Qxb2 25.Nxb2]

21...Rfc8∓ 22.Rxc6 -1.03/24

[White should try 22.Rb1 -1.38/22]

22...Rxc6 23.Qxa5? -2.45/23

[23.Ra1∓ -0.94/22 might work better.]

23...Qxa3-+

[And not 23...Nxb6 24.Nxb6 Rxb6 25.Ne5=]

24.Qb5 -4.53/24

[24.Qa8+ -2.84/23 was necessary. Kh7 25.Qe8 Qxa4 26.Rf1 Rxb6 27.Qxf7]

24...Rc1? -1.15/23 **25.Rxc1** -1.83/23

[25.Nb2∓ -1.15/23 was the only defense. Rc6 26.Nd3]

25...Qxc1+ 26.Kh2 Nxf2 (→ ...Qh1+)

27.Qxd7? -#11/22

[27.Kg3-+ -2.88/22 Ne4+ 28.Kh2]

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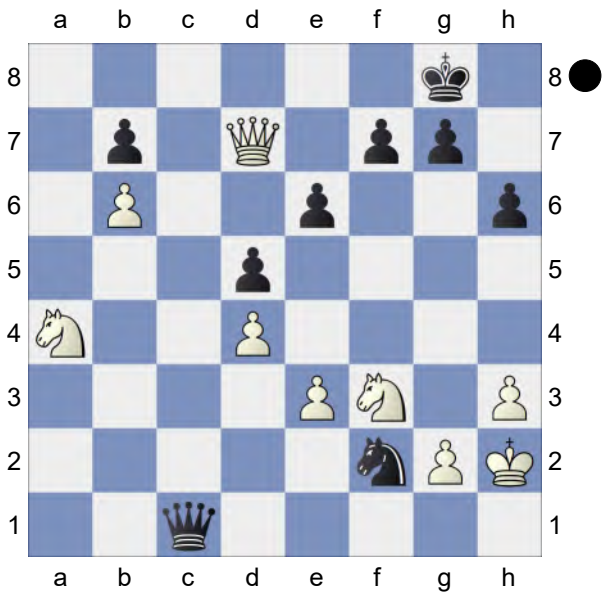
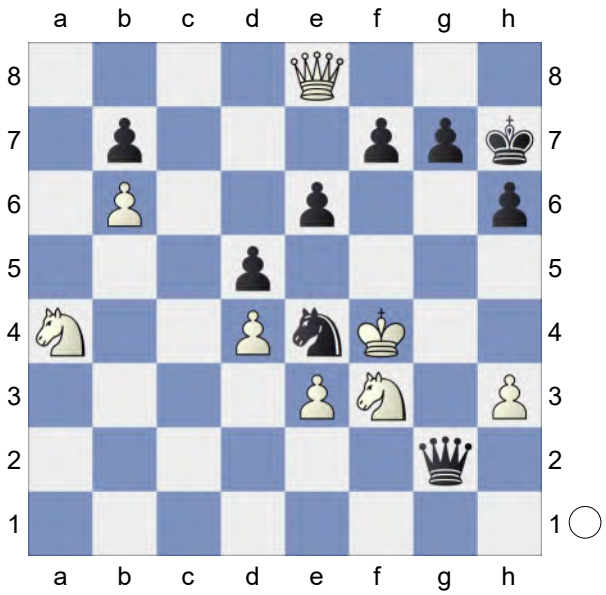


27...Qh1+ 28.Kg3 Ne4+ Deflection **29.Kf4 Qxg2 30.Qe8+ Kh7**



31.Qxf7 Qg3# Weighted Error Value: White=0.80/Black=0.32

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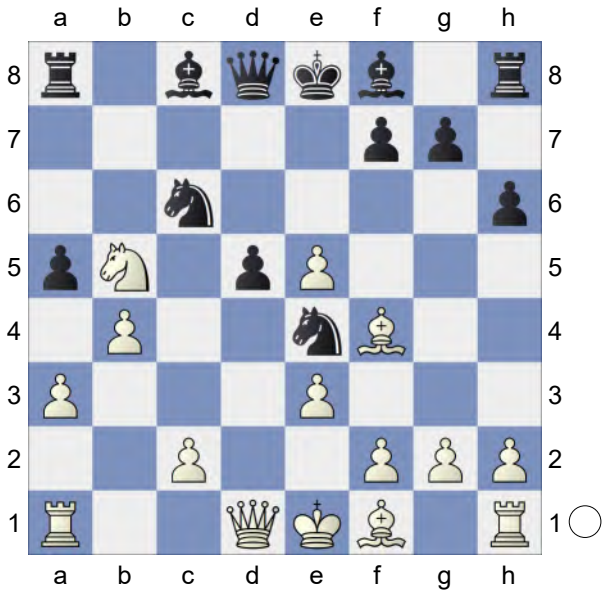
512 **A45**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2601**
■ **Niemann,Hans Moke** **2736**
Titled Tue 6th May Late blitz (10) 6.5.25
[TA]

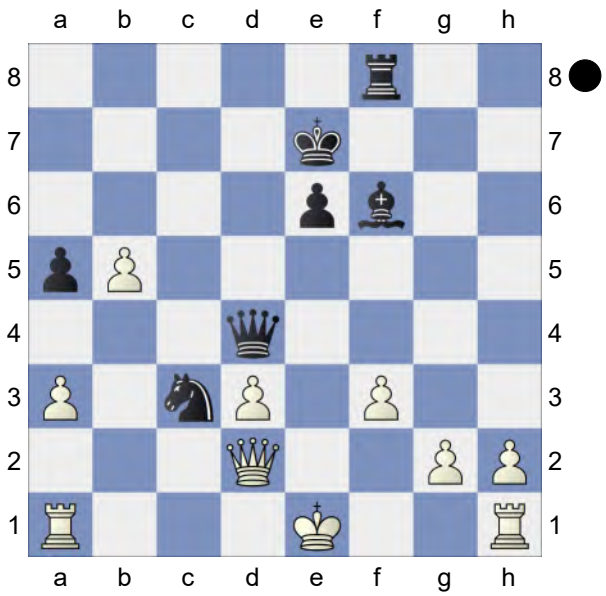
D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N
[2...c5 3.d5 g6 4.e4 d6 5.Bb5+ *(5.Nf3 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.a4 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nbd7 11.Re1 a6 12.Bf1 e5 13.a5 Ne8 14.Bd3 Qh4 15.Qg4 Qxg4 16.hxg4 Rc8 17.b3 Nef6 18.g5 Ne8 19.g3 f6* 0-1 (79) Sadykov,R (2345)-Skliarov,V (2383) Julius Baer Play In rapid 2023 (3.76)*; 5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leis Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 0-1 (57) Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig,F (1863) Rheinhessen-ch H1 op 1997 (2)]
[2...e6 3.e4 c5 4.d5 d6 5.Bb5+ Bd7 6.a4 e5 7.Nge2 g6 8.0-0 a6 9.Bxd7+ Nbxd7 10.Ng3 Bg7 11.Ra3 0-0 12.a5 h6 13.Qe2 Kh7 14.Nd1 Ne8 15.Ne3 Nc7 16.c4 Rh8 17.Bd2 0-1 (42) Obran,H-Renaud,G (2365) Saint Louis 132/(142) 2017 (10)]
3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 h6 5.a3 b5 6.Nf3 e6 7.b4 c6 8.Ne5 White has an edge.
8...a5 9.Nxc6 -1.37/21 **Nxc6∓ 10.Nxb5 e5** -0.40/19
[10...axb4-+ -1.62/20 ...Rxa3 would now be deadly. 11.Nc7+ Kd7 12.Nxa8 bxa3]
11.dxe5 -0.84/20
[11.Bxe5∓ -0.40/19 Nxe5 *(11...axb4 12.Nc7+ Kd7 13.Nxa8±)* 12.dxe5]
11...Ne4 0.08/18
[11...g5!∓ -0.84/20 12.exf6 gxf4 13.Qxd5 Decoy Qxd5 *(13...Bxb4+? 14.axb4 Qxd5 15.Nc7+ Kf8 16.Nxd5+-)* 14.Nc7+ Kd8 15.Nxd5 axb4]



12.e6 -0.60/20 **Bxe6∓** ...g5 is the strong threat. **13.Nc7+ Ke7** And now ...g5! would win. **14.Nxa8** -1.27/21
[14.Bb5!= -0.07/20 Rc8 15.Bxc6 Rxc7 16.b5]
14...g5↑ Black has strong initiative. **15.f3** -2.63/20 Loses the game.
[15.Nc7∓ -1.31/19 was necessary. gxf4 16.Nxe6 fxe6 *(16...Kxe6 17.g3=)* 17.Bd3 fxe3 *(17...axb4 18.0-0=; 17...Bg7 18.Bxe4 dxe4 19.0-0∓)* 18.Bxe4 exf2+ 19.Ke2 dxe4 20.Qxd8+ Nxd8 *(20...Kxd8 21.Kxf2 Bd6 22.g3∓)* 21.Rab1]
15...Nc3 -1.57/19

[15...gxf4-+ -2.63/20 16.fxe4 Bg7 *(16...Qxa8 17.Bb5∓)*]
16.Qd3 Bg7
[16...Qxa8? 17.Qxc3 gxf4 18.Qxh8+-]
17.Nc7? -3.66/20
[17.Bg3 -1.96/20 Qxa8 18.bxa5]
17...gxf4-+ 18.Nxe6 fxe6
[18...Kxe6 19.Qa6 Qa8 20.exf4∓]
19.b5 White is weak on the dark squares
19...Ne5 Excellent horsemanship.
20.Qd2 fxe3 21.Qxe3 d4 Active counter play! **22.Qf4 Rf8 23.Qh4+** -4.08/20
[⌓23.Qg3 -2.80/20 Bf6 24.Bd3]
23...Bf6 24.Qxh6 -8.80/22
[24.Qf2 -3.44/18]
24...d3 25.Bxd3 Nxd3+ 26.cxd3 Qd4 -11.80/19
[Weaker is 26...Nxb5 27.0-0 Rh8 28.Qf4 Qd4+ 29.Qxd4 Bxd4+ 30.Kh1 Bxa1 31.Rxa1-+]
[⌓26...Qxd3 -#9/18 27.Ra2 Qb1+ Skewer, Double Attack *(27...Nxa2? 28.Rf1-+)* 28.Kd2 Qxa2+ 29.Kc1 Rd8 *(29...Qxg2* is a self mate. *30.Qh7+ Rf7 31.Qc2 Qxh1+ 32.Kb2 Nxb5+ 33.Kb3 Nd4+* Deflection *34.Kc4 Nxc2 35.Kb5 Qb1+ 36.Kc6 Nd4+ 37.Kc7 Be5+ 38.Kc8 Rf8#)* 30.Qh7+ Kf8 *(30...Kd6 31.Rd1+* Decoy *Nxd1 32.Qd3+ Kc5 33.Qc2+ Qxc2+ 34.Kxc2 a4 35.h3 Ne3+ 36.Kb1 Rd1+ 37.Ka2 Ra1#)* 31.Qh6+ Bg7 32.Qf4+ Ke8 33.Qd6 Rxd6 34.h4 Ne2#]
27.Qd2

(Diagram)



Ne4! -8.04/19 **28.dxe4 Qxa1+ 29.Qd1 Qc3+ 30.Kf2** -9.21/22
[⌓30.Ke2 -4.76/21 Qb2+ *(30...Qxa3? 31.Qc2-+)* 31.Qd2 Qxb5+ 32.Qd3 Qb2+ Skewer 33.Qd2]
30...Bd4+ 31.Kg3 Qe3 (-> ...Rg8+)
32.h4 Be5+? -3.68/5
[32...Qf4+ -#6/14 mates 33.Kh3 Bf2 34.Qd7+ Decoy Kxd7 35.Rd1+ Ke7 36.Rd7+ Kxd7 37.h5 Qh4#]
33.Kh3 Qf4 34.Qe1 Rg8
Weighted Error Value: White=1.36/ Black=1.03
0-1

513 **A45**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2601**
■ **Pranav,V** **2595**
Titled Tue 24th Jun Early blitz (7)
[TA]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N
[2...c5 3.d5 g6 4.e4 d6 5.Bb5+ *(5.Nf3 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.a4 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nbd7*

11.Re1 a6 12.Bf1 e5 13.a5 Ne8 14.Bd3 Qh4 15.Qg4 Qxg4 16.hxg4 Rc8 17.b3 Nef6 18.g5 Ne8 19.g3 f6 0-1 (79) Sadykov,R (2345)-Skliarov,V (2383) Julius Baer Play In rapid 2023 (3.76)*; 5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leis Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000) 5...Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 0-1 (57) Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig,F (1863) Rheinhessen-ch H1 op 1997 (2)]

[2...e6 3.e4 c5 4.d5 d6 5.Bb5+ Bd7 6.a4 e5 7.Nge2 g6 8.0-0 a6 9.Bxd7+ Nbxd7 10.Ng3 Bg7 11.Ra3 0-0 12.a5 h6 13.Qe2 Kh7 14.Nd1 Ne8 15.Ne3 Nc7 16.c4 Rh8 17.Bd2 0-1 (42) Obran,H-Renaud,G (2365) Saint Louis 132/(142) 2017 (10)]

3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Bb4+ 5.c3 Ba5 6.a4 a6 7.Na3 -0.34/19

[7.b4= 0.05/20]

7...0-0 0.08/18

[7...c5∓ -0.34/19]

8.b4= The position is equal. **8...Bb6 9.a5 Ba7 10.e3 Nbd7 11.Bd3 b6 12.axb6 Bxb6** 0.68/19

[12...cxb6= 0.00/21 13.Nb1 Bb7]

13.Nf3± a5 14.b5 Bb7 15.0-0 c5 16.Ne5 -0.05/18

[16.bxc6± 0.39/18 is more appropriate. Bxc6 17.Bd6]

16...c4 17.Bc2 Nxe5 18.Bxe5 Nd7 19.Bd6 Re8 20.Qh5

[20.Qf3 with more complications. Bc7 21.Qg3 e5 22.Bxc7 Qxc7 23.Bf5]

20...f5

[20...Nf6 is interesting. 21.Qe5 a4 22.Qg3 Nh5]

21.Qf3 Nxc4 would now be deadly.

21...Bc7 22.Bg3 Rf8 1.04/20

[22...Rb8= 0.11/19]

23.Nxc4± Bxg3 24.hxg3 Qc7 Repels Nd6 **25.Na3 Qxc3 26.g4** 0.71/21

[⌓26.Rfc1 1.10/20]

26...f4 27.Rfc1

[27.exf4 Qxf3 28.gxf3 Rxf4∓]

27...Qb4 1.04/19

[27...Qd2± 0.42/21]

28.Qh3 0.61/21

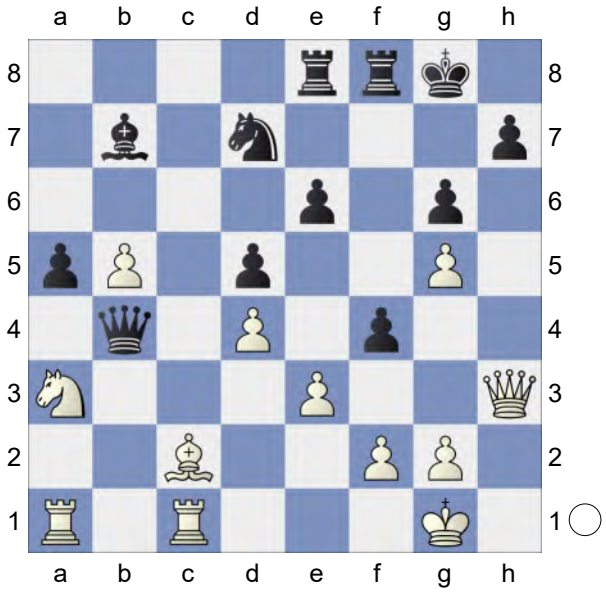
[28.exf4 Qxd4 29.f5 Rac8=]

[White should play 28.g5± 1.04/19]

28...g6± 29.g5↑ Black must now prevent Bxg6! White fights for an advantage.

29...Rae8 1.28/21

[29...Qd6± 0.59/20]



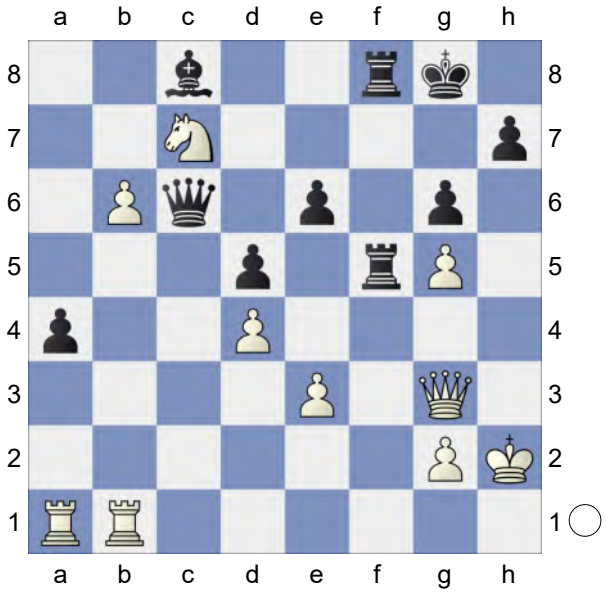
30.b6! 0.73/21 **fxe3**

[30...Nxb6 31.Bd3]

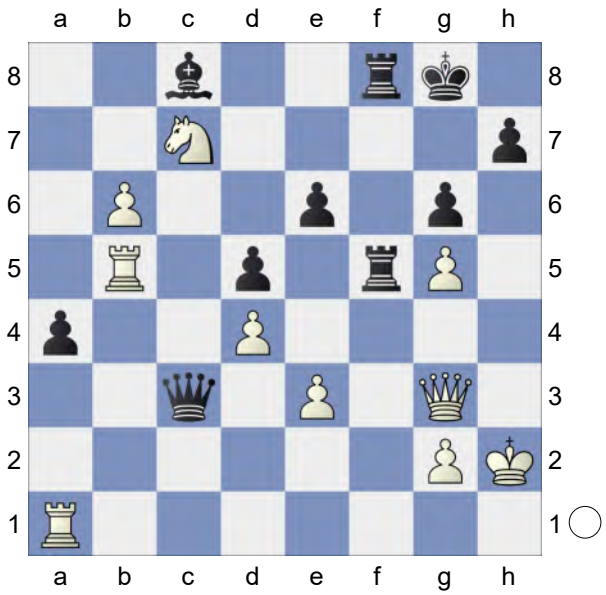
31.fxe3 -0.01/22

[31.Qxe3± 0.95/21 Strongly

threatening Rab1. Nxb6 32.Rcb1]
31...Rf7 0.94/22
[31...Qxb6?! 32.Rab1 Qd6 33.Nb5+-]
[31...Re7= -0.01/22]
32.Rcb1± Qd6 33.Ba4 Nb5 is the strong threat. **33...Ref8** 1.07/20
[33...Ba6± 0.70/21]
34.Bxd7 0.49/23
[34.Nb5!± 1.07/20 Qe7 *(34...Qxb6? 35.Qg3+-)* 35.Nc3 *(35.Nc7 Nxb6 36.Ne8 Nc4±)*]
34...Qxd7 1.24/23
[34...Rxd7± 0.49/23 35.Qh2 Qc6]
35.Nb5 Qc6 1.69/22
[35...Rf5± 1.16/22]
36.Nc7+-
[36.Rxa5?! Qxb6 37.Rba1 Rf5=]
36...Bc8 1.86/22
[36...Rf5± 1.44/21]
37.Qg3 1.17/22
[37.Rxa5+- 1.86/22 aiming for Rc5. Qc4 38.Ra8 *(38.Nxe6 Qc6∓)*]
37...a4± 38.Kh2 Black is weak on the dark squares **38...Rf5?** 2.65/20
[38...Rd8± 0.89/22 might work better. 39.Rb4 Rdf8]



39.Rb5? 0.24/20
[39.Nb5!+- 2.65/20]
39...Qc3 1.49/21
[39...Bb7= 0.24/20]



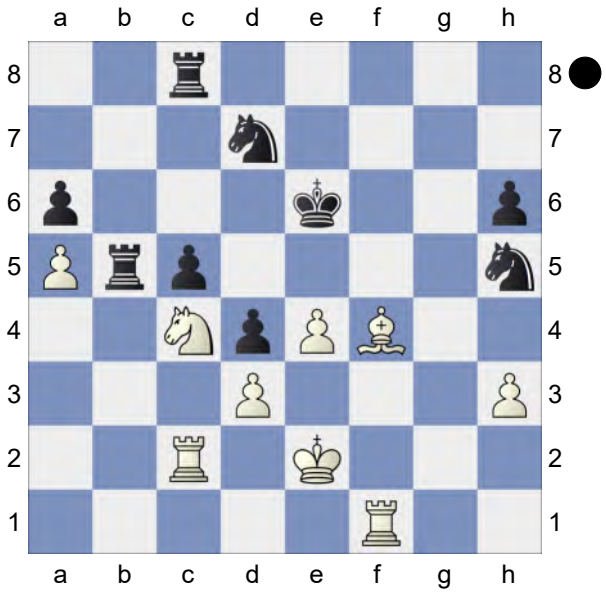
40.Rab1 0.13/21
[40.Rxa4? Qc1 41.Rc5 Qb1-+]
[Better is 40.Rd1!± 1.49/21]
40...a3!= 41.b7 Bxb7 42.Rxb7
[42.R1b3? a2 43.Rxb7 *(43.Rxc3? a1Q-+)* 43...a1Q-+]
42...a2 43.Nxe6 Rg7+ would kill now.
[43.Nxd5 looks sharper. exd5 44.Qh3 h5 45.R1b6]
43...axb1Q
[Not 43...a1N 44.Rg7+ *(44.Nxf8 Qc8 45.Nxh7 Nb3 46.R1xb3 Rf7 47.Rxf7 Kxf7 48.Rb8 Ke8 49.Rxc8+ Kd7 50.Rc7+ Ke8 51.Nf6+ Kf8 52.Qd6#)* 44...Kh8 45.Rbb7]
44.Rxb1 Re8 Chess con chili. **45.Qd6 Qc8** Prevents Qd7
[45...Qxe3? loses. 46.Rb8 Rxb8 47.Qxb8+ Kf7 48.Qf8+ Kxe6 49.Qe8+ Kd6 50.Qxe3+-]
46.Rb6 Rf7 0.49/23
[46...Kh8= -0.01/25]
47.Rc6? -1.25/26

[47.Qxd5± 0.49/23 keeps the upper hand. Qc2 48.Ra6]
47...Qd7∓ 48.Qxd7 Rxd7 Endgame. KRR-KRN **49.Kg1 Rde7** -0.11/25
[49...Kf7∓ -1.26/23 50.Nc5 Rde7 51.Rf6+ Kg8]
50.Nf4= Rxe3 51.Nxd5 Re1+ 52.Kh2 Rd8 53.Nf6+ Kf7 54.d5 Re5 55.Rc7+ Re7 56.Rc5 -1.34/20
[56.Rc6= -0.15/22 keeps the balance.]
56...h6!∓ 57.Rc6 -1.93/23
[57.Kg3∓ -1.45/22 was called for.]
57...hxg5-+ 58.Ng4 -3.03/26
[58.d6 -2.07/25 is a better defense. Re6 59.Nh7 Rexd6 *(59...Rdxd6 60.Nxg5+ Ke8 61.Rc8+ Kd7 62.Rc2∓)* 60.Nxg5+ Ke7 61.Rc3]
58...Rxd5 59.Kg3 Rd3+ 60.Kh2 Rd4 61.Kg3 Kg7 62.Rc5 Rd3+ 63.Kh2 Red7? 0.01/28
[63...Re2-+ -2.88/25 Hoping for ... Rdd2. 64.Rxg5 Rdd2]
64.Rxg5? -2.93/29
[64.Ne5!= 0.01/28]
64...R3d5 65.Ne5? -4.19/29
[65.Rxd5 -2.50/29 was worth a try. Rxd5 66.Kg3]
65...R7d6 -1.82/28
[⌓65...Kf6 -4.19/29 66.Rxg6+ Kxe5]
66.Kg3? -3.77/27
[66.Nf3 -1.82/28 is the only way for White.]
66...Kf6! 67.Nf3? -14.99/25
[67.Kf4 -3.54/26 Rd4+ Deflection 68.Ke3 Kxg5 69.Nf3+ Kg4 70.Nxd4]
67...Rxg5+ What a bad dream for White. Weighted Error Value: White=0.30/ Black=0.29 (precise)
0-1

514 **A45**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2601**
■ **Niemann,Hans Moke** **2734**
Titled Tue 11th Feb Late blitz (9) 11.2.25
[Kitty Kat]

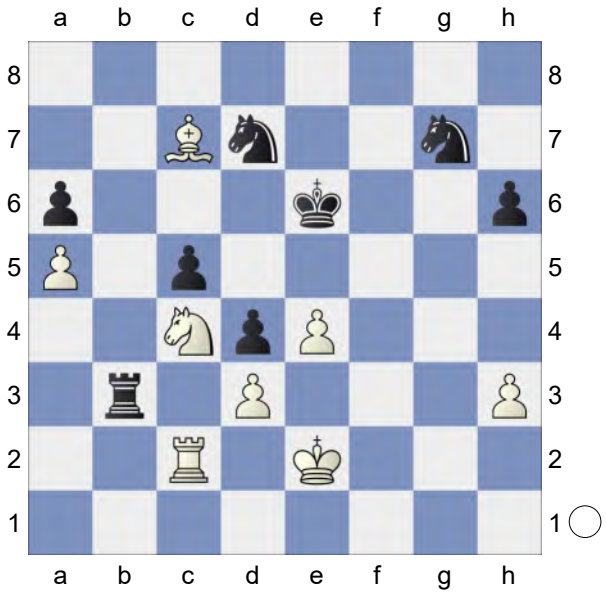
D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 h6 5.a3**
[5.Nf3 e6 6.Bd3 c5 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.e4 Nc6 9.0-0 Nh5 10.Bd2 Nf6 11.h3 0-0 12.Bf4 b5 13.exd5 exd5 14.Re1 Be6 15.Qd2 Re8 16.a3 Rc8 17.Rad1 Bf8 18.Be3 Qd7 19.Nd4 Ne5 Torombot (3050)-Expositor (2831) Rapid 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (77)]
5...Bf5 6.Nf3N
[6.Bd3 Bxd3 7.cxd3 e6 8.Qb3 Bd6 9.Qxb7 Nbd7 10.Bxd6 cxd6 11.Qb3 Rb8 12.Qc2 0-0 13.Nge2 Qa5 14.0-0 Rfc8 15.Rfc1 e5 16.h3 Nf8 17.b4 Qb6 18.Qb3 Qb7 19.dxe5 dxe5 20.d4 exd4 Bortnyk,O (2603)-Lin,B (2359) chess.com INT 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (33)]
6...e6 7.Bd3 Bd6 8.Ne5 The position is equal. **8...Nbd7 9.0-0** 0.07/20
[9.Bxf5± 0.40/19 exf5 10.0-0]
9...0-0 10.h3 0.05/18
[10.Bxf5± 0.37/21 is more appropriate. exf5 11.Qd3]
10...Qe7= 11.Re1 Rfd8 12.Qf3 Bxd3 13.cxd3 c5 14.Ne2 Rac8 15.Rac1 Bxe5 16.dxe5 Nh7 17.Qg4 f5 18.exf6 Ndxf6 19.Qg3 Nh5 20.Qg6 Qf7 21.Qxf7+ Kxf7 22.Bh2 Nf8 23.Rc2 Rc6 24.Rec1 Rdc8 25.e4 Nf6 26.f3
[26.Ng3!?]
26...N8d7 27.Kf1 e5 28.Nc3 d4 29.Nb1 g5 30.Nd2 Ke6 31.Ke2 Nh5 -0.01/22
[31...b5∓ -0.41/22]
32.g3 b5 33.b3 Nb6 0.51/20

[33...Kd6∓ -0.31/20]
34.Rf1 -0.25/20
[34.f4!± 0.51/20]
34...Rf8 35.Rfc1 Nd7 36.a4 bxa4 37.bxa4 Rb8 38.Nc4 Rb4 39.a5 Rb5 40.Rf1 Rc8 41.f4 -0.87/28
[41.Rh1= -0.01/21 keeps the balance.]
41...exf4∓ 42.gxf4 gxf4 43.Bxf4



Rf8 -0.01/22
[43...Rg8!∓ -0.82/23 And now ...Rg2+ would win. 44.Bh2 Ng3+ 45.Bxg3 Rxg3]
44.Bc7 Rxf1 Dancing on a razor blade.
45.Kxf1 Rb3 46.Ke2 Ng7 1.28/22
[46...Rb1± 0.38/23]

(Diagram)



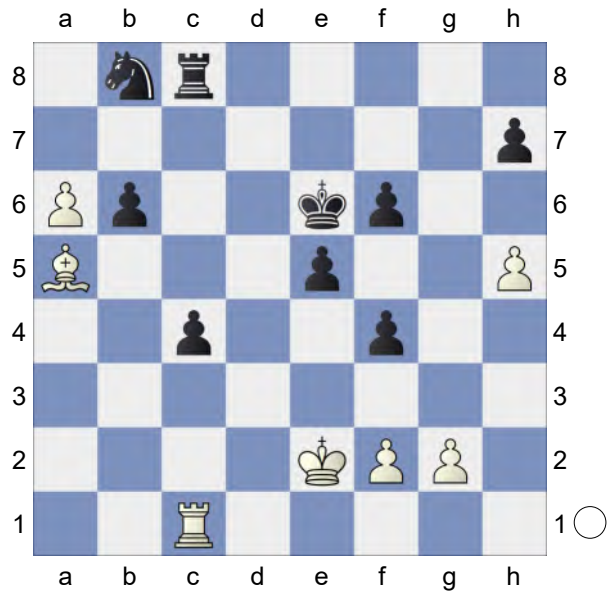
47.Rc1!± Ne8 1.59/22
[Better is 47...Kf6 1.28/21 48.Rf1+ Kg6]
48.Bf4 Hoping for Rg1. **48...h5** 2.23/25
[48...Nef6± 1.17/20 was called for. 49.Bxh6 Rb8]
49.Rg1+- Threatens to win with Rg6+.
49...Nef6 50.Rg6 Kf7 51.Rg5 Rb1 52.Rf5 Ke6 53.Bg5 Ne8 2.11/21
[53...Rh1± 1.00/21 keeps fighting.]
54.Bd8? 0.56/23
[54.h4+- 2.11/21]
54...Rh1? 3.16/20
[54...Nd6± 0.56/23 55.Nxd6 *(55.Rxh5 Nxc4 56.Rh6+ Kf7=)* 55...Rb2+ 56.Kd1 Kxd6]
55.Rxh5 Kf7 56.Rh6 Ng7 57.Nd6+ 2.29/5
[⌓57.Bg5 3.90/19]
57...Kg8 58.Nf5? 0.36/20
[White should try 58.Bc7+- 2.28/22]
58...Nxf5± 59.exf5 Endgame Strongly threatening Rg6+. KRB-KRN **59...Kf7** 4.86/20
[59...c4± 0.80/19]
60.Rh7++- Ke8 61.Bg5 c4 62.dxc4 Nc5 63.Re7+ Kf8 64.Rc7 Ne4 65.Bh6+ Ke8 66.Bg7 Rxh3 2.46/22

[⌓66...Ng3+ 1.93/23 67.Kd3 Nxf5]
67.Bxd4 aiming for f6. **67...Ng3+ 68.Kd2 Nxf5 69.Bb6** 1.27/22
[69.Bc5+- 1.87/23]
69...Nd6± 70.c5 0.66/24
[70.Kc2± 1.27/23]
70...Nc4+!± 71.Ke2 0.49/26
[71.Kc2± 0.84/24]
71...Ra3 1.20/22 Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) /Black=0.33. Loss on time!?
[71...Re3+!± 0.49/26 72.Kf2 Re7]
0-1

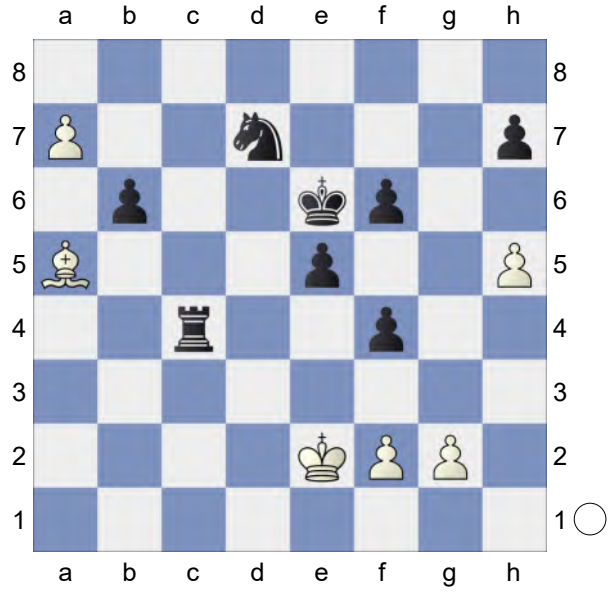
515 **D00**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2601**
■ **Le,Quang Liem** **2739**
Titled Tue 4th Feb Early blitz (8) 4.2.25
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack
1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 c5 4.e4 Nxe4 5.Nxe4 dxe4 6.dxc5 Qa5+ 7.c3 Qxc5 8.Qa4+ The position is equal.
8...Nc6 9.Qxe4 g6 10.Nf3 Bg7 11.Rd1 0-0 12.Be3 Qf5
[12...Qa5 13.Bc4 Bf5 14.Qh4 Ne5 15.Nxe5 Qxe5 16.0-0 Qe4 17.Qxe4 Bxe4 18.Bd5 Bxd5 19.Rxd5 Bf6 20.Rd7 b6 21.Rfd1 Kg7 22.g4 h6 23.Rb7 Rfc8 24.Rdd7 Rc4 25.h3 Ra4 26.a3 Ra5 27.Kg2 Bortnyk,O (2608)-Dominguez Perez,L (2748) chess.com INT 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (93)]
13.Bd3N
[13.Qa4 a6 *(13...Qa5 14.Bb5 Qxa4 15.Bxa4 Be6 16.a3 Rfc8 17.0-0 a6 18.Bb6 Bf6 19.h3 h5 20.Rfe1 Kg7 21.Bc2 a5 22.a4 Ra6 23.Be3 Raa8 24.Be4 Bb3 25.Ra1 Rd8 26.Nd2 Be6 27.Rad1 Rd7 28.Nf3* Bortnyk,O (2608)-Giri,A (2745) chess.com INT 2024 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (66) *)*
14.Bd3 Qg4 15.Qxg4 Bxg4 16.Be4 Be6 17.a3 Rfd8 18.0-0 Bb3 19.Rc1 Bd5 20.Bxd5 Rxd5 21.Rfd1 Rad8 22.Rxd5 Rxd5 23.Kf1 Na5 24.Nd2 Rd7 25.Ke2 f5 26.f3 Kf7 27.b4 Nc6 Naroditsky,D (2619)-Taher,Y (2445) Chess.com INT 2023 Mega2024 Update 01 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (35)]
[13.Qh4 Qg4 14.Qxg4 Bxg4 15.h3 Be6 16.a3 Na5 17.Be2 b6 18.0-0 Bc4 19.Rfe1 Rfd8 20.Bd4 e6 21.Bxg7 Kxg7 22.Rxd8 Rxd8 23.Nd4 Bxe2 24.Rxe2 Rd5 25.f4 Nc4 26.a4 h6 27.b3 Na5 Bortnyk,O (2605)-Hakobyan,A (2620) Chess.com INT 2023 1-0 (52)]
13...Rd8 14.Qxf5 Bxf5 15.Bxf5 gxf5 16.Ke2 Kf8 17.h4 Ke8 18.h5 f6 19.a4 e6 20.b4 Bf8 21.Rxd8+ Nxd8 22.Nd4 0.35/22
[22.g3 0.66/18 is more appropriate.]
22...Rc8± 23.Rc1 f4 24.Bd2
[24.Bxf4? e5 25.Nb5 exf4∓]
24...Kf7 25.c4
[25.Bxf4? e5 26.Nb5 exf4-+]
25...e5 26.Nb3 b6 27.a5 Ke6 0.20/19
[Better is 27...Ne6∓ -0.31/19]
28.a6 -0.57/19
[28.g3= 0.20/19]
28...Nc6 -0.01/22
[28...Kf5!∓ -0.57/19]
29.b5= Nb8 30.c5 Bxc5 31.Nxc5+ bxc5 Endgame KRB-KRN **32.Ba5**
[But not 32.b6? axb6 33.Rb1 *(33.a7? Nc6-+)* 33...Nd7-+]
32...c4 0.47/20
[32...Nd7∓ -0.31/20]
33.b6!± Rxc4! is the strong threat.

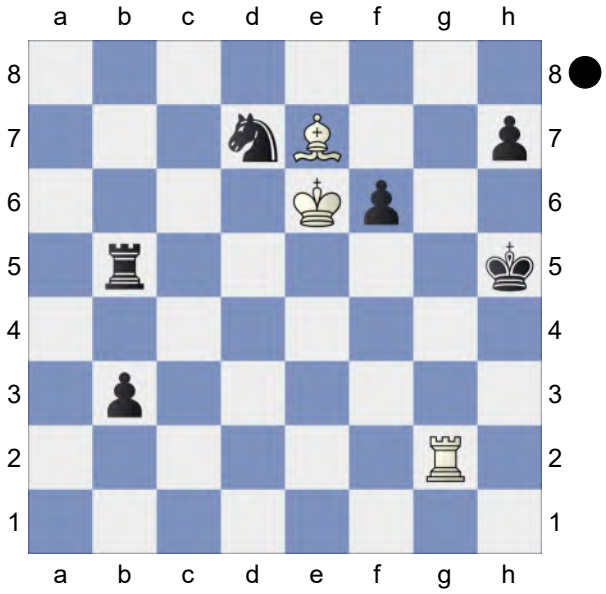
33...axb6 1.69/21
[33...Nxa6= 0.28/20 34.bxa7 Ra8]



34.a7! -1.65/21 **Nd7-+ 35.Rxc4 Ra8**
[35...Rxc4?



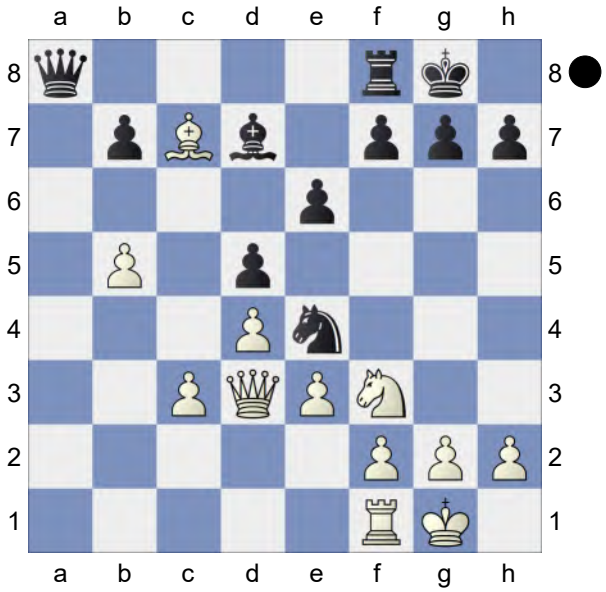
36.a8Q! Kd6 37.Bd2+-]
36.Bb4 -2.69/20
[Don't blunder 36.Rc6+? Kd5 37.Rc7 Kd6 38.Bxb6 Nxb6-+]
[⌓36.Bxb6 -1.85/22 Nxb6 37.Rc6+ Kf5 38.Rxb6 Rxa7 39.f3]
36...Rxa7 37.Rc6+ Kf5 38.Be7 Kg5 39.g3 -3.95/23
[⌓39.h6 -2.55/22]
39...fxg3 40.fxg3 Rb7 Strongly threatening ...b5.
[Don't go for 40...Kxh5? 41.Bxf6 Kg4 42.Be7-+]
41.Kf3 -3.45/24
[⌓41.Rc8 -2.18/21]
41...b5 Hoping for ...b4. **42.g4 b4** And now ...b3 would win. **43.Rc2?** -5.99/23
[43.Kg3 -3.52/24 Rb8 44.Rc7]
43...b3 44.Rb2 e4+ 45.Kxe4 Kxg4 Threatens to win with ...f5+. **46.Rg2+ Kxh5** Black is clearly winning. **47.Kf5** -10.01/21
[⌓47.Ba3 -4.22/20]
47...Rb5+ 48.Ke6



b2! 49.Rh2+ Kg4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.47/Black=0.23 (precise)
0-1

516 **A45**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2601**
■ **Shankland,Samuel L** **2670**
Titled Tue 8th Apr Early blitz (10) 8.4.25
[TA]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N
[2...c5 3.d5 g6 4.e4 d6 5.Bb5+ *(5.Nf3 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.a4 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nbd7 11.Re1 a6 12.Bf1 e5 13.a5 Ne8 14.Bd3 Qh4 15.Qg4 Qxg4 16.hxg4 Rc8 17.b3 Nef6 18.g5 Ne8 19.g3 f6* 0-1 (79) Sadykov,R (2345)-Skliarov,V (2383) Julius Baer Play In rapid 2023 (3.76)*; 5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leis Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000) 5...Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 0-1 (57) Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig,F (1863) Rheinhessen-ch H1 op 1997 (2)]
[2...e6 3.e4 c5 4.d5 d6 5.Bb5+ Bd7 6.a4 e5 7.Nge2 g6 8.0-0 a6 9.Bxd7+ Nbxd7 10.Ng3 Bg7 11.Ra3 0-0 12.a5 h6 13.Qe2 Kh7 14.Nd1 Ne8 15.Ne3 Nc7 16.c4 Rh8 17.Bd2 0-1 (42) Obran,H-Renaud,G (2365) Saint Louis 132/(142) 2017 (10)]
3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Bb4+ 5.c3 Ba5 6.a4 Threatening b4. **6...a6 7.b4 Nc6** Hoping for ...Nxb4. **8.bxa5** The position is equal. **8...axb5 9.axb5 Nxa5 10.e3 Bd7 11.Nf3 Ne4 12.Bd3 Nc4 13.0-0 Nb2** 0.39/24
[13...Nxc3= -0.05/18 14.Qb3 Nxb5]
14.Qc2 Nxd3 15.Qxd3 0-0 0.57/20
[15...Nd6= 0.15/20 was preferrable. 16.Rab1 f6]
16.Rxa8 -0.33/21
[16.c4± 0.57/20]
16...Qxa8∓ 17.Bxc7 -1.21/20
[White should try 17.Ng5∓ -0.32/20]



17...b6? 0.40/21 **18.Ne5** 0.03/21
[18.Bxb6± 0.40/21 deserves consideration. Qb8 19.Ne5]
18...Rc8= 19.Bxb6
[19.Nxd7 Rxc7 20.Nxb6 Qa3∓]
19...Rxc3 20.Qe2 Be8 21.h4 -0.78/20
[21.f3= 0.01/19 Nd6 22.Bc5 *(22.Rb1 f6=)* 22...Nxb5 23.Qb2]
21...Qb8 -0.01/20
[Better is 21...f6∓ -0.78/20 ...Qb8! is the strong threat. 22.Nc6 *(22.f3? Ng3-+)* 22...Bxc6 23.bxc6 Rxc6 *(23...Qxc6 24.Ba5∓)*]
22.Ba5 -1.14/21
[22.f3!= -0.01/20]
22...Ra3∓ 23.Bb4 -2.20/20 This move loses the game for White.

[23.Qe1∓ -0.89/19 Bxb5 *(23...Qxb5 24.f3∓)* 24.Qb4]

23...Rb3-+

[Weaker is 23...Bxb5 24.Qb2 Ra7 25.Ra1=]

24.Ba5 -2.31/21

[24.Bc5 -1.75/19 is a better defense.]

24...Bxb5

[Don't take 24...Rxb5 25.Qe1∓]

25.Qh5 g6 26.Qf3 f6↑ Black has strong initiative. Active counter play!

27.Rc1 -2.24/22

[⌓27.Ra1 -1.75/21]

27...fxe5 28.Qg4 Bd7 And now ...Rb1 would win. **29.h5** -2.99/18

[⌓29.f3 -1.89/18 Ra3 30.fxe4 Rxa5 31.h5]

29...Rb1 (-> ...Qb3) **30.Bd2?** -9.98/23

[30.Qd1 -2.90/19 Rxc1 31.Qxc1]

30...Nxd2 Black is clearly winning.

31.Rxb1 Qxb1+ 32.Kh2 Qf5

Weighted Error Value: White=0.57/ Black=0.19 (very precise)

0-1

517 **A45**

□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2601**

■ **Panarin,M** **2562**

Titled Tue 3rd Jan Late blitz (7) 03.06.25

[TA]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e4 Nxe4 5.Nxe4 dxe4 6.dxc5 Qa5+ 7.c3! Hoping for b4. **7...Qxc5 8.Qa4+** The position is equal. **8...Nc6 9.Qxe4 g6 10.Nf3 Bg7** Strongly threatening ... Bxc3+! **11.Rd1**

[11.Qe3 simplifies Qxe3+ 12.Bxe3 0-0 13.0-0-0]

11...0-0 12.Be3 Qa5 13.Bc4 Bf5

[13...Qf5 simplifies 14.Qxf5 Bxf5 15.a3 Rad8]

14.Qh4 Rac8N

[14...Ne5 15.Nxe5 Qxe5 16.0-0 Bf6 *(16...Qe4 17.Qxe4 Bxe4 18.Bd5 Bxd5 19.Rxd5 Bf6 20.Rd7 b6 21.Rfd1 Kg7 22.g4 h6 23.Rb7 Rfc8 24.Rdd7 Rc4 25.h3 Ra4 26.a3 Ra5 27.Kg2 h5 28.f4 hxg4 29.hxg4 Rb5 30.b4 Bxc3 31.Rxe7* 1-0 (93) Bortnyk, O (2608)-Dominguez Perez,L (2748) Titled Jul Late 2024 (5)*)* 17.Qh6 Bg7 18.Qf4 Rfc8 19.Bd5 Rc7 20.Qb4 Be6 21.Bf4 Qh5 22.Bxe6 a5 23.Bxf7+ Kxf7 24.Qb3+ 1-0 Bortnyk, O (2605)-Madaminov,M (2436) Titled Tuesday intern op 28th Feb Late blitz 2023 (10)]

[14...e6 15.0-0 h5 16.h3 Ne5 17.Nxe5 Qxe5 18.Rd7 Qe4 19.Qxe4 Bxe4 20.Rfd1 Bc6 21.R7d2 Rfe8 22.Bg5 Rac8 23.Bb3 Kh7 24.a3 Bh6 25.h4 a5 26.Rd6 a4 27.Bc2 Ra8 28.Bxh6 Kxh6 29.R1d4 1-0 (47) Siemes,R (2605)-Ross,P (2545) Charakteristik 1996 (6.3) Ra5 30.Rb4 Rea8 31.Kf1 Kg7 32.f3 Kf8 33.Kf2 Ke7 34.Rd2 g5 35.Rdd4 gxh4 36.Rxh4 Rd8 37.Rhd4 Rxd4 38.Rxd4 Rb5 39.Rb4 Rxb4 40.axb4 h4 41.c4 b5 42.c5 e5 43.Bf5 Kf6 44.Be4 ½-½ (47) Bortolotti,F-Romano, A Eporediese op 2001 (6)]

15.0-0 Ne5 16.Nxe5 Bxe5 17.Bg5 Against Bf6 **17...Bxh2+** 1.27/21 **18.Kxh2± Qc7+**

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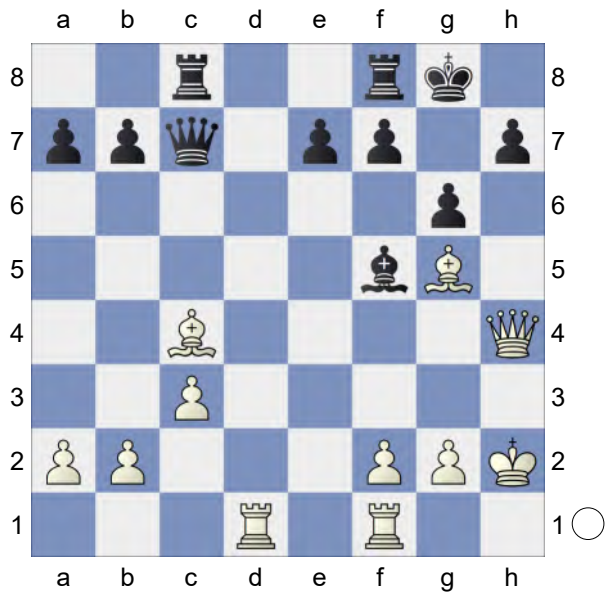
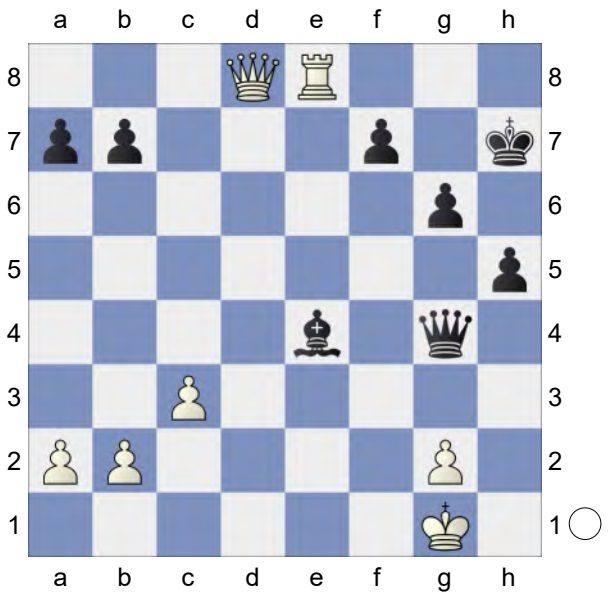


19.f4! Qxc4 20.Bxe7 aiming for Qh6.
20...Rfe8 21.Bf6 0.72/23 Wards off Bc2
[⌓21.Rfe1 1.27/24]
21...h5 1.16/23
[Better is 21...Qe2 0.72/23]
22.Qg5 0.78/22
[⌓22.Rfe1 1.16/23]
22...Rc6? 2.80/21
[22...Kh7± 0.78/22]
23.Rfe1+- Rec8 24.Re5 Rxf6 25.Qxf6 Qxf4+ 26.Kg1 Qg4 27.Rd8+ Rxd8 28.Qxd8+ Endgame. KQR-KQB
28...Kh7 29.Re8? 1.32/23
[29.Qd4+- 4.34/24]
29...Be4±

(Diagram)

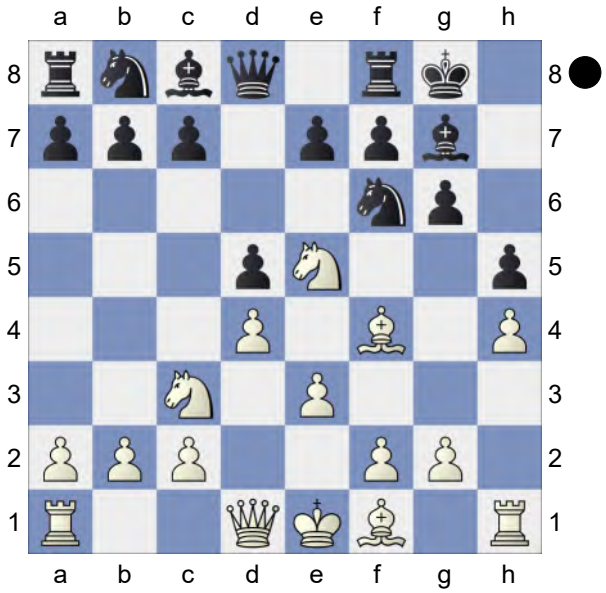


30.Qd2 And now Re7 would win.
[30.Rh8+ Kg7 31.Qg8+ *(31.Qf8+ Kf6=)* 31...Kf6 32.Qd8+ Kg7 33.Rg8+ *(33.Qf8+ Kf6=)* 33...Kh7 34.Rh8+ Kg7=]
30...h4? 3.88/26
[30...g5± 1.44/22 was necessary. 31.Qf2 f6]
31.Qf2 Bd5 32.Re3 0.70/21
[32.Qxa7? Qxg2#]
[32.Re5+- 2.02/25 Bxa2 33.Qd4 *(33.Qxa7 h3±)* 33...Qxd4+ 34.cxd4]
32...g5? 3.18/20
[32...Bxa2± 0.70/21 33.Rd3 g5]
33.Qe2 1.46/24
[33.Re5+- 3.18/20 is the precise move to win. Bxa2 34.Qf6 *(34.Qxa7 Qd1+ 35.Kh2 Qg4±)*]
33...Qf4 2.23/28
[33...Qxe2± 1.46/24 is a better defense. 34.Rxe2 Kg6]
34.Qd3+ 1.04/29
[34.Re5+- 2.23/28 and the rest is easy. Qc1+ 35.Kf2 *(35.Qf1 Qxf1+ 36.Kxf1 Bc4+ 37.Kg1 Kg6+-)* 35...Qf4+ 36.Kg1 Qc1+ 37.Qf1 Qxf1+ 38.Kxf1 Bc4+ 39.Kg1]
34...Kh6 35.Qd4 Qf5 2.38/22

[35...Qxd4± 0.86/22 36.cxd4 f6 *(36...Bxa2? 37.b3+-)*]
36.Qh8+? 0.00/24
[36.Qxa7? too greedy. Qg4 37.Qb6+ Kh7-+]
[White must play 36.Re5+- 2.38/22 Qb1+ 37.Kh2]
36...Kg6= 37.Re5 Qb1+ 38.Kh2 Qc1! 39.Qg8+
[39.Rxd5!? Qf4+□ 40.Kg1 Qe3+ 41.Kf1 Qf4+ 42.Kg1 Qc1+ 43.Kh2 Qf4+ 44.Kh1 *(44.Kg1 Qc1+ 45.Kf2 Qf4+ 46.Kg1=)* 44...Qf1+ 45.Kh2 Qf4+=]
39...Kf6! Chess con chili. **40.Qh8+**
[40.Rxd5!? Qf4+□ 41.Kg1 Qe3+ 42.Kf1 Qf4+ 43.Kg1 Qc1+ 44.Kf2 Qf4+ 45.Kg1=]
40...Kg6 41.Qg8+
[41.Rxd5!? Qf4+□ 42.Kh1 *(42.Kg1 Qe3+ 43.Kf1 Qf4+ 44.Kg1 Qc1+ 45.Kf2 Qf4+ 46.Kg1=)* 42...Qc1+ 43.Kh2 Qf4+ 44.Kg1 Qe3+ 45.Kf1 Qf4+ 46.Kg1 Qe3+ 47.Kf1 Qf4+ 48.Kg1=]
41...Kf6! 42.Rxd5 Qf4+ 43.Kh3? -#1/39
[43.Kg1= 0.00/50 Qe3+ 44.Kf1 Qf4+ 45.Kg1 Qe3+ 46.Kf1 Qf4+ 47.Kg1]
43...Qg3# Black used his chance.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.53/Black=0.52
0-1

518 **D00**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2601**
■ **Kravtsiv,Martyn** **2598**
Titled Tue 1st Jul Late blitz (7) 01.07.25
[TA]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 g6 4.e3 Bg7 5.h4 h5 6.Nf3
[6.Nb5!? Na6□ 7.Nc3=]
6...0-0 7.Ne5



c5! 8.Qd2 The position is equal. **8...Nc6 9.Bb5** -0.56/20
[9.dxc5= 0.02/17 Nh7 10.Nxc6 *(10.Qxd5? Bxe5 11.Bxe5 Qxd5-+* Remove Defender *)* 10...bxc6 11.f3]
9...cxd4!∓ 10.exd4 Nxe5 11.Bxe5 -0.63/20
[11.dxe5= -0.26/21 Ng4 12.Qd4 *(12.Qxd5 Qb6∓)*]
11...Ne4! 12.Nxe4 Bxg7 is the strong threat. **12...Bxe5 13.Ng5** -1.22/18
[13.dxe5∓ -0.36/18 dxe4 14.Bc4]
13...Bg7 -0.34/19
[13...Bxd4!∓ -1.22/18 14.Qxd4 Qa5+ 15.Qd2 Qxb5]
14.c3 f6 15.Nf3 Kh7 16.0-0 Bg4 17.Nh2 Bf5 18.Bd3 Qd7 19.Rae1 Bxf5 would now be deadly. **19...Rae8 20.Bxf5 Qxf5 21.Re2 Bh6 22.Qd1 Bf4 23.Nf3 Rg8** 0.98/19
[23...Bd6± 0.36/19]
24.Rfe1 0.57/19
[24.Qb3± 0.98/19]
24...e6 1.40/21
[24...Bd6± 0.57/19]

25.Qa4!± Strongly threatening Rxe6!
25...g5 2.62/23
[25...e5± 1.34/20 was necessary.]
26.Qd7++-
[26.Qxa7? gxh4 27.Qxb7+ Rg7 28.Nxh4 Qg4-+]
26...Kh6 27.Rxe6 g4 28.Ng5 White threatens Rxf6+ and mate.
[28.Qxe8? Rxe8 29.Rxe8 gxf3 30.Rh8+ Kg7-+]
28...Bxg5 29.hxg5+ Kxg5 30.Rxe8 0.51/20
[30.Qxe8 Rxe8 31.Rxe8 h4=]
[30.Qf7+- 1.72/20 Ref8 31.Qxb7]
30...Qxd7± 31.Rxg8+± Endgame. KQ-KRR **31...Kf5 32.Rh8** 0.17/22
[Better is 32.f3± 0.84/22]
32...Kg6= 33.Ree8 -0.01/24
[33.g3± 0.42/21]
33...Qa4 34.Reg8+ Kf7 35.Rd8 Qd1+ 36.Kh2⇄ White is fighting back **36...Qd2 37.Kg3**
[37.Rxd5 Qxf2 38.Rdxh5 Qf4+ 39.Kh1 g3 40.R5h7+ *(40.R8h7+ Ke6 41.d5+ Kd6)* 40...Ke6 41.Re8+ *(41.Rxb7? Qf1#)* 41...Kd6]
37...Qxb2 38.Rxh5 Qxc3+ 39.Kxg4 Qxd4+ 40.Kg3 Qc3+ 41.Kg4 Qc4+ 42.Kh3 Qxa2 43.f3 -0.75/20
[43.Rhxd5= -0.14/20 keeps the balance. Qxf2 44.R5d7+ Ke6 45.Rxb7]

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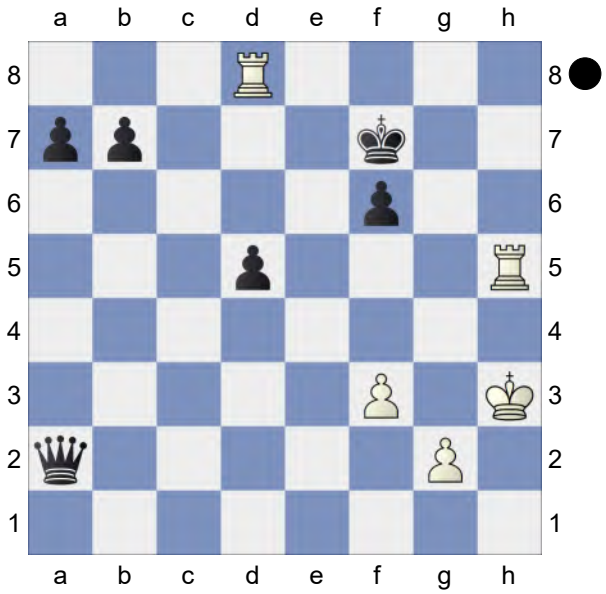
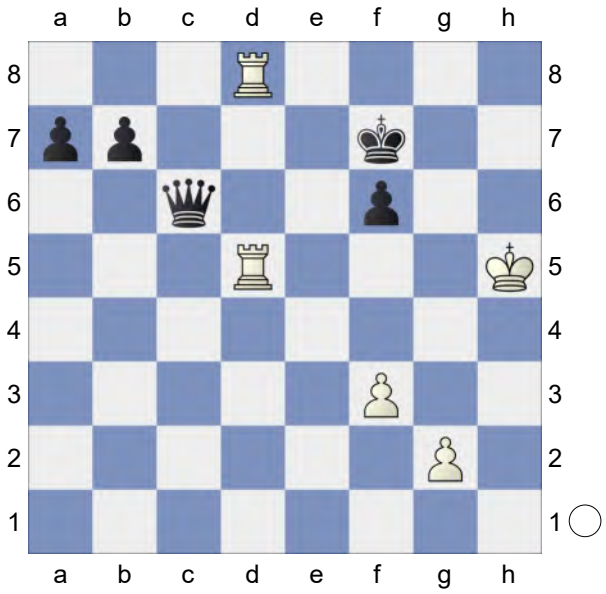


43...Qa1 0.01/23
[Black should try 43...Ke6!∓ -0.75/20 44.Re8+ Kd7]
44.Rhxd5 Qh1+ 45.Kg3 Qe1+ 46.Kg4 Qe6+ 47.Kh5 Threatens to win with R5d7+. **47...Qc6** 0.71/21
[47...Ke7!= 0.01/23]



48.R8d6 -0.01/22
[48.g4!± 0.71/21]
48...Qc8 49.Rd7+ Ke6! 50.Kg6 Qxd7
[50...Qg8+ is more complex. 51.Kh6 Qg3 52.Rd2 a5]

51.Rxd7 Kxd7 52.Kxf6 KPP-KPP **52...a5 53.g4?** -#17/24
[53.Ke5= -0.01/22]
53...a4 (-> …a3) **54.g5 a3 55.g6 a2 56.g7 a1Q+**
[56...a1B+ 57.Kf7 Bxg7 58.Kxg7=]
57.Kf7 Qa2+ 58.Kf8 Qa8+ -10.63/5
[⌓58...Qe2 -#9/20 59.g8N Qxf3+ 60.Kg7 Ke6 *(60...Qg4+ 61.Kf7 Qh5+ 62.Kf6 Kd6 63.Ne7 Qe5+ 64.Kf7 Qe6+ 65.Kf8 Qxe7+ 66.Kg8 Ke6 67.Kh8 Kf6 68.Kg8 Qg7#)* 61.Nh6 Qg3+ 62.Kh7 Qg5 63.Ng8 Kf7 64.Nh6+ Ke8 *(64...Qxh6+ 65.Kxh6 Kf6 66.Kh5 b5 67.Kg4 b4 68.Kg3 Ke5 69.Kf2 b3 70.Ke3 b2 71.Kd2 b1Q 72.Kc3 Kd5 73.Kd2 Kd4 74.Ke2 Qf5 75.Kd1 Qf2 76.Kc1 Kc3 77.Kd1 Qf1#; 64...Kf8? 65.Nf5 b6 66.Kh8 Qg8#)* 65.Ng8 Kf8 66.Kh8 Qxg8#]
59.Kf7-+ Qa2+? 0.01/22
[59...Qe8+ -#11/23 mates 60.Kf6 Qe6+ 61.Kg5 b5 62.Kf4 b4 *(62...Qh6+* gets mated. *63.Kf5 Qxg7 64.Kf4 b4 65.Ke4 b3 66.Kd3 Qg2 67.Ke4 b2 68.Kd3 b1Q+ 69.Kc3 Qxf3+ 70.Kd4 Qfe4+ 71.Kc5 Qbb4#)* 63.g8B Qxg8 64.Ke4 b3 65.Kd3 b2 *(65...Qh8 66.f4 Qh3+ 67.Kd2 Qg2+ 68.Kd3 b2 69.f5 b1Q+ 70.Kc3 Qd5 71.f6 Qdd3#)* 66.Kc2 Qa2 67.Kd3 b1Q+ *(67...b1B+ 68.Ke3 Kd6 69.Kf4 Qf2 70.Kg4 Ke5 71.Kg5 Qg3+ 72.Kh5 Kf5 73.Kh6 Qg6#)* 68.Ke3 Qc1+ 69.Ke4 Qe2+ 70.Kf5 Qe6#]
60.Kg6? -#11/22
[60.Kf8= 0.01/22 Qe2 61.g8N Qxf3+ 62.Kg7 Ke6 *(62...Qg4+* is a self mate. *63.Kf7 Qc4+* Deflection *64.Kg6 Qxg8+ 65.Kf5 Qd5+ 66.Kg4 Qd3 67.Kh4 Qf3 68.Kg5 Ke6 69.Kh4 Qg2 70.Kh5 Kf5 71.Kh6 Qg6#)* 63.Nh6 Qh5 64.Ng8 Qg5+ 65.Kh7 b5 66.Nh6 Ke7 67.Kh8 Kf8 68.Kh7 Qg7#]
60...Qe6+ 61.Kh7 Qf5+ 62.Kh8 Qh3+ -9.76/5
[⌓62...Qh5+ -#5/12 63.Kg8 Ke6 *(63...Qxf3* leads to mate. *64.Kh7 Qh5+ 65.Kg8 Ke6 66.Kf8 Qf7#)* 64.f4 Kf6 65.f5 Qf7+ 66.Kh8 Qxg7#]
63.Kg8 Qxf3 Black mates. **64.Kh7 Qh5+ 65.Kg8 Qg5 66.Kf8 b5**
Quite a comeback for Black.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.41/ Black=0.33
0-1

519 **D00**
□ **Jobava,Baadur** **2600**
■ **Pantsulaia,Levan** **2547**
Grand Prix PlusCity Rapid (7.2) 30.05.25
[TA]

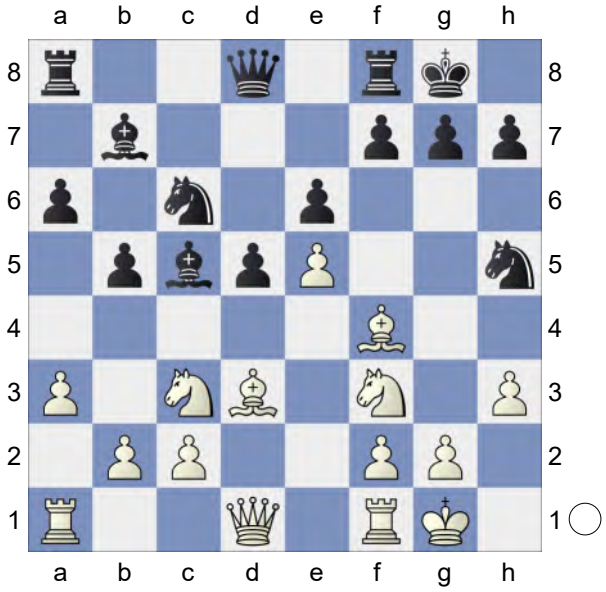
D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (120 (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ (41) Atalik, S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC

op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 (41) Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)) 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 (23) Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]

3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.Nf3 c5 6.a3 Nc6 7.h3 b5 8.Bd3 The position is equal. **8...Bb7 9.0-0 Bd6** 0.24/20

[9...c4∓ -0.37/19 10.Be2 Bd6]

10.dxc5= Bxc5 11.e4 0-0 12.e5 Nh5



13.Bxh7+! -0.44/18 **Kxh7∓ 14.Ng5+ Kg6 15.Qd3+ f5 16.Nxe6** -1.74/18

[16.exf6+!= 0.00/19 and White has nothing to worry. Kxf6 17.Ne2 Decoy]

16...Qe7-+ 17.Nxf8+ Rxf8 18.Nxd5 Qh4 -0.87/18

[18...Qe6-+ -1.99/20 Hoping for ... Nd4! 19.c4 Nxe5]

19.Bh2∓ Rd8 Black has strong compensation. **20.e6?** -3.09/21

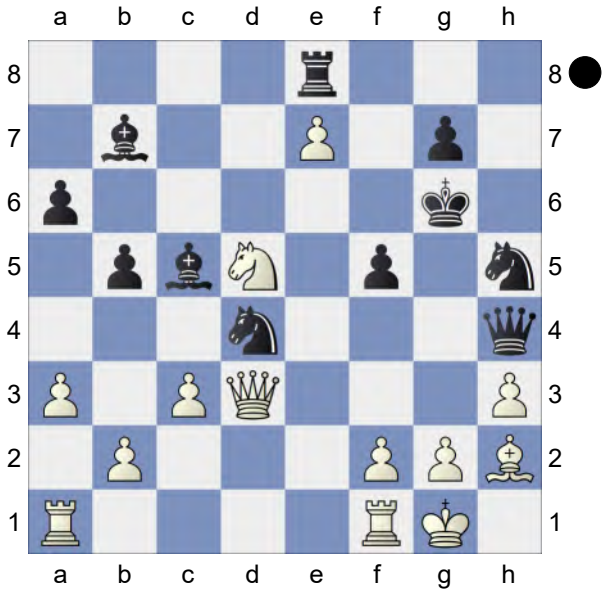
[White must play 20.Qf3!∓ -0.65/17]

20...Nd4 21.e7 Re8? -0.94/18

[21...Bxd5 22.exd8R *(22.exd8B Qxd8 23.Kh1 Ne6=; 22.exd8N? Qg5-+; 22.exd8Q Qxd8 23.Kh1 Ne6=)* 22...Qxd8 23.Kh1=]

[21...Bxe7-+ -2.57/21 and Black stays clearly on top. 22.c3 *(22.Nxe7+? Qxe7 23.Rfe1 Qg5-+)* 22...Bxd5 *(22...Rxd5? 23.cxd4 Rxd4 24.Qe3-+)* 23.cxd4 Bc4 Skewer]

22.c3



Ne6 2.41/17

[22...Bxd5 23.cxd4 Be4 *(23...Bxd4? 24.Rad1+-; 23...Qxd4? 24.Qxd4 Bxd4 25.Rad1+-; 23...Bxe7 24.Rfe1∓)* 24.Qc3 Bxe7 25.Rad1=]

[22...Ne2+!∓ -1.12/20 keeps the pressure on. 23.Kh1 Nef4 *(23...Bxf2? 24.Qxe2 Bxd5 25.Qxf2+-; 23...Bxe7 24.Rae1∓)* 24.Nxf4+ Nxf4 25.Bxf4 Qxf4]

23.Rae1+- Ng5 24.Re5 Bxd5? 4.18/19

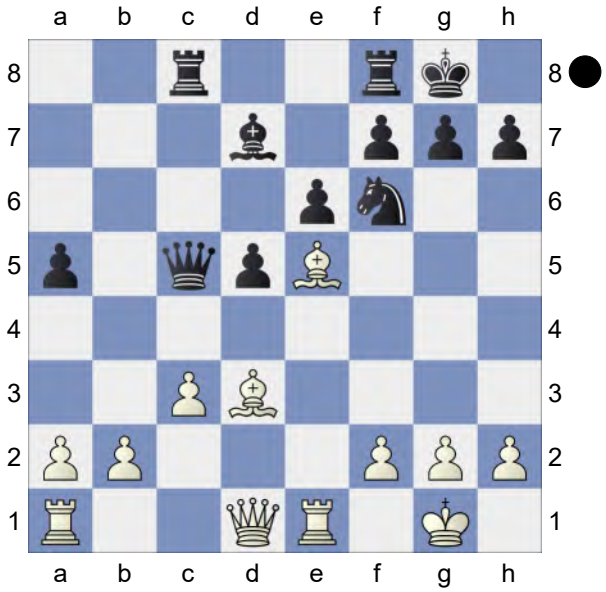
[24...Ne4 1.66/17 25.Qf3 Qg5]

25.Qxf5+

[Don't take 25.Qxd5 Ne4 26.Qc6+ *(26.Rxf5 Nhf6+-)* 26...Nhf6 27.Rxc5 Nxc5 28.Qxc5 Qe4+-]
[25.Rxd5 Qe4 26.Qd1 Qxe7]
25...Kh6 26.Rxd5 Bxe7 27.f4 Ne4 28.Qg4 1.84/23
[28.Qxe4? loses. Bc5+ 29.Rxc5 Rxe4-+]
[⌓28.Re5 3.33/21 Bc5+ 29.Rxc5 Nxc5 30.Qxc5]
28...g6 2.80/23
[28...Qxg4 1.84/23 keeps fighting. 29.hxg4 Bc5+ 30.Rxc5 Nxc5]
29.Re5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.37/ Black=0.72
1-0

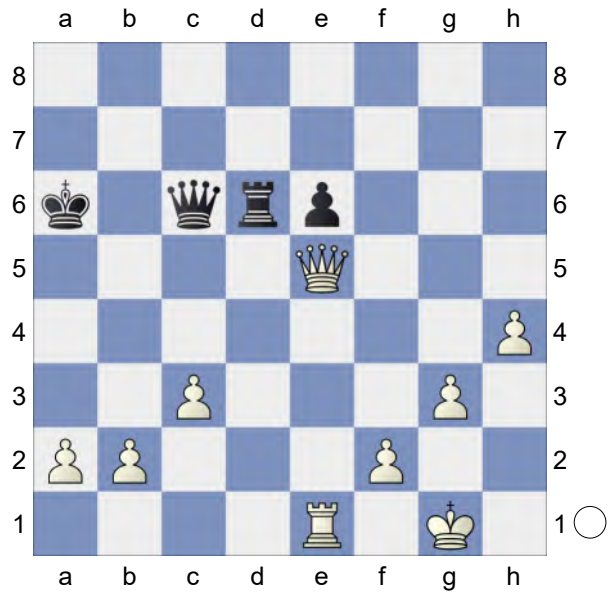
520 **D00**
□ **Pranav,V** **2597**
■ **Prohaszka,P2** **2585**
Titled Tue 9th May Late blitz (3) 09.05.23
[Kitty Kat]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Ne5 Bd7** 7...Bd7 is better than 7...e6. 7...Ld7 ist besser als 7...e6. 7...Bd7 is better than 7...e6. 7...Ld7 ist besser als 7...e6. **8.Be2** The position is equal. **8...Rc8 9.0-0 e6 10.Bf3N**
[Predecessor: 10.Qd3 Nb4 11.Qd2 Be7 12.a3 Nc6 13.Rfd1 0-0 14.Qe3 Ne8 15.Bd3 Nxe5 16.Bxe5 0-1 Gelman,A (2403)-Zubov,A (2589) Titled Tuesday intern op 20th Oct blitz 2020 (2) 0-1 Gelman,A (2403)-Zubov, A (2589) Titled Tuesday intern op 20th Oct blitz 2020 (2)]
10...Qb6 0.20/21
[10...Nxe5 -0.17/19 might be stronger. 11.dxe5 Ng8]
11.Nxc6 -0.22/22
[11.Nxd7 0.20/21 should be considered. Nxd7 12.Re1]
11...bxc6 0.88/19
[11...Bxc6= -0.22/22 12.Rb1 Bb4]
12.Na4± Qa7 13.c3 a5 14.Re1 Be7 15.Be2 0-0 16.Bd3 c5 17.Nxc5 White is more active. White stays focused until the end. **17...Bxc5 18.dxc5 Qxc5 19.Be5**



Black must now prevent Bxf6. A strong pair of Bishops. **19...Bb5** 1.45/23
[⌓19...Qe7 0.77/19]
20.Bd4 Qc6 21.Bxf6 Bxh7+! would kill now. **21...Bxd3 22.Bxg7 Kxg7 23.Qxd3 Qc4** 2.42/22
[23...Rg8± 1.42/21 24.Qd4+ Kf8]
24.Qg3++- Kf6 25.Rad1 aiming for Rd4. **25...Rg8** 3.68/21
[25...Ke7 2.25/20 was worth a try. 26.Qg5+ Kd7]
26.Qe5+ Ke7 27.Rxd5
[Resist 27.Qxd5 Qxd5 28.Rxd5 Rb8+-]
27...Qc6 28.g3
[28.Rxa5? Qxg2#]

28...Rcd8 29.Rxd8 Rxd8 30.Qxa5 Endgame. KQR-KQR **30...f6 31.Qh5** White is clearly winning. **31...Rd7 32.Qxh7+ Kd8 33.Qh8+ Kc7 34.Qxf6 Rd6 35.h4 Kb6 36.Qe5 Ka6**



37.a4! Ka7
[37...Kb7 38.h5]
38.Qa5+ Kb8 39.Qb5+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) / Black=0.51
1-0

521 **B13**
□ **Schmucker,Roger** **2597**
■ **Rozman,Levy** **2585**
Garmisch Partenkirchen rapid (3) 9.5.23
[Kitty Kat]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Ne5 Bd7 8.Be2** The position is equal. **8...Rc8N**
[8...e6 9.0-0 Qb6 10.Nxc6 Bxc6 *(10...Qxc6 11.Be5 Be7 12.Bd3 0-0 13.Ne2 Ne4 14.Ng3 f6 15.Bf4 f5 16.Ne2 b5 17.f3 Nd6 18.Bxd6 Qxd6 19.f4 a5 20.Qd2 Rfc8 21.Rfc1 b4 22.Kh1 a4 23.a3 Rab8 24.axb4 Rxb4 25.Ra2* ½-½ Mach,J (2442)-6.♗e2 a6 (2452) corr W-32ch ct03 2012 (6) *)* 11.Rb1 Be7 12.Re1 0-0 13.Bd3 Rac8 14.Ne2 Bb5 15.c3 Bxd3 16.Qxd3 Bd6 ½-½ Ivanov,T (1323)-Vingris,M (1656) 108/(31) Edmonton 2009 (7)]
9.0-0 e6 10.Bf3
[10.Qd3 Nb4 11.Qd2 Be7 12.a3 Nc6 13.Rfd1 0-0 14.Qe3 Ne8 15.Bd3 next Qe3-h3 is good for White. Nxe5 16.Bxe5]
10...Qb6 0.54/20
[10...Be7= -0.07/18]
11.Nxc6 -0.20/18
[11.Nxd7± 0.54/20 Nxd7 12.Re1]
11...bxc6 1.05/20
[11...Bxc6= -0.20/18 12.Rb1 Qa5]
12.Na4± Black is now going downhill.
12...Qa7 13.c3 a5 14.Re1 Be7 15.Be2 0-0 16.Bd3 c5 17.Nxc5 White is more active. **17...Bxc5 18.dxc5 Qxc5 19.Be5** Be5xf6 is the strong threat. This pair of bishops is nice. **19...Bb5** 1.87/22
[19...Qe7± 1.14/17]
20.Bd4+- Qc6

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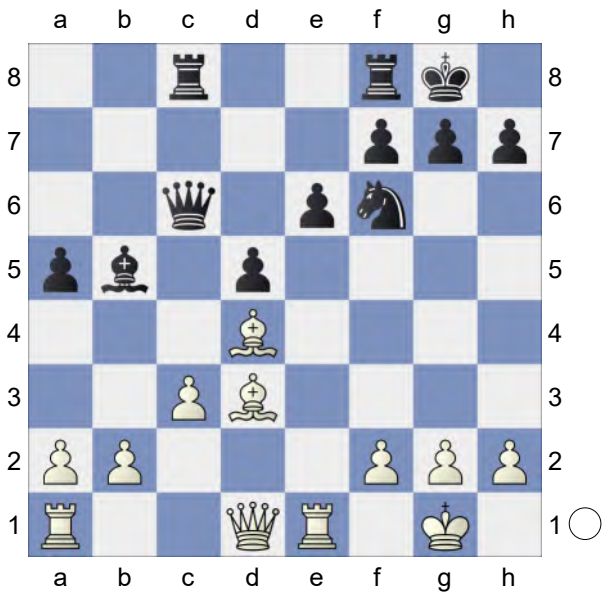

21.Bxf6! Threatening mate with Bd3xh7+!. **21...Bxd3 22.Bxg7 Kxg7 23.Qxd3 Qc4** 3.06/20
[⌓23...Rg8 1.89/17 24.Rad1 h6]
24.Qg3+ Kf6 25.Rad1 Rg8? 5.06/22
[25...Ke7 2.87/19 was called for. 26.Qg5+ Kd7]
26.Qe5+ White is clearly winning.
26...Ke7 27.Rxd5 Qc6 28.g3
[28.Rxa5? Qxg2#]
28...Rcd8 29.Rxd8 Rxd8 30.Qxa5 Endgame KQR-KQR. White is 3 pawns up. **30...f6 31.Qh5 Rd7 32.Qxh7+ Kd8 33.Qh8+ Kc7 34.Qxf6 Rd6 35.h4 Kb6 36.Qe5 Ka6**

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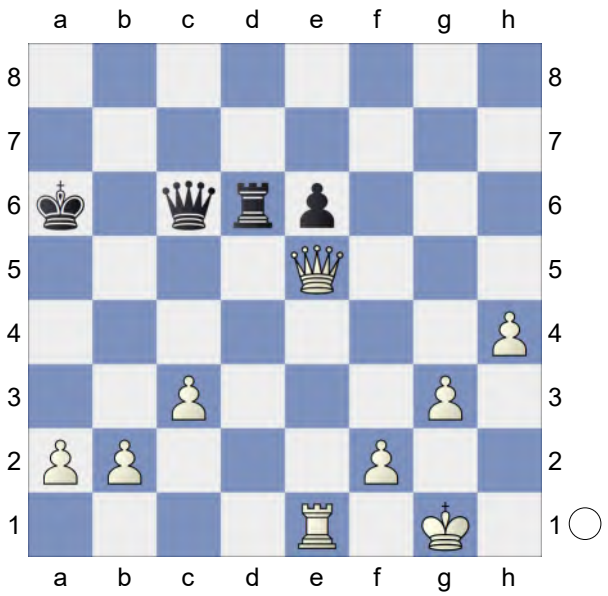


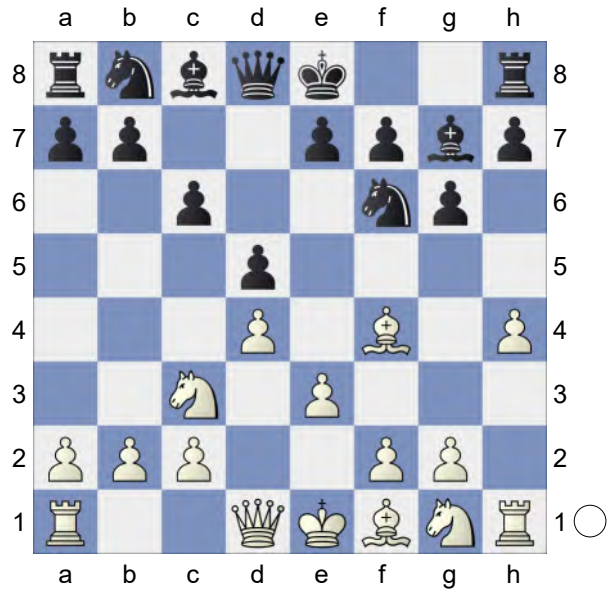
37.a4! Ka7
[37...Kb7 38.h5]
38.Qa5+ Kb8 39.Qb5+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) / Black=0.55
1-0

522 **A45**
□ **Adly,Ahmed** **2596**
■ **Amin,Bassem** **2692**
Riyadh Calendar Chess (8.3) 18.03.2023
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6*

Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8 ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]

3.Bf4 g6 4.e3 Bg7 5.h4 c6



6.h5 -0.73/20 **Nxh5∓**

[6...gxh5?! 7.Bd3±]

7.Rxh5 gxh5 8.Qxh5 Black is slightly better. **8...Nd7 9.Bd3 Nf8!?** 0.01/21 Leaves trodden paths. Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade.

[Better is 9...Nf6∓ -0.62/19 10.Qg5 Rg8]

10.Nf3= Ng6N next ...Ng6xf4 is good for Black.

[Predecessor: 10...Be6 11.0-0-0 Ng6 12.Ng5 Threatens to win with Ng5xe6. Qd7 13.Rh1? -1.73/21 *(13.Nxe6=* -0.19/21 and White stays safe. *Qxe6 14.Bg3)* 13...Bg4 14.Qh2 Bf5 15.e4 -2.18/22 *(15.Bxf5∓* -1.52/21 *Qxf5 16.Ne2)* 15...dxe4-+ 16.Bc4 e6 1-0 (53) Eugene,F (2287)-Stets,D (2415) Rochefort 2017 1-0 (53) Eugene,F (2287)-Stets,D (2415) Rochefort 2017]

11.Bg3 Qd7 Black wants to play ...Qd7-g4. **12.0-0-0** -0.94/22

[12.Nh2!= -0.04/21 keeps the balance.]

12...Qg4∓ 13.Qh2 h5 14.Nh4 Nxh4 15.Bxh4 Qe6 16.e4 -1.20/21

[White should play 16.Ne2 -0.73/21]

16...dxe4 -0.28/22

[16...Bxd4∓ -1.20/21 Strongly threatening ...Bd4-e5. 17.exd5 Qe5 18.Qxe5 Bxe5]

17.Nxe4= Qxa2? 1.02/22

[17...Bxd4∓ -0.78/20 stays on course. ...Qe6-e5! would now be deadly. 18.c3 Bg7]

18.Qc7± 0-0 And now ...Bc8-g4 would win. **19.Bxe7 Bg4 20.f3 Bxd4** 2.48/23

21.Qf4+-

[21.fxg4? Be3+ 22.Nd2 Qa1#]

21...Qxb2+

[21...Bxb2+ 22.Kd2 f5 *(22...Qa5+? 23.c3+-)* 23.Bc4+ Qxc4 24.Nf6+ Rxf6 25.Qxc4+ Rf7 26.fxg4+-]

22.Kd2 White wants to mate with Qf4-g5+. **22...f5 23.Qg5+** 0.15/21

[23.Bxf8± 1.35/24 Rxf8 24.Nd6 *(24.fxg4? Qb4+ 25.c3 Bxc3+* Pin *26.Ke2 fxe4-+)*]

23...Bg7= 24.fxg4 fxe4 25.Bc4+

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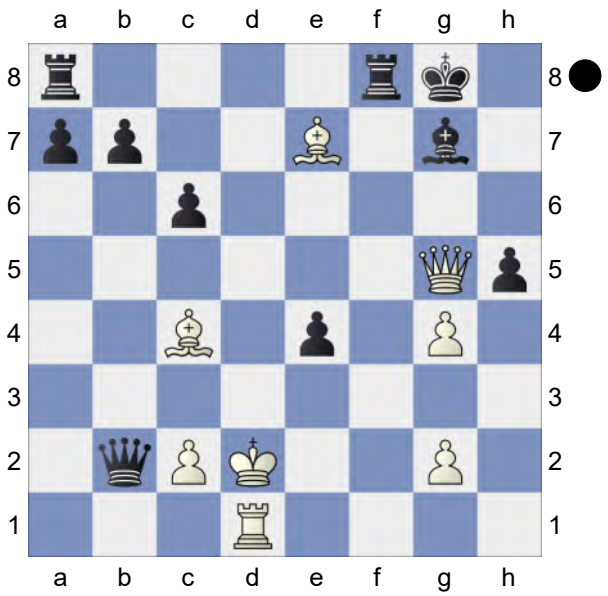
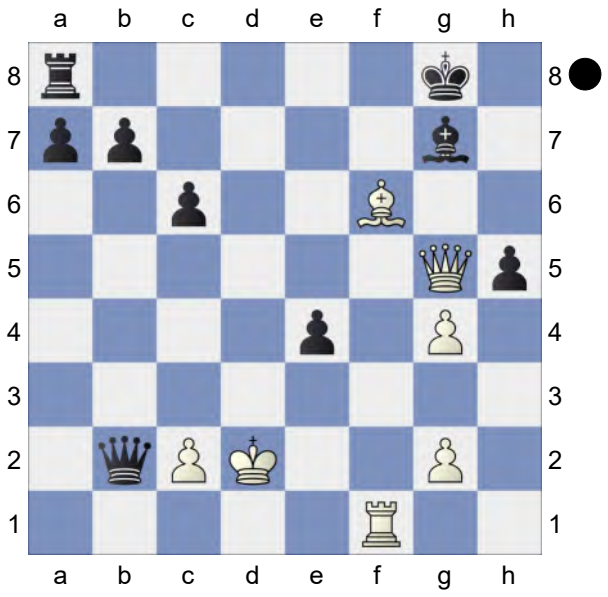
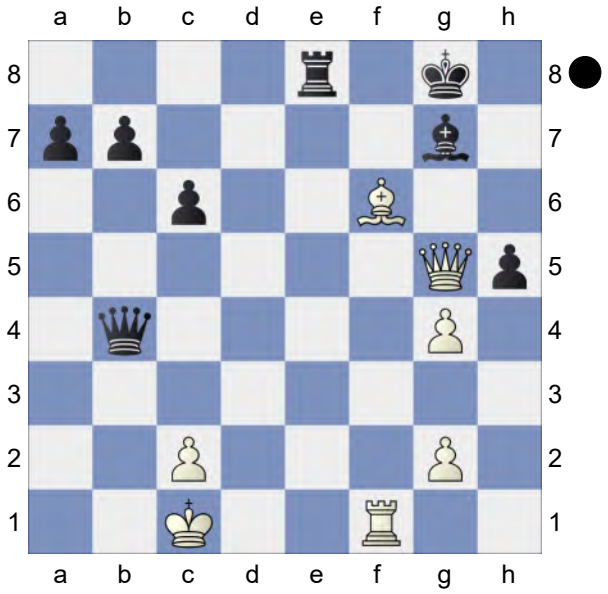


A strong pair of Bishops. **25...Rf7! 26.Bxf7+**
[26.Bb3 Qd4+]
26...Kxf7 27.Rf1+! Kg8 28.Bf6



Against Qb2-c3+ **28...e3+!** Decoy
29.Kxe3 Re8+
[29...Qxc2 30.Qxg7#]
30.Kd3 Qa3+ 31.Kd2 -1.36/26
[⌓31.c3 -0.71/28 Qa6+ 32.c4 Qa3+ 33.Kd2 Qb4+ 34.Kd1 Qb1+ *(34...Qxc4 35.Qxg7#)* 35.Kd2 Rd8+ *(35...Qxf1 36.Qxg7#)* 36.Bxd8 Qxf1 37.gxh5]
31...Qb4+∓ 32.Kc1? -3.99/26
[32.Kd1∓ -1.43/25 Qxg4+ 33.Qxg4 hxg4 34.Bxg7 Kxg7 35.Rf4]

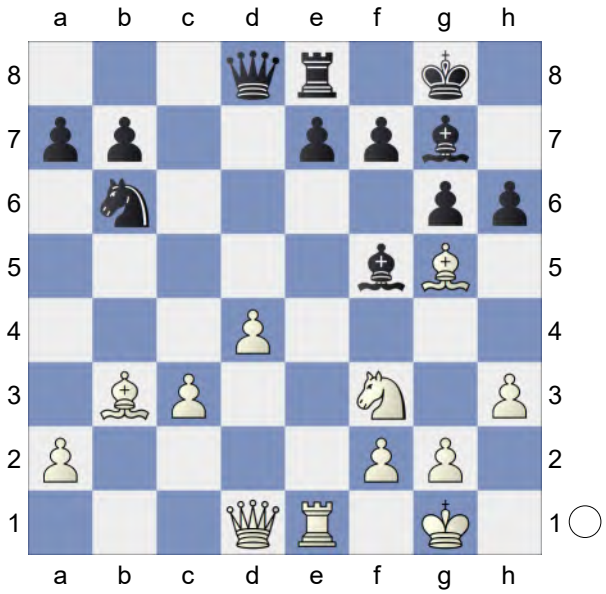


32...Qxg4? -1.20/24
[32...Re1+!-+ -3.99/26 and Black stays clearly on top. 33.Rxe1 Qxe1+ 34.Kb2 Qb4+ 35.Ka2 Qc4+ *(35...Qxg4 36.Qxg4 hxg4 37.Bh4-+)* 36.Ka3 Qxg4 37.Qxg4 hxg4]
33.Qxg4 hxg4 34.Bxg7 Kxg7-+
Endgame. KR-KR **35.Rf4 g3 36.Rf3 Re7 37.Rxg3+ Kf6 38.Ra3 b6 39.Kd2 Rg7 40.g3 Ke5 41.Ke2** -2.21/24
[41.Ra6∓ -1.26/25]
41...c5 42.Kf3 -2.69/24
[42.g4∓ -1.34/23]
42...c4 43.Re3+ -2.88/26
[⌓43.Ke2 -1.90/25]
43...Kd4 ...Rg7xg3+! is the strong threat.
44.c3+ Kd5 45.g4 b5 46.Re1? -4.39/21
[46.Re8∓ -1.52/24 might work better.]
46...b4 47.cxb4 -7.07/22
[⌓47.g5 -4.34/23 b3 *(47...Rxg5? 48.Ra1-+; 47...bxc3? 48.Rh1-+)* 48.Kf4]

47...c3 48.Kf4 Kc4 49.Kf5 Kxb4 50.g5 c2 aiming for ...Rg7-f7+. **51.g6 Rc7 52.Rc1 Kb3 53.Kf6 Kb2 54.g7 Rxg7** Black mates.
[Not 54...Kxc1 55.g8Q=]
55.Rxc2+ Kxc2 56.Kxg7 a5 Black used his chance. Weighted Error Value: White=0.76/Black=0.44
0-1

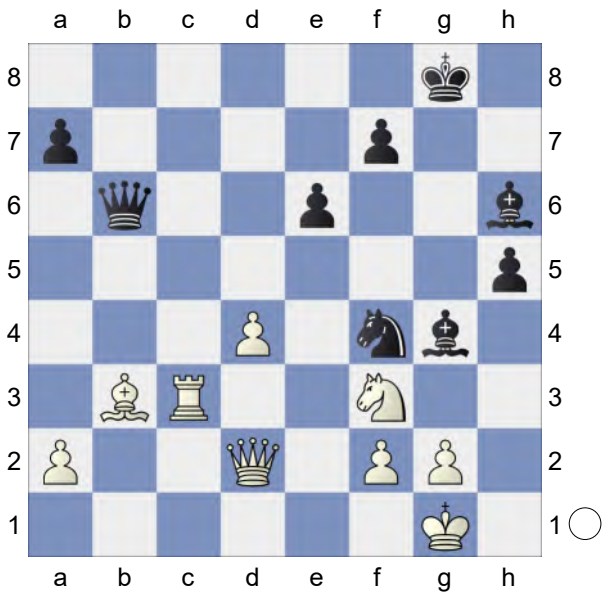
523 **B14**
□ **Huebner,Robert** **2595**
■ **Seeman,T** **2382**
14th Puhajarve Rapid (21.6) 30.11.2013
[Kitty Kat]

B14: Caro-Kann: Panov-Botvinnik Attack with 5...e6 and 5...g6 Inf 83/(89) **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.c3 Bg7 4.d4 cxd4 5.cxd4 d5 6.exd5 Nf6 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Bc4 Nbd7**
[8...b5 9.Bxb5 Nxd5 10.0-0 Bg4 11.h3 Bf5 12.Qb3 Nb6 13.Bf4 N8d7 14.Bc6 Rc8 15.Bb7 Rc4 16.Rfd1 e6 17.a4 a5 18.g4 Rb4 19.Qa2 Bc2 20.Rd2 Bb3 21.Qb1 Nf6 22.Bc6 Nbd5 23.Be5 10.c3 d4 11.♘g5 (2373)-Garcia,E (2172) Novi Sad 2023 Inf11 [John Watson] 1-0 (49)]
9.0-0 Nb6 10.Bb3 Nfxd5 11.h3N
[11.Re1 Bg4 12.Bg5 Qd7 13.h3 Bxf3 14.Qxf3 e6 15.Rad1 Rac8 16.Nxd5 Nxd5 17.Bxd5 exd5 18.Re7 Qb5 Glek,I (2574)-Dausch,R (2346) Baden-Baden 2001 CI1-130 [RR]]
11...Bf5 12.Re1 Rc8 13.Bg5 White is slightly better. **13...Re8 14.Rc1 Nxc3 15.Rxc3 Rxc3** 0.95/18
[15...Nd5!± 0.43/19]
16.bxc3± h6 1.54/19
[⌓16...a5 1.17/22]



17.Bh4 0.72/21 &Bianco is more active.
[⌓17.Bd2! 1.54/19]
17...g5 18.Bg3 e6 19.c4 g4 1.66/24
[19...Nd7± 1.16/19]
20.hxg4 Bxg4 21.c5 Nd5 22.Ba4 0.00/21
[White should play 22.Bd6± 1.16/20]
22...Re7? 2.12/19 White leaves nothing to chance now.
[22...Nc3= 0.00/21 and Black is okay. 23.Qc2 Nxa4 24.Qxa4 Bxf3 25.gxf3 Bxd4]
23.Bd6+- Rc7 24.Bxc7 Qxc7 25.Bb3 Nf4 26.Re3 b6 27.cxb6 Qxb6 28.Qd2 h5 29.Rc3 Bh6

(Diagram)



White must now prevent ...Nh3+! **30.Qc2**
[Don't take 30.Rc8+?! Kg7 31.Qe1 *(31.Qd1 Bg5±)* 31...Bxf3 32.Qe5+ *(32.gxf3 Qxd4 33.Kh1 Qf6=)* 32...f6 33.Qc7+ Qxc7 34.Rxc7+ Kg6+-]
30...Kg7 31.Qe4 Ng6 32.d5 Qa5 4.73/19
[32...exd5 3.28/19 was worth a try. 33.Qxd5 Qf6]
33.Qd4+ Kh7 34.Qc5 Qxc5 35.Rxc5 Bxf3 36.gxf3 White is clearly winning. **36...exd5 37.Rxd5 Bf8 38.Rxh5+ Kg7 39.Ra5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) /Black=0.42
1-0

524 **C01**
□ **Huebner,Robert** **2595**
■ **Vihmand,Ants** **0**
14th Puhajarve Rapid (10.5) 29.11.2013
[Kitty Kat]

C01: French: Exchange Variation **1.d4 d5 2.c4 e5 3.e3 exd4 4.exd4 Nc6**
[4...Nf6 5.Nf3 Bb4+ 6.Bd2 Bxd2+ 7.Nbxd2 0-0 8.Be2 dxc4 9.Nxc4 Nbd7 10.0-0 Nb6 11.Nce5 Bf5 12.Rc1 c6 13.Re1 Nfd5 14.Qd2 a5 15.h3 a4 16.a3 Re8 17.Bf1 Qc7 18.Qg5 Bg6 19.Qh4 Grabinsky,J (2595)-9.00 ♘bd7 10.b3_66364 (2670) Rio de Janeiro 2005 CBM 003 [FS-70/204] ½-½ (65) f6 20.Nd3 Bf7 21.Nc5 Nf4 22.g3 Ng6 23.Qg4 Albin'S Counter Gambit-3.e3 ed4 4. ed4 ♘f6 5. ♘f3 Survey 2009 Lexikon09 [Konikowski,Ftacnik]]
5.Nf3N
[5.cxd5 Qxd5 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.Nc3 Bxf3 8.Nxd5 Bxd1 9.Nxc7+ Kd7 10.Nxa8 Bh5 11.d5 Nd4 #1 Albin Countergambit-Albin Countergambit 3.e3]
5...Nf6 6.Nc3 Bb4 7.Be2 dxc4 8.0-0 Bg4 9.Bxc4 0-0 10.Be3 Rb8 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Qxf3 The position is equal. **12...Nxd4 13.Qf4⇄** White is not keeping still **13...Nc2** Pair of Knights! **14.Rad1** -0.47/21
[14.Bxa7= 0.00/24 Nxa1 15.Bxb8]
14...Bd6∓ 15.Qf3 Nxe3 16.Qxe3 a6 17.Qf3 b5 18.Bb3 Qc8 19.Rd4 -0.92/16
[Better is 19.Nd5∓ -0.37/21 Nxd5 20.Rxd5]
19...Qb7 -0.44/18
[Black should play 19...Rb6∓ -0.92/16]
20.Qf5 -0.92/21 Against Be5
[20.Nd5∓ -0.44/18 Nxd5 21.Bxd5]
20...Rfd8? 1.76/22
[20...Qb6∓ -0.92/21 21.Rh4 g6!]

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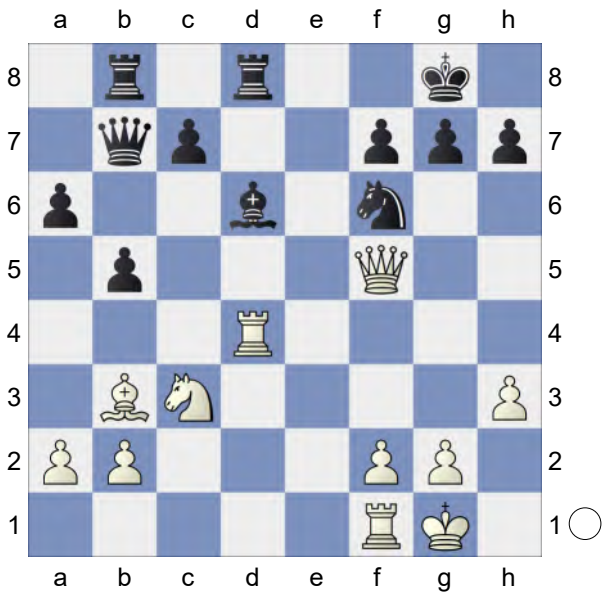


21.Rfd1 -0.32/20
[21.Ne4!+- 1.76/22 Bh2+ 22.Kxh2 Rxd4 23.Nxf6+ gxf6 24.Bc2 *(24.Qxf6 Rd7=)*]
21...Be7 0.36/24
[21...Rf8∓ -0.32/20]
22.Nd5± c6 1.31/21
[22...c5!± 0.34/25 23.Nxe7+ Qxe7 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8]
23.Nxf6+± Bxf6 24.Rd7 Rxd7 25.Rxd7 Qc8 26.Rxf7 Intending Rc7+ and mate. &Bianco is much more active.
26...Kh8? 4.61/20
[26...Qxf5± 1.25/20 is a better chance. 27.Rxf6+ Qd5 28.Bxd5+ cxd5 29.Rxa6 b4]
27.Rxf6+- White is clearly winning.
27...Qxf5 28.Rxf5 Rc8 29.Rc5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.32/ Black=0.79
1-0

525 **D00**
□ **Goryachkina,Aleksandra** **2593**
■ **Shuvalova,Polina** **2456**
Russian Women's Ch., Moscow (playoff)..
[Richard Palliser]

Richard Palliser,MH: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines ' **1.d4** Richard Palliser,MH **1...Nf6 2.Nc3 d5** Richard Palliser,MH: 'N'
[2...c5 Richard Palliser,MH 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000 *)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]
3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5

[Avoiding 4.e3 Bb4 and Goryachkina's earlier choice too.]

4...Na6 5.e3 Be7

[The most natural move if you ask me. Previously, 5...Bb4+!? 6.c3 Be7 7.a4 0-0 8.Bd3 c6 9.Na3 had given White chances for an edge in Goryachkina-Ju Wenjun, 12th matchgame, Vladivostok 2020, as we saw a year ago.]

6.Nf3 0-0 7.Be2

[Modest. White should avoid the 7.Ne5?! Ne4! Richard Palliser,MH: ' With the idea ...f7-f6.' 8.Bd3 -0.79/21 *(8.f3*= -0.19/23 Richard Palliser,MH *Nf6 9.Nc3)* 8...f6 of Paikidze-Zatonskih, US Women's Championship, Saint Louis 2018,]

[but 7.a3 Nh5 8.Be5 f6 9.Bg3 c5?! 0.71/20 *(9...c6*= 0.16/21 Richard Palliser,MH *10.Nc3 Nxg3 11.hxg3 Rb8)* 10.c4! had turned out well by this stage in Naroditsky-Ortiz Suarez, US Masters, Greensboro 2019, which can be found too in the Archive,]

[and there's also 7.h3!? , as I've mentioned on a few occasions before.]

7...c6 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Prevents c2-c4.'

[This can hardly be bad and it should be remarked that this was an Armageddon encounter (i.e. a blitz time control), so there likely wasn't enough time for rising Russian star Shuvalova to consider 7...Nh5!? . Here 8.Be5 f6 9.Bg3 c6 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Dodges c2-c4' 10.Nc3 g6 continues to look like the critical line to me.]

8.Nc3 Richard Palliser,MH: 'The position is equal.' **8...c5**

[A new move for us. Instead, 8...Nh5!? is once again a candidate,]

[while previously we saw that 8...b6 9.Ne5 Nb8 10.a4 -0.27/22 *(⌓10.Bd3* 0.12/22 Richard Palliser,MH*)* 10...a5 0.23/22 *(⌓10...c5* -0.27/22 Richard Palliser,MH*)* 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Bd3 was perhaps slightly better for White in Alekseenko-Rychagov, Moscow (blitz) 2019,]

9.0-0 Bd7

[Completing development, but with White having held back on Ne5 or h3, I can't really explain why 9...Nh5 10.Be5 f6 11.Bg3 Nxg3 12.hxg3

A) and here Richard Palliser,MH: ' Black should play' 12...cxd4 0.00/24 Richard Palliser,MH: '=' 13.exd4 Nb4 would also be far from illogical it's not too hard imagining Black successfully expanding with ...g5 at some point in the early middlegame . *(13...Nc7* Richard Palliser,MH *)*;

B) 12...b6 0.52/22 wasn't preferred,]

10.Ne5 Finally this thematic leap.

10...Rc8

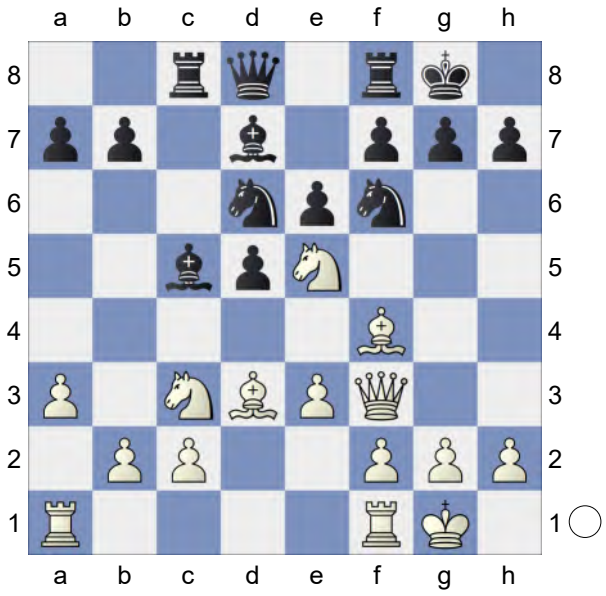
[Bearing in mind White's next, we should consider too 10...Nb4 when I suspect that Goryachkina might have reset with 11.Nb1!? , *(* since while Black is a touch passive, she is surely fine after *11.a3 Nc6 12.h3 Rc8 .)*]

11.a3 Nc7?! 0.18/20

[This does support ...b5, but just isn't a great route for the knight. More to the point would have been 11...Nb8 -0.20/23 Richard Palliser,MH: ' deserves consideration.' 12.Bd3 Nc6 , thereby maintaining the rough balance.]

12.dxc5! White often makes this exchange a little faster in the Jobava-Prie, but here it's certainly a good one, avoiding any trouble with a .. .c4, ...b5, ...a5, ...b4 type pawn storm. Richard Palliser,MH: '=!' **12...Bxc5 13.Bd3 a6?!** 0.55/19

[Trying to get the knight into play, but also rather slow. There was no time either for 13...Nce8 14.Qf3 Nd6? 1.22/20 on account of Richard Palliser, MH: ' *(14...Bd6!=* 0.09/19 (Richard Palliser,MH) keeps the balance. *)*



on account of' 15.Bg5 followed by Qh3 with a very strong attack, Richard Palliser,MH: '!']

[but 13...Bc6! would have dissuaded Qf3 and also prepared to meet 14.Ne2 with Bb5 .]

[13...Be8= 0.10/21 Richard Palliser, MH]

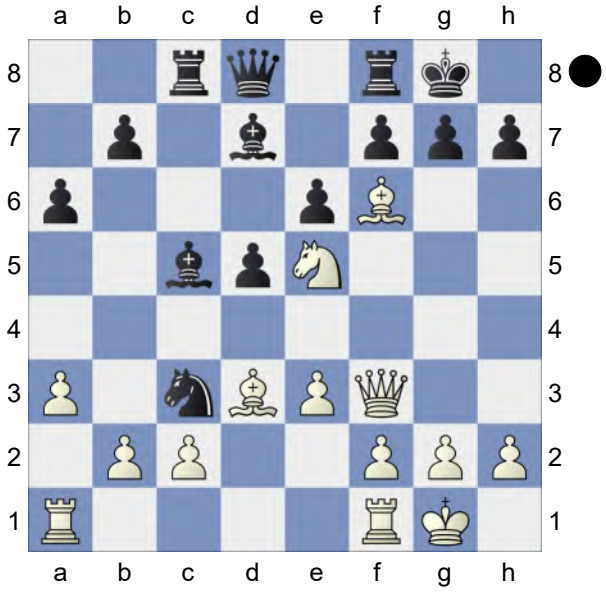
14.Qf3! Thematic d-pawn systems play from Goryachkina. Black's kingside now begins to feel the heat. Richard Palliser, MH: '±!' **14...Nb5** 1.21/24

[14...Bb5± 0.53/20 Richard Palliser, MH]

15.Bg5? 0.00/31 Richard Palliser,MH: ' White is much more active.'

[Tempting, but 15.Nxd7 1.21/24 Richard Palliser,MH: ' ± ' Qxd7 16.Nxb5 axb5 17.c3 was the simple route to a clear advantage.]

15...Nxc3 Richard Palliser,MH: '=' **16.Bxf6** Richard Palliser,MH: '



Deflection' **16...Qxf6??** 1.59/23

[Shuvalova's nerves get the better of her. She may have feared being mated after 16...gxf6 0.00/23 , but White will only have two pieces in the attack after any sacrifice and Richard Palliser,MH: '=' 17.Qg3+ *(17.Nxd7 Qxd7 18.Bxh7+ Kxh7 19.Qh5+* is only perpetual check, which would never have done for Goryachkina in this Armageddon encounter *)* 17...Kh8 Richard Palliser, MH: ' ...Nc3-e4 is the strong threat.' 18.Nxd7 Qxd7 19.Qh4 Richard Palliser,MH: '!' Richard Palliser,MH: ' Against Nc3-e4' *(* White would presumably have had to play on in an inferior position after *19.bxc3* -0.54/22 Richard Palliser,MH: '19.Qg3-h4 0.00' *Qe7)* 19...Ne4 again leaves White with only a

repetition: 20.Bxe4 dxe4 21.Qxf6+ , etc.]

17.Nxd7 Qxf3 18.gxf3 Rfd8? 3.54/25 Richard Palliser,MH: ' This move loses the game for Black.'

[Pure panic. 18...Na4 1.42/23 Richard Palliser,MH: ' ±' 19.Nxf8 Bxf8 would at least have reduced the deficit to a clear exchange and retained a few drawing hopes, as fans of 'The Seven Deadly Chess Sins' will be aware!]

19.Nxc5 Richard Palliser,MH: '+-'

19...Rxc5 20.bxc3 Rxc3 21.a4 It's just an extra piece and Shuvalova soon threw in the towel. **21...Rd7 22.Rfb1 g6 23.Rb6 Kg7 24.f4 Kf6 25.Rab1 Rcc7 26.Kg2 h5 27.Kf3** White won't face too many problems arranging the decisive e3-e4 break. Richard Palliser,MH: 'White won't face too many problems arranging the decisive e3-e4 break. Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) / Black=0.38'

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526 **A45**

□ **Henriquez Villagra,Cristobal** **2591**

■ **Dubov,Daniil** **2708**

Chessable Masters Play-In (4) 31.01.24

[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**

[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000 ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7) 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]

3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 Bg4 5.f3 Bd7 6.dxc5 e6 0.66/21

[6...Qa5= 0.09/21]

7.Nb5!± Bxb5 8.Bxb5+ White is slightly better. **8...Nc6 9.b4** Prevents Qd8-a5 **9...Nh5! 10.Ne2 Nxf4 11.exf4 Be7 12.Nd4 Qc7 13.Qd2** 0.20/25

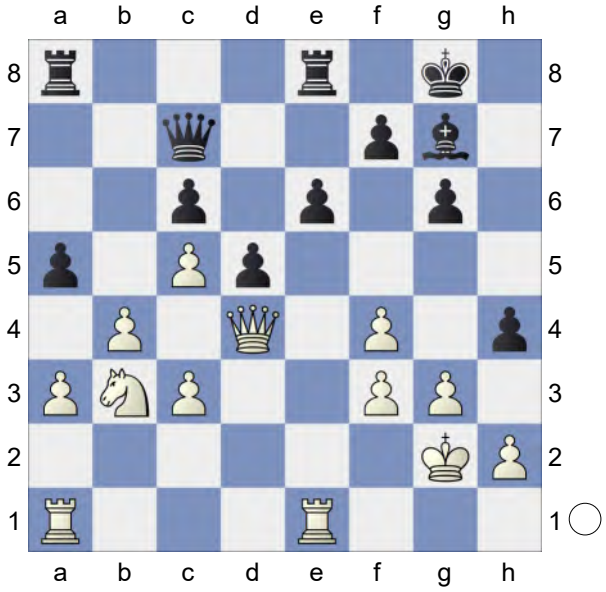
[13.0-0± 0.70/22]

13...0-0 14.Bxc6 bxc6 15.0-0 a5 16.a3 Rfb8 17.c3 h5 18.Nb3 0.15/21

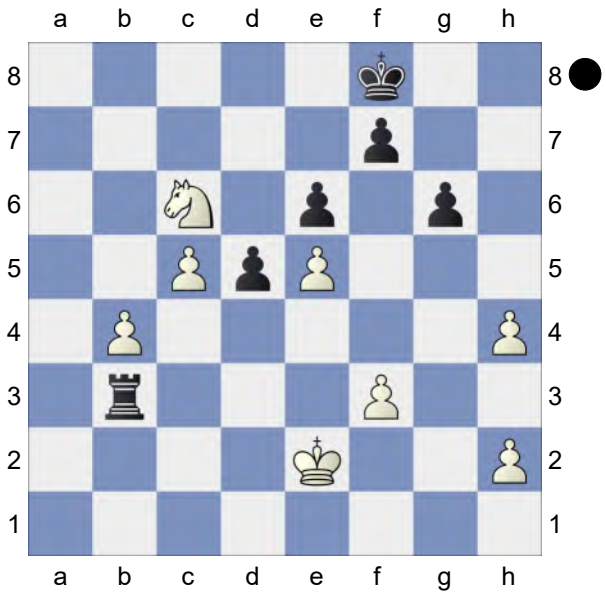
[18.Rfe1± 0.57/20]

18...h4= 19.Rfe1

[19.Nxa5 Bxc5+ 20.Kh1 Bd6=]
19...g6 20.Qd4 0.13/22
[20.Nxa5 Bxc5+ 21.Kh1 Bd6=]
[20.g4!± 0.49/21]
20...Bf8 21.g3 Re8 0.37/20
[21...h3= -0.01/22 might be stronger.]
22.Kg2± Bg7

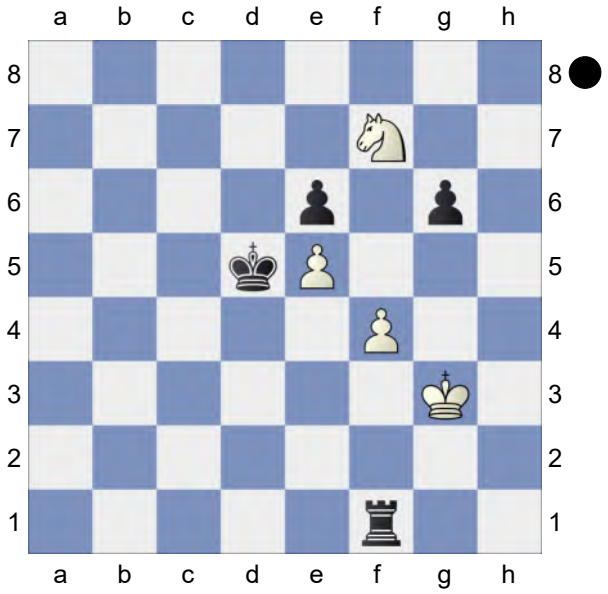


Prevents Nb3xa5 **23.Re5?** -1.36/24
axb4∓ 24.cxb4 Ra4 25.gxh4 -1.70/22
[25.Qe3∓ -1.06/22 was worth a try.]
25...Rea8!-+ 26.Qb2 Bxe5 27.fxe5 Qe7 -0.39/22
[Better is 27...Qb8∓ -1.41/22 28.h5 gxh5]
28.Nd4? -2.16/22
[28.Kg3!∓ -0.39/22]
28...R4a6? -0.01/22
[28...Qxh4-+ -2.16/22 Strongly threatening ...Qh4-g5+. 29.Nxc6 Qg5+ 30.Kf2 Kg7]
29.Kg3 -0.39/22
[29.Kh3!= -0.01/22]
29...Qa7↑ -0.01/22 Black fights for an advantage.
[29...Qc7∓ -0.39/22 30.f4 Qa7]
30.Qc1? -1.84/22
[30.h5= -0.01/22]
30...Rxa3 31.Rxa3 -3.01/23
[31.Rb1∓ -1.25/23 was forced.]
31...Qxa3 32.Qxa3 Rxa3 33.Nxc6 Endgame. And now b4-b5 would win. KR-KN Endgame. And now b4-b5 would win. KR-KN **33...Rb3! 34.Kf2 Kf8 35.Ke2**



d4! -0.95/29 **36.Kd2**
[36.f4 d3+]
36...d3
[36...Rxf3 37.b5 *(37.Nxd4 Ra3+-)* 37...Ke8 *(37...Rc3? 38.b6+-)* 38.b6 *(38.Nxd4 Ra3=)* 38...Rf2+ 39.Kc1 *(39.Kd3 Rb2+-)* 39...Rf1+ 40.Kb2 Rf2+ 41.Ka3+- *(41.Kb3 Rf1+-)*]
[36...Ke8 simplifies 37.Nxd4 Rxb4 38.Ke3 Rb2]
37.h3 Ke8 38.Nd4 Rxb4 39.Kxd3 Kd7 40.Ke4 Rc4 Black has strong compensation. **41.c6+ Kc7 42.Kd3 Ra4 43.Ke3 Kb6 44.f4 Ra3+ 45.Ke4 Rxh3 46.Nf3 Kxc6 47.Ng5 Rxh4 48.Kf3?** -5.62/37
[48.Nxf7∓ -1.31/35 nothing else works. Rg4 49.Kf3]
48...Kd5 49.Nxf7 Rh1 50.Kg4 -8.00/32
Rg1+ 51.Kf3 Rf1+? -1.20/33
[51...Rd1-+ -4.32/35 has better winning chances. ...Rd1-b1 would now be deadly. 52.Ng5 Rf1+ 53.Ke3

Rg1]
52.Kg3? -8.95/30



Kd4? -0.01/33
[52...Ke4!-+ -8.95/30 ...Rf1-f3+ is the strong threat. 53.Ng5+ Kf5]
53.Kg4 -1.28/31
[53.Nd8!= -0.01/33]
53...Ke3 -0.01/27
[53...Kd5]
54.Nd8? -13.03/29
[54.Kg5= -0.01/27]
54...Ke4? -0.01/26
[Weaker is 54...Rxf4+ 55.Kg5=]
[Black should try 54...Rg1+-+ -13.03/29 55.Kh3 Kxf4 56.Nxe6+ Kxe5]
55.Nxe6= Rg1+ 56.Kh3 Rd1 57.Kg4 Rg1+ 58.Kh3 Kf5 Deflection **59.Ng7+** -14.39/33 **Kxf4-+** (→ ...Kf4-f3!) (→ ...Kf4-f3!) **60.e6 Rh1+** -4.75/5
[⌓60...Kf3 -#12/25 61.Kh4 Rg4+ 62.Kh3 Re4 63.Kh2 Re1 64.Ne8 Rxe6 65.Nc7 Re4 66.Kg1 g5 67.Nb5 g4 68.Nd4+ Rxd4 69.Kh2 Rd2+ 70.Kh1 g3 71.Kg1 Rd1#]
61.Kg2 Black is clearly winning. **61...Re1 62.Kf2** Dodges Re1-e2+ **62...Re5 63.Kg2 Kg5** -7.25/25
[⌓63...Re2+ -18.82/34 64.Kf1 Kf3 65.Kg1 Kg3 66.Kf1 Re5 67.Ne8 Rxe6 68.Nc7 Re5 69.Na6 Kf3 *(69...Rf5+? 70.Ke2-+)* 70.Nb4 Rb5 71.Ke1 Rxb4 72.Kd2 Rb3 73.Kc2 Re3 74.Kd2 g5 75.Kc2 g4 76.Kd2 g3 77.Kc2 g2 78.Kd2 g1Q *(78...g1R* is a self mate. *79.Kc2 Rg2+ 80.Kd1 Rh2 81.Kc1 Re1#)* 79.Kc2 Qf2+ 80.Kd1 Re1#]
64.Ne8 Rxe6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.85/Black=0.83
0-1

527 **D00**
□ **Yepun** **2589**
■ **Zkid** **2838**
Blitz 23.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 1-0 (88)*; 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7* Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig, F (1863) Mainz 1997 EXT 2000 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (57)*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7*

19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8 Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) www.desc-online.de 2000 CBM 166 [Beliavsky, Alexander G] 1-0 (41)) 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]

3.Bf4 g6 4.e3 Bg7 5.Nb5 Na6 6.h3 c6 7.Nc3 Nc7

[7...Qa5 seems wilder. 8.a3 Ne4 9.Nge2 c5]

8.Nf3 The position is equal. **8...0-0 9.Bd3 b6 10.0-0 Bb7 11.e4** -0.74/23

[11.Ne2± 0.31/19 stays ahead.]

11...dxe4 -0.40/21 **12.Nxe4∓ c5** -0.02/21

[12...Ne6∓ -0.42/18 should be considered. 13.Be3 c5 14.Nxf6+ exf6 *(14...Bxf6)*]

13.Nxf6+= Bxf6 14.dxc5 -0.38/21

[14.Bh6= -0.05/22]

14...bxc5 0.19/20

[14...Ne6∓ -0.38/21 15.Bh6 Bxb2]

15.c3 Nd5 16.Bg3 Qb6 0.85/21

[16...Nb6= 0.29/19 keeps the balance.]

17.Qb3 0.46/22

[White should try 17.Re1± 0.85/21]

17...Rfd8± 18.Rad1 Rd7 19.Bc4 Rad8 20.Ne5 Bxe5 21.Bxe5 Qc6? 2.71/21 White stays focused until the end.

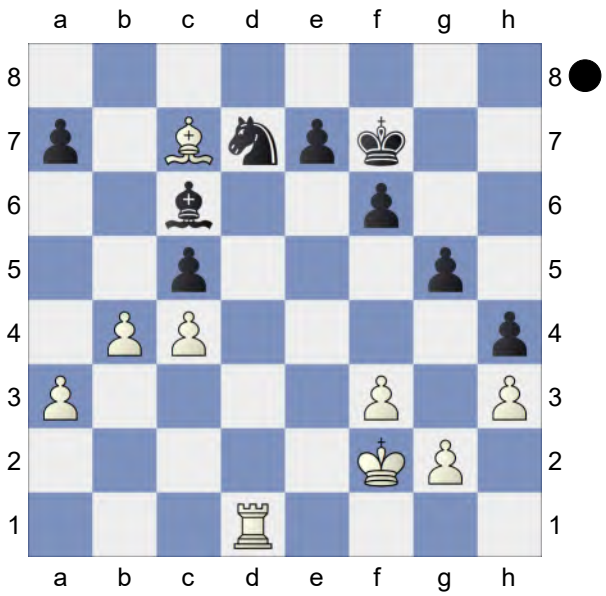
[21...f6± 0.42/21 22.Bg3 Kg7]

22.Bb5+- A strong pair of Bishops.

22...Qb6 4.06/23

[22...Qe6 2.76/19 might work better. 23.Bxd7 Rxd7]

23.Bxd7 Rxd7 24.Qxb6 Nxb6 25.Rxd7 Nxd7 Endgame KRB-KBN **26.Bc7 f6 27.Rd1 Bc6 28.b4 Kf7 29.a3 h5 30.f3 h4 31.Kf2 g5 32.c4**



Hoping for b5. **32...a6** Prevents b5. **33.Rd2 Ke6 34.Ke3 Ba4 35.Kd3 f5 36.Kc3 Kf7 37.Rd5**

[Less strong is 37.b5 axb5 38.Re2 *(38.Rxd7 b4+ 39.axb4 cxb4+ 40.Kxb4 Bxd7=)* 38...Nf8+-]

37...e6 5.90/20

[⌓37...Ke6 4.19/19 38.Bd8 g4 39.fxg4 fxg4]

38.Rd6 g4 39.fxg4 fxg4 40.hxg4 Nf6 41.Rd3 Bc6 42.g5 Ne4+ 43.Kb2 Nxg5 44.Bd8 Ne4 45.Bxh4 e5 46.Be1 Ke6 47.Bc3 Nd6 48.Rg3 Nxc4+ 49.Kb3 Bd5 50.Rg6+ Kf5 51.Rxa6 cxb4 52.axb4 e4 53.b5 e3 54.Kc2 Bxg2? 5.51/19

[54...Be4+ 3.23/18 55.Kd1 Bxg2]

55.b6? 0.04/19

[55.Rf6++- 5.51/19 Ke4 56.b6 Nxb6 57.Rxb6]

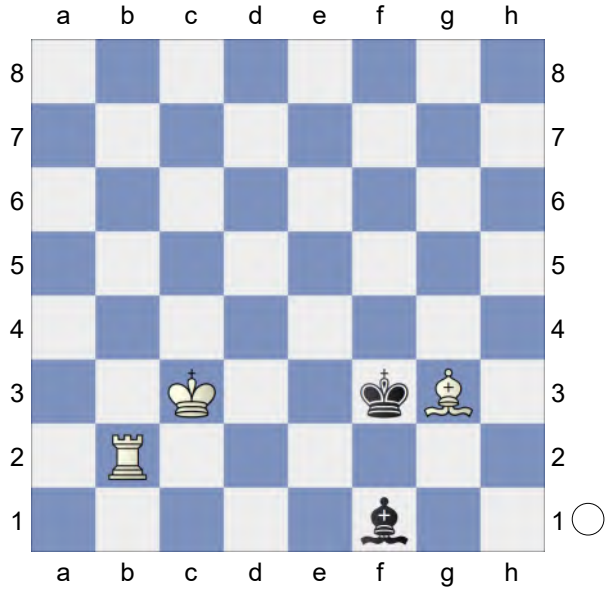
55...e2? 3.83/20

[55...Bb7= 0.04/19 56.Ra7 Be4+ 57.Kd1 Bf3+ 58.Ke1 Nxb6]

56.Kd3 e1Q 57.Bxe1 Bf1+ 58.Kc3 b7 is the strong threat. **58...Nd6 59.Ra5+ Ke6 60.Bg3 Nc4** 13.97/20 Prevents Re5+.

[⌓60...Nb7 4.20/18 61.Ra7 Bg2]

61.Rc5 White threatens b7 and mate. **61...Nxb6 62.Rc6+ Kf5 63.Rxb6** Strongly threatening Kd4. **63...Kg4 64.Rb2?** 0.02/21 **Kf3?** #24/17
[64...Kxg3= 0.02/21 65.Kd4 Kg4]

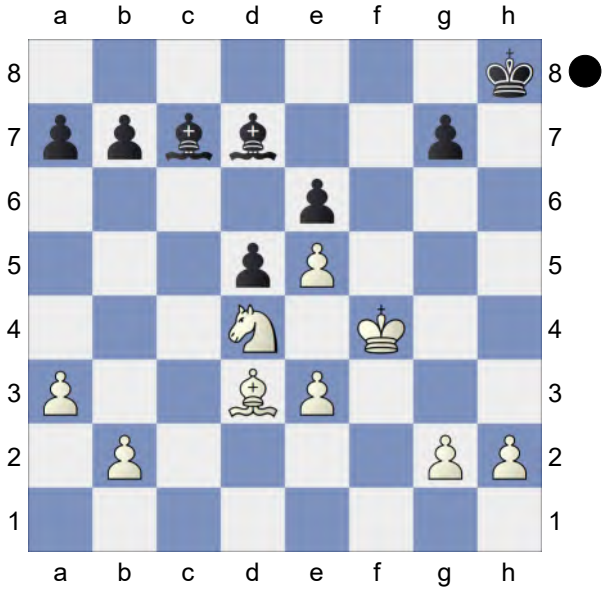


65.Be5 8.47/20
[⌓65.Rf2+ #24/17 Kxg3 66.Rxf1 Kg2 67.Rf5 Kh3 68.Kd4 Kg4 69.Ke4 Kg3 70.Ke3]
65...Be2 66.Bd4 8.43/17
[⌓66.Kd2 #53/17 Bc4 67.Rb4 Bd5 68.Rf4+ Kg2 69.Ke3 Ba8 70.Rf2+ Kg1 71.Bd4]
66...Bd1 67.Rb4 Ke4 68.Rb6 Kd5 69.Rb8 Ke4 70.Rh8 Kf3 71.Rh6 6.43/25
[⌓71.Kd2 #29/22 Ba4 72.Rh4 Bd7 73.Be3 Kg2 74.Rd4 Be6 75.Bf4 Kf3 76.Be5]
71...Ke2 72.Rf6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.45/Black=0.61
1-0

528 **D13**
□ **Huebner,Robert** **2588**
■ **Petursson,Mar** **2520**
16th Puhajarve Rapid (30.5) 29.11.2015
[Kitty Kat]

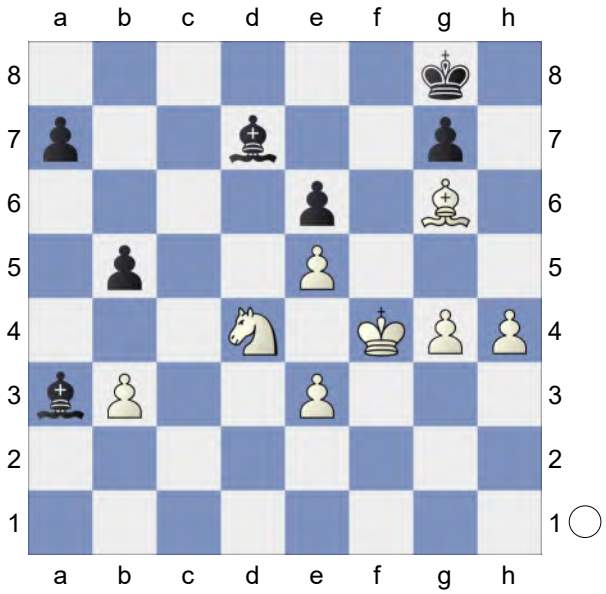
D13: Slav Defence: Exchange variation without ...Bf5 **1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.cxd5 cxd5 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bf4 e6 7.e3 Be7 8.Bd3 Nh5 9.Be5 Nf6**
[9...0-0 10.a3 *(10.0-0 f6 11.Bg3 Nxg3 12.hxg3 Rf7 13.Rc1 g5 14.a3 g4 15.Ne1 f5 16.Bb5 Bd6 17.Nd3 Ne7 18.Ne2 h5 19.Nef4 Rh7 20.Qa4 Kf7 21.Rc3 a6 22.Rxc8 Nxc8 23.Bd7 Rh6* Exchange with 4 Nf3 Bg7-6 Qb3,6 ChessPub Guide 2020 Daring Defences [Glenn Flear]*)* 10...f5 11.0-0 Bd7 12.Rc1 Be8 13.Na4 Nf6 14.Bxf6 Rxf6 15.Nc5 b6 16.Nb3 Rc8 17.Ba6 Rc7 18.Ne5 Bd6 19.f4 Nb8 20.Qd3 Ba4 21.Rxc7 Bxc7 22.Bb5 Bxb3 23.Qxb3 Bxe5 24.dxe5 Giacomazzi,D (2462)-21.Qc4 (2537) Kecskemet 2001 CBM 018 [Adriano, CHECK! #535] ½-½]
10.0-0 Nxe5N
[10...0-0 11.Rc1 Bd7 12.a3 a6 Chess Informant ECO Survey 2003 *(12...Qa5 13.Qb3* D 13/10 *)*]
11.Nxe5 Nd7 White is slightly better. **12.Rc1** 0.04/24
[12.f4± 0.55/21]
12...Nxe5= 13.dxe5 0-0 14.Nb5 Bd7 15.Nd4 Qb6 16.Qd2 Rac8 17.a3 Rxc1 18.Rxc1 Rc8 0.93/22
[18...g6= 0.03/22]
19.Rxc8+± Bxc8 20.Qc2 &Bianco is more active. **20...Bd7** 1.23/20
[⌓20...Qc5 0.91/24]
21.Bxh7+ Kh8 22.Bd3 Qc5 23.Qxc5 Bxc5 Endgame KBB-KBN **24.f4 f6 25.Kf2** 0.80/23

[⌓25.h4 1.27/23]
25...fxe5 26.fxe5 Bb6 1.48/22
[⌓26...g5 0.79/25]
27.Kf3 0.62/22
[27.Kg3± 1.48/22]
27...Bc7!± 28.Kf4



And now Bb5 would win. **28...Kg8?** 2.72/24
[28...g5+!± 0.61/20 29.Kxg5 Bxe5]
29.Bg6 Ba5 30.h4 Bd2 31.b3 b5 32.g4 Bc1 33.Nc2 0.46/27
[33.a4± 1.44/26]
33...d4? 2.73/23
[Black should try 33...a5± 0.46/27]
34.Nxd4+- Bxa3

(Diagram)

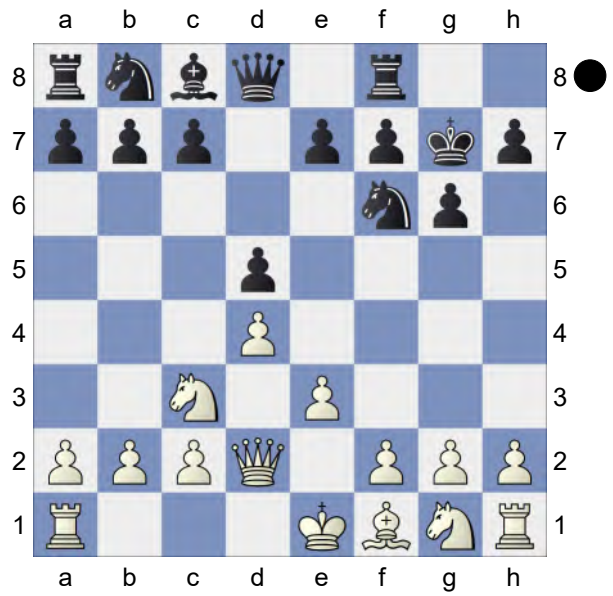


35.h5? 0.61/23
[35.Be4!+- 2.52/25]
35...a5? 4.44/24
[35...Bc5± 0.61/23]
36.Bd3 a4 37.Bxb5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.35/Black=0.66
1-0

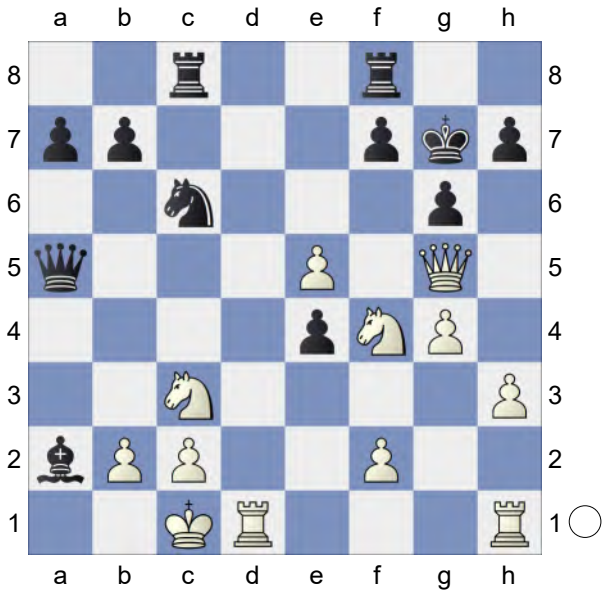
529 **A45**
□ **Jobava,Baadur** **2587**
■ **Radovanovic,Nik** **2443**
24th ch-EUR Indiv 2024 (11.41) 19.11.24
[Kitty Kat]

D01: Veresov Opening **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 g6 4.Qd2 Bg7 5.Bh6 0-0 6.Bxg7 Kxg7 7.e3**

(Diagram)

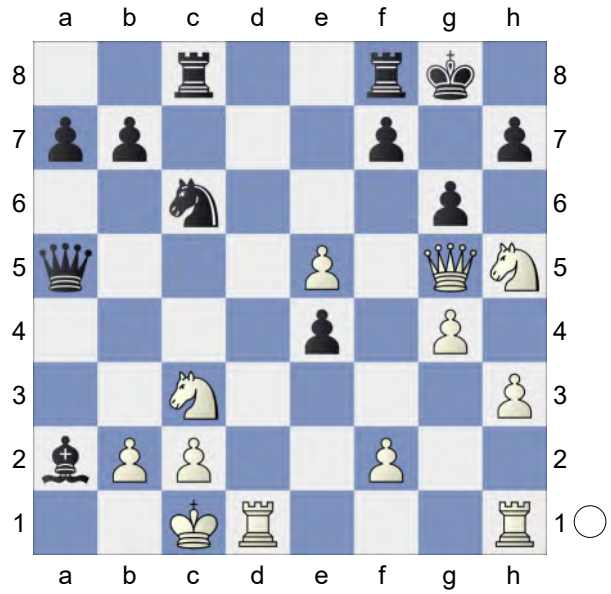


c5! **8.h3!?** The position is equal. A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante.
[8.dxc5 Qa5]
8...Nc6 9.g4N
[9.Bb5 e5 0.29/20 *(⌓9...cxd4 -0.07/18 10.exd4 Qb6)* 10.Bxc6 -0.19/25 *(⌓10.dxe5 0.29/20 Nxe5 11.f4)* 10...exd4= 11.exd4 cxd4 12.Qxd4 bxc6 13.0-0-0 Qb6 Hoping for ...c6-c5. 14.Qxb6 -0.84/21 *(14.Nf3∓ -0.43/20)* 14...axb6∓ 15.Nf3 0-1 Michna,C (2203)-Hampel,F (2327) BL2-Nord 2223 2022 (3.6)]
9...cxd4 10.exd4 Qb6N 0.39/18
[10...Qa5= -0.07/17 11.Bg2 Rd8 12.Nge2 b5 13.g5 Nh5 14.Nxd5 Qxd2+ 15.Kxd2 Nxd4 16.Nxd4 Bb7 17.Rhe1 Bxd5 18.Bf1 Bg2 19.Bxg2 Rxd4+ 20.Kc3 Unit G6-Jobava'S Spirit 2024]
[10...Ne4 11.Nxe4 dxe4 12.0-0-0 e5 13.dxe5 Qxd2+ 14.Rxd2 Nxe5 15.Bg2 f5 16.gxf5 gxf5 17.Ne2 Kf6 18.Nf4 Kg5 19.Nd5 Rd8 20.Rg1 Kh6 21.Nc7 Rxd2 22.Kxd2 Rb8 23.Rd1 Bd7 24.Ke3 Rg8 25.Bf1 0-1 Athena Pallada (2947)-Abhijeet1610 (2832) Blitz 2024]
[10...h5 11.0-0-0 Rh8 12.g5 Ne8 13.Bg2 Nc7 14.Nf3 Qd6 15.Ne5 Bf5 16.f4 e6 17.Kb1 b5 18.Rc1 Rhc8 19.Nd1 b4 20.Ne3 Nb5 21.Nxf5+ gxf5 22.Qe2 Nc3+ ½-½ Jobava,B-Moroni,L 2024]
11.0-0-0± e5 12.Nge2 Be6 13.Bg2 Rac8 1.27/19
[13...Rad8± 0.67/18]
14.dxe5± Ne4 15.Bxe4
[15.Nxe4 dxe4 16.Bxe4 Bxa2±]
15...dxe4 16.Qg5 1.10/19
[White should play 16.Nxe4+- 1.62/19 Bxa2 17.N2c3]
16...Qa5 2.30/20
[16...Qxf2± 1.10/19 keeps fighting. 17.Rhe1 *(17.Nxe4? Qxe2 18.Rhe1 Qh2-+)* 17...Rfd8]
17.Nf4+-
[Stronger than 17.Nxe4 Qxa2 18.Nf4 Qa1+ 19.Kd2 Rcd8+ 20.Nd6 Qa5+ 21.Ke2 Qxe5+ 22.Qxe5+ Nxe5=]
17...Bxa2 6.30/21
[17...Kg8 1.87/20]

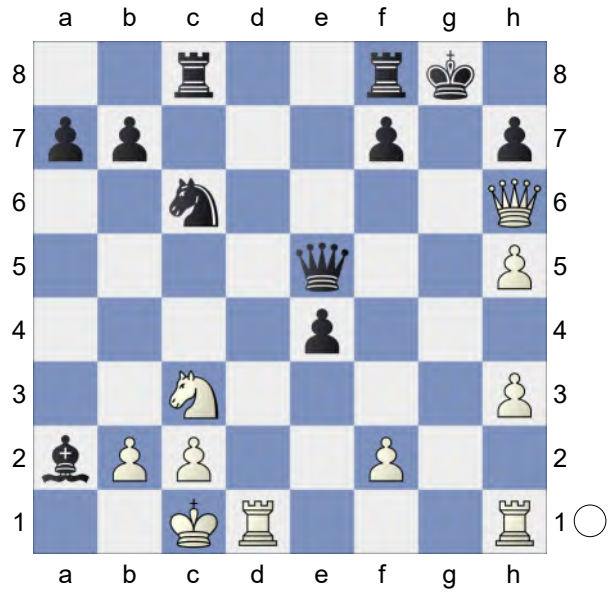


18.Nh5+! Excellent horsemanship.
[18.Nxe4 Nb4 19.c3 Be6±]

18...Kg8



19.Qh6! White is clearly winning.
19...gxh5
[19...Qxe5 20.Nxe4]
20.gxh5
[20.Nxe4 f5 21.Rd7 *(21.exf6 Qc7±)* 21...Ne7]
20...Qxe5



21.f4! White wants to mate with Rd1-g1+. **21...exf3 22.Rhe1** Black got outplayed after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.65
1-0

530 **D00**
□ **Nabaty,Tamir** **2585**
■ **Codenotti,Marco** **2374**
European Individual Ch., Jerusalem (5.58)
[Richard Palliser]

1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 Bf5 Two other recent games with the Prie-Jobava caught my eye too:
[a) After 3...e6 4.e3 Bb4 it will be interesting to see if Jobava goes back to 5.Bd3 , as we last considered in Jobava-Shalamberidze, Georgian Team Championship 2014, *(as 5.Nge2 0-0 6.a3 Bd6 7.g3!?* (a novelty the bishop won't be so bad on g2, but unless White can break in the centre his knight on c3 will appear misplaced) *b6 8.Bg2 Bb7 9.0-0 c5 10.Re1 Be7! 11.h3 Nc6 12.g4 Rc8 13.Qd2 a6* already left Black slightly for choice in Jobava-Caruana, Wijk aan Zee 2015. *)*]
[b) 3...a6 4.e3 c5 5.dxc5 e6 continues to be seen. That said, 6.Na4! should be a little better for White, as indeed Bxc5 7.Nxc5 Qa5+ 8.c3 Qxc5 9.Nf3 Nc6 10.Be2 0-0 11.0-0 Re8 12.Ne5 Nxe5 13.Bxe5 Nd7 14.Bg3 e5 15.Rc1 b5 didn't seem too bad for Black in Hector-Carlsson, Swedish League 2015.]
4.f3 e6 5.g4 Bg6 6.h4 The typical kingside expansion and now Black must decide what to do with his own h-pawn.
6...h5 7.g5 Nfd7 8.e3
[Keeping things solid as 8.e4 dxe4 9.fxe4 Bb4 10.Bg2 e5! gives Black

sufficient counterplay, as we've seen before.]

8...c5 A logical counter, if far from forced:

[a) After 8...Bd6 9.Nh3 Nc6 10.Nb5 Bxf4 11.Nxf4 Bf5 12.Bd3 Ne7 Black was quite solid in Jobava-S. Zhigalko, Dubai (blitz) 2014.]

[b) 8...a6 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 c5 is a how a few games have gone and now the critical 11.g6!? f6 12.Nge2 Nc6 13.a3 Qb6 14.Bh2!? 0-0-0 *(14...Qxb2 15.Kf2!* looks like decent compensation as *Qb6 16.Rab1 Qa7? 17.Nf4* is not really what Black wants to be doing*)* 15.0-0-0 left White for choice in Ipatov-Kantans, Tromso Olympiad 2014.]

9.Nb5! White should always have an eye on this leap in the Prie-Jobava. He may not win the bishop-pair, but does crucially free his c-pawn for action.

9...Na6 10.c3 Be7 11.Bd3

[Of course, 11.Nd6+? would just have been repelled by Bxd6 12.Bxd6 Qb6 , so Nabaty prefers to swap off his opponent's more active bishop.]

11...Bxd3 12.Qxd3 g6 13.Ne2 Qb6 14.a4 Black has only played natural moves so far, but now that the knight as been cemented on b5, I think we might well say that White has a pull. For a while it seemed that the first player might lack central options (in terms of pawn breaks), but now it is Black who is struggling to break out. **14...0-0**

[One doesn't associate the year 2003 with the Prie-Jobava, but in an earlier game 14...Qc6 15.0-0 0-0 16.Rac1 *(16.Bg3* , and if *Nb6 17.Nf4* looks like the way to go*)* 16...Nb6 17.Qd1 Qd7 18.b3 had been seen, and now in Boguszlavszkij-Roberts, Budapest 2003, c4! 19.b4 Rfc8 20.Qc2 Nb8! would have enabled Black to obtain some much-needed counterplay with his a-pawn.]

15.Bg3! A nifty retreat. The bishop may come to f2 to support an advance of the e-pawn and White also has ideas of Nf4 and Nxg6. **15...Rfe8 16.0-0 cxd4**

[Here 16...c4?! 17.Qc2 Ndb8?! would just have been far too slow on account of 18.Nf4 Kg7 19.e4 .]

17.exd4 e5 The Italian makes a spirited attempt to free his position, but remains unpleasantly worse nonetheless. In short, White's king is safer, his dark-squared bishop much the superior and Black's knight remains rather sidelined on a6.

18.Bf2

[Perhaps not best. The position is pretty complex, but White might have done better to unpin with 18.Kg2!? Bf8 19.Rae1 .]

18...exd4

[An attempt to force the pace, but Black didn't have to release the tension with 18...Qe6!? 19.Kg2 e4 a worthy alternative.]

19.Nf4! Nabaty has realised that there's no need to recapture as he hits d5 and the tempo begins to rise. **19...Ne5 20.Qe2**

[Staying off the open e-file with 20.Qd1! would have been my choice, with the added bonus that Nc4? 21.Nxd5 Qc6 can now be met by 22.Qxd4 , and if Bc5 23.Nf6+ .]

20...Nc6?

[Too defensive or materialistic if you prefer. 20...Nc4! 21.Nxd5 Qc5 22.Nxe7+ Rxe7 would have cost Black his custodian of the dark squares, but after 23.Qd3 Nxb2 24.Qxd4 Qc6 he would have obtained

reasonable counterplay down the central files.]

21.Qc2 Qd8?

[And this completely missed the threat. The silicon prefers 21...Nc7 , although even here White remains clearly for choice after 22.Nxg6 Nxb5 23.axb5 Qxb5 24.Qf5! , and if fxg6 25.Qxg6+ Kf8 26.Qf5+ Kg8 27.Rae1 .]

22.Nxg6! fxg6 23.Qxg6+ Kf8

[23...Kh8? would have been even worse: 24.Qh6+ Kg8 25.g6 leading to mate.]

24.Qh6+ Kf7 25.Qh7+

[A disgusted Codenotti threw in the towel here, rather than wait for 25.Qh7+ Ke6 26.Rae1+ Ne5 27.Rxe5+ when various neat mates are possible, such as Kxe5 28.Bg3+ Ke6 29.Nxd4+ Kd7 30.Qf5# .]

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531 **A45**

□ **Pranesh,M** **2584**

■ **Tabatabaei,Mohammad Amin** **2669**

Titled Tue 11th Mar Early blitz (11)

[Kitty Kat]

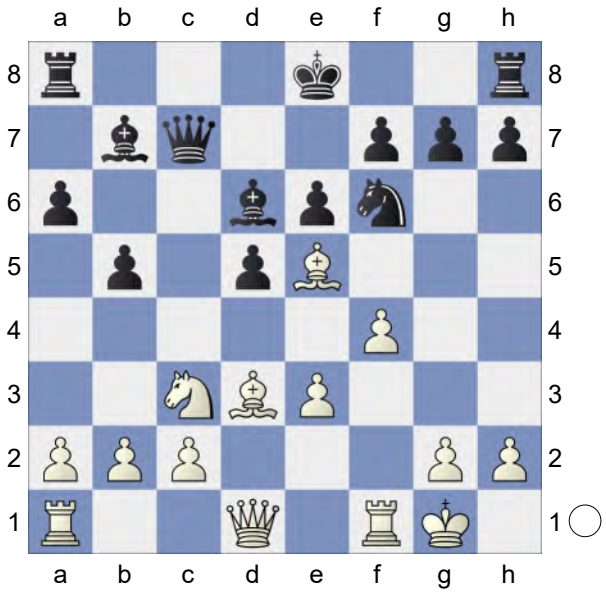
D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.Nf3 Nbd7N**

[5...c5 6.a3

A) 6...Nc6 7.h3 *(7.h4 Bd6 8.g3 0-0 9.h5 h6 10.Bd3 Qe7 11.Ne5 cxd4 12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.exd4 e5 14.dxe5 Bxe5 15.Bxe5 Qxe5+ 16.Qe2 Re8 17.Qxe5 Rxe5+ 18.Kd2 Bg4 19.Rhe1 Rxe1 20.Rxe1 Kf8 21.Na4 Bxh5* Bjørneboe,D (2419)-5...exd4 #8: 6... d5 (2409) Groningen 2023 17 c5, Nf6 and g6: model [John Watson] 0-1 (45) *)* 7...b5 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.Bd3 Bb7 10.0-0 Bd6 11.Re1 0-0 12.Bxd6 Qxd6 13.e4 dxe4 14.Nxe4 Nxe4 15.Bxe4 Qe7 16.Qd2 Rfd8 17.Qf4 Na5 18.Bd3 Qf6 19.Qxf6 gxf6 20.Nd2 Rac8 21.b4 Lalitaditaayyanar,B (2710)-Saphire,N (2567) Dresden 2014 Inf 42 [Norfolk News 12 apr 1862] 1-0 (49);

B) 6...b5 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.Bd3 Nc6 9.0-0 0-0 10.Qe2 Qe7 11.Ne5 Nxe5 12.Bxe5 Nd7 13.Bg3 f5 14.a4 b4 15.Nb1 Bb7 16.c4 Kh8 17.Nd2 Ba7 18.Rac1 dxc4 19.Nxc4 e5 20.Na5 Dom Perignon (2753)-Apollothedog (2737) Blitz 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (32)]

6.Bd3 b5 7.0-0 Bb7 8.Ne5 The position is equal. **8...c5 9.Nxd7 Qxd7 10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.Be5 Bd6 12.f4 Qc7**

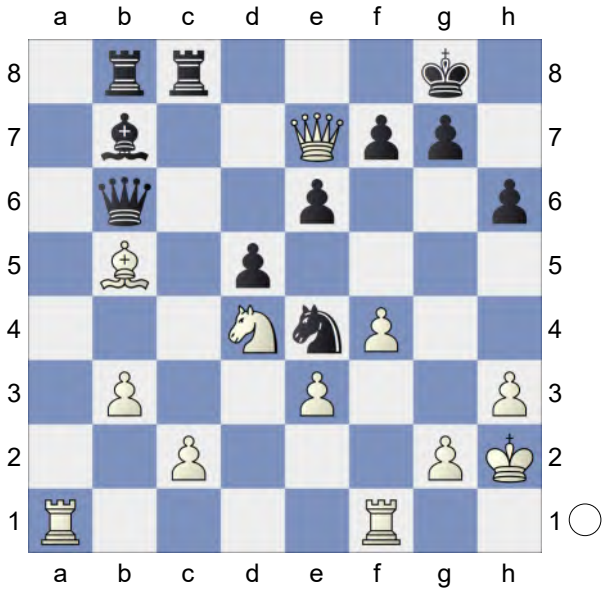


13.Bxd6 -0.28/20

[⌓13.Bxb5+! 0.03/19 axb5 14.Nxb5 Bxe5 15.Nxc7+ Bxc7 16.Qd3]

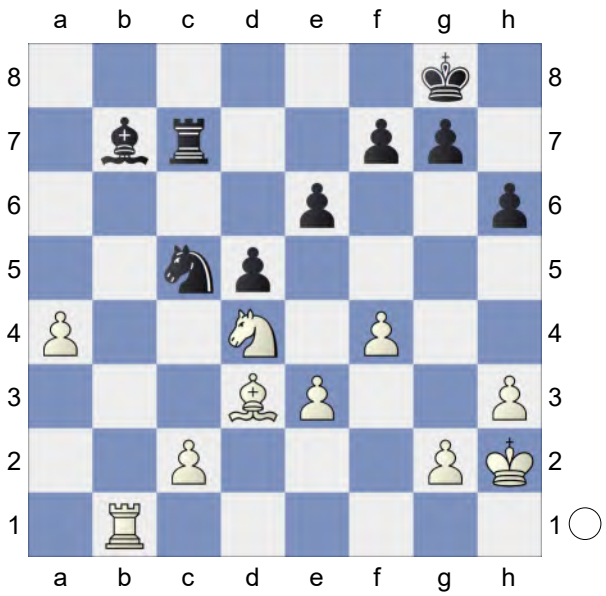
13...Qxd6= 14.Ne2 0-0 15.Nd4 b4 16.a3 a5 17.Qd2 Rfc8 18.h3 h6

19.axb4 axb4 20.b3 Nd7 21.Bb5 Nf6 22.Bd3 Qb6 23.Kh2 Nd7 0.69/22
[23...Ne4= -0.13/21 24.Bxe4 dxe4]
24.Bb5± Nc5 25.Qxb4 Ne4 1.38/21
[25...Ba6± 0.65/18]
26.Qe7 0.74/22
[⌓26.Rxa8 1.38/21 Rxa8 27.Qe7]
26...Rab8 1.06/19
[⌓26...Ba6 0.74/22 27.c4 dxc4 28.bxc4 Qc5 29.Qxc5 Nxc5]



27.Bd3 0.61/21
[27.f5!± 1.06/19]
27...Nf6 1.01/20
[27...Nc5± 0.61/21 should be considered.]
28.Ra4 0.16/21 &Bianco is much more active.
[Better is 28.Qa3± 1.01/20]
28...Rc7? 1.79/23 Black cannot hold the game after this.
[28...Rc5= 0.16/21 29.Bg6 Rf8]
29.Qb4 Qxb4 30.Rxb4 Ra8 31.Ra4 Rxa4 32.bxa4 Nd7 33.Rb1 Nc5

(Diagram)



34.Bb5 g5 35.a5 gxf4 36.exf4 Kg7 37.Bf1 h5 38.Rb6 Kf6 39.a6 Bc8 5.20/21
[39...Bxa6 3.53/23 keeps fighting. 40.Bxa6 Nxa6]
40.Nb5+- White is clearly winning.
40...Bxa6 41.Nxc7 Bxf1 42.Nxd5+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.31
1-0

532 **A45**
□ **Pranesh,M** **2584**
■ **Rustamov,Rustam** **2301**
Titled Tue 11th Mar Early blitz (3)
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 e6 4.e3 Bd6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Bd3 c5 7.Bxd6**
[7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.0-0 Nc6 9.e4 dxe4 10.Nxe4 Be7 11.Nxf6+ Bxf6 12.Bd6 Re8 13.c3 e5 14.Be4 Bg4 15.Bc5 Qc7 16.Qa4 Bd7 17.Qc2 g6 18.Rfd1 Rad8 19.Bd6 Qb6 20.b4 Be6 21.Bc5 Qc7 Stefanova,A (2489)-Lagno,K (2543) Khanty Mansiysk

2014 CBM 162 [Kuzmin,Alexey] ½-½ (55)]

7...Qxd6 8.dxc5N The position is equal.
[8.0-0 Nbd7 9.Re1 e5 10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Qxe5 12.f4 Qc7 13.Qf3 Rd8 14.h3 b6 15.e4 Bb7 16.e5 Ne8 17.b3 a6 18.Qh5 g6 19.Qh6 Ng7 20.f5 Bc8 21.f6 Ne8 22.Kh1 Be6 Bjørneboe,D (2420)-Zgadzaj,R (2045) Sharjah 153/158 2023 Schlechter-Tarrasch [John Watson] ½-½ (39) 23.Rad1 b5 24.Nxb5 axb5 25.Bxb5 Bd7 26.Bxd7 Qxd7 27.c4 Qe6 28.cxd5 Rxd5 29.Rxd5 Qxd5 30.e6 Nxf6 31.exf7+ Qxf7 32.Qg5 Rxa2 33.Qxc5 Qb7 34.Qg5 Rf2 35.Qg3 Rb2 36.Rf1 Rxb3 37.Qh4 Rb2 Lorenzo de la Riva,L (2420)-Gomila Benejam,T (2045) Barcelona 2023 ½-½ (39)]

8...Qxc5 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Qe2 -0.39/18
[10.Re1= -0.08/19]

10...e5 11.e4 d4 12.Nb1 Bg4 13.a3 Nh5 14.g3 Rae8 15.Nbd2 Qd6 16.Rfe1 Kh8 -0.25/16
[Better is 16...Qg6∓ -0.72/17 17.Nh4 Qg5]

17.Qf1 Qd7 18.Nh4 Bh3 19.Qe2 Bg4 -0.01/19
[19...Nf6∓ -0.44/17]

20.f3 -0.41/18
[20.Qf1!= -0.01/19]

20...Be6∓ 21.Kh1 Qd8 22.Rg1 g6 23.Raf1 a6 24.Qf2 g5 -0.27/18
[24...Nf6∓ -0.80/16]

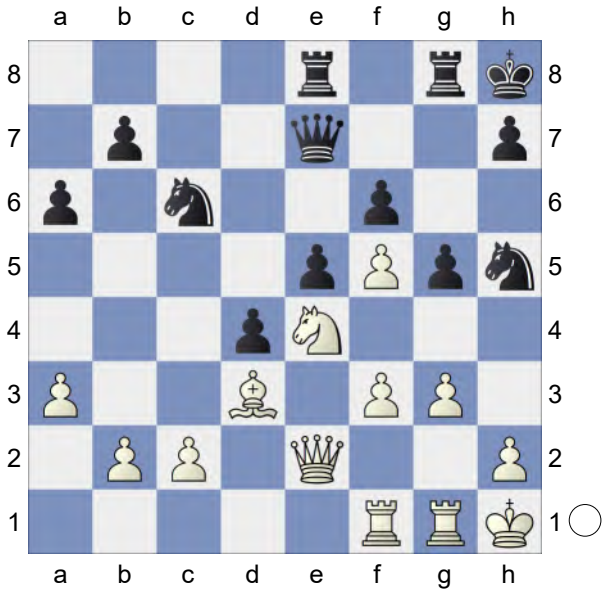
25.Nf5= Bxf5 0.15/20
[⌓25...Ne7 -0.27/17]

26.exf5 f6 0.82/19
[26...Rg8= 0.14/19]

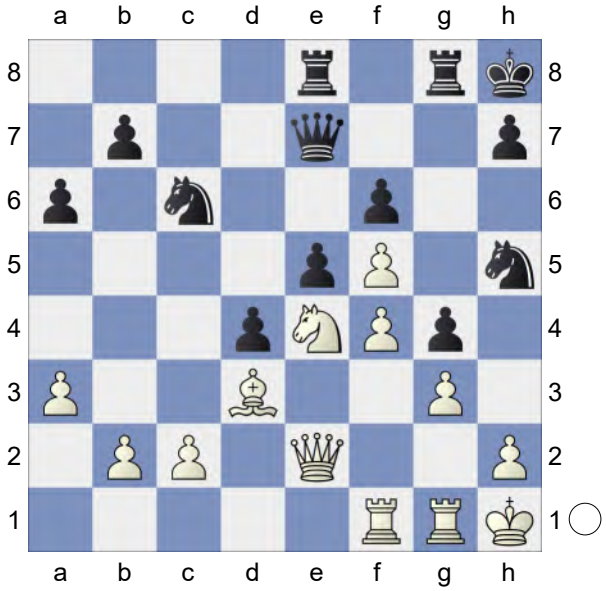
27.Ne4 0.21/18
[27.Qe2± 0.82/19]

27...Qe7 0.87/19
[27...Ne7!= 0.21/18 keeps the balance.]

28.Qe2± Rg8 2.36/21
[28...Qg7± 0.89/21]



29.f4!+- g4

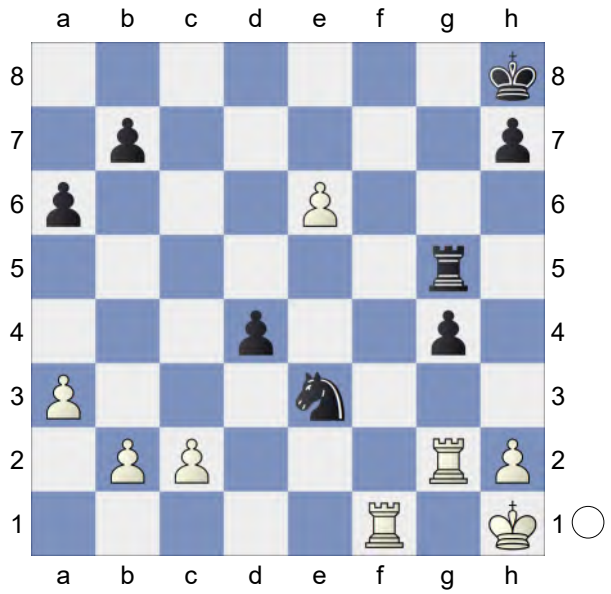


30.Qf2? 0.01/16
[Only move: 30.h3!+- 2.49/19]

30...Qd7= 31.Qg2 -0.44/21
[31.Rg2= 0.01/19]

31...exf4∓ 32.gxf4 Qc7? 1.03/22
[32...Qxf5? 33.Nd6 Qd7 34.Nxe8+-]
[32...Ne7!∓ -0.67/22 stays ahead. 33.Nc5 Qd6 34.Nxb7 Qc7]

33.Qf2± Qd7 34.Rg2 0.43/21
[34.Qh4± 1.10/25 Qd5 35.Rxg4 *(35.Qxh5 Rxe4 36.Bxe4 Qxe4+ 37.Rg2 Ne7±)* 35...Rxg4 36.Qxg4]
34...Qd5±
[34...Qxf5? 35.Nd6 Qd5 36.Nxe8 Rxe8 37.Qh4+-]
35.Qh4 Rxe4 36.Bxe4 Qxe4 37.Qxh5 Strongly threatening Qf7. **37...Ne7!**
38.Qf7 Nxf5? 3.72/25
[38...Nd5± 0.71/24]
39.Qxf6++- Rg7? 6.00/22
[39...Ng7 3.23/24 40.f5 a5]
40.Qe5 White is clearly winning.
40...Qxe5 41.fxe5 Rg5 42.e6 Hoping for h4! **42...Ne3** 10.69/24
[⌓42...Kg7 5.10/19 43.Re2 Ne3]

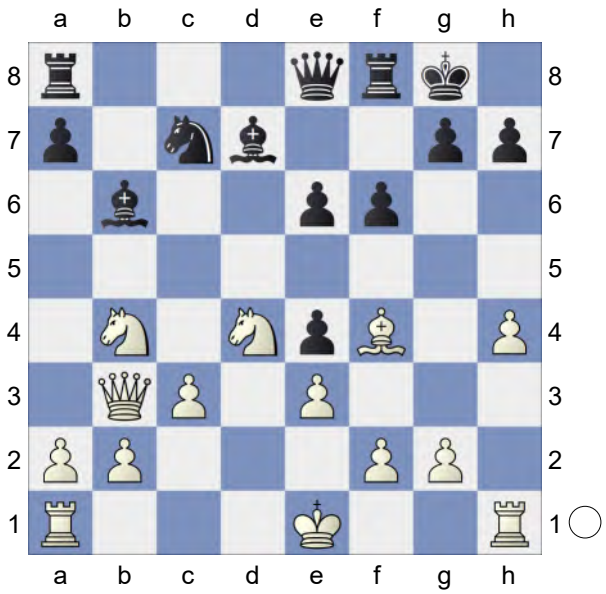


43.e7! Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.44
1-0

533 **D00**
□ **Jobava,Baadur** **2582**
■ **McShane,Luke J** **2611**
45. Chess Olympiad Budapest 2024 | Op..
[Kitty Kat]

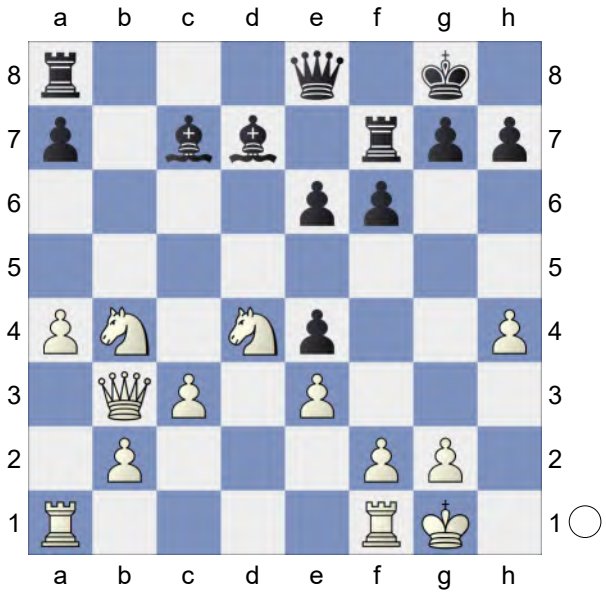
(90min+30sec)/40+(30min+30sec)
D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4** 9 **Nf6** 13 **2.Nc3** 11 **d5N** 1:28
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]
3.Bf4 8 **e6** 1:09 **4.Nb5** 8 **Na6** 1:00 **5.e3** 12 **Be7** 3:09 **6.Nf3** 10 **0-0** 56 **7.h4** 7 **c6** 6:24 **8.Nc3** 15 The position is equal.

8...Nc7 0.35/18 8
[8...Qa5= -0.11/18 might be stronger.]
9.Ne2 -0.13/19 13:06
[9.h5± 0.35/18 was preferrable.]
9...c5= 4:25 **10.c3** 2:23 **b5** 0.51/19 1:41
[10...c4= -0.08/18]
11.dxc5± 43 **Bxc5** 23 **12.Ned4** 5 **Bd7** 5:06 **13.Ne5** 5:52 **b4** 15:44 **14.Nd3** 1:41 White has more active pieces.
14...Bb6 0.90/21 13:57
[14...Na6± 0.53/20 should be considered.]
15.Nxb4± 1:42 **Ne4** 20 **16.Bd3** 3:20 **f6** 1:36 **17.Bxe4** 6:48 **dxe4** 8 **18.Qb3!** 1:38 Strongly threatening Bf4xc7.
18...Qe8 0.76/21 1:48
[18...Qc8± 0.39/21 feels stronger.]



19.a4! 19:48 **Ba5** 1.54/22 16:07
[⌓19...Rf7 0.86/19]
20.0-0 2:59 **Rf7** 0.93/21 6:00
[⌓20...Kh8 1.38/21]
21.Bxc7 8:14 **Bxc7** 8

(Diagram)



22.Nb5! 31 **Be5** 2:05 **23.Rfd1↑** 6 White is really pushing. **23...f5** 1.70/20 11:17
[23...Qe7± 0.97/20]
24.Nd6+- 2:25 **Bxd6** 5 **25.Rxd6** 4 **f4** 2.54/21 5
[25...Rc8± 1.45/19 was called for. 26.Ra6 Rc7]
26.exf4 1:49 **Rxf4** 11 **27.Qd1** 4 **Rf7** 56 **28.Qd4** 1:29 Black is weak on the dark squares **28...Bxa4** 3:15 **29.Qxe4** 39 **Bb3** 1:37 **30.c4** 2:50
[30.Ra3 Rd8 31.Qe5 *(31.Rxd8 Qxd8 32.Nd3 Bc2+-; 31.Qc6 Qf8±)* 31...Rxd6 32.Qxd6 Bd5+-]
30...a5 2:07 **31.Nc6** 11:55
[31.Rxe6 Qf8+-]
31...Qf8 1:29 **32.Rxa5** 47 Overworked Piece
[Weaker is 32.Qxe6 Bxc4 33.Qe5 Rxf2=]
[Worse is 32.Nxa5 Rxa5 *(32...Rxf2? too greedy. 33.Rd4+-)* 33.Rxa5 Qxd6=]
32...Rxa5 55 **33.Rd8** 4 Pin **33...Ra1+** 32 **34.Kh2** 4 **Rxf2** 7.09/22 21
[⌓34...Ra6 4.83/21 35.Rxf8+ Rxf8 36.Qxe6+ Kh8]

35.Qxe6+ 1:50 **Kh8** 5 **36.Qe3** 1:06 White is clearly winning. **36...Qxd8** 50 **37.Nxd8** 4 **Rf8** 2 Repels Qe3-e8 **38.Ne6** 5 **Rb8** 5 **39.Qg3** 11 **Rb7** 15 **40.Nc5** 8 Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.39
1-0

534 **A45**
□ **Attila76** **2580**
■ **Aliburhan** **2399**
Blitz 17.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min A45: Trompowsky Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 c5 3.e3 Qb6 4.Nc3 Qxb2 5.Nb5 Nd5 6.Nf3N**
[6.a3 a6 7.Rb1 Qa2 8.Qc1 axb5 9.Ra1 Qxa1 10.Qxa1 Nc6 *(10...e5 11.dxe5 c4 12.Qd4 Nxf4 13.Qxf4 Bxa3 14.Ke2 0-0 15.g4 d6 16.exd6 Ra6 17.Bh3 Bxd6 18.Qd4 Nd7 19.g5 Nc5 20.Bxc8 Rxc8 21.Nf3 Ra2 22.Ra1 Rxc2+ 23.Kd1 Rxf2 24.Qxd6 g6 25.Qd5* Comes Dumoulin,R (2247)-Alcala,A (2235) FICGS 2011 ½-½ *)* 11.dxc5 b4 12.a4 Nc3 13.Nf3 Rxa4 14.Qc1 f6 15.e4 Nxe4 16.Bc7 e6 17.Bd3 Nxc5 18.Bb5 Ra3 19.0-0 Be7 20.Qf4 g5 Prie,E (2490)-Gonzalez De la Torre,S (2460) Donostia ESP 2011 [Eric Prié] 0-1 (41)]
[6.Rb1 Qxa2 7.Ra1 Qb2 8.Rb1 Qa2 9.Ra1 Qb2 10.Rb1 ½-½ (10) Kamsky,G (2709)-Ivanchuk,V (2739) Gibraltar 2014 [Richard Palliser]]
6...Qb4+ 7.Nd2!
[7.c3 Qa5 8.Nd2 *(8.dxc5 Nxf4 9.exf4 a6∓)* 8...Nxf4 9.exf4 d5∓]
7...Qa5 Prevents c3. **8.Bg3** The position is equal.
[8.Bxb8!? Rxb8 9.Qh5=]
8...a6 9.Bc4 -0.99/24 **axb5∓ 10.Bxd5 e6↑** Keeping White busy. **11.Bf3 c4 12.0-0 d5 13.e4 Bb4 14.Nb1** -1.49/22
[White should try 14.Bf4 -0.97/24]
14...dxe4 15.Bxe4 0-0 16.Qf3 Qb6 -0.75/22
[Better is 16...Nd7 -1.42/22 17.c3 Be7]
17.c3 Be7 18.Nd2 Nd7 Hoping for ... Ra3. **19.Rfb1**
[19.Qh5 f5 20.Bc2 Nf6-+]
19...Qa6 20.Bc2
[20.Qh5? f5 21.Bf3 Nf6-+]
20...Nf6 -0.61/21
[20...Nb6∓ -0.97/20 21.a4 Nd5]
21.a4 -0.96/23
[21.Bh4!∓ -0.61/21]
21...Bd7 -0.44/22
[21...Nd5!∓ -0.96/23 White must now prevent ...Qa5. 22.Be4 bxa4 23.Bxd5 exd5 24.Qxd5 a3]
22.axb5? -2.76/22
[22.Bh4!∓ -0.44/22]
22...Qxa1-+ 23.Rxa1 Rxa1+ 24.Nb1 Nd5 25.h4 Bxb5 26.Kh2 Ba4 27.Bxa4 Rxb1 28.Be5 Rc1
[28...Bxh4 29.Qh3=]
29.Qg4

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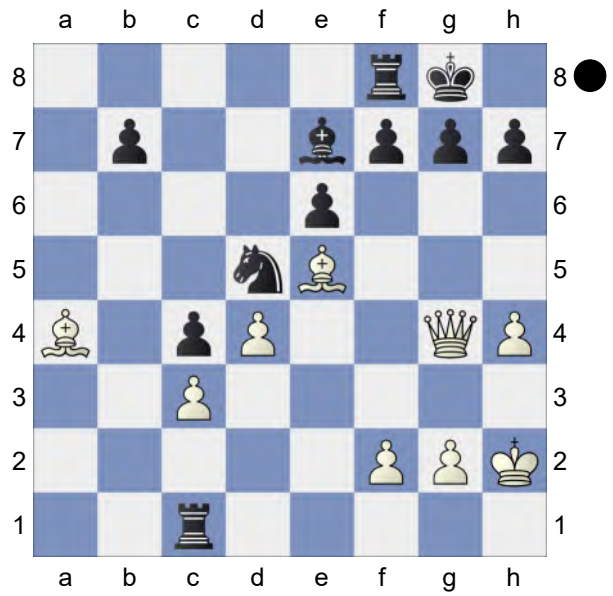
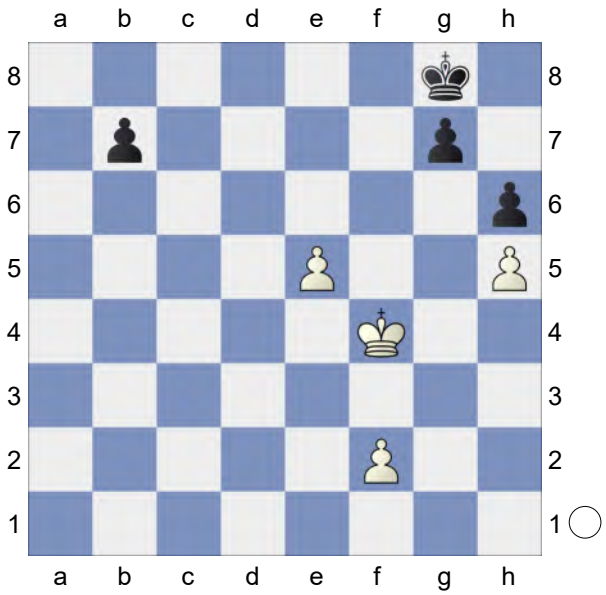


Bf6
[Inferior is 29...g6 30.Bd7 h5 31.Qe4∓]
30.Bd7 Bxe5+
[Wrong is 30...Rxc3? 31.h5 Kh8 32.h6 Bxe5+ 33.dxe5 gxh6 34.Qh4]
31.dxe5 Nxc3? -0.27/27
[Black should play 31...Rxc3-+ -2.52/25 And now ...h5! would win. 32.h5 Kh8]
32.h5= h6 33.Qxc4 Ra8 34.Qc7 -0.46/24
[34.f4= 0.00/26]
34...Raa1 0.00/32
[34...Ne2∓ -0.46/24 35.Qxb7 Rd8]
35.Be8 Rh1+ 36.Kg3 Ne4+ 37.Kf4 Rh4+
[37...Nxf2? 38.Bxf7+ Kf8 39.Bxe6 Nh3+ 40.Bxh3+-]
38.g4 Ng5 39.Bxf7+ Nxf7 Dancing on a razor blade. **40.Qc8+ Kh7** Strongly threatening ...Ra4+. **41.Qxe6?** -5.39/32
[41.Qc2+= 0.00/35 and White stays safe. Kh8 42.Qc8+ Kh7 43.Qc2+ Kh8 44.Qc8+ Kh7]
41...Ra4+-+ 42.Kf3 -11.36/27
[⌓42.Ke3 -4.84/20 Re4+ 43.Kd2]
42...Raxg4? 0.00/35 **43.Qxf7= Rf4+ 44.Qxf4 Rxf4+ 45.Kxf4** Endgame K3P-K3P **45...Kg8?** 11.87/30
[45...g5+= 0.00/36 46.Kf5 b5]



46.Ke4!+- Threatens to win with f4.
[Stronger than 46.Kf5 Kf7 47.f4 b5=]
46...Kf7 47.f4 f5 is the strong threat. **47...Ke6 48.f5+ Ke7 49.Kd5 Kd7 50.Kc5** Threatening mate with Kb6. **50...Kc7 51.Kb5 b6 52.e6 Kd6 53.Kxb6** aiming for Kb5. **53...Ke7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.60/ Black=0.54. Sensor Board Error (Ke4/ e5)?
0-1

535 **D00**
□ **Goryachkina,Aleksandra** **2578**
■ **Ju,Wenjun** **2584**
12th matchgame (12) 23.01.2020
[Richard Palliser]

Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines ' Richard Palliser,MH: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines ' **1.d4**

Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat Richard Palliser,MH **1...d5 2.Nc3** This certainly surprised Ju who immediately went into the tank, thereby already betraying yet further nerves in the match and in a game where she only needed a draw to retain her title. Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: 'This certainly surprised Ju who immediately went into the tank, thereby already betraying yet further nerves in the match and in a game where she only needed a draw to retain her title.'

2...Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5!?

[At least this avoids 4.e3 Bb4 .]

4...Na6

[As far as I'm aware, 4...Bb4+ 5.c3 Ba5 6.a4 a6 7.b4 Nc6 is OK for Black, but Ju may well have feared preparation, so preferred to keep things on a simpler footing, at least for now. Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: 'is OK for Black, but Ju may well have feared preparation, so preferred to keep things on a simpler footing, at least for now.']

5.e3 Bb4+!? 0.37/19

[Only now, and this is new for us. Previously we've just focussed on the classical Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: 'Only now, and this is new for us. Previously we've just focussed on the classical' 5...Be7 0.00/22 Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: '=' 6.Nf3 0-0 when one recent game continued 7.Be2 *(7.h3* is advocated amongst a survey of the alternatives in the Archive *)* 7...c6 Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: ' Prevents c2-c4' *(7...Nh5!? 8.Be5 f6 9.Bg3 c6* Richard Palliser, Kitty Kat: ' Against c2-c4' Richard Palliser,MH: ' Prevents c2-c4. And now ...Nh5xg3! would win.' *10.Nc3 g6* is hard to assess, but likely critical Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: 'is hard to assess, but likely critical'*)* 8.Nc3 b6 9.Ne5 Nb8 10.a4 -0.17/21 *(⌓10.Bd3* 0.19/21 Richard Palliser,MH*)* 10...a5 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Bd3 and White's position was perhaps slightly the easier to handle in Alekseenko-Rychagov, Moscow (blitz) 2019, Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: 'and White's position was perhaps slightly the easier to handle in Alekseenko-Rychagov, Moscow (blitz) 2019,' *(*and do note that *12.e4 Nxe5 13.Bxe5* was also very possible as it's hard to fully believe in the machine's *f5!? .)*]

6.c3 Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: '⩲' **6...Be7**

[6...Ba5?? 2.85/21 Richard Palliser, Kitty Kat: '6...Bb4-e7 0.42' Richard Palliser,MH: '6...Bb4-e7 0.29' 7.Qa4 would have won material, but White surely doesn't mind having c3 in for free as it were. Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: '!' Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: 'would have won material, but White surely doesn't mind having c3 in for free as it were.' would have won material, but White surely doesn't mind having c3 in for free as it were. Richard Palliser,MH: '!']

7.a4 0-0 8.Bd3 Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: 'White is slightly better.' Richard Palliser,MH: 'White is slightly better.'

8...c6 9.Na3 c5

[Ju likes moving the same piece twice it seems, but if so, I suspect 9...Nb8!? was a better try. Black's position does look quite passive, but at least ...Nbd7, ...b6 and ...Bb7 will follow. Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: 'was a better try. Black's position does look quite passive, but at least ...Nbd7, ...b6 and ...Bb7 will follow.']

10.Nf3 A novelty, if also a highly natural choice of course. Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: 'A novelty, if also a highly natural choice of course.' **10...Ne4!** 0.79/18 It's hard to assess this move, but with Black already being slightly worse due to White's hold on e5, I think it's a good one. At least it prevented Goryachkina from launching an easy-to-play attack after Ne5 and Qf3. Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: 'It's hard to assess this move, but with Black already being slightly worse due to White's hold on e5, I think it's a good one. At least it prevented Goryachkina from launching an easy-to-play attack after Ne5 and Qf3.'

[10...Bd7± 0.34/21 (Richard Palliser, Kitty Kat) is more appropriate.]

[10...Nb8± 0.31/19 Richard Palliser, MH]

11.h3 f5 12.Nb5!? 0.48/20 Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: ' White is more active.' Richard Palliser,MH: ' White is more active.'

[This doesn't obtain a huge amount and the simple Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: 'This doesn't obtain a huge amount and the simple' 12.0-0 0.87/21 would have sufficed for a pleasant edge, and if Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: '±' '!' Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: 'would have sufficed for a pleasant edge, and if' would have sufficed for a pleasant edge, and if Richard Palliser,MH: ' ±!' Bd7 13.Ne5 Nb8 then perhaps even 14.c4!? .]

12...c4 Richard Palliser,MH: ' ±' **13.Bxe4 fxe4 14.Ne5?!** Richard Palliser,MH: ' With the idea b2-b3.'

[14.Nd2! was a better square, with the simple tactical point Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: 'was a better square, with the simple tactical point' Nb8 15.Nxa7 Rxa7 16.Bxb8 .]

14...Nb8 Ju regroups well. **15.0-0 a6 16.Na3 Nd7** 0.44/19

[Black also looks very solidly placed after 16...Nc6 0.00/23 Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: '=' Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: ' might be stronger.' Richard Palliser,MH: '=' Richard Palliser,MH: ' is superior.' 17.Nc2 Bd7 .]

17.Nc2 0.00/23

[17.b3± 0.46/19 Richard Palliser,MH]

17...Qe8 18.f3! Objectively this may not be the very best move, but how else to set Black problems and change the trend of the past few moves, which have been rather comfortable for Black? Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: 'Objectively this may not be the very best move, but how else to set Black problems and change the trend of the past few moves, which have been rather comfortable for Black?'

18...Nxe5 19.Bxe5 Bd7 20.Ne1

[Keeping a4 defended as 20.fxe4 Rxf1+ 21.Qxf1 Bxa4 would but leave Black well placed on the light squares. Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: 'would but leave Black well placed on the light squares.']

20...Qh5 0.10/20

[⌓20...a5 -0.27/21 Richard Palliser, Kitty Kat]

21.Kh2 Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: '='

21...exf3

[The tension begins to get to Ju. Both here and on the previous move, Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: 'The tension begins to get to Ju. Both here and on the previous move,' 21...a5!? would have made good positional sense, and ...Ra6-b6 may even follow. White does have Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: 'would have made good positional

sense, and ...Ra6-b6 may even follow. White does have' 22.g4 , but Qe8 23.f4 Ra6 is unlikely to lead to Black being mated on the kingside. Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: 'is unlikely to lead to Black being mated on the kingside.']

22.Nxf3 Be8 23.Qe1 Qg6 24.Bf4 Qe4 25.a5 Ruling out ...a5 once and for all as both sides manoeuvre well. Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: 'Ruling out ...a5 once and for all as both sides manoeuvre well. ' **25...h6 26.Nd2 Qh7**

[26...Qg6!? would have obstructed the bishop on e8, but also allowed Black to meet 27.e4 with the solid Bc6 .]

27.e4! Her pieces all on good squares, Goryachkina seizes her chance. Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: 'Her pieces all on good squares, Goryachkina seizes her chance.' Her pieces all on good squares, Goryachkina seizes her chance. Richard Palliser,MH: 'Her pieces all on good squares, Goryachkina seizes her chance. e4xd5 would now be deadly.'

27...dxe4?

[Not only ruining Black's structure, but also almost making the dark-square weaknesses appear even more graphic. However, to undo the mistake of the previous move with Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: 'Not only ruining Black's structure, but also almost making the dark-square weaknesses appear even more graphic. However, to undo the mistake of the previous move with' 27...Qg6! Black would have had to have spotted that Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: 'Black would have had to have spotted that' Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: ' is more complex.' Black would have had to have spotted that Richard Palliser,MH: ' is more complex.' 28.exd5 can be met by Rxf4! 29.Rxf4 Bd6 30.Qe3 Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: ' Threatens to win with Nd2xc4!' Qf5 31.g3 Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: '!' Richard Palliser,MH: '!' Bxf4 32.gxf4 exd5 when a combination of Black's solidity and light-square strength will offset the hole on e5. Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: 'when a combination of Black's solidity and light-square strength will offset the hole on e5.']

28.Be5?!

[28.Qg3 looked simple and strong, and if Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: 'looked simple and strong, and if. Hoping for Bf4-d6!' looked simple and strong, and if Richard Palliser,MH: 'looked simple and strong, and if. Bf4-d6! is the strong threat.' Qg6 29.Qxg6 Bxg6 30.Nxc4 .]

[28.Nxe4? Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat Richard Palliser,MH g5

A) 29.Bd6? Bxd6+ 30.Nxd6 Rxf1-+;

B) 29.Bxg5 Rxf1 *(29...hxg5? 30.Rxf8+ Kxf8 31.Nd2-+)* 30.Qxf1 hxg5∓ *(30...Bxg5 31.Nxg5 hxg5 32.Re1∓)*;

C) 29.Nxg5 hxg5-+ *(29...Bxg5 30.Bxg5 Rxf1 31.Qxf1∓)*]

28...Rc8?! 0.44/21

[28...Bc6 would have connected the rooks and left Black very much fighting on after Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: 'would have connected the rooks and left Black very much fighting on after' 29.Nxc4 Rxf1 30.Qxf1 h5! .]

[28...Rxf1= -0.02/26 Richard Palliser, Kitty Kat (Richard Palliser,MH) might be stronger. 29.Nxf1 Qg6]

29.Rxf8+ Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: '±!'

[29.Nxe4? Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat Richard Palliser,MH Rxf1 30.Qxf1 Qxe4-+]

29...Bxf8 30.Qe2

[A much calmer and stronger choice than 30.Nxe4 0.00/34 Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: '30.Qe1-h4 0.40' Richard Palliser,MH: '30.Qe1-h4 0.41' Bc6 Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: '!' Richard Palliser,MH: '!' 31.Nd6 Bxd6 32.Bxd6 Qg6 .]

[But not 30.Qxe4 Richard Palliser, Kitty Kat Richard Palliser,MH Qxe4 31.Nxe4 Rc6∓ *(31...Bb5∓)*]

30...e3? 0.98/20

[A pseudo-active advance. Black should have dug in for a long defence with the simple improving sequence A pseudo-active advance. Black should have dug in for a long defence with the simple improving sequence 30...Bc6 31.Nxc4 Qg6 32.Rf1 Be7 .]

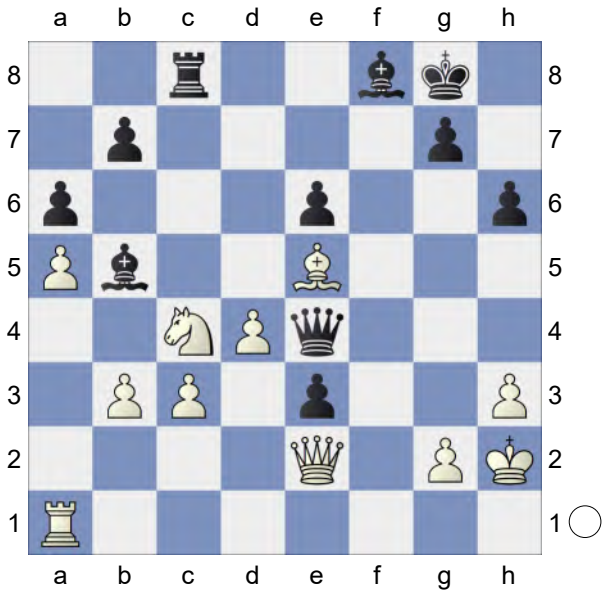
31.Nxc4 Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: '±' Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: ' Black is on the road to losing.' Richard Palliser,MH: '±'

[Don't do Don't take 31.Qxe3 Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat Richard Palliser,MH Qd3 32.Qxd3 *(32.Re1 Qxe3 33.Rxe3 Bg6±)* 32...cxd3±]

31...Bb5 32.b3 Qe4 1.93/24 Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: '

[32...Qg6± 0.97/19 Richard Palliser, Kitty Kat Richard Palliser,MH]

(Diagram)



' Richard Palliser,MH: '[#] This move loses the game for Black.' **33.Rf1!** This may be the move Ju missed. Suddenly Rf4 will drive back the black queen and a key pawn must fall. Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: '+-!' Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: 'This may be the move Ju missed. Suddenly Rf4 will drive back the black queen and a key pawn must fall.' This may be the move Ju missed. Suddenly Rf4 will drive back the black queen and a key pawn must fall. Richard Palliser,MH: '+-!' **33...Qc6** 3.31/23 Richard Palliser,MH: '?'

[⌓33...Be7 1.86/20 Richard Palliser, Kitty Kat Richard Palliser,MH]

34.Qxe3 Qe8 Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: ' Black is weak on the dark squares' Richard Palliser,MH: ' Black is weak on the dark squares' **35.Qe2 Qg6 36.Rf3 Kh7 37.Qf2 Bc6 38.Rg3**

[38.Rf7 would have been met by Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: 'would have been met by' Kg8 ,]

[but 38.Rf4! was strong, and if Qg5 39.Rg4 Qf5 40.Qg3 g6 41.Rf4 .]

[38.Rxf8 Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat Richard Palliser,MH Rxf8 39.Qe2

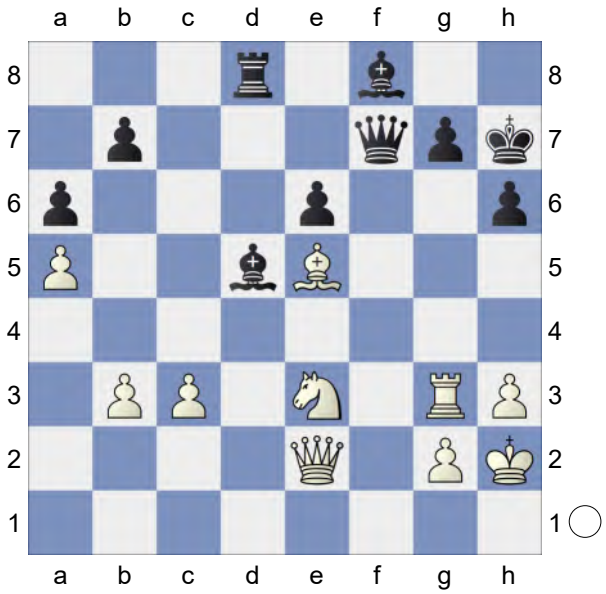
Rf5= *(39...Bb5=)*]

38...Qf5 39.Qe2 Rd8 40.Ne3 Qf7 41.Qd3+

[I didn't really understand why the time control for this important match was only 90+30+30, but arguably that was enough for Goryachkina to have sealed victory with Richard Palliser, Kitty Kat: 'I didn't really understand why the time control for this important match was only 90+30+30, but arguably that was enough for Goryachkina to have sealed victory with' 41.d5! , and if

A) or 41...exd5 42.Qd3+ g6 43.Ng4 when Black's king is just too exposed, and if Bg7 Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: ' Dodges Ng4-f6+' Richard Palliser,MH: ' Dodges Ng4-f6+' 44.Rf3 Qe7 45.Bxg7 Kxg7 5.47/22 *(⌓45...Qxg7* 3.84/20 Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat *46.Nf6+ Kh8)* 46.Qd2 Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: '+-' g5 47.Qd4+;

B) 41...Bxd5 Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: '



' Richard Palliser,MH: '[#]' 42.Qd3+ Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: '!' Richard Palliser,MH: '!' g6 43.c4 , winning material.]

41...g6 42.Rg4 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Threatens to win with Rg4-f4.' **42...Bg7** 3.78/24 Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: '?'

[42...Be7 1.96/19 (Richard Palliser, Kitty Kat) was called for. (Richard Palliser,MH) was worth a try. 43.Bg3 *(43.Rf4 Qg8)* 43...Qg7]

43.Bxg7 Kxg7 44.Nc4 Goryachkina is in no rush and, to be fair, she didn't need to be: White still has an extra pawn and all the trumps. Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: 'Goryachkina is in no rush and, to be fair, she didn't need to be: White still has an extra pawn and all the trumps.' Goryachkina is in no rush and, to be fair, she didn't need to be: White still has an extra pawn and all the trumps. Richard Palliser,MH: 'Goryachkina is in no rush and, to be fair, she didn't need to be: White still has an extra pawn and all the trumps. Strongly threatening Nc4-e5.' **44...Bb5 45.Qg3 Bxc4 46.bxc4** Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: 'Endgame. KQR-KQR' Richard Palliser, MH: 'Endgame. KQR-KQR' **46...Rd7 47.Re4 Qf6** 5.93/20

[⌓47...Re7 4.19/19 (Richard Palliser, Kitty Kat) might work better. Richard Palliser,MH 48.c5 Qf6 *(48...Qf8 49.Qe5+ Qf6)*]

48.Qe3 Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: 'White is clearly winning.' Richard Palliser,MH: 'White is clearly winning.' **48...Rd6 49.c5 Rc6 50.Kg1**

[Plenty good enough, but Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: 'Plenty good enough, but' 50.Rf4 Qg5 51.h4 Qd5 52.c4! would have sealed the deal straightaway. Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: 'would have sealed the deal

straightaway.']
50...Qf5 6.65/19
[⩲50...Qg5 4.27/19 Richard Palliser, MH 51.Qxg5 *(51.Rxe6 Rxe6 52.Qxe6 h5+-)* 51...hxg5]
51.Rf4 Qg5 52.h4! Qe7
[Or if 52...Qd5 53.c4 once again.]
53.Qe5+ Kg8 54.Rf6 Kh7 55.h5! gxh5 56.Qf4 Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: ' White threatens Rf6-f7+ and mate.'
56...e5 57.Qxh6+
[Stronger than Weaker is 57.dxe5 Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat Richard Palliser,MH Qxc5+ *(57...Rxf6 58.exf6 Qxc5+ 59.Kh1 Kg6±)* 58.Kh2 Rxf6 59.exf6 *(59.Qxf6 Qxc3 60.Qf7+ Kh8±)* 59...Kg6=]
57...Kg8 58.Qg6+ Kh8 59.Qxh5+ Kg8 60.Qg5+ Powerful play from Goryachkina. Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat: 'Powerful play from Goryachkina. Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.38' Powerful play from Goryachkina. Richard Palliser,MH: 'Powerful play from Goryachkina. Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.41'
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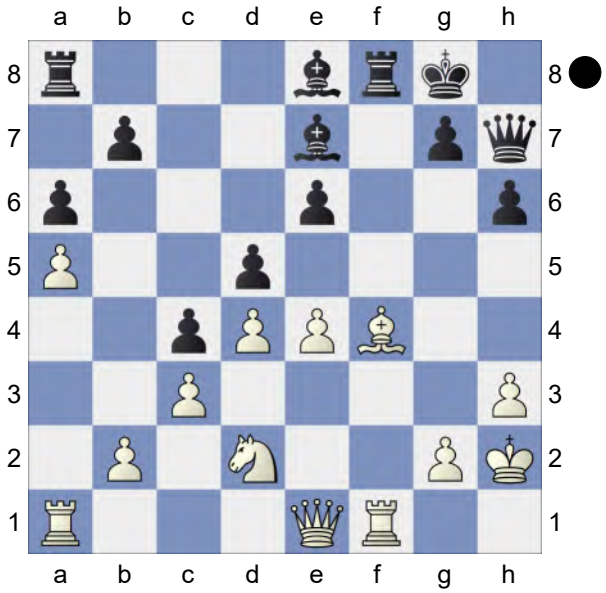
536 **D00**
□ **Mokriak,Liudmila** **2578**
■ **Wagner,Florian** **2584**
69/(518) Holguin (12) 23.01.2020
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 Bb4+ 6.c3 Be7 7.a4 0-0 8.Bd3** White has an edge. **8...c6 9.Na3 c5N**
[9...b6 10.h4 Nb8 11.g4 e5 12.dxe5 Nxg4 13.Qc2 h6 14.f3 Bxh4+ 15.Kf1 Nf2 16.Bh7+ Kh8 17.Rh2 Nd7 18.Bf5 Re8 19.Bxd7 Bxd7 20.c4 Rc8 21.Rxh4 Qxh4 22.Qxf2 Qe7 23.cxd5 cxd5 24.Nc2 1-0 Haugen,A (2387)-Sande,O (2013) corr NOR/C/2024 (NOR)]
10.Nf3 Ne4 11.h3 f5 12.Nb5 White is more active. **12...c4 13.Bxe4 fxe4 14.Ne5 Nb8 15.0-0 a6 16.Na3** A dynamic duo of knights. **16...Nd7 17.Nc2** -0.10/20
[17.b3!± 0.49/19]
17...Qe8 18.f3 Nxe5 19.Bxe5 Bd7 20.Ne1 Qh5 21.Kh2 exf3 22.Nxf3 Be8 23.Qe1 Qg6 24.Bf4 Qe4 25.a5 h6 26.Nd2 White is weak on the light squares **26...Qh7 27.e4**



dxe4 28.Be5 -0.18/20
[28.Qxe4 Qxe4 29.Nxe4 Bc6±]
[28.Nxe4 g5 29.Nxg5 *(29.Bd6? Bxd6+ 30.Nxd6 Rxf1-+)* 29...hxg5-+ *(29...Bxg5 30.Bxg5 Rxf1 31.Qxf1∓)*]
[28.Qg3± 0.31/19 is superior.]
28...Rc8 0.50/21
[28...Bc6= -0.18/20]
29.Rxf8+±
[29.Nxe4? Rxf1 30.Qxf1 Qxe4-+]
29...Bxf8 30.Qe2
[30.Qg3 simplifies Qg6 31.Re1

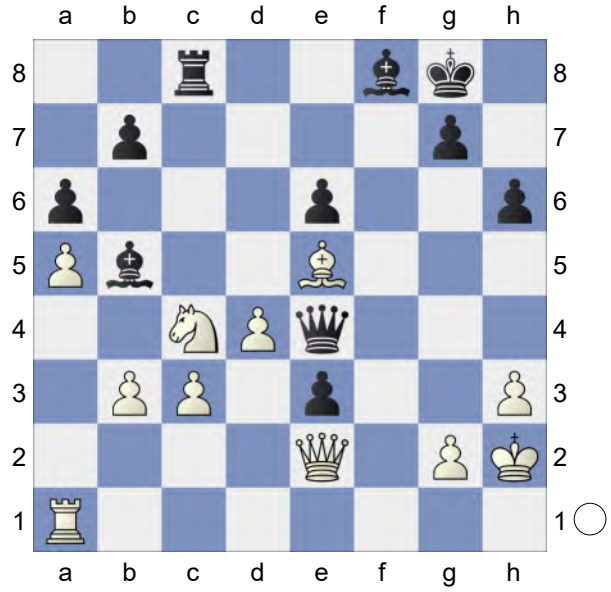
Qxg3+ 32.Bxg3 Rc6 33.Rxe4 Bg6 34.Re1]

30...e3 1.13/22 **31.Nxc4±**

[31.Qxe3 Qd3 32.Qxd3 cxd3±]

31...Bb5 32.b3 Qe4 1.63/22

[32...Qg6± 1.13/20]



33.Rf1!+- Qc6 2.68/20

[33...Be7± 1.43/21]

34.Qxe3 Qe8 35.Qe2 Qg6 36.Rf3 Kh7 3.48/22

[⌓36...Qe8 2.35/20 37.Qa2 Rd8]

37.Qf2 Bc6 38.Rg3

[38.Rxf8 Rxf8 39.Qd2 Rf1∓]

38...Qf5 39.Qe2 Rd8 40.Ne3 Qf7 41.Qd3+ g6 42.Rg4 Bg7? 3.20/23 Loses the game.

[42...Be7± 1.53/20 is a better defense. 43.Rf4 Qg8]

43.Bxg7 Kxg7 44.Nc4 Nc4-e5 would now be deadly. **44...Bb5 45.Qg3 Bxc4 46.bxc4** Endgame KQR-KQR. White is a pawn up. **46...Rd7 47.Re4 Qf6 48.Qe3** White is clearly winning. **48...Rd6 49.c5 Rc6 50.Kg1 Qf5 51.Rf4 Qg5** 7.94/23

[⌓51...Qd5 4.92/23 52.c4 Qd8 53.Qe5+ Kg8]

52.h4 Qe7 53.Qe5+ Kg8 54.Rf6 Kh7 55.h5 gxh5 56.Qf4 White threatens Rf6-f7+ and mate. **56...e5 57.Qxh6+**

[Less strong is 57.dxe5 Qxc5+ 58.Kh1 Rxf6 59.exf6 *(59.Qxf6 Qxc3 60.Qf7+ Kh8±)* 59...Kg6±]

57...Kg8 58.Qg6+ Kh8 59.Qxh5+ Kg8 60.Qg5+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.62

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537 **A45**

□ **Shimanov,Aleksandr** **2578**

■ **Panda,Sambit** **2379**

Titled Tue 1st Jul Early blitz (7) 01.07.25

[TA]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N

[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (120 (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ (41) Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 (41) Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390)

Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)) 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 (23) Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]

3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Bb4+ 5.c3 Ba5 6.a4 b4 is the strong threat. **6...a6 7.b4 axb5** 0.16/22

[7...Nc6 -0.24/23 deserves consideration. 8.Na3 Bb6]

8.axb5= The position is equal.

[Don't play 8.bxa5 bxa4 *(8...Rxa5 9.axb5 Rxb5 10.e4±)* 9.Qxa4+ Nc6∓]

8...Ne4 1.00/23 **9.bxa5± Nxc3** 1.34/21

[⌓9...g5 0.97/21]

10.Qb3 Ne4 11.Nf3 0.49/19

[11.f3± 1.33/20 g5 12.Bc1]

11...c5± 12.dxc5 -0.01/21

[12.Qa3± 0.35/21 was preferrable.]

12...Rxa5= 13.Rc1 -0.11/21

[⌓13.Qb2 0.28/23 Nd7 14.Qxg7]

13...Nd7 14.c6 -0.70/24

[14.Be3!= 0.00/20]

14...Ndc5!∓ Excellent horsemanship.

15.Qb2

[Don't blunder 15.Qb4? Ra4 16.Qb2 Qa5+ 17.Nd2 0-0-+]

15...0-0 Hoping for ...Qb6. **16.e3**

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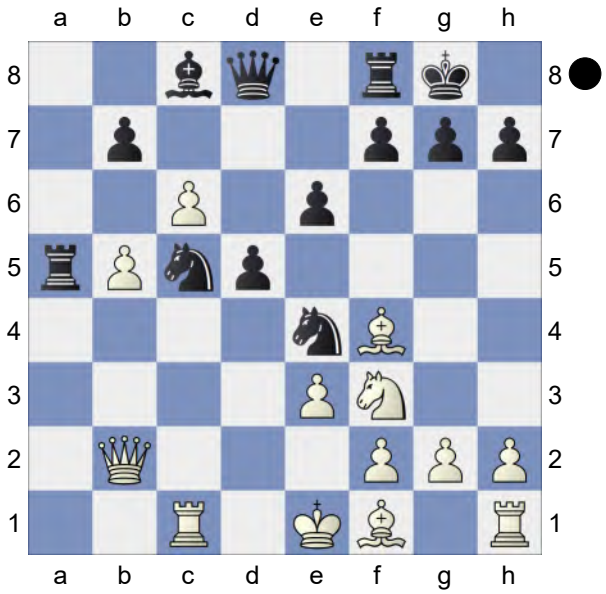
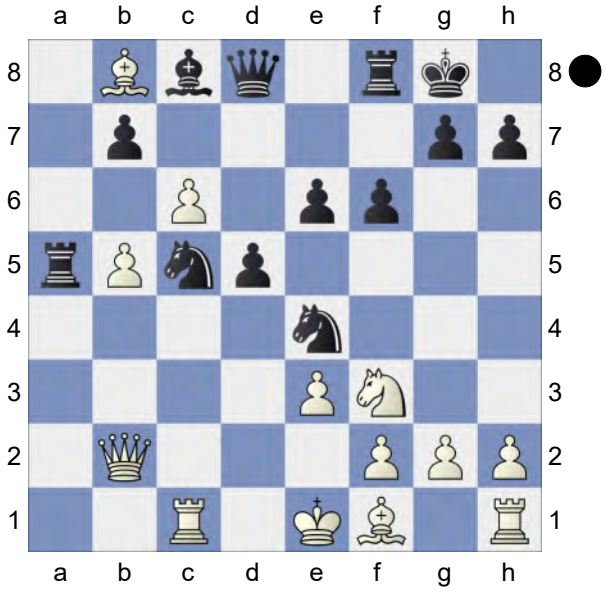


f6 -0.53/20 Wards off Ng5

[16...Qb6!∓ -1.14/20 17.Be5 bxc6]

17.Bb8? -2.88/23

[17.Nd2!∓ -0.53/20]



17...e5? -0.15/24

[17...Qb6!-+ -2.88/23 18.Bg3 bxc6]

18.Be2 -0.64/22

[18.c7= -0.15/24 Qd6 19.Be2]

18...Qb6 19.c7 Bd7 0.06/18

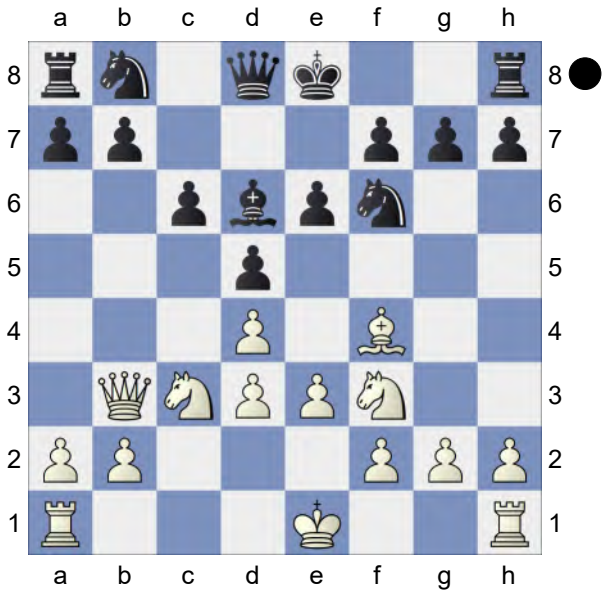
[Black should play 19...Nxf2∓ -0.49/22 20.Kxf2 Ne4+ Deflection 21.Ke1 Qxe3]

20.0-0= Bxb5? 1.75/21
[20...Be6!= 0.19/21]
21.Rb1+- Na4 1.29/21
[21...Nd6+- 1.80/21]
22.Qc2? -2.09/22
[22.Qb4± 1.29/21 keeps the pressure on. aiming for Qxf8+! Nd6 23.Qd2]
22...Nac3 23.Bd3 -3.24/23 White is weak on the light squares
[23.Bxb5∓ -1.49/21 Rxb5 24.Rxb5 Qxb5 25.Re1]
23...Qc6 24.Rbc1 Bxd3 25.Qxd3 Rc5 26.Ra1 b5 27.Nh4 -2.48/20
[27.Nd2 -1.85/18 was necessary.]
27...g6? -0.88/18
[27...b4-+ -2.48/20 Strongly threatening ...b3. 28.Nf5 Qd7]
28.f4? -2.56/22
[28.f3∓ -0.88/18]
28...exf4 29.Nf3 fxe3 30.Qxe3
Weighted Error Value: White=0.65/ Black=0.47. Loss on time!?
1-0

538 **D00**
□ **Hong,Andrew Z** **2572**
■ **Bilan,Danila** **2303**
Titled Tue 17. Sep Early (2) 17.09.2024
[Kitty Kat]

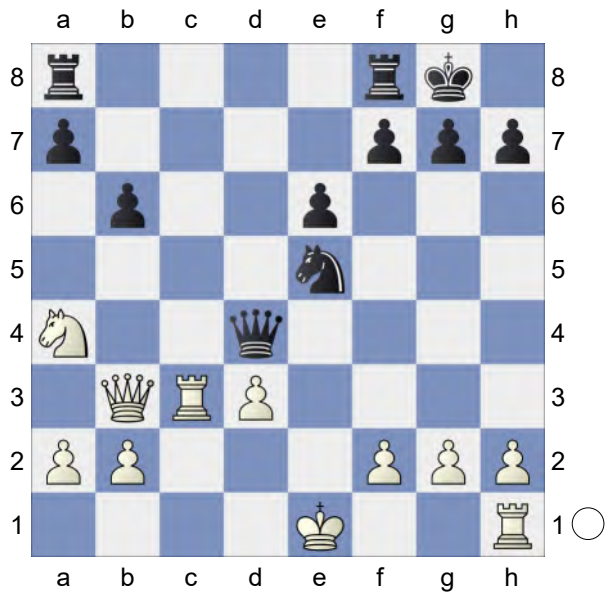
D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 c6 4.e3 Bf5 5.Bd3 Bxd3 6.cxd3 e6 7.Nf3 Bd6 8.Qb3!?**

(Diagram)



Bxd6 is the strong threat. White has an edge. A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante. A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante. **8...b6 9.Ne5N** -0.11/18
[9.Bg5 h6 10.Bh4 Be7 11.Rc1 0-0 12.0-0 Nbd7 13.e4 Rc8 14.Rfe1 Re8 15.h3 0-1 Hong,A (2572)-Rakhmanov,A (2596) Titled Tuesday intern op 17th Sep Early blitz 2024 (5) 0-1 Hong,A (2572)-Rakhmanov,A (2596) Titled Tuesday intern op 17th Sep Early blitz 2024 (5)]
[⌓9.Bxd6 0.25/19 Qxd6 10.0-0]
9...Bxe5 10.Bxe5 0-0 11.Rc1 Nbd7 12.Na4 -0.92/21
[12.Bd6= 0.22/20]
12...Nxe5∓ 13.dxe5 Nd7 -0.19/21
[13...Ng4∓ -0.88/22 Threatens to win with ...Qh4. 14.0-0 Nxe5]
14.Rxc6 -1.23/24
[14.d4= -0.19/21]
14...Nxe5 15.Rc3 d4 -1.15/22
[⌓15...Qg5 -1.52/21 16.Kf1 Rfc8]
16.exd4 Qxd4

(Diagram)

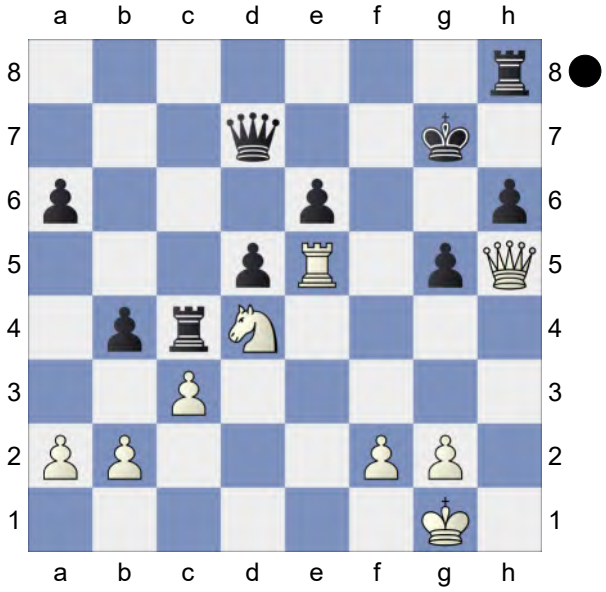


And now ...b5! would win. **17.0-0 Rfd8 18.Rd1** -1.55/22
[White should play 18.Qc2 -0.99/18]
18...h5 -1.04/21
[Black should try 18...Ng4 -1.55/22 19.Rf1 Qd6]
19.h3 Rd5 20.Rc2 Rad8 -0.61/22
[20...Nxd3? 21.Rcd2+-]
[20...Qh4∓ -0.95/21 21.Nc3 Rxd3]
21.Nc3∓ Rc5 22.Ne2 Qh4 23.d4 Rxc2 24.Qxc2 Ng6 25.Qc7 Qg5
[25...Qe7!? 26.Qg3 Nh4=]
26.Rd3 Nh4 27.Rg3↑ White fights for an advantage. **27...Qf6** 0.61/24
[27...Qd5= 0.16/24 should be considered.]
28.Qxa7± Nf5 29.Rf3 Qg6 1.49/20
[29...b5± 0.48/22]
30.Qxb6± Rd5 9.53/24 Black cannot hold the game after this.
[30...Qg5± 1.58/21 31.Qc7 Ra8]
31.Qb8+ Kh7 32.Qf4? 2.04/20
[32.Nf4 7.78/20]
32...h4 33.a4 Rd7 34.a5 Ra7 35.Ra3 Ra8? 5.61/23
[35...Qf6 2.88/21 36.b4 Qd8]
36.a6 Ne7 13.34/21
[⌓36...Qf6 5.05/23 37.a7 Qd8]
37.Qxh4+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.47/Black=0.33
1-0

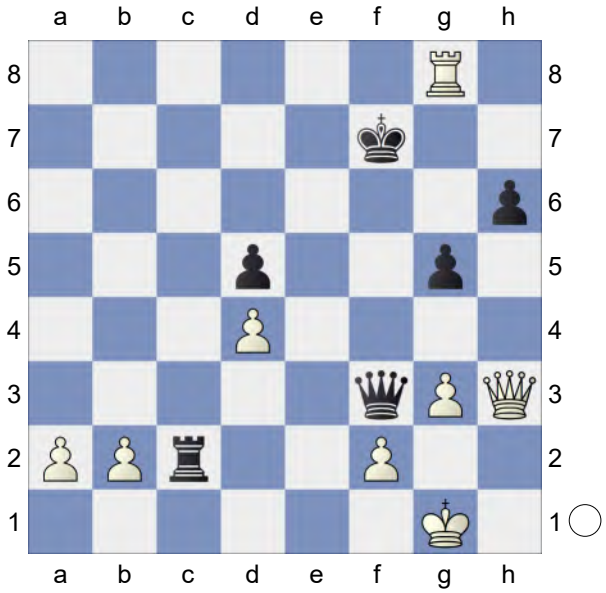
539 **D00**
□ **Hong,Andrew Z** **2572**
■ **Harshavardhan,GB** **2401**
Abu Dhabi Masters Online (3) 21.08.24
[Kitty Kat]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6N**
[5...e6 6.Nb5 Na6 7.h4 Bd7 8.c3 Be7 9.a4 0-0 10.Bd3 Bc6 11.Nf3 Ne4 12.Qe2 f5 13.g3 Bf6 14.Ng5 Qd7 15.f3 Nac5 16.Bc2 a6 17.dxc5 axb5 18.fxe4 6) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5-5.exd4 e6 6.Nb5 Na6 #8 The Meanest Jobava London 2023 https://www.chessable.co [MH]]
6.Bd3 Nc6 7.Nce2 Bg4 7...Nb4 gains popularity. 7...Sb4 wird beliebter. **8.h3!?** The position is equal. A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante. **8...Bh5 9.c3 e6 10.Qb3N**
[Vorgänger: 10.g4 Bg6 11.Nf3 Bd6 12.Bg5 b5 13.Ng3 -0.65/19 *(13.Kf1 -0.31/16 deserves consideration.)* 13...Qc7∓ 14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.Rg1 Kd7 -0.20/18 *(15...b4∓ -0.82/17)* 16.h4 Bxg3 0.01/20 *(16...Rag8∓ -0.50/18)* 17.Rxg3= Bxd3 18.Qxd3 0-1 Fajdetic,H (2151)-Panesso Rivera,H (2341) Titled Tuesday intern op 21st Feb Late blitz 2023 (1)]
10...Qc8 11.Ng3 Bg6 12.Bxg6 hxg6 13.Nf3 Be7 14.0-0 0-0 15.Rfe1 b5 16.Rac1 Qd7 17.Ne5 Nxe5 18.Bxe5 Bd6 19.Qd1 Rfc8 20.h4! Bxe5

21.dxe5 Nh7 22.h5 -0.32/20
[22.Ne4= 0.05/21]
22...g5 0.40/20
[22...Nf8∓ -0.32/20]
23.Ne2± Rc4 24.Nd4 Rac8 25.h6 -0.36/20
[25.a3± 0.50/20]
25...gxh6∓ 26.Qh5 Kg7 0.28/20
[⌓26...b4 -0.27/20]
27.Rcd1 -0.66/20
[27.f4= 0.28/20]
27...Nf8 28.Rd3 Ng6! And now ...Nf4 would win. **29.Rh3 Rh8** Strongly threatening ...Nf4. **30.Rf3 b4** -0.64/20
[Black should try 30...Qa7∓ -0.98/22]
31.Rf6 Threatens to win with Nxe6+!
31...Nxe5 32.Rxe6 fxe6
[32...Rxd4!? 33.cxd4 Qxe6 34.Rxe5 Qc6∓]
33.Rxe5



Rxd4! 34.cxd4 Endgame KQR-KQR
34...Qf7 0.69/23
[34...Rc8= -0.04/22]
35.Qe2± Re8 36.Qxa6 Qf4 0.95/23
[36...Qc7± 0.60/22]
37.Qb7+!± Kg8 1.76/23
[37...Kg6± 1.00/21]
38.Qxb4+- Rc8 aiming for ...Rc2. **39.g3 Qf3** 3.40/23
[39...Qf6 1.63/22]
40.Rxe6
[Don't play 40.Qe1 Kf7 41.Rxe6 Rc1 42.Qxc1 Kxe6]
40...Rc2? 14.65/30
[40...Rc1+ 3.05/21 41.Re1 Rxe1+ 42.Qxe1 Kf7]
41.Re8+ Kg7 42.Qe7+ Kg6 43.Qe6+ 4.54/28
[⌓43.Rg8+ 10.20/26 Kh5 44.Rxg5+!! hxg5 45.Qh7+ Kg4 46.Qxc2]
43...Kh5 44.Qe3 0.62/26
[44.Qh3++- 4.60/23 Kg6 45.Rg8+ Kf7



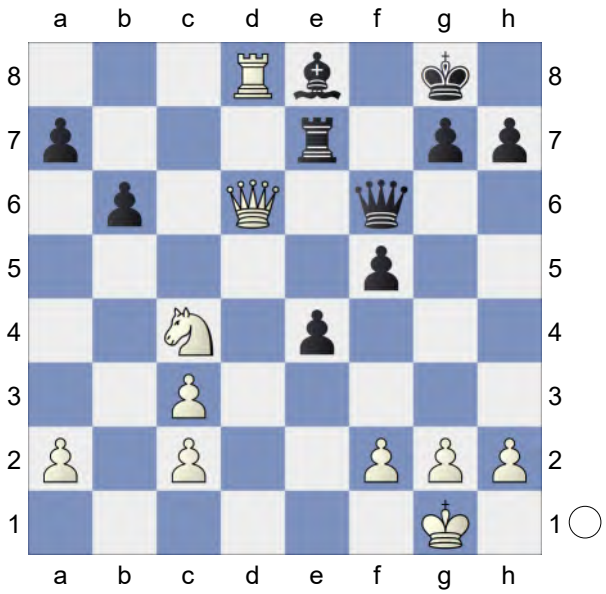
46.Rf8+!! Kxf8 47.Qxh6+ Ke7 48.Qh7+ Qf7 49.Qxc2]
44...Qxe3!± 45.Rxe3
[And not 45.fxe3 Kg4 46.Kf1 Kxg3∓]
45...Rxb2 KR-KR **46.Re5 Rxa2 47.Rxd5 Kg4 48.Kg2 Rd2 49.Rd8 h5 50.d5 h4 51.gxh4 gxh4 52.d6** Black must now prevent d7. **52...Kf5 53.Kh3 Ke6 54.f3 Rd3 55.Kg4 h3 56.Rh8 Rxd6?** 10.14/27 This move loses the game for Black.
[56...Kf6= 0.29/26]
57.Rh6++- Ke5 58.Rxd6 Kxd6

59.Kxh3 KP-K. White mates. **59...Ke5 60.Kg4 Ke6 61.Kg5 Kf7 62.Kf5 Ke7 63.Kg6 Kf8 64.Kf6 Kg8 65.f4 Kf8 66.f5 Kg8 67.Ke7 Kh7 68.f6 Kg6 69.f7 Kf5 70.f8Q+ Ke4 71.Qf6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.33/ Black=0.16 (very precise)
1-0

540 **D00**
□ **Pranesh,M** **2572**
■ **Rohit,S** **2266**
Titled 5. Apr Early (7) 15.04.2025
[TA]

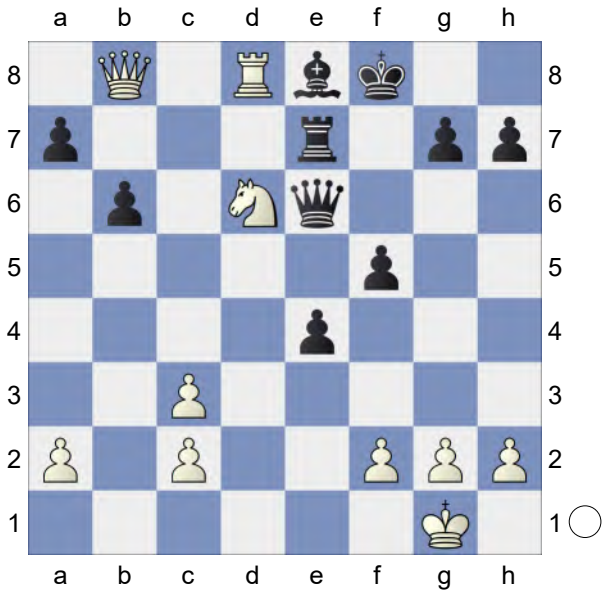
D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
The Jobava Attack . Now we shall analyse a line which has become quite fashionable and which is a cross between the Richter-Veresov Attack with Nc3 and the London System with Bf4. The strong grandmaster Baadur Jobava has been playing it regularly. Other strong grandmasters, such as Naiditsch, Rapport and Pri, have also included it in their repertoires. Grandmaster Henrik Danielsen also recommends using this line in the normal London System against the idea of c7-c5. Even the Houdini engine often gives 2. Nc3 as the best move. Theory has moved on from the days when playing c2-c4 was the only approved idea for White in the Queens Pawn Openings and nowadays in many lines it is fine to develop the knight first. **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.e3 Be7 5.Bd3 0-0 6.Nf3 c5 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.0-0** The position is equal. **8...Nc6 9.Qe2N**
[9.e4 Nb4 *(9...dxe4 10.Nxe4 Nxe4 11.Bxe4 Qf6 12.Bg5 Qxb2 13.Rb1 Qa3 14.Bc1 Qa4 15.Bxh7+ Kxh7 16.Ng5+ Kg8 17.Qh5 Qxc2 18.Rb3 Qg6 19.Qh4 e5* 0-1 Lalitaditaayyanar, B (2705)-Ahnert (2716) WC.2002.T. 00001 (9.2)*; 9...d4 10.Ne2 Nd7 11.e5 h6 12.a3 a6 13.b4 Ba7 14.Re1 f5 15.exf6 Nxf6 16.Qd2 Nd5 17.Bg3 Qf6 18.Nc1 Bd7 19.Nb3 Rae8 20.Nc5 Bxc5 21.bxc5* 3) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 e6-6.Nf3 c5 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.O-O Nc The Meanest Jobava 2023*)* 10.e5 Nxd3 11.Qxd3 Nh5 12.Be3 Bxe3 13.fxe3 f5 14.exf6 Nxf6 15.Ng5 Qc7 16.e4 h6 17.Nf3 Ng4 18.Qd2 d4 19.Nb5 Qb6 20.Nbxd4 e5 21.h3 exd4 22.hxg4 Bxg4 23.Nxd4 Qxb2 ½-½ (58) Prie,E (2500)-Hervet,G (2036) corr FRA-chT N3 2014]
9...Qe7 0.32/22
[9...Nh5= -0.10/23]
10.e4 d4! 11.e5 dxc3 12.exf6 Qxf6 13.Qe4 Qf5 14.Qa4 -0.30/19
[14.Qc4 0.19/20 deserves consideration. b5 15.Qxc3]
14...Qh5= 15.bxc3 e5 16.Bg3 Bd7 17.Rad1 Rad8 ...Nd4! would now be deadly. **18.Qe4 Rfe8 19.Bh4 Be7 20.Bxe7 Rxe7 21.Rfe1** -0.63/20
[21.Bb5= -0.25/19 might be stronger.]
21...f5∓ 22.Qd5+ -1.50/24
[22.Qe3∓ -0.58/23]
22...Kh8 -0.40/20
[22...Be6∓ -1.50/24 23.Qb5 Rd5 *(23...Bxa2 24.Bc4+ Bxc4 25.Rxd8+ Nxd8 26.Qxc4+ Qf7 27.Qc8=)*]
23.Bb5 Be8 2.18/21
[23...Rde8∓ -0.51/21 keeps the upper hand.]
24.Qc5+- aiming for Rxd8. **24...Rxd1 25.Rxd1** Bxc6 is the strong threat.
25...b6? 4.29/22
[25...Qf7 1.83/19 might work better.]

26.Qa3 Qf7 27.Bxc6? 0.24/20
[Only move: 27.Rd6!+- 3.10/24]
27...Bxc6= 28.Rd8+ Be8 29.Qd6 Qf6 30.Qb8
[30.Qxf6 simplifies gxf6 31.Nh4 Kg8 32.Nxf5 Rd7 33.Rxe8+ Kf7 34.Re7+]
30...Qe6 31.Ng5↑ Black is under pressure. **31...Qg8 32.Qd6 Qf8 33.Nf3** Black must now prevent h3! **33...e4?** 4.69/27
[33...Qf6± 0.35/23]
34.Ne5? 1.41/24
[34.Nd4+- 4.69/27 and the rest is easy. Qf6 35.Nxf5]
34...Qf6± 35.Nc4 Hoping for Qb8.
35...Kg8 1.68/20
[35...Qf7± 1.25/24]



36.Qb8 0.33/26
[36.Qxf6!+- 1.68/20 gxf6 37.Nd6]
36...Qe6 1.12/20
[36...Kf8!± 0.33/26]
37.Nd6 Kf8

(Diagram)



Threatens to win with ...e3! **38.h4** 0.04/24
[White should play 38.Kf1!± 1.08/24]
38...e3!= 39.Nxe8? -6.23/25
[39.Rxe8+= 0.02/23 Rxe8 40.Nxe8 exf2+ 41.Kxf2 Qxe8 42.Qxa7]
39...exf2+-+
[And not 39...Rxe8 40.Rxe8+ Qxe8 41.Qxe8+ Kxe8 42.fxe3=]
40.Kh2 f1N+ 41.Kh1 Rxe8 42.Rxe8+ Qxe8 43.Qf4 Ne3 Strongly threatening ...Qe4! **44.c4 Kg8**
[44...Nxc2? 45.Qxf5+ Kg8 46.Qxc2∓]
45.c5 bxc5 46.Qc7 h6 (-> ...Ng4)
47.h5 Qe4 -12.51/21
Weighted Error Value: White=0.83/ Black=0.66
[⌓47...Ng4 -#11/22 48.Qg3 Qe2 *(48...Qxh5+? 49.Kg1-+)* 49.Qb3+ Kh7 50.Qb1 Qe5 51.Kg1 Qh2+ 52.Kf1 Qh1+ *(52...Qxh5? 53.Qb7-+)* 53.Ke2 Qxg2+ *(53...Qxb1* gets mated. *54.Kd2 Qg1 55.c4 Qxg2+ 56.Kd1 Ne3+ 57.Ke1 f4 58.a4 f3 59.a5 Qe2#)* 54.Kd3 Qe4+ 55.Kc3 Qd4+ 56.Kb3 Qb4#]
0-1

541 **D00**
□ **Timofeev,Artyom** **2567**
■ **Keymer,Vincent** **2690**
Airthings Masters Play-In (2) 03.02.2023
[Kitty Kat]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]
3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 Bg4 6.f3 Bd7 7.Qd2 e6!? The position is equal. Eine interessante Nebenvariante. **8.g4 Nc6 10.Nge2 Rc8 11.a3N** -0.30/20
[Vorgänger: 11.Kb1 -0.45/22 11.Nc3-a4 0.15 Na5 12.Ka1 Bb4 13.h4 Nc4 14.Qc1 Qa5 -0.07/20 *(14...h5∓* -0.46/20 *15.g5 Ng8)* 15.Nb1!= Rc6 0.19/20 *(15...Be7∓* -0.32/18 *)* 16.Ng3= aiming for g4-g5. 0-0 17.g5 0-1 (36) Gelman,A (2403)-Lazavik,D (2442) Lichess.org INT 2021 0-1 (36) Gelman,A (2403) - Lazavik,D (2442) Lichess.org INT 2021]
[11.Na4 0.07/20 is superior. Qa5 12.Qxa5 Nxa5 13.Nc5]
11...Qa5 0.36/20
[11...h5= -0.30/20]
12.Kb1!± b5 13.Nc1 b4 14.axb4 Bxb4 0.55/21
[14...Nxb4= -0.05/21 15.Nb3 Qb6]
15.Nb3! Qb6 16.Qd3
[16.Nc5!?]
16...Na5 17.Na2 -0.58/21
[White should try 17.Nxa5= 0.12/22 Bxa5 *(17...Qxa5 18.Na2=; 17...Bxc3 18.Nb3=)* 18.Qa6]
17...Nc4!∓ 18.Nxb4 Qxb4 19.Bc1 Bb5 20.Nc5 Nd7 21.Qb3 Qa5 22.Nxd7 Kxd7 -0.18/21
[22...Ba4∓ -0.64/23 deserves consideration. 23.Qc3 *(23.Qb7? Nd6-+)* 23...Qxc3 *(23...Bxd7 24.Qxa5 Nxa5 25.Bf4±)* 24.bxc3 Kxd7]
23.Qa2 Qxa2+ 24.Kxa2 h5 25.h4 hxg4 0.16/22
[25...a5 -0.23/21 was preferrable.]
26.fxg4= Nd6 27.Bxb5+ Nxb5 28.c3 Nd6 29.Rdf1 f6 30.g5 Nf5 31.gxf6 gxf6 32.Rxf5 -1.81/22

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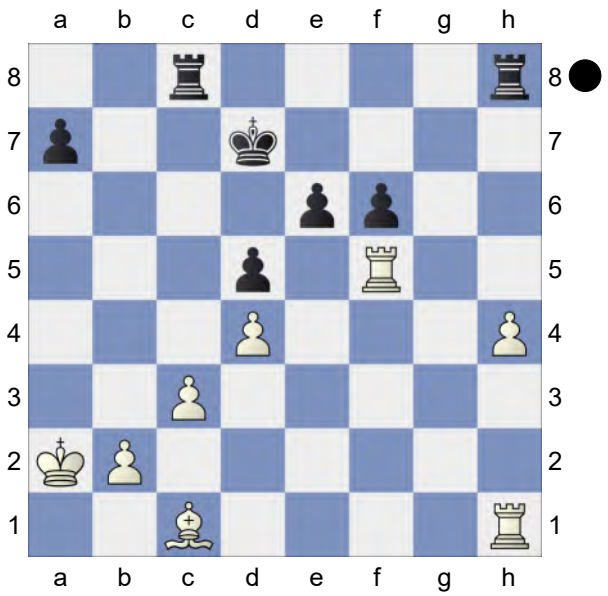
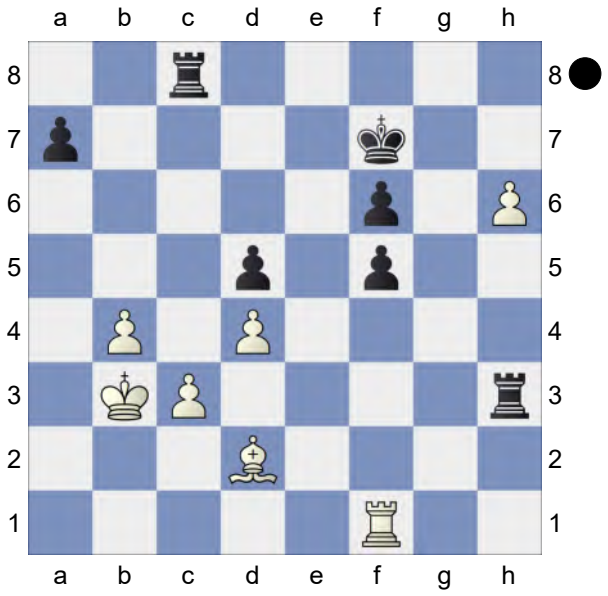


exf5 Endgame. KRR-KRB **33.h5 Rcg8** -1.20/23
[Black should play 33...Rce8-+ -1.79/22 ...Re8-e4 is the strong threat. 34.Rh2 Re1]
34.h6∓ Rg4 Threatens to win with ...f5-f4. **35.Rf1 Ke6 36.b4** -2.34/24
[36.Ka3∓ -1.21/21 is a better defense.]
36...Rg3 37.Kb3 Rc8 38.Bd2 Rh3 39.Re1+ Kf7 40.Rf1

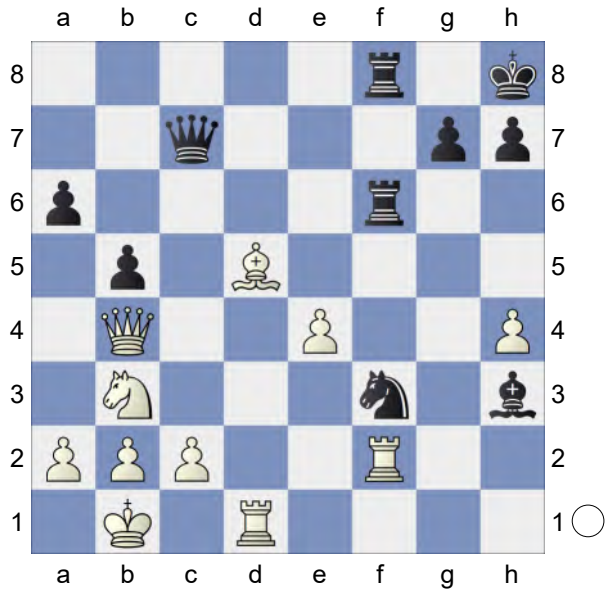


f4 41.Rxf4 Rxh6 42.Kc2? -5.14/25
[42.Rf1 -2.40/21 Rh2 43.Bf4]
42...Rh2-+ 43.Rf1 Rg8 44.Kd3 Rg3+ 45.Be3 Rhh3 46.Re1 f5 47.Kd2 Rf3 48.Bg5 Rd3+ 49.Ke2 Rxc3 50.Ra1 Rc2+ 51.Kd1 Rh1+ 52.Kxc2 Rxa1
Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/ Black=0.16 (very precise)
0-1

542 **D00**
□ **Laurusas,Tomas** **2566**
■ **Volodin,Aleksandr** **2471**
Coop Saaremaa Blitz 2025 (10.5) 30.5.25
[TA]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.Nf3 c5 6.Ne5 Nc6 0.15/19
[6...Nfd7∓ -0.34/19]
7.g4 -0.42/21
[7.Nxc6= 0.15/19 bxc6 8.Na4]
7...Nd7 8.Nxd7 Black is slightly better.
8...Bxd7 9.Qd2 b5 10.g5 Qb6 11.Ne2 Be7 12.h4 f6 13.Bh3 Rd8 0.45/19
[13...0-0= -0.21/18]
14.gxf6± Bxf6 15.Bg5 -0.71/21
[15.0-0-0± 0.50/19 stays ahead.]
15...0-0 0.18/19
[15...cxd4∓ -0.71/21 16.0-0-0 dxe3 17.fxe3 0-0]
16.0-0-0!= aiming for Nf4. **16...cxd4**
[16...Bxg5 17.hxg5 cxd4 *(17...Rxf2? 18.Qe1±)* 18.exd4 *(18.Nxd4 Ne5=)*]
17.Nxd4 Ne5 0.68/19
[17...Nxd4= 0.13/20 18.exd4 h6]
18.Bxf6 -0.15/18
[18.b3!± 0.68/19]
18...Rxf6 19.f4 Nc4 20.Qe1 Re8 21.Rg1 Re7 0.12/20
[⌓21...Qd6 -0.24/20]
22.Kb1 -0.60/20
[22.b3= 0.12/20 Nd6 *(22...e5 23.Bxd7 exd4 24.bxc4=)* 23.Bf1]

22...Qc5 0.00/19
[22...Rff7∓ -0.60/20 23.Qg3 e5 24.fxe5 *(24.Bxd7? exd4 25.Bg4 Nxe3-+)* 24...Bxh3 25.Qxh3 Rxe5]
23.Rg5 -0.52/20
[23.b3= 0.00/19 Na3+ 24.Kb2]
23...Nd6 0.00/20
[23...h6∓ -0.52/20 24.Rg2 e5 25.fxe5 Nxe5 26.Bxd7 Rxd7]
24.Bg2 -0.63/19
[24.h5= 0.00/20]
24...Nf7 0.13/18
[24...h6∓ -0.63/19 25.Rg3 Be8]
25.Rg3 e5 26.fxe5 Nxe5 27.Nb3 Qc7 28.Bxd5+ Kh8 29.e4 Nf3 30.Qb4 Re8 31.Rg2 Bh3 0.76/21
[31...h5± 0.40/22 is superior.]
32.Rf2→ White mounts an attack.
32...Ref8? 3.28/19
[Better is 32...Qg3± 0.63/18 33.Re2 Bg4]



33.e5!+- Qxe5
[33...Rf4 34.Qd6]
34.Rxf3
[But not 34.Bxf3 Qg3+-]
34...Qe2? #2/17
[34...Bf5+- 3.68/19 35.Qd4 Qd6]
35.Qxf8+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) /Black=0.61
1-0

543 **D00**
□ **Dragun,Kamil** **2565**
■ **Yip,Carissa** **2421**
CCCSA Holiday GM 2020 (3.5) 27.12.20
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 *(3...Qa5 4.Bd2 b5 5.e4 b4 6.e5 bxc3 7.Bxc3 Qa4 8.exf6 Qe4+ 9.Qe2 Qxe2+ 10.Bxe2 gxf6 11.d6 e5 12.Bf3 Nc6 13.Bxc6 dxc6 14.f4 Bxd6* 0-1 Reynolds,R (2565)-Zanetti,A (2389) corr CNEC 15 jub 1993 *)* 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Be2 0-0 10.0-0 a6 11.Nd2 Rb8 12.Nc4 b5 13.axb5 axb5 14.Na5 Qe8 15.Nc6 Rb7 16.Ra5 Nb8 17.Nxb8 Rxb8 18.Qd3 Qd8 19.Ra7 b4* 0-1 Yakimenko,A-9.♘c3 ♘e7 10.♘e4 NO 1925 *)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.a4 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nbd7 11.Re1 a6 12.Bf1 e5 13.a5 Ne8 14.Bd3 Qh4 15.Qg4 Qxg4 16.hxg4 Rc8 17.b3 Nef6 18.g5 Ne8 19.g3 f6 20.Kg2 fxg5* 0-1 Sadykov,R (2345)-Skliarov,V (2383) Julius Baer Play In rapid 2023 (3.76)*; 6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6

7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]

3.Bf4 e6 4.e3 Bd6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Bd3 Bxf4 7.exf4 Nc6 0.42/22

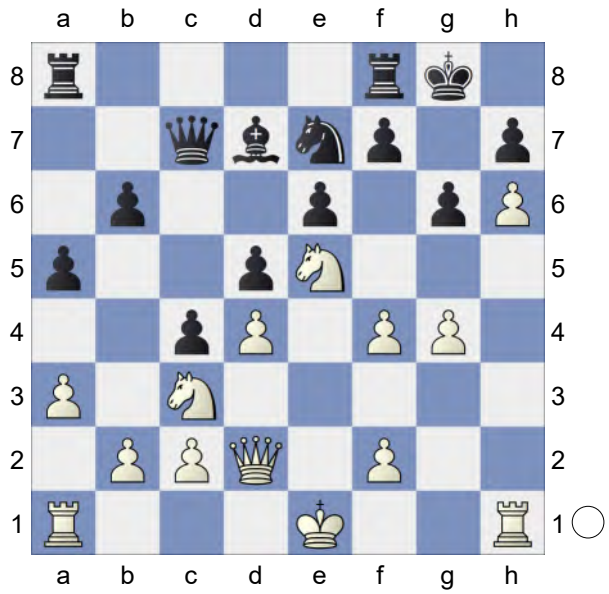
[7...b6= -0.04/20 is superior.]

8.a3 White is slightly better. **8...a5 9.h4 b6 10.h5 Ne7 11.Ne5 c5 12.g4 Nd7 13.Bb5 Qc7** 0.66/25

[13...Nxe5= 0.30/24 14.fxe5 f6]

14.Bxd7 Bxd7 15.h6 And now hxg7 would win. **15...g6 16.Qd2** Black is weak on the dark squares **16...c4** 0.99/21

[Better is 16...Be8± 0.49/22]



17.g5!± b5 18.Ne2 White is much more active. A dynamic duo of knights. **18...Nf5 19.Ng4 Bc6 20.Nf6+ Kh8 21.Ng3** 1.33/22

[21.Kf1+- 1.72/21]

21...Ne7 22.Qe3 Bb7 23.0-0 Ra7 2.15/25

[23...Ng8± 1.59/19 24.Rfd1 Ra7]

24.Rfe1 Bc8 25.c3 a4 26.Qe5 1.45/28

[26.Nf1+- 2.82/21]

26...Qxe5 1.87/21

[26...Nc6± 1.45/28]

27.fxe5+-

[Much less strong is 27.dxe5?! Nc6±]

27...Rc7 28.Re3 Ra7 29.Rf3 Nc6 30.Rf4 Rc7 31.Re1 Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) / Black=0.21 (precise)

½-½

544 **D00**

□ **Yoo,Christopher Woojin** **2563**

■ **Niemann,Hans Moke** **2699**

USA Ch 2022 Saint Louis USA (1.4)

[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**

[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+*

1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)) 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]

3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.Be2 Nh5!? Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain. **8.Be5** The position is equal. **8...f6 9.Bg3 c6** Repels c2-c4 **10.Nc3 c5 11.0-0 Nxg3 12.hxg3 c4N**

[Vorgänger: 12...f5 0.44/19 12...c5-c4 -0.04 13.Ne5 Nb8 14.f4 -0.31/19 *(14.dxc5=* 0.22/19 *Bxc5 15.Rc1)* 14...Nc6 15.Bb5? -2.39/21 *(15.Nxc6=* -0.09/20 *bxc6 16.Na4)* 15...Nxe5-+ 16.dxe5 a6? -0.77/20 *(16...c4!-+* -2.65/19 Hoping for ...a7-a6. *17.g4 a6 18.Bxc4 dxc4)* 17.Be2∓ b5 -0.25/20 *(17...c4∓* -0.82/18 With the idea ...Be7-c5. *18.Qd2 g5)* 18.Bf3 And now Nc3xd5! would win. b4? 1.71/21 0-1 (41) Prydun,A (2223)-Oparin,G (2654) Chess.com INT 2021 0-1 (41) Prydun, A (2223)-Oparin,G (2654) Chess.com INT 2021 *(18...Kh8∓* -0.52/19 stays ahead. *)*]

13.e4 Bb4 14.exd5 exd5 15.Nb1 Nc7 16.c3 Bd6 17.Nbd2 b5 18.Ne1 -0.67/19

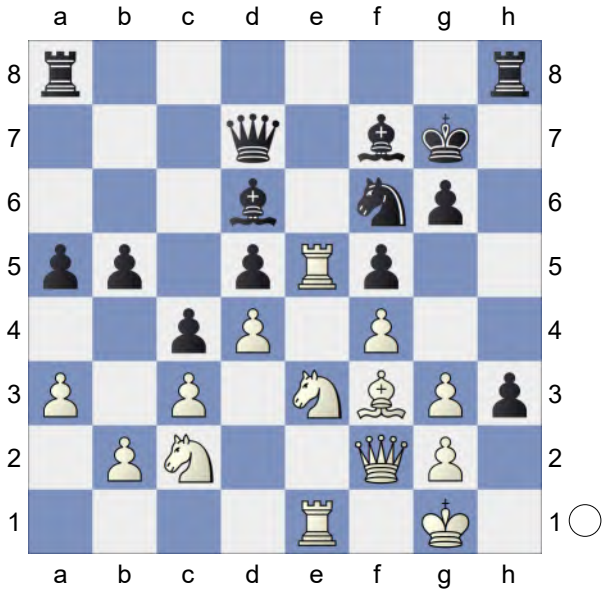
[18.a4= -0.05/20]

18...Be6 19.Nc2 Qd7 20.Re1 -0.60/18

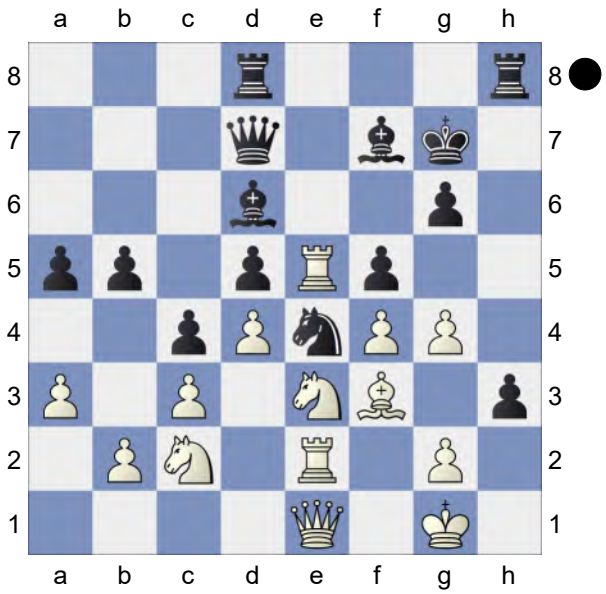
[20.b3= -0.24/19 is more appropriate.]

20...a5∓ 21.a3 g6 22.Nf1 h5 Black is more active. **23.Qd2 Kg7 24.f4 Rh8 25.Bf3 f5 26.Re2 Ne8 27.Rae1 Bf7 28.Re5 Nf6 29.Nfe3 h4 30.Qf2! h3** 0.01/24

[30...Nh5∓ -0.56/23 31.Bxh5 hxg3 32.Qxg3 Rxh5]



31.Re2 -1.06/22 **Rad8 32.Qe1 Ne4 33.g4**

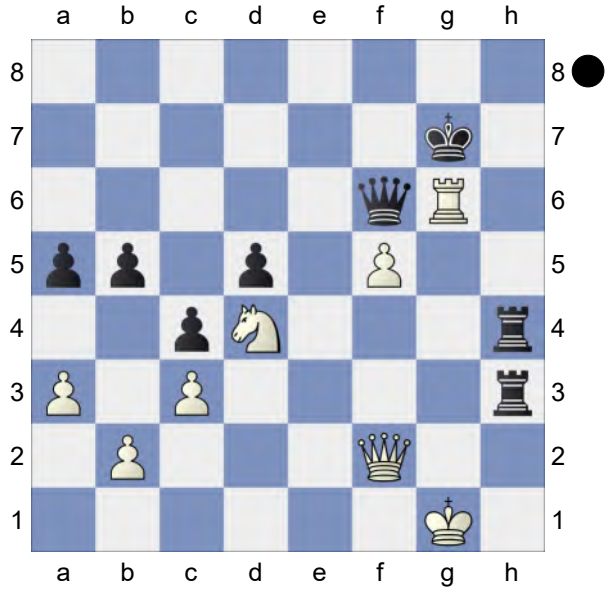


g4xf5! would now be deadly. **33...Bxe5** -0.01/22

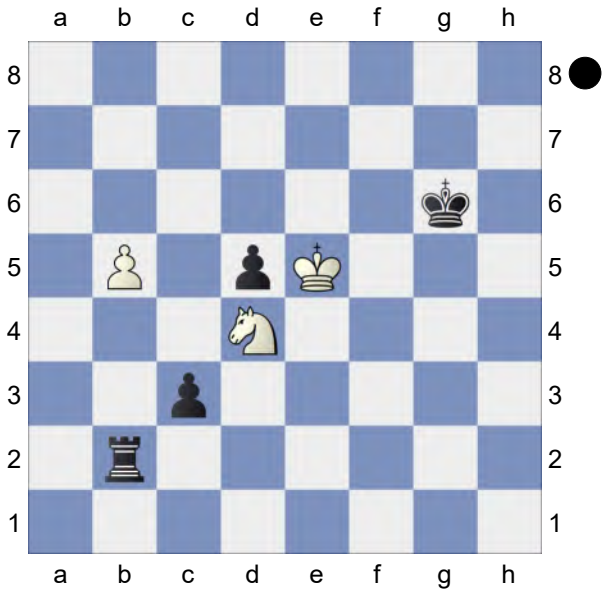
[33...hxg2!∓ -1.45/20 34.Rxg2 Rh3 *(34...Bxe5 35.dxe5 Rh3 36.Bxe4=)* 35.Bxe4 fxe4]

34.dxe5= Black must now prevent g4xf5. **34...hxg2 35.Rxg2 Rh3** Threatens to win with ...f5xg4. **36.e6?** -3.15/23 White does not recover from this.

[36.Nd4∓ -0.54/21 Rdh8 37.Kf1]
36...Bxe6-+
[36...Qxe6 37.Nd4 Qf6 38.gxf5]
37.gxf5 Bxf5 38.Nxf5+ Qxf5 39.Nd4
[39.Bg4 Rdh8 *(39...Qxf4? 40.Bxh3 Re8 41.Nd4+-)* 40.Bxh3 Qxh3]
39...Qf6 Strongly threatening ...Rd8-h8.
[39...Qxf4? 40.Ne6+ Kf6 41.Rxg6+ *(41.Nxf4 Rxf3 42.Rxg6+ Ke5+-)* 41...Ke5 42.Nxf4+-]
40.Bxe4? -5.12/24
[40.f5 -2.73/20 Kh8 *(40...Ng5 41.Qe3-+)* 41.Bxe4 dxe4 42.Qxe4 gxf5 43.Nxf5]
40...Re8 Pin, Zwischenzug. Black is clearly winning. **41.f5 Rxe4**
[41...dxe4? 42.Rxg6++- *(42.Nxb5? Qxf5 43.Nd6 Qc5+ 44.Qf2 Qxd6-+; 42.Nxb5? Qxf5 43.Qd1 Rd3-+)*]
42.Qf2 Reh4 43.Rxg6+



Qxg6+! 44.fxg6 Rh1+ 45.Kg2 R4h2+
[45...Kxg6? 46.Qf5+ *(46.Nxb5? R1h2+ 47.Kg1 Rxf2-+)* 46...Kh6 47.Nf3+- *(47.Qxd5 R1h2+ 48.Kf3 R2h3+ 49.Ke2 Rh5+-)*]
46.Kg3 Rxf2
[46...Kxg6 47.Qf5+ *(47.Qxh2 Rxh2 48.Kxh2 Kf6+-)* 47...Kh6 48.Qe6+ *(48.Qxd5 Rh3+ 49.Kf4 Rh4+ 50.Ke3 Re1+ 51.Kf2 Rhh1+-)* 48...Kh7 49.Nf5 *(49.Nxb5 Rxb2 50.Qd7+ Kg6+-)* 49...Rh3+ 50.Kg4]
47.Kxf2 Endgame. KR-KN **47...Rh2+ 48.Ke3 Rxb2 49.Kf4 Kxg6 50.Ke5 b4 51.axb4 axb4 52.cxb4 c3 53.b5**



Rxb5!! Deflection, Promotion **54.Nxb5 c2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.49/ Black=0.21 (precise)
0-1

545 **D01**
□ **Hong,Andrew Z** **2560**
■ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2766**
FIDE World Rapid and Blitz Championsh..
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 1-0 (88);

5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7 Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig,F (1863) Mainz 1997 EXT 2000 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (57)*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) www.desc-online.de 2000 CBM 166 [Beliavsky, Alexander G] 1-0 (41)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]

3.Bf4 g6 4.e3 Nh5 5.Bg5 c6 6.Be2 h6 7.Bh4 Ng7 8.Bg3 The position is equal. **8...Nd7 9.h4 Nf5 10.Bf4 e5 11.dxe5 Nxh4 12.Kf1**

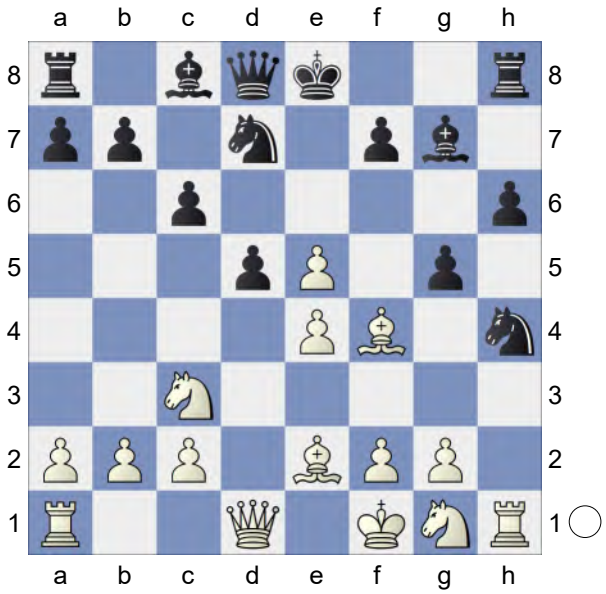
[12.g3!? g5 13.e6!= *(13.gxh4 gxf4 14.exf4 Qb6=)*]

12...Bg7 0.16/21

[⌓12...g5 -0.19/20 13.e6 gxf4]

13.e4 g5

(Diagram)



14.e6! gxf4 15.exd7+ Bxd7 next ...d4 is good for Black. **16.exd5 Bxc3** 0.29/22

[⌓16...Ng6 -0.12/19]

17.bxc3= Qg5 18.Rh2 Qf6 0.97/22

[18...0-0= 0.16/21 remains equal.]

19.Qd4 Qxd4 20.cxd4 Ng6 21.d6 b5 0.98/20

[21...h5± 0.66/20 was preferrable.]

22.Nf3± Bf5 1.68/20

[22...0-0± 1.00/18 might work better.]

23.d5+- cxd5 24.Bxb5+ Bd7 25.Re1+ Kd8 26.Bd3 Rc8 27.Rh5 Rc5 28.Ne5 0.64/23 Prevents Bg4.

[28.Rb1+- 2.82/21]

28...Nxe5± 29.Rexe5

[But not 29.Rhxe5 Be6=]

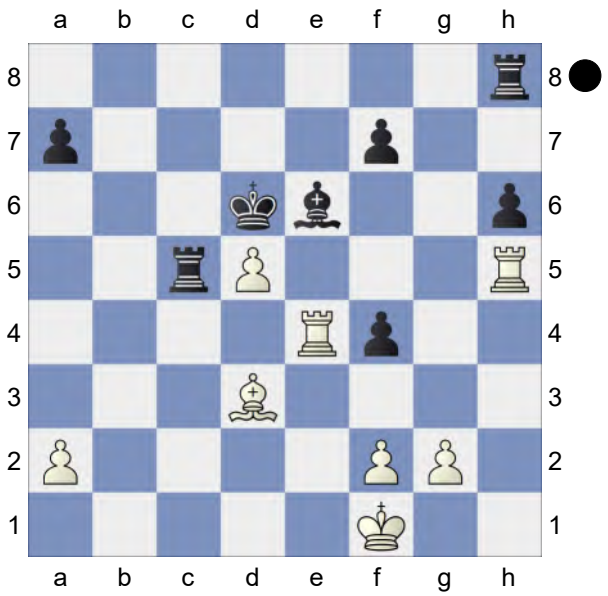
29...Be6 30.c4 -0.01/24

[30.Rh4± 0.46/22]

30...Kd7= 31.cxd5 Kxd6 32.Re4 -1.36/23

[32.f3!= -0.25/22 keeps the balance.]

(Diagram)



32...Rc1+ -0.58/22
[32...Bg4!∓ -1.36/23 33.Rhe5 *(33.Rh4 Bf5∓)* 33...f6]
33.Re1∓ Rxe1+ 34.Kxe1 Bxd5 Endgame KRB-KRB **35.Rf5 f3** -0.37/21
[Black should play 35...Bxa2∓ -0.73/20 36.Rxf4 Bb3]
36.g3 Rb8 37.a4 Rb2 38.a5 -1.08/26
[38.Rf6+∓ -0.39/24 Ke5 39.Rxh6]
38...Kc5∓ &Nero is more active. **39.Rf4 Rb4** White must now prevent ...Rxf4. **40.Rf5 Kd4 41.Rf4+?** -4.89/32
[41.Bc2∓ -0.82/24]
41...Kc3-+ 42.Rxb4 Kxb4 KB-KB **43.a6 Bc4 44.Be4 Bxa6** Hoping for ...Be2. **45.Kd2 Be2 46.Bd5 f6 47.Kc2 a5 48.Be6 a4 49.Kb2 a3+ 50.Kc2 Bc4 51.Bg4 Bb3+ 52.Kb1 Bd5** Threatens to win with ...Kb3. **53.Kc2 Be4+ 54.Kc1 Kc3** (→ ...a2) **55.Be6 Bd3** Black mates. **56.Ba2 Bc4 57.Bb1 Bb3 58.g4 Be6 59.g5 fxg5 60.Bc2 a2 61.Bb1** Black used his chance. Weighted Error Value: White=0.63/ Black=0.13 (very precise)
0-1

546 **D00**
□ **Livaic,Leon** **2557**
■ **Ambartsumova,Karina** **2418**
Titled Tue 23. Jan Late (3) 23.01.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott, P (1200) www.desc-online.de 2000 UltraCorr3a [Fritz 5.32 (30s)] ½-½ *)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) Lake George 2005 CBM 107 [Atalik,Suat] ½-½ (41) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Gyula 2000 CBM 076 [Alterman,Boris] 1-0 (41) *)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]
3.Bf4 g6 4.e3 Bg7 5.h4 h5 6.Nf3 0-0 7.Be2 c5 8.Ne5 The position is equal. **8...Nc6** The main line 8...Nc6 scores better than 8...cxd4. Die Hauptvariante

8...Sc6 punktet besser als 8...cxd4.
9.Qd2 cxd4 10.exd4 Qb6 11.0-0-0 Bf5 0.23/20
[⌓11...Ne4 -0.23/20 12.Nxe4 *(12.Nxd5 Nxd2 13.Nxb6 axb6∓)* 12...dxe4]
12.f3 -0.74/20
[12.Na4= 0.23/20 Qd8 13.Nxc6 bxc6 14.Ba6]
12...Nb4∓ 13.Nd3 Qxd4 0.23/19
[13...Bxd3∓ -0.84/21 14.Bxd3 Qxd4]
14.Be3!= Qc4 1.10/23
[Better is 14...Nxd3+± 0.60/20 15.Bxd3 Qe5]
15.Nxb4N -0.69/21
[Vorgänger: 15.Nc5!± 1.10/23 Nxa2+ 16.Kb1 Nxc3+? 3.06/20 *(16...Qb4±* 1.32/21 *17.Nxa2 Qxd2 18.Rxd2 b6)* 17.bxc3+- b6 18.Bxc4 bxc5 19.Bd3 aiming for Bxf5. Rab8+ 20.Ka1 1.65/21 *(⌓20.Kc1* 3.67/22 *Bxd3 21.Qxd3)* 20...d4+- 21.cxd4 0-1 Sukandar,I (2413)-Tomiello,L (2133) Titled Tuesday intern op 16th June blitz 2020 (7)]
15...Qxb4∓ 16.a3 Qd6 17.Bh6 Rac8 Strongly threatening ...Rxc3! **18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.g4 Be6** -0.12/21
[19...hxg4∓ -1.06/19 20.fxg4 Bxg4 21.Bxg4 Nxg4]
20.Qd4= g5 is the strong threat.
20...Kh7 21.Qxa7

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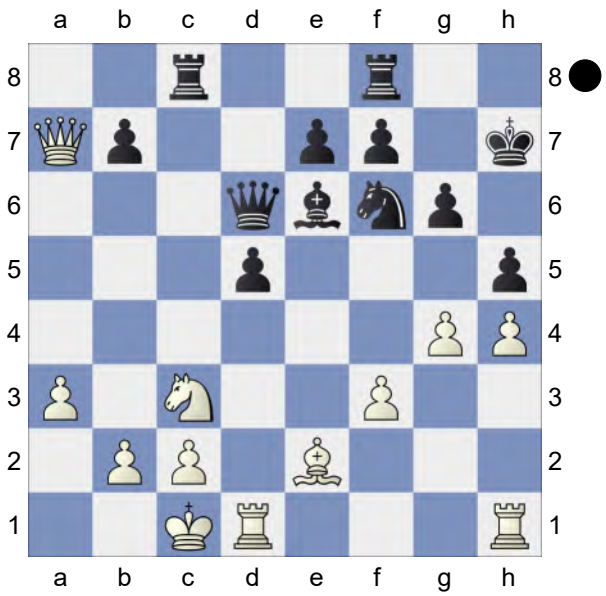
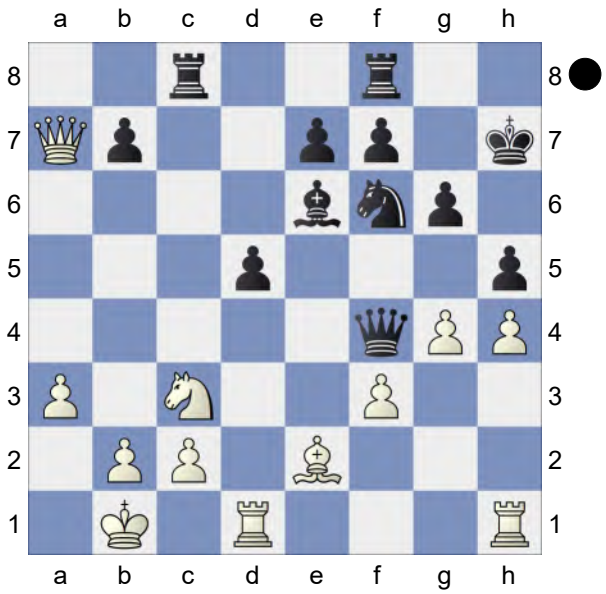
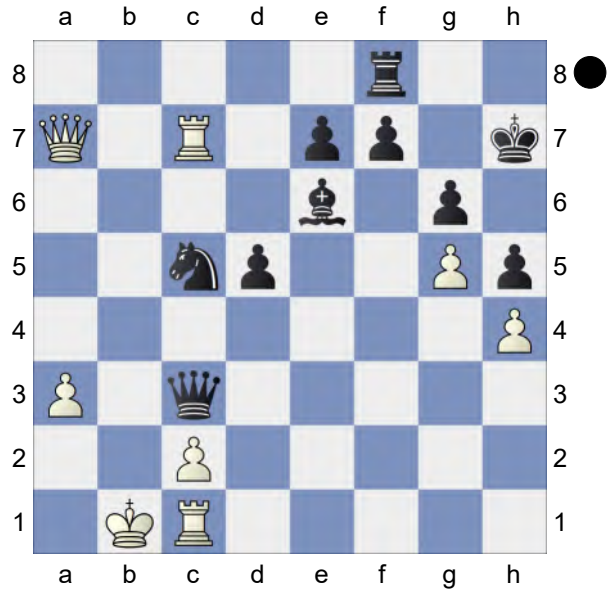


Qf4+ 0.15/19
[21...Rxc3!∓ -0.45/19 22.bxc3 hxg4 23.fxg4 Qe5]
22.Kb1

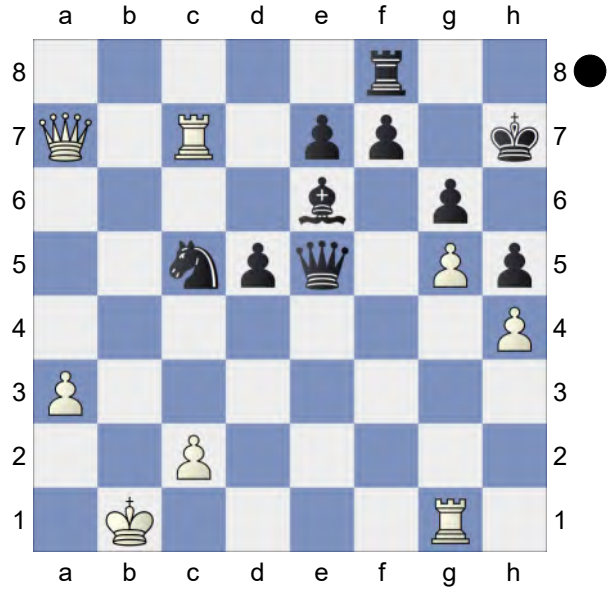


Rc7 0.77/20
[22...Rxc3!= -0.21/19 keeps the balance. 23.bxc3 hxg4]
23.Rd4 -0.53/20
[23.Nb5± 0.77/20]
23...Qe3∓ Hoping for ...Rxc3. **24.g5** -1.33/22
[24.Bd3∓ -0.52/22]
24...Nd7∓ 25.Ra4? -5.07/21

[25.Bd3∓ -1.24/21]
25...Rxc3-+ 26.bxc3 Qxe2 27.Rb4 Qxf3 28.Rc1 Qxc3 29.Rxb7 Nc5 Inhibits Rb3. **30.Rc7**



Rc8 -4.33/23
[⌓30...Qe5! -9.31/24 31.Rg1 *(31.Rh1 Na4)*



31...Na4!]
31.Rxc8 Bxc8 32.Qxe7 Be6 33.Qf6? -17.54/22
[33.Rf1 -3.49/20 Ne4 34.Rxf7+ Bxf7 35.Qxf7+ Qg7 36.Qe8]
33...Qxf6 -4.61/22
[⌓33...d4 -17.54/22 (→ ...Nd3!) 34.Qxe6 fxe6 35.Rf1 Kg7 36.Rf3 Qxf3 37.Kc1 Qc3 38.Kd1 Ne4 39.Ke2 Qe3+ 40.Kf1 Qf2#]
34.gxf6 Ne4 35.a4? -6.85/24
[35.Rh1 -3.64/23 g5 36.hxg5]
35...g5 36.hxg5 -5.83/21
[⌓36.a5 -3.95/22 Bc8 37.hxg5]
36...Nc3+ 37.Kb2 Nxa4+ 38.Kb3 Nc5+ 39.Kc3 Ne4+ 40.Kd4 Nxg5 41.Ke5 Nf3+ 42.Kf4 Nd4 White must now prevent ...Ne2+. **43.Ke5 Ne2 44.Re1 Ng3 45.Rb1 h4 46.Rb4 Nf5 47.Rg4 Kh6** -5.95/26
[⌓47...h3 -12.66/25 48.Rb4 h2]
48.Rg8 Kh5 49.Kf4 Nh6?? #1/6
[49...h3-+ -5.87/28 50.Rh8+ Nh6]
50.Rg5# Never resign too early!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.93/ Black=0.70
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547 **D00**
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■ **Grigoryan Karen** **2375**
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[Nabaty Tamir]

1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4!? Diagram

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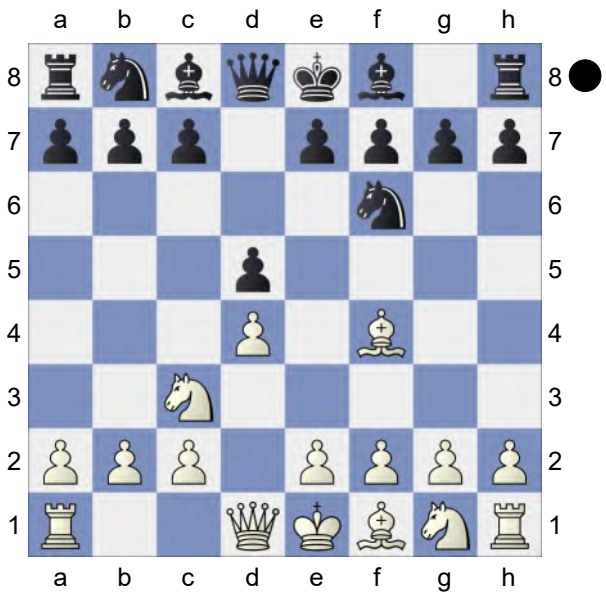
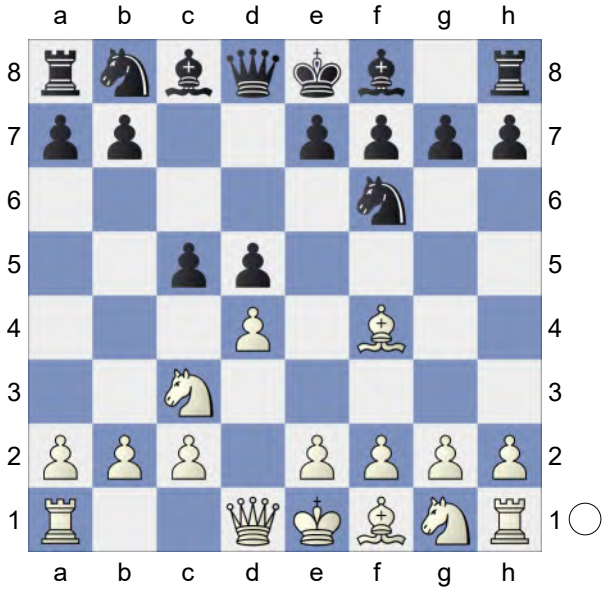


A very interesting line, which is becoming more and more popular lately. It looks a bit strange at first, but the main idea behind this line is to get unclear positions with a tendency towards tactical play. This approach is obviously more attractive to aggressive players, so it is not a big surprise that the top players who have tried this line are Jobava, Naiditsch, Rapport, and Miladinovic. The aim is to avoid the more "solid" and "boring" systems which can appear sometimes from openings like the Ruy Lopez or the Slav Defense, while also avoiding highly theoretical lines found in openings such as the Sicilian Defense. The trade-off is that White is often forced to take risks in trying to maintain an opening advantage.

3...e6 One of the main options for Black, trying to develop his pieces in logical way. The alternatives are: 3. ...Bf5 (Nabaty-Gomez Esteban 1-0 Benasque 2012, game 2 of this survey) 3. ...c6 (Rapport - Sachdev 1/2 Gibraltar 2014, covered in game 2 of this survey) 3. ...g6 (Prie - Lillo Castay 1-0 Catalonya chT 2013) 3. ...c5 (Hector - Andersen 1-0 Vaxjo 2013, presented below) 3. ...a6!? with 4. ...g6 (Jobava-Savchenko 1-0 Bronstein Memorial 2014, game 3 of this survey) or with 4. ...e6 (Jobava-Zhao Xue 1-0 Wijk Ann Zee 2014, presented in game 3 of this survey) Diagram

[After 3...c5 Diagram



White can choose between several interesting options:

A) 4.e4 Nxe4 5.Nxe4 dxe4 6.d5 Nd7 This position resembles one that might arise from the Alapin with colors reversed. From an objective point of view, Black is probably fine here. But in a practical game, the position is completely unclear. *(6...g6 7.Be5)* 7.Qd2 *(7.Ne2)*;

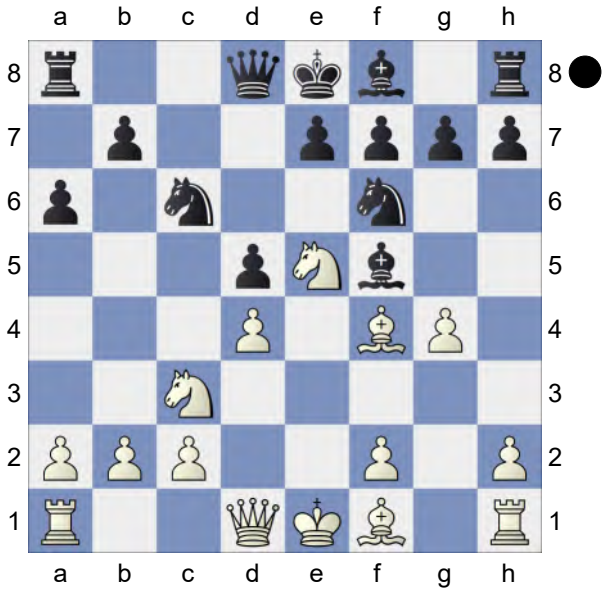
B) 4.Nf3 Nc6 *(4...cxd4 5.Qxd4 Nc6 6.Qd3!)* 5.e3 cxd4 *(5...Bg4 6.dxc5 e6 7.Nb5 e5 8.Bg5)* 6.Nxd4 *(6.Nb5 Qa5+ 7.Qd2 Qxd2+ 8.Kxd2 dxe3+ 9.fxe3 Kd8)* 6...e6 7.Bb5 Bd7 8.0-0 Be7;

C) 4.e3 cxd4 *(4...Nc6? 5.Nb5)*

C1) 5.Nb5?! Qa5+! is probably good for Black 6.b4 *(6.c3 dxc3 7.b4* is the same*)* 6...Qxb4+ 7.c3

dxc3 8.Nc7+ Kd8 9.Nxa8 c2+ 10.Qd2 e5 *(10...Qb1+ 11.Qc1=)* 11.Bxe5 Bf5↑;

C2) 5.exd4 a6! It is important to prevent White from playing Nb5. 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Ne5 Bf5 *(7...e6* is a more solid alternative, but then there is no great future for Black's light-squared bishop.*)* 8.g4!? Diagram

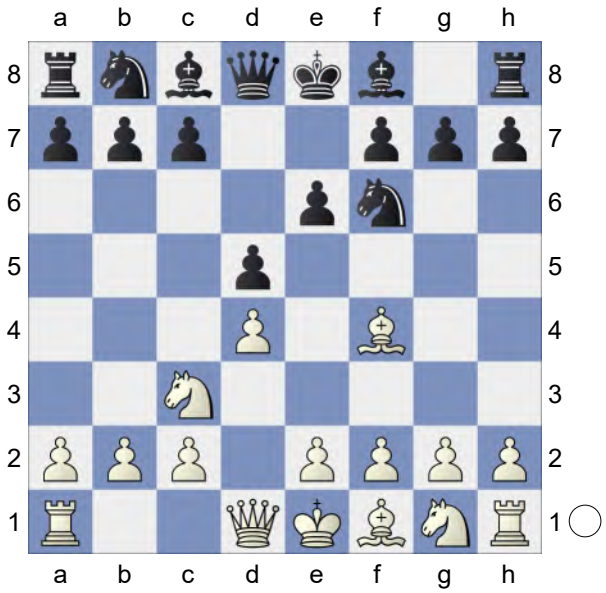


An interesting but risky continuation. White is fighting for the intiative!

C2a) 8...Bg6 9.h4 is bit unpleasant for Black. Actually this position can also arise from the Caro-Kann after : 1.e4 c6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Nf3 Bg4 4.h3 Bh5 5.exd5 cxd5 6.g4 Bg6 7.Ne5 Nc6 8.d4 Qb6 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.Na4 *(11.h5!?)* 11...Qa5+ 12.c3 e6 *(12...h5? 13.Qb3! Rd8 14.Nc5* is terrible for black.*)* 13.h5 Be4 14.b4! Bxb4 15.Rh3! Be7 16.f3 0-0 17.fxe4 Nxe4 18.h6!?± with extremely interesting play.

g6;

C2b) 8...Nxe5 9.gxf5 Nc6 10.Qd3!± Here White has the bishop pair and, even more importantly, the easier development with the initiative. g6 11.0-0-0 Bg7 12.h4 Qa5 13.a3 b5 14.Bd2 Qb6 15.Bg2 Rd8 16.h5 Nxh5 17.Nxd5 Qxd4 18.Qxd4 Nxd4 19.Be3 e5 20.Nc7+ Kd7 21.Nxa6 Ke7 22.Nb4 Rc8 23.Bxd4 exd4 24.Nc6+ Kf6 25.Rxd4 Rhe8 26.Bf3 Kg5 27.Rd7 Kf4 28.Bxh5 Rxc6 29.fxg6 fxg6 30.Rxg7 gxh5 31.Rf7+ Kg5 32.Rxh7 1-0 (32) Hector,J (2524) - Andersen,M (2477) Vaxjo 2013]



4.Nb5!? An interesting move, but it was probably better to start with 4.e3 (as played in the nice game Jobava-Andreev Al-Ain 2013 given below). I tried to force Black into the unusual development of his knight, but it costs me time to do so.

[4.e3 Be7 *(4...Bd6* is also possible

but Black does not want to take on f4 which will help White gain a space advantage.*)* 5.Bd3 c5 6.dxc5 0-0 7.Nf3

A) 7...Bxc5 8.a3 Nc6 9.0-0 Bd6 10.Bxd6 Qxd6 11.e4 Rd8 12.exd5 Nxd5 13.Nxd5 Qxd5 we now have a kind of position which might arise from the French Defense! 14.Qe2± Bd7 15.Rad1 Qh5 16.Rfe1 Ne7 17.Ne5 Qxe2 18.Rxe2 Bb5 19.Red2 Bxd3 20.Rxd3 Rxd3 21.Rxd3± Nd5 22.c4 Nb6 *(22...Rc8* It was important to activate the rook before the knight runs away to b6.*)* 23.b3 Kf8 24.Nd7+ Ke7 25.Nc5 Rb8± The terribly passive positions of the both Black pieces are telling. 26.Kf1 Ke8 27.Rh3 h6 28.Rg3 g6 29.Rh3 h5 30.g4 Rc8? *(30...Nd7* was neccessary. Sacrificing the h-pawn is the only way for Black to retain any drawing chances in the ensuing rook endgame: *31.Nxd7 Kxd7 32.gxh5 gxh5 33.Rxh5* White is clearly better but Black has chances to hold.*)* 31.gxh5 Ke7 *(31...Rxc5 32.h6+-)* 32.hxg6 fxg6 33.Nxb7 1-0 (33) Prie,E (2516)-Lillo Castay,V (2327) Catalunya 2013;

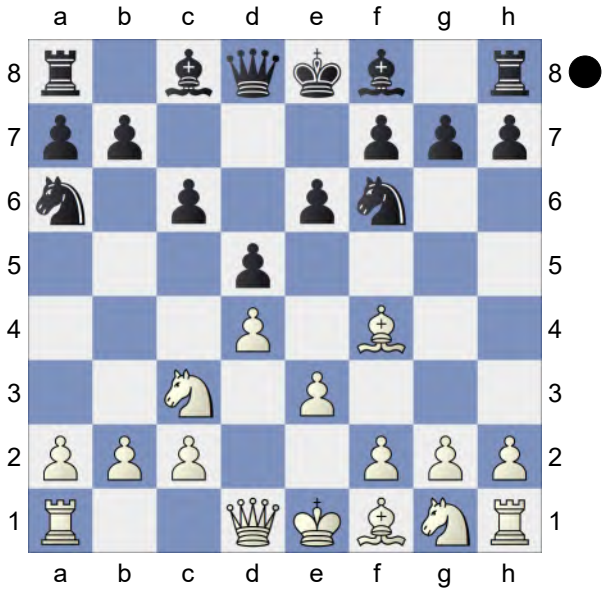
B) 7...Nbd7?! Black should not sacrifice this pawn. 8.b4 Nh5 9.Rb1 a5 10.a3 Bf6 11.Nb5 Nxf4 12.exf4 axb4 13.axb4 e5 14.fxe5 Nxe5 15.Nxe5 Bxe5 16.0-0 Qf6 17.f4 Bxf4 18.Qf3 Bb8 19.Qxf6 gxf6 20.Rxf6 Kg7 21.Rb6 Be5 22.Re1 Re8 23.Kf1 Bg4 24.Nd6 Re6 25.h3 Bg3 26.Rb1 1-0 (26) Jobava,B (2705)-Andreev, E (2508) Al Ain 2013]

4...Na6

[4...Bb4+ 5.c3 Ba5 is an alternative of course, but it is also unclear what the bishop is doing on a5. 6.e3 a6 7.Na3 0-0 8.Nf3=]

[4...Bd6 5.Nxd6+ cxd6 6.Nf3 may be OK too, but, as Black, I would not like to give up the bishop pair while also getting doubled center pawns in this way.]

5.e3 c6 The expected move, aimed at freeing his knight. **6.Nc3** Diagram



6...Nc7?! The question is if White really wanted to take the knight on a6 or not? The answer depends on whether or not White could take control of the important c5-square after the exchange on a6. In my opinion, if Black can push ...c6-c5 without exchanging his dark-squared bishop, he has no reason to fear Bxa6.

[6...Bb4 7.Bxa6 bxa6 8.Nge2 *(8.Nf3 a5 9.0-0 Ba6 10.Re1 Rc8=)* 8...a5 9.a3 Be7 10.Nc1 *(10.0-0 Ba6)* 10...Ba6 11.Nd3 0-0 12.0-0 c5 and Black should be fine.]

[6...Qb6 7.a3]

7.Qf3!? Again, a very unusual move. White is trying to castle long and to take control of the diagonal h2-b8. On the

other hand, the knight on g1 is starting to cry. **7...c5**
[7...Bd6 8.Bxd6 Qxd6 9.Qg3 Qxg3 10.hxg3 I thought this would be a bit better endgame for White, as the white rook on h1 is very active and White has bit better pawn structure.]
8.Qg3?!
[8.0-0-0↑]
[8.g4↑]
8...Na6?!
[8...Nh5 9.Bxc7 Nxg3 10.Bxd8 Nxh1 11.Bc7 Black's knight is in jail, thats true, but because Black is an exchange up and given the unusual placement of White's bishop, I am not sure how to evaluate this position.]
9.Be5!? trying to avoid ...Nh5 and the resultant easy development of the Black pieces.
[9.Bxa6 bxa6 10.Bc7 Qd7 11.dxc5 Bxc5 12.Be5 was an interesting alternative.]
9...Nd7 Now Black's second knight is starting to dance, and we are only on the 9th move!
[9...c4!? 10.Be2!? *(10.Nf3 b5)* 10...b5 11.Bf3!?]
10.Bb5 Black's position is already not so good. He could not complete his development normally and White's active pieces are starting to become very unpleasant for him.
[10.Bxa6 bxa6 11.Nf3]
10...f6
[10...cxd4 11.Bxd4! Nb4 12.0-0-0↑]
11.Bf4 Qb6 Diagram
[11...g5 12.Bd6]

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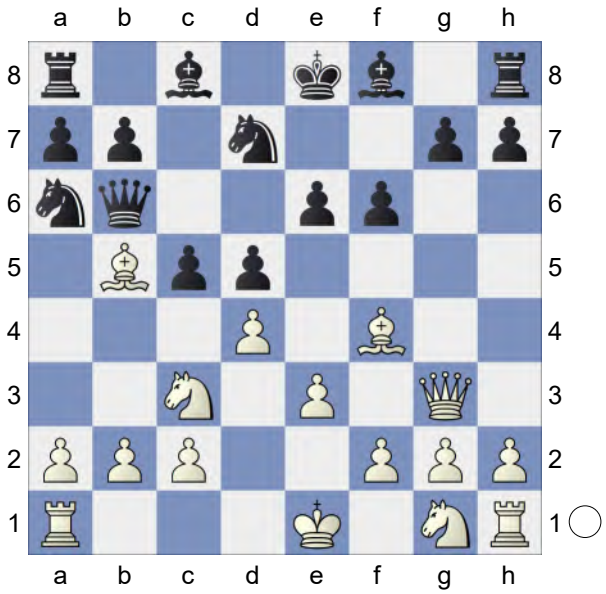
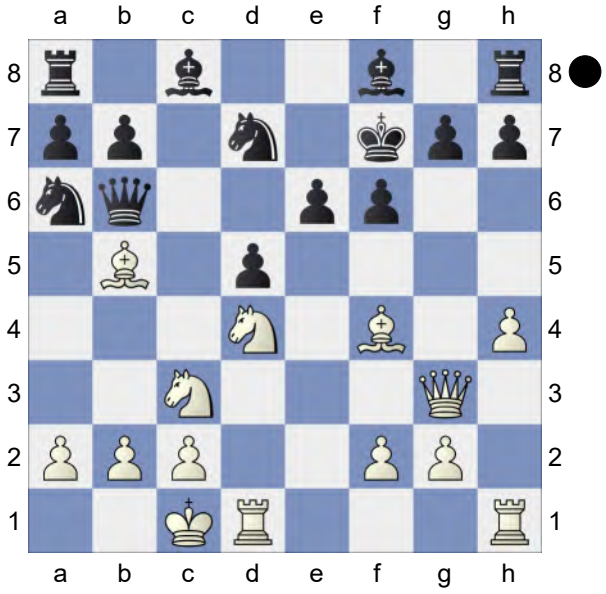


12.h4?! Too cautious! I need not fear . .. g7-g5.
[12.0-0-0 g5 13.Be5! Be7 *(13...fxe5? 14.Qxe5 Rg8 15.Nxd5+-)* 14.dxc5 Naxc5 15.Bd4± And White has a strong initiative without compensation for Black.]
12...cxd4 13.exd4 Qxd4 14.Nf3 Qb6 15.0-0-0 Kf7 A sad move, but the strongest one. Otherwise Black will lose immediately. **16.Nd4!** Diagram



16...Bb4? This loses on the spot, but Black's position is terrible in any case.

[16...e5? 17.Nxd5+-]
[16...Ndc5!? 17.h5 Ne4 18.Nxe4 dxe4 19.Bc4±]
[16...Kg8 17.Qf3 Ndc5 18.Nxd5! exd5 19.Qxd5+ Be6 20.Bc4!+-]

17.Nxe6?!
[17.Na4!! Qa5 18.Nxe6! Kxe6 *(18...Qxb5 19.Qxg7+ Kxe6 20.Qxh8)* 19.Rxd5!+-]

17...Qxe6 18.Nxd5?!
[18.Rhe1 Ne5 19.Bxe5 fxe5 20.Qf3+! should be winning still.]

18...Ndc5! 19.Bxa6? A strange looking move. Why exchange such an active bishop for the passive knight? I have no idea. Instead,
[19.Rd4! Ba5 20.Ne3! should leave White with the initiative. But at home, with Houdini running and the coffee in your hand, its much more easier to say.]

19...Nxa6 20.Nxb4 Nxb4 21.Rhe1 Nxa2+ 22.Kb1 Qg4?
[22...Rd8!! and now it would be I who must fight to not lose the game! (We both missed this move during the game.) 23.Qf3!? *(23.Rxe6 Rxd1+ 24.Kxa2 Bxe6+ 25.b3 a5)*]

23.Qb3++- Now White is winning again.

23...Kg6 Diagram

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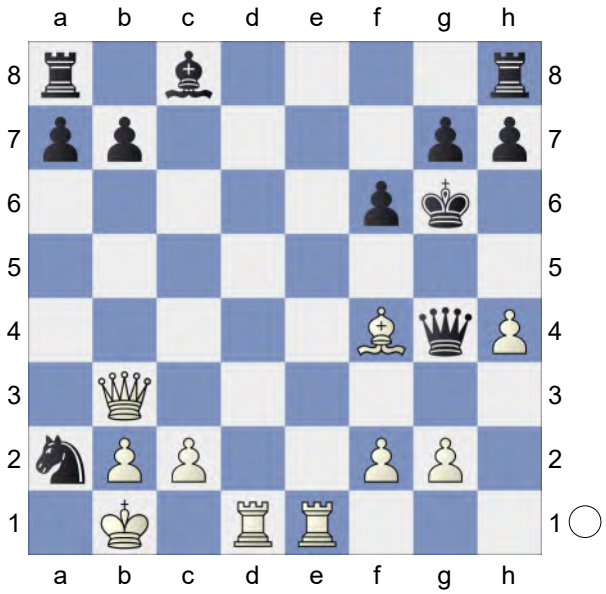

24.h5+! I do not need this pawn at all and it is useful to deflect Black's queen away from the attack on my bishop!

24...Qxh5
[24...Kxh5 25.Qf7++-]

25.Rd3! Bg4 26.f3
[26.Re7 Raf8 27.Rg3+- is good as well.]

26...Rhe8
[26...Bc8 27.Rd5 Qh4 28.g3 Qh3 29.g4!+-]

27.Rxe8 Rxe8 28.fxg4 Qa5 29.Bd2 Qa6 30.Rd7! Of course, the knight on a2 is not running anywhere!
[30.Qxa2 is much weaker. Qxa2+ 31.Kxa2 Re4]

30...Re6 31.Qd5! Again, Black's king is a more important target than Black's knight! **31...Qf1+ 32.Kxa2 Ra6+ 33.Kb3 Rb6+ 34.Bb4** As can easily be seen, in almost every single move in this game, both sides had to make some kind of hard, dubious, or unclear decisions as a result of the strange situation we got after the opening. We will see more examples of this type of play in the next games.
[34.Kc3!? Rc6+ 35.Kd4 Qg1+

(35...Qf2+ 36.Be3) 36.Kd3 Qf1+ 37.Ke3 Qg1+ 38.Kf3 Qd1+ 39.Kg3+- Black made alot of checks, but it is White is who will make the mate!]

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■ **Hakobyan,Erik** **2335**

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[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4** 0.14 **Nf6** 0.17 **2.Nc3** 0.05 **d5N** 0.00

[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) www.desc-online.de 2000 UltraCorr3a [Fritz 5.32 (30s)] ½-½ *)*

5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) Lake George 2005 CBM 107 [Atalik,Suat] ½-½ (41) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Gyula 2000 CBM 076 [Alterman,Boris] 1-0 (41) *)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]

3.Bf4 0.00 **c5** 0.00 **4.e4** 0.00 **Nxe4** 0.06 **5.Nxe4** 0.00 **dxe4** 0.00 **6.dxc5** 0.00 **Qa5+** 0.00 **7.c3** 0.00 **Qxc5** 0.00 **8.Qa4+** 0.05 The position is equal. **8...Nc6** 0.03 **9.Qxe4** 0.03 **g6** 0.07 **10.Be3** 0.02 **Qa5** 0.08 **11.Bc4** 0.05 **Bg7** 0.01 Threatens to win with ...Bxc3+! **12.Nf3** 0.03 **Bf5** 0.02 **13.Qd5** 0.01 **0-0** 0.01 **14.0-0** 0.01 **Qc7** 0.01 **15.Rfd1** 0.08 **Rac8** 0.04 **16.Bb3** 0.00 **b6** 0.03 **17.h3** 0.09 **Qb8** 0.40/20

[17...Na5= 0.09/20]

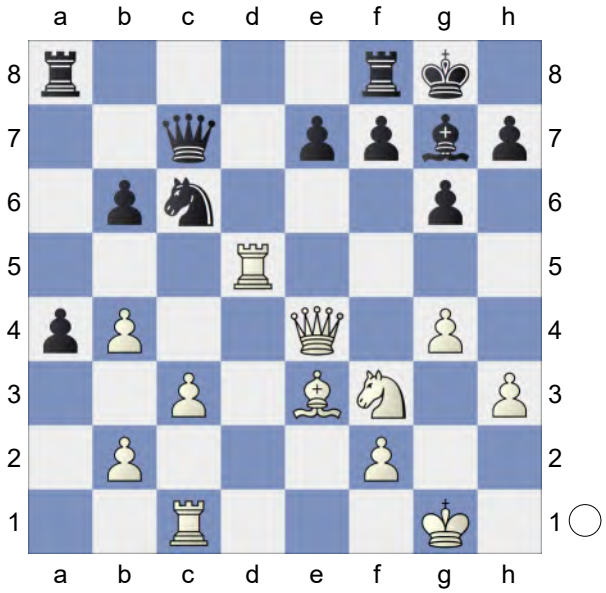
18.g4± 0.38 **Be6** 0.33 **19.Qe4↑** 0.35 White has the initiative. **19...Bxb3** 0.46 **20.axb3** 0.38 **Qc7** 0.43 **21.b4** 0.25 **a5** 0.63 **22.Rac1** 0.38 **a4** 0.70/19 '?!' Inaccuracy. Nd8 was best.

[22...e6 0.34/19 is superior.]

[22...Nd8 23.b5 Ne6 24.Nd4 Nxd4 25.cxd4 Qd7 26.Rc6 f5 27.gxf5 gxf5 28.Qf3]

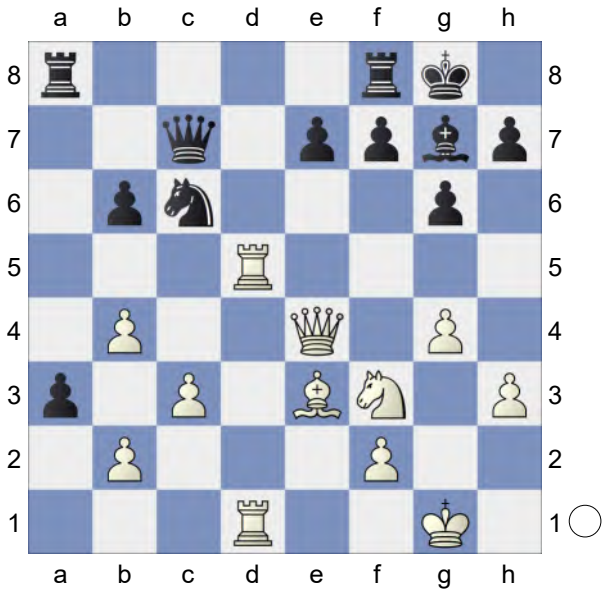
23.Rd5 1.09 **Ra8** 1.09/21

[23...e6± 0.69/19 should be considered. 24.Rb5 Rb8]



'?!' Inaccuracy. e6 was best. **24.Rcd1!±** 1.78 And now Rd7 would win. &Bianco is more active. **24...a3** 2.09/22

[24...Rad8± 1.09/21 25.Rxd8 Nxd8 26.b5 Qb7 27.Ng5 Qxe4 28.Nxe4 f5 29.Nd2 Ne6 30.Nc4]



'?!' Inaccuracy. Rad8 was best. **25.bxa3!+-** 2.54 Rd7 is the strong threat.

[Weaker is 25.Rd7 Rad8 26.Rxd8 *(26.Rxc7 Rxd1+ 27.Kg2 a2=)* 26...Rxd8 27.Rxd8+ Nxd8 28.bxa3 Bxc3±]

25...Rxa3 2.95/22 '?!' Inaccuracy. Nb8 was best.

[⌓25...Nb8 1.80/19 26.Bf4 *(26.Bc1 Ra7 27.c4 Qc8 28.Qd3 Nc6 29.c5 bxc5 30.Rxc5 Qa8 31.Qe4)* 26...Qxc3]

26.Rd7 3.34 **Qc8** 2.94 **27.b5** 2.73

[Not 27.Bxb6 Rxc3 28.Rc7 Qe6 29.Qxe6 fxe6±]

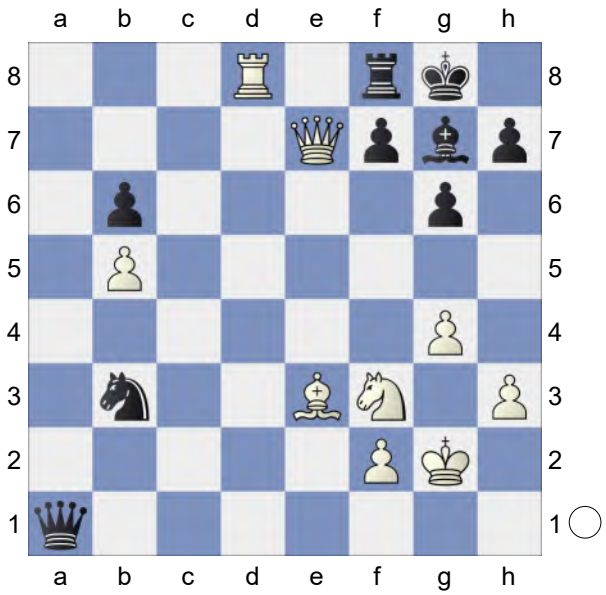
27...Na5 3.37 **28.Qxe7** 3.26

[Don't do 28.Bxb6?! Nc4±]

28...Qxc3 6.16/24 '?' Mistake. Nc4 was best.

[28...Nc4 2.99/23 29.Bd4 Qe8 30.Bxg7 Qxe7 *(30...Kxg7 31.Re1 Ra8 32.Ng5 Kg8 33.Qxe8 Raxe8 34.Rxe8)* 31.Rxe7 Kxg7]

29.Rd8 5.08 Ng5 would kill now. White is clearly winning. **29...Ra1** 5.07 **30.Rxa1** 5.16 **Qxa1+** 5.14 **31.Kg2** 4.08 **Nb3** 5.55



32.Ne5! 5.39 Weighted Error Value: White=0.01 (flawless) /Black=0.25 (precise)

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549 **D00**

□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2552**

■ **Krassowizkij,Jaroslaw** **2457**

28. Staufer-Open 2016 (7.2) 05.01.2016

[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.Nf3 c5 6.a3 Nc6 7.Bd3 Bd6** 0.08/18

[7...c4∓ -0.37/18 feels stronger. 8.Be2 Bd6]

8.dxc5= The position is equal. **8...Bxc5 9.0-0 0-0 10.Qe2N**

[10.e4 d4 *(10...dxe4 11.Nxe4 Be7 12.Qe2 Nd4 13.Nxd4 Qxd4 14.c3 Qa4 15.b4 Bd7 16.Rfd1 Bc6 17.Bc2 Qb5 18.c4 Qf5 19.Nxf6+ Qxf6*

20.Be5 Qg5 21.f4 Qh6 22.Rd3 f5 23.Rh3 Qg6 24.Rg3 Qf7 25.Rxg7+ Bortnyk,O (2608)-Hayrapetyan,H (2432) Chess.com INT 2024 Mega2024 Update 16 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (54) *)* 11.Ne2 Nh5 12.e5 Nxf4 13.Nxf4 f6 14.exf6 Qxf6 15.Nh5 Qh6 16.Ng3 e5 17.Be4 Bg4 18.Qd3 Bxf3 19.Bxf3 Kh8 20.Rfe1 Rae8 21.Ne4 Ba7 22.g3 Nd8 23.Re2 Nf7 24.Rae1 b5 Ivitza,P (2504)-Bierkens,P (2419) Ramat Aviv 2018 200 Traps In The Opening [Pilnik,H/Primel,D] 1-0 (36) 25.h4 Bb6 26.Kg2 Qg6 27.Ng5 Qxd3 28.cxd3 Nxg5 29.hxg5 Bc7 30.Rc2 Bd8 31.g6 h6 32.Bd5 Bf6 33.Rc6 a5 34.Ra6 a4 35.Rb6 Rb8 36.Bb7 1-0 (36) Horvath,J (2504)-Vrolijk,L (2419) Utrecht Open 2018 [Richard Palliser]]

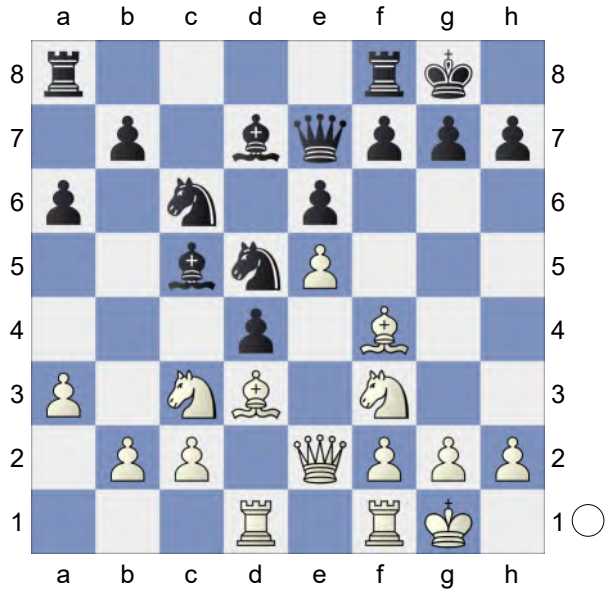
10...Bd7 11.Rad1 Qe7 12.e4 d4 0.96/21

[12...h6= 0.28/17 keeps the balance.]

13.e5± Nd5 1.92/22

[13...dxc3? 14.exf6 Qxf6 15.Bg5+-]

[13...Nh5± 0.95/19 14.Bg5 *(14.Qe4? f5∓)* 14...f6]



14.Bxh7+! Kxh7 15.Ng5+! Qxg5 1.24/21

[Black should try 15...Kg8 1.58/21 16.Qh5 Qxg5 17.Bxg5 dxc3]

16.Bxg5 dxc3 17.Rd3

[17.b4 Be7 18.Qh5+ Kg8±]

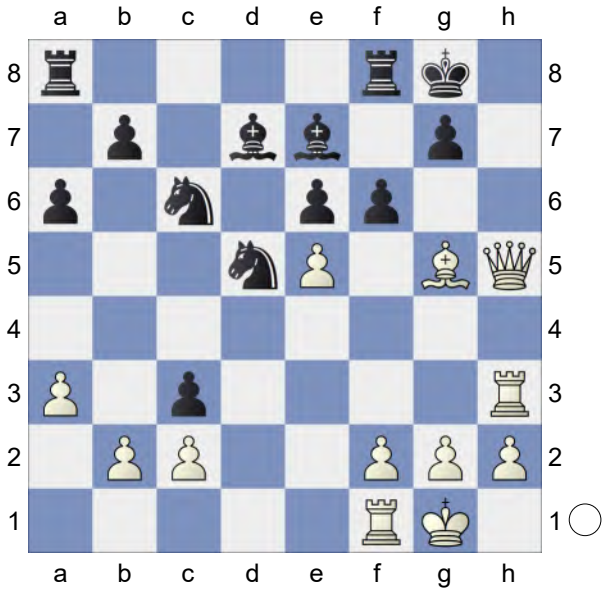
17...Be7 2.56/27

[17...Rh8± 1.28/20 keeps fighting.]

18.Rh3+

[18.Bxe7?! Ncxe7 19.bxc3 Kg8±]

18...Kg8 19.Qh5 f6



20.Qh7+!

[20.bxc3? fxg5 21.Qh7+ Kf7 22.Qh5+ g6 23.Qh7+ Ke8-+]

[20.exf6 Bxf6 21.bxc3 *(21.Bxf6 Nxf6 22.Qh8+ Kf7=)* 21...Bxg5 22.Qxg5 Nf4±]

20...Kf7

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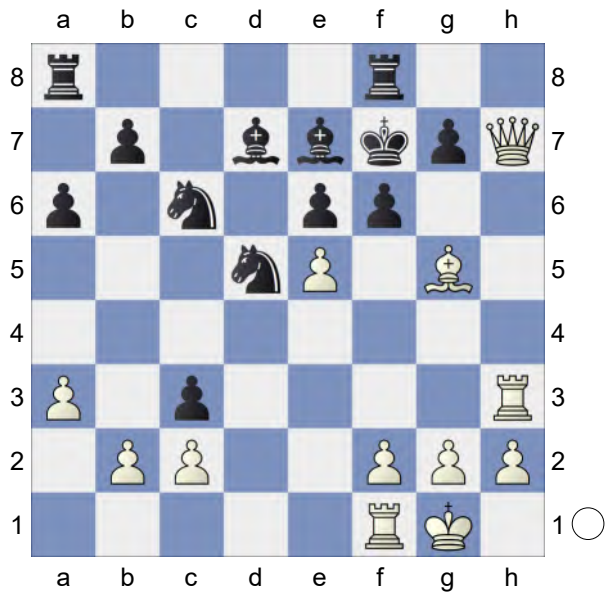
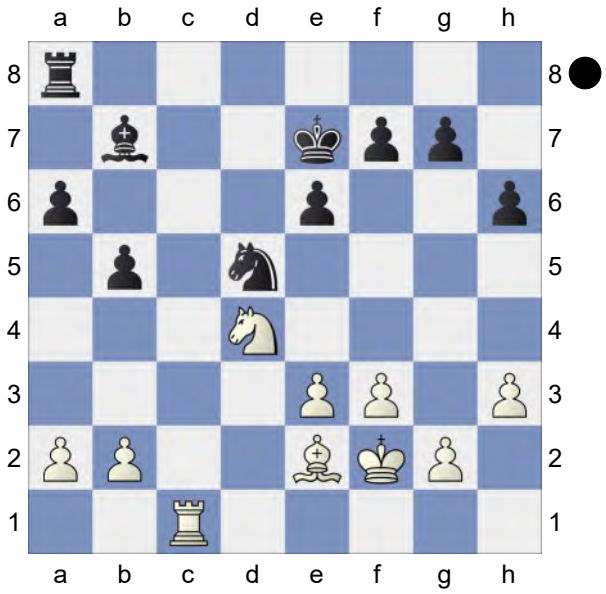


...Rh8 is the strong threat. **21.Bh6!**
[Resist 21.Qh5+ g6 22.Qh7+ Ke8+-]
21...Rg8 22.Rg3 Bf8 23.Qg6+ Ke7 24.exf6+ Nxf6 25.Bg5 Rh8 26.Rf3
[Much less strong is 26.bxc3?! Be8 27.Qe4 Kf7 28.Bxf6 gxf6+-]
26...Rh6 27.Bxh6 The board is on fire.
27...Ne5 28.Qg3
[Don't do 28.Bxg7?! Nxg6 29.Bxf6+ Ke8±]
28...Nxf3+ 29.Qxf3 Bc6 30.Qxc3 gxh6 31.Re1 Threatens to win with Qb3. **31...Kf7 32.Qe5 Re8 33.c4 Bg7 34.b4 Re7 35.h3 Nd7 36.Qh5+ Kg8 37.Qg6 Nf8 38.Qg3 Rf7 39.Rd1 Rf5 40.Rd4 Kh7 41.Rg4 Be5** 3.29/23
[41...Rf7 2.01/22 was worth a try. 42.Qb3 Rf5]
42.Qd3+- Hoping for a4! **42...Ng6?** 8.70/24 Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.27 (precise)
[42...Nd7 2.23/21 43.g3 Kh8]
1-0

550 **D00**
□ **Tan,Zhongyi** **2551**
■ **Koneru,Humpy** **2530**
London TechM GCL rapid (3.1) 04.10.24
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* 1-0 Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 2013*; 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7* 0-1 Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig,F (1863) Rheinhessen-ch H1 op 1997 (2)*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* 1-0 Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) V0048 www.desc-online.de 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]
3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 h6 5.Nf3 e6 6.Be2 c5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.h3 Bd6 9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.Nd4 Bd6 0.17/21
[10...Bd7 -0.28/19 deserves consideration.]
11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.Na4 Ne7 13.c4

dxc4 14.Nc3 0-0 15.Bxc4 b5 16.Be2 Bb7 17.Nb3 Qb6 18.Qd4! Qxd4
[18...Qc6 with more complications. 19.Bf3 Qc7 20.Bxb7 Qxb7 21.Rfd1 Nf5]
19.Nxd4 Rfc8 20.Rac1 Kf8 21.f3 Ned5 22.Nxd5 Nxd5 23.Kf2 Ke7 24.Rfd1 Rxc1 25.Rxc1



Threatens to win with e4. **25...Rc8 26.Rxc8 Bxc8=** Endgame. KBN-KBN **27.e4 Nf4 28.Bf1 e5 29.Nc2 Kd6 30.h4 h5 31.Ke3 Ne6 32.g3 g6 33.a3 Bd7 34.Nb4 a5 35.Nd3 f6 36.f4 Nc5 37.Nxc5 Kxc5** KB-KB **38.Be2 exf4+** 0.67/28
[38...Be8!= 0.01/23]
39.gxf4± Be8 40.f5 0.01/22
[Better is 40.e5± 0.64/27 fxe5 41.fxe5]
40...gxf5= The position is equal. **41.exf5 b4 42.axb4+ Kxb4**

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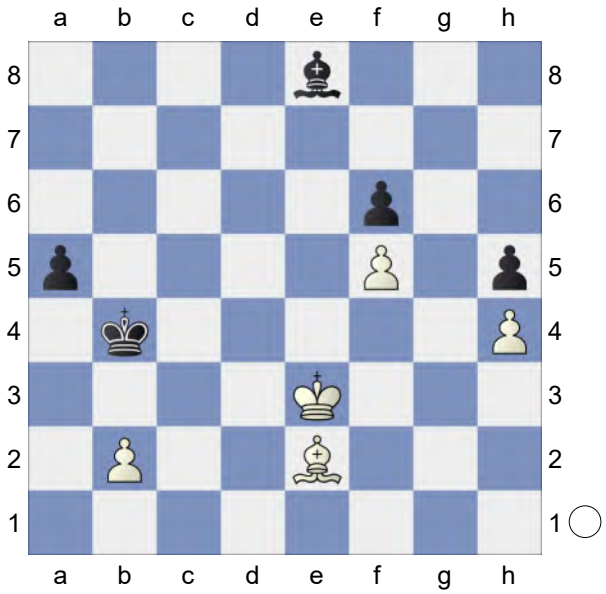

aiming for ...Kb3. **43.Bd1 Kc4 44.Ke4 Bc6+ 45.Ke3**
[45.Kf4!? Be8□ 46.Ke4=]
45...Be8 46.Ke4 Bc6+ 47.Ke3 Be8 48.Ke4 Bc6+ 49.Ke3
[49.Kf4!? Be8□ 50.Ke4=]
49...Be8 Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.10 (very precise) . Mistake: White=1 Black=2 Inaccurate: White=2 --- OK: White=17 Black=15 Best: --- Black=1 Strong: White=1 ---
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551 **D00**
□ **Lei,Tingjie** **2548**
■ **Ju,Wenjun** **2559**
12. Norway Armageddon women (4.3)
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2*

Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8 1-0 Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 2013*; 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7* 0-1 Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig,F (1863) Rheinhessen-ch H1 op 1997 (2)*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* 1-0 Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) V0048 www.desc-online.de 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]

3.Bf4 Bf5 4.e3 e6 5.Bd3 Bxd3 6.cxd3 Bd6 7.Qb3 b6 8.Bxd6 The position is equal. **8...Qxd6 9.Nf3 0-0 10.0-0 a6 11.e4 Qc6 12.Rac1** Hoping for Nxd5! **12...Qb7 13.Rfe1 Nbd7 14.a4** 0.14/20

[14.e5± 0.51/19 deserves consideration. Ng4 15.Ne2]

14...c5= 15.dxc5 Nxc5 16.Qc2 dxe4 17.dxe4 Rfd8 18.e5 Nd5 Strongly threatening ...Nxc3. **19.Ng5 g6 20.Nce4 Nb4 21.Nf6+** -0.91/20

[21.Qc3= 0.01/22 remains equal. Nbd3 22.Nd6 Rxd6 23.exd6 Nxe1 24.Rxe1]

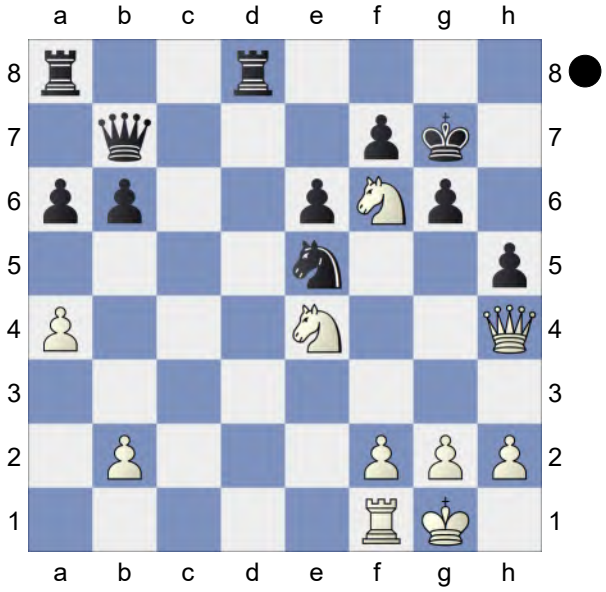
21...Kg7∓ 22.Qc4 Nbd3 23.Qh4 h6 Some like it hot

[23...Nxb2 24.Qxh7+ *(24.Nfxh7 Nbd3∓)* 24...Kf8 25.Qg8+ Ke7 26.Qxf7#]

24.Ng4? -2.45/25 **h5-+** Active counter play!

[24...hxg5 25.Qh6+ Kg8 26.Nf6#]

25.Nf6 Nxe1→ Black attacks with force. **26.Rxe1 Nd3 27.Rf1 Nxe5** And now ... Qc7! would win. **28.Nge4**



Ng4! -1.16/23 **29.Nxg4** -2.40/26

[29.f3∓ -1.16/23 Nxf6 30.Qxf6+ Kg8 31.Qe5]

[29.Qg5 Rd5]

29...hxg4

[29...Qxe4? too greedy. 30.Qf6+ Kf8 31.Ne5+-]

30.Qf6+ Kg8 31.Qe5

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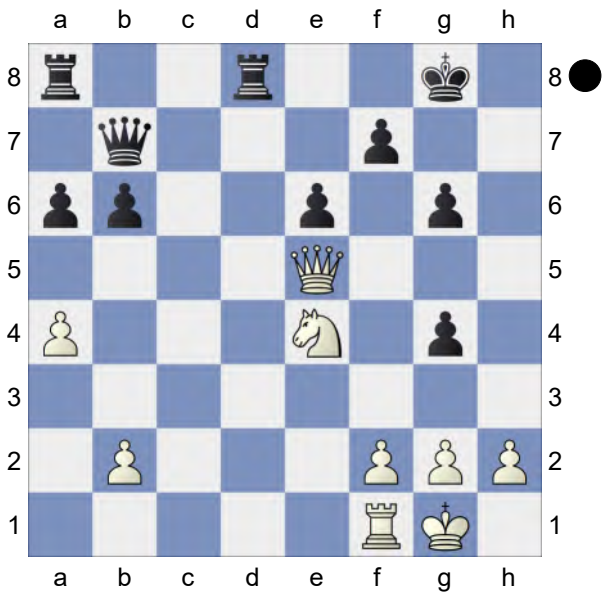

f5! 32.Nf6+ Kf7 33.Re1? -5.32/23
[33.Nh7 -2.94/20 Qe7 34.Qe3]
33...Qe7 34.Nh7 Rh8 35.Ng5+ Qxg5 36.Qxe6+ Kg7 37.Qxb6 Kh6 38.b4 Rhe8 39.Rf1 Rab8 40.Qc5 Rec8 41.Qd6 Rb7 aiming for ...Rc1. **42.Qxa6 Rbc7 43.a5 Rc1** (→ ...Qd2) **44.g3 Rxf1+ 45.Kxf1 Qc1+** -5.64/5
[⌓45...Rc1+ -#6/16 46.Kg2 Qh5 *(46...f4* leads to mate. *47.Qa8 f3+ 48.Qxf3 gxf3+ 49.Kxf3 Qd5+ 50.Kf4 Rc3 51.Kg4 Qh5+ 52.Kf4 Qf5#)* 47.f4 Rc2+ Skewer *(47...gxf3+* gets mated. *48.Kf2 Qxh2+ 49.Ke3 Rc3+ 50.Kd4 Qd2+ 51.Qd3 Qxd3+ 52.Ke5 Rc6 53.Kf4 Qe4#)* 48.Qe2 Rxe2+ 49.Kf1 Qxh2 50.b5 Qg2#]
46.Kg2 Qc6+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.50/Black=0.11 (very precise) . Loses game: White=1 --- Mistake: White=4 Black=1 Inaccurate: White=1 Black=1 OK: White=10 Black=8 Best: White=1 Black=7 Strong: --- Black=1
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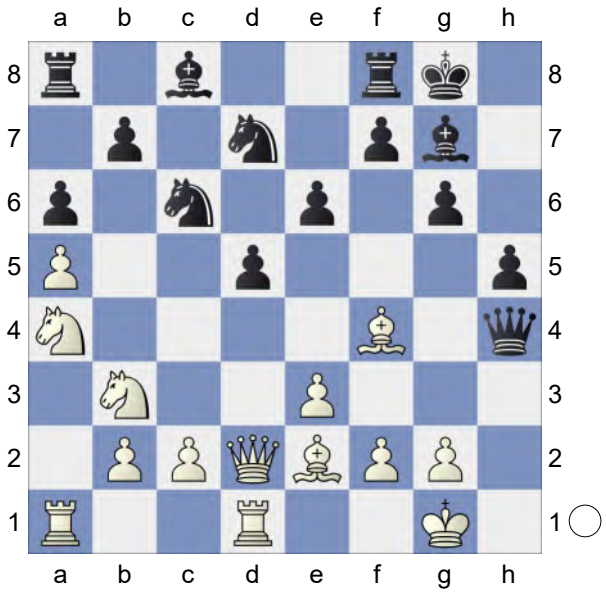
552 **A45**
□ **Tan,Zhongyi** **2546**
■ **Yip,Carissa** **2431**
5th Cairns Cup 2025 (6.1) 16.06.2025
[TA]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (120 (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ (41) Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 (41) Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 (23) Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]
3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 g6 5.Be2 Bg7 6.h4 h5 7.Nf3 c5 0.71/19 **8.dxc5±** White is better. **8...Qa5** Prevents . **9.Nd2** 0.25/20
[White should play 9.0-0!± 0.77/19]

9...Qxc5= 10.Nb3 Qb6 11.0-0 e6 12.a4 Nc6 13.a5 Qd8 14.Na4 Nd7 Repels Nb6 **15.Qd2 Qxh4 16.Rfd1** -0.13/21
[16.c4 0.24/22 is superior.]
16...0-0 0.30/18
[16...e5 -0.13/21 was preferrable. 17.Bh2 *(17.Bg3 Qg5=)* 17...Nf6]



17.e4 -0.15/21 **d4**
[17...dxe4?! 18.Bg5 e3 19.Qxe3± *(19.Bxh4 exd2 20.Bg5 Rb8=)*]
18.c3 e5 19.Bg3 Qe7 20.cxd4 exd4 21.Bc4 -1.36/20
[21.Rac1∓ -0.36/20]
21...h4∓
[21...Qxe4 22.Re1 Qf5 23.Bd3∓]
22.Bh2 Qxe4 23.Re1 Qf5 24.Bd3 Qd5 aiming for ...h3. **25.Ra3**

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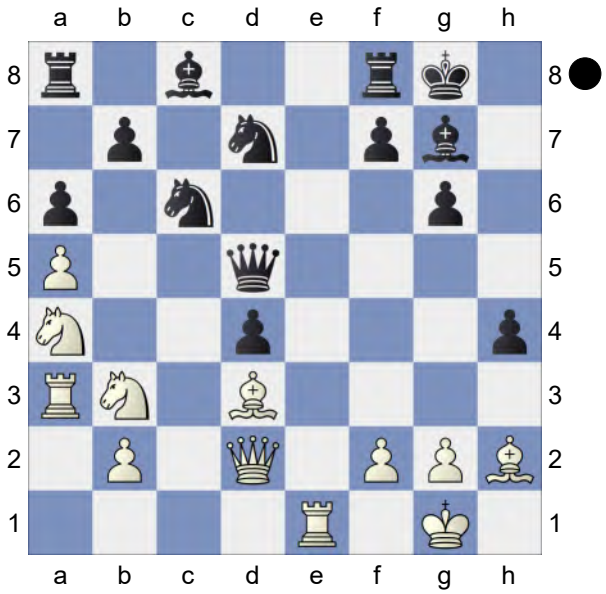

h3! 26.Be4
[26.Bf1 Qh5]
26...Qh5 -1.39/18
[26...Qb5-+ -1.75/22 27.gxh3 Re8]
27.Bf3 -1.86/20
[27.Qd1∓ -1.39/18]
27...Qh8 -0.59/19
[27...Qb5-+ -1.86/20 White must now prevent ...Nde5. 28.Be2 Qf5 29.gxh3 Re8 *(29...Qxh3 30.Nxd4 Qh4 31.Nxc6±)*]
28.Bd6? -2.12/19
[28.Bxc6!∓ -0.59/19 bxc6 29.Nb6 Nxb6 30.axb6 hxg2 31.Qf4]
28...Nde5!-+ 29.Bxf8 -3.35/21
[29.Nb6 -2.15/19 keeps fighting. Nxf3+ 30.gxf3]
29...Bxf8
[29...Kxf8 30.Nbc5 Bf5 31.Nb6∓]
30.Nbc5 hxg2 31.Bxg2

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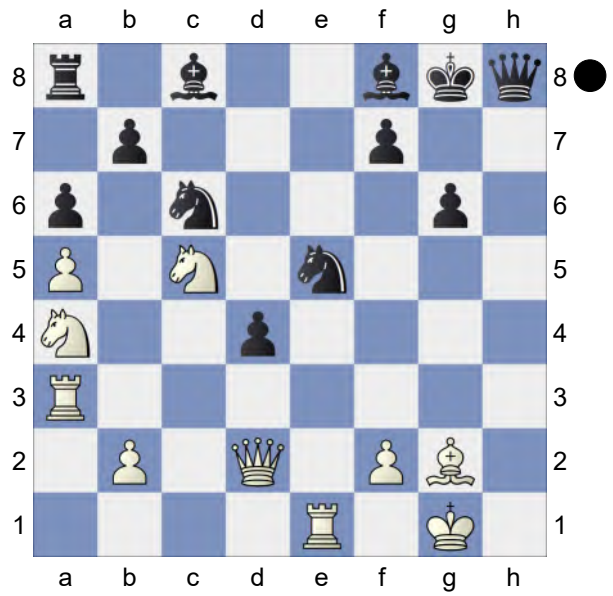
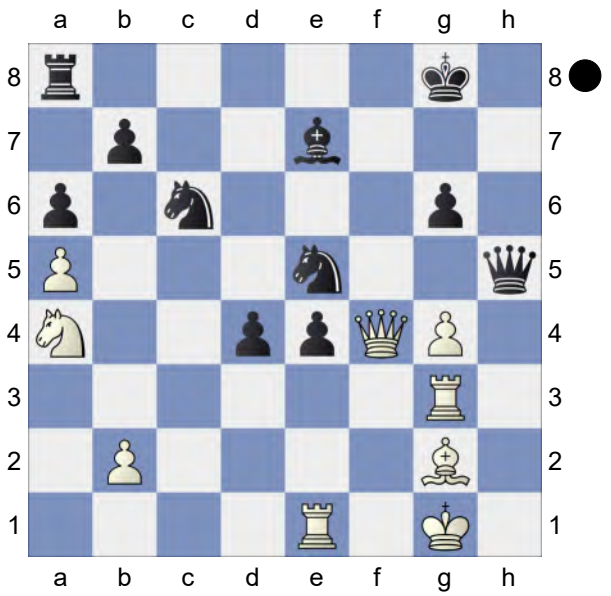


Bg4 -0.94/16
[31...Bf5!-+ -2.16/20 and Black stays clearly on top. ...Nc4 is the strong threat. 32.Rg3 d3 33.Bxc6 Bh6 *(33...bxc6 34.Qg5∓; 33...Nxc6 34.Qf4∓)*]
32.Rg3∓ Qh5 -0.42/19 Some like it hot
[32...Rd8∓ -0.84/21 Strongly threatening ...Qh4. 33.Nxb7 Bb4]
33.Ne4? -2.58/22
[Only move: 33.Bxc6!∓ -0.42/19 bxc6 34.Rxe5 Remove Defender Qxe5 35.Rxg4 Bxc5 36.Nxc5 Qxc5 37.Qxd4 Qxa5 38.Rh4 Qg5+ 39.Kf1]
33...Be7-+ 34.Qf4 f5
[Stronger than 34...Nxa5 35.Nec5 Nac4 36.Rxg4±]
35.f3 -4.69/21
[35.Rxg4 -1.67/18 nothing else works. Nxg4 *(35...Qxg4? 36.Qxg4 Nxg4 37.Nec5∓)* 36.Nec5]
35...fxe4 Black is clearly winning.
[Weaker is 35...g5 36.fxg4 gxf4 37.gxh5+-+]
36.fxg4

(Diagram)



Qh4 37.Bxe4 -8.95/21
[⌓37.Rxe4 -4.87/20 Rf8 38.Rh3 Rxf4 39.Rxh4 Rxe4 40.Bxe4 Bxh4 41.Nc5]
37...Rf8 38.Bd5+ Kg7 39.Qxf8+ Bxf8 40.Kg2 Nxg4 41.Rh1 Dodges Qh2+
41...Ne3+ 42.Kf2 Ng4+ 43.Kg2 Qg5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.83/ Black=0.39
0-1

553 **D00**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr** **2543**
■ **Kislinsky,Alexey** **2489**
Nabokov Memorial, Kyiv (4.3) 24.04.15
[Richard Palliser]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 g6 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* 1-0 Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 2013*; 5.f4 Qa5 6.Bd2 Qb4 7.Qe2 Qxb2*

8.Rb1 Qa3 9.e5 dxe5 10.fxe5 Nfd7 11.e6 fxe6 12.dxe6 Nf6 13.Nb5 Qxa2 14.Nc7+ Kd8 15.Rd1 Nc6 16.Bf4+ Nd4 17.Nxa8 Qxe6 18.Qxe6 Bxe6 19.c3 Bg4 1-0 Genovese,A (2106)-Burk,E (1200) Germany senior ch-5 final 9901 1999*)* 5...Bg7 6.Bc4 *(6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.a4 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nbd7 11.Re1 a6 12.Bf1 e5 13.a5 Ne8 14.Bd3 Qh4 15.Qg4 Qxg4 16.hxg4 Rc8 17.b3 Nef6 18.g5 Ne8 19.g3 f6 20.Kg2 fxg5* 0-1 7.♗c4 ♕a5 8. ♕ d2 e6_6062 (2345)-Jovic,A (2383) Gonfreville op 1979 (3.76)*)* 6...0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 1-0 Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) V0048 www.desc-online.de 2000 (7) gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8 21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9)]

3.Bf4 a6

[Ruling out any tricks on c7 so has been quite popular of late. The move is sensible, but is hard to view as overly critical unlike, say, 3...c5 . Richard Rapport faced this critical counter of late and 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Ne5! reached a position we've noted briefly before, suggesting that Black should be fine. White may well and, indeed, did obtain a structural plus in Rapport-Bu Xiangzhi, World Team Championship Tsaghkadzor 2015, but Black always seemed OK: e6 8.Nxc6 bxc6 9.Na4 Bd6 10.Bxd6 Qxd6 11.Bd3 0-0 12.0-0 e5 13.dxe5 Qxe5 14.Qf3 Re8 . The position reminds one of the Four Knights and after 15.Qg3 White was, of course, for choice, but never really looked like breaking the solid defence of his Chinese adversary. Still, defending solidly this way will not appeal to many players, ideal though doing so can be in a team event.]

4.e3 e6

[Black sets up in QGD style. Instead, 4...g6!? 5.h4! Bg7 6.h5!? Nxh5 7.Rxh5 gxh5 8.Qxh5 was that fine game Jobava-Savchenko, Bronstein Memorial, Minsk 2014 - see the Archive.]

5.Bd3 c5 6.dxc5 Bxc5 7.Nf3

[Very natural. White has also tested 7.Nge2?! -0.72/17 7.Ng1-f3 -0.20 , but this doesn't battle for the e5-square and Nc6 8.Bg3 -0.91/18 *(8.Ng3∓* -0.54/17 *)* 8...0-0 -0.48/19 *(8...e5∓* -0.91/18 *9.Nc1 Be6)* 9.0-0 -0.98/19 *(9.Nd4∓* -0.48/19 *)* 9...Nh5 favoured Black right back in the earliest days of this line (long before Messrs. Prie and Jobava were born), Mason-Weiss, Vienna 1882.]

7...Nc6 8.0-0 The position is equal.

8...b5 9.a3!?

[Holding Black up on the queenside and even preparing a crafty, dynamic counter there. I quite like the text, although one might also make a case for relocating with 9.Ne2 .]

9...Bb7 10.Qe2 Qe7 Now one's eye might be focussed on the e3-e4 break, but instead there came: **11.b4!? Bb6 12.a4 Nxb4?** 0.99/21

[Kislinsky misassesses and loses his way in the complications. Instead, 12...0-0 would have left b4 vulnerable and after 13.axb5 axb5 Hoping for ... Ra8xa1. 14.Bxb5 Nxb4 15.Na4 Ba5 it's very hard to believe that Black should have any problems.]

[12...0-0!= 0.07/21]

13.axb5± Nxd3 14.cxd3

[Improving his structure, although one might also make a decent case for 14.Qxd3!? a5 15.Be5 0.18/18 followed by Na4. In either case, Black is coming under pressure. *(15.Na4± 0.80/18 Bd8 16.Nd2)*]

14...0-0 15.d4! Ne4?! 1.21/22

[This attempt to simplify doesn't particularly help. Black should have gone in for the critical line 15...axb5! 16.Qxb5 Nd7 *(*and not *16...Qd8?!* 1.08/20 16...Nf6-d7 0.65 *17.Ne5* possibly followed by Bg5*)* 17.Ne5 Nxe5 18.Bxe5 Qd8 1.23/21 . White retains an undoubted pull here, but it's not so easy to turn it into more as shown by *(⌓18...Rxa1* 0.75/23 *19.Rxa1 Rc8)* 19.Rab1 Ba5 20.Qxb7 Bxc3 21.Rfc1 Rc8 followed by ...Rc4.]

[⌓15...axb5 0.80/22 16.Qxb5 Rfc8]

16.Nxe4 dxe4 17.Nd2 Heading for c4 as the pressure quickly mounts and in a difficult position Kislinsky quickly cracks.

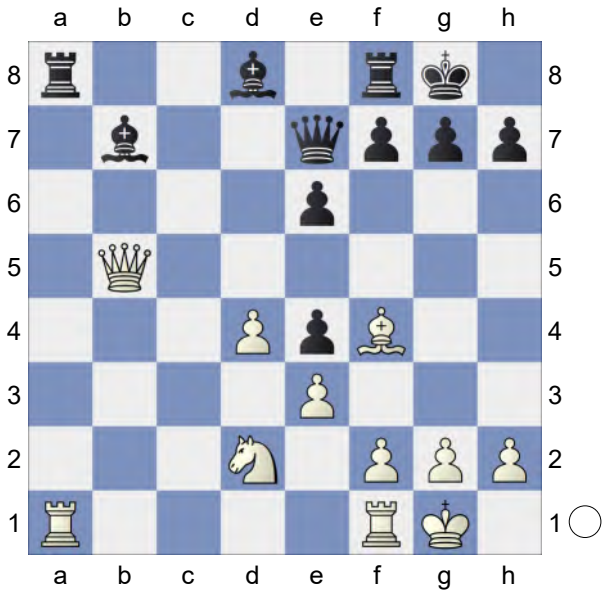
17...axb5 3.35/22 This move loses the game for Black.

[17...a5± 0.90/19 was called for.]

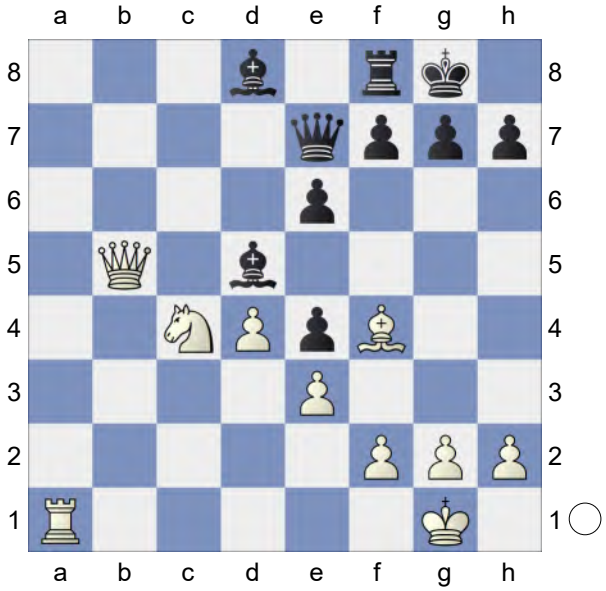
18.Qxb5+- Bd8

[Far from optimal, but 18...Qd8? 19.Nc4 would have won a piece.]

(Diagram)



19.Nc4! Hoping for Bf4-d6. **19...Rxa1 20.Rxa1** This game is a good example of how exchanges don't always help the defence as well as of the perils of cramped positions. Suddenly Bd6 is a huge threat and White is winning material. **20...Bd5**



21.Bd6! Bxc4 22.Qb4 Qg5 23.Bxf8 Bd5 24.Bd6 White is clearly winning. **24...h5 25.Qb8 Kh7 26.Bf4 Qf6 27.Be5 Qg5 28.Ra7 Kg6 29.h3**

[Very sensible play from Bortnyk since winning the exchange. Move by

move White calmly improves his position while maintaining control. That said, here there was an immediate win with 29.Bf4! Qh4 30.h3 as now Bf6 31.Qe8 is a killer.]

29...Bf6 30.Bf4

[Keeping pieces on as White is attacking, although even 30.Qe8 Bxe5 31.Qxf7+ Kh6 32.dxe5 Qxe5 should be winning.]

30...Qf5 31.Qc7 Bh4 32.g3 e5 Desperation with no good square for the attacked bishop. **33.Qxe5 Bf6 34.Qxf5+ Kxf5** Endgame KRB-KB **35.Ra5** It's now a pawn and the exchange, and maybe Black only played on as there was some sort of time-control-less 90+30 Mickey Mouse time limit. **35...Ke6 36.Ra6+ Kf5 37.g4+ hxg4 38.Ra5 Ke6 39.hxg4 g5 40.Ra6+ Ke7 41.Bd6+ Ke8 42.Kg2 Bd8 43.Be5 Be6 44.Kg3 Bc4 45.Rh6 Be2 46.f4!**

[Decisive and preferable to 46.Bf6 Bc7+ 47.Kg2 Bxg4 .]

46...exf3 47.Bf6 Bxf6 6.73/28

[White's point is that g5 will fall after 47...Bc7+ 48.Kf2 .]

[⌓47...Bb6 4.78/23 48.Bxg5 Discovered Attack Ba5]

48.Rxf6 Ke7 49.Rxf3! Fine meistering from Bortnyk. Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.35

1-0

554 **D00**

□ **Hong,Andrew Z** **2542**

■ **Kramnik,Vladimir** **2753**

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[Kitty Kat]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**

[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]

3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 Bd7 6.Nf3 e6 7.Nb5 Bxb5 8.Bxb5+ White is slightly better. **8...Nc6 9.c3**

Bd6 10.Bg5 0-0 11.0-0 Qc7 12.Bd3 Ne4 13.Bc1 f5 14.g3 Rae8 15.Nh4 Qf7 16.Ng2 Kh8 17.f3 Nf6 18.Bf4 Bxf4 19.Nxf4 g5 20.Ng2 f4 21.Qd2 -0.01/21
[21.gxf4± 0.50/22 gxf4 22.Nxf4]
21...Nh5 22.g4 Nf6 23.h4 h6 24.Rae1 -0.31/20
[Better is 24.b4= 0.22/20]
24...Kg7 0.25/20
[24...e5∓ -0.31/20]
25.Kf2 -0.38/21
[25.b4= 0.25/20]
25...e5∓ 26.dxe5 Nxe5 Hoping for ... Nf6-e4+! **27.Bf5 Qc7** aiming for ...Qc7-b6+. **28.Kg1 Qb6+** -0.30/23
[28...Rf7∓ -0.71/20]
29.Kh2 -1.47/21
[29.Qd4= -0.30/23]
29...Nc4∓ Excellent horsemanship.
30.Qd4 Qxd4
[30...Qxb2 31.Rxe8 *(31.Rb1 Qxa2 32.Rxb7+ Rf7∓)* 31...Rxe8 32.Rb1±]
31.cxd4 Nxb2 32.Rb1 Re2 33.Rfc1 -2.02/22
[33.Kg1∓ -1.35/22 was worth a try.]
33...Rf7-+ White must now prevent ... Nb2-c4.
[33...gxh4? 34.Kg1 Nc4 35.Nxf4+- *(35.Nxh4 b6∓)*]
34.Kg1 -2.35/23
[⌓34.Rc2 -1.90/21 Rxc2 Remove Defender 35.Bxc2]
34...Rfe7 35.Re1 b6 -0.73/27
[35...Kf8-+ -1.84/22 is more deadly. Strongly threatening ...Nf6-e8. 36.Kf1 Rxe1+ 37.Rxe1 Rxe1+ 38.Nxe1 Nc4 *(38...gxh4? 39.Ng2∓)* 39.hxg5 hxg5]
36.Rxb2∓ D e f l e c t i o n **36...Rxe1+**
37.Nxe1 Rxe1+ Endgame. KRB-KRN
38.Kf2 Rc1 -0.01/26
[38...Rd1!∓ -0.91/24 39.hxg5 hxg5]
39.Re2 -1.35/25
[39.h5!= -0.01/26]
39...gxh4 ...h4-h3 would now be deadly.
40.Kg2 Kf7 Inhibits Re2-e7+. **41.Kh3 Rh1+ 42.Kg2 Rd1 43.Rc2 Rxd4 44.Rc7+ Kf8?** 0.01/25
[44...Ke8!-+ -1.62/26 And now ...Rd4-d2+ would win. 45.Rxa7 Rd2+ 46.Kg1 d4 47.Ra8+ Ke7]
45.Rxa7 -0.84/23
[45.Bg6!= 0.01/25 keeps the balance.]
45...Rd2+! 46.Kh3 -2.25/23
[46.Kh1∓ -0.99/23]
46...Rf2-+ 47.Be6? -4.33/25
[47.Ra4 -1.99/24]
47...Rxf3+ 48.Kxh4 Ra7-f7+ is the strong threat. **48...Ne4?** 0.01/24
[48...Rf2!-+ -4.58/23 49.g5 *(49.Rf7+? Ke8-+)* 49...Rh2+ 50.Bh3 hxg5+ 51.Kxg5 Ne4+ 52.Kxf4 Rxh3]
49.Bxd5= Re3 0.68/26
[49...Rf2!= 0.00/26 50.Rf7+ *(50.Ra8+? Ke7-+)* 50...Ke8]
50.Rf7+± Ke8 51.Rxf4 Ng5 52.Kh5 Rh3+ 53.Kg6 Ke7 54.Rb4 White is more active. **54...Kd6 55.Bb3**
[55.Rxb6+ Kxd5 56.a4 Kc4∓]
55...Kc5 56.Rf4 Rh2 0.75/22
[56...b5!± 0.35/21 should be considered.]
57.Rf5+ Kb4 58.Rf6 Ka5 0.94/22
[58...b5± 0.40/21]

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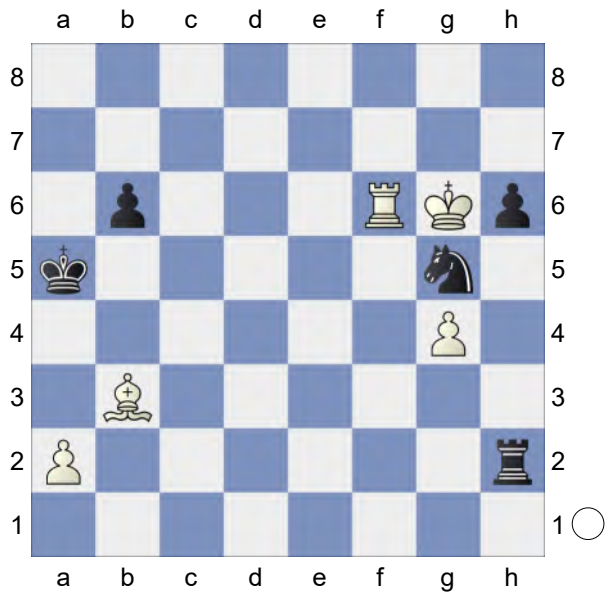
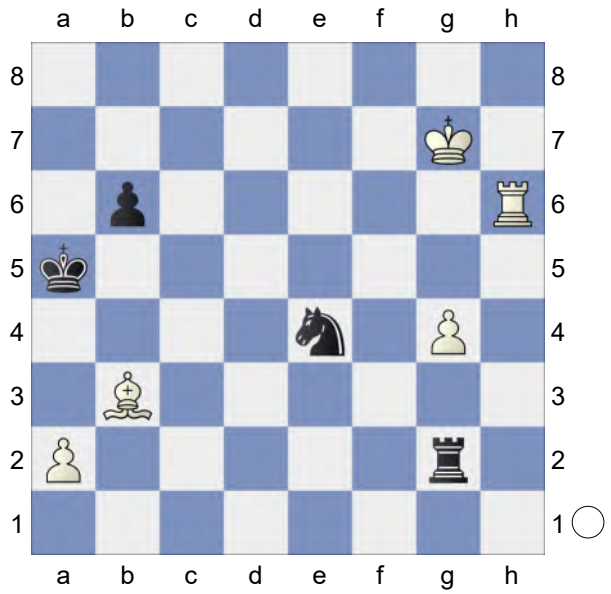


59.Kg7!± Ne4 1.88/22
[59...Rh4± 0.73/23 might work better.]
60.Rxh6+- Rg2



61.Rg6 1.24/21
[White should play 61.Rh4!+- 2.27/21]
61...Nc5 2.06/23
[61...Rg1± 1.24/21 62.Kf8 b5]
62.Bd5 Rd2 2.90/23
[62...Rg3 1.96/23 was called for. 63.Kf6 Rg1]
63.Rg5 Kb4 64.Rf5 Threatens to win with g4-g5. **64...b5?** 6.46/24
[64...Nd7 3.33/22 65.Be6 *(65.g5 Re2+-)* 65...Nc5]
65.g5 White is clearly winning. **65...Rd3 66.g6 Ka3 67.Kf7 Rg3 68.g7** 7.13/25 Never resign too early! Weighted Error Value: White=0.30/Black=0.32
[⌓68.Rf3+ 16.13/27 Rxf3+ 69.Bxf3]
1-0

555 **D00**
□ **Hong,Andrew Z** **2542**
■ **Duda,Jan Krzysztof** **2731**
Titled Tue 2. Apr Late (11) 02.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.g4 c5 6.g5 Nfd7 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.h4** White has an edge. The position is equal. White has an edge. **8...b5 9.h5** Recently 9. Ne2 got a lot of attention. 9.Se2 erhält neuerdings viel Aufmerksamkeit. Recently 9.Ne2 got a lot of attention. 9. Se2 erhält neuerdings viel Aufmerksamkeit. **9...Bb7 10.Bh3 cxd4N** 0.61/20
[Vorgänger: 10...b4 11.Na4 g6 1.23/19 *(11...c4± 0.35/18)* 12.Qe2 0.57/18 *(12.c4± 1.23/19* c4xd5 would now be deadly. *Na5 13.Bg4)* 12...Qa5± 13.b3 gxh5

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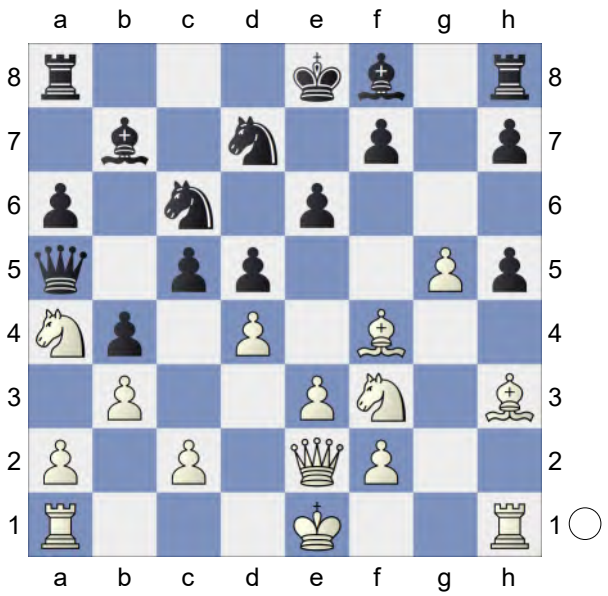

14.Nh4! cxd4 1.31/20 *(⌓14...Nd8* 0.84/19 *)* 15.Qxh5± dxe3 16.Bxe6 0.83/20 *(*Better is *16.fxe3* 1.55/21 *Nc5 17.g6)* 16...exf2+ Korpa,B (2519) -Nikolaidis,I (2508) GRE-chT 49th 2022 (7.4) 1-0 Korpa,B (2519) -Nikolaidis,I (2508) GRE-chT 49th 2022 (7.4) 1-0]

[10...Be7= 0.20/19 is superior.]

11.exd4± Bb4 1.06/19

[Black should try 11...Nb6± 0.50/19]

12.Qe2 0.57/20

[12.Qd3± 1.06/19]

12...Qe7 13.Kf1 0.26/19

[13.a3± 0.75/19 Bd6 14.Bxd6 *(14.Nxd5 Nxd4 15.Nxd4 Bxd5=)* 14...Qxd6 15.0-0-0]

[13.g6± 0.77/17]

13...0-0 1.58/20

[Black should try 13...h6= 0.26/19 remains equal.]

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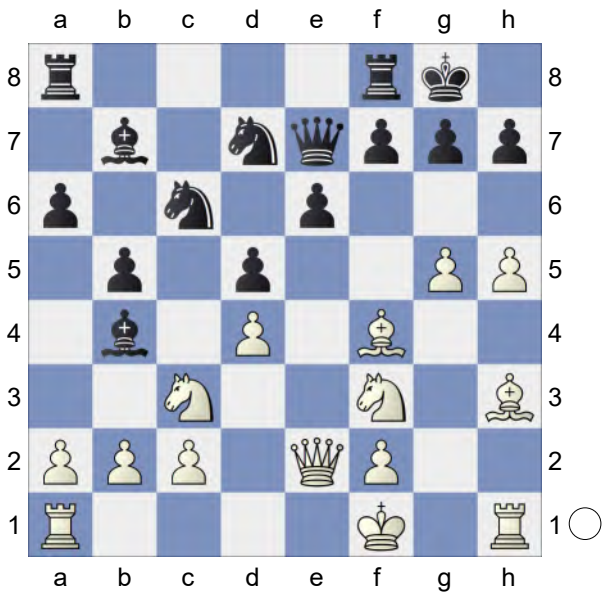


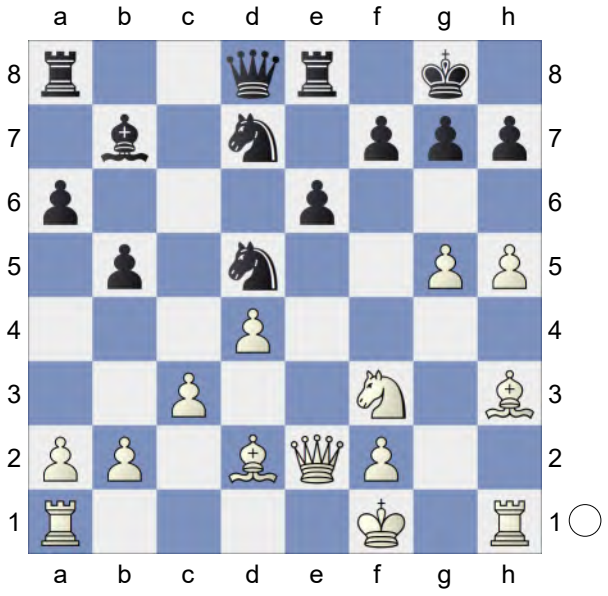
White now steadily converts the win. [#] [#] White now steadily converts the win. **14.Nxd5!± Qd8 15.Nxb4** 0x0. 001ea27c6391dp-1022s more active pieces. The black rooks are badly placed. **15...Nxb4 16.c3 Nd5**

[16...Nc2? 17.Rc1+- *(17.Qxc2 Bxf3 18.Bg2 Bxg2+ 19.Kxg2 Nb6±)*]

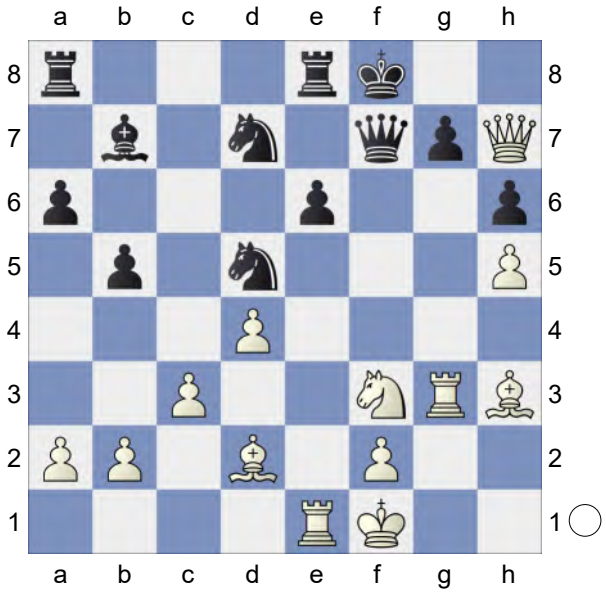
17.Bd2 Re8 2.42/20

[17...Qc7± 1.40/19 18.Bg2 Nf4 19.Bxf4 Qxf4]

[17...Qb8± 0.94/17 was called for.]



18.g6!+- h6 2.82/20
[18...hxg6 1.72/19 was worth a try. 19.hxg6 f5]
19.gxf7+ Kxf7 20.Rg1 1.40/20
[20.Qe4+- 2.93/20 and White stays clearly on top. Nf8 21.Rg1]
20...Qf6? 5.64/25 This costs Black the game.
[20...Qc7± 2.16/20 is more resistant. 21.Re1 *(21.Rg6 Nf4 22.Bxf4 Qxf4; 21.Ne5+ Nxe5 22.dxe5 Kf8±)* 21...Qc4]
21.Rg6 Qe7 22.Re1 Nf8 23.Rg3 Nd7 24.Qd3 Kf8 25.Qh7 Qh7-h8+ would kill now. Qh8+ would kill now. Qh7-h8+ would kill now. **25...Qf7**



26.Rxg7!! Remove Defender **26...Qxg7 27.Bxh6** Pin **27...Re7 28.Qh8+** Pin **28...Kf7**

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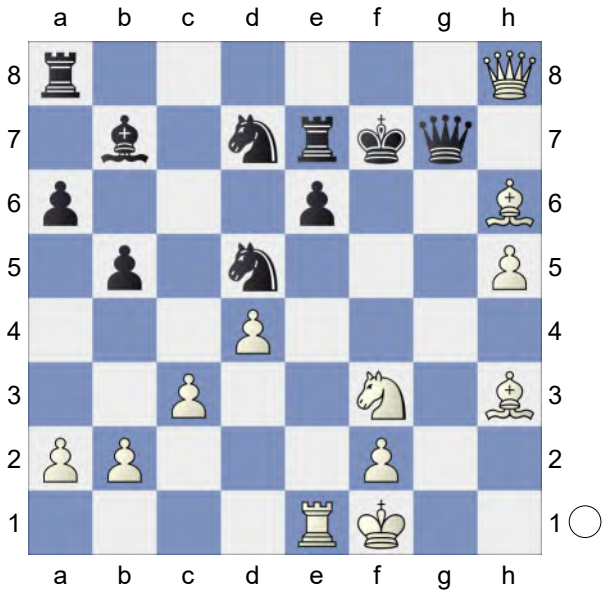

29.Qxg7+ 13.28/5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.79 Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.79 Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.79
[⌓29.Bxe6+! #8/18 Rxe6 30.Qxg7+ *(30.Bxg7 Rxh8 31.Bxh8 Rxe1+ 32.Nxe1 Nf4∓)* 30...Ke8 31.Qg8+ *(31.Rxe6+ Kd8 32.Ne5 N5f6 33.Nxd7 Bg2+ 34.Kxg2 Nxd7 35.Qe7+ Kc7 36.Bf4+ Kc8 37.Qe8+* Deflection *Kb7 38.Qxd7#)* 31...Nf8 32.Rxe6+ Kd7 *(32...Ne7 33.Qxf8+ Kd7 34.Rxe7+ Kd6 35.Qf6+ Kd5 36.Qe6#)* 33.Qf7+ Skewer *(33.Bxf8 Rd8 34.Rd6+ Kc8 35.Qe6+ Kc7 36.Qf7+ Kc8 37.Rxd8+ Kxd8 38.Qxb7 Ke8 39.Ne5 Ne3+ 40.fxe3 Kxf8 41.Qf7#)* 33...Ne7 34.Qxe7+ Kc8 35.Qe8+ Kc7 36.Bf4#]
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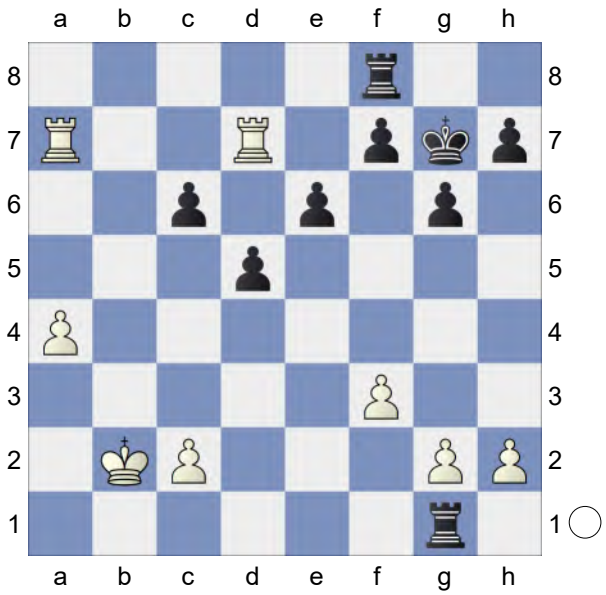
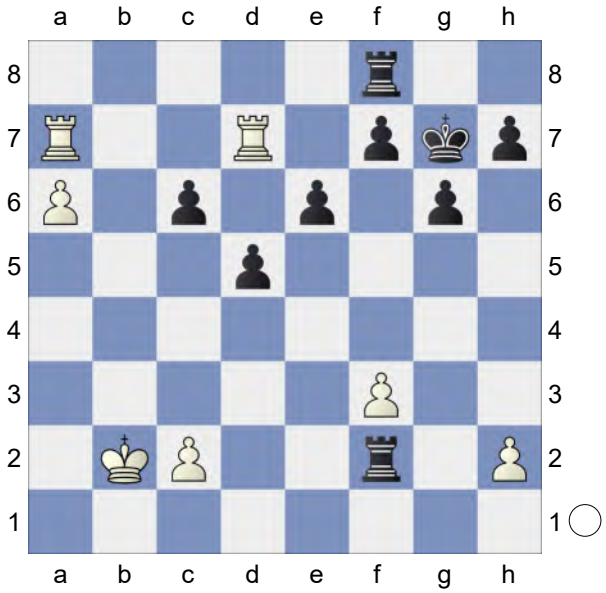
556 **D00**
□ **Hong,Andrew Z** **2542**
■ **Rustemov,Alexander** **2525**
Titled Tue 16. Apr Late (11) 16.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Ne5 e6 8.Nxc6** The position is equal. **8...bxc6 9.Bd3** -0.35/20
[9.Na4= 0.04/19 deserves consideration.]
9...Bd6 0.07/19
[9...c5!∓ -0.35/20]
10.Bxd6= Qxd6 11.0-0 -0.39/18
[11.Na4!= 0.05/20]
11...0-0 0.04/20
[11...Qb4∓ -0.39/18]
12.Na4 a5 13.Qe1!N A relevant novelty. Eine relevante Neuerung.
[Vorgänger: 13.Re1 Ba6 14.c3 Bxd3 15.Qxd3 Ne4 16.Qe3 Rab8 17.Rac1 Rfc8 18.c4 Qb4 19.b3 ½-½ Murzin, V (2627)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2771) Wch Blitz Samarkand 2023 (13)]
13...Ba6 14.f3 -0.51/19
[14.Bxa6= -0.05/18 is more appropriate. Rxa6 15.a3]
14...Nd7 15.Qc3 Rfc8 -0.38/21
[15...Bb5! -0.69/20 was preferrable. 16.Nc5 Nxc5 17.dxc5 Qf4]
16.Nc5 Nxc5 17.dxc5 Qf4 18.Bxa6 Rxa6 19.Rad1 -0.95/20
[19.a3∓ -0.56/20]
19...Qb4∓ 20.Rd4 Qxc3 21.bxc3 Endgame KRR-KRR **21...a4 22.Kf2 Ra5 23.Ke2 Rxc5** -0.24/21
[23...e5∓ -0.78/20 24.Rb4 Rca8]
24.Rxa4= Rxc3 25.Kd2 Rc5 26.Rb1 g6 27.Rb7 Prevents Rc7. **27...Rb5 28.Rd7 Kg7 29.Raa7** White has compensation. **29...Rf8 30.a4 Rb2 31.Kc3 Ra2 32.Kb3! Ra1 33.Kb2 Rg1** 1.97/22
[33...Rd1± 0.70/23]



Loses the game. **34.a5!+-** Black must now prevent Rxf7+! **34...Rxg2 35.a6** Strongly threatening Rxf7+! **35...Rf2?** 3.68/23
[35...Rxh2 2.04/24 is a better defense. 36.Rxf7+ Rxf7 37.Rxf7+ Kxf7]

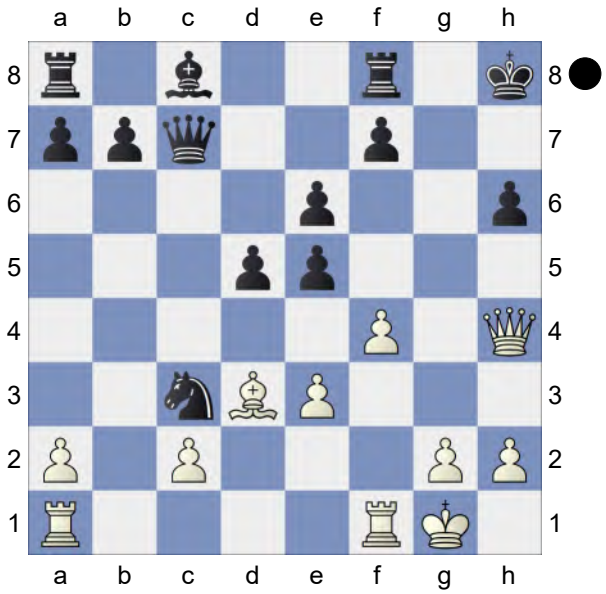


36.Rxf7+!! Promotion **36...Rxf7** **37.Rxf7+ Kxf7 38.a7 Rxf3 39.a8Q** KQ-KR **39...c5** 4.74/27
[39...Rh3 2.98/24 keeps fighting. 40.Qxc6 g5 41.Qc7+ Kf6]
40.Qa7+ Kf6 41.Qxc5 Qf8+ is the strong threat. **41...Rh3 42.Qc7 Rh5 43.Kc1 h6 44.Qf4+ Ke7 45.Kd2 g5 46.Qe5 Kf7 47.Kd3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) / Black=0.35
1-0

557 **D00**
□ **Hong,Andrew Z** **2542**
■ **Yeletsky,Ivan** **2504**
Titled Tue 6. Feb Late (4) 06.02.2024
[Kitty Kat]

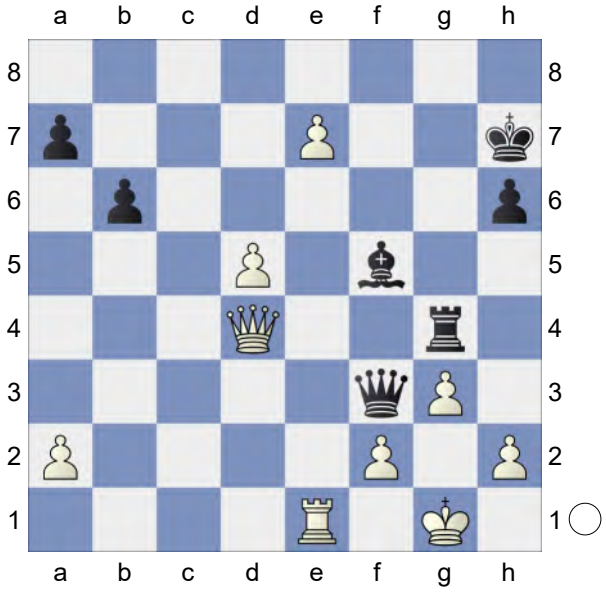
D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.e3 Bb4 5.Bd3 c5 6.dxc5! Nbd7 7.Nf3!** is more profitable than 7.Nge2 at the moment. scheint profitabler als 7.Sge2. **7...Nxc5 8.0-0** Black is slightly better. **8...Bxc3 9.bxc3 0-0 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bh4 b6N**
[Vorgänger: 11...Na4 12.Ne5 Ne5-g4 is the strong threat. Nxc3 13.Qe1 Qc7 14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.f4? -2.07/21 *(15.Ng4= 0.00/19 and White is okay.)* 15...fxe5-+ 16.Qg3+ Kh8 And now ...e5-e4 would win. 17.Qh4

(Diagram)



f5! 18.Qxh6+ Plotkin,M (2341)-Johnson,D (2160) CAN Transnational op 2023 (3) 1-0 Plotkin,M (2341)-Johnson,D (2160) CAN Transnational op 2023 (3) 1-0]
12.Ne5 Threatening Ne5-g4. **12...Bb7** 0.75/24
[12...Nxd3!= 0.04/19 13.cxd3 Qc7 14.Bxf6 gxf6]
13.Ng4± aiming for Bh4xf6. **13...Ncd7 14.Bb5** -0.27/24 White is more active.
[Better is 14.f4± 0.75/22]
14...Qc7= 15.Nxf6+ Nxf6 16.Bxf6 gxf6 17.Qg4+ Kh7 18.Bd3+ f5 19.c4? -3.37/21
[19.Qd4∓ -0.48/19]
19...Rg8-+ 20.Bxf5+ exf5 21.Qxf5+ Rg6 22.cxd5 Rag8 23.g3 Qc8 -0.72/19
[23...Bc8-+ -1.81/18 and Black stays clearly on top. 24.Qe4 Qc3]
24.Qxf7+∓ R8g7 0.00/23
[24...R6g7!∓ -0.53/27 25.Qf3 Re8 *(25...Qxc2 26.e4=)*]
25.Qf3= Qxc2 26.e4 Qc8 27.Rad1 White has compensation. **27...Qh3 28.Rfe1 Bc8** 1.55/21
[28...h5± 0.49/20]

29.Qg2 Qh5 30.e5 Bh3 31.Qe4 Bf5 32.Qg2 0.88/20 **Bh3** 2.00/20
[32...Rg4± 0.88/20 might work better.]
33.Qe4+- **Bf5** White should play **34.Qe3+-** 1.74/20 **Bg4** 2.98/21
[⌓34...Rd7 1.92/19 35.Rd4 Bh3]
35.Rd3 Bf5 3.40/22
[⌓35...Bh3 2.07/20 36.e6 Re7]
36.Rd4 Rg4 37.e6 Rxd4 38.Qxd4 Threatens to win with d5-d6. **38...Qf3** 5.21/20
[38...Qg6 3.34/17 was necessary. 39.h4 Rg8]
39.e7 Rg4? #7/17
[39...Bh3+- 3.92/16 40.Qe4+ *(40.e8B? Qg2#; 40.Qxg7+? Kxg7 41.e8N+ Kh8 42.Re7 Qg2#)* 40...Qxe4 41.Rxe4 Bd7]



40.Qxg4!! 11.58/20 What a bad dream for Black. Weighted Error Value: White=0.31/Black=0.61 What a bad dream for Black. Weighted Error Value: White=0.31/Black=0.61
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558 **D00**
□ **Hong,Andrew Z** **2542**
■ **Hu,Yi** **2495**
Titled Tue 30. Apr Early (4) 30.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000 Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) www.desc-online.de 2000 UltraCorr3a [Fritz 5.32 (30s)] ½-½ *)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) Lake George 2005 CBM 107 [Atalik,Suat] ½-½ (41) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7) Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Gyula 2000 CBM 076 [Alterman,Boris] 1-0 (41)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5

axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]

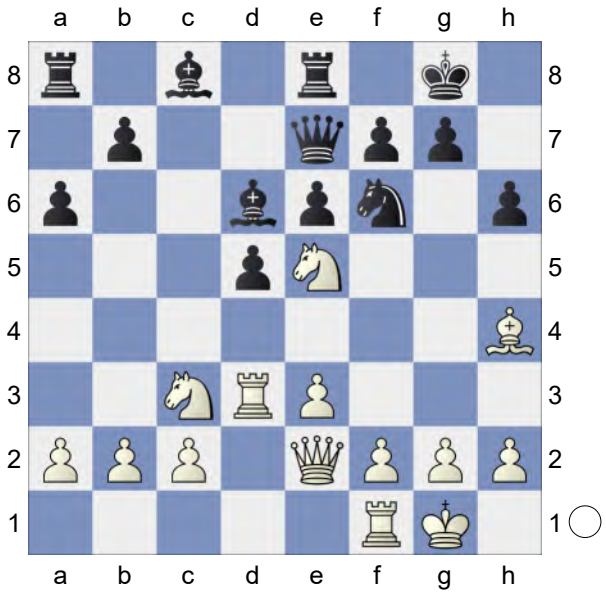
3.Bf4 e6 4.e3 Bb4 5.Bd3 c5 6.dxc5! Nbd7 7.Nf3! is currently scoring better than 7.Nge2. wohl besser als 7.Sge2. is currently scoring better than 7.Nge2. wohl besser als 7.Sge2. is currently scoring better than 7.Nge2. wohl besser als 7.Sge2. **7...Nxc5 8.0-0** Black is slightly better. **8...0-0 9.Bg5 h6 10.Bh4 b6N** 0.09/23

[Vorgänger: 10...a6∓ -0.31/23 11.Qe2 -0.34/17 *(11.a3= -0.01/17* should be considered. *Bxc3 12.bxc3)* 11...Re8∓ 12.Rad1 -1.40/22 *(12.Ne5∓* -0.45/19 *)* 12...Qe7 -0.10/20 *(12...Bxc3∓ -1.40/22 13.bxc3 e5)* 13.Ne5!=

A) 13...Bxc3!= -0.14/24 remains equal. feels stronger. remains equal. 14.bxc3 Qf8 *(14...Qc7 15.Bxf6 gxf6 16.Qg4+ Kf8)*;

B) 13...Nxd3 1.01/22 14.Rxd3± aiming for Ne5-g4. Black should prevent Ng4. aiming for Ne5-g4. Bd6? 3.50/20 *(14...Qd8±* 1.06/23*; 14...g5=* 0.22/20 and Black is okay. *15.Bg3 Bxc3 16.Rxc3 Ne4)*

(Diagram)



15.Ng4!+- b5 4.88/19 *(⌓15...Kh7* 3.48/21 *16.Qf3 Qd7 17.Bxf6 e5 18.Nxe5 Bxe5)* 16.Qf3 Kf8? 5.13/18 *(⌓16...Nxg4* 3.35/20 *17.Bxe7 Ne5; 16...Bxh2+* 2.36/18 *17.Kxh2 Nxg4+ 18.Qxg4 f6)* 17.Nxf6+- gxf6 18.Bxf6 Hong,A (2542)-Schmakel,S (2457) Titled Tuesday intern op 06th Feb Late blitz 2024 (3) 1-0 1-0 Hong,A (2542)-Schmakel,S (2457) Titled Tuesday intern op 06th Feb Late blitz 2024 (3) Hong,A (2542)-Schmakel,S (2457) Titled Tuesday intern op 06th Feb Late blitz 2024 (3) 1-0]

11.Ne5=

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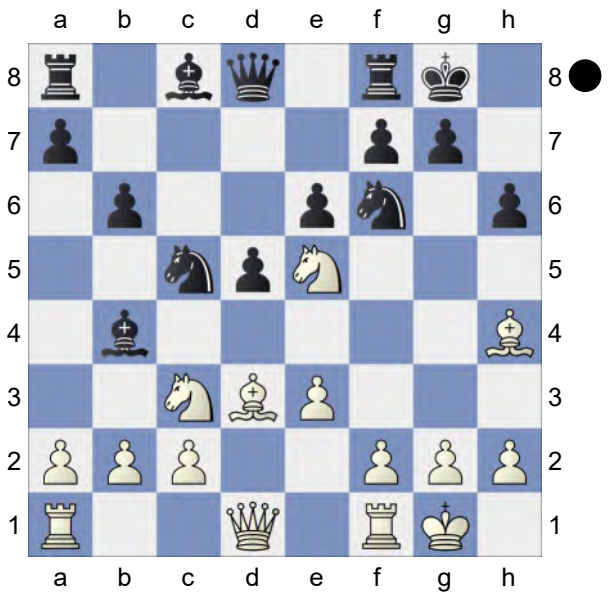


Nc6 is the strong threat. **11...Bb7** Prevents Ne5-c6 Inhibits Nc6. Prevents Ne5-c6 **12.f4** -0.46/20

[Better is 12.Ne2= 0.28/21]

[12.Nb5= 0.16/20]

12...Nxd3!∓ 13.cxd3 -0.96/27

[13.Qxd3∓ -0.47/21 Rc8 14.Ne2]

13...Be7 0.00/26

[13...d4∓ -0.96/27 14.Ne4 *(14.Bxf6? gxf6 15.Ng4 f5-+)* 14...Bxe4 *(14...dxe3 15.Nxf6+ gxf6 16.Ng4=)* 15.dxe4 dxe3]

14.Ne2= Nd7 15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.Nxd7 Qxd7 17.Rc1 Rac8 18.Qb3 Rxc1 19.Rxc1 Rc8 20.Rc3 -0.64/22

[20.Rxc8+= -0.15/21 is more appropriate. Bxc8 21.Nd4]

20...Rxc3∓ 21.Qxc3 Qc6 0.05/28

[Black should try 21...Qa4∓ -0.42/24 is superior.]

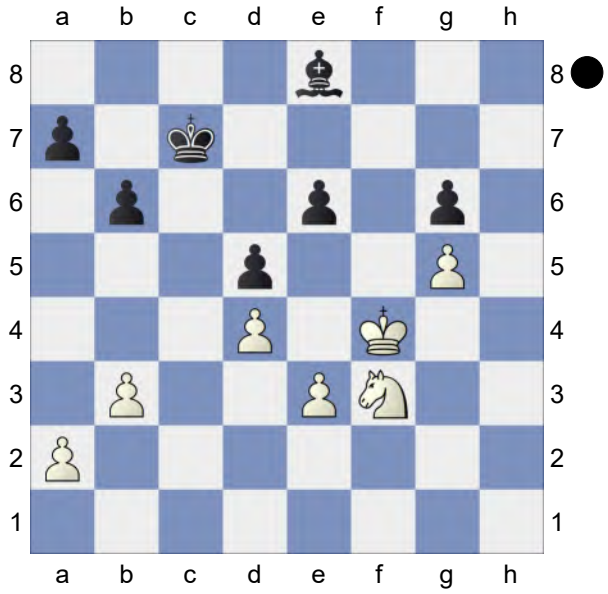
22.Qxc6=

[22.Kf2 keeps more tension. Qa4 23.Qc7 Ba6 24.Qb8+]

22...Bxc6 Endgame. KB-KN Endgame KB-KN Endgame. KB-KN **23.Nd4** Against Bb5 **23...Bd7 24.Kf2 Kf8 25.g4 f6 26.Nf3 Ke7 27.h4 g6** 0.55/25

[27...Kd6= -0.20/20]

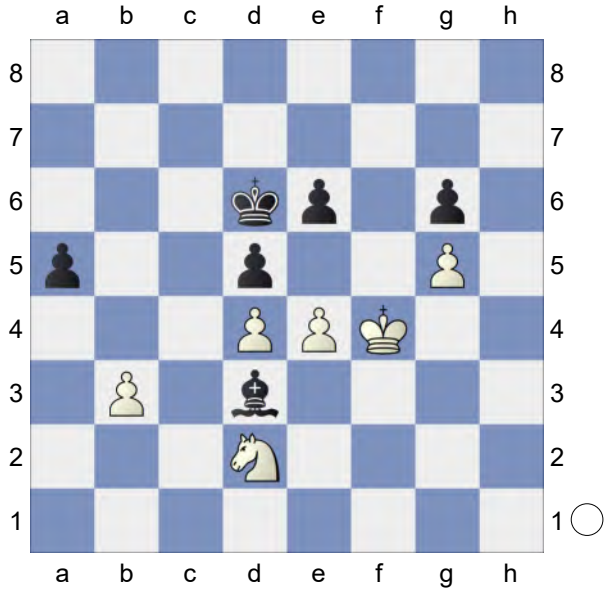
28.g5± hxg5 29.hxg5 fxg5 30.fxg5 Kd6 31.d4 Inhibits e5. **31...Ba4 32.b3! Be8 33.Kg3 Kc7 34.Kf4**



Strongly threatening Kf4-e5. **34...Kd6 35.Ne5 Ke7 36.Ng4** &Bianco is more active. **36...Kd6 37.Nh6 Bb5! 38.Nf7+** 0.01/26

[White should play 38.a3± 0.67/24]

38...Ke7= 39.Ne5 Be8 40.a4 a5 41.Nf3 Kd6 42.Nd2 b5 The position is equal. **43.axb5 Bxb5 44.e4 Bd3**



And now ...d5xe4 would win. White must now prevent ...dxe4. [#] And now ...

d5xe4 would win. **45.Ke3 Bc2 46.Kf4! Bd3** ...d5xe4 would now be deadly. Hoping for ...dxe4. ...d5xe4 would now be deadly.
[46...Kc6!?]
47.Ke3 Bc2 48.Kf4! Bd3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) / Black=0.10 (very precise) Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) / Black=0.13 (very precise) Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) / Black=0.10 (very precise)
[48...dxe4!? 49.Nc4+ Kd5 50.Ne3+ Kxd4 51.Nxc2+ Kc3=]
½-½

559 **D00**
□ **Ivanisevic,Ivan** **2540**
■ **Zeman,Matyas** **2317**
Titled Tuesday intern op 21st Jan Late bl..
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 g6 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* 1-0 Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 2013*; 5.f4 Qa5 6.Bd2 Qb4 7.Qe2 Qxb2 8.Rb1 Qa3 9.e5 dxe5 10.fxe5 Nfd7 11.e6 fxe6 12.dxe6 Nf6 13.Nb5 Qxa2 14.Nc7+ Kd8 15.Rd1 Nc6 16.Bf4+ Nd4 17.Nxa8 Qxe6 18.Qxe6 Bxe6 19.c3 Bg4* 1-0 Genovese,A (2106)-Burk,E (1200) Germany senior ch-5 final 9901 1999*)*
5...Bg7 6.Bc4 *(6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.a4 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nbd7 11.Re1 a6 12.Bf1 e5 13.a5 Ne8 14.Bd3 Qh4 15.Qg4 Qxg4 16.hxg4 Rc8 17.b3 Nef6 18.g5 Ne8 19.g3 f6 20.Kg2 fxg5* 0-1 7.♗c4 ♕a5 8. ♕d2 e6_6062 (2345)-Jovic,A (2383) Gonfreville op 1979 (3.76)*)*
6...0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 1-0 Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) V0048 www.desc-online.de 2000 (7) gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8 21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9)]
3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 c6 6.Nc3 Qb6 7.a3! The main line 7.a3 scores better than 7.Rb1. Die Hauptvariante 7.a3 punktet besser als 7.Tb1. **7...Bd7** 0.50/19
[7...Qxb2 8.Na4 Bb4+ 9.axb4 Qxb4+ 10.c3+-]
[7...c5= 0.02/18]
8.Nf3 -0.04/18
[8.b4± 0.50/19]
8...c5!=
[8...Qxb2? 9.Na4 Bb4+ 10.axb4 Qxb4+ 11.c3+-]
9.Rb1 cxd4N
[9...Bd6 10.Ne5 Nc7 0.53/17 *(10...Nb8=* 0.04/18 *)* 11.Be2 0-0? 2.53/19 *(11...cxd4±* 0.35/17 *12.Qxd4 Qxd4 13.exd4 Bc6)* 12.0-0? 0.12/16 *(12.dxc5+-* 2.53/19 *Bxc5 13.b4)* 12...Rfc8 0.66/21 *(Black should play 12...Nce8=* 0.12/16 *)* 13.Bf3 -0.16/18 *(13.dxc5±* 0.66/21 *Qxc5 14.Nxd7 Nxd7 15.Ne4 dxe4 16.Bxd6)*

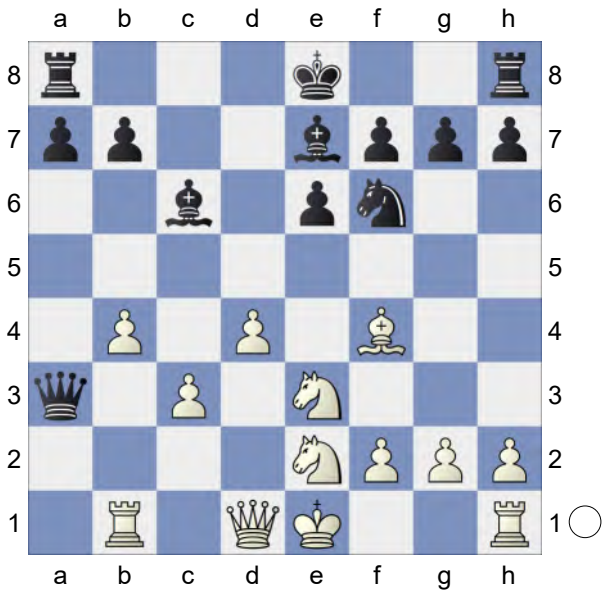
13...cxd4 14.exd4 Be8 15.Ne2 Nd7 0-1 Darini,P (2511)-Volokitin,A (2649) Wch Rapid Doha 2016 (7)]

10.exd4 Nb8 11.Bd3 Nc6 12.Ne2 Be7 13.c3 Na5 14.b4 0.04/19

[14.0-0± 0.53/17 might be stronger.]

14...Nc4= 15.Bxc4 dxc4 16.Ne5 Bc6 17.Nxc4 Qa6 18.Ne3 Qxa3? 4.33/20

[18...Bb5= -0.01/19 and Black has nothing to worry.]



19.0-0? 0.40/19

[19.Ra1+- 4.33/20 Qb2 20.Nc4 Qxa1 21.Qxa1]

19...Ne4? 4.13/20

[19...Qa4!± 0.40/19]

20.Ra1 2.06/19

[⌓20.b5 4.13/20 Nxc3 21.Nxc3 Bxg2 22.Kxg2 Qxc3 23.Rc1]

20...Qb3? 8.81/20

[20...Nxc3 2.06/19 21.Rxa3 Nxd1]

21.Qxb3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.76/Black=1.21

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560 **D00**

□ **Hong,Andrew Z** **2539**

■ **Demchenko,Anton** **2609**

Titled Tue 19. Dec Early (8) 19.12.2023

[Kitty Kat]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**

[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000 ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7) 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5

16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]

3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Be2 Nc6 7.Nf3 Bf5 8.0-0 8.0-0 scores better than 8.a3. 8.0-0 punktet besser als 8.a3. The position is equal. **8...e6 9.Ne5 Nxe5 10.dxe5N**

[Vorgänger: 10.Bxe5 Bd6 Beukema,J (2249)-Woellermann,J (2392) Basel op 2018 (7) 1/2-1/2 Beukema,J (2249)-Woellermann,J (2392) Basel op 2018 (7) 1/2-1/2]

10...Nd7 11.Bd3 Bxd3 0.01/20

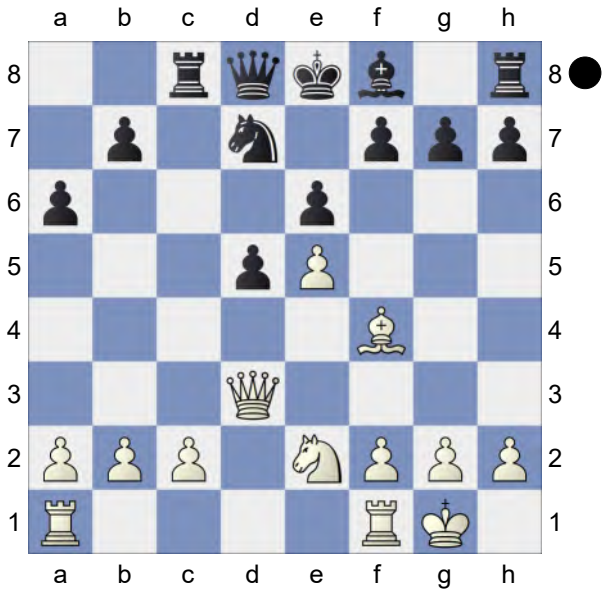
[11...Bg6!∓ -0.42/20]

12.Qxd3 -0.69/19

[White should try 12.cxd3= 0.01/20 Qb6 13.Rb1]

12...Rc8 13.Ne2 -0.88/19

[13.Rad1∓ -0.44/18 deserves consideration.]



13...g6 -0.34/21

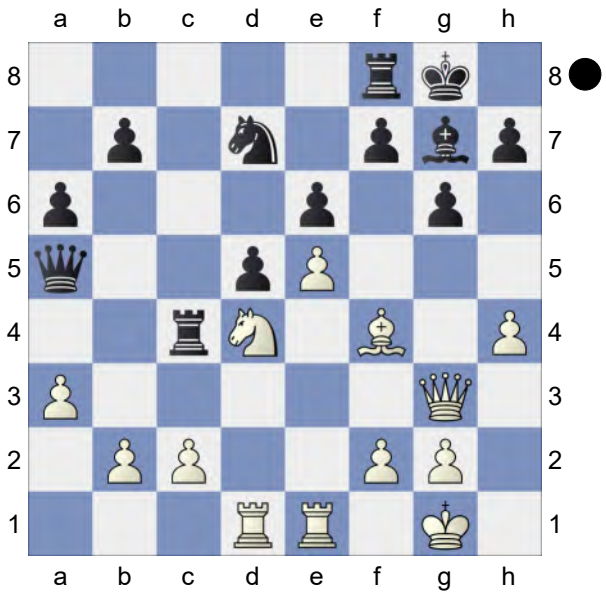
[13...g5!∓ -0.88/19 14.Bc1 *(14.Bg3 h5∓)* 14...Bg7 *(14...Nxe5 15.Qg3=)*]

14.Nd4 Bg7 -0.01/22

[14...g5∓ -0.37/21 15.Bg3 Qb6]

15.Rfe1= 0-0 16.Rad1 Qc7 17.Qg3 Qa5 18.a3 Rc4 ...Rc4xd4! is the strong threat. **19.h4?** -5.28/22

[19.c3= 0.04/21]



White is now going downhill. **19...Rxd4!-+** Deflection **20.h5**

[20.Qf3 Rxd1]

20...Rxd1 21.Rxd1 Qc7

[21...gxh5 22.Bh6]

22.Re1 Qxc2

[22...gxh5 23.Bh6]

23.h6 Bh8 24.Rc1 Qf5 25.Re1 Rc8 26.Qe3 Qe4 27.Qd2 Qc4 28.g3 Qc6 29.Qb4 Qb6 30.Qe7 Qd8 31.Qb4 b6 Threatens to win with ...g6-g5. **32.Qa4 Nc5 33.Qd4 f6 34.exf6 Bxf6**

[34...Qxf6 35.Be5 Qg5 *(35...Nb3 36.Qxb6 Qf5 37.Bxh8=)* 36.Bxh8 Qxh6 37.Qc3∓]

35.Be5 Bxe5 36.Qxe5 Qd7 Wards off Qe5-g7+ **37.Rc1 Rf8** ...Nc5-d3 would now be deadly. **38.Rc3** -6.41/22

[⌓38.Rc2 -4.43/21]

38...Qf7 39.Rf3 Qe7 -2.68/21

[39...Qxf3 40.Qg7#]

[⌓39...Nd3 -4.55/22 40.Qc3 d4

(40...Qxf3 41.Qg7#) 41.Qxd4 e5 *(41...Qxf3 42.Qg7#)* 42.Rxf7 exd4]

40.Rc3? -5.14/20

[40.Rxf8+ -2.68/21 Qxf8 41.b4 Qxf2+ 42.Kh1 Qf3+ 43.Kg1 Qd1+ 44.Kg2 Qd2+ 45.Kg1 Qxh6 46.bxc5 Qc1+ Zwischenzug, Double Attack *(46...bxc5 47.Qxe6+ Kf8 48.Qf6+ Kg8 49.Qe6+ Kg7 50.Qe5+ Kf8 51.Qd6+ Ke8 52.Qc6+ Ke7 53.Qxc5+ Ke6 54.Qc8+ Ke5 55.Qb8+ Ke4 56.Qb1+ Ke5 57.Qb8+ Kd4 58.Qb6+ Kc3 59.Qc5+ Kb2 60.Qd4+ Kb1 61.Qb6+ Kc2 62.Qc6+ Kb2 63.Qb7+ Ka1 64.Qxd5=)* 47.Kg2 Qc2+ *(47...Qxc5? 48.Qxe6+ Kg7 49.Qd7+ Kf6 50.Qxh7-+)* 48.Kf1 Qxc5 *(48...bxc5 49.Qxe6+ Kf8 50.Qf6+ Ke8 51.Qe6+ Kf8 52.Qf6+ Kg8 53.Qe6+ Kg7 54.Qe7+ Kg8 55.Qe8+ Kg7 56.Qe7+ Kh6 57.Qf8+ Kh5 58.Qf3+ Kh6 59.Qf8+ Kh5 60.Qf3+ Kh6 61.Qf8+=)* 49.Qxe6+ Kg7 50.Qd7+ Kf6 51.Qxh7]

40...Qf6 41.Qe1 Ne4 42.Rc2 g5 43.f4 gxf4 44.gxf4 Qxh6 45.Rg2+ Kh8 46.Qe3 Qxf4 47.Qxb6 Qf1+ -7.41/5 **48.Kh2 Qf4+?** 0.01/20

[48...Qf5-+ -14.71/25 (→ ...Qf5-h5+) (→ ...Qf5-h5+) 49.Kg1

A) 49...Qf1+ gets mated. 50.Kh2 Qf4+ 51.Kg1 ⌓Ng5 -#10/20 52.Qb4

A1) 52...Qf1+ 53.Kh2 Nf3+ 54.Kg3 Rg8+ Skewer 55.Kf4 Qxg2 *(55...Rxg2 56.Qf8+ Rg8 57.Qf6+= Rg7 58.Qd8+ Rg8 59.Qf6+ Rg7 60.Qf8+ Rg8 61.Qf6+=)* 56.Ke3 e5 *(56...d4+ 57.Kd3 Ne5+ 58.Kxd4 Qd5+ 59.Ke3 Qd3+ 60.Kf2 Qf3+ 61.Ke1 Rg1+ 62.Kd2 Qd3#)* 57.Kd3 Qf2 *(57...Ne1+ 58.Qxe1 Qxb2 59.Ke3 Qd4+ 60.Kf3 Qf4+ 61.Ke2 Rg2+ 62.Kd1 Qd4+ 63.Kc1 Qa1#)* 58.Kc3 Nd4 59.Qxd4 Remove Defender Qxd4+ 60.Kc2 Rg2+ 61.Kc1 Qg1#;

A2) 52...Nf3+ 53.Kf2 Nd4+ 54.Kg1;

B) 49...Ng5 50.Qd4+ Rf6 51.Qxf6+ Qxf6 52.Rg3 Qd4+ 53.Kh1 Qe4+ 54.Kh2 Qe5 55.Kg2 Qe2+ *(55...Qxb2+* is a self mate. *56.Kg1 d4 57.Kh1 Qd2 58.Kg1 Qe1+ 59.Kg2 Qe2+ 60.Kg1 d3 61.Kh1 d2 62.Rd3 Qxd3 63.Kg2 Qf3+ 64.Kh2 Qf2+ 65.Kh1 d1Q#)* 56.Kg1 Nf3+ 57.Rxf3 Qxf3 58.Kh2 h5 59.Kg1 h4 60.b4 h3 61.Kh2 Qg2#]

49.Kg1= Rc8 50.Kh1 Rc1+ 51.Rg1 Qf3+ Black mates. **52.Kh2 Rc2+ 53.Rg2 Qxg2#** Weighted Error Value: White=0.65/Black=0.23 (precise)

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□ **Korpa,Bence** **2537**

■ **Aczel,Gergely** **2499**

Hungarian Rapid Championship, Ajka (1..

[Richard Palliser]

Richard Palliser,MH: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines ' **1.d4** Richard Palliser,MH **1...Nf6 2.Nc3 d5** Richard Palliser,MH: 'N'

[2...c5 Richard Palliser,MH 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5*

17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7 ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000 *)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]

3.Bf4 e6

[It should be mentioned in passing that after 3...g6 4.e3 Bg7 Hungarian Grandmaster Korpa also likes to go 5.Nb5!? , with Na6 6.h3 c5 7.Nf3 0-0 8.c3 Bd7 9.a4 supplying a typical Jobava-Prie edge in Korpa-Mustonen, Jyvaskyla 2022. Richard Palliser,MH: 'supplying a typical Jobava-Prie edge in Korpa-Mustonen, Jyvaskyla 2022.']

[He has also faced 3...a6 4.e3 Bf5 (a fairly unusual line, but the mix of ... a6 and ...Bf5 doesn't have to be a bad one clearly Black wants his bishop outside the pawn chain and still to break with ...c5) Richard Palliser,MH: '(a fairly unusual line, but the mix of ... a6 and ...Bf5 doesn't have to be a bad one clearly Black wants his bishop outside the pawn chain and still to break with ...c5)' 5.f3 e6 6.g4 Bg6 7.h4 h5 8.g5 Ng8 9.Qd2 Bd6 10.Nh3 Ne7 , which was all very thematic from both sides in Korpa-Lehtosaari, Jyvaskyla 2022, but now Richard Palliser,MH: ', which was all very thematic from both sides in Korpa-Lehtosaari, Jyvaskyla 2022, but now' 11.e4?! *(11.0-0-0 b5 12.Kb1* is probably the way for White to go Richard Palliser,MH: 'is probably the way for White to go'*)* 11...Bb4! left White under pressure and after 12.Bg2 c5 13.a3 with Bxc3! 14.Qxc3 cxd4 15.Qxd4 0-0 followed by ... Nbc6 Black could have seized the initiative. Richard Palliser,MH: 'followed by ...Nbc6 Black could have seized the initiative.']

[An even rarer set-up is 3...h6!? 4.e3 a6 , which Jobava-Prie expert Hans Niemann had to face of late, with 5.Nf3 Bf5 6.Bd3 Bxd3 7.cxd3! e6 8.Qb3 Qc8 9.0-0 an instructive route to a clear white edge in Niemann-Kozak, Internet (blitz) 2022, where White was set to combine central expansion (e3-e4) with play down the c-file. Richard Palliser,MH: 'an instructive route to a clear white edge in Niemann-Kozak, Internet (blitz) 2022, where White was set to combine central expansion (e3-e4) with play down the c-file.']

[Niemann must also have been delighted with how the opening went (and clearly the Jobava-Prie is still surprising plenty of players) after Richard Palliser,MH: 'Niemann must

also have been delighted with how the opening went (and clearly the Jobava-Prie is still surprising plenty of players) after' 3...Bf5 4.f3 e6 5.g4 Bg6 6.h4 h6 7.e3 Bb4?! 8.Bd3 *(8.Nge2!?* might be even more promising *)* 8...Bxd3 9.Qxd3 c6?! *(9...c5!* simply had to be tried*)* 10.Nge2 Na6 11.a3 Bd6 12.0-0-0 Bxf4 13.Nxf4 , which left him in full control and with g4-g5-g6 imminent in Niemann-Atakhan, Internet (rapid) 2022. Richard Palliser,MH: ', which left him in full control and with g4-g5-g6 imminent in Niemann-Atakhan, Internet (rapid) 2022.']

4.Nb5!? The fashionable choice. **4...Na6 5.e3 c6 6.Nc3 Nb8**

[Commonly played, but Black can also allow an exchange on a6 and Richard Palliser,MH: 'Commonly played, but Black can also allow an exchange on a6 and' 6...Be7!?

A) 7.Bxa6 bxa6 8.Na4 Nd7! fights for the key square, with 9.Qd2 -0.24/20 *(⌓9.Nf3* 0.24/18 Richard Palliser,MH*)* 9...0-0 10.Qc3 c5! 11.Nxc5 Nxc5 12.dxc5 f6 then looking like a pretty decent pawn sacrifice;

B) 7.Nf3 0-0 8.h4!? c5 9.h5 Bd7? 1.32/21 seen in another recent game, Beerdsen-Elgersma, Dortmund 2022, where the engines suddenly get very excited due to Richard Palliser,MH: 'seen in another recent game, Beerdsen-Elgersma, Dortmund 2022, where the engines suddenly get very excited due to' *(9...h6=* 0.09/20 Richard Palliser,MH*)* 10.h6! g6 11.Bxa6! bxa6 12.dxc5 Bxc5 13.Bg5 which they're surely right should be clearly better for White due to the holes in the black position, and if Richard Palliser,MH: 'which they're surely right should be clearly better for White due to the holes in the black position, and if' Be7 1.71/21 *(13...Rc8±* 1.22/21 Richard Palliser,MH *14.Rh4 Bc6)* 14.Qd4! .]

7.g4!?

[A new move for us. White has more often preferred the simple 7.Bd3]

[or 7.Nf3 , as we considered in Short-Astaneh Lopez, Bunratty 2020 - see the Archive. Richard Palliser,MH: ', as we considered in Short-Astaneh Lopez, Bunratty 2020 - see the Archive.']

7...b6?! 0.80/20

[Another rather sub-optimal novelty. White was also doing rather well after Richard Palliser,MH: 'Another rather sub-optimal novelty. White was also doing rather well after' 7...Bd6 0.61/19 Richard Palliser,MH: '7...Qd8-a5 -0.01' 8.g5 Richard Palliser,MH: ' aiming for Bf4xd6.' Bxf4 9.exf4 Ng8 10.Nf3 Ne7 11.Qd2 Nd7 12.0-0-0 a6 1.17/19 *(*Black should play *12...h5±* 0.57/19 Richard Palliser,MH*)* 13.h4 in Gelman-Villalba, Internet (blitz) 2022,]

[but 7...Bb4!? should be OK for Black, and if 8.f3 (wisely covering both e4 and g4) Richard Palliser,MH: '(wisely covering both e4 and g4). Dodges Nf6-e4' 0-0 9.h4!? Re8 10.h5 Nfd7 when the ...e5 break should help to offset Black's concerns on the kingside. Richard Palliser,MH: 'when the ...e5 break should help to offset Black's concerns on the kingside.']

[7...Qa5= -0.06/20 Richard Palliser,

MH]

8.g5 Richard Palliser,MH: '±' Richard Palliser,MH: 'White is better.' **8...Nfd7** **9.Qg4!** A very strong spot for the queen, if one which will seem familiar to regular Jobava-Prie players or readers of Simon Williams' new book, 'The Jobava London System'. Richard Palliser,MH: 'A very strong spot for the queen, if one which will seem familiar to regular Jobava-Prie players or readers of Simon Williams' new book, 'The Jobava London System'. White is much more active.' **9...Bb4** 0.93/20

[9...b5⩲ 0.49/18 Richard Palliser,MH]

10.h4!?

[Korpa will come to slightly regret this rush of blood to the head. This thematic advance isn't so terrible, but White should first have gone Richard Palliser,MH: 'Korpa will come to slightly regret this rush of blood to the head. This thematic advance isn't so terrible, but White should first have gone' 10.Nge2! when e5 11.dxe5 Nc5 12.Qh4 is nothing to fear. Richard Palliser,MH: 'is nothing to fear. ']

10...e5! Aczel seizes his one chance for counterplay and, pretty much, just to stay in the game. Richard Palliser,MH: 'Aczel seizes his one chance for counterplay and, pretty much, just to stay in the game. Deflection' **11.dxe5**

[11.Bxe5? Richard Palliser,MH Bxc3+ 12.bxc3 Nxe5-+]

11...Nc5 **12.Qf3** 0.11/21

[12.Qg2! 0.67/19 is much preferred by the engines, the main point being Richard Palliser,MH: ' ⩲' 'is much preferred by the engines, the main point being' Bxc3+ 13.bxc3 Qe7 14.Nf3 when Nd4 is an option, as well as just h4-h5.]

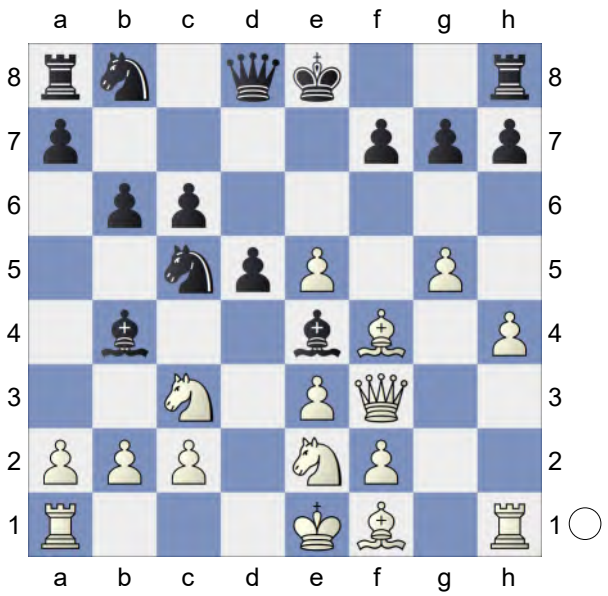
12...Bf5 Richard Palliser,MH: '='

[Unfortunately for White, now after Richard Palliser,MH: 'Unfortunately for White, now after' 12...Bxc3+! 13.bxc3 Qe7 he has to be quite careful and probably go Richard Palliser,MH: 'he has to be quite careful and probably go' 14.Qd1 0.01/18 , *(*since *14.Ne2* Richard Palliser,MH: ' Threatening Ne2-d4.' *Nbd7 15.Nd4 Nxe5!* now comes with tempo. Richard Palliser,MH: 'now comes with tempo.'*; 14.Qg2⩲* 0.39/20 Richard Palliser, MH *)*]

13.Nge2! Keeping White's structure intact, even at the cost of an exchange. Richard Palliser,MH: 'Keeping White's structure intact, even at the cost of an exchange.' **13...Be4** Richard Palliser, MH: '!?' '

[Critical, but Black might also have recouped his pawn and it's hard to believe 13...Bxc2!? 14.Qg3 would have been too bad for him, even if Nd3+? 15.Kd2 Nxf4 16.Qxf4 would cost him a bishop (there's no safe retreat for the light-squared one).]

(Diagram)

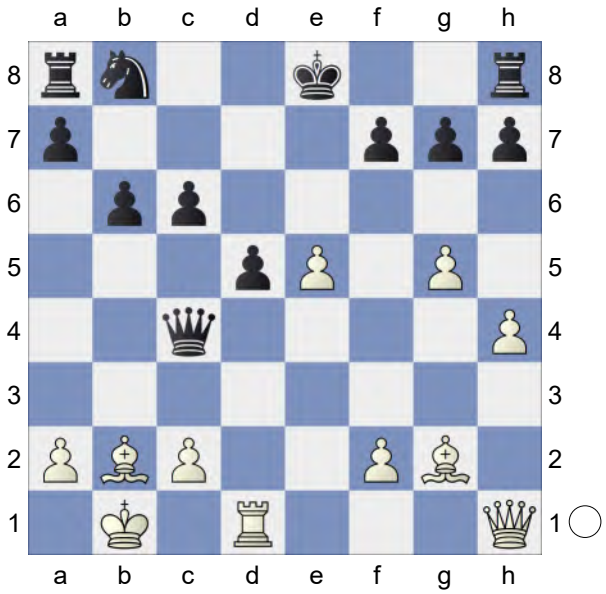


...Bc2-e4 is the strong threat.' **14.Qh3 Bxh1** Richard Palliser,MH: ' ± ' **15.Qxh1 Na4** Aczel continues to play all the critical moves and it's interesting that here the latest engines still slightly prefer White - space and the bishop-pair matter! Richard Palliser,MH: 'Aczel continues to play all the critical moves and it's interesting that here the latest engines still slightly prefer White - space and the bishop-pair matter!' **16.0-0-0 Bxc3 17.Nxc3 Nxc3 18.bxc3** Richard Palliser,MH: ' Black must now prevent e3-e4.' **18...Qe7**

[18...0-0!? 19.e4 Nd7 was probably a better try, since at least the knight has a square after Richard Palliser, MH: 'was probably a better try, since at least the knight has a square after' 20.exd5 cxd5 21.Qxd5 Richard Palliser,MH: '!?' *(or 21.Rxd5 Qc7)* 21...Nc5 . Richard Palliser,MH: '□' 22.Be3= Richard Palliser,MH]

19.e4! Levering open the position to try and exploit the fact that Black's knight is still at home. Richard Palliser,MH: 'Levering open the position to try and exploit the fact that Black's knight is still at home.' **19...Qa3+ 20.Kd2?**

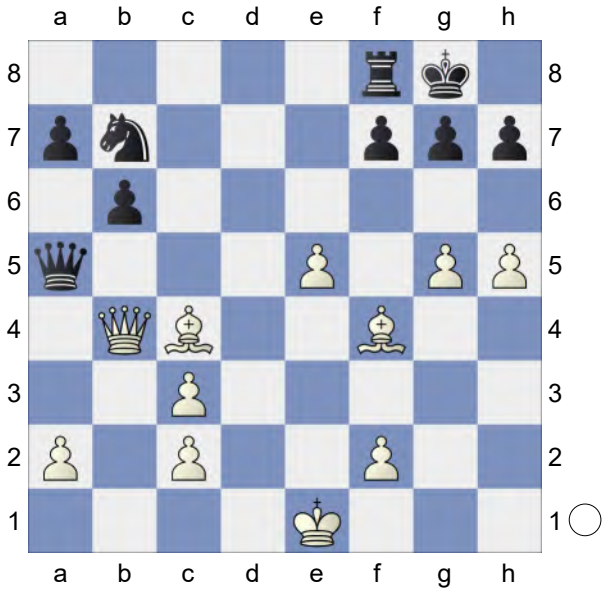
[This cannot have been an easy position to play at rapid chess, but White needed to be brave and go Richard Palliser,MH: 'This cannot have been an easy position to play at rapid chess, but White needed to be brave and go' 20.Kb1! , and if Qxc3 Richard Palliser,MH: ' And now ...Qc3-b4+ would win.' 21.Bc1! Qb4+ 22.Bb2 Qxe4 23.Bg2 Richard Palliser,MH: '!' Qc4 Richard Palliser,MH: '



Threatens to win with ...Nb8-d7.' 24.h5 when his active position creates a strong impression and simply must offer promising compensation. Richard Palliser,MH: '!' Richard Palliser,MH: 'when his active position creates a strong impression and simply must offer promising compensation.']

20...0-0 21.exd5 Richard Palliser,MH: ' d5-d6 would now be deadly.' **21...cxd5 22.Qxd5!** -0.50/24 Very brave, but the king actually should be safe enough on d2 and there's always Bd3 if needed. Richard Palliser,MH: 'Very brave, but

the king actually should be safe enough on d2 and there's always Bd3 if needed.'
[22.g6= -0.09/20 Richard Palliser,MH Kh8 *(22...fxg6?* too greedy. *23.Qxd5+ Kh8 24.Qxa8+-; 22...Qxa2 23.Bd3±; 22...hxg6 23.h5±)* 23.h5 *(23.Qxd5 Na6=)*]
22...Na6 Richard Palliser,MH: '∓'
23.Qb3!
[Another good move and not Richard Palliser,MH: 'Another good move and not' 23.Bd3? -1.06/22 Richard Palliser,MH: '23.Qd5-b3 -0.11' Nc5 when things would have begun to creak.]
23...Rad8+
[23...Qa5!? was the alternative when White is probably just about OK after Richard Palliser,MH: ' simplifies' 24.Bxa6! Qxa6 25.Kc1 Rad8 *(25...Qb7* Richard Palliser,MH*)* 26.Rxd8 Rxd8 27.e6 .]
24.Ke1 Richard Palliser,MH: '!'
[Once again, side-stepping ...Nc5 after Richard Palliser,MH: 'Once again, side-stepping ...Nc5 after' 24.Bd3? -1.44/22 Richard Palliser,MH: '24.Kd2-e1 0.01' Qe7 .]
24...Rxd1+ 25.Kxd1 Rd8+ Richard Palliser,MH: '!' **26.Ke1! Qa5!** Clearly Black must keep the queens on if he wants to cause any problems in the centre. The text does, however, entail a pawn sacrifice. Richard Palliser,MH: 'Clearly Black must keep the queens on if he wants to cause any problems in the centre. The text does, however, entail a pawn sacrifice.' **27.Bc4** Richard Palliser, MH: ' ⇄' Richard Palliser,MH: ' White is fighting back' **27...Nc5!**
[27...Rf8 0.67/21 would be horribly passive and after Richard Palliser,MH: '27...Na6-c5 -0.01 would be horribly passive and after' 28.h5! Nc5 29.Qb4 Black would be forced into a sub-optimal exchange of queens, since Richard Palliser,MH: 'Black would be forced into a sub-optimal exchange of queens, since. Strongly threatening g5-g6.' Nb7? 2.70/23 is too slow due to Richard Palliser,MH: ' *(29...g6!=* 0.30/22 (Richard Palliser,MH) and Black has nothing to worry. *)*



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28.Bxf7+! Richard Palliser,MH: ' This pair of bishops is nice.' **28...Kf8 29.Qc4 Na4 30.e6** -0.43/27
[30.g6!= 0.01/23 Richard Palliser,MH Qxc3+ 31.Qxc3 Remove Defender Nxc3 32.Bd2 hxg6 33.Bxg6 Nxa2 34.h5]
30...Qxc3+ Richard Palliser,MH: ' Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.09 (flawless) '
[The draw offer seems reasonable, not least considering that it must have been a pretty intense game to play. After Richard Palliser,MH: 'The draw offer seems reasonable, not least considering that it must have been a

pretty intense game to play. After' 30...Qxc3+ 31.Qxc3 Nxc3 (with a threat!) Richard Palliser,MH: '(with a threat!)' 32.f3 Rd5 0.01/22 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Prevents Bf4-e5' *(32...Rd1+!∓* -0.47/24 (Richard Palliser,MH) might be stronger. *33.Kf2 Nd5)* 33.h5 White should be absolutely fine since the black rook can't easily vacate the d-file. Richard Palliser,MH: 'White should be absolutely fine since the black rook can't easily vacate the d-file.']

½-½

562 **D00**

□ **Madaminov,Mukhiddin** **2536**

■ **Kosteniuk,Alexandra** **2482**

Titled 5. Apr Early (10) 15.04.2025

[TA]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N

[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (120 (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ (41) Atalik, S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 (41) Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 (23) Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]

3.Bf4 c5 4.e4 dxe4 5.dxc5 Qa5 6.Bxb8 Rxb8 7.Qd4 Bd7 0.65/21

[7...a6= 0.25/20]

8.0-0-0 -0.61/24

[8.b4± 0.65/21 Qd8 9.0-0-0]

8...Rd8∓ White must now prevent ...e6.

9.Nb5 -1.89/23 **Ra8??** 2.87/19

[9...Bxb5? 10.Bxb5++-]

[9...Rc8!-+ -1.89/23 avoids the disaster. 10.Nc3 Qxc5 *(10...Rxc5 11.Nxe4 Rc7 12.Nxf6+ exf6 13.Bc4∓)*]

10.b4+- Qd8 11.Qe5 Qb8 12.f4 2.19/21

[⌓12.Nd6+ 3.79/23 Kd8 13.Nxf7+ Ke8 14.Qxb8+ Rxb8 15.Nxh8]

12...Kd8 13.Nh3! a6 14.Nd4 0.99/21

[14.Ng5!+- 2.29/20 axb5 15.Nxf7+ *(15.Nxe4? Qxe5* Remove Defender *16.fxe5 Nxe4-+)* 15...Kc8 16.Qxb8+ *(16.Nxh8 Qa7±)* 16...Rxb8 *(16...Kxb8? 17.Nxh8 e6 18.Rxd7+-)* 17.Nxh8]

14...Qxe5 1.48/20

[⌓14...e6 0.99/21]

15.fxe5± Ng5 would now be deadly.

15...Ng4 16.e6 fxe6 17.Be2 1.60/7

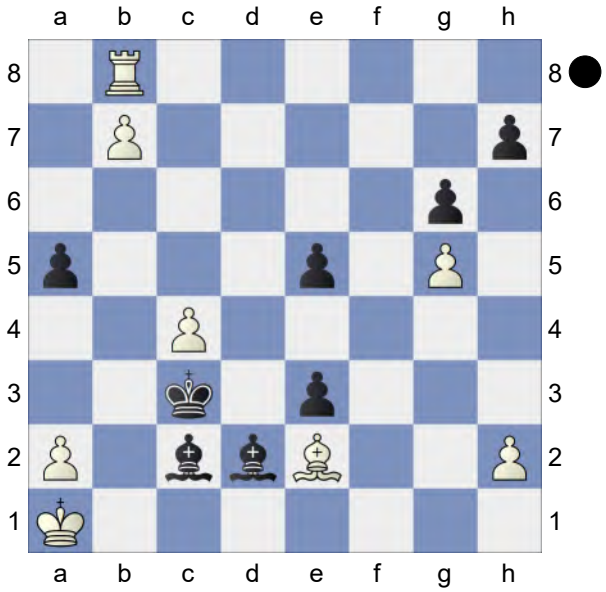
[⌓17.Nxe6+ 1.12/14 Kc8 18.Bc4]

17...Ne5? 3.22/17

[17...e5? 18.Ne6+ Ke8 19.Bxg4+-]

[17...Ne3± 1.60/7]

18.Ng5+-
[18.Nxe6+ Kc8±]
18...Kc8 19.Ngxe6 g6 20.g4 aiming for Rhf1. **20...Nc6 21.g5?** 0.04/4
[21.Nxc6 Bxe6 22.Nd4 *(22.Rd8+ Kc7∓)* 22...Bh6+ 23.Kb1 Bg8=]
[21.Bc4!+- 1.99/11 Strongly threatening Nxc6. Nxd4 *(21...Nxb4? 22.Rhf1+-)* 22.Rxd4]
21...Nxd4= 22.Nxd4 With the idea Bc4.
22...Bg7 0.58/22
[22...a5= 0.05/20]
23.Rhf1!± Rf8 1.23/21 Dodges Rf7
[23...Bxd4!± 0.47/25 24.Rxd4 Bf5]
24.Rxf8+± Bxf8 This pair of bishops is nice. **25.Bc4 Kc7 26.Be6** 1.47/20
[26.Ne6+ Bxe6 27.Bxe6 h6]
[White should try 26.c3 0.73/19]
26...Ba4 1.96/11
[26...h6± 1.47/20 was necessary.]
27.Bd5 1.48/9
[27.Re1!+- 1.96/11]
27...Bd7 28.Be6 White is much more active. **28...Ba4** 1.83/11
[28...h6± 1.45/7]
29.Bg4 Ne6+ is the strong threat.
29...a5? 4.59/10
[29...Bd7± 1.52/10 is a better chance. 30.Ne6+ Bxe6 31.Bxe6 h6]
30.b5+- Re8 31.Rf1 e5? 5.69/11
[31...Bxb5 3.18/3 32.Nxb5+ Kb8]
32.Ne6+ Rxe6 33.Bxe6 Bxc5 Endgame. KRB-KB **34.Rf7+ Kb6 35.c4** 0.43/9
[Better is 35.Bd5+- 3.18/16 Be3+ 36.Kb2]
35...e3± 36.Bg4! And now Be2! would win.
[36.Rxh7 Ba3+ 37.Kb1 e2 38.c5+ Kxc5 *(38...Kxb5 39.Bd7+ Kc4 40.Rh4+ Kc3 41.Rh3+ Kd2 42.Re3 Bc2+ 43.Ka1 Kxe3 44.Bg4 e1Q+ 45.Bd1 Qxd1#)* 39.Rc7+ Kb6 *(39...Kxb5? 40.Bc4+ Kb6 41.Bxe2-+)* 40.Rc1 Bxc1 41.Kxc1 e1Q+ *(41...e1B? 42.Bd5-+)* 42.Kb2 Qd2+ *(42...Bxb5 43.Kc2 Qf2+ 44.Kd1 Bd3 45.Bg4 e4 46.h3 Qc2+ 47.Ke1 e3 48.h4 Qd2#)* 43.Kb1 Qc2+ 44.Ka1 Qc1#]
36...Bd4? 4.62/8
[Black should play 36...Ba3+!± 0.43/9 37.Kb1 Kc5]
37.Be2 Kc5 38.Rxb7 Kb4 39.b6 Bc3? 5.13/6
[39...Ka3 2.88/16 40.Kb1 *(40.Rxh7?* leads to mate. *Kxa2 41.Rh8 Bb2#)* 40...Bc6]
40.Rb8 Bd2+ 41.Kb1? 0.00/26
[41.Kb2+- 3.70/11 Bc3+ 42.Kb1]
41...Kc3!= Threatens to win with ...Bc2+.
42.b7 -0.54/14
[42.a3!= 0.00/26 Bc2+ 43.Ka2 Bb3+ 44.Kb1 Bc2+ 45.Ka2 Bb3+ 46.Kb1 Bc2+]
42...Bc2+∓ Black has compensation.
43.Ka1



Bc1! 44.a4

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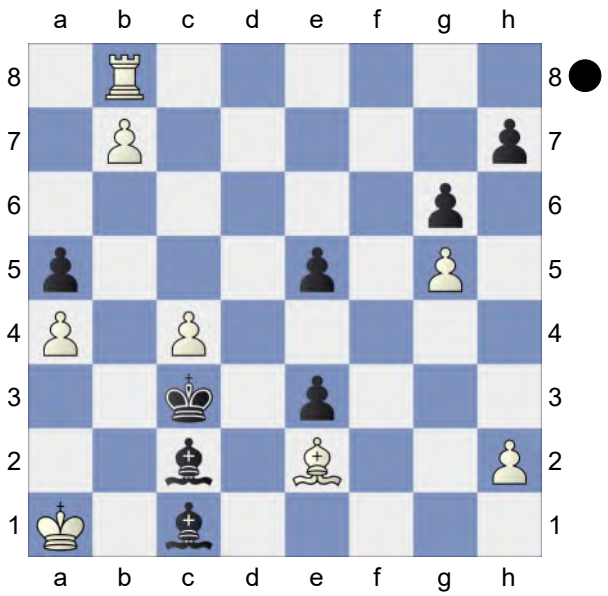

Bb2+? 0.00/59
[44...Kb3! -#2/33 mates 45.Rh8 Bb2#]
45.Ka2= The position is equal.
45...Bb3+ 46.Kb1 Bc2+ 47.Ka2 Bb3+ 48.Kb1 Bc2+ 49.Ka2
Weighted Error Value: White=0.78/ Black=0.76
½-½

563 **D00**
☐ **Fawzy,Adham** **2535**
■ **Maurizzi,Marc Andria** **2555**
FIDE Grand Swiss 2023 (11.55) 05.11.23
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 c5 5.dxc5 e6 6.Nf3** -0.14/21
[6.Na4± 0.34/20 Qa5+ 7.c3 Bxc5 8.Nxc5 Qxc5 9.Nf3]
6...Bxc5= 7.Bd3 0-0 8.0-0 Nbd7 9.e4 dxe4 10.Nxe4 Nxe4 11.Bxe4 Nf6

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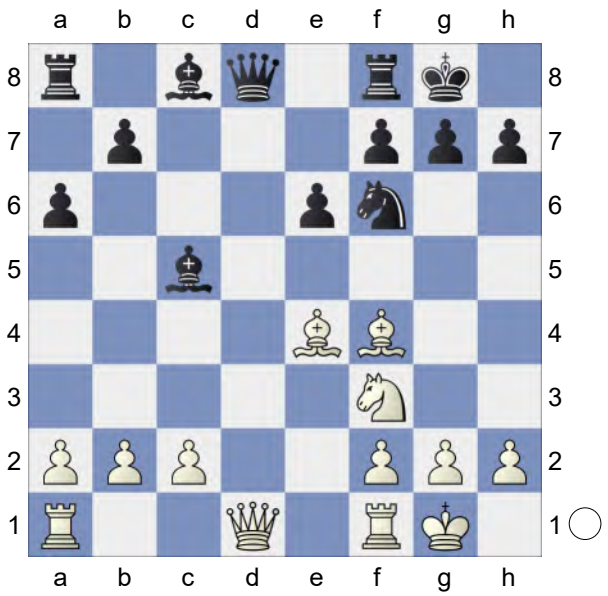
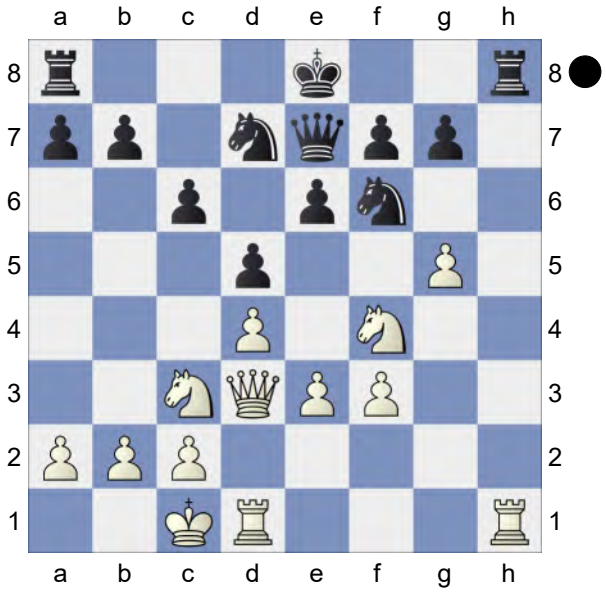


And now ...Qd8xd1 would win. **12.Qe2 Nxe4 13.Qxe4 f6 14.Qc4** -0.74/20
[14.Nd2= -0.14/20]
14...Qb6∓ **15.Rad1** Inhibits Bc8-d7.
15...Kh8 -0.36/23
[15...Rf7∓ -0.79/22 16.Qe4 e5 *(16...Qxb2 17.Bd6∓)*]
16.Nd2∓ e5 17.Nb3 Be7
[17...Bg4!? 18.Nxc5 Bxd1= *(18...exf4 19.Rd5=)*]
18.Be3 Be6 19.Bxb6 Bxc4 20.Rfe1 Bb5 21.f4 Kg8 0.34/23
[21...Rf7= -0.07/20 was preferrable.]
22.Nd4 exd4
[22...Bb4 23.Nxb5 Bxe1 *(23...axb5 24.c3+-)* 24.Nc7+-]
23.Rxe7 Rf7 0.38/23
[23...Rfe8= -0.01/23 24.Rxb7 Rac8]
24.Rxf7± Kxf7 25.Rxd4 Endgame. KRB-KRB
[Resist 25.Bxd4 Re8]
25...Re8 26.c4 Bc6 27.Kf2 Prevents Re8-e2+ **27...Re4 28.g3 Ke6 29.Rxe4+ Bxe4** KB-KB **30.Ke3 Bc6 31.g4 g5 32.b3 Bg2 33.fxg5 fxg5 34.Bd8 h6 35.Bb6 Bh3** The position is equal. **36.Kf3 Bf1 37.Bd4 Kf7** Repels Bd4-g7 **38.Ke3 Bh3 39.Kf3**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.09 (flawless)
½-½

564 **D00**
□ **Theodorou,Nikolas** **2532**
■ **Mashinskaya,Iulia** **2285**
27. Kavala Open 2018 (2.3) 06.08.2018
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 c6 4.e3 Bf5 5.f3 e6 6.g4 Bg6 7.h4** Black must now prevent h5. **7...h6 8.Bd3** The position is equal. **8...Bxd3 9.Qxd3 Bd6** 0.47/19
[9...a5= 0.13/18 is superior.]
10.Nge2 Bxf4
[10...Qc7 11.0-0-0 Nbd7 12.Bxd6 Qxd6 13.Nf4 0-0-0 14.g5 Ne8 15.Kb1 e5 16.dxe5 Nxe5 17.Qf5+ Kb8 18.Nd3 Nxd3 19.Rxd3 Qe7 20.gxh6 Rxh6 21.Qf4+ Ka8 22.e4 dxe4 23.Rxd8+ Qxd8 24.Rd1 Rd6 25.Rxd6 Disconzi da Silva,R (2410)-Leitao,R (2581) Sao Paulo BRA 2001 [John Emms] 0-1]
11.Nxf4 Nbd7 12.0-0-0 Qe7N
[12...Qa5 13.g5 Ng8 14.g6 Ne7 15.gxf7+ Kxf7 16.Rhg1 e5 17.Nfe2 Rag8 18.e4 Ke8 19.f4 exf4 20.Nxf4 Kd8 21.exd5 Nxd5 22.Ncxd5 cxd5 23.Ne6+ Kc8 24.Qg3 g5 25.Rd3 gxh4 26.Rc3+ Nc5 27.Rxc5+ Artemenko,O (2246)-Ilkhomi,J (2145) Chess.com INT 2022 1-0]
[12...Qc7 13.g5 Ng8 14.g6 Ndf6 15.gxf7+ Qxf7 16.Ng6 Rh7 17.Ne5 Qe7 18.Qg6+ Kd8 19.Na4 Kc7 20.Nc5 b6 21.Nb3 a5 22.Rd3 Kb7 23.Rc3 Rc8 24.a3 Qe8 25.Nf7 Ka8 26.Rg1 Ne7 27.Nd6 Matshego,T (1150)-O'Carroll,O (1737) Eindhoven 2023 0-1 (76) Qd7 28.Nxc8 Qxc8 29.Qg3 Nf5 30.Qh2 a4 31.Nd2 Qd7 32.e4 Nxd4 33.Rd3 Nb5 34.Nc4 Qd8 35.Qe5 Nd7 36.Qxe6 Na7 37.exd5 Nc5 38.Qf5 Nxd3+ 39.Qxd3 Rh8 40.Rxg7 b5 41.Qd4 Nc8 42.Ne5 Mokry,K (1150)-Bukhteeva,V (1737) Groningen 2023 CBM 79_02 [John Watson] 0-1 (76)]
13.g5 hxg5 1.12/22
[⌓13...Nh7 0.79/21]
14.hxg5±



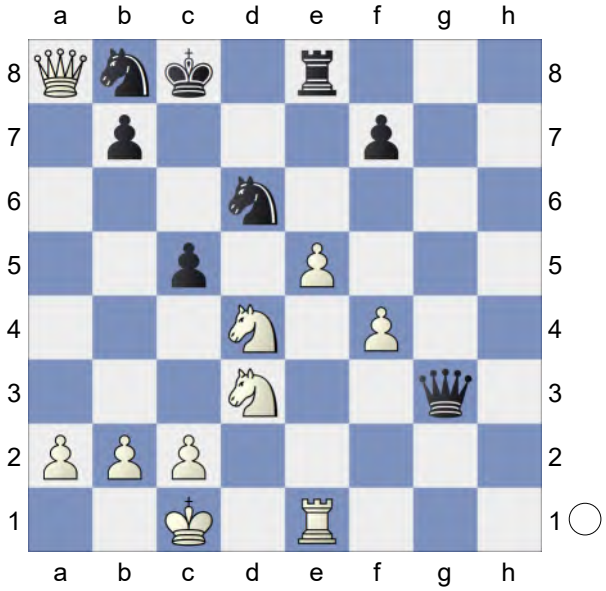
Discovered Attack **14...Rxh1 15.Rxh1 Ng8 16.Qh7 0-0-0 17.Qxg7** Rh8 is the strong threat. **17...e5 18.Nd3** 0x0.0010f922457fdp-1022s more active pieces. The black rooks are badly placed. **18...exd4 19.Qxd4** And now f4 would win. **19...Qxg5 20.Qxa7 Ne7** 1.57/23
[Black should try 20...Ngf6 1.05/21]
21.Re1↑ White has strong initiative.
21...Nf5 1.81/22
[21...Qg2± 1.47/20 is a better defense. 22.Kb1 Qxf3]
22.f4+- Qg3 2.51/21
[⌓22...Qe7 1.73/21 23.e4 dxe4]
23.e4 d4 24.Nb5 Re8 3.67/21

[⌓24...cxb5 2.41/22 25.exf5 Qf3 26.Qa8+ Kc7 27.Qa5+ Kc8 28.Qxb5 Qc6 29.Qxc6+ bxc6]

25.Nxd4 Nd6 White has a decisive advantage. **26.e5**

[26.Nxc6 bxc6 27.e5 Nb5=]

26...c5 27.Qa8+ Nb8



28.Qa5! cxd4 29.Qc5+

[Weaker is 29.exd6 Rxe1+ 30.Qxe1 Qxe1+ 31.Nxe1 Kd7+-]

29...Nc6 30.Qxd6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) / Black=0.27 (precise)

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565 **D00**

□ **Chigaev,Maksim** **2531**

■ **Iskandarov,Misratdin** **2405**

World Junior Open 2015 (12.8) 14.09.15

[Richard Palliser]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 Bf5

[Another recent game in the Jobava-Prie (or should I say the Prie-Jobava?) saw 3...c5 4.e3 and now the pretty rare g6!? , which looks fairly ambitious to me. However, after 5.Nb5 *(* new and just in case you thought 3 Bf4 was a modern fad, in Hartmann-Moehring, Leipzig 1960, *5.Nf3 Bg7 6.Nb5 Na6 7.Be5 0-0 8.Be2 Qa5+ 9.c3 c4 10.Na3?! b5 11.0-0 b4* had given Black an early initiative of course, White should have preferred a2-a4 to the knight retreat*)* 5...Na6 6.dxc5 Bg7 7.Be5 0-0 the position seemed like a reasonable Barry for Black in Lenderman-Schroer, US Online League 2015, before 8.Qd4?! Nb8 9.Qd1 Na6?! *(* I wonder if this repetition really occurred, as here *9...Nc6 10.Bc3 a6 11.Nd4 Ne4* would have been pretty good for Black *)* 10.c4?! *(10.Nf3* would have been much safer*)* 10...Bg4 11.Nf3 Nxc5 12.h3 Bxf3 13.gxf3 Rc8 left the somewhat higher-rated white player already in grave danger of overextension.]

4.e3

[A new trend or just a sign that Black is fine after 4.f3 e6 5.g4 Bg6 6.h4 h6 , as we've seen on several occasions before? Only time will tell.]

4...e6 5.Nf3

[Another September encounter saw White switch back to 5.f3 , but after Bd6 6.Nge2 Nc6 7.Bxd6 *(*Colovic had earlier tried *7.g4 Bg6 8.h4 h6 9.Qd2* , but had possibly decided that *Nb4!? 10.Rc1 Nc6 11.Kf2 e5* was fine for Black*)* 7...Qxd6 8.Ng3 Bg6 9.Bb5 0-0 Black was at least equal in Colovic-Petkov, Kragujevac 2015. It feels strange to go f2-f3 if the kingside pawns aren't to be pushed, especially as Black can always hit back with a timely ...e5.]

5...a6

[5...c5?! 6.Bxb8 Qxb8 7.Bb5+

would be a little annoying, so Black first prepares the break.]

6.Ne5 Nbd7 7.g4!?

[New and certainly more lively than the previously-seen 7.Bd3 .]

7...Nxe5!

[Black is right to take up the challenge, as now 7...Bg6?! 8.h4 would be a little awkward, and if Nxe5 9.dxe5 d4!? 10.exd4 Nd5 11.Be3 when there shouldn't be enough compensation for a pawn.]

8.gxf5 Nc6 9.fxe6 fxe6 An original and unbalanced position. White has the bishop-pair and a half-open g-file, but Black too is not without his trumps: he is very solid, might eventually exploit the f-file and can hint at ...e5. All in all, I suspect the position should be about equal and that who to prefer is really a matter of taste. **10.Bg2**

[10.Qd3 prepares aggression should Black go short, but after Bd6 11.Bg3 Qd7 12.0-0-0 0-0-0 13.Bh3 Kb8 14.Kb1 Rhf8 Black shouldn't be too badly off.]

10...Bd6 Sensibly trying to neutralise the bishop-pair and equally sensibly, White now improves his knight. **11.Ne2 0-0 12.0-0 Ne7?!**

[I'm not so sure about this and Black's next though. With White's knight back on e2, ...e5 is easier to achieve and 12...Qe8 would also have hinted at some timely kingside counterplay.]

13.Bg3 Nf5 14.c4! Opening up the bishop on g2 and so giving White a definite pull. **14...Kh8**

[This feels a little planless, but Iskandarov presumably couldn't find a great plan, and who can blame him? After 14...Nxg3 15.hxg3 c6 16.Qb3 Qd7 White is pleasantly better and might even expand with 17.f4 , Bf3, Kg2 and g3-g4,]

[while 14...Bxg3 15.hxg3 Qe7 16.Nf4 is also quite nice.]

[And note too that there was absolutely no time for the radical 14...c5? on account of 15.dxc5 Bxc5 16.Nf4 , hitting e6 and d5.]

15.c5!?

[Clamping and ensuring that White will land up with a bind on the position, but this was by no means forced with the calm 15.Qb3 one decent alternative.]

15...Bxg3 16.hxg3 c6 17.Nf4 Qe7 The one downside to White's 15th is that Black has gained a pawn break, but at first one might assume that Chigaev has judged things well. **18.b4?**

[But this suggests that he may not have done. White should have inserted 18.Nd3 Nd7 , not to play after exchanges with a bad bishop against the knight on f5, but rather to counter with 19.Re1! . The point is revealed after e5?! 20.e4 when the tactics work for White, as shown by dxe4 *(20...Nxd4 21.exd5 Qf6 22.Rc1* is also surprisingly strong that knight on d3 really does glue everything together*)* 21.Rxe4 Rad8 22.Qa4 and Black continues to suffer: for example, Nf6 23.Rxe5 Qd7 24.d5! Nxd5 25.Bxd5 cxd5 26.Qxd7 Rxd7 27.Nf4 with a large advantage in the endgame.]

18...e5 19.dxe5 Qxe5 20.a4 White stakes everything on his queenside trumps, but Black too has cards to play. **20...Ne4 21.Qc2 Rf6**

[Tempting, although most certainly not forced. Indeed, I must admit that after the calm 21...Rae8 I might even

prefer to take Black. He can keep recapturing with pieces in the event of exchanges on e4 and kingside threats will soon be imminent after ... g5.]

22.Bxe4! A big decision, but a good one. Chigaev realises that his king can cope without one of its defenders and so opens the d-file for counterplay.

22...dxe4 23.Rad1 Raf8?

[Very natural, but too slow. Black should have preferred 23...g5 , and only if 24.Ne2 *(24.Nh5 Rh6 25.Qe2* seemingly echoes the game, but here Black has the sneaky *Rg8 26.Rd7 Nh4! 27.gxh4 Rxh5* when White can't take on h5 and so should head for a draw with *28.Qd1! Rxh4 29.Qa1)* 24...Raf8 leaving everything to play for.]

24.Rd7 Not only is b7 attacked, but White is also ready to go Qd1, strengthening his position on the kingside while facilitating a timely Rd8.

24...g5 25.Nh5 Now this is a well-timed and disruptive leap. **25...Rh6**

[Iskandarov never really lands a blow after this, so maybe he should have tried 25...Nxe3!? 26.Nxf6 Rxf6 27.fxe3 Qxg3+ 28.Qg2 Qxe3+ 29.Rf2 g4 . That said, it seems that White can do more than draw here, with the extremely calm 30.Kf1! Qc1+ 31.Ke2 Qc4+ 32.Kd1 Qb3+ 33.Rc2 indicated by the ice-cool silicon.]

26.Qe2 Ne7

[And here the creative 26...Nh4!? 27.gxh4 Rg8 was worth consideration, although unfortunately 28.Kh1 Rxh5 29.Qxh5 Qf5 (the point of Black's play) 30.Rxh7+! Qxh7 31.Qxh7+ Kxh7 32.Rd1 seems to be a winning rook ending, as shown by gxh4 33.Rd4 Rf8 34.Kg1 h3 35.Rxe4 h2+ 36.Kxh2 Rxf2+ 37.Kg3 Rf7 38.Kg4 .]

27.Qg4 Nd5 28.Rxb7 White dominates the board in addition to the first pawn which has just fallen. **28...Rg8**

[Played to avoid 28...Qe8 29.Nf4 .]

29.Rd1 Qe8 Iskandarov comes up with the best try, but unfortunately for him, Chigaev has already prepared a strong counterblow: **30.Rxd5! cxd5 31.Qf5** Neat. Both ways of taking the knight lead to mate and meanwhile White is all set to exploit his queenside trumps. **31...g4 32.Nf4 Qc6?** A blunder in a completely lost position. **33.Rb6**

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566 **A45**

□ **Genescu,Costin** **2530**

■ **Vaisman,Volodea** **2653**

Zagreb GCT Blitz 12.04.2020

[Pilnik,H/Primel,D]

A45: Trompowsky Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 c5 3.e3 Qb6 4.Nc3 Qxb2**

[4...cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.a3 d5]

5.Nb5 Nd5 6.a3 Against Qb4+

[6.Rb1 Qxa2 7.Ra1 Qb2]

6...a6 0.40/20

[6...Nc3! 7.Nc7+ Kd8 8.Qc1 Qxc1+ 9.Rxc1 e5! 10.Bxe5 d6 11.Nxa8 dxe5 12.dxe5

A) 12...b6 1.19/22 12...Nc6 -0.25 13.Ne2 Nxe2 14.Bxe2 Bb7? 3.72/21 *(14...Bd7±* 0.78/20 keeps fighting.*)* 15.Rd1++- Kc8 16.Bg4+;

B) 12...c4 13.Bxc4 Bxa3 14.Ra1 Bb2 0.69/20 *(14...Bb4!=* 0.12/23 *)* 15.Rxa7± Nc6 16.Ra2! Nxa2 17.Bxa2;

C) 12...Nc6 13.Ne2! Nxe2 14.Bxe2 Bf5

C1) 15.Bc4 -0.99/23 15.Bf3 -0.23 Kc8 -0.38/20 *(15...Nxe5∓ -0.99/23 16.Bd5 Kc8)* 16.f4!∓ Kb8 17.Bxf7 c4 18.Bxc4 Bxa3;

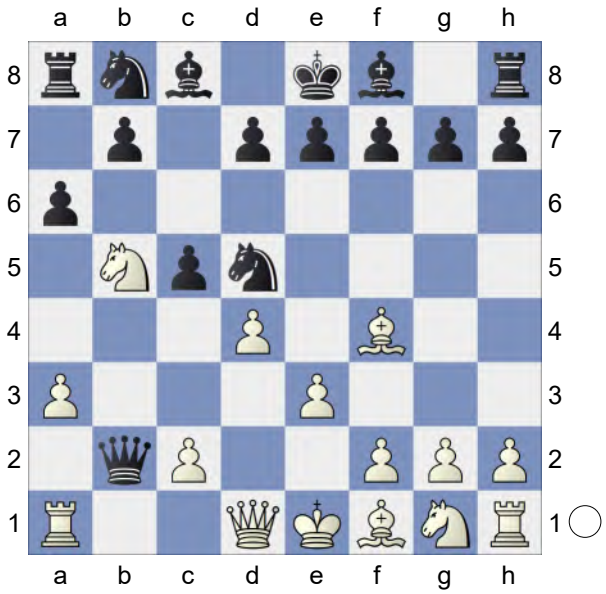
C2) 15.g4 Bd7! 16.0-0 Kc8 17.Rb1! Be7 Black wants to play ...Kb8.

C2a) 18.Rfd1 -0.88/21 18.Rb2 -0.11 Rd8 -0.19/20 (Black should play *18...Nxe5∓* -0.88/21 *19.Rd5 f6*) 19.Bf3= Be6;

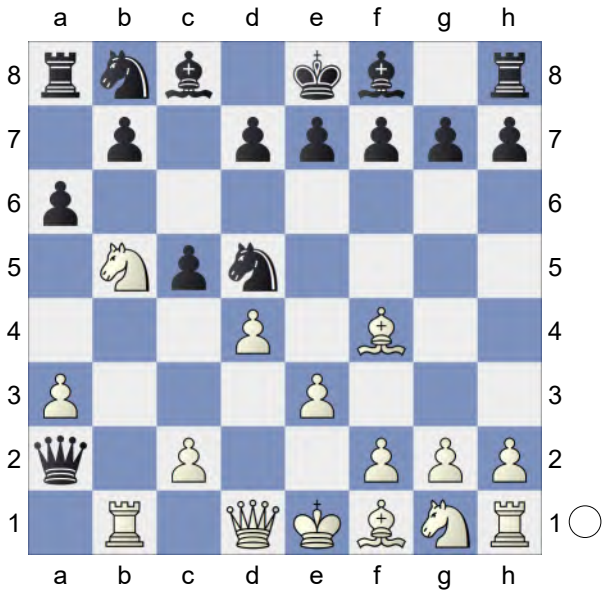
C2b) 18.Rb2 Kb8 19.Rfb1 Nd8 20.Bf3 Bc8! 21.Nb6 axb6 22.Rxb6 Kc7 23.a4 Re8]

[6...Nxf4? 2.34/20 6...Nc3 -0.31 7.exf4 cxd4 *(7...Na6* 3.50/22 7...Nc6 2.12 *8.Bc4 d5 9.Ra2)* 8.Bc4 *(8.Nc7+?? -3.27/5 8.Nf3 2.50 Kd8 9.Nxa8 Qc3+ 10.Ke2 b6!)* 8...d3 9.cxd3 Na6 3.05/22 *(9...d5± 1.56/18)* 10.d4!]

[6...Nc3!= -0.17/24 7.Nc7+ Kd8]



7.Rb1!± Qa2



8.Qc1! White is slightly better. **8...axb5 9.Ra1 Qxa1 10.Qxa1 c4N** 1.07/20

[10...Nxf4 11.exf4 b4 1.12/18 *(11...c4!± 0.51/22)* 12.a4± cxd4 13.Bb5 Nc6 14.Nf3]

[10...Nc6

A) 11.dxc5 0.14/21 11.Bxb5 0.67 b4! 12.a4 -0.59/21 *(12.Ne2!=* 0.17/20 *)* 12...Nc3;

B) 11.Bxb5 cxd4! 12.Bxc6 dxc6 *(12...bxc6 13.Qxd4 f6! 14.c4 Nxf4 15.exf4 e5! 16.fxe5 Bxa3 17.exf6 0-0! 18.fxg7 Re8+! 19.Kd1 d5)* 13.Qxd4 f6! 14.c4 Nxf4 *(14...e5* 1.73/19 14...Nxf4 0.73 *15.Bxe5! fxe5 16.Qxe5+ Ne7 17.Nf3 Rxa3 18.0-0)* 15.exf4 Rxa3 16.Nf3 Against e5 *(16.Qb2 Ra4 17.Ne2 Rxc4 18.Qa2 Rc5! 19.0-0 e6! 20.Qa8 Kd7!)* 16...e5! 17.Qb2 exf4 *(17...e4 18.Nd2 e3! 19.Ne4! Bf5 20.c5 Ra4 21.Nd6+ Bxd6 22.cxd6 b5 23.0-0* Strongly threatening Qe2. *Kd7)* 18.0-0 Bc5 Against Qb6 19.Ng5 0.10/23 *(19.Re1+±* 0.52/19 is superior. *Kf7 20.Nd2)* 19...0-0!= *(19...fxg5?* 3.99/22 19...0-0 0.07

20.Qxg7 Rf8 21.Re1+) 20.Ne4 Be7 21.Rd1]
[10...Nc6± 0.43/23]
[10...e5 11.dxe5 *(11.Bxe5 c4 12.Qb2 Ra5 13.Bxb8 Bxa3 14.Qb1 Nc3 15.Qa1 Bb4 16.Qb2 Nd5+ 17.Ke2 0-0 18.Kf3 d6 19.Ne2 Be6 20.g4 Rxb8 21.Bg2 Ba3 22.Qb1 Nc7 23.Nf4 d5 24.g5 Bf5 25.Kg3 Bd6* 12.♕e3 ♕e7 (2361)-Preußner,M (2394) Dortmund 2010 CYB 12 [Marcinkiewicz] 0-1 (44)) 11...Nxf4 *(11...c4 12.Qd4 Nxf4 13.Qxf4 Bxa3 14.Ke2 Bb4 15.Nf3 0-0 16.h4 Ra2 17.Nd4* Benoni-Benoni Roadmap [MH] *)* 12.exf4 c4 13.Be2 Rxa3 14.Qb2 Nc6 15.Nf3 Bb4+ 16.Kf1 0-0 17.g3 d5 18.Kg2 d4 19.Nxd4 c3 20.Qb1 Nxd4 21.Qxb4 Ra4 The Combative Qxb2-Agadmator'S Anti London Goth Asti 2022 https://www.chessable.co [MH]]

11.Bxb8±
[11.Bg3? -2.46/20 11.Bxb8 0.68 e6 *(11...e5!)* 12.Ke2? -4.09/22 *(12.Bxb8 Rxa3 13.Qc1 Bb4+ 14.Ke2 d6 15.g4; 12.Bxb8* -2.09/22 might work better. *Rxb8 13.e4)* 12...Rxa3-+ 13.Qb2 Nc6 14.Kf3 f5 15.Nh3 Rc3 16.Ke2 Ncb4]

11...Rxb8 1.33/19
[⌓11...e6 0.89/22]

12.Qb2 Nc7 13.a4 0.17/19
[13.d5!± 1.17/23]

13...d5!= 14.axb5 Bd7! 15.b6 Nb5

16.Nf3 -0.09/21
[16.g4 e6 17.Bg2 Ba3 18.Qb1! Ra8 19.Ne2 Prevents Nc3. Be7 20.e4]
[⌓16.Ne2 0.25/21]

16...f6 0.48/22
[16...e6 17.Be2 *(17.Ne5* -0.78/21 17.c3 -0.14 *Ba3 18.Qb1 Ra8! 19.Nxd7 Nc3! 20.Qa1 Ne4)* 17...Ba3 18.Qb1! Ra8 *(18...Nc3!? 19.Qa1 Bb4=)* 19.0-0! Nc3 20.Qe1 Bb4]
[Black should try 16...e6= -0.09/21]

17.e4 0.00/27
[17.Ng1 0.20/17 17.Be2 0.54]
[17.g3 e6 18.Bh3 Ba3 19.Qb1 And now Bxe6! would win. Kf7! 20.0-0 Black must now prevent e4! Ra8 21.Nd2 Nc3 0.46/23 Against e4 *(21...Bc6=* 0.03/19 *)* 22.Qe1!± Bb2! aiming for ...Ra1. 23.e4]
[17.Be2± 0.48/22 feels stronger.]

17...e6 18.Be2 -1.22/19
[18.exd5 exd5 Hoping for ...Ba3. 19.c3 Ra8! 20.Be2 Ra3 21.0-0 Nd2 is the strong threat. Nxc3 22.Ne1]
[18.exd5= 0.00/27 keeps the balance. exd5 19.c3]

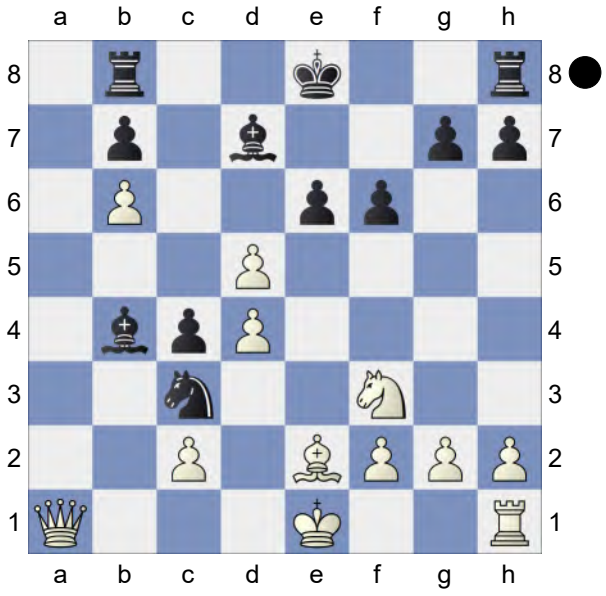
18...Ba3∓ White is on the road to losing.

19.Qb1 -1.64/18
[19.Qa1∓ -1.16/21]

19...Nc3!↑ Keeping White busy.
[Much less strong is 19...dxe4 20.Bxc4! Nd6 21.Nd2±]

20.Qa1 Bb4 This bishop pair is nice.

21.Kf1
[21.exd5



0-0! Threatens to win with ...Ra8. 22.dxe6 Bxe6]

21...Nxe4

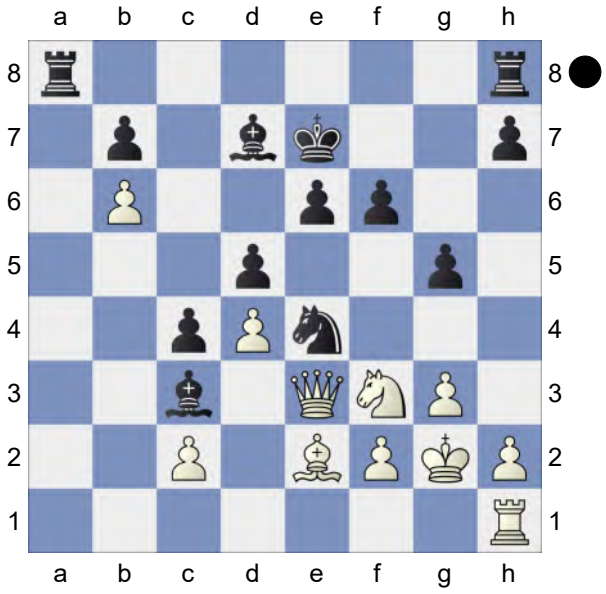
[And not 21...dxe4 22.Nd2∓]

22.g3 Ke7 23.Kg2 Ra8 24.Qc1 Bc3 0x0.00249207745cdp-1022s more active pieces. **25.Qf4** -2.37/22

[25.Rd1∓ -1.40/18]

25...g5 26.Qc7 -4.76/18

[26.Qe3



Ra2! 27.Bd1 h5]

[26.Qc1 -2.30/22 was necessary.]

26...Rhc8 Black is clearly winning.

27.Qxb7 Nd6 28.Qxa8 Rxa8 29.h4 g4 30.Nh2 h5 31.f3 f5 32.fxg4 fxg4 33.Rb1 Rb8 34.Nf1 Bxd4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.41/Black=0.13 (very precise)

0-1

567 **A45**

□ **Moroni,Luca** **2530**

■ **Paravyan,David** **2653**

Italy vs Molodezhka, Internet (blitz)

[Richard Palliser]

A45: Trompowsky Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 c5 3.e3 Qb6** The downside to White's last. **4.Nc3 Qxb2**

[Just a quick reminder that Black doesn't have to play into the drawing line, with one decent enough alternative, 4...cxd4 5.exd4 a6 , and if 6.a3 d5 with a Jobava-Prie-like position.]

5.Nb5 Nd5 6.a3 Prevents Qb4+.

[The young Italian Grandmaster has no fear. Instead, as we've seen on many an occasion now, 6.Rb1 Qxa2 7.Ra1 Qb2 leads to an early handshake.]

6...a6 0.35/23

[The most sensible choice, as pointed out by Eric, who also felt that 6...Nc3!? was dubious. Unsurprisingly, he analysed the critical line, 7.Nc7+ Kd8 8.Qc1 Qxc1+ 9.Rxc1 e5! 10.Bxe5 d6 11.Nxa8 dxe5 12.dxe5 when it's not obvious to me or the modern engines that White is definitely better. One key line runs

A) 12...b6? 1.10/25 12...Nc6 -0.19 13.Ne2! favours White, as Eric demonstrated, in view of Nxe2 14.Bxe2 Bb7? 3.78/23 *(14...Bd7± 0.76/20 is a better chance.)* 15.Rd1++- Kc8? 16.Bg4+ ,;

B) and he mainly focussed on 12...c4!? when 13.Bxc4 Bxa3 14.Ra1! 0.00/26 *(14.Ne2!± 0.37/25)* 14...Bb2 0.39/24 *(14...Bb4!= 0.00/26 might be stronger.)* 15.Rxa7± Nc6 16.Ra2! Nxa2

17.Bxa2 should be better for White, even if things are by no means one hundred percent clear;

C) 12...Nc6 13.Ne2! Nxe2 14.Bxe2 Bf5 , simply trapping the knight with the king. White can and perhaps should counter aggressively, but after

C1) 15.Bc4 -0.84/26 15.g4 -0.12 Kc8 -0.25/22 *(15...Nxe5∓ -0.84/26 16.Bd5 Kc8)* 16.f4!= Kb8!? is another important line, and if 17.Bxf7 c4 18.Bxc4 Bxa3 - with a mess;

C2) 15.g4 Bd7! 16.0-0 Kc8 Black surely shouldn't be worse: for example, 17.Rb1! Be7

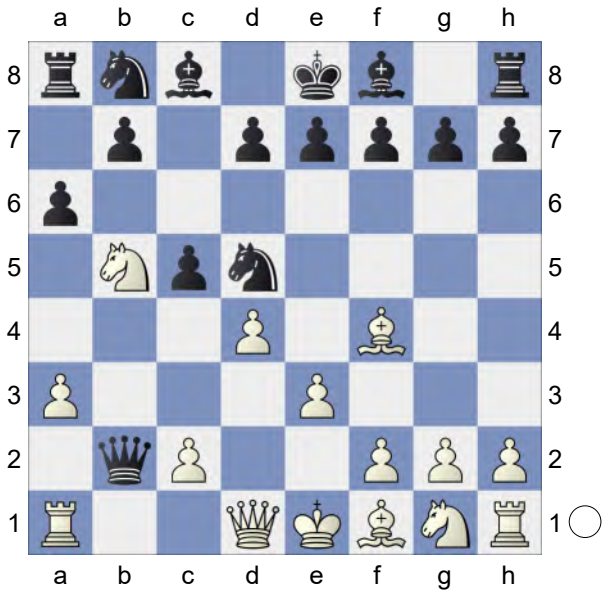
C2a) the knight remains trapped after 18.Rfd1 -0.46/26 18.Rb2 -0.12 Rd8 -0.12/23 *(18...Nxe5∓ -0.46/26 19.Rd5 f6)* 19.Bf3= Be6;

C2b) 18.Rb2!? Kb8 19.Rfb1 Nd8 20.Bf3 Bc8! 21.Nb6 axb6 22.Rxb6 Kc7 23.a4 Re8 when everything is covered and the chances are likely roughly balanced.]

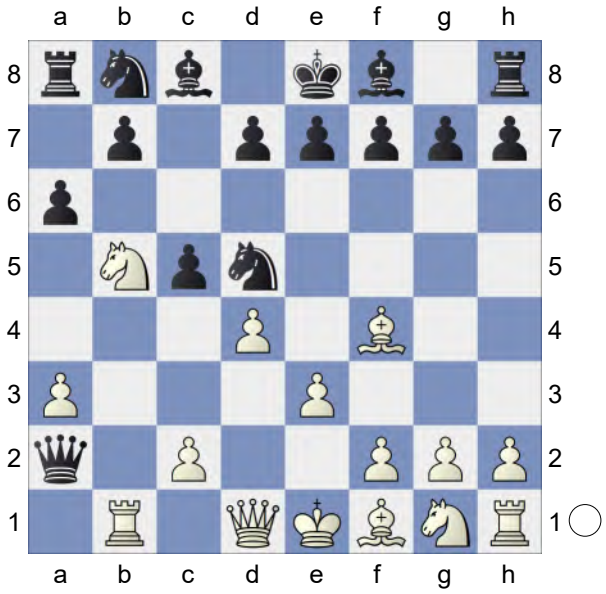
[Note too that 6...Nxf4? 2.33/23 6...Nc3 -0.27 7.exf4 cxd4 won't do, in view of *(*or *7...Na6* 3.73/24 7...Nc6 2.42 *8.Bc4 d5 9.Ra2)* 8.Bc4! *(*and not *8.Nc7+?* -3.25/5 8.Nf3 2.47 *Kd8 9.Nxa8 Qc3+ 10.Ke2 b6!* when Black wins*)* 8...d3 9.cxd3 when Black must either allow Nc7+ or find his queen trapped anew after Na6 10.d4! .]

[6...Nc3!= -0.17/25 7.Nc7+ Kd8]

(Diagram)



7.Rb1!± Qa2



8.Qc1! White has an edge. **8...axb5 9.Ra1 Qxa1 10.Qxa1 c4N** 0.79/24 Maintaining the bind at the cost of allowing White to take on b8. In this complex and quite critical position, Black has a few options:

[a) 10...Nxf4?! 11.exf4 b4 1.01/21 *(*Better is *11...c4!±* 0.31/24 *)* 12.a4± favours White, in view of cxd4 13.Bb5 Nc6 14.Nf3 , as shown by Eric.]

[b) 10...Nc6! 0.53/23 10...Nxf4 0.21 was initially given an exclam by Eric

and still appears pretty critical. He analysed

A) Eric didn't appear to particularly believe in White's whole concept, possibly because of Prie-Gonzalez de la Torre, Donostia 2011, where 11.dxc5?! -0.15/22 11.Bxb5 0.49 b4! 12.a4 -0.55/22 *(12.Ne2!= 0.26/21)* 12...Nc3 was a handy resource - see the Archive;

B) 11.Bxb5 cxd4! 12.Bxc6

B1) after 12...bxc6!? 13.Qxd4 With the idea Nf3. f6! 14.c4 Nxf4 15.exf4 e5! Eric wrote, "It is not clear White's slight superiority of queen and knight + space vs Rook, 2 bishops and pawn may even be winnable" moreover, after 16.fxe5 Bxa3 17.exf6 0-0! 18.fxg7! Re8+! 19.Kd1 d5 0.58/21 he added: "Looks totally frightening for White, doesn't it?! Yet the machine stays cool" - All I can add in 2020 is that over the board absolutely anything might, indeed, happen here, while both Lc0 and Stockfish consider White to be about '+1' *(19...d6= 0.02/24)*;

B2) 12...bxc6= 0.15/24 13.Qxd4 Rxa3;

B3) 12...dxc6 0.53/22 13.Qxd4± f6! 14.c4 Nxf4 *(14...e5 1.74/22 14...Nxf4 0.60 15.Bxe5! fxe5 16.Qxe5+ Ne7 17.Nf3 Rxa3 18.0-0* gives White too strong an initiative, as shown by Eric's pioneering work) 15.exf4 Rxa3 , reaching yet another position I wouldn't want to reach over the board as White without preparation. Probably the engines are right that he may be slightly choice though, in view of 16.Nf3 Against e5. next 0-0 is good for White. *(* remarkably or not, Black seems to be OK after *16.Qb2 Ra4 17.Ne2 Rxc4 18.Qa2 Rc5! 19.0-0 e6! 20.Qa8 Kd7!)* 16...e5! 17.Qb2

B3a) 17...e4!? 18.Nd2 e3! is also far from easy to assess, but White is helped by having 19.Ne4! Bf5 0.74/23 *(19...Ra4!± 0.40/25)* 20.c5!± , and if Ra4 21.Nd6+ Bxd6 22.cxd6 b5 23.0-0 , although even this might well be a 'three results' position over the board after Kd7!;

B3b) 17...exf4 18.0-0 Bc5 Prevents Qd4. 19.Ng5! 0-0! *(19...fxg5? 4.30/24* 19...0-0 0.17 *20.Qxg7 Rf8 21.Re1+* is a massacre*)* 20.Ne4 Be7 21.Rd1 , keeping a lid on Black's activity. Both Lc0 and Stockfish do, indeed, slightly prefer White here, but I'm still going to cop out and give an unclear assessment! After all, Black does have the two bishops, as well as two extra pawns, and, yes, this could really all do with some testing...]

[10...Nxf4± 0.41/27 was preferrable. 11.exf4 c4]

[10...e5 11.dxe5 *(11.Bxe5 c4 12.Qb2 Ra5 13.Bxb8 Bxa3 14.Qb1 Nc3 15.Qa1 Bb4 16.Qb2 Nd5+ 17.Ke2 0-0 18.Kf3 d6 19.Ne2 Be6 20.g4 Rxb8 21.Bg2 Ba3 22.Qb1 Nc7 23.Nf4 d5 24.g5 Bf5 25.Kg3*

Bd6 12.♕e3 ♕e7 (2361)-Preußner,M (2394) Dortmund 2010 CYB 12 [Marcinkiewicz] 0-1 (44)*)* 11...Nxf4 *(11...c4 12.Qd4 Nxf4 13.Qxf4 Bxa3 14.Ke2 Bb4 15.Nf3 0-0 16.h4 Ra2 17.Nd4* Benoni-Benoni Roadmap [MH] *)* 12.exf4 c4 13.Be2 Rxa3 14.Qb2 Nc6 15.Nf3 Bb4+ 16.Kf1 0-0 17.g3 d5 18.Kg2 d4 19.Nxd4 c3 20.Qb1 Nxd4 21.Qxb4 Ra4 The Combative Qxb2-Agadmator'S Anti London Goth Asti 2022 https://www.chessable.co [MH]]

11.Bxb8±

[While this whole line remains uncharted, this is certainly an improvement over the earlier 11.Bg3? -2.27/23 11.Bxb8 0.70 e6 *(* or even *11...e5!)*

A) White simply had to try 12.Bxb8 Rxa3 13.Qc1 Bb4+ 14.Ke2 d6 -1.23/23 and then something like *(14...b6-+ -1.89/22 15.f3 Rxe3+ 16.Qxe3 Nxe3 17.Kxe3 d6)* 15.g4;

B) 12.Bxb8 -2.12/23 might work better. Rxb8 13.e4;

C) 12.Ke2? -4.14/25 12...Rxa3-+ 13.Qb2 Nc6 14.Kf3 f5 15.Nh3 Rc3 16.Ke2 Ncb4 , which was a complete massacre in Aubert-Mevel, Avoine 2018.]

11...Rxb8 1.41/22

[⌓11...e6 0.99/24]

12.Qb2 Nc7 Essential. It's vital Black hangs on to his c4-pawn. **13.a4** 0.33/22

[13.d5!± 1.36/26]

13...d5!± 14.axb5 Bd7 15.b6 Nb5 Once again when considering the engines' assessment of a clear advantage for White here, we mustn't lose sight of the practical aspect. Black has rook and knight for the queen, as well as a certain bind on the queenside. Factor in his speedy kingside development, and it's by no means unlikely that a human annotator would assess the position as unclear. **16.Nf3?** -0.20/25

[Natural, but the engines aren't restrained by such thoughts and appear to be correct that 16.g4! e6 17.Bg2 Ba3 18.Qb1! Ra8 0.53/20 *(18...h5=* 0.22/21 deserves consideration.*)* 19.Ne2± Be7 20.e4 does grant White the clear advantage he is after.]

[16.g4± 0.37/24]

16...f6? 0.45/26

[A knee-jerk reaction, typical of a blitz game, but after the calm 16...e6 White would already have been the one having to be careful, as shown by. Strongly threatening ...Ba3. 17.Be2 *(*or *17.Ne5* -0.93/25 17.c3 -0.25 *Ba3 18.Qb1 Ra8!* And now ...Ra4 would win. *19.Nxd7 Nc3! 20.Qa1 Ne4* followed by annexing the white knight *)* 17...Ba3 18.Qb1! Ra8 ...Nc3 is the strong threat. 19.0-0! Nc3 20.Qe1 Bb4 when he comes under pressure.]

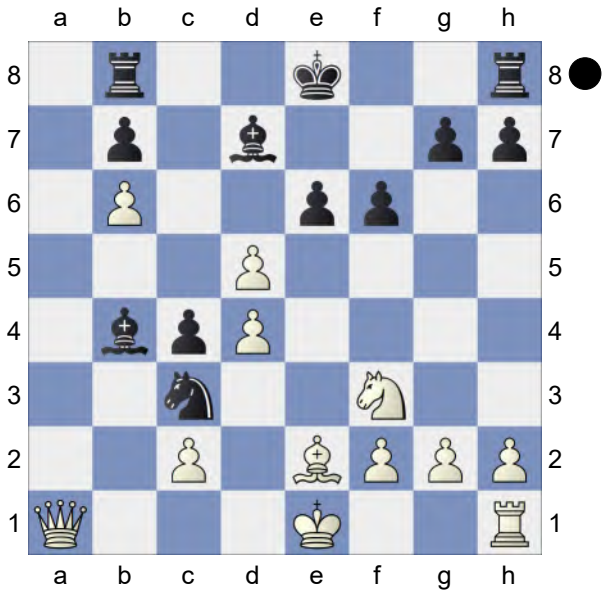
[16...e6= -0.20/25]

17.e4? 0.00/30

[Not the way to take advantage of Black's last. Remarkably 17.Ng1!? 0.20/22 17.c3 0.51 pops up when I look at the engines (the idea is still just Ne2 to prevent ...Nc3 ideas after ...Ba3),]

[but more importantly, 17.g3! e6 18.Bh3 (threatening Bxe6) Ba3 19.Qb1 Black must now prevent Bxe6! Kf7! 20.0-0 Black should prevent e4! Ra8 21.Nd2 Nc3 Prevents e4. 22.Qe1! Bb2! 23.e4 should be

slightly better for White as Black cannot keep the kingside closed.]
[17.Be2± 0.45/26]
17...e6= 18.Be2? -1.12/22
[It feels like I'm being rather unfair on Moroni considering this was only a blitz game, but by now it appears that White had to settle for development then grovelling a little with 18.exd5 exd5 19.c3 Ra8! 20.Be2 Ra3 21.0-0 Threatens to win with Nd2. Nxc3 22.Ne1! .]
[18.exd5= 0.00/30 keeps the balance. exd5 19.c3]
18...Ba3∓ Black begins to take over.
19.Qb1 -1.63/21
[19.Qa1∓ -1.28/24 is a better defense.]
19...Nc3!-+
[But not 19...dxe4 20.Bxc4! Nd6 21.Nd2±]
20.Qa1 Bb4 This bishop pair is nice.
21.Kf1
[White also finds himself in some trouble after 21.exd5 -2.18/23 21.Qb2 -1.72



0-0! Hoping for ...Ra8. 22.dxe6 Bxe6 .]
21...Nxe4
[Not 21...dxe4 22.Nd2∓]
22.g3 Ke7 -1.37/23
[22...0-0-+ -1.73/21 23.Qb1 Bc3]
23.Kg2 -1.78/21
[23.Qb2∓ -1.37/23 Bc3 24.Qc1]
23...Ra8 24.Qc1 Bc3 -1.29/22
Black controls the board, hence White's rather desperate ploy with his queen.
[Black should try 24...Ra2-+ -1.72/20 aiming for ...Rha8. 25.Qb1 Ra4]
25.Qf4 -2.14/23
[25.h4∓ -1.29/22]
25...g5! Rightly calling Moroni's bluff.
26.Qc7 -4.84/22
[It's easy to say that White had to scuttle backwards, but after 26.Qe3 Ra2 27.Bd1 h5 he remains bound hand and foot, and simply must be positionally lost.]
[⌓26.Qe3 -2.23/21]
26...Rhc8 Black is clearly winning.
27.Qxb7 Nd6 There goes the queen, and the game. **28.Qxa8 Rxa8 29.h4 g4 30.Nh2 h5 31.f3 f5 32.fxg4 fxg4 33.Rb1 Rb8 34.Nf1 Bxd4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.45/Black=0.12 (very precise)
0-1

568 **D00**
□ **Fernandez,Daniel** **2524**
■ **Matviishen,Viktor** **2539**
Sunnyvale Silicon Valley Fall op (6)
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6*

14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7 ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8 ½-½* Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]

3.Bf4 c6 4.e3 g6 5.h3 Bg7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.a4 0.02/18

[7.Be2± 0.42/22 might be stronger.]

7...Re8 8.a5 White is slightly better.

[8.Be2 Nbd7 9.0-0 h6 0.92/19 *(9...Ne4=* 0.27/23 *)* 10.a5± Nh7 11.Bh2 0.40/19 *(11.e4±* 1.17/22 *)* 11...e5± 12.dxe5 Nxe5 13.Nxe5 Bxe5 14.Bxe5 Rxe5]

8...Nfd7 9.Be2 e5 10.Bh2!?N New and interessant. Theoretisch interessant. New and interessant. Theoretisch interessant. **10...e4 11.Nd2 Nf8 12.b4** 0.20/20

[12.0-0± 0.84/19]

12...Ne6 0.72/21

[12...Qg5= 0.20/20 13.Bg3 h5]

13.Nb3 White is more active. **13...f5 14.Nc5 Nd7 15.Nxe6 Rxe6 16.Na4 b5 17.axb6 axb6 18.c4 Nf6** 1.76/19

[18...c5± 1.13/19]

19.c5+- Nd7 20.cxb6 Nxb6 21.Nc5 aiming for Ra1xa8. **21...Rxa1 22.Qxa1 Re8** 2.09/20

[22...Rf6± 1.55/21 23.0-0 g5]

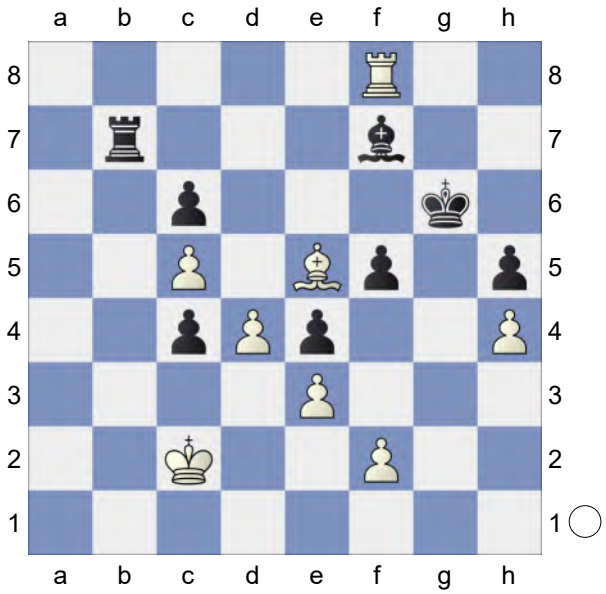
23.Qa7 Nc4 24.Qc7? 0.50/18

[Better is 24.0-0+- 2.16/19]

24...Qxc7± 25.Bxc7 Bf8 26.Bxc4 dxc4 27.Kd2 Bxc5! 28.bxc5= Endgame. KRB-KRB **28...Re7 29.Bb6 Be6 30.Ra1 Rf7 31.Kc3 g5 32.Ra8+ Rf8 33.Ra6** -0.36/24

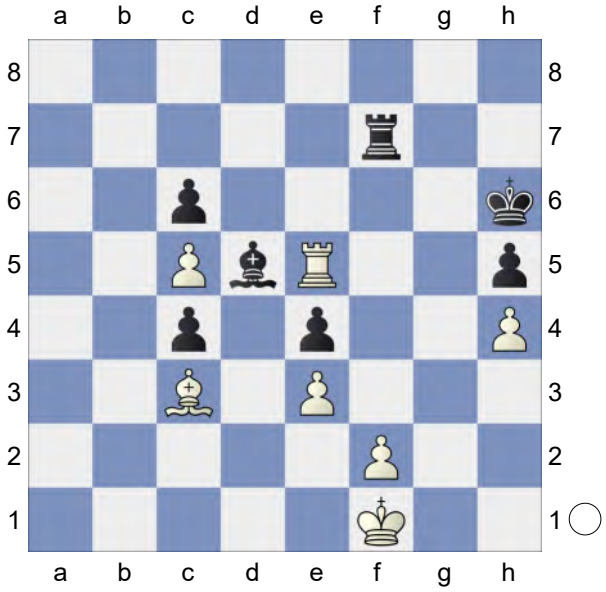
[33.Rd8= 0.00/32]

33...Bd5 34.Bc7 Rf7 35.Be5 h5 36.g3 Rf8 37.h4 gxh4 38.gxh4 Rf7 39.Ra8+ Rf8! 40.Ra1 next Ra1-g1+ is good for White. **40...Kh7 41.Kc2 Kh6 42.Ra7 Rf7** Prevents Be5-g7+. **43.Ra8 Rb7 44.Rf8 Bf7** 0.49/34 **45.Rh8+ Kg6 46.Bf4** Black must now prevent Rh8-h6+. **46...Kg7 47.Be5+ Kg6 48.Rd8** Vorgänger:. Hoping for Rd8-d6+. Vorgänger: **48...Bd5 49.Rf8 Bf7**

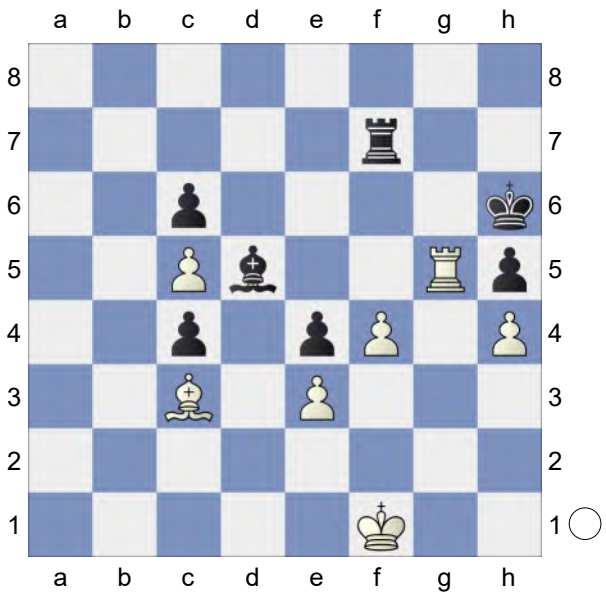


50.d5! Bxd5 51.Rf6+ Kh7 52.Rxf5

Bf7 53.Rg5 Bg6 54.Kc3 Rf7! ½-½ Mamedov,R (2654)-Korobov,A (2685) Kiev-Lvov Region Blitz 2021 (5) Mamedov,R (2654)-Korobov,A (2685) Kiev-Lvov Region Blitz 2021 (5) 1/2-1/2
55.Rg2 Rf5 56.Bd4 Bf7! 57.Kd2 Kh6 58.Ke1 Rd5 59.Ke2 Rf5 60.Rg1 Bd5 61.Ra1 Kg6 62.Ke1 Rf3 63.Ke2 Rf5 64.Bc3 Rf3 65.Rg1+ Kh6 66.Bg7+ Kh7 67.Rg5 Be6
[Reject 67...Rh3?! 68.Rxd5 Kxg7 *(68...cxd5? 69.c6+-)* 69.Rxh5±]
68.Bd4
[68.Rxh5+? Kxg7 69.Rg5+ Kh6-+]
68...Rf5 69.Rg7+ Kh6 70.Re7 Bd5 71.Be5 Kg6 72.Bc3 Rf7 73.Re5 Rf5 74.Re8 Rf3 75.Kf1 Rf7 76.Rg8+ Kh6 77.Rg5 Be6 78.Re5 Bd5 1.50/22
[78...Bh3+= 0.24/24 79.Ke1 Bf5]



79.f4!± Kg6? 5.19/24 This costs Black the game.
[79...exf3? perishes. 80.e4 Bxe4 81.Rxe4+-]
[79...Rf8± 1.50/27 is more resistant. 80.f5 Rg8]
80.Rg5++- White is clearly winning.
80...Kh6



81.f5! Ra7 82.Kf2 Ra8 83.Bg7+ Kh7 84.Be5
[84.Rxh5+? loses. Kxg7 85.Rg5+ Kf6-+]
84...Kh6 13.49/24
[⌓84...Re8 5.15/20]
85.Rg6+ Kh7 86.Rg7+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) / Black=0.10 (very precise)
1-0

569 **D00**
□ **Demuth,Adrien** **2524**
■ **Cheparinov,Ivan** **2641**
French Top 16 Club Championship 2025..
[TA]

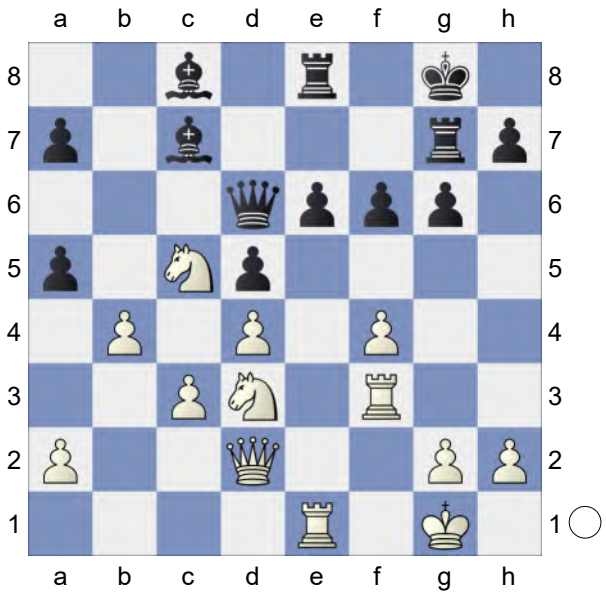
D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
Including this game is basically just for a bit of fun. Black plays a very dodgy opening and his position is resignable after seven moves. However, White doesn't play the most precise refutation and before we know it Black has tremendous compensation for the piece.
Inf 2/50 **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 g6 *(3...Qa5 4.Bd2 b5*

5.e4 b4 6.e5 bxc3 7.Bxc3 Qa4 8.exf6 Qe4+ 9.Qe2 Qxe2+ 10.Bxe2 gxf6 11.d6 e5 12.Bf3 Nc6 13.Bxc6 dxc6 14.f4 Bxd6 0-1 Reynolds,R (2565)-Zanetti,A (2389) corr CNEC 15 jub 1993*; 3...e6 4.e4 exd5 5.e5 Qe7 6.Qe2 Ne4 7.Nxd5 Qxe5 8.Nc3 d5 9.f3 f5 10.fxe4 fxe4 11.Nf3 Qf5 12.Nh4 Qf7 13.Qf2 Qxf2+ 14.Kxf2 Be7 15.Bb5+ Nc6 16.g3 0-0+ 17.Ke1 Nd4 18.Ba4* 0-1 (27) Wohlfahrt,R (2127)-Grooten,H (2390) 20th Open B ? blingen GER 2003 (5)*)* 4.e4 d6 5.f4 *(5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Be2 Bg7 7.Nf3 0-0 8.0-0 Rb8 9.a4 a6 10.Nd2 Ne8 11.a5 Nc7 12.Nc4 Nb5 13.Na4 Nf6 14.Bd3 e6 15.Nab6 Re8 16.c3 Nc7 17.Bc2 exd5 18.exd5 Ncxd5 19.Nxd5 Nxd5* 1-0 (23) Kholmov,R-Stein,L Kislovodsk 2/50 1966*)* 5...Bg7 6.Bb5+ *(6.Nf3 0-0 7.Bd3 b5 8.Bxb5 Nxe4 9.Nxe4 Qa5+ 10.Ned2 Qxb5 11.c4 Qb6 12.0-0 Bf5 13.Qb3 Na6 14.Re1 Nb4 15.Nh4 Nc2 16.Nxf5 Qxb3 17.Nxe7+ Kh8 18.Nxb3 Nxe1 19.Bd2 Nd3 20.f5 Rfe8* 0-1 (47) Ersoz,T (2109)-Shemyakinskiy,N (2307) Titled Tuesday intern op 04th Mar Early blitz 2025 (9)*)* 6...Nfd7 7.Bd3 0-0 8.Nf3 e6 9.dxe6 fxe6 10.0-0 a6 11.a4 Nc6 12.Kh1 Nb4 13.Be2 Nf6 14.Be3 b6 15.Ng5 h6 16.Nh3 Bb7 17.Bf3 1-0 (61) Borges-Bjazevic CADAP event? 1983]

3.Bf4 g6 4.e3 Bg7 5.Nb5 Na6 6.Nc3 0-0 7.Bxa6 bxa6 8.Be5 White is slightly better. **8...Rb8 9.b3 e6 10.Nf3 Re8 11.0-0 Bf8 12.Bxf6 Qxf6 13.Ne5 c5 14.Na4 Rb7 15.c3**

[15.Nxc5 Bxc5 16.Ng4 Qg7 17.dxc5 h5-+]

15...Rc7 16.Qd2 Bd6 17.f4 And now Nxc5 would win. **17...cxd4 18.exd4 a5 19.b4 Qd8 20.Nc5 f6 21.Ned3** Excellent horsemanship. **21...Rg7 22.Rae1 Bc7 23.Rf3** White has more active pieces. **23...Qd6**



24.Kh1 0.39/20

[24.a4!± 0.96/19]

24...Rge7 0.87/17

[24...Ba6± 0.39/20]

25.a3 0.28/21

[25.a4± 0.87/17]

25...Ba6= 26.Nxa6 Qxa6 27.Rfe3 Qc4 28.g3 Bd6 29.Kg2 Qc6 30.Kg1 Qa4 31.Qb2 Qb5 32.Qd2 0.10/18

[32.Qa1± 0.48/19]

32...axb4 The position is equal. **33.axb4 a5 34.bxa5 Qxa5 35.Nf2 Kf7 36.Qe2 Qc7 37.Qf3 Kg7 38.Kg2 Qd7 39.R1e2 Rc8 40.Qg4 Rce8 41.Qf3 Rc8**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.11 (very precise)

½-½

570 **D01**
□ **Cabrera,Alexis** **2523**
■ **Dvirnyy,Daniyl** **2574**
Catalan League (9.2) 22.03.2014
[Richard Palliser]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 The topical Jobava-Prie Attack. **3...g6!?** This may seem risky, but has received some attention of late and may appeal to King's Indian and Grunfeld players. **4.Qd2**

[Clearly the most natural choice, although the only time this position's been seen on ChessPub, Eric covered 4.f3 - see Barva-Farkas, Hungarian League 2011, in the Archive.]

4...Bg7 5.Bh6 It's hard too to believe that this isn't best, although alternatives have been tried:

[a) 5.h4?! asks too much and c5! 6.e3 *(6.dxc5 d4* also works out well for Black, and if *7.Nb5 Ne4)* 6...0-0 7.Nf3 Nc6 was a Barry Attack with a misguided h2-h4 in Faldon-S.Franklin, London 2013.]

[b) 5.0-0-0 0-0 6.f3 c5 also secures decent enough counterplay, with 7.dxc5 Qa5 8.Kb1 Qxc5 9.e3 *(9.Nxd5?! Nxd5 10.Qxd5 Qb4 11.Bc1 Be6* looks like great value for a pawn *)* 9...Nc6 10.Na4 Qb4 11.Qxb4 Nxb4 12.Ne2 Re8 13.a3 Nc6 being about equal in Ratkovic-Martic, Belgrade 2014.]

5...0-0

[A rising young star preferred 5...Bxh6!? 6.Qxh6 c5 in Koneru-Lei Tingjie, Chinese Team Championship 2013, but after 7.dxc5 Qa5 8.e3 Qxc5 9.Nf3 Nc6 10.Bd3 Bd7 11.0-0 White was slightly better, since going long would leave Black vulnerable to ideas of both Ng5 and a direct queenside attack.]

6.Bxg7 Kxg7 7.0-0-0 c5!?

[The standard break, although Black doesn't have to offer a pawn and I could imagine many preferring 7...c6 8.f3 b5 . One practical test saw 9.e3 *(* a little meek in appearance, but prudent moreover, *9.e4 b4 10.e5 bxc3 11.exf6+ exf6 12.Qxc3 Qd6* shouldn't be anything for White*)* 9...a5 10.g4 a4 11.Nce2! Qb6 12.g5 Nfd7 13.h4 b4 14.h5 when White's attack was the more potent in Williamson-Kalaiyalahan, High Wycombe 2013.]

8.dxc5 Qa5 9.Nxd5!?

[This must be critical, if risky. When Eric had this position in his early days with the line he preferred 9.Nf3 , but Qxc5 10.e3 Bg4 11.Be2 Nc6 was rather comfortable for Black in Prie-Suarez Real, French League 2010.]

9...Qxa2 10.Qc3 The only move and now we reach a sharp and extremely uncharted position. **10...Qa1+**

[There was no need to force the white king to move just yet. Indeed, I quite like 10...Be6!? : for instance, 11.e4 *(*or *11.Nxf6 exf6 12.Nf3 Nd7 13.Nd4 Rac8 14.Nxe6+ Qxe6* with easy play and the initiative*)* 11...Bxd5 12.exd5 Kg8 13.b3 Rc8 14.Qb2 Qxb2+ 15.Kxb2 Rxc5 16.d6 Nc6 17.dxe7 Re8 when Black will create some pressure with a timely knight raid to g4 or b4.]

11.Kd2 Qa4 12.f3

[Covering a key square and preparing to expand. An important alternative is 12.Ke1 , but after, say, Rd8 13.Nf3 Na6 14.e3 Be6 Black is always going to have plenty of compensation. Just

consult the king on e1 and rook on h1 if you're not convinced.]

12...Be6 13.e4 Bxd5! Rapid development is the aim of the game. Dvirnyy wants to go after the white king. **14.exd5 Nbd7 15.Nh3 Rac8 16.b3 Qh4!?**

[Ambitious. 16...Qa3 17.Ra1 Qxc5 18.Qxc5 Nxc5 would have been at the least very comfortable for Black, but Dvirnyy wants to retain the queens and is quickly rewarded.]

17.g3?

[It's always natural to want to attack something, but now White finds himself in trouble. I dare say that Cabrera wasn't too comfortable with his position, but 17.c6! would have maintained rough equality: for example, bxc6 18.Ba6 Rc7 19.Kc1 Nb8 20.Be2 Rd8 21.f4! and with Black's queen a little offside, White shouldn't be worse.]

17...Qh6+ 18.Qe3 There was nothing better with either c5 or d5 falling. I wonder if a move earlier Cabrera had just missed that Black didn't have to exchange on e3. **18...Nxd5 19.Qxh6+ Kxh6 20.Ra1?!**

[This in conjunction with White's next only makes matters worse. After 20.Kc1 Rxc5! he would, though, have been in some trouble in any case, since 21.b4 Nxb4 22.Rxd7 Rxc2+ 23.Kd1 Rfc8 24.Ke1 a5! gives Black too much for the piece.]

20...a6 21.c4?! Nxc5 Picking up a pawn and with tempo. **22.Ra3 Nf6 23.Be2 a5**

[The Italian Grandmaster isn't in a hurry, although he might also have played more vigorously with 23...e5 .]

24.Rb1 Rfd8+ 25.Ke3 b6 26.b4 axb4 27.Rxb4 Rc6 28.Ra2 White has staved off immediate disaster, but is, of course, a pawn down with a bad bishop. **28...e5 29.Nf2 Kg7 30.Rab2 Nfd7 31.Nd1 Ra8** Little by little Black improves his forces. There's no need to rush. **32.Kf2 Ra3 33.Ne3 e4 34.Nc2 Rxf3+!?**

[Simplifying, although I suspect that Black would have done better to continue his unhurried approach with 34...Rc3 followed by ...Rd6 and/or ...Nd3.]

35.Bxf3 Nd3+ 36.Ke3 Nxb2 37.Bxe4?

[Collapsing. White will emerge two pawns down due to a little tactic, whereas 37.Be2 Nd3 38.Bxd3 exd3 39.Kxd3 would still have offered him some chances to resist.]

37...Nxc4+ 38.Kd4 Nce5!

0-1

571 **D00**

□ **Tsydypov,Zhamsaran** **2522**

■ **Drygalov,Andrey** **2475**

Ekaterinburg Scerbin Memorial rapid (8)

[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**

[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7 ½-½* Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7*

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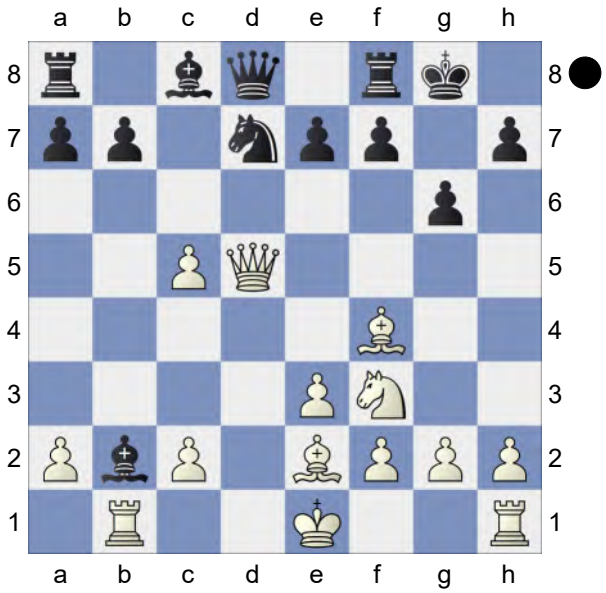
3.Bf4 g6 4.e3 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 c5 7.dxc5 Nbd7 8.Nxd5 Nxd5 9.Qxd5 Bxb2 10.Rb1 -0.79/20

[10.0-0!= -0.21/22 remains equal.]



10...Qa5+!∓ Black has strong compensation. **11.Kf1 Bg7**

[11...Qxc5? 12.Qxc5 Nxc5 13.Rxb2+-]

12.Rb5 -1.07/20

[12.h4∓ -0.70/19]

12...Qc3 13.Ne1 a6 14.Rb3 Qxc5 15.c4 -1.92/20

[15.e4∓ -1.54/19 is a better defense.]

15...e6 -1.30/20

[15...Qa7-+ -1.92/20 Strongly threatening ...b7-b5! 16.e4 Nf6]

16.Qd2 e5 17.Bg3 Re8 -0.85/20

[17...Qa7-+ -1.69/18 Threatens to win with ...Nd7-c5. 18.Nd3 b5]

18.Nd3 Qd6

[Weaker is 18...Qxc4 19.Nxe5 Qa4 20.Nxf7=]

19.Bf3 Qc7 -0.41/20

[19...a5∓ -0.78/20 aiming for ...Nd7-c5. 20.Rb5 Qa6]

20.Bd5 -1.20/20

[20.Ke2∓ -0.41/20]

20...Nf6 0.01/22

[20...Nb6∓ -1.20/20 21.Rc3 Bd7]

21.f3= Nxd5 22.cxd5 Qc4 0.23/21

[⌓22...f5 -0.19/20]

23.e4 f5! 24.Qc3? -1.45/21

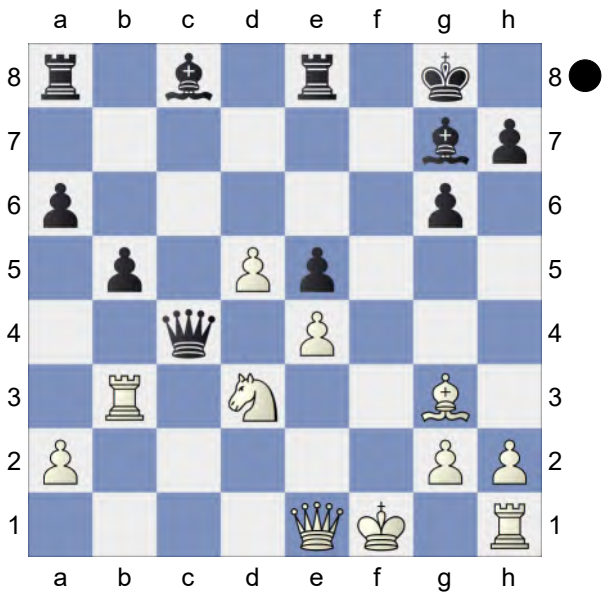
[White should try 24.Rc3= 0.16/20 Qa4 25.Ke1]

24...b5∓ Black is more active. **25.Qe1**

[Wrong is 25.Qxc4? bxc4 26.Rg1 cxb3-+]

25...fxe4 26.fxe4

(Diagram)



Bf5! **27.exf5** Black must now prevent Kf1-g1. **27...e4** Pin. Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=0.22 (precise)
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572 **B13**
□ **Zhongyi** **2521**
■ **Vaishali,Ramesh Babu** **2475**
E Women's Candidates (2) 05.04.2024
[Richard Palliser]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 The Jobava-Pri< , wheeled out on the biggest stage of all. **3...c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6** This remains a safe and sensible line for Black. **6.Nf3**
[White has even been known to flick in 6.h3 here when Nc6 7.Nf3 would take play back into our main game.]
6...Nc6 7.h3!?
[It's been a while since we examined this outwardly modest move on ChessPub. Most of our coverage has been devoted to the main line, 7.Ne5 , most recently with Fiorito-Brodsky, Titled Tuesday Blitz 2023 - see the Archive.]
7...Bf5 8.Bd3
[A simple approach. Instead, Eric once analysed 8.g4 Bg6 9.Ne5 and his line e6 *(9...Ne4?! 10.Nxe4 Bxe4 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.f3 Bg6 13.h4 h5* would have given White good chances for an edge in Romanov-Agdelen, Teplice 2023, had he settled for *14.Bd3)* 10.h4 Nxe5 11.dxe5 d4! still looks pretty critical to both me and the engines. My predecessor's analysis continued 12.Nb5? *(12.exf6 dxc3 13.Be5* is engine-approved and after *cxb2 14.Bxb2 Rg8!* while the position may feel dangerous for Black, it's very likely that he is at least OK*)* 12...Ne4 13.h5? Qa5+ 14.Bd2 Bb4 when White is simply in some trouble.]
8...Bxd3 9.Qxd3 e6 10.0-0 The former and future women's world chess challenger is content with simple development. There's nothing at all wrong with such an approach, although the knight does look a little odd on c3.
10...Bd6 11.Bxd6
[As Eric noted, previously 11.Bg5 h6
A) 12.Bxf6 Qxf6 13.Ne2 was preferred in Indjic-Koepke, Titled Tuesday Blitz 2023, where 0-0 *(13...g5!?* was very much an idea too *)* 14.c3 Rad8 15.Rfe1 Rfe8 was about equal;
B) 12.Bh4 0-0 13.a3 Rc8 14.Rae1 Be7 had likely slightly favoured Black in Miladinovic-Dizdarevic, Belgrade 2010.]
11...Qxd6 12.Rfe1 0-0 13.a3
[Engine-approved and mainly designed to hold up ...b5-b4. The

alternative was 13.Ne2 b5 14.c3 , where Black does have the minority attack, but White isn't worse and can look to get in Nc1-b3.]

13...Qc7

[A new move, 13...Rac8 14.Ne5 *(14.Na2!?* might well have been Tan's plan *)* 14...Qc7 15.Re3?! Nxe5 16.Rxe5 Rfd8 having left Black slightly for choice with the upcoming minority attack in Ermolaev-R.Svane, Titled Tuesday Blitz 2021.]

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□ **Tan,Zhongyi** **2521**
■ **Vaishali,Ramesh Babu** **2475**
E Women's Candidates (2) 05.04.2024
[Richard Palliser,Kitty Kat]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4** 0.17 Kitty Kat Kitty Kat **1...Nf6** 0.16 **2.Nc3** 0.00 **d5N** 0.03

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3.Bf4 0.00 The Jobava-Pri< , wheeled out on the biggest stage of all. **3...c5** 0.00 **4.e3** 0.00 **cxd4** 0.00 **5.exd4** 0.00 **a6** 0.05 This remains a safe and sensible line for Black. **6.Nf3** 0.02

[White has even been known to flick in 6.h3 here when Nc6 7.Nf3 would take play back into our main game.]

6...Nc6 0.00 **7.h3!?** 0.07

[It's been a while since we examined this outwardly modest move on ChessPub. Most of our coverage has been devoted to the main line, 7.Ne5 , most recently with Fiorito-Brodsky, Titled Tuesday Blitz 2023 - see the Archive.]

7...Bf5 0.02 **8.Bd3** 0.01 The position is equal.

[A simple approach. Instead, Eric once analysed 8.g4 Bg6 9.Ne5 and his line e6 *(9...Ne4?!* 0.29/27 9...e7-e6 -0.27 *10.Nxe4 Bxe4 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.f3 Bg6! 13.h4 h5* would have given White good chances for an edge in Romanov-Agdelen, Teplice 2023, had he settled for *14.Bd3)* 10.h4 Hoping for Ne5xc6. Nxe5 11.dxe5 d4! still looks pretty critical to both me and the engines. My predecessor's analysis continued 12.Nb5? -0.76/21 *(12.exf6 dxc3 13.Be5* is engine-approved and after *cxb2 14.Bxb2 Rg8!* while the position may feel dangerous for Black, it's very likely that he is at least OK*; 12.exf6=* -0.27/22 is superior. *dxc3 13.Be5 gxf6 14.Qxd8+ Rxd8 15.Bxc3)* 12...Ne4!∓ ...Qd8-a5+ is the strong threat. 13.h5? -1.43/22 *(⩲13.c3* -0.90/18 *Qb6 14.Qb3 axb5 15.Qxb5+ Qc6 16.cxd4)* 13...Qa5+∓ 14.Bd2 Bb4! when White is simply in some trouble.]

8...Bxd3 0.03 **9.Qxd3** 0.03 **e6** 0.02 **10.0-0** 0.03 The former and future women's world chess challenger is content with simple development. There's nothing at all wrong with such an approach, although the knight does look a little odd on c3. **10...Bd6** 0.01 **11.Bxd6** 0.00

[As Eric noted, previously 11.Bg5 -0.37/22 11.Nc3-e2 0.00 h6

A) 12.Bxf6 Qxf6 13.Ne2 was preferred in Indjic-Koepke, Titled Tuesday Blitz 2023, where 0-0 *(13...g5!?* was very much an idea too *)* 14.c3 Rad8 15.Rfe1 Rfe8 was about equal;

B) 12.Bh4 0-0 13.a3 Rc8 14.Rae1 Be7 had likely slightly favoured Black in Miladinovic-Dizdarevic, Belgrade 2010.]

11...Qxd6 0.03 **12.Rfe1** 0.00 **0-0** 0.03 **13.a3** 0.16

[Engine-approved and mainly designed to hold up ...b5-b4. The alternative was 13.Ne2 b5 14.c3 , where Black does have the minority attack, but White isn't worse and can look to get in Nc1-b3.]

[13.Na4 (Kitty Kat) keeps more tension. Nd7 14.Ng5 g6 15.Nc3]

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16.Qe2 0.17 Freeing d3 for the knight on a2 as Tan continues to calmly improve her forces. **16...Na5** 0.12 **17.Nb4** 0.11 **Nb3?!** 0.44/22

[A strange choice: what does the knight achieve here? Instead, something like 17...Nc4 18.Nd3 Rfe8 19.Nfe5 b5 would have maintained the rough balance.]

[17...Nc4= 0.07/21]

18.Rad1⩲ 0.34 **a5** 0.43 **19.Nd3** 0.44 **a4** 0.28 And so Black has managed to secure a grip on the queenside, but at the cost of some time, tempi which Tan now exploits to seize the initiative. **20.Nfe5!** 0.38 **Na5** 0.29 **21.f3** 0.35

[21.Qg4!? was also very possible. In either case, note how White wants to gradually build up on the kingside and how the knight on d3 keeps everything under control on the other flank.]

21...Nd6 0.03 **22.Nf4** 0.04 **Nac4** 0.43 **23.Ned3!** 0.35 Keeping pieces on, with Black solidly placed but slightly lacking any real play of her own. **23...Rfe8** 0.54 **24.Qf2** 0.51 **Re7** -0.05/19

[Black will never manage to get in ... e5, so quite possibly 24...g6!? 25.Re2 Qd8 26.Rde1 h5 would have been a better defensive set-up.]

[24...Ra8⩲ -0.36/17 Kitty Kat]

25.Re2! 0.52 Clamping down on the e-file ahead of expanding on the kingside. **25...Rce8** 0.68 **26.Rde1** 0.71 **b6** 0.68 **27.g4!** 0.44 The engines' assessments are gradually creeping up here, which is no surprise when you consider Black's lack of any real counterplay. **27...Nb5?!** 0.86

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28.Qh4! 0.91 Black must now prevent Nf4xd5! **28...Qd6** 1.48/21

[28...Qd8! 0.01/20 was again a much better square for the queen. Kitty Kat: '=' '=']

[Better is 28...Qd8 0.82/26]

29.Nh5 1.09 Already threatening to pretty much win on the spot with Qg5. Kitty Kat: ' ±!' ' ±!' Kitty Kat: 'Hoping for Qg5.' **29...f6** 1.01 Prevents Qh4-g5. Kitty Kat: 'Against Qg5'

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30...f5 5.65/20 A mistake that costs the game. Kitty Kat: 'This move loses the game for Black.' '??' Blunder. fxg5 was best.

[The decisive mistake. Vaishali absolutely had to find Kitty Kat: 'Better is' 30...fxg5 0.64/20 Kitty Kat: '⩱' '⩱' 31.Qxg5 Rf7!

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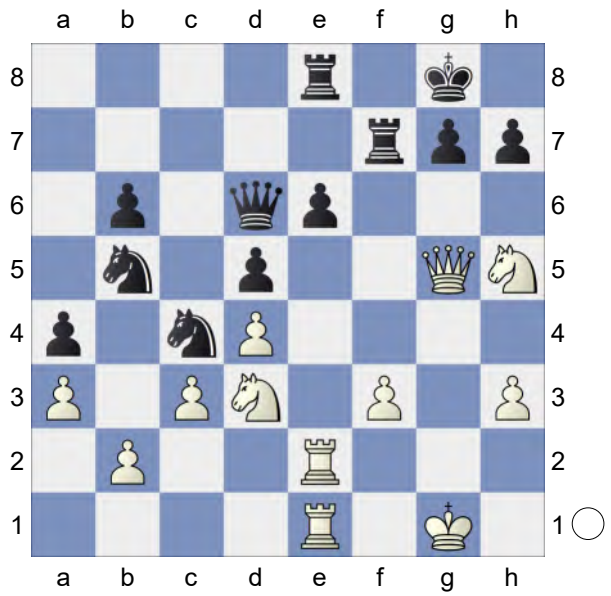

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[30...fxg5± 0.87/19 is more resistant. 31.Qxg5 Rf7]

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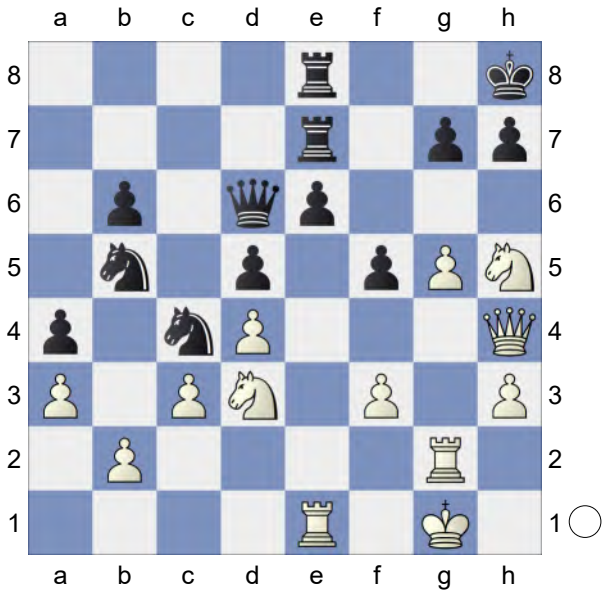

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[Not 32.Nhf4 Kitty Kat e5±]

32...e5 15.99/24

[32...Rc7 3.81/20 Kitty Kat 33.Nf6 gxf6 34.Ng6+ Kg8 35.gxf6 Rg7 36.fxg7 Qd8 37.Rxe6 Qxh4 38.Rxe8+ *(38.Nxh4?* perishes. *Rxe6 39.Nxf5 Nbd6-+)* 38...Kxg7 39.Nxh4+ Kf6 40.Rf8+ Ke7]

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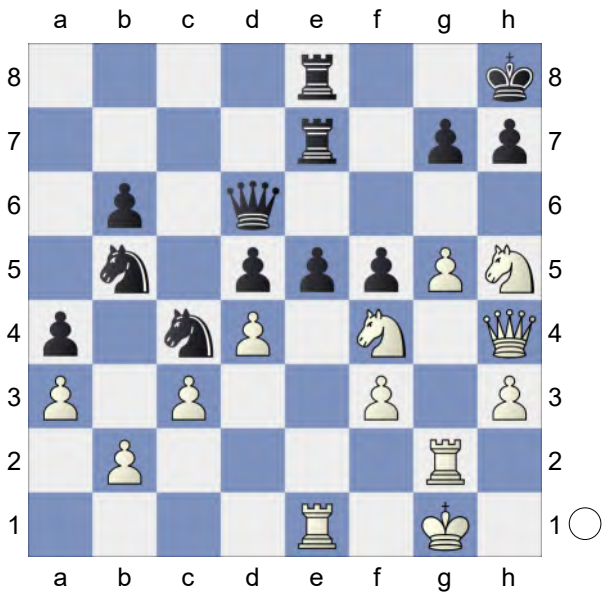

Kitty Kat: '?' '?' **33.Nf6!** 6.08 Discovered Attack **33...gxf6** 6.78
[33...Qxf6 34.gxf6]
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■ **Dvirnyy,Danyyil** **2491**
Monselice La Giostra della Rocca (7)
[Kitty Kat]

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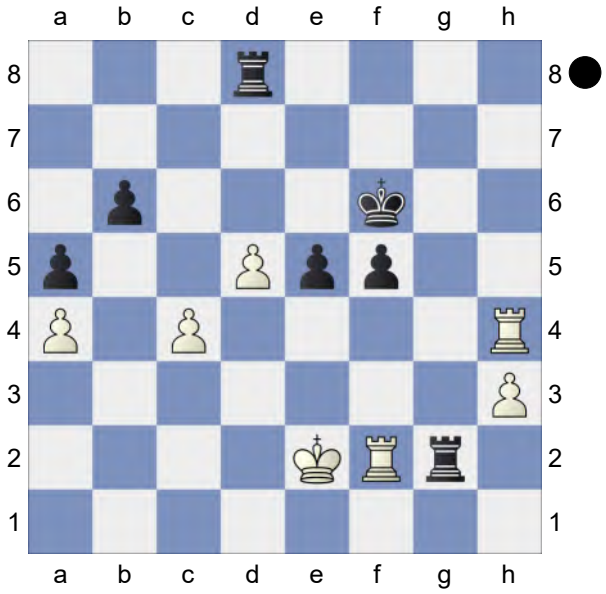
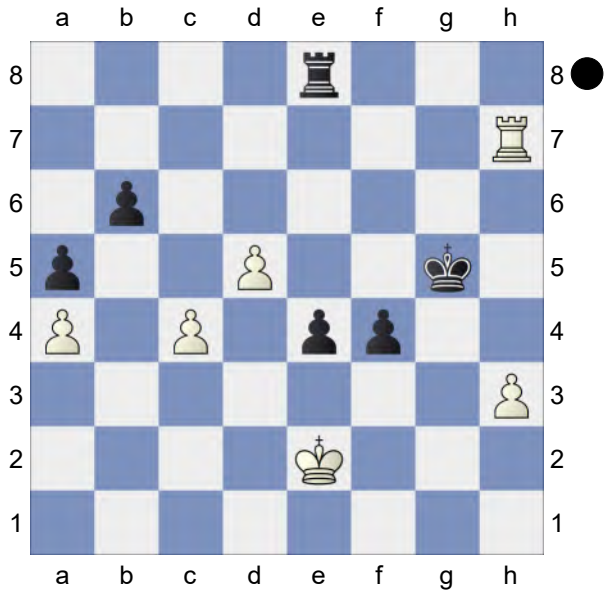
[8.f3 e6 9.h4 Be7 10.a3 Nxd3+ 11.Qxd3 Bd7 12.g4 Qb6 13.0-0-0 0-0-0 14.h5 h6 15.Kb1 Bc6 16.Nc1 Bxa3 17.Na4 Bxa4 18.Qxa3 Bb5 19.Nb3 Ne8 20.Rd3 Bxd3 21.cxd3 Nd6 22.Nc5 Kb8 1-0 Athena Pallada (2896)-Interestinglandscape (2682) Blitz 2024]
8...Nxd3 9.Qxd3 g6N
[Vorgänger: 9...e6 10.Nd1 Nh5 0.08/19 *(⌓10...Be7* -0.28/18 *)* 11.Be5= f6 12.Qf3 g6 13.Bg3 Nxg3 14.hxg3 Bg7 15.Nf4 0-0 ½-½ Niewold,J (1903)-Troia,M (1800) Visser Memorial-C email 2015]
10.Qd2 h6 0.67/18
[10...Bg7= 0.17/17]
11.f3 Bg7 12.Rfe1 h5 13.Na4 Strongly threatening Qd2-c3. **13...0-0 14.Bh6** 0.18/17
[14.Qc3± 0.64/16]
14...Bd7 15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.Nc5 b6 17.Nd3 Bb5 18.Nef4 0.19/18
[18.Ndf4± 0.56/18]
18...Bxd3= 19.Nxd3 e6 20.a4 a5 21.Ra3 Qd6 22.Qg5 Nh7 23.Qe5+ Qxe5 24.Nxe5 Rac8 25.c3 Rfd8 26.Rb3 Rd6 27.h3 -0.18/22
[⌓27.h4 0.23/20]
27...h4 28.Ra3 Nf8 0.01/22
[28...Nf6∓ -0.35/20]
29.Raa1 -0.38/22
[29.f4= 0.01/22]
29...g5 -0.01/26
[29...Nd7∓ -0.38/22]
30.f4! gxf4 31.Rf1! f6 32.Nd3 Ng6↑ Black has some pressure. **33.Nxf4 Rh8** Dodges Nf4-h5+ **34.Rae1 Nxf4 35.Rxf4∓** Endgame KRR-KRR **35...Rh5 36.Ref1 f5 37.Kf2 Kf6 38.Ke3 Rc6**
[38...b5!?]
39.Kd3 Rc8 40.Rg4 Rch8 41.b3 Rd8

-0.20/24
[41...Rg5∓ -0.72/22 and ...Rg5xg4 would now be decisive 42.c4 Rhh5]
42.c4 dxc4+ 43.bxc4 e5 44.d5
[44.Kc3 simplifies Rxd4 45.Rxd4 exd4+ 46.Kxd4 Rh8 47.Kd5]
44...Rg5 45.Rxh4 -0.40/23
[45.Rxg5= 0.01/22 deserves consideration. Kxg5 46.Rb1]
45...Rg3+ 46.Ke2 Rxg2+ 47.Rf2? -2.24/19
[47.Kf3= -0.20/21 Rdg8 48.Rh6+ Kf7 49.Rf2 *(49.Rh7+ Ke8∓)* 49...R2g3+ 50.Ke2]



47...Rxf2+-+ 48.Kxf2 KR-KR **48...Kg6** Repels Rh4-h6+ **49.Ke3 Rc8 50.Kd3** -2.10/25
[⌓50.d6 -1.71/24]
50...Rb8 51.Ke3 Rf8 52.Kd3 Rc8 53.Kc3 Re8 54.Kd3 -0.98/22
[White should try 54.Kc2-+ -1.80/25]
54...e4+ -0.55/22
[54...Rf8∓ -0.98/22]
55.Ke3 -1.91/24
[55.Kd2!∓ -0.55/22]
55...Kg5 56.Rh7 -4.23/24
[56.Rf4 -1.88/24]

56...f4+ 57.Ke2



Rc8? -0.08/22
[57...f3+!-+ -3.92/22 58.Ke3 Rf8 59.Rg7+ Kh4]
58.Rg7+? -4.86/24
[58.d6!= -0.08/22 and White stays safe.]
58...Kf5? -0.01/25
[Better is 58...Kf6-+ -4.86/24 59.Rg4 Rxc4 60.Rxf4+ Ke5]
59.Rf7+= Ke5 60.Re7+! Kf5 61.Rf7+ Kg5
[61...Ke5!? 62.Re7+□ Kf5 *(62...Kd4 63.d6±)* 63.Rf7+=]
62.Rg7+ Kf6 63.Rb7 -5.58/22
[63.Rg4 -3.89/21 is a better defense. Kf5 *(63...Rxc4? 64.Rxf4+ Ke5 65.Rf8-+)* 64.d6 Rxc4 *(64...Rd8? 65.Rh4-+)* 65.d7 f3+ *(65...Rxa4? 66.d8Q+-)* 66.Ke3 Rc3+ *(66...Rxa4? 67.d8Q+-)* 67.Kf2 Rc2+ *(67...Rd3? 68.Rg7-+)* 68.Kg1]
63...Rxc4-+ 64.Rxb6+ Ke5 65.d6 f3+ 66.Kf2 Rc2+ -23.22/19
[⌓66...Kf4 -#15/20 67.d7 e3+ *(67...Rxa4 68.Rf6+ Kg5 69.d8Q Ra2+ 70.Ke1 Ra1+ 71.Kd2 Ra2+ 72.Kc3 Ra3+ 73.Kb2)* 68.Kg1 Rc1+

(68...Rxa4 69.Rf6+ Kg3 70.Rxf3+ Kxf3 71.d8Q=) 69.Kh2 Rc2+ 70.Kg1 Rg2+ 71.Kh1 e2 72.Re6 Kg3 *(72...Rg8? 73.d8R-+)* 73.Rg6+ Kxh3 *(73...Kf2? 74.Re6-+)* 74.Rh6+ Kg3 75.Rg6+ Kf2 76.Re6 Rg7 *(76...e1B? 77.d8Q+-)* 77.Rh6 e1Q+ *(77...e1B? 78.d8Q+-)* 78.Kh2 Rg2+ 79.Kh3 Qh1#]

67.Kg3 Rg2+ 68.Kh4 f2 Black mates.

69.d7 Rg8

[69...f1R? 70.d8Q *(70.d8B? e3-+)* 70...Rf4+ 71.Kh5 Rf5+ 72.Kh6+-]

70.Rb1 Kf4 -13.77/18 Weighted Error Value: White=0.36/Black=0.34

[⌓70...e3 -#13/18 71.Rd1 e2 72.d8Q Rxd8 *(72...f1R 73.Qd5+ Kf6 74.Qd6+ Kf7 75.Qd7+ Kf8 76.Qd8+ Kg7 77.Qg5+ Kf8 78.Rd8+ Kf7 79.Rd7+ Ke6 80.Qd5+* Skewer *Kf6 81.Rf7+ Kg6 82.Qh5#; 72...e1Q?* too greedy. *73.Qd6+ Ke4 74.Qd5+ Ke3 75.Qe5+ Kf3 76.Rxe1+-)* 73.Rxd8 e1Q *(73...f1B 74.Kg4=)* 74.Kh5 Qe2+ *(74...f1R? 75.Re8+ Kd5 76.Rxe1-+)* 75.Kh6 Qa6+ *(75...f1R 76.Re8+ Kf4 77.Rxe2=)* 76.Kh5 f1Q 77.Re8+ Kd6 *(77...Kd4* leads to mate. *78.Rd8+ Kc3 79.Rc8+ Qxc8 80.Kg5 Qff5+ 81.Kh4 Qxh3+ 82.Kg5 Qcf5#)* 78.Kh6 Kc5+ *(78...Qxh3+ 79.Kg5 Kd7 80.Re7+ Kxe7 81.Kf4 Qd6+ 82.Kg5 Qdh6#)* 79.Re6 Qxe6+ 80.Kh5 Qfxh3+ 81.Kg5 Qhh6#]

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575 **D00**

□ **Hansen,Sune Berg** **2520**

■ **Kulaots,Kaido** **2515**

Weissenhaus Young Masters 2024 (1)

[Kitty Kat]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**

[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* 1-0 Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 2013*; 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7* 0-1 Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig,F (1863) Rheinhessen-ch H1 op 1997 (2)*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* 1-0 Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) V0048 www.desc-online.de 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]

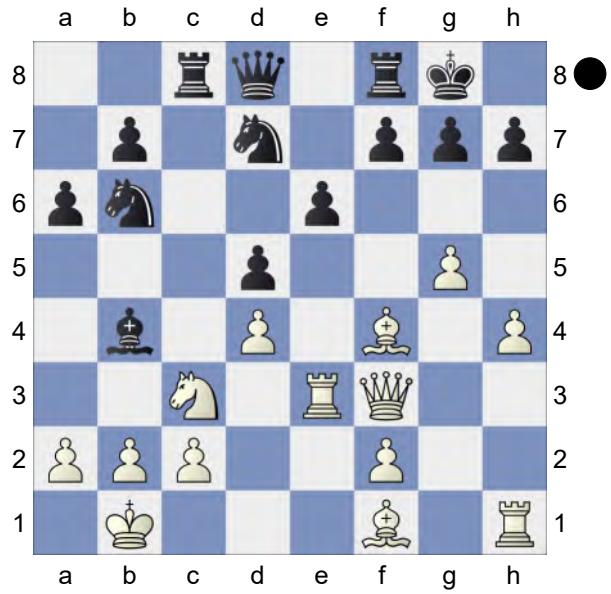
3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.h3! 7.h3 is better than 7.Be2. 7.h3 ist besser als 7.Le2. 7.h3 is better than 7.Be2. 7.h3 ist besser als 7.Le2.

7...Bxf3 8.Qxf3 e6 9.0-0-0 Bb4N

[9...Nc6 10.g4 Be7 0.76/19 *(10...g6± 0.36/18)* 11.g5± Nd7 12.h4 Nb6 13.Kb1 Bd6 14.Ne2 Qc7 15.Bxd6 Qxd6 0-1 Laznicka,V (2647)-Harikrishna,P (2719) CZE-chT 2122 2021 (2.6) 0-1 Laznicka,V (2647)-Harikrishna,P (2719) CZE-chT 2122 2021 (2.6)]

10.Kb1 Nbd7 11.g4 Rc8 ...Bxc3 would now be deadly. **12.Rd3 Nb6 13.g5 Nfd7 14.Re3 0-0 15.h4** -1.20/21

[15.Nd1= 0.18/19]



15...e5!∓ 16.Nxd5 -1.60/21

[16.Bxe5 Nxe5 17.Rxe5 *(17.dxe5? d4-+)* 17...Bxc3 18.bxc3 Na4-+]

[⌓16.dxe5 -0.75/20 d4 17.Rd3 dxc3 18.Bh3]

16...exf4 -0.90/22

[⌓16...Nxd5 -1.60/21 17.Qxd5 Qc7 *(17...exf4 18.Rb3-+)*]

17.Rb3 -1.53/20

[⌓17.Nxf4 -0.90/22 Bd2 18.Re4]

17...Bd6 18.Nxb6 Nxb6→ Black wants a kill. **19.Qxb7 Nc4 20.Bxc4 Rxc4 21.c3 a5 22.Qd5 Rc8 23.a4 Re8** Dodges Re1 **24.Rc1 Bc7 25.Rb5 Qe7 26.Ka2** -2.18/21

[26.f3∓ -1.54/20 was called for.]

26...Qe2-+ 27.f3 Rcd8 28.Qc6 Qe6+ 29.Qxe6 fxe6 30.Rc5 Re7 31.Re1 Kf7 32.Re4 Rd5 White must now prevent ...Rxc5. **33.Rc6 e5** aiming for ...exd4. **34.Kb3 Bb8** -0.59/22

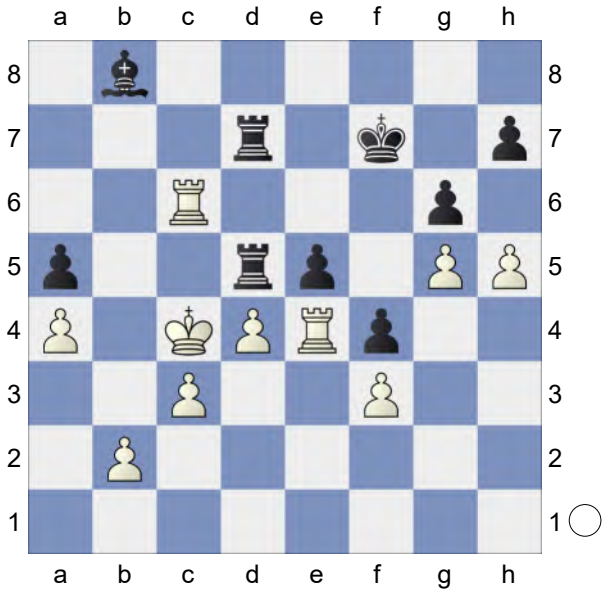
[34...Rdd7∓ -1.12/22 Hoping for ...exd4. 35.dxe5 Bxe5]

35.Kc4∓ Red7 -0.01/22

[Black should play 35...Rdd7!∓ -0.51/23 36.dxe5 Bxe5 *(36...Rxe5 37.Rxf4+ Ke7 38.b4=)*]

36.h5 next g6+ is good for White. **36...g6** 1.05/24

[36...Rd8!= 0.01/25]



37.Rf6+!± White has strong compensation. **37...Kg7 38.h6+ Kg8 39.Re6** 0.01/26 White is more active.

[Better is 39.Rb6± 1.10/25 Ba7 40.Ra6 Bxd4 *(40...exd4? too greedy. 41.Rxa7* Deflection *Rxa7 42.Kxd5+-)* 41.cxd4 Rxd4+ 42.Rxd4 Rxd4+ 43.Kc5]

39...Kf7= 40.Rf6+

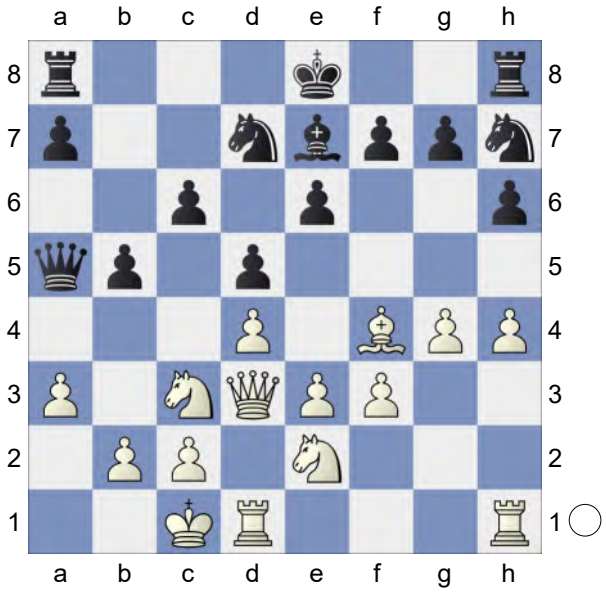
[40.Rb6!? Bc7□ 41.Rf6+ Ke8 42.Rc6=]

40...Kg8 41.Re6 Kf7 Against Re8

42.Rf6+ White happily takes the draw.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.20 (precise)
½-½

576 **D00**
□ **Madaminov,Mukhiddin** **2520**
■ **Goryachkina,Aleksandra** **2544**
Titled Tue 3rd Jan Late blitz (5) 03.06.25
[TA]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 Nf6 3.Nc3 c6 4.e3 Bf5 5.f3 h6 6.g4 Bh7 7.h4 e6 8.Bd3 The position is equal. **8...Bb4 9.Nge2 Nbd7 10.Bxh7 Nxh7 11.Qd3 Qa5 12.0-0-0 b5 13.a3 Be7**



14.g5! Nb6 15.gxh6 gxh6 16.Bxh6 Nc4 17.Nb1
[Wrong is 17.Bg7? Bxa3-+]
17...Nf8 18.Bg7 Rg8 19.Rdg1
[19.Bxf8 simplifies Bxf8 20.Rdg1 Rxg1+ 21.Rxg1 b4 22.a4]
19...b4

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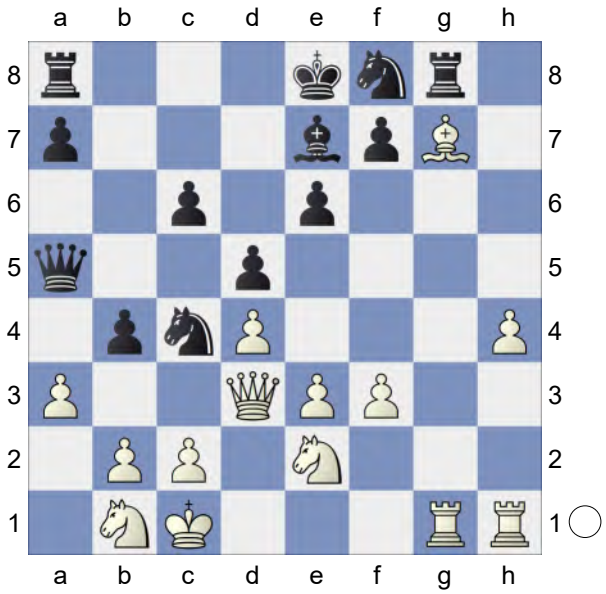
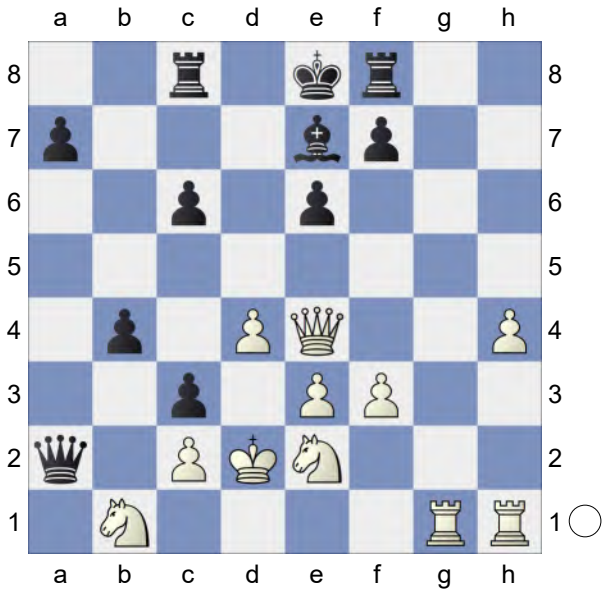
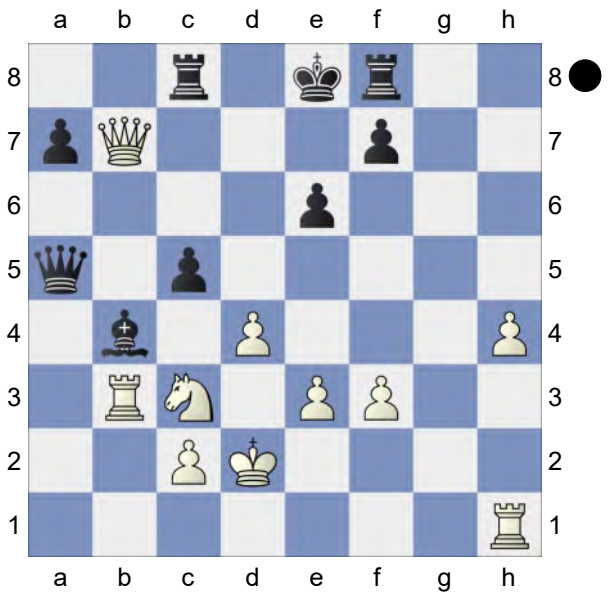


20.a4!↑ Decoy. Black is under strong pressure. **20...Qxa4 21.b3 Qa2** ...Qb2+ would now be deadly. **22.bxc4 dxc4 23.Qe4 Rc8** 1.85/21
[23...Kd7± 1.05/21]
24.Bxf8!+- Rxf8 25.Kd2 c3+



26.Nexc3! 1.21/18 **bxc3+± 27.Nxc3 Bb4 28.Rb1** 0.14/20
[28.Qd3!± 1.27/23]
28...Qa5!= 29.Rb3 -0.77/27
[29.Rxb4= 0.15/22 Qxb4 30.h5]
29...c5!∓ Strongly threatening ...Bxc3+.
30.Qb7



Rc7 31.Rxb4 cxb4 32.Qb5+ Qxb5 33.Nxb5∓ Endgame. KRR-KRN **33...Rd7** -0.04/20
[Black should try 33...Rc6!∓ -0.54/27 34.Ra1 *(34.Nxa7 Rb6∓)* 34...Rg8]
34.Ra1!= Rh8 35.Nxa7 White wants to play Nc6. **35...Rxh4** ...Rc7 is the strong threat. **36.Nc6** Threatening mate with Ra8+. **36...f6 37.Nxb4 e5 38.c3 Rh3 39.f4 exf4 40.exf4 Rf3 41.Kc2 Rxf4 42.Kb3 Kf7 43.Ra5 Rf1 44.Nd5 Rf5 45.c4 Rh5 46.Kb4 Rh1 47.Ra6 Rf1 48.Kc5 Kg7 49.Kc6 Rf7 50.Nc7** Hoping for d5. **50...f5 51.d5** And now d6 would win. **51...f4 52.d6 Rd1 53.Nd5?** -1.81/25
[53.Ra2= 0.01/25 and White is okay.]
53...f3-+ White must now prevent ...f2. **54.d7?** -5.46/21
[54.Ra2!∓ -0.62/23]

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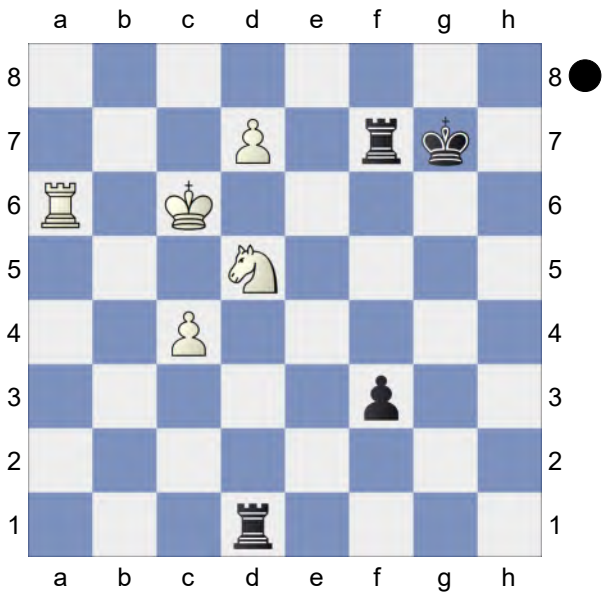
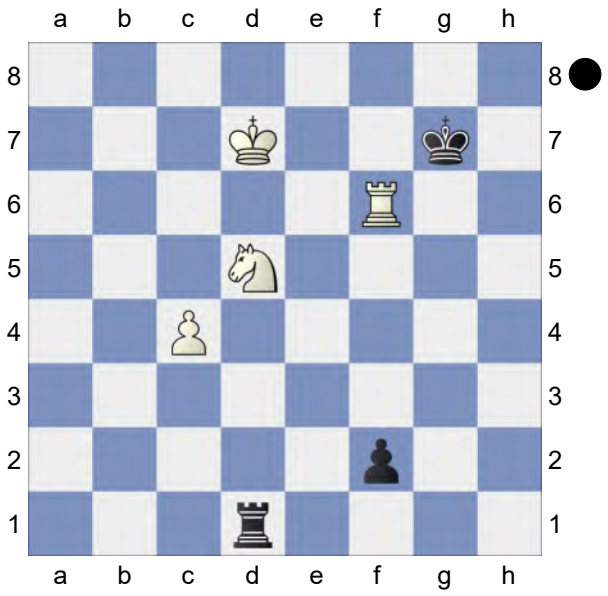


54...Rxd7!! Promotion **55.Kxd7**
[55.Ra2 Rf7]
55...f2 56.Rf6



Rxd5+! Remove Defender, Promotion **57.cxd5**
[57.Ke6 Rd6+]
57...Kxf6 Quite a comeback for Black.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.37/ Black=0.06 (flawless)
0-1

577 **D00**
□ **Turner,Ma** **2517**
■ **Palliser,Richard** **2413**
Hull 4NCL GM 2019 (4.4) 01.11.2019
[Richard Palliser]

Richard Palliser,MH: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines ' **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5**
[2...c5 Richard Palliser,MH 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000 *)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]
3.Bf4 e6 4.e3 Bb4
[One of Black's better lines. After the more classical 4...Be7 , I'm quite liking the immediate 5.g4!? as played in another game from Hull: b6 6.Bb5+!? *(aiming to disrupt, although it's far from clear that White should object to 6.g5 Ne4 7.Nxe4 dxe4 8.h4)* 6...c6 7.Bd3 Bb7 8.g5 Nfd7 9.Qh5! g6 10.Qg4 b5 11.Nf3 Qa5 12.Nd2 a6 13.Qg3! Qd8 14.h4 and Black was being badly outplayed in Wall-Richardson, Hull 2019. Model play for White (Qh5 to threaten g5-g6, then a switch to dominant the dark squares) from the North-East FM.]
5.Nge2 0-0 6.a3 Bd6
[Caruana has also offered an exchange so, but a decent case might be made too for 6...Be7!? when 7.g3 c5 8.Bg2 Nc6 9.0-0 h6 might be a little awkward for White who likely has to go 10.h4 .]
7.g3 b6 8.Bg2 Bb7 9.0-0
[9.Bg5= 0.01/19 Richard Palliser,MH]
9...Be7 10.h3 Nh5
[A little too one-dimensional. There was no good reason to avoid 10...c5 -0.40/20 when White is even slightly short of a good move and Richard Palliser,MH: ' ∓' Richard Palliser,MH: ' should be considered.' 11.Re1 Nc6 12.e4 *(12.g4 Rc8 13.Qd2 a6* Black was already slightly for choice in Jobava-Caruana, Wijk aan Zee 2015. The ball really is still in White's court in this 4...Bb4 line.*)* 12...dxe4 13.dxc5 offers Black a few tempting options, including Qc8!? 14.cxb6 Rd8 0.05/20 . *(14...e3∓* -0.50/22 Richard Palliser,MH *15.Bxe3 Rd8)*]
11.e4 Nxf4 12.Nxf4 dxe4 13.Nxe4 Nd7 14.Re1 Rb8
[Simple chess, although there was nothing wrong either with 14...c6

and then ...Qc7.]

15.c3 Re8 16.Qe2 c5 17.Rad1 cxd4 18.cxd4 Bf8

[18...Nf6?! 19.Nxf6+ Bxf6 20.Bxb7 Rxb7 21.d5 was one I was keen to avoid,]

[but 18...Bxe4!? 19.Bxe4 Bd6 20.Nd3 Nf6 21.Bc6 Re7 would by no means have been a ridiculous regrouping.]

[However, the simplest method of halting White's play was 18...Nf8! 0.22/22 when Richard Palliser,MH: '=' 19.Nc3! *(19.d5 exd5 20.Nxd5 Bxd5* is fine for Black*)* 19...Bxg2 20.Kxg2 Bd6 21.Nd3 Rc8 shouldn't be too uncomfortable for the second player.]

19.Qb5

[We both underestimated the strength of White's initiative after 19.d5! 0.82/20 Richard Palliser,MH: ' ±' exd5 Richard Palliser,MH: '!' 20.Nxd5 . I was intending Bxd5 *(20...f5 21.Qc4!* is the problem, leaving White in control after Richard Palliser,MH: 'is the problem, leaving White in control after. Threatening mate with Nd5-f6+.' *Kh8 22.Nec3)* 21.Rxd5 Re5 , but after 22.Rxe5 Richard Palliser,MH: '!' Nxe5 23.Nc3 White actually has an enduring initiative Qa6 is one idea, Nd5 another and there's also h4-h5.]

19...a6 20.Qb3 b5 21.h4

[White wants the g5-square for his knight, rather than merely equality after 21.d5 exd5 22.Nxd5 Bxd5 23.Rxd5 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Threatens to win with Re1-d1.' Qc7 .]

21...Qa5

[This was suddenly bashed out, as I'd already spent far too long in this pure 90+30 game, but creating potential tricks on the e1-square amounts to very little. Most importantly, the black queen is now badly sidelined. Instead, 21...h6 would have been a sensible reaction to White's last and after 22.d5 exd5 *(*and not *22...e5?* 0.78/21 Richard Palliser,MH: '22...Bb7xd5 0. 04' *23.Ne6!)* 23.Nxd5 Bxd5 24.Rxd5 Qc7 Black would have been well on his way to demonstrating total equality.]

[Possibly even stronger, though, was 21...Nb6!? , as pointed out by Turner after the game, and if 22.Nc5 Bxg2 23.Kxg2 Qc8 when suddenly Black has quite a few active ideas and must be at least OK.]

[21...Qb6= -0.01/21 (Richard Palliser, MH) keeps the balance.]

22.Ng5 Bxg2 23.Kxg2 b4

[Losing by force and, worse, to a breakthrough I'd even seen coming, which was poor - even for a morning game! After 23...Nf6 0.57/24 White has Richard Palliser,MH: ' ±' 24.Nxf7! , but Richard Palliser,MH: ', but. Re1xe6! is the strong threat.' Qa4! 25.Qxa4 bxa4 26.Ng5 0.32/22 *(26.Ne5* 0.68/22 (Richard Palliser, MH) might be stronger. *Rxb2 27.Ned3)* 26...Rxb2 keeps Black very much on the board,]

[and it also wasn't too late to cover f7 with 23...Qc7 , intending Richard Palliser,MH: '

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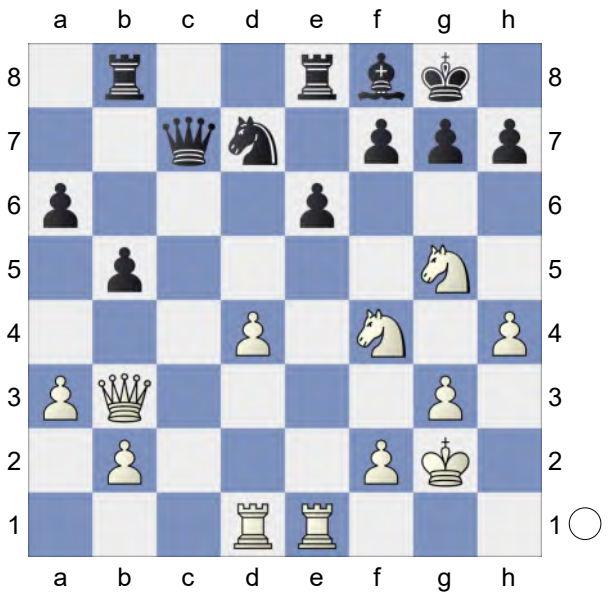

, intending' 24.d5 0.24/23 *(or 24.Qd3* 0.76/22 Richard Palliser,MH: ' ± ' '!' *g6* Richard Palliser,MH: '!' *25.h5 Nf6)* 24...e5! .]

24.d5 bxa3

[24...e5 7.67/20 Richard Palliser,MH: '?' Richard Palliser,MH: '24...b4xa3 1. 75' 25.d6 is the other big and rather obvious point behind White's last. Richard Palliser,MH: '!']

25.Qc2 f5 26.dxe6? 1.27/21 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) / Black=0.29 (precise) ' 1-0 (26) Turner,M (2517)-Palliser,R (2413) Hull 4NCL GM 2019 [Richard Palliser]

[It's rare to question a move which was met by an immediate resignation, but 26.Rxe6! was much stronger, and if Rxe6 27.dxe6 Qc5 28.Qe2 ,]

[since 26.dxe6? Qc5 keeps Black fighting for a while longer after 27.Qxc5 *(if 27.Qe2* 0.96/21 Richard Palliser,MH: '27.Qc2xc5 1.83' *Rxb2)* 27...Nxc5 28.bxa3 Richard Palliser,MH: ' And now Rd1-d5 would win.' h6 29.Nf3 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Hoping for Nf3-d4.' Rb2 .]

[Inferior is 26.Ngxe6 Richard Palliser, MH axb2 27.Qxf5 Nf6=]

[26.bxa3+- 2.60/22 (Richard Palliser, MH) and White stays clearly on top. Qc5 27.Qe2]

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578 **D00**

□ **Bharath,Subramaniyam H** **2517**

■ **Souleidis,Georgios** **2419**

Titled Tue 11. Apr Early (11) 11.04.2023

[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**

[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4

10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]

3.Bf4 g6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 Bg7 6.Nf3 0-0 The main line 6...0-0 scores better than 6...c6. Die Hauptvariante 6...0-0 punktet besser als 6...c6. The main line 6. ..0-0 scores better than 6...c6. Die Hauptvariante 6...0-0 punktet besser als 6...c6. **7.h3 c6 8.Nc3** The position is equal. **8...Nc7 9.Bd3 Ne6 10.Be5 c5 11.0-0 a6 12.a4 b6N**

[Predecessor: 12...Re8 0.85/21 12...b7-b6 0.17 13.Be2 0.18/21 *(13.a5± 0.85/21)* 13...cxd4 14.exd4 Ne4 15.Bxg7 0.14/19 *(15.a5± 0.68/19)* 15...Kxg7= 16.Re1 Nf4 0.48/20 *(16...Nxc3= 0.08/18 17.bxc3 Qc7)* 17.Bf1± Bf5 0.72/22 *(17...Nxc3!± 0.31/21* feels stronger. *18.bxc3 Be6)* 18.Nxe4 Bxe4 0-1 (35) Stepanushkin,A (1943)-Guluzada,S (1762) Nizhnij Novgorod 2012 0-1 (35) Stepanushkin,A (1943)-Guluzada,S (1762) Nizhnij Novgorod 2012]

13.Qb1 Bb7 14.b4 c4 15.Be2 Rc8

[15...Ne4 is interesting. 16.Nxe4 dxe4 17.Bxg7 exf3 18.Bxf3 Bxf3 19.Bxf8 Qd5]

16.Nd2 Qd7 17.Rd1 Ng5 18.Bf4 Nge4

[18...Nxh3+ 19.gxh3 Qxh3 20.b5±]

19.Ndxe4 Nxe4 20.Nxe4 dxe4 21.c3 Bd5 22.Bg4 e6

[22...f5!? 23.Be2□ Bf6∓]

23.Be2 Qe7 24.Rf1 f5 25.Bh2 e5 0.12/24

[25...h5∓ -0.36/20 is more appropriate.]

26.dxe5 Bxe5 27.Bxe5 Qxe5 28.Rd1 f4 0.30/21

[⌓28...Bf7 -0.09/19]

29.exf4

[29.Rd4 is more complex. fxe3 30.fxe3 Qg3 31.Qe1]

29...Rxf4 0.68/23

[29...Qxf4= 0.30/22 30.Bg4 e3 *(30...Qxf2+? 31.Kh1+-)*]

30.Qc1± Rcf8 31.Rf1 -0.55/23

[31.Ra2!± 0.61/22]

31...Be6 0.80/21

[31...e3∓ -0.55/23 keeps the upper hand. 32.fxe3 *(32.Qxe3? Re4-+* Skewer *)* 32...Qg5]

32.Qe3± Qg5 2.28/22

[32...b5± 0.82/20 is a better defense.]

33.Rad1+-

[33.Qxb6 Bxh3 34.g3 *(34.Qxa6? Qxg2#; 34.Bxc4+? Kg7-+)* 34...Kg7 *(34...Bxf1 35.Rxf1 h5 36.Bxc4+ Kh7 37.Qb7+ Kh6 38.Qd5∓)* 35.Qa7+ Kh6∓]

33...b5 34.axb5 axb5 35.Rd6 Bc8 1.98/22

[35...Qe5± 1.31/22 was necessary. 36.Qc5 Qxc5 37.bxc5 R4f6]

36.Rfd1 And now Rd6-d5 would win. Active counter play! **36...Qe7 37.f3?** 0.16/24

[37.R6d5+- 1.87/20]

37...Qg5= 38.R6d5

[38.fxe4? Rf1+ 39.Bxf1 Qxe3+-+]

38...Qg3 39.Qf2

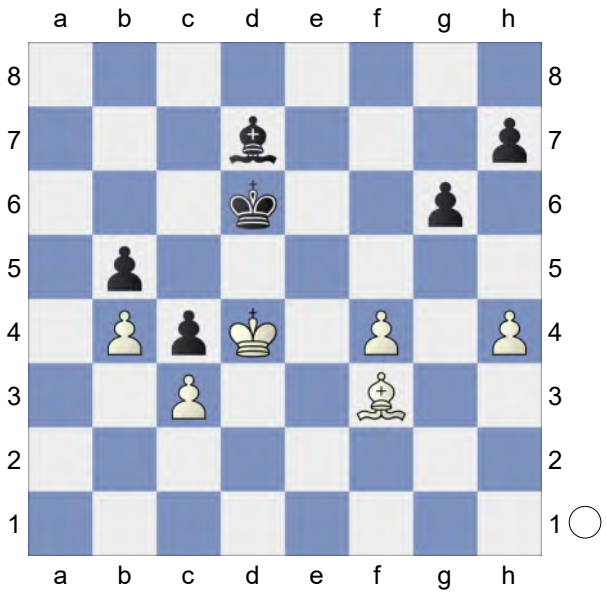
[39.Rxb5? perishes. exf3 *(39...Bxh3 40.Qf2=)* 40.Bxc4+ Rxc4-+]

39...Qxf2+ 40.Kxf2 Black must now prevent Rd1-d4! **40...exf3 41.gxf3 Bb7! 42.R5d4 R4f6 43.Rd6 Rf4**

[43...Rf5!?]

44.R1d4 R4f5 45.Rd8 Rxd8 46.Rxd8+ Endgame. KRB-KRB **46...Kg7 47.Rd7+ Rf7 48.Rd6** 0.01/26

[48.Rxf7+± 0.43/28 Kxf7 49.h4]
48...Rf6 49.Rd4 Bc8 50.h4 Rf7 51.f4 Re7 0.79/25
[51...Ra7= 0.16/23]
52.Rd5± Bd7 53.Bf3 0.39/25
[White should try 53.Rd6± 0.81/26]
53...Be8 0.77/24
[53...Kf6± 0.39/25]
54.Re5 0.01/29
[54.Rd6!± 0.77/24]
54...Kf6 1.15/24
[54...Rxe5= 0.01/29 55.fxe5 Kf8]
55.Rxe7! Kxe7 KB-KB **56.Ke3** Strongly threatening Ke3-d4. **56...Kd6** 2.02/34
[56...h6± 0.90/32]
57.Kd4+- Threatens to win with Bf3-d5.
57...Bd7



58.Bd5! Bd5-g8 is the strong threat.
58...Be8? 7.32/27
[58...Bf5± 1.14/26]

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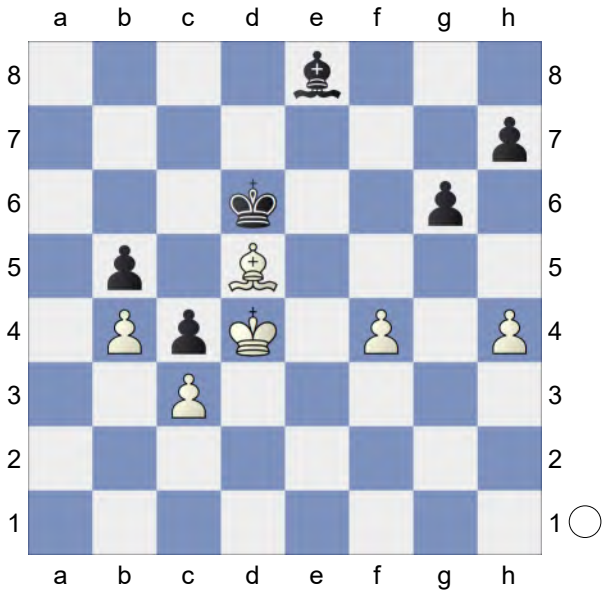

59.Bg8! h6 8.30/32
[⌓59...Ke7 4.17/27 60.Kc5 *(60.Bxh7 Kf6=)* 60...Kf6]
60.Bd5 White is clearly winning.
60...Bd7 9.92/29
[⌓60...h5 4.52/28 61.Bg8 Kd7]
61.Bf7 Bf5 62.Be8 Bd3 63.Bxb5 Bf5 64.Bxc4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.29 (precise)
1-0

579 **D00**
□ **Demidov,Mikhail** **2513**
■ **Panarin,Mikhail** **2558**
Russian Rapid Team Ch., Sochi (7.25)
[Richard Palliser]

Richard Palliser,MH: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines ' **1.d4** Richard Palliser,MH **1...Nf6 2.Nc3 d5** Richard Palliser,MH: 'N'
[2...c5 Richard Palliser,MH 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5*

17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7 ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000 *)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]

3.Bf4 e6

[The other classical response - to my mind at least - is 3...Bf5 , after which play tends to go 4.f3 e6 5.g4 Bg6 6.h4 h6 *(* just as this update was nearing completion, Nakamura wheeled out *6...h5 7.g5 Nfd7* and in Jobava-Nakamura, Khanty-Mansiysk 2015, no less after *8.e3 a6 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.cxd3 Nc6* Black is fine and White should settle for straightforward development as *11.g6? fxg6 12.Bg5 Be7 13.f4 Nf6 14.Qb3 Qd7 15.Nf3 Ng4 16.Ke2 Bf6* saw Jobava coming up somewhat short *)* 7.e3 , as we considered in, for example, Jobava-Mamedyarov, World Rapid Championship, Dubai 2014. *(* I'm not quite so keen on the immediate and more committal *7.h5* , after which *Bh7 8.e3 Bd6 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Nc6 11.Nge2 Bxf4 12.exf4 Qd6 13.0-0-0 0-0-0 14.Kb1 a6 15.Qe3 Nd7* was very solid for Black in Malakhov-Goganov, St Petersburg (rapid) 2015. Of course, Malakhov's clamping approach has its points, but I would prefer to keep the option of g4-g5 hanging over Black for a little longer by holding back on h4-h5. *)*]

4.e3 Bb4 5.Bd3 c5 French-like play from Black and now White should really exchange, as we've seen before. **6.dxc5 Nbd7 7.Nge2 0-0!**

[Best, whereas 7...Nxc5 0.01/21 Richard Palliser,MH: '7...a7-a6 -0.49' 8.a3 Nxd3+ 0.44/22 *(8...Ba5=* -0.06/21 Richard Palliser,MH*)* 9.Qxd3 gave White a definite edge in Jobava-Shalamberidze, Georgian Team Championship 2014.]

8.0-0 Richard Palliser,MH: 'The position is equal.'

[Straightforward and much less radical than Jobava's 8.Bd6!? Richard Palliser,MH: ' keeps more tension.' Re8 9.Bb5 a6 *(9...Ne4* Richard Palliser,MH *10.Qd4)* 10.Bxd7 Nxd7 11.Qd4 Qa5 12.0-0-0!? -0.34/19 when *(12.a3=* 0.17/22 Richard Palliser,MH *Bxc5 13.Bxc5 Qxc5 14.0-0-0)* 12...b6! would have been critical in Jobava-Korneev, Sochi 2014.]

8...Nxc5 -0.02/20

[8...Bxc5∓ -0.39/20 (Richard Palliser, MH) should be considered. 9.e4 dxe4 10.Bxe4 Nxe4 11.Nxe4 Bb6]

9.Rc1 By no means the only or definitely

the best move, but one I rather like. Panarin places his rook in anticipation of the exchange on d3. Can White really be better here when the bishop-pair is falling one might well wonder. Probably not, although if Black is careless he might well find himself struggling to challenge a nibble. **9...Bd7**

[One might have expected 9...b6 0.19/19 , but perhaps Panarin wasn't sure about Richard Palliser,MH: '9... Nf6-h5 -0.36 , but perhaps Panarin wasn't sure about' 10.a3 Bxc3 11.Nxc3 Nxd3 12.cxd3 . Suddenly White's bishop looks the more useful and while Ba6 shouldn't be too terrible for Black, Richard Palliser, MH: 'shouldn't be too terrible for Black, . Repels Nc3-b5' *(12...d4 13.Nb5* Richard Palliser,MH: '!' *Nd5 14.Bd6 Re8* Richard Palliser,MH: '!' *15.e4* does give White a pull. *)*]

10.a3 Nxd3

[I would have preferred to provoke a concession with 10...Ba5!? 11.b4 *(11.Bd6 Nxd3* hits c1 and b2 to avoid losing material*)* 11...Nxd3 12.cxd3 Bb6 when 13.Na4 Bxa4 14.Qxa4 Qe7 should be tenable for the second player.]

11.cxd3! Be7 12.Qb3 Demidov is quick to exploit the fact that his b-pawn hasn't advanced. The position resembles an Exchange Slav, but with the d4-square free, ...Bc6 can always be met by Nd4.

12...Qb6

[A big call and by no means forced. Black does have some weaknesses after 12...Bc6!? 13.Nd4 Nd7 14.Nxc6 bxc6 15.Na4 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Dodges Qd8-b6' e5 0.11/18 *(15...c5∓* -0.31/22 Richard Palliser,MH*)* 16.Bg3 Richard Palliser,MH: '=' Rc8 , but at least his central expansion supplies some compensation for them.]

13.Qxb6 axb6 14.Nd4 Now we can see that Black's main problem is that his light-squared bishop lacks a good role and it's not so easy even to challenge on the dark squares. However, to be fair, it seems that he is perfectly OK here thanks to the following strong regrouping. **14...Rfc8 15.h3 Ne8!** Good defence from Panarin, preparing not so much ...Bd6 (Black would prefer to keep the bishop-pair), as . ..f6. **16.Bg3**

[With 16.e4!? f6 17.e5 White would have maintained control, but Richard Palliser,MH: '!' Nc7 18.Rfe1 f5 0.38/22 *(18...Kf7=* 0.00/21 Richard Palliser,MH*)* 19.Nce2 g5 followed by ...Kf7 should be an acceptable enough version of the French for Black.]

16...f6 17.Rc2?! Tempting, but also allowing counterplay based on the open c-file. **17...e5?**

[A tactical slip. Instead, 17...b5! would have exploited White's last and after 18.Rfc1 b4 19.axb4 Bxb4 any nibble can only belong to Black with his bishops.]

18.Nxd5 Oh dear. Suddenly e7 hangs and the rook on c2 is still overprotected. **18...Bd8?!** 0.59/22

[Rather defensive. 18...Kf7!? was a better try, and if Richard Palliser,MH: '!'

A) 19.Nxb6 Richard Palliser,MH exd4 20.Rxc8 *(20.Nxc8 Bxc8 21.Re1 Bd7∓)* 20...Rxc8 21.Nxc8 *(21.Nxd7 dxe3 22.fxe3 Rd8=)* 21...Bxc8;

B) 19.Nxe7 Kxe7 20.Rxc8 Rxc8

21.Nf3 Rc2 with some activity for the pawn, not to mention the presence of opposite-coloured bishops.]

19.Rxc8 Richard Palliser,MH: '±'

19...Rxc8 20.Nf3 Richard Palliser,MH: ' White is more active.' **20...Bb5**

[Now 20...Rc2 21.Rb1 Richard Palliser,MH: '!' Kf7 would have been met by 22.Nb4 , beginning to drive Black back.]

21.Rd1 Rc2

[Black's pieces begin to get into a tangle after this natural-looking move. As such, 21...Ba4!? was worth a thought, and if 22.Rd2 0.41/22 *(22.Re1±* 0.84/19 Richard Palliser, MH *)* 22...Rc1+ 23.Kh2 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Black must now prevent Nd5-c3.' Nd6 .]

22.Nc3! Richard Palliser,MH: ' Excellent horsemanship.' **22...Ba6?!** 1.38/21

[22...Rxb2 23.d4! would have been surprisingly awkward for Black, but better this and then Richard Palliser, MH: '±' Bc6 Richard Palliser,MH: '!' 24.dxe5 Be7 than what now occurs.]

[Better is 22...Bc6 0.72/26 Richard Palliser,MH]

23.d4 Powerful play from Demidov, returning the extra pawn to seize a powerful initiative. Richard Palliser,MH: '±' **23...exd4** 2.24/24

[23...e4± 1.36/23 Richard Palliser, MH]

24.Nxd4 Richard Palliser,MH: '+-'

[Don't do 24.Rxd4 Richard Palliser, MH Be7]

24...Rxb2 25.Nf5 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Against Bd8-e7' **25...Bc7** The only move, but matters look pretty bad for Black with his other bishop out of play and king position looking quite ropey.

26.Bxc7 Nxc7 27.Rd7

[Much less strong is 27.Rd8+ Richard Palliser,MH Kf7 28.Rd7+ Ke6 29.Rxc7 *(29.Rxg7?! Kxf5 30.Rxc7 Rb3+-)* 29...Kxf5+-]

27...Ne8 28.Nd5 Inviting the final piece to the party and threatening to overload with Nc7. **28...Kf8 29.Nf4** Richard Palliser,MH: ' And now Nf4-e6+ would win.'

[This soon wins a pawn and 29.Nd4!? Richard Palliser,MH: ' Strongly threatening Rd7-e7.' Bc4 30.e4 must also have been rather tempting for Demidov.]

29...Bc4 30.Rxb7 0.78/23

[30.Nd4!+- 2.11/23 (Richard Palliser, MH) has better winning chances.]

30...b5 2.60/21 Richard Palliser,MH: '?' Richard Palliser,MH: ' Loses the game.'

[30...Rb1+± 0.78/23 Richard Palliser, MH 31.Kh2 g5]

31.Nd4 g5?

[Lashing out. With a hanging flag one might well fear 31...Ra2 32.Nfe6+ Bxe6 33.Nxe6+ Kg8 , but actually there's no knockout blow here with White simply having to settle for a long grind after 34.Rxb5 1.12/22 *(34.Re7!+-* 2.37/24 (Richard Palliser, MH) is the precise move to win. *Rxa3 35.Rxe8+ Kf7 36.Nxg7)* 34...Rxa3 .]

32.Nfe6+ Kg8 4.26/20

[32...Bxe6 2.86/21 (Richard Palliser, MH) was necessary. 33.Nxe6+ Kg8]

33.Re7 Richard Palliser,MH: 'White is clearly winning.' **33...Nd6** This may well all have been frantically blitzed, even allowing for a few seconds of increment. Richard Palliser,MH: '

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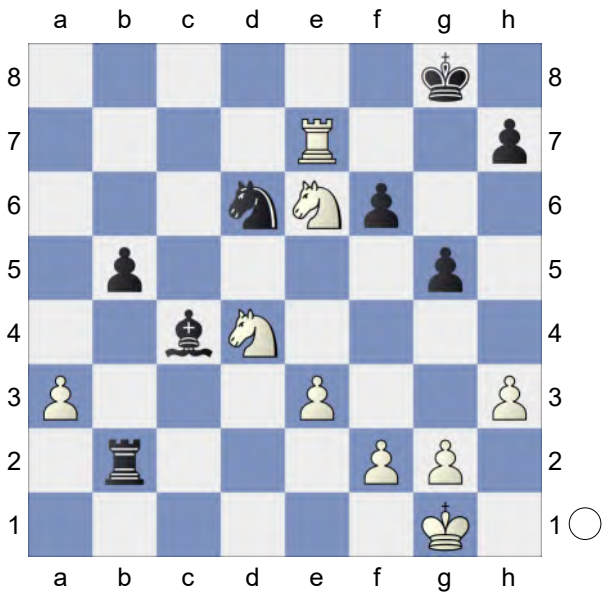
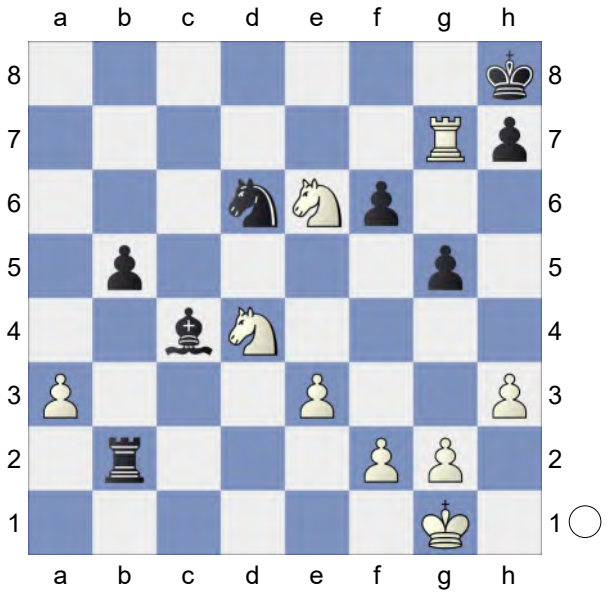


This may well all have been frantically blitzed, even allowing for a few seconds of increment.' **34.Rg7+!**

[34.Rd7? 0.24/21 Richard Palliser, MH: '34.Re7-g7+ 4.40' Kh8?? #2/33 is the official gamescore, but that's somewhat harder to believe in. *(34...Ne4=* 0.24/21 Richard Palliser, MH *)*]

34...Kh8 Richard Palliser,MH: '



' **35.Rd7** Black cannot save his knight and ward off mate. Richard Palliser,MH: '!' Richard Palliser,MH: 'Black cannot save his knight and ward off mate. Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.30'

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580 **D00**

□ **Van Foreest,Lucas** **2512**

■ **Budisavljevic,Luka** **2483**

St Louis Spring B (9.2) 19.04.2024

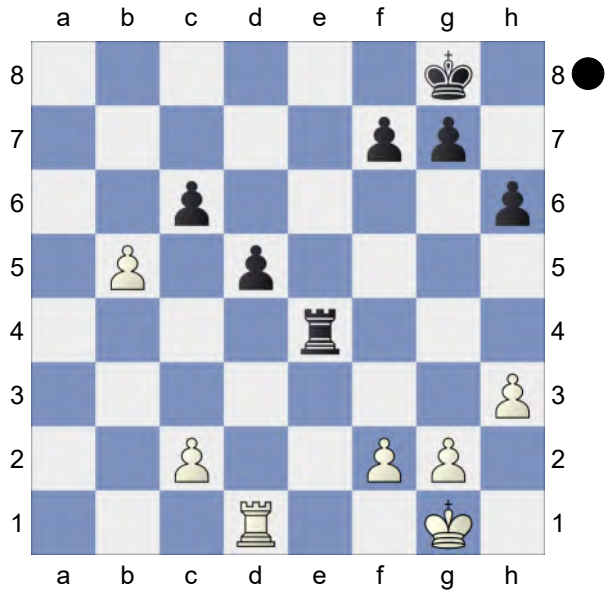
[Kitty Kat]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**

[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5

axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]

3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 The position is equal. **6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Ne5 e6 8.Nxc6 bxc6 9.Na4 Bd6 10.Bxd6 Qxd6 11.Bd3 a5 12.0-0 Ba6 13.Re1 0-0 14.Rc1 Bxd3 15.Qxd3 Rfe8 16.h3 e5 17.dxe5 Rxe5 18.Rxe5 Qxe5 19.Rd1 Re8 20.Nc3 h6 21.a3 Re6 22.b4 axb4 23.axb4 Ne4 24.Nxe4 Qxe4 25.Qxe4 Rxe4=** Endgame. KR-KR **26.b5**



Deflection **26...cxb5 27.Rxd5 Re1+ 28.Kh2 Re2 29.f3 Rxc2 30.Rxb5 Rd2 31.Ra5 Rc2 32.Rb5 Rd2 33.Ra5 Rc2** Not much happened in this game. Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless)
½-½

581 **D00**
□ **Zaragatski,Ilja** **2509**
■ **Reichmann,Hendrik** **2338**
chessemy Open 2022 (4.2) 01.02.2022
[Richard Palliser]

Richard Palliser,MH: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines ' **1.d4** Richard Palliser,MH **1...Nf6 2.Nc3 d5** Richard Palliser,MH: 'N'

[2...c5 Richard Palliser,MH 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000 *)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]

3.Bf4 Bf5 Natural, if also a rather rare

choice these days at GM level. Richard Palliser,MH: 'Natural, if also a rather rare choice these days at GM level.' **4.f3** One of the key tenets of the Jobava-Prie: White sees Black's active development of the light-squared bishop as a reason to expand. Richard Palliser, MH: 'One of the key tenets of the Jobava-Prie: White sees Black's active development of the light-squared bishop as a reason to expand.' **4...e6 5.g4**

[Invariably played, although in the early days of the variation, 5.Qd2 Be7 6.0-0-0 was tried in Naiditsch-Harikrishna, Wijk aan Zee 2014, a rather brutal encounter which can be found in the Archive. Richard Palliser, MH: 'was tried in Naiditsch-Harikrishna, Wijk aan Zee 2014, a rather brutal encounter which can be found in the Archive.']

5...Bg6 6.h4 Here we go... **6...h5**

[Black faced a major decision, with 6...h6 also far from ridiculous when after Richard Palliser,MH: 'also far from ridiculous when after' 7.e3 a6 I agree with Williams that White might wish to keep the kingside pawns flexible and so go Richard Palliser, MH: 'I agree with Williams that White might wish to keep the kingside pawns flexible and so go' 8.Bd3 .]

7.g5 Ng8

[Engine-approved, not that 7...Nfd7 is at all bad. Here we saw 8.e3 *(*the Blackmar-Diemer style *8.e4!? dxe4 9.a3!?* could be explored Richard Palliser,MH: 'could be explored. Prevents Bf8-b4'*)* 8...c5? 0.50/19 *(* premature Black should prefer *8...a6* , as in Oparin-Stefanova, Lindores Abbey, Riga (blitz) 2021, Richard Palliser,MH: ', as in Oparin-Stefanova, Lindores Abbey, Riga (blitz) 2021,'*;* or *8...Bb4!?; 8...Nc6*= -0.08/19 Richard Palliser,MH*)* 9.Nb5! Richard Palliser,MH: ' ⩲ !' Na6 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Prevents Nb5-c7+.' 10.c3 thematically clamping down on the black position to give White an ideal early advantage in Nabaty-Codenotti, European Individual Championship, Jerusalem 2015. Richard Palliser,MH: 'thematically clamping down on the black position to give White an ideal early advantage in Nabaty-Codenotti, European Individual Championship, Jerusalem 2015.']

8.e4!? Taking up the challenge. Will White's centre now prove a strength or a target? Richard Palliser,MH: 'Taking up the challenge. Will White's centre now prove a strength or a target? The position is equal.' **8...Bb4** Richard Palliser,MH: '!' **9.Bd3?!**

[I'm not a huge fan of this natural development and would prefer Richard Palliser,MH: 'I'm not a huge fan of this natural development and would prefer' 9.Qd3 followed by 0-0-0 and Nge2, leaving the bishop on f1 for the time being. Richard Palliser,MH: 'followed by 0-0-0 and Nge2, leaving the bishop on f1 for the time being.']

9...Ne7 10.Nge2 -0.66/21

[10.Qd2!= -0.09/18 Richard Palliser, MH]

10...c5!? 0.01/21

[Thematic and decent, if perhaps not best. Previously, Richard Palliser,MH: 'Thematic and decent, if perhaps not best. Previously,' 10...Nbc6 0.04/18 Richard Palliser,MH: '10...0-0 -0.52' 11.0-0 -0.60/19 *(11.Qd2*= 0.04/18 Richard Palliser,MH*)* 11...Qd7

12.Nb5?! -1.18/19 *(12.a3!∓* -0.32/18 Richard Palliser,MH *Ba5 13.exd5 exd5 14.Na4)* 12...Ba5 -0.78/18 *(⌓12...e5* -1.18/19 Richard Palliser, MH *13.dxe5 0-0-0)* 13.c3 -1.34/19 *(⌓13.Kh2* -0.78/18 Richard Palliser, MH *)* 13...Bb6 -0.65/17 *(13...e5∓* -1.34/19 Richard Palliser,MH *14.Bg3 Bb6)* 14.Kg2 -1.16/18 *(14.Kh2!∓* -0.65/17 Richard Palliser,MH*)* 14...a6 -0.73/20 *(⌓14...0-0-0* -1.16/18 Richard Palliser,MH *15.a4 a6)* 15.Na3 Richard Palliser,MH: ' ∓' Rd8 16.Bg3 dxe4! 17.fxe4 -0.79/20 *(17.Bxe4∓* -0.41/22 (Richard Palliser, MH) is more appropriate. *Bxe4 18.fxe4)* 17...e5 had seen White being outplayed in instructive fashion in Bustelo-Izquierdo, Montevideo 2009, Richard Palliser,MH: '!' Richard Palliser,MH: 'had seen White being outplayed in instructive fashion in Bustelo-Izquierdo, Montevideo 2009,'] [and 10...0-0! -0.66/21 might be the best of a promising bunch, and if Richard Palliser,MH: ' ∓!' 11.a3 Bxc3+ 12.Nxc3 *(*or *12.bxc3* -0.95/21 Richard Palliser,MH: '12.Ne2xc3 -0.49' *c5* Richard Palliser,MH: '!*)* 12...Nbc6 with promising counterplay against the white centre. Richard Palliser,MH: 'with promising counterplay against the white centre.']

11.dxc5 Richard Palliser,MH: '='

[11.exd5 (Richard Palliser,MH) keeps more tension. Qxd5 12.Kf2 Bxc3 13.Nxc3 Qxd4+ 14.Be3]

11...Nbc6? 1.01/22

[Black won't have time to get ... e5 in, so should have settled for Richard Palliser,MH: 'Black won't have time to get ... e5 in, so should have settled for' 11...Bxc5 0.01/21 when Richard Palliser,MH: '=' Richard Palliser,MH: ' keeps the balance.' 12.exd5 exd5 13.Qd2 Nbc6 14.0-0-0 0-0 is probably about equal, although I'd prefer to take Black due to the safer king position. Richard Palliser,MH: 'is probably about equal, although I'd prefer to take Black due to the safer king position.']

12.exd5?! 0.31/23

[12.Bd6! 1.01/22 would have been pretty strong, since Richard Palliser, MH: '±' 'would have been pretty strong, since' d4 1.81/21 *(12...dxe4±* 0.69/21 Richard Palliser,MH *13.Bxe4 Bxe4 14.fxe4 b6)* 13.a3 Richard Palliser, MH: '+-' dxc3 2.18/21 *(13...Bxc5±* 1.55/19 Richard Palliser,MH *14.Bxc5 dxc3)* 14.axb4 Richard Palliser,MH: '+- ' cxb2 15.Rb1 just leaves White with a powerful initiative and monster of a dark-squared bishop. Richard Palliser, MH: 'just leaves White with a powerful initiative and monster of a dark-squared bishop.']

12...exd5 Richard Palliser,MH: '±'

13.Bxg6?!

[Even here 13.Bd6 0-0 0.71/22 *(13...b6=* 0.22/22 (Richard Palliser, MH) deserves consideration.*)* 14.a3 Richard Palliser,MH: ' ± ' Bxc3+ 15.Nxc3 followed by Kf2 is probably a little better for White. Richard Palliser,MH: 'followed by Kf2 is probably a little better for White.']

13...fxg6 14.Bd6 b6 0.30/22

[Another natural but not optimally timed move. Instead, Richard Palliser, MH: 'Another natural but not optimally timed move. Instead,' 14...0-0 -0.08/22 Richard Palliser,MH: '⌓' 15.Qd3 Richard Palliser,MH: ' 0-0-0 would now be deadly.' Qa5! 16.0-0-0

Bxc5 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.Nxd5 Rad8 19.Nxe7+ Richard Palliser,MH: '!' Qxe7 would have left Black with excellent play for the pawn thanks to his pressure down the open files and safer king. Richard Palliser,MH: 'would have left Black with excellent play for the pawn thanks to his pressure down the open files and safer king.']

15.Bxe7! Richard Palliser,MH: '=!'

15...Nxe7?

[15...Bxc3+ Richard Palliser,MH: '!' 16.Nxc3 Qxe7+ 17.Qe2 bxc5 was the way to go. Possibly Richard Palliser,MH: 'was the way to go. Possibly' 18.Nxd5 put Reichmann off, but after Qxe2+ 19.Kxe2 Nd4+ 20.Kf2 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Nd5-c7+ is the strong threat.' 0-0 Black would once again enjoy promising play for his pawn. Richard Palliser,MH: '!']

16.Qd4! This resource crops up in a number of Jobava-Prie lines and often spells trouble for Black on the dark squares. Richard Palliser,MH: 'This resource crops up in a number of Jobava-Prie lines and often spells trouble for Black on the dark squares.'

16...bxc5? 1.20/21

[Too ambitious. Black simply had to get the king to safety with Richard Palliser,MH: 'Too ambitious. Black simply had to get the king to safety with' 16...Bxc3+ 0.68/23 Richard Palliser,MH: ' ±!' 17.Nxc3 0-0 .]

17.Qxg7 Richard Palliser,MH: '±'

17...Rg8 **18.Qe5!** I wonder if this powerful retreat was overlooked. Suddenly White is a pawn up and dominating the board. Richard Palliser, MH: '↑' Richard Palliser,MH: 'I wonder if this powerful retreat was overlooked. Suddenly White is a pawn up and dominating the board. Keeping Black busy.' **18...Qb8**

[This grovel is also the best the engines can suggest, not least with Richard Palliser,MH: 'This grovel is also the best the engines can suggest, not least with' 18...d4 2.64/21 running into Richard Palliser,MH: '18... Qd8-b8 1.44 running into' 19.0-0-0 .]

19.Qxb8+ **Rxb8** **20.0-0-0** **Rd8** **21.Nf4!** It's well worth accepting a broken queenside to increase the central pressure. Richard Palliser,MH: 'It's well worth accepting a broken queenside to increase the central pressure.' **21...Bxc3** **22.bxc3** **Kf7**

[Of course, 22...Rf8? 3.68/24 wasn't possible on account of Richard Palliser,MH: '22...Rd8-d6 1.61 wasn't possible on account of' 23.Ne6 .]

23.Rhe1 **Rd6** Richard Palliser,MH: ' Dodges Re1-e6' **24.Nxd5!** The German Grandmaster spots the chance to simplify. **24...Nxd5** **25.c4** **Rgd8** **26.Rxd5** **Rxd5** **27.cxd5** **Rxd5** Richard Palliser,MH: 'Endgame. KR-KR' **28.Re4** Keeping the kingside secure and the black king cut off. Richard Palliser, MH: 'Keeping the kingside secure and the black king cut off.' **28...Rf5** Richard Palliser,MH: ' Prevents Re4-f4' **29.f4** **Rd5** **30.Ra4!** **Ke6** **31.Rxa7** **Kf5** **32.Rf7+** **Kg4** **33.Rf6!** The only move to be clearly winning, if also not such a hard one to spot. **33...Rd4** **34.Rxg6** Richard Palliser,MH: '.' **34...Kxf4** **35.Rh6?** 1.13/22

[Arguably a little ungrandmasterly. Richard Palliser,MH: ' White should try' 35.c3! 1.59/26 was the way to go, intending

A) or 35...Re4 36.Kc2

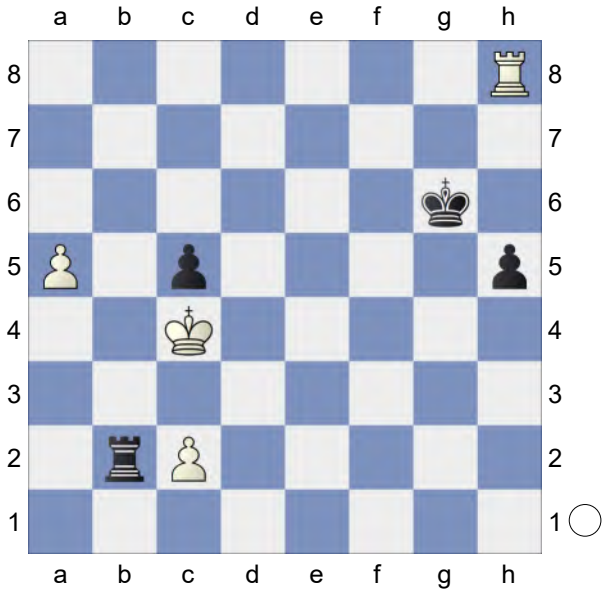
Richard Palliser,MH: ' Hoping for Rg6-h6.' Kg4 1.97/24 *(36...Ke5± 1.24/25* Richard Palliser,MH *37.Kb3 Rxh4)* 37.Kb3 Richard Palliser,MH: '+-' Kxh4 38.a4;

B) 35...Rc4 Richard Palliser,MH 36.Kb2;

C) 35...Ra4 36.Rh6 Richard Palliser,MH: '!' Kg4 37.g6 Richard Palliser,MH: '!' Richard Palliser,MH: ' And now g6-g7 would win.' Ra7 38.Rh7 Richard Palliser, MH: ' Prevents Ra7-g7.' Ra8 39.g7 Rg8 40.a4 1.43/22 when the key difference with our next note is revealed after Richard Palliser,MH: 'when the key difference with our next note is revealed after' *(40.Kb2+- 1.94/31* Richard Palliser, MH *)* 40...Kxh4 Richard Palliser, MH: '±' 41.a5 1.34/22 *(41.Kb2+- 1.98/29* Richard Palliser,MH*)* 41...Kg5 Richard Palliser,MH: '±' 42.Kb2 Kg6 43.Rh8 Rxg7 44.Kb3 Rb7+ 2.89/26 *(⌓44...Ra7* 1.61/27 Richard Palliser,MH*)* 45.Kc4 and the win is a pretty straightforward one.]

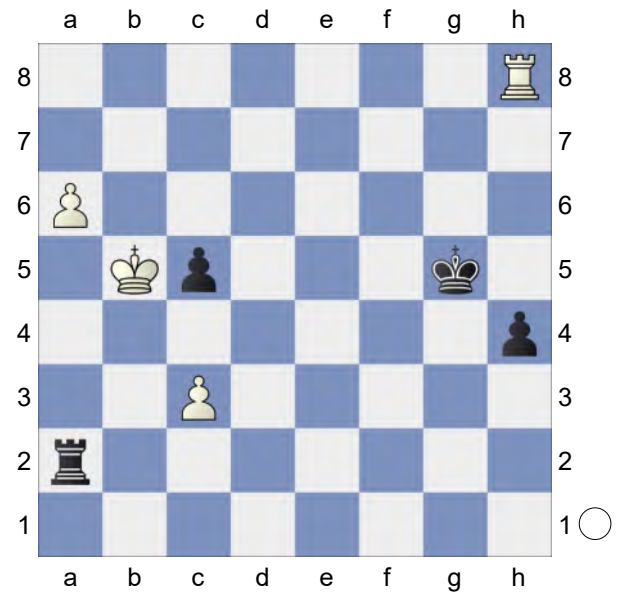
35...Kg4 **36.g6** Richard Palliser,MH: '!' Richard Palliser,MH: ' Intending g6-g7 and mate.' **36...Kxh4?** 10.88/25

[Black is far too slow after this, in contrast to which Richard Palliser, MH: 'Black is far too slow after this, in contrast to which' 36...Rd7 1.06/26 Richard Palliser,MH: ' ±' 37.Rh7 Richard Palliser,MH: '!' Rd8 38.g7 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Repels Rd8-g8. White wants to mate with Rh7-h8.' Rg8 39.a4 Kxh4 40.a5 Kg5 would have forced White to find Richard Palliser,MH: 'would have forced White to find' 41.Kb2! Kg6 42.Rh8 Rxg7 43.Kb3 Richard Palliser,MH: '!' Rb7+ 44.Kc4 Richard Palliser,MH: ' aiming for a5-a6!' Rb2 Richard Palliser,MH: '



' 45.c3 and here even you wouldn't be totally confident of winning as White after Richard Palliser,MH: '!' Richard Palliser,MH: 'and here even you wouldn't be totally confident of winning as White after. Threatens to win with a5-a6!' Ra2 46.Kb5 Richard Palliser, MH: ' Black must now prevent a5-a6!' Kg5 2.62/26 *(46...Rb2+±* 1.31/24 (Richard Palliser,MH) is a better defense. *47.Kxc5 Ra2)* 47.a6 Richard Palliser,MH: '+-' h4 Richard Palliser,MH: '

(Diagram)



' 48.Ra8 Richard Palliser,MH: '!' Richard Palliser,MH: ' Strongly threatening a6-a7!' Kf6! .]

37.g7 Richard Palliser,MH: '+-' Richard Palliser,MH: 'White is clearly winning.' **37...Rg4 38.Rh7 Kg3 39.a4** Black can't stop both passed pawns. Richard Palliser,MH: 'Black can't stop both passed pawns. Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) / Black=0.20 (precise) '

[Weaker is 39.Rxh5 Richard Palliser, MH Rxg7 40.Rxc5 Kf4+-]

1-0

582 **D00**

□ **Harika,Dronavalli** **2509**

■ **Lagno,Kateryna** **2542**

Speed Chess (Women) blitz (2.10)

[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**

[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]

3.Bf4 Bf5 4.e3 e6 5.Bd3 Bg6 6.Nge2 -0.51/19

[6.Nf3= -0.02/20]

6...c5 0.00/21

[Black should try 6...a6∓ -0.51/19]

7.0-0 -0.51/21

[7.Bxg6= 0.00/21 hxg6 8.Nb5]

7...Nc6 8.Nb5 Black has an edge.

8...Rc8 Wards off Nb5-c7+ **9.c4** -1.31/20

[9.Bxg6∓ -0.53/20 hxg6 10.dxc5]

9...a6∓ 10.Nbc3

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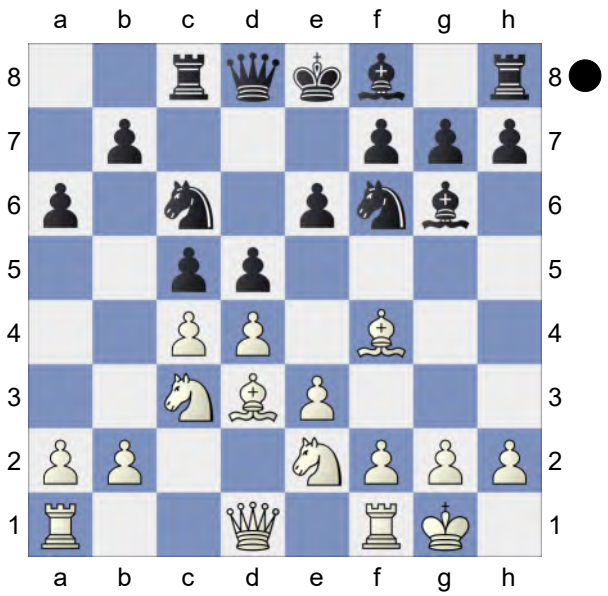

Bxd3 11.Qxd3 cxd4 12.Nxd4 -1.95/22
[12.exd4∓ -0.89/21 Nb4 13.Qh3]
12...Nxd4 -1.45/22
[12...dxc4-+ -1.95/22 13.Qb1 Qb6]
13.Qxd4 -1.84/20
[13.exd4∓ -1.45/22 Rxc4 *(13...dxc4 14.Qf3∓)* 14.b3]
13...Rxc4-+ 14.Qd3 Bd6 15.Bxd6 Qxd6 16.Rfd1 Black must now prevent Qd3xc4. **16...Qc7 17.Ne2 0-0 18.b3 Rc5 19.Rac1 Rc8 20.Rxc5 Qxc5 21.h3** -2.17/23
[⩲21.Qd2 -1.74/22]
21...h6 22.Rc1 Qf8 23.Rxc8 Qxc8 Endgame. KQN-KQN **24.a4 Qc5 25.Ng3** -2.59/22
[25.Kf1 -1.92/19 keeps fighting.]
25...Nd7 26.Qd2 Ne5 27.Ne2 Nc6 28.Nd4 Nxd4 -1.27/19
[Black should play 28...Qb4-+ -2.16/21 29.Qc2 Nxd4 30.exd4 g6 *(30...Qxd4? 31.Qc8+ Kh7 32.Qxb7-+)*]
29.exd4 KQ-KQ **29...Qc6 30.g3 Qd6** -0.73/25
[⩲30...b5 -1.37/23 31.a5 Qc7]
31.h4∓ e5 32.Qc3
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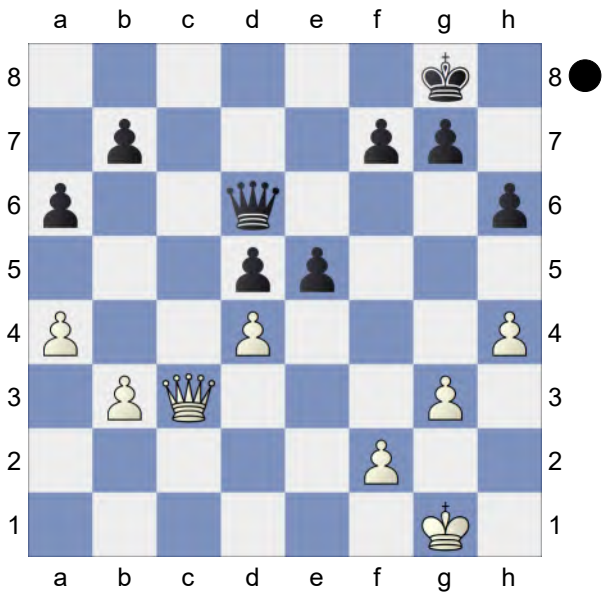
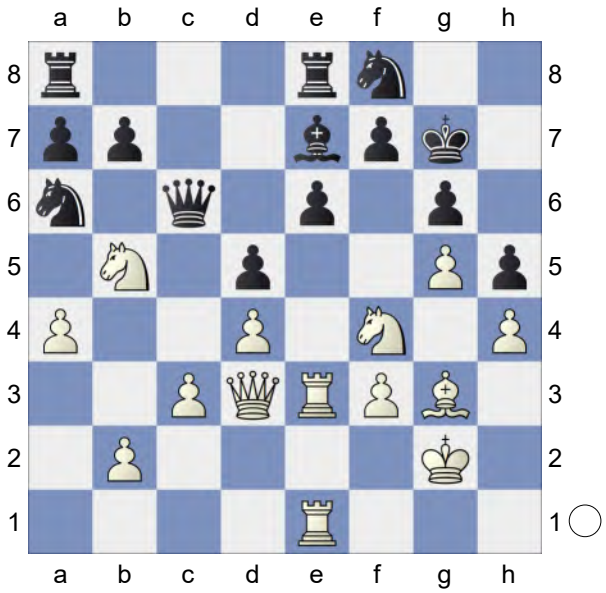


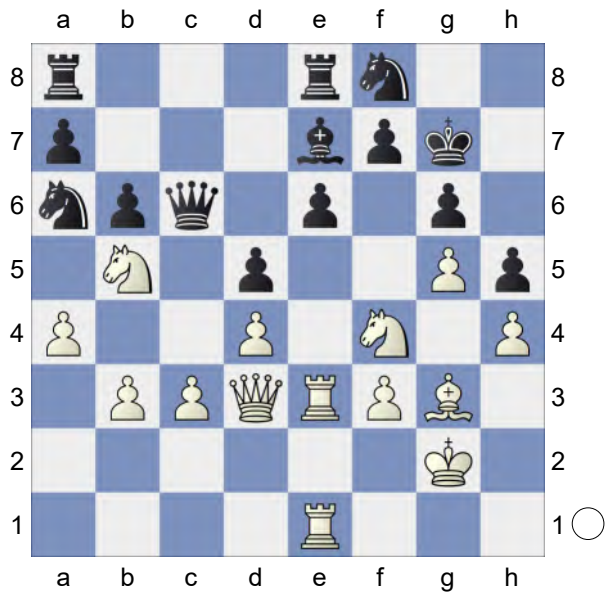
exd4 -0.06/28
[32...Qc6!∓ -1.03/23 33.Qxc6 bxc6 34.dxe5 a5]
33.Qc8+= The position is equal.
33...Kh7 34.Qf5+ Qg6 35.Qxd5 Qe6 36.Qxd4 Qxb3 37.Qe4+ g6 Strongly threatening ...b7-b5. **38.a5 h5 39.Qe7 Qd5 40.Qc7 Kg7 41.Kh2 Qd4 42.Kg1 Qd5 43.Kh2 Qb5 44.Kg1 Qc6 45.Qe5+ Qf6 46.Qc7 Qc6 47.Qe5+ Kg8 48.Qe7 Qb5 49.Qd8+ Kg7 50.Qc7 Kf6 51.Qc3+ Ke6 52.Qc7 Qd5 53.Qc8+ Ke7 54.Qc7+ Qd7 55.Qe5+ Kd8 56.Qb8+ Ke7 57.Qe5+ Qe6 58.Qc7+ Qd7 59.Qe5+** White happily takes the draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.14 (very precise)
½-½

583 **D00**
□ **Horvath,Jozsef1** **2508**
■ **Handler,Lukas** **2385**
23. Donau Open 2014 (6.4) 30.12.2014
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c6 4.e3 Bf5 5.f3 e6 6.g4 Bg6 7.h4 h5** 0.33/19
[7...h6= 0.00/19 might be stronger.]
8.g5⩲ White is slightly better. **8...Nfd7 9.Qd2N** 0.03/15
[9.Bd3!⩲ 0.48/18 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 g6 *(10...Na6 11.0-0-0 b5 12.g6 f6 13.e4 Nb6 14.Nxb5 Nb4 15.Nc7+ Kd7 16.Qe2 Na4 17.exd5 Nxa2+ 18.Kd2 e5 19.Nxa8 Qa5+ 20.Ke3 exf4+ 21.Kxf4 Bd6+* 0-1 (21) Sandoval Mercado,C (2291)-Sammed Jaykumar,S (2454) Chess.com INT 2023*; 10...Bb4 11.Nge2 Qe7 12.0-0-0 Na6 13.e4 Bd6 14.exd5 exd5 15.Rhe1 0-0-0 16.Kb1 Bxf4 17.Nxf4 Qd6 18.Qd2 Rde8 19.Re3 Rxe3 20.Qxe3 Nc7 21.Re1 Re8 22.Qxe8+ Nxe8 23.Rxe8+ Kc7 24.Nfxd5+* 1-0 (24) Al Sabti,A (1578)-Al Makhamari,A (1765) Suhar 2024*; 10...c5 11.Nge2 a6 12.g6 f6 13.e4 c4 14.Qe3 Be7 15.exd5 e5 16.dxe5 fxe5 17.Bxe5 Bxh4+ 18.Bg3+ Qe7 19.Qxe7+ Bxe7 20.Nf4 Nf6 21.Ne6 Rg8 22.Nc7+* 1-0 (22) Osmonbekov,T (2137)-Goriatchkin,J (2318) Chess.com INT 2022*) 11.e4 a6 12.Qe2 Nb6 13.Be5 Rg8 14.Qh2 N8d7 15.Bc7 Qe7 16.Nge2 Nc4 17.0-0 f6 18.exd5 exd5 19.Rae1 Nd2 20.Qf2 Ne5 21.Bxe5 fxe5 22.Nf4 Nc4 23.b3 Qb4 24.Ncxd5 Bargsten,J (2108)-Berres,E (1866) Walsrode 2023 1-0]
9...c5 0.36/19
[9...b5= 0.03/15]
10.Nb5 Nc7+ is the strong threat.
10...Na6 Prevents Nc7+. **11.c3 Qb6 12.a4 Be7 13.Ne2 0-0 14.Bg3! cxd4 15.exd4 Bf5 16.Nf4**
[16.Kf2 keeps more tension. Rfc8 17.Nf4 g6 18.a5]
16...g6 0.96/18
[16...Nab8⩲ 0.58/21]
17.Bd3± Bxd3 18.Qxd3
[Resist 18.Nxd3 Rac8⩲]
18...Kg7 19.0-0 Rfe8 20.Rfe1 And now Rxe6! would win. **20...Nf8 21.Re3 Qc6 22.Rae1** 0.74/19
[⌓22.Qd2 1.12/18]
22...Qd7 1.55/20
[⌓22...Kg8 0.74/19]
23.Kg2 0.70/19 &Bianco is much more active.
[23.Qe2± 1.55/20]
23...Qc6? 3.61/20
[23...Rec8!⩲ 0.70/19]



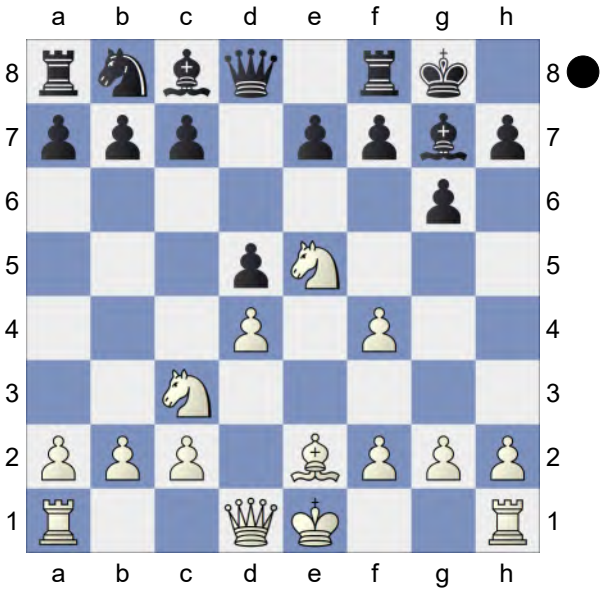
24.b3? 1.26/21
[24.Rxe6!!+- 3.61/20 fxe6 25.Rxe6]
24...b6? 3.18/21
[24...Kg8± 1.26/21]



25.Qe2? 0.94/19
[25.Rxe6!+- 3.18/21 and the rest is easy. fxe6 26.Rxe6 Qxe6 27.Nxe6+ Nxe6 28.f4]
25...Qb7 2.17/21
[25...Rec8± 0.94/19]
26.Nd3 aiming for f4. **26...Rac8** 2.66/22
[26...Nb8 1.87/20 was called for. 27.Nc7 Rd8 28.Nxa8 Qxa8]
27.f4+- Threatens to win with f5!
[Much less strong is 27.Be5+ Kg8+-]
27...Nb8? 4.42/21
[27...Nc7 2.46/20 28.f5 Nxb5]
28.f5 gxf5? 7.25/21
[28...Nbd7 3.90/19 29.f6+ Bxf6]
29.Nf4 White is clearly winning.
29...Nbd7 13.00/19
[⌓29...Rc6 5.15/21 30.Qxh5 Kg8 31.Rxe6 Qd7]
30.Qxh5 White wants to mate with Qh6+. **30...e5 31.Qh6+ Kg8 32.Nh5 Ne6** Prevents Qg7+. **33.g6 fxg6 34.Qxg6+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.44/Black=0.52
1-0

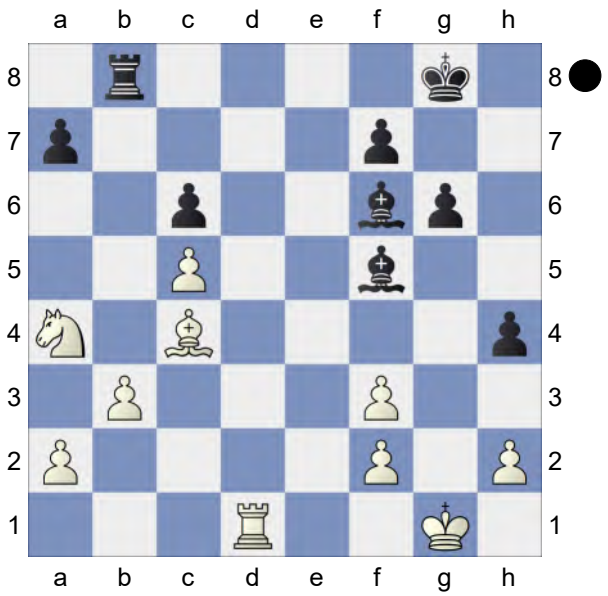
584 **D00**
□ **Van Foreest,Lucas** **2505**
■ **Grischuk,Alexander** **2728**
Chess.com Classic Play-In (1.33) 8.5.24
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 g6 4.e3 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Ne5** -0.46/20
[6.Be2= 0.06/19]
6...Nh5!∓ 7.Be2 Nxf4 8.exf4



Black is better. **8...c5! 9.dxc5 e6 10.0-0 Nc6** -0.22/21
[10...Qe7∓ -0.59/21 was preferrable.]
11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.Na4 Rb8 13.c3 e5 14.fxe5 Bxe5 15.Re1 Qf6 16.Bf1 -0.63/20
[16.Bd3= -0.26/20 feels stronger.]
16...h5→ Black attacks. **17.Qf3 Qxf3 18.gxf3 Bf6 19.Rac1 Bf5 20.b3 Rfe8 21.c4 Rxe1 22.Rxe1 dxc4 23.Bxc4 h4** -0.51/26
[23...Rd8∓ -1.07/25 And now ...h5-h4 would win. 24.Kg2 Rd2]
24.Rd1 -1.37/26
[24.Rc1∓ -0.51/26]

(Diagram)



24...h3!∓ Black has strong compensation. **25.f4**
[Wrong is 25.Rd6? Kg7 26.Rd1 Rh8]
25...Re8 26.f3 Inhibits Bf5-g4. **26...Kg7 27.Kf1 Bh4** -0.65/25 A strong pair of Bishops.
[27...g5∓ -1.21/23 28.fxg5 Bxg5]
28.Nb2∓ Re3 29.Be2 Rc3 Dodges Rd1-c1. Black is much more active. **30.Nc4 Be6** -0.17/25
[30...Be7!∓ -0.68/23 31.b4 Be6]
31.Bd3 -1.15/24
[31.Rd3!= -0.17/25 Rc2 32.Rd2 Rxd2 33.Nxd2]
31...Bxc4∓ 32.bxc4 Endgame. KRB-KRB Endgame. KRB-KRB **32...Ra3 33.Rd2 f5** Repels Bd3-e4 **34.Ke2** -1.58/25
[White should play 34.Be2 -1.18/24]
34...Be7 35.Bc2 -2.56/23
[35.Bb1∓ -1.54/24]
35...Bxc5-+
[But not 35...Rxa2 36.Bd3 Ra1 37.Rd1 Ra2+ 38.Rd2 Rxd2+ 39.Kxd2-+]
36.Bb3 a5 37.Rb2 Bd4 38.Rd2 c5 39.Kf1 Kf6 40.Bd1= 0.01/22 **Rc3**
[40...Be3 41.Rc2]
41.Rc2 Ra3 0.01/22
[41...Rd3-+ -3.06/29 42.Ke2 Ra3]
42.Re2? -15.58/26 White does not recover from this. **42...Be3?** -3.46/24
[42...Rxf3+ -15.58/26 43.Ke1 Bc3+ *(43...Rxf4? 44.Ba4-+)* 44.Rd2 Rd3 Pin *(44...Bxd2+? 45.Kxd2 Rxf4 46.Ke3-+; 44...Rxf4? 45.Ke2-+)*]
43.Rb2 Bxf4 44.Kg1 Be5 45.Rb6+ -6.31/26
[⌓45.Rc2 -4.18/25]
45...Kg5 46.Bb3 a4 47.Ra6 Kf4? -2.19/25
[47...Rxb3 -10.12/31 48.axb3 axb3]
48.Rxa4? -10.75/32
[48.Kf2 -2.19/25]
48...Rxa4 49.Bxa4 Kxf3 KB-KB. Black is clearly winning. **50.Bd7 Kf4 51.a4 Bc3** -5.43/32
[⌓51...Bc7 -12.42/33 52.a5 Bxa5]
52.Bc8 g5 53.Bd7 g4 54.Be6 Kg5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.89/ Black=0.55
0-1

585 **D00**
□ **Horvath,Jozsef1** **2504**
■ **Vrolijk,Liam** **2419**
45. OKU 2018 (3.1) 02.06.2018
[Richard Palliser]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 a6 Sensibly ruling out Nb5 ideas once and for all, but Black has a whole host of alternatives, including:
[a) 3...Bf5 4.Nb5!? is a new idea for us and one employed twice in the recent rapid match So-Praggnanandhaa. So appeared far from his best in Leon and after Na6 5.e3 e6 6.c4 c6! *(* deviating from

their first game where *6...Be7 7.a3 0-0 8.c5! Ne8?! 9.b4 c6 10.Nc3 Nb8 11.g4 Bg6 12.Nf3* had left White calling the shots in So-Praggnanandhaa, 1st matchgame Leon (rapid) 2018, only for Black to later claim a memorable scalp*)* 7.Nc3 Nb4 8.Rc1 Qa5 9.Qd2 dxc4 10.Bxc4 Nbd5 Black had quite a reasonable version of a Cambridge Springs in So-Praggnanandhaa, 1st matchgame, Leon (rapid) 2018.]

[White has also struggled a little of late after 3...e6 4.e3 *(4.Nb5* has been played here too - see the Archive *)* 4...Bb4 5.Bd3 c5 6.dxc5 , with Nbd7 *(* as I've mentioned before, *6...Bxc3+!? 7.bxc3 Qa5* must be pretty critical and this turned out fairly well for Black in Jayakumaar-Sandipan, Bhubaneswar 2018: *8.Bd6 Nbd7 9.Ne2 Nxc5 10.Qb1?! Nfe4 11.Bb5+ Bd7 12.Bxd7+ Kxd7 13.Bxc5 Nxc5 14.0-0 Rhc8* and White continued to suffer on the queenside *)* 7.Nge2 Bxc5 *(* by no means forced instead, *7...Nxc5 8.a3 Nxd3+ 9.Qxd3* gave White a definite edge in Jobava-Shalamberidze, Georgian Team Championship 2014, as we saw at the time,*;* but there's absolutely nothing wrong with *7...0-0* , and if *8.Bd6 Re8 9.Bb5* even *b6!?* is possible, intending *10.Bc6 Ba6! 11.Bxa8 Qxa8 12.0-0 bxc5 13.Bg3 e5* with a big centre and some initiative for the exchange*)* 8.0-0 Nh5! 9.Bb5?! *(9.Nb5 Nxf4 10.exf4 0-0 11.Nbd4* isn't inspiring for White, but was better than giving away both bishops*;* quite possibly simplification with *9.Na4 Be7 10.c4* is his best policy *)* 9...Nxf4 10.Nxf4 a6 11.Bxd7+ Bxd7 12.e4 d4 13.Nce2 Bc6 14.Ng3 h5!? leaving him unable to close the position to favour his knights and so worse in Aravindh-Kanarek, Warsaw 2018.]

4.e3 e6 5.a3!?

[A new move for us played so early, although the idea and following moves are thematic enough. Before we saw 5.Bd3 c5 6.dxc5 Bxc5 7.a3 Nc6 8.Nf3 0-0 9.0-0 h6 10.e4 , which left Black with an extra ...h6 over our main game in Prie-Arnaudov, Lyon 2017 - see the Archive.]

5...Bd6 6.Nf3 0-0

[6...Bxf4 7.exf4 would but increase White's grip over e5, although b6 8.Bd3 c5 should not be too terrible for Black, as d4 is less secure than in related London lines (where White has c2-c3 available).]

7.Bd3 c5 Thematic, but Black is about to lose a tempo with his dark-squared bishop. **8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.0-0 Nc6 10.e4** And Horvath meets Black's thematic break with one of his own. **10...d4**

[A new move. Previously, 10...Be7 11.Re1 dxe4 12.Nxe4 Nd5 13.Bg5!? h6?! 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.c4! Nf4 would have left White doing well in Akdag-Reimanis, Copenhagen 2017, had he now found 16.Nd6! .]

[Perhaps Black should, though, maintain the tension, with 10...h6!?]

[and even 10...Re8 not without merit.]

11.Ne2 Nh5 Otherwise, White would just have begun to take over after Ng3 and/or b2-b4. **12.e5!** The experienced Hungarian Grandmaster gives up the bishop-pair in return for a lead in development and attacking chances.

12...Nxf4 13.Nxf4 White menaces Nh5 followed by Qe2-e4, hence Black's next. **13...f6! 14.exf6** would transpose to the game.

[Natural, although 14.Bc4!? Qe7 15.Nd3 also feels like it should give White a pleasant enough edge.]

14...Qxf6

[Likewise, if 14...Rxf6 15.Nh5 Rh6 16.Ng3 with an edge for White due to his central control, better structure and safer king position.]

15.Nh5 Qh6 16.Ng3 e5 17.Be4 Horvath takes the opportunity to improve his bishop. Vrolijk is gunning for an opposite-coloured bishop scenario, but even that won't give him anything like equality. **17...Bg4 18.Qd3 Bxf3 19.Bxf3 Kh8 20.Rfe1 Rae8 21.Ne4 Ba7 22.g3**

[Useful and natural enough, although it should be noted that the unexpected 22.c4!? was perhaps even better. After dxc3 23.bxc3 White's queenside pawns are split, but he controls d4 and will attack down the b-file.]

22...Nd8?!

[I'm not totally sold on this manoeuvre. 22...Qg6 23.Bg2 Rc8 looks like a stouter defence, possibly followed by ...Na5.]

23.Re2 Nf7 24.Rae1 Horvath impressively continues to tidy and improve his pieces, all the while retaining full control over the position. **24...b5 25.h4!** It's finally time to expand. **25...Bb6 26.Kg2 Qg6?** Black's position was grim in any case with a3-a4 on the way, but now White is able to force a favourable transformation. **27.Ng5! Qxd3**

[27...Qh6? 28.Nxf7+ Rxf7 29.Rxe5 would pick off a pawn, and that just for starters.]

28.cxd3 Nxg5 29.hxg5 And so Black has his opposite-coloured bishop scenario, but that is the end of the good news for him: only one bishop is really playing and White's rooks are much the more important. **29...Bc7 30.Rc2 Bd8 31.g6! h6?!**

[Now Black's king will be well and truly jammed in the corner, but he could hardly allow 31...hxg6? 32.Bc6 Re7 33.Bd5 when the open h-file would prove decisive.]

[As such, 31...Bf6 32.Bb7 *(32.Rh1!? h6 33.Bd5 Rd8 34.Bf7* is also quite tempting *)* 32...Re6 33.gxh7 Rb6 was likely the last real chance to mount a defence.]

32.Bd5 Bf6 Just compare the bishops and now White will invade with his rooks. **33.Rc6 a5 34.Ra6 a4 35.Rb6 Rb8** Not such a premature resignation in my view. Indeed, if you input the moves **36.Bb7 Rfc8 37.Rxb5 Rc2 38.Bc6 Rxb2 39.Rxb2 Rxb2 40.Bxa4 Rb8 41.Bc6** your engine's assessment should quickly begin to rise.

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586 **D00**

□ **Boruchovsky,Avital** **2501**

■ **Sanzhaev,D** **2348**

24th EY BU18 2014 (2.1) 20.10.2014

[Roiz, M]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3

[2.Bf4 g6

A) 3.Nf3± Bg7 4.e3 0-0 5.Be2 c5 *(5...d6 6.h3* and Black faced serious problems in Edouard, R (2680) - Sokolov, And1 (2556) /

89th ch-FRA 2014 [Roiz, M] *b6 7.c3 Bb7 8.a4 a6 9.0-0 Nbd7 10.Bh2 c5 11.Nbd2 Qc7 12.Bd3 e5 13.dxe5 Nxe5 14.Be2 Qc6)* 6.c3 b6 7.h3± Vallejo Pons, F (2706)-Grachev, B (2683)/Khanty-Mansiysk RUS 2013 Bb7 8.0-0 d6 9.a4 a6 10.Qb3 Nbd7 11.Rd1 Ra7 *(11...Qc7 12.d5±* One game in our PGN archive saw *Rab8 13.Na3)* 12.d5± As I noticed in the above-mentioned game, the best option here seems to be: Qa8! 13.c4 b5 14.axb5 axb5 15.Rxa7 Qxa7 16.cxb5 Ra8 *(16...Nb6 17.Nc3 Qa8 18.Bc4 Qa5)* 17.Nc3 Qa5 18.e4 Qb4 leads to a complicated position, where I still prefer White - his pieces are placed more naturally. 19.Qc2;

B) 3.Nc3 d5 *(3...Bg7 4.e4 d6=* White has another decent option at his disposal: *5.Qd2!? 0-0* and here there is a pleasant choice between: *6.0-0-0 Nbd7 7.e5 Nh5 8.Bh6 c5 9.Bxg7 Nxg7 10.exd6 exd6 11.Nf3↑* Boruchovsky, A (2445)-Smirin, I (2663)/Acre ISR 2013 and *Qa5 12.Kb1)*]

2...d5 3.Bf4 g6 4.e3

[4.Qd2 Bg7 5.Bh6 0-0 6.Bxg7 Kxg7 7.f3 *(7.0-0-0 c5)* 7...c5 8.e3± Nc6 9.g4 Qa5 *(9...e5 10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.g5 Nh5 12.Nxd5 Be6 13.0-0-0 Bxd5 14.Qxd5±* White has only a slight edge.*; 9...cxd4 10.exd4 h5)* 10.Bb5 e5 *(10...cxd4 11.exd4 h5)* 11.dxe5 Nxg4 *(11...Nd7 12.Qxd5 Ndxe5 13.Bxc6 Nxc6 14.Nge2∓* Idani, P (2517)-Cori, J (2612)/Pune IND 2014 Perhaps *Be6!?* is a safer alternative. After*)* 12.Bxc6↑ *(12.fxg4 d4)* 12...d4 13.exd4 cxd4 14.Qxd4 bxc6 15.fxg4]

4...Bg7 5.h4 a6

[5...h5 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.Qd2 *(7.Be2 Bxf3 8.Bxf3±* White missed: *c6! 9.Qd2 Nbd7 10.0-0-0 b5 11.Kb1 Nb6)* 7...Bxf3 8.gxf3+- followed by 24. g6+. c6 9.0-0-0 Nbd7 10.Kb1 e6 11.e4+- Qa5 12.Nxd5+- The only chance to stay in the game was: Qxd2 13.Nxf6+ Nxf6 14.Rxd2]

[5...c6 6.Nf3+- followed by 19.Bd3 with a crushing attack. b5 7.Ne5 Nfd7 8.Nd3 Nf6 9.Be2+- h5 The only chance to parry the immediate threats and stay in the game was: 10.a4 bxa4 11.Rxa4 Nbd7 12.Qa1]

[5...c5 6.Nb5 Na6 7.c3± though Black is doomed to a passive defence here. Bg4 Much more accurate would be: 8.Be2 Bxe2 9.Qxe2 Qd7 10.Nf3 Ng4± White is still better, but Black has some active ideas as well. 11.h5 c4 12.a4]

[5...0-0 6.h5 c5 *(6...Nxh5 7.Rxh5→ gxh5 8.Qxh5 f5)*]

6.h5 Nxh5 7.Rxh5 This original attacking set-up have been gaining popularity. **7...gxh5** This move was recommended by me earlier. **8.Qxh5 e6** This natural developing move is inaccurate, since White is able to advance his k-side pawns quite quickly.

[8...c6 9.Nf3 h6 10.0-0-0 Nd7 11.Qh2 Nf8+- Even simpler was: 12.Bc7! Qd7 13.Be2]

9.Qh2

[9.Nf3 Nd7 *(9...Nc6 10.Ng5 Qe7+-)* 10.Ng5 Qe7 11.Nxe6 Qxe6 12.Nxd5 After 0-0 13.Bd3 h6 14.Nxc7 Nf6 15.Qh2 Qb6 16.Nxa8± White is a pawn up, but it would be

difficult to convert it into a full point. Instead, Qxb2! has a killing effect, since Black cannot avoid the penetration of White's rook: 17.Rd1]

9...Nc6 10.Bxc7 Qd7 This innovation looks rather passive, and doesn't really help Black to solve his problems. **11.Nf3 b5?!** Now White's bishop is gaining great attacking prospects. **12.Qg3 Bf6**

[12...Bf8=]

13.e4 Nxd4?

[13...Bb7 would allow Black to survive. For instance, 14.exd5 exd5! 15.0-0-0 Be7 16.Re1 Kf8 17.Qf4 h5 18.Bd3]

14.Nxd4?! A loss of important tempi. **14...Bxd4 15.0-0-0!** Now this comes with lesser effect, but still the rook is going to take an important part in the attack.

[15.exd5 e5 16.Qg7 Rf8 17.Ne4± Black is still in the game, but his position is difficult. Most probably, Qxc7 18.d6]

15...Bxf2? A careless move, which gives Avital one more chance to develop a decisive attack. **16.Qxf2 Qxc7 17.exd5!** This time Boruchovsky plays in the most energetic way. **17...Qe5**

[17...0-0 18.d6 Qd8 19.Ne4 f5 20.Qg3+ Kh8± Possible was also: 21.Qe5+ Kg8 22.Nc5]

18.Re1 The attack is too strong now. **18...Qg5+** A desperate attempt to get some squares for the king. **19.Kb1 f5**

[19...0-0 20.Ne4 Qg6 The only way to provide some resistance was: 21.Nf6+! Kg7 22.Re3 Qxf6 23.Rg3+ Qg6 24.Bd3 f5]

20.dxe6

[20.Qc5]

20...0-0 21.a4 Re8

[21...bxa4!+- 22.e7 Re8 Winning both q-side pawns, at the very least. 23.Qd4]

22.axb5 Now Black has to give the material back. **22...axb5 23.Bxb5 Re7 24.Bc4**

[24.Nd5? After this careless move Black's position lacks harmony, so White can activate his pieces and win one of the q-side pawns. Rea7 25.Qxa7 Rxa7 26.e7 Rxe7 27.Nxe7+ Kg7 28.Nxc8 Qxg2 29.Bd3? Finally, Sanzhaev commits a decisive mistake.]

24...Kg7

[24...Bb7 25.Rd1 Kh8]

25.Qd4+ Kg6 26.g4? A serious mistake - The position is simplified, so Black gets definite drawing chances.

[26.g4 f4 27.Bd3+]

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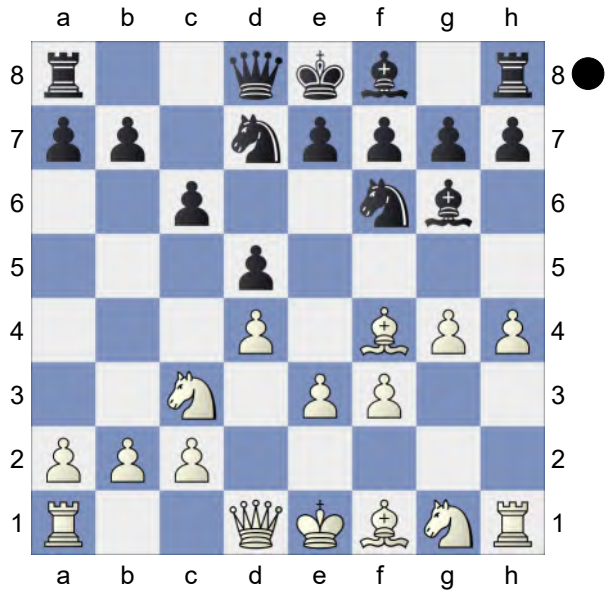
587 **D00**
□ **Ushenina,Anna** **2499**
■ **Muzychuk,Anna** **2593**
Dilijan FIDE GP (Women) (1) 16.06.2013
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**

[2...c5 3.d5 g6 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* 1-0 Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 2013*; 5.f4 Qa5 6.Bd2 Qb4 7.Qe2 Qxb2 8.Rb1 Qa3 9.e5 dxe5 10.fxe5 Nfd7 11.e6 fxe6 12.dxe6 Nf6 13.Nb5 Qxa2 14.Nc7+ Kd8 15.Rd1 Nc6 16.Bf4+ Nd4 17.Nxa8 Qxe6 18.Qxe6 Bxe6 19.c3 Bg4* 1-0 Genovese,A (2106)-Burk,E (1200)

Germany senior ch-5 final 9901 1999*)* 5...Bg7 6.Bc4 *(6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.a4 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nbd7 11.Re1 a6 12.Bf1 e5 13.a5 Ne8 14.Bd3 Qh4 15.Qg4 Qxg4 16.hxg4 Rc8 17.b3 Nef6 18.g5 Ne8 19.g3 f6 20.Kg2 fxg5* 0-1 7.♗c4 ♕a5 8. ♕ d2 e6_6062 (2345)-Jovic,A (2383) Gonfreville op 1979 (3.76)*)* 6...0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 1-0 Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) V0048 www.desc-online.de 2000 (7) gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8 21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9)]

3.Bf4 c6 4.e3 Bf5 5.f3 Bg6 6.g4 Nbd7 7.h4



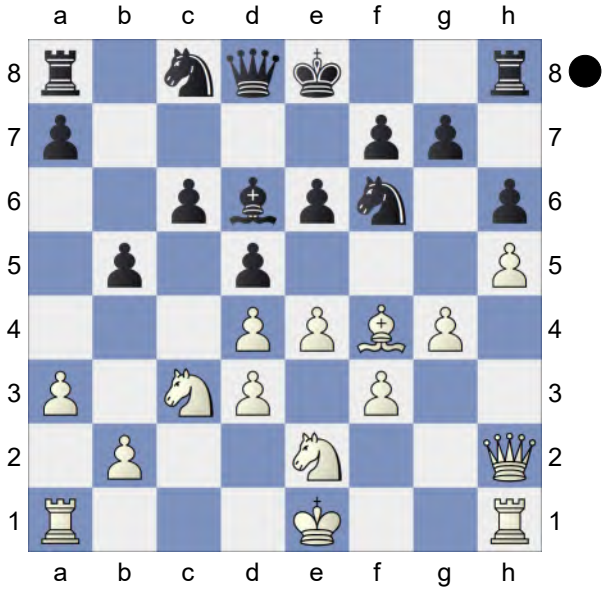
h6 8.Qd2 White has an edge. **8...e6 9.a3 b5 10.h5 Bh7 11.Bd3 Bxd3 12.cxd3 Nb6** 0.22/17

[12...b4 -0.24/17 was preferable. 13.axb4 Bxb4]

13.Qh2 Nc8 0.44/16

[13...Rc8= 0.08/18]

14.Nge2 Bd6 15.e4



Bxf4 16.Qxf4 Nd7 17.Rc1 0-0 18.Nd1 e5 0.77/20 **19.dxe5± Re8! 20.d4**

[20.Rxc6 Nxe5 21.Rc3 d4-+]

20...c5 21.Qd2 -0.01/19

[21.exd5± 0.64/18 cxd4 22.e6 *(22.Nxd4? Nxe5* Discovered Attack *23.0-0 Nd3-+* Deflection, Double Attack *)* 22...fxe6 23.Qxd4 *(23.Nxd4? e5-+* Deflection, Double Attack *)*]

21...cxd4 0.65/20

[21...Ncb6= -0.01/19]

22.f4↑ White is more active.

[22.Nxd4? Nxe5 *(22...Rxe5 23.Nc6±)* 23.0-0 dxe4-+]

22...f6 1.93/17

[22...Ncb6± 0.63/18]

23.Nxd4+- and Nd4-c6 would now be decisive

[23.exd5 fxe5 24.0-0 Nf6 25.fxe5 Rxe5∓ *(25...Nxg4 26.Nxd4 Rxe5 27.Qf4∓)*]

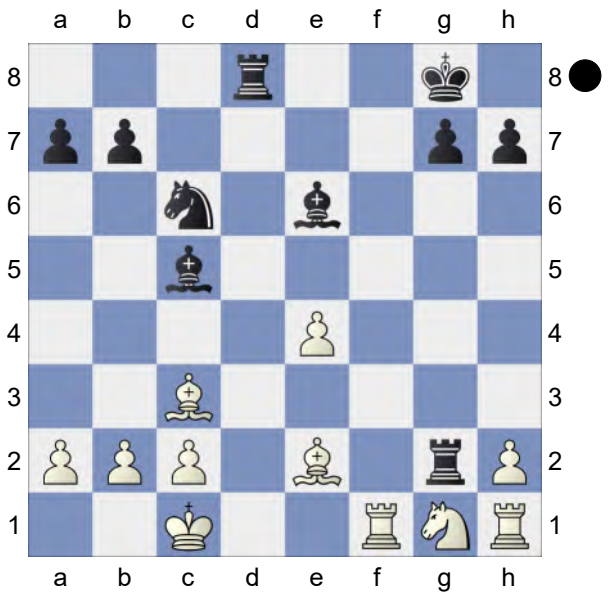
[23.Qxd4?! Ncb6±]

23...Ndb6
[23...fxe5 24.Nc6 *(24.Nxb5 Nf6±)* 24...Qf6 25.Qxd5+ *(25.exd5? exf4+ 26.Kf1 Nd6-+)* 25...Qf7 26.Qxf7+ *(26.Nxe5 Qxd5* Remove Defender *27.exd5 Nxe5∓)* 26...Kxf7 27.Nc3]
24.Nc6 Qd7 25.Ne3 Ne7 26.Nxe7+ Rxe7 2.56/19
[⌓26...Qxe7 1.96/20 27.exd5 *(27.Nf5 Qb7+-)* 27...fxe5]
27.Nxd5
[27.exd5 fxe5 28.Nf5 Ree8]
27...Nxd5 28.Qxd5+
[28.exd5 Rd8±]
28...Qxd5 29.exd5 fxe5 Endgame KRR-KRR. White is a pawn up. **30.0-0?** 1.23/22
[30.d6+- 3.25/20 Ree8 31.Kf2 *(31.d7 Red8+-)* 31...exf4 32.Rhd1 *(32.d7 Red8+-)*]
30...exf4 31.Rxf4 Rd8 1.67/20
[31...Re2± 1.28/20]
32.Rd1 0.75/21
[32.Rd4+- 1.67/20 is more deadly.]
32...Re2± 33.d6 0.25/22
[33.Rf2± 0.84/19 Re4 34.Rg2]
33...Rd7 1.21/23
[33...Rxb2= 0.25/22 keeps the balance. 34.a4 Rd7]
34.Rf2 0.36/22
[34.b4± 1.21/23]
34...Re4 35.Rg2 Kf7 0.89/21
[35...Re6± 0.48/20]
36.g5 Rf4 1.73/22
[36...hxg5± 0.90/22 37.Rxg5 b4]
37.gxh6? 0.20/20
[37.g6++- 1.73/22 Kf6 38.Rd5]
37...gxh6= 38.Rd5 a6! 39.Rg3 0.01/26
[39.Rd3± 0.63/22]
39...Rf6 40.Rgd3 Ke6 41.Kh2 Rf2+ 42.Kh3 Rxb2 And now ...Rb2-b3! would win. **43.R5d4 Rf2 44.Re4+ Kf7 45.Kg4** -0.45/24
[45.a4= -0.01/23]
45...Rf6∓ 46.Red4 Ke6 -0.01/36
[46...Ke8∓ -0.42/23]
47.Re4+ White really could win this.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.29 (precise) /Black=0.25 (precise)
½-½

588 **D00**
□ **Elias Reyes,Jorge Roberto** **2498**
■ **Hernandez,Lara** **2404**
Guillermo Prem 1 (1.2) 21.05.2025
[TA]

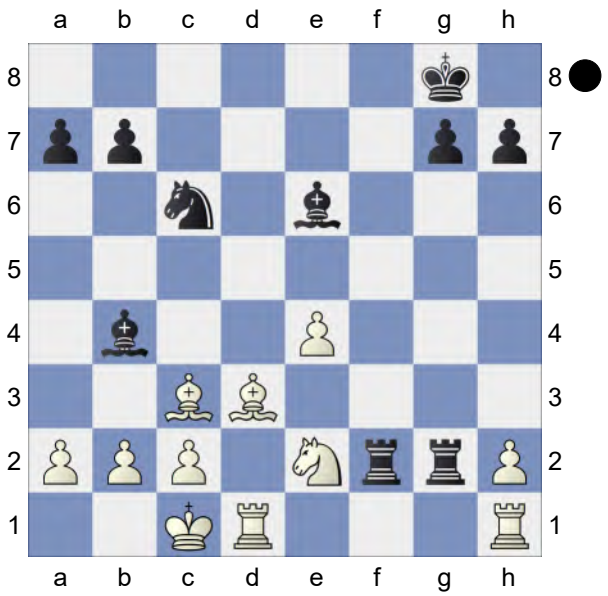
D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 c5 4.e4 Nxe4 5.Nxe4 dxe4 6.dxc5 Qxd8+ is the strong threat. **6...Qa5+ 7.Qd2 Qxd2+ 8.Bxd2** Black has an edge. **8...e5 9.Be3 f5** White must now prevent ...f4. **10.g3 Be6 11.0-0-0 Nc6**
[11...Bxa2? 12.b3+-]
12.f3 f4! Deflection **13.gxf4 exf4 14.Bxf4 Bxc5 15.fxe4 0-0! 16.Bd2 Rad8** Threatens to win with ...Rf2! Black has strong compensation. **17.Be2 Rf2** Hoping for ...Rg2! Black has more active pieces. The white rooks are passive.
18.Rf1 -1.78/20
[18.Re1∓ -0.77/20]
18...Rg2-+ Strongly threatening ...Bxg1!
[18...Bxa2 19.Rxf2 Bxf2 20.b3±]
19.Bc3

(Diagram)



Rf8
[19...Bxa2 20.b3 b5 21.Kb2∓ *(21.Bxb5? Ba3+ 22.Bb2 Bxb3-+* Pin *)*]
20.Rd1
[20.Rxf8+? Kxf8 21.h4 Bxg1-+ *(21...Rxg1+? 22.Rxg1 Bxg1 23.Bd2-+)*]
20...Rff2↑ Black is really pushing.
[20...Bxa2 21.b3 Ba3+ 22.Bb2=]
21.Bd3 Bb4
[21...Bxa2 22.b3=]
22.Ne2 -2.75/25
[22.Bxb4∓ -1.57/20 Nxb4 23.Be2 Rxg1 Remove Defender *(23...Rxe2? 24.Nxe2 Rxe2 25.a3∓; 23...Nxa2+? 24.Kd2-+; 23...Bxa2 24.b3=)* 24.Rhxg1 Rxe2 25.a3]

(Diagram)

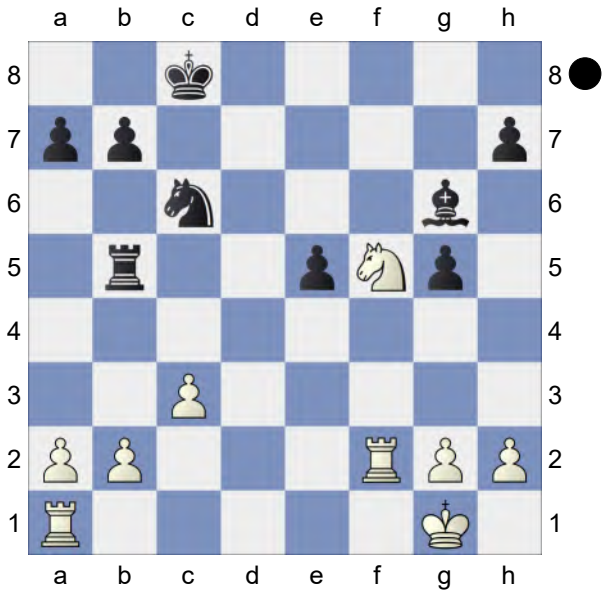


22...Rxe2 -1.62/27
[⌓22...Bxc3! -2.75/25 23.Nxc3 Nb4 *(23...Rxh2 24.e5∓)*]
23.Bxe2 Rxe2
[23...Bxc3 24.Bf1 Rg4 25.bxc3+-]
24.Bxb4 Nxb4 25.Rd8+ -2.26/5
[25.a3∓ -1.32/21 was called for. Nxc2 *(25...Rxc2+ 26.Kb1∓)* 26.Rd2 Rxd2 *(26...Rxe4?* perishes. *27.Rxc2 Bd7 28.Rc7+-)* 27.Kxd2]
25...Kf7 26.c3 Nc6 27.Rd2 Rxe4 28.b3 g5 29.Rg1 g4 30.Rf2+ Ke7 31.Kd2 Ne5 ...Nf3+ would now be deadly. **32.Rgf1 h5**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.29 (precise) /Black=0.08 (flawless)
0-1

589 **D00**
□ **Bharath,Subramaniyam H** **2495**
■ **Romanov,E** **2593**
25. Hoogeveen Final 4 (2.2) 22.10.2022
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines Richard Palliser,MH: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines ' **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e4**

Nxe4 5.Nxe4 dxe4 6.dxc5 Qa5+ 7.c3 Qxc5 8.Qa4+ The position is equal.
8...Nc6 9.Qxe4 Bf5 10.Qe3N -0.46/22
[10.Qa4= 0.11/21 e5 *(10...Qb6 11.0-0-0 e6 12.Nf3 Be7 13.g4 Bg6 14.h4 Qxf2 15.Rh2 Qxf3 16.Bg2 Bc2 17.Kxc2 Qf2+ 18.Kb1 Qb6 19.Be4 0-0 20.Qc2 h6 21.g5 h5 22.Rd7 Qg1+ 23.Bc1 Bc5 24.Rg2 Qe1 25.Rxb7* Mamedyarov,S (2767)-Praggnanandhaa,R (2612) Airthings Masters (rapid) 2022 [Richard Palliser] 1-0 (37) *)* 11.Be3 Qa5 *(11...Qd6 12.Rd1 Qg6 13.Rd2 Be7 14.Nf3 0-0 15.h4 h6 16.h5 Qg4 17.Qb5 Rad8 18.Be2 Rxd2 19.Nxd2* 1-0 (19) Bortnyk,O (2608)-Saydaliev,S (2473) Chess.com INT 2024 Mega2024 Update 49 [Kitty Kat]*)* 12.Qxa5 Nxa5 13.Bb5+ Bd7 14.Bxd7+ Kxd7 15.f4 *(15.0-0-0+ Kc7 16.Rd5 Nc4 17.Nf3 Nxe3 18.fxe3 f6 19.Rhd1 Re8 20.Rd7+ Kc8 21.e4 Rg8 22.Nh4 Bc5 23.Kc2 Rd8 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.Rxd8+ Kxd8 26.Kb3 Kd7 27.Kc4 Bf2 28.Nf3 Ke6 29.g4 g6* Kozusek,D (2367)-Hernandez Guerrero,G (2482) Budapest 2024 Mega2024 Update 47 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ *)* 15...Re8 16.fxe5 Rxe5 17.0-0-0+ Kc8 18.Bxa7 Nc6 19.Bb6 Be7 20.Nf3 Rb5 21.Be3 Re8 22.Rhe1 Bf6 23.Kc2 Re6 24.Bf4 Rxe1 25.Rxe1 Badacsonyi,S (2322)-Shkapenko,P (2390) Chess.com INT 2024 1-0 (52)]
10...e5∓ 11.Qxc5 Bxc5 12.Be3 Bxe3 13.fxe3 0-0-0 14.Nf3 f6 15.Bc4 g5 -0.01/17
[15...Rd6∓ -0.68/18]
16.0-0 -0.42/19
[16.Rf1= -0.01/17 deserves consideration.]
16...Be4 -0.06/20
[16...Na5∓ -0.42/19 feels stronger. 17.Be2 Be4]
17.Rf2= Rd6 18.Nd2 Bg6 19.e4 Rhd8 20.Bd5 Black must now prevent Nc4.
20...f5 1.01/21
[20...Ne7= 0.18/19]
21.Nc4±
[Worse is 21.exf5 Rxd5 22.fxg6 Rxd2∓]
21...Rxd5 1.98/20
[21...Rf6± 1.00/19]
22.exd5+- Rxd5 23.Ne3 Rb5 24.Nxf5

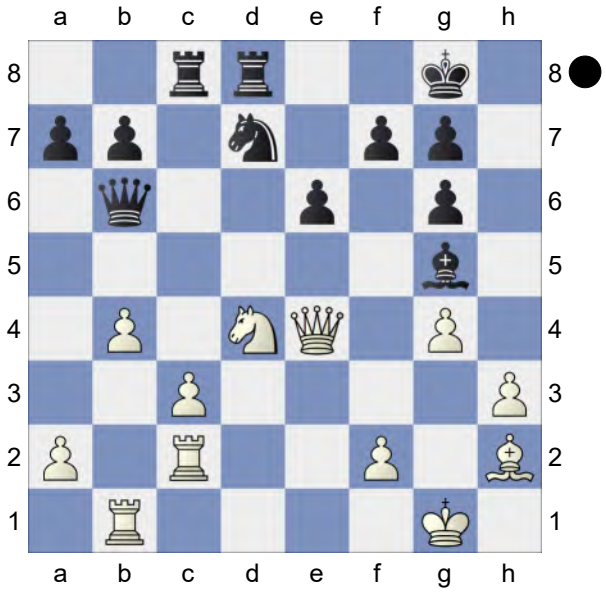


Nd6+ is the strong threat. **24...Bxf5 25.Rxf5 Rxb2 26.Rxg5** Endgame KRR-KRN **26...Kc7** 4.75/21
[26...Kd7 3.37/18 was necessary. 27.Rh5 Ke6 28.Rh6+ Kf7 29.Rxh7+ Kg6]
27.Rg7+ Kb6 28.Rxh7 e4 29.Rh4 Re2 30.Kf1 Re3 31.Kf2 Rxc3 32.Rxe4
[Much less strong is 32.Rb1+ Kc7 33.Rxe4 Rc2+ 34.Re2 Rc4+-]
32...a5? 6.23/18 Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.35
[32...Rc2+ 3.51/17 33.Re2 Rc4

34.Rb1+ Kc7]
1-0

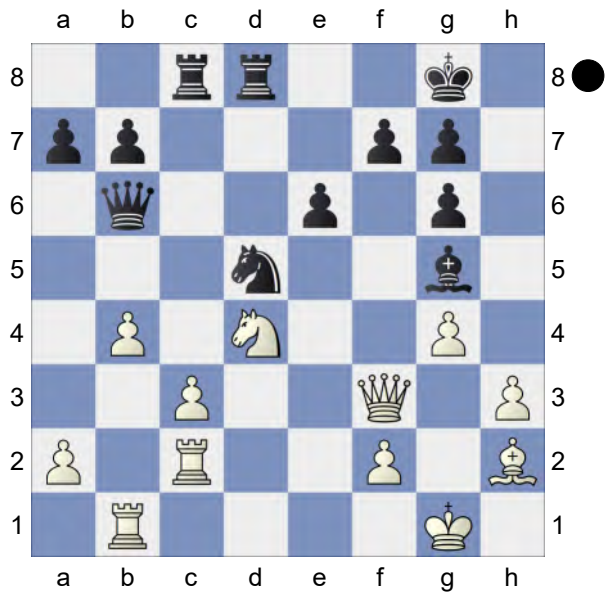
590 **D00**
□ **Zhalmakhanov,Ramazan** **2493**
■ **Aronian,Levon** **2723**
World Blitz 2023 (10.21) 29.12.2023
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.Nc3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bf4 Bf5 4.e3 e6 5.Bd3 c6 6.Nf3 Nbd7 7.0-0 Bg4!?** A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante. A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante. A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante. **8.h3** White has an edge. The position is equal. White has an edge. **8...Bh5 9.Bh2N**
[Vorgänger: 9.Qe2 Be7 10.Rfd1 a6 0.38/19 *(10...Bb4=* -0.01/18 *)* 11.e4± Qb6 0.88/21 *(11...dxe4=* 0.26/20 keeps the balance. *12.Nxe4 Nxe4 13.Qxe4 Nf6)* 12.e5± Ng8 13.Rab1 Bxf3 0.68/20 *(13...Bd8* 0.32/18 is more appropriate.*)* 14.Qxf3± Qc7 1.60/20 *(⌓14...Qxd4* 0.73/20 *15.Ne2 Qb6)* 15.Ne2 Nowak,M (2314)-Traut, G (2316) Remote S7E High-138 email 2013 1-0 1-0 Nowak,M (2314)-Traut,G (2316) Remote S7E High-138 email 2013 Nowak,M (2314)-Traut,G (2316) Remote S7E High-138 email 2013 1-0]
9...Bb4 10.Nb1 0-0 11.c3 Be7 12.Nbd2 c5 13.Qe2 Rc8 14.g4 Bg6 15.Bxg6 hxg6 16.e4 -0.41/22
[16.Qb5= 0.19/21]
[16.a4= -0.11/18 feels stronger.]
16...dxe4∓ 17.Nxe4 Nxe4 18.Qxe4 Qb6 19.Rab1 -0.67/20
[19.Qe2= -0.25/19]
19...Rfd8 20.Rfd1 cxd4 21.Nxd4 Bc5 22.b4 -1.04/21
[White should try 22.Qe2∓ -0.41/21]
22...Be7∓ Black converts the advantage convincingly. **23.Rdc1** -1.60/22
[⌓23.a4 -0.98/20 Nf6 *(23...Rxc3 24.a5=)* 24.Qe1]
[⌓23.Qe1 -0.98/19]
23...Bg5 ...Nf6 is the strong threat.
24.Rc2

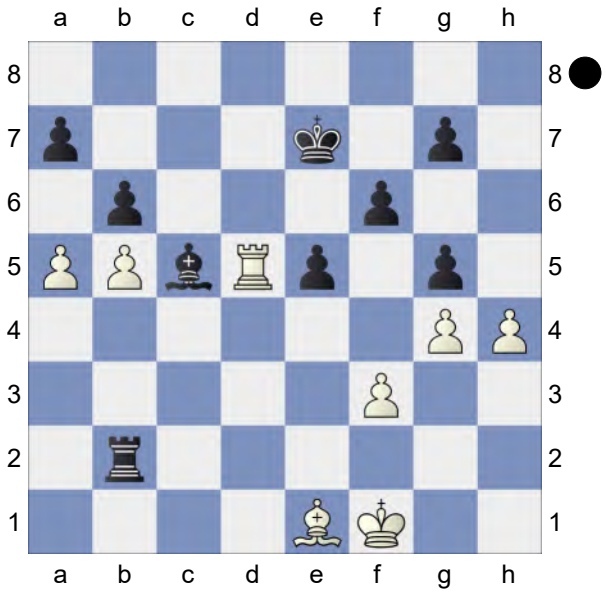


Nf6! 25.Qe2 Nd5 26.Qf3 -2.28/21
[26.Nf3∓ -1.47/22 is a better defense. Bf4 *(26...Nxc3 27.Rxc3 Rxc3 28.Nxg5=; 26...Bf6 27.Rd1)* 27.c4]

(Diagram)



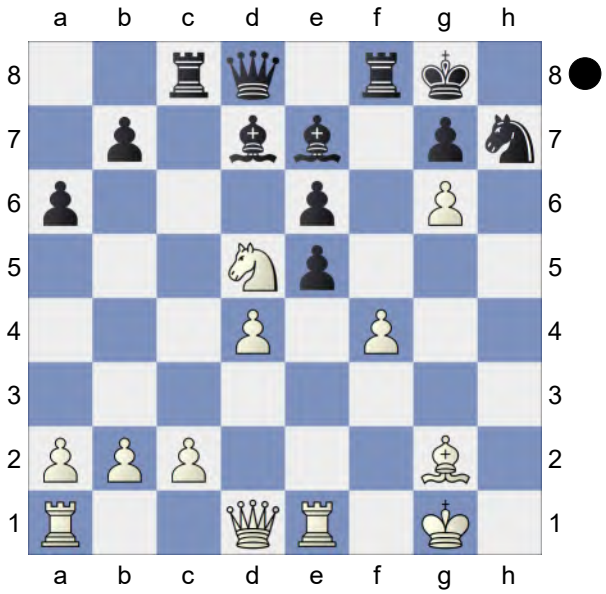
26...Nxc3! 27.Rxc3 Rxc3 28.Qxc3 aiming for Nf3. **28...Qxd4**
[28...Rxd4? is the wrong capture. 29.Bc7+-]
29.Qxd4 Rxd4-+ Endgame. KRB-KRB Endgame KRB-KRB Endgame. KRB-KRB **30.b5** -1.78/22
[30.Bb8∓ -1.20/22]
30...f6 -1.28/23
[30...f5-+ -1.78/22 31.gxf5 gxf5]
[Black should try 30...b6-+ -1.62/21 31.Bb8 Ra4]
31.Rb2 -2.25/24
[31.Bb8∓ -1.28/23 keeps fighting.]
31...e5 32.Bg3 Rc4 33.Kg2 -2.23/22
[⌓33.Rb3 -1.74/22]
33...Kf7 34.Rb3 Bc1 Repels Rb3-a3 Inhibits Ra3. Repels Rb3-a3 **35.Rd3 Ke7** Dodges Rd3-d7+ Against Rd7+ Dodges Rd3-d7+ **36.Rd1** -3.99/22
[36.f3 -2.60/20 might work better.]
36...g5 37.f3 Rc2+ 38.Kf1 Be3 Against Bf2 **39.Be1** -4.64/25
[⌓39.Re1 -3.17/21 Bd4 40.Re2 Rc1+ 41.Kg2]
39...Bc5 -2.70/23 Repels Be1-b4
[⌓39...Rxa2 -4.64/25 40.Rd3 Bd4]
40.Rd5 b6 41.a4 Ra2
[Avoid the trap 41...Rh2? 42.Rd1-+]
42.a5 -5.35/24
[42.Rd2 -3.77/25 might work better. Ra3 43.Ke2]
42...Rb2 Hoping for ...Ke6. **43.h4?** -4.60/24
[43.Rd2 -2.82/23 was called for. Rxb5 44.axb6]



43...gxh4 Black is clearly winning.
[Weaker is 43...Rxb5 44.axb6 axb6 45.hxg5-+]
[Not 43...Ke6? 44.Rd8 gxh4 45.Re8+ Kf7 46.Rc8-+]
44.axb6 -8.67/27
[⌓44.Bxh4 -4.88/22 Ke6 45.Rd1]
44...axb6 45.Bxh4 g5
[45...Rxb5 46.Rxe5+ Kd6 47.Re8-+]
46.Be1 Rxb5 47.Ke2 -6.63/26
[⌓47.Bd2 -4.31/25 Rb3 48.Ke2]
47...Rb2+ 48.Kd3 -6.46/26
[⌓48.Rd2 -4.17/26 Rxd2+ 49.Bxd2]
48...Rb3+ 49.Ke4 Re3+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.52/Black=0.24 (precise) Weighted Error Value: White=0.60/Black=0.31 Weighted Error Value: White=0.52/Black=0.24 (precise)
0-1

591 **D00**
□ **Neef,Maximilian** **2492**
■ **Vaibhav,S** **2600**
23. Sants Open 2022 (5.2) 23.08.2022
[Kitty Kat]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Ne5 Bd7 8.g4** The position is equal. **8...h6**
[8...e6 9.g5 Ng8 10.Bg2 Nxe5 11.dxe5 Ne7 12.0-0 Ng6 13.Bg3 Qxg5 14.f4 Qf5 15.Ne2 Bc5+ 16.Kh1 h5 17.Bf2 Bxf2 18.Rxf2 Ne7 19.Nd4 Qg6 20.Qd2 h4 21.Rg1 Qh6 22.Bh3 g6 23.c3 Dr Xstranger (2710)-Satunnainen (2761) Blitz 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (35)]
9.Bg2N
[9.h4 e6 *(9...Qb6 10.Nxd7 Nxd7 11.Nxd5 Qa5+ 12.Nc3 0-0-0 13.a3 e5 14.b4 Qb6 15.Nd5* 6) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5-7.Ne5 Bd7 8.g4 h6 #2 London 2023 https://www.chessable.co [MH]*)* 10.Bg2 Qb6 #4 2) 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 The Jobava-3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4]
[9.Nxc6 Bxc6 10.Qf3 e6 11.0-0-0 Qa5 12.Kb1 Bb4 13.Ne2 Ne4 14.Nc1 Qb6 15.Qe3 0-0-0 16.f3 Nf6 17.Rd3 Bd6 18.Bxd6 Rxd6 19.Rb3 Qc7 20.Nd3 Nd7 21.h4 Re8 22.g5 Rh8 23.g6 fxg6 Andersen,G (2279)-Vujovic,V (2054) Belgrade 2023 1-0 (61)]
9...e6
[9...Nxe5 10.dxe5 Bxg4 11.f3±]
10.0-0 Rc8 11.Re1 Be7 12.h4 -0.58/17
[12.Ne2= -0.21/18]
12...Nxe5!∓ 13.Bxe5 0-0 14.g5 hxg5 15.hxg5 Nh7 16.f4 f6 17.g6 Intending Qh5 and mate. **17...fxe5**
18.Nxd5



Qh5 would kill now. **18...Rf5** Prevents Qh5. **19.gxh7+**
[19.Nxe7+ Qxe7]
19...Kh8 20.Nxe7 Qxe7 21.Rxe5
[21.Bxb7? exf4 22.Qd2 *(22.Bxa6? Qh4-+; 22.Bxc8 Qg5+ 23.Kf1 Bb5+ 24.c4 Bxc4+ 25.Re2 f3 26.Ke1 fxe2)* 22...f3-+]
21...Rxf4 22.c3
[22.Bxb7 Qh4 23.Qe2 *(23.Bxc8? Qg3+ 24.Kh1 Rh4#)* 23...Rg4+ 24.Bg2 Bb5 25.Rxb5 axb5-+]
22...Rcf8 Black has strong compensation.
[But not 22...Qh4?! 23.Qe1=]
23.Qe2 Qh4 Strongly threatening ...Bc6.
24.Rh5 Qg3 25.Rh3

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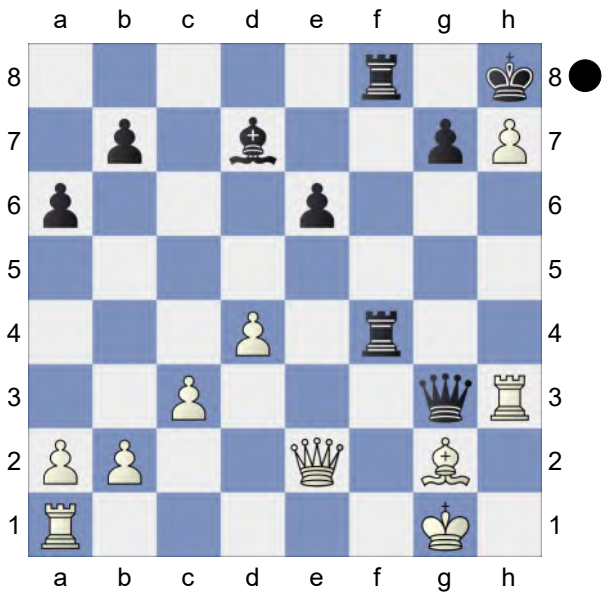
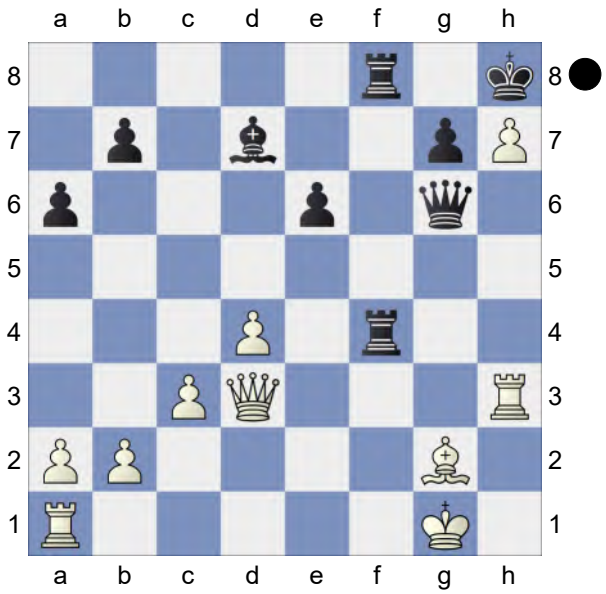


Qg6 Threatens to win with ...Bc6. The board is on fire. &Nero is more active. **26.Qd3**



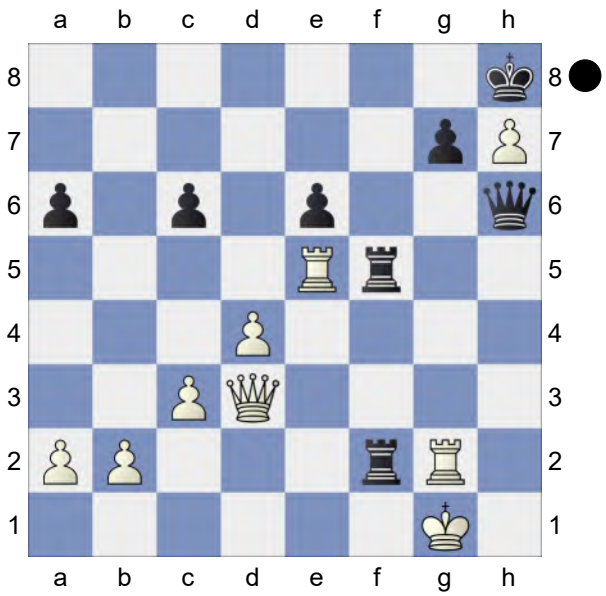
R8f5! White must now prevent ...Rg4. **27.Rg3 Qh6 28.Re1 Bc6→** (→ ... Bxg2). White is in trouble.

[Reject 28...Rf2?! 29.Qe3 Qf6 30.Bxb7= *(30.Re2 Rf1+ 31.Bxf1 Rxf1+ 32.Kh2 Bc6=)*]

29.Bxc6 -7.37/20 This move loses the game for White.

[29.d5∓ -1.13/21 exd5 30.Qe2]

29...bxc6-+ 30.Re5 Rf2 31.Rg2



Inhibits Qh2+. **31...R5f3 32.Qxa6**

[32.Qxf3 Rxf3]

32...Rxg2+ 33.Kxg2 Qh3+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.63/Black=0.02 (flawless)

0-1

592 **A45**

□ **Suyarov,Mukhammadzokhid** **2491**

■ **Ilamparthi,A R** **2469**

Asian Individual Blitz (9.11) 10.05.2025

[TA]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N

[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (120 (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6*

Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8 ½-½ (41) Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 (41) Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 (23) Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]

3.Bf4 g6 4.e3 Bg7 5.Nb5 Na6 6.h4 0-0 0.39/21
[6...Bf5= -0.01/20]

7.Nf3 -0.34/21
[7.h5± 0.39/21]

7...Ne4 0.12/22
[7...Bg4∓ -0.34/21]

8.Nd2= The position is equal. **8...Nxd2** 0.49/21
[8...c6= 0.08/23 9.Nxe4 dxe4]

9.Qxd2± c6 0.96/21
[9...h5± 0.57/21]

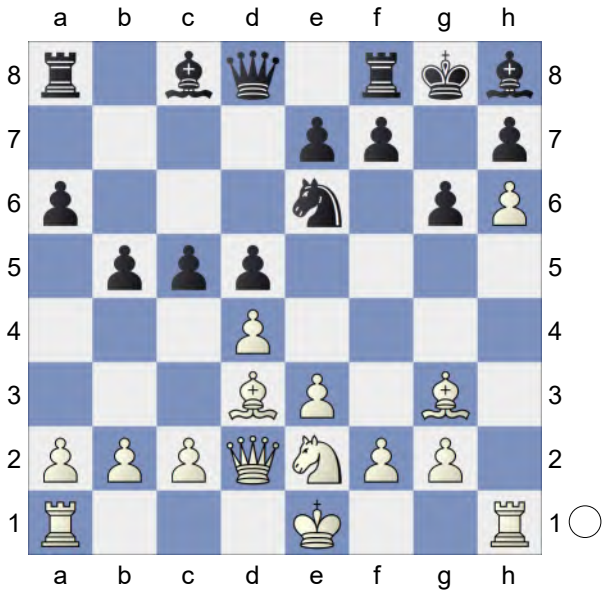
10.Nc3± Nc7 11.h5 Ne6 12.h6 0.09/22
[12.hxg6± 0.75/20 fxg6 13.Bh2]

12...Bh8= 13.Bg3 b5 14.Bd3 -0.18/21
[14.a3 0.28/21 should be considered.]

14...a6 0.51/22
[Black should play 14...c5!= -0.18/21]

15.Ne2 c5

(Diagram)



White must now prevent ...c4. **16.c3 Bb7 17.a4 b4 18.a5** -0.57/22
[18.cxb4± 0.73/20 cxd4 19.exd4]

18...Bc6? 1.60/20
[18...c4∓ -0.57/22 stays ahead. 19.Bb1 b3]

19.f3? -0.07/21
[19.cxb4± 1.60/20 c4 20.Bc2]

19...Qd7 0.78/20
[19...b3!= -0.07/21 keeps the balance.]

20.Kf2? -0.97/20
[20.cxb4± 0.78/20 keeps the pressure on. cxd4 21.Nxd4 Nxd4 22.exd4]

20...Rfc8 0.16/23
[20...c4∓ -0.97/20 21.Bb1 b3]

21.Rhc1 -0.25/22
[21.Rhd1 0.16/23 deserves consideration.]

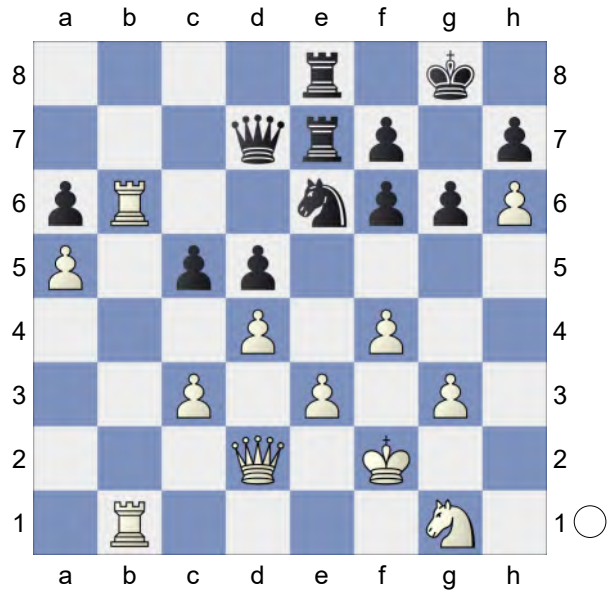
21...Bf6 0.25/24
[⌓21...c4 -0.25/22 22.Bb1 bxc3 23.bxc3 Bf6]

22.Be5 -0.75/21
[22.cxb4= 0.25/24 cxd4 23.Nxd4]

22...bxc3 0.31/21
[Black should try 22...c4∓ -0.75/21 23.Bb1 Bxe5 24.dxe5 Nc5]

23.bxc3± Bh4+ 24.g3 Bg5 25.Rh1

Bb5 26.Bxb5 -0.09/22
[26.g4± 0.37/21]
26...Qxb5 27.f4 -0.73/19
[27.g4= 0.25/23]
27...Bf6 0.42/21
[27...f6∓ -0.73/19 28.c4 Qxc4 *(28...dxc4 29.Rab1∓)*]
28.Bxf6 exf6 29.Rhb1 Inhibits c4.
29...Qd7 30.Rb6 Re8 31.Ng1 0.07/23
[31.g4± 0.60/20]
31...Re7 0.46/20
[31...c4= 0.07/23 was preferrable.]
32.Rab1 Rae8



33.Rb8 0.00/19 White is more active.
[Much worse is 33.Rxa6 cxd4 34.Rab6 *(34.exd4 Ng5∓)* 34...dxe3+ 35.Qxe3 Ng5=]
[33.Nf3!± 0.73/19]
33...Qc7 0.89/21
[33...c4!= 0.00/19 remains equal.]
34.Rxe8+± Rxe8 35.Rb6 cxd4 2.28/20
[35...Qe7± 0.78/20]
36.cxd4+- Qc4 3.11/21
[⌓36...g5 2.16/19 37.f5 *(37.Rxa6 gxf4 38.exf4 Qc4+-)* 37...Nf8]
37.Nf3 Rc8 38.Qe2? 0.38/19
[Better is 38.Ne1+- 2.10/22]
38...Qa4!± 39.Qxa6 -0.07/24
[39.Ne1± 0.43/21]
39...Rc2+ 40.Kf1! Qa1+ 41.Ne1 White threatens Rb8+ and mate.
41...Rc1
[41...Nf8!?]
42.Qe2→ White attacks. **42...Qxa5**
43.Rb8+ Nf8! 44.Kf2 Qa7? 2.67/23
[44...f5= 0.06/22]
45.Qb2+- Ra1? 6.22/26
[45...Rc4 2.97/20 46.Qb6 Qxb6 47.Rxb6 f5]
46.Qb4 Qa2+ 47.Kf3
Weighted Error Value: White=0.47/ Black=0.69
1-0

593 **A45**
□ **Suyarov,Mukhammadzokhid** **2491**
■ **Pranav,V** **2621**
Asian Individual Blitz (5.5) 10.05.2025
[TA]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (120 (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ (41) Atalik, S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5*

Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+ 1-0 (41) Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 (23) Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]

3.Bf4 e6 4.e3 Bb4 5.Nge2 a6 -0.01/23

[5...0-0∓ -0.43/20]

6.g4= Nbd7 0.18/21

[⌓6...0-0 -0.24/20]

7.a3 Bd6 0.84/21

[7...Be7!= -0.01/21]

8.g5± White is better. **8...Nh5 9.Bxd6 cxd6 10.Rg1 g6 11.e4** -0.19/21

[11.h4± 0.70/21]

11...dxe4= 12.Nxe4 d5 13.Nd2 -0.66/21

[13.N4c3= -0.21/23]

13...e5 14.Bg2 -1.03/22

[14.Nb3∓ -0.40/20]

14...0-0 -0.18/23

[14...Qxg5?! 15.Bxd5 Qe7 16.Nc4=]

[Black should play 14...e4∓ -1.03/22 Threatens to win with ...0-0! 15.c4 0-0 *(15...Qxg5 16.Bxe4 Qh4 17.Bxd5=)*]

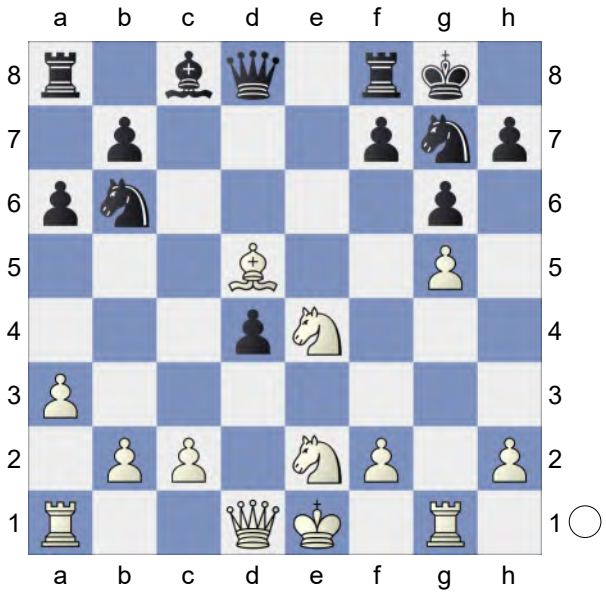
15.Bf3 Ng7 aiming for ...e4. **16.Bxd5 exd4 17.Ne4?** -3.31/25

[17.Nb3∓ -0.35/22]

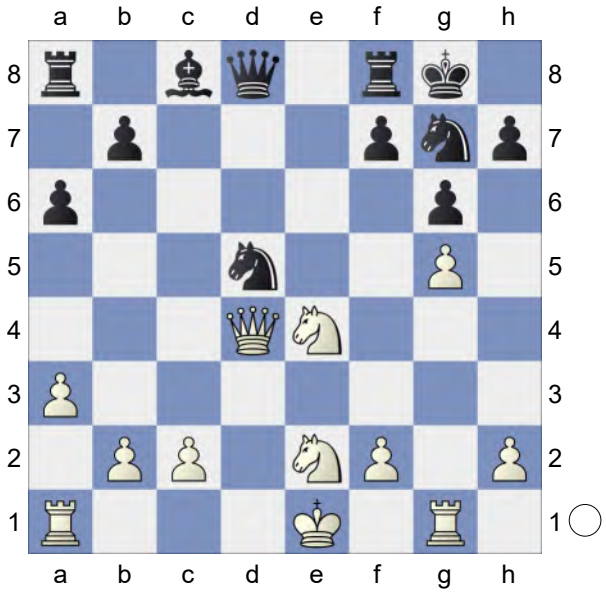
17...Nb6? 1.23/26

[Better is 17...Qa5+-+ -3.31/25 18.N2c3 dxc3]

(Diagram)



18.Qxd4!± White is much more active. The black rooks are passive. **18...Nxd5**



19.Qxd5 Remove Defender **19...Qxd5**

[19...Be6 20.Qe5+- *(20.Qxb7 Rb8=)*]

20.Nf6+ Kh8 21.Nxd5 Bf5 22.0-0-0 Rac8 1.69/23

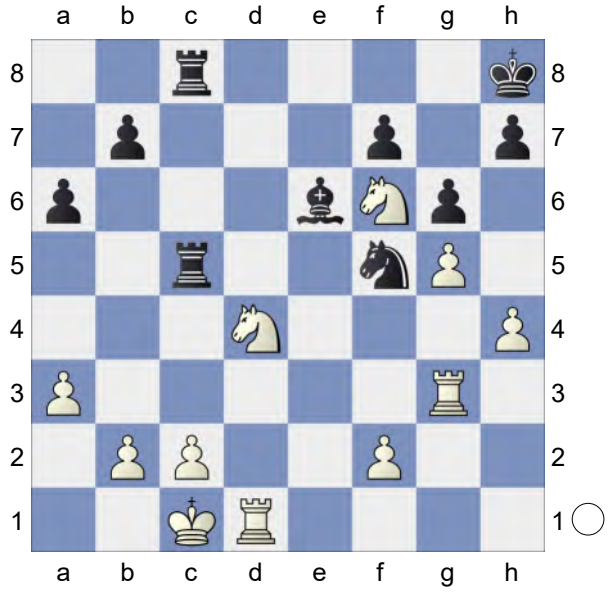
[22...Rad8± 1.15/24 was worth a try. 23.h4 Be4]

23.Nd4+- Be6 2.19/20 Black is weak on the dark squares

[23...Rc5± 1.41/19 24.Ne3 Bh3]

24.Nf6 A dynamic duo of knights.

24...Rc5? 3.87/22
[24...Rcd8 2.09/20 25.h4 Bc8]
25.h4 Nxe6 would now be deadly.
25...Rfc8 26.Rg3 1.62/21
[⌓26.Rge1 2.71/20]
26...Nf5



27.Rc3 2.18/23 **Rxc3**
[27...Nxd4 28.Rxd4]
28.bxc3 Hoping for Nxe6. **28...Nxd4** 4.32/23
[28...Ng7 1.79/20 was called for. 29.Nxe6 Nxe6]
29.cxd4 Endgame. KRB-KRN
[29.Rxd4 Kg7±]
29...Kg7 30.Kb2 Bf5 31.Rd2 Kf8 32.Re2 White is clearly winning.
[32.Nxh7+ Ke7=]
32...b5 33.c3 a5 34.Re5 b4 35.axb4
[35.Nxh7+ Kg7 36.Nf6 *(36.axb4 axb4 37.Nf6 bxc3+ 38.Kc1 Ra8=)* 36...bxc3+ 37.Kc1 Rb8±]
35...axb4 36.cxb4
[36.Nxh7+ Kg7 37.Nf6 bxc3+ 38.Kc1 Rb8±]
36...Kg7 37.Rc5 Black must now prevent Rxc8. **37...Rb8 38.Kc3 h6 39.b5 hxg5 40.hxg5 Rh8 41.Kb4 Be6 42.b6 Bc8 43.Rc7 Ba6 44.Ka5 Bc8 45.d5 Rh1 46.Ne8+**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.56/ Black=0.70
1-0

594 **A45**
□ **Suyarov,Mukhammadzokhid** **2491**
■ **Yang,Zilong** **2326**
Asian Individual Blitz (7.14) 10.05.2025
[TA]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 e6 4.e3 Be7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Nb5 Na6 7.a4N
[7.h4 c6 8.Nc3 c5 9.h5 h6 10.g4 cxd4 11.exd4 Qa5 12.g5 hxg5 13.Bxg5 Bd7 14.h6 g6 15.h7+ Kh8 16.Ne5 Qd8 17.Qf3 Be8 18.Bh6 Nb4 19.0-0-0 Rc8 20.Kb1 Nc6 21.Be2 a6 1-0 (28) Susilodinata,A (2393)-Palczert,M (2345) Budapest SixDays 09 GM-C 2024 (4)]
[7.Be2 c6 *(7...Nh5 8.Be5 f6 9.Bg3 c6 10.Nc3 g6 11.Qd2 Nc7 12.0-0-0 a5* 6. Jobava-4. Nb5 #2*)* 8.Nc3 c5 9.h3 Bd7 10.a4 cxd4 11.exd4 Rc8 12.Nb1 Qb6 13.Qc1 Nb4 14.c3 Nc6 15.Nbd2 Ne4 16.0-0 Be8 17.Re1 a6 18.Bd1 f5 19.Nb3 a5 20.Qe3 Kh8 21.Qe2 g5 ½-½ (44) Raspfish (2917)-Yobot V2 (2940) Blitz 2024]
[7.Ne5 c5 8.Bd3 c4 9.Be2 Qa5+ 10.Nc3 Ba3 11.Qc1 Ne4 6. Jobava-4. Nb5 #5]
7...c6 8.Na3 The position is equal.
8...c5 9.c3 Bd7 10.Be2 Rc8 11.0-0 Ne4 0.63/22
[11...Nh5= 0.02/25]
12.Nb5!± Qb6 13.a5 0.10/23
[13.Ne5± 0.78/23 Bxb5 14.axb5]
13...Qd8= 14.Nxa7 Ra8 15.Nb5 c4 16.Na3 Nc7 0.57/24

[16...Nb8= 0.15/23 should be considered.]

17.Qc2!↑ And now Nxc4! would win. White has some pressure. **17...Bc6 18.Ne5!** Nxc6 is the strong threat. **18...Nd6 19.Nxc6 bxc6 20.Nb1 Ncb5 21.Qa4**

[21.a6 Qb6=]

21...Qd7 22.Nd2 Bd8 1.28/25

[22...Ra7± 0.67/23]

23.a6± Bb6 1.93/22

[23...Be7± 1.16/25]

24.Qc2 1.44/22

[White should try 24.Rfc1+- 1.93/22]

24...Rfc8 2.45/22

[24...Ra7± 1.44/22 25.Bxd6 Qxd6]

25.b3+- cxb3 26.Nxb3 Ne4 27.c4 dxc4 28.Bxc4 Nec3 29.Nc5 Bxc5 30.dxc5 Nd5 31.Be5 f6 32.Bg3 This pair of bishops is nice. **32...Qe7 33.e4 Ndc7 34.Bxb5** 1.38/20

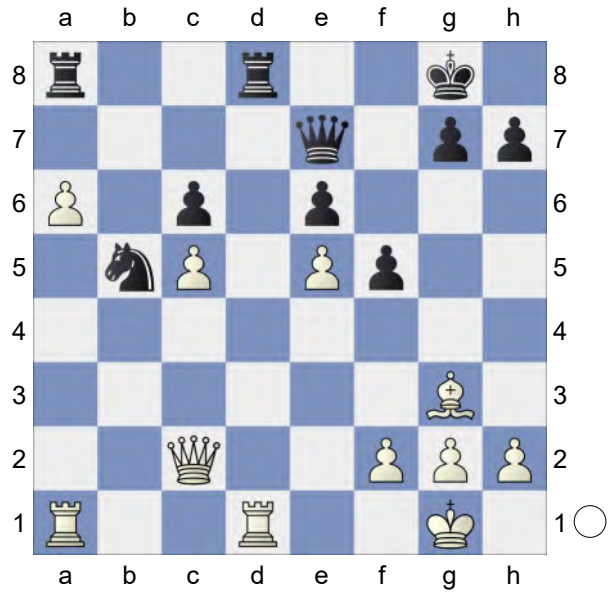
[34.Qb3+- 2.61/24]

34...Nxb5± 35.e5 0.89/20

[⌓35.Rfd1 1.33/24]

35...f5 36.Rfd1 Rd8 1.61/21

[36...Nc7± 0.61/24]



Prevents Rd6 **37.Rd6!+- Nxd6**

[37...Rdb8 38.f3]

38.exd6 1.16/23

[38.cxd6+- 1.76/25 Qa7 39.Qc4 *(39.Qxc6 g5±)*]

38...Qf6± Black is weak on the dark squares **39.Ra4** White has strong compensation. **39...Rd7** 2.52/23

[39...Rdb8± 1.18/23]

40.f4 Rda7 41.Qa2 0.70/21

[41.Qc4+- 2.04/23]

41...Qf7? 2.45/21

[41...Rb8!± 0.70/21]

42.Qe2+- Qd7 3.17/24

[⌓42...h6 2.23/22 43.Be1 Kh7]

43.Be1 Kf7

[43...Qc8 44.h3+-]

44.Bc3 Qc8 45.Qe5 Kg8 46.h4 Qd7 47.Qe2 Qc8 48.h5 h6! would now be deadly.

[48.Qe5 h6 49.Ra3 Rb8±]

48...h6 49.g4? 0.29/21

[49.Qe5 Rb8 50.Ra3 Rb1+ 51.Kh2 Qd7±]

[49.Ra3+- 2.38/25]

49...fxg4!= 50.Qxg4 Black must now prevent Ra3. **50...Qd7 51.Qe2 Qc8** 1.06/21

[51...Rb8± 0.69/21]

52.Re4 -0.17/22

[52.Kh2± 1.06/21]

52...Qxa6 53.Qxa6 Rxa6 54.Rxe6 Endgame. KRR-KRB **54...R6a7 55.Kf2 Kf7 56.Rg6 Kf8 57.Be5 Ra2+ 58.Kf3 R2a7 59.Ke4 Rf7 60.Re6 Ra4+ 61.Kf3**

[61.Bd4? Rb7 62.Ke5 Kf7-+]

61...Rc4 62.d7 Rxd7

[62...Rxc5 63.d8Q#]

63.Rxc6

[63.Rg6 simplifies Rxc5 64.Bd6+ Rxd6 65.Rxd6 Rc1 66.Ke4]

63...Kf7 64.Kg4 Rc1 65.Rc8 Re7

[65...Ke6!?]

66.c6 Ke6 67.c7 Kf7 68.Kf5 Rd7 Wards off Bd6 **69.Ke4 Rc4+ 70.Ke3 Rc5 71.Ke4 Rc4+ 72.Kf3 Rc6 73.Kg4 Rc5 74.Kf5 Rc6 75.Ke4 Rc4+ 76.Kf3 Rc5 77.Kg3 Rc6 78.f5?** -3.80/30
[78.Kg4= 0.00/39 and White is okay.]
78...Rc5? 0.00/36
[78...Rd3+-+ -3.80/30 79.Kf2 Rd5]
79.Bf4 Rc4 Threatens to win with ... Rd3+.
[79...Rxf5? 80.Rf8+ *(80.Rd8 Rxc7 81.Bxc7 Rxh5=)* 80...Kxf8 81.c8Q+ *(81.c8B? Rd3+ 82.Kg4 Rc5-+)* 81...Ke7 82.Kg4+-]
80.f6? -4.90/29 **gxf6?** 0.00/30
[80...Rd3+-+ -4.90/29 81.Kg4 Rdd4 *(81...Kxf6? 82.Rf8+ Ke7 83.c8Q+-; 81...gxf6 82.Rh8=)*]
81.Rh8 Rd3+ 82.Kg2? -5.52/32
[82.Kg4= 0.00/30 Rdd4 83.c8Q Rxf4+ 84.Kg3 Rxc8 85.Rxc8]
82...Rdc3? -0.44/27
[82...Rxf4 83.c8Q *(83.c8B? Kg7-+)* 83...Rd2+ 84.Kg3]
[Better is 82...Rc2+-+ -5.52/32 83.Bd2 Rcxd2+ *(83...Rdxd2+? 84.Kf3-+)* 84.Kg1 Rc2]
83.Rxh6? -7.97/19
[83.Bg3∓ -0.44/27]
83...Rxf4-+ 84.Rh8 Rfc4
[Not 84...Rxc7 85.Rh7+ Kg8 86.Rxc7=]
85.Rh7+ Ke6 (-> …Ra3!) **86.h6 Rxc7 87.Rh8 Rc2+ 88.Kg3 R7c3+ 89.Kg4 Rg2+ 90.Kf4 Rh3** -8.18/19
[⌓90...Rh2 -#32/21 91.Re8+ Kf7 92.Re3 Rxe3 93.Kxe3 Kg6 *(93...Rxh6* is a self mate. *94.Kf4 Ke6 95.Kg4 f5+ 96.Kf3 Ke5 97.Ke3 Rh3+ 98.Kf2 Ke4 99.Ke2 Re3+ 100.Kf2 Kf4 101.Kg2 Re2+ 102.Kf1 Kf3 103.Kg1 Re1+ 104.Kh2 Rd1 105.Kh3 Rh1#)* 94.Kf4 Rxh6 *(94...Kxh6* gets mated. *95.Kf5 Re2 96.Kxf6 Kh5 97.Kf5 Re8 98.Kf6 Kg4 99.Kf7 Re5 100.Kf6 Re1 101.Kg6 Rf1 102.Kh6 Kf5 103.Kg7 Kg5 104.Kh8 Kh6 105.Kg8 Kg6 106.Kh8 Rf8#)* 95.Kf3 Kg5 96.Ke3 f5 97.Kf3 f4 98.Ke4 Kg4 99.Kd3 f3 100.Kc4 f2 101.Kd5 f1Q *(101...f1B 102.Ke5 Rg6 103.Kd4 Kf4 104.Kd5 Bd3 105.Kd4 Rd6+ 106.Kc3 Ke3 107.Kb3 Kd4 108.Kb4 Bc4 109.Ka3 Kc3 110.Ka4 Ra6#)* 102.Kc5 Qc1+ 103.Kb5 Qc7 104.Ka4 Qb7 105.Ka5 Ra6#]
91.h7 Rgh2 What a bad dream for White.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=0.29 (precise)
0-1

595 **D00**
□ **Miladinovic,Igor** **2489**
■ **Sindarov,Javokhir** **2684**
Dubai Police Global Chess Challenge M..
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 g6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.c3N**
[5.e3 Bg7
A) 6.Nf3 0-0 7.h3 *(7.Be2 c6 8.Na3 Nc7 9.0-0 Nh5 10.Be5 Ne8 11.Bxg7 Kxg7 12.Ne5 Nhf6 13.c4 Ne4 14.Bd3 f6 15.Nf3 Bg4 16.Re1 N8d6 17.c5 Nf7 18.h3 Bxf3 19.gxf3 Neg5 20.f4 Ne4 21.Bxe4 dxe4* 0-1 Atalik,E (2395)-Tsolakidou,S (2451) EU-ch blitz (Women) 2025 (13)*)* 7...c6 8.Nc3 Nc7 *(8...Qb6 9.Rb1 c5 10.Be2 Bf5 11.0-0 Rac8 12.Be5 Rfd8* #1 2) Jobava London & Veresov-Jobava London - 4.Nb5*)* 9.Bd3

Ne6 10.Be5 c5 11.0-0 a6 12.a4 b6 13.Qb1 Bb7 14.b4 c4 15.Be2 Rc8 16.Nd2 Qd7 17.Rd1 Ng5 18.Bf4 Nge4 19.Ndxe4 Nxe4 20.Nxe4 dxe4 1-0 Bharath,S (2517)-Souleidis,G (2419) Titled Tuesday intern op 11th Apr Early blitz 2023 (11);

B) 6.h4 h5 7.Nf3 0-0 8.Be2 c5 9.c3 Bd7 10.Ne5 Be8 11.Na3 Qb6 12.Qc2 Nb8 13.g4 hxg4 14.Nxg4 Nxg4 15.Bxg4 Bd7 16.Bxd7 Nxd7 17.h5 e5 18.dxe5 Nxe5 19.0-0-0 Qe6 1-0 Voege,T (2306)-Von Mettenheim,J (2210) Niedersachsen-ch 2023 (5)]

5...Bg7 6.h3 0-0 7.Nf3 c6 8.Na3 Nc7 9.e3 Nd7 10.Be2 Re8 11.0-0 e5 12.dxe5 Nxe5 13.Nxe5 Bxe5 14.Bxe5 Rxe5 15.c4 Qh4 16.Kh2 -0.67/18

[16.Qe1= -0.24/19]

16...Be6∓ 17.Nc2 Rd8!

[17...dxc4 18.Qd6 Qe4 19.Qxc7±]

18.c5 Bc8 19.Nd4 Ree8 20.Qc2 f5 0.15/17

[20...Ne6 -0.22/18 21.Nf3 Qe7]

21.g3= Qf6 22.Rad1 Ne6 23.Nxe6 Rxe6 24.Rd4 Re4 25.Qc3 Rf8 26.Bf3 Re7 27.Ra4 Qxc3 28.bxc3 a6 29.Rd1 Kf7 30.h4 Be6 31.Rb4 Kf6 Black is weak on the dark squares

32.Rdb1 Rff7 33.a3 h6 34.Kg2 Bc8 35.Be2 g5 36.Rh1 Rf8 37.Rd4 Be6 38.Rb1 Rg8 39.Kf1 Rgg7 40.Ke1 Bc8 41.Kd2 Be6 42.Rh1 g4 43.Rb1 Rd7 44.Kc2 Ke7 45.Bd3 Kd8 46.Rb6 Rgf7 47.Kb3 Rde7 48.Ka4 Kc7 49.Ka5 Bc8 50.Rf4 Re4 1.03/27 **51.Rb4** 0.44/26

[White should try 51.Bxe4± 1.03/27 dxe4 52.Rb1]

51...Rfe7± 52.Rd4 R7e5 0.87/25 **53.a4** 0.40/28

[53.Bxe4?! dxe4 54.Kb4 Be6∓]

[53.c4± 0.87/25]

53...h5 54.Kb4

[54.Bxe4 dxe4 55.Rd1 Rxc5+ 56.Kb4 b6∓]

[54.Bc2 simplifies Rxf4 55.Rxf4 Bd7 56.Rb4]

54...b6 55.a5 0.01/26

[55.cxb6+± 0.49/26 Kxb6 56.a5+ Kc7 57.Bxe4 dxe4 58.Ka4]

55...bxc5+!= 56.Kxc5 Rxf4 57.gxf4 Endgame KRB-KRB

[57.Rxf4? d4+ 58.Kb4 *(58.Kxd4? Rd5+ 59.Kc4 Be6-+)* 58...c5+ *(58...dxe3? 59.fxe3 c5+ 60.Kb3-+)* 59.Kb3 dxe3 60.fxe3 Rxe3 61.Bxf5 Rf3 *(61...Rxg3 62.Bxc8 Kxc8 63.Rf5±)* 62.Rxf3 gxf3-+]

[57.exf4!? Re1□ 58.Ra4-+]

57...g3! Deflection **58.fxg3**

[58.fxe5? g2 *(58...gxf2? 59.Rf4+-)* 59.Rb4 g1Q-+ *(59...g1B? 60.Rb6+-)*]

58...Rxe3 59.c4 dxc4 60.Bxc4 Rc3 0.96/25

[60...Be6= -0.01/21 remains equal. 61.Rd3 *(61.Bxa6 Ra3∓)* 61...Re4 62.Bxe6 *(62.Bxa6? Ra4-+)* 62...Rxe6]

61.Rd3± Rc1 62.Re3 Inhibits Bc8-e6.

62...Kd8 0.94/24 Prevents Re3-e7

[62...Kd7!± 0.42/26]

63.Kb4! Rb1+ 64.Rb3

[64.Kc5 Rc1±]

64...Re1 65.Kc5 aiming for Kc5-d6!.

65...Rc1 66.Re3 Rc2 1.51/25

[⌓66...Bd7 0.74/24]

67.Kb4 0.90/23

[⌓67.Kd4 1.51/25]

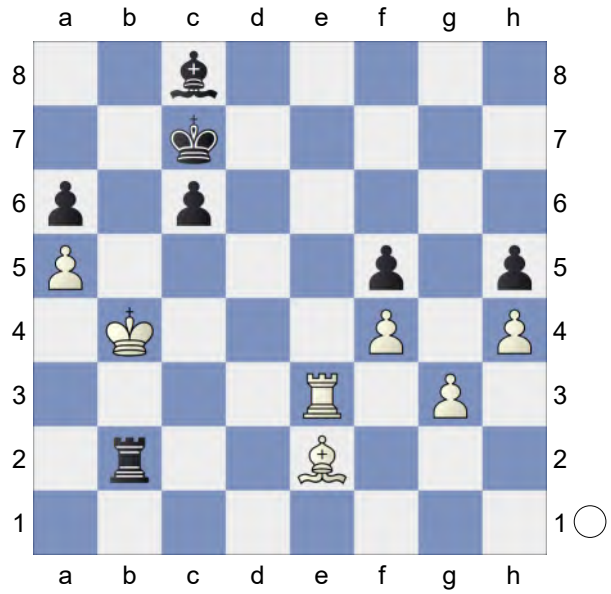
67...Kc7 68.Be2

[68.Kc5 Kd7±]

68...Rb2+ 1.42/23

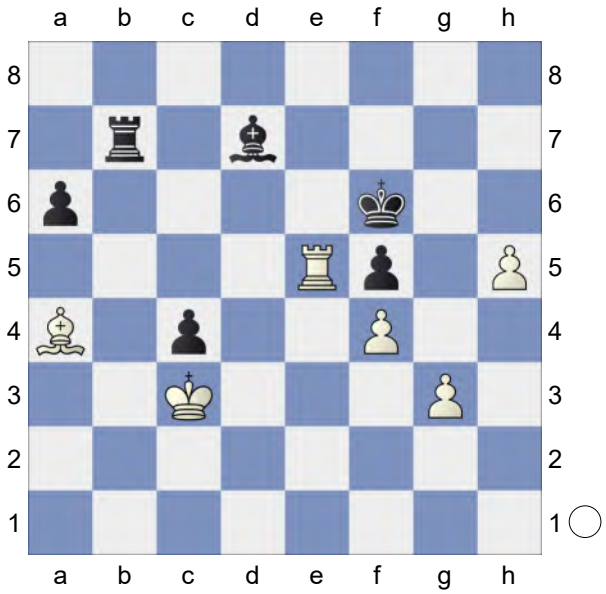
[68...c5+? 69.Kb3 Rd2 70.Bxh5+-]

[⌓68...Kd6 0.93/24]



69.Ka3! Rb1 70.Bxh5 Kd6 71.Rd3+ Ke7 72.Bd1 1.06/22
[⌓72.Bf3 1.53/22]
72...c5 1.86/24
[72...Ra1+± 1.06/22 73.Kb4 Be6]
73.Bb3 1.10/22
[73.Re3++- 1.86/24 Kf6 74.Bb3]
73...Ra1+ 74.Kb2 Rxa5 75.Re3+ Kf6 76.h5 0.78/21 White is more active.
[⌓76.Re8 1.25/23 Bd7 77.Rf8+ Kg6 78.Rd8]
76...Rb5 and ...c5-c4 should not be overlooked **77.Kc3 Bd7** 2.26/22
[77...Rb6± 1.01/21 was necessary.]
78.Re5 1.08/23
[78.h6+- 2.26/22 and the rest is easy. Rb8 79.h7]
78...c4 1.64/22 **79.Ba4+-**
[79.Bxc4 Rxe5 80.fxe5+ Kxe5=]
79...Rb7

(Diagram)



80.Bxd7? 0.01/22
[80.Bc2!+- 1.79/21]
80...Rxd7 KR-KR. The position is equal. **81.Ra5 Rd3+ 82.Kxc4 Rxg3 83.Rxa6+ Kg7 84.h6+ Kh7 85.Kd4 Rb3 86.Rf6 Rb5 87.Ke3 Rb3+ 88.Kf2 Ra3 89.Kg2 Rb3** White really could win this. Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.11 (very precise)
½-½

596 **D00**
□ **Miladinovic,Igor** **2489**
■ **Sindarov,Javokhir** **2684**
Dubai Police op-A (2) 05.05.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-

online.de 2000) 5...Bg7 6.Be2 (6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8 ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) 21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+ 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)) 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]

3.Bf4 g6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.c3 Bg7 6.h3 0-0 7.Nf3 c6 8.Na3 Nc7 9.e3 Nd7 10.Be2 Re8 11.0-0 e5 12.dxe5 Nxe5 13.Nxe5 Bxe5 14.Bxe5 Rxe5 15.c4 Qh4 16.Kh2 Be6 17.Nc2 Rd8

[17...dxc4 18.Qd6 Qe4 19.Qxc7+-]

18.c5 -1.07/21

[18.Qd4∓ -0.44/20 Qxd4 19.Nxd4]

18...Bc8 -0.25/19

[18...d4!∓ -1.07/21 19.Nxd4 Rg5 (19...Rxc5 20.Qe1=)]

19.Nd4= Ree8 20.Qc2 f5 0.17/20

[20...h5 -0.20/20 feels stronger.]

21.g3 Qf6 22.Rad1 Ne6 23.Nxe6 Rxe6 24.Rd4 Re4 25.Qc3

[25.Rfd1!?]

25...Rf8

[25...Rxd4 simplifies 26.Qxd4 Qxd4 27.exd4 Kg7]

26.Bf3 Re7 0.38/19

[26...Rxd4= -0.01/22 was preferrable. 27.Qxd4 Qf7]

27.Ra4 Qxc3 28.bxc3 a6 29.Rd1 Kf7 30.h4 Be6 31.Rb4 Kf6 Black is weak on the dark squares **32.Rdb1 Rff7 33.a3 h6 34.Kg2 Bc8 35.Be2 g5 36.Rh1 Rf8 37.Rd4 Be6 38.Rb1 Rg8 39.Kf1 Rgg7 40.Ke1 Bc8 41.Kd2 Be6 42.Rh1 g4 43.Rb1 Rd7 44.Kc2**

[44.Rb2 looks sharper. Ke5 45.Rb6 Rg8 46.Ra4]

44...Ke7 45.Bd3 Kd8 46.Rb6 Rgf7 47.Kb3 Rde7 48.Ka4 Kc7 49.Ka5 Bc8 50.Rf4 Re4 1.00/29 **51.Rb4** 0.41/28

[51.Bxe4± 1.00/29 dxe4 52.Rb2]

51...Rfe7 52.Rd4 R7e5 1.26/26 **53.a4** 0.42/26

[53.Bxe4 dxe4 54.Kb4 Be6∓]

[53.c4!± 1.26/26]

53...h5 54.Kb4

[54.Bxe4 dxe4 55.Kb4 a5+ 56.Ka3 (56.Kxa5? b6+ 57.Kb4 bxc5+ 58.Ka3 cxd4-+) 56...Rxc5∓]

[54.Bc2 simplifies Bd7 55.Kb4 Rxf4 56.Rxf4 Kd8 57.Rd4]

54...b6 55.a5 bxc5+ 56.Kxc5 Rxf4 57.gxf4 Endgame. KRB-KRB

[57.Rxf4? d4+ 58.Kb4 (58.Kxd4? Rd5+ 59.Kc4 Be6-+) 58...c5+ (58...dxe3 59.fxe3 c5+ 60.Kb3-+) 59.Kb3 Be6+ (59...dxe3? 60.fxe3 Rxe3 61.Kc2-+) 60.Kb2 (60.Bc4? dxe3 61.fxe3 Kd6-+) 60...c4-+ (60...dxe3 61.fxe3 Rxe3 62.Bxf5∓)]

57...g3!⇄ Deflection. Black is not keeping still **58.fxg3**

[58.fxe5? g2 (58...gxf2? 59.Rf4+-) 59.Rb4 g1Q-+ (59...g1B? 60.Rb6+-)]

58...Rxe3 And now ...Bc8-e6! would win.

59.c4 dxc4 60.Bxc4 Rc3 0.80/28

[60...Be6= -0.01/25 remains equal. 61.Rd3 (61.Bxa6 Ra3=) 61...Re4

62.Bxe6 *(62.Bxa6? Ra4-+)* 62...Rxe6]

61.Rd3± Rc1 62.Re3 Inhibits Bc8-e6.

62...Kd8! Wards off Re3-e7 **63.Kb4 Rb1+** 1.09/23

[63...Kc7± 0.66/25 should be considered.]

64.Rb3 0.45/25

[But not 64.Kc5 Rc1=]

[64.Ka3± 1.09/23]

64...Re1 1.23/25

[Better is 64...Rc1!± 0.45/25 65.Re3 Kc7]

65.Kc5 0.81/26

[⌓65.Bf7 1.23/25]

65...Rc1 Threatens to win with ... Rc1xc4+! **66.Re3 Rc2** 1.71/25

[66...Bd7± 0.78/25]

67.Kb4 0.88/25

[67.Kd4!+- 1.71/25]

67...Kc7 68.Be2 Rb2+ 1.64/23

[68...Kd6± 0.89/25 was necessary.]

69.Ka3!+- Rb1 70.Bxh5 Kd6 1.87/25

[70...Ra1+± 1.47/24 71.Kb4 c5+ Decoy 72.Kxc5 Rxa5+ 73.Kb4 Rb5+ 74.Ka3 Rb1 75.Rc3+ Kd8]

71.Rd3+ 1.47/25

[71.Bf7+- 1.87/25]

71...Ke7± 72.Bd1 0.88/23

[72.Bf3+- 1.69/25]

72...c5 1.90/25

[72...Be6± 0.88/23]

73.Bb3 1.41/23

[White should play 73.Re3++- 1.90/25 Kd6 74.Bb3]

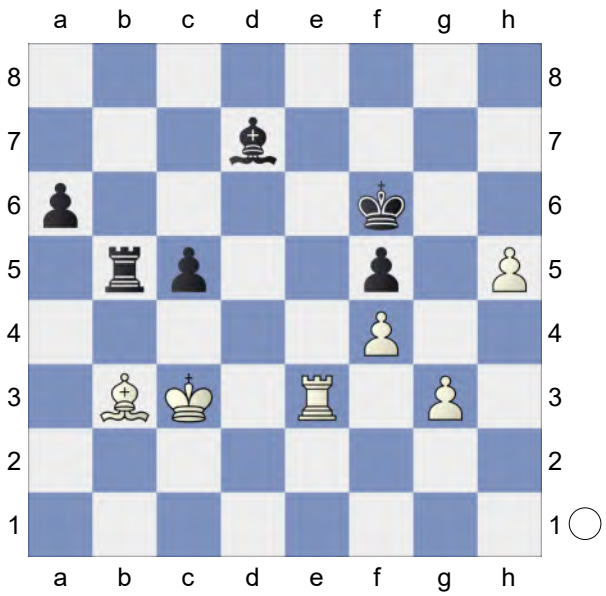
73...Ra1+ 74.Kb2 Rxa5 75.Re3+ Kf6 76.h5 0.67/24 White is more active.

[76.Re8± 1.26/23 Bd7 77.Ra8]

76...Rb5!± White must now prevent ...c5-c4. **77.Kc3 Bd7?** 2.19/23

[77...Rb6!± 0.68/22]

(Diagram)



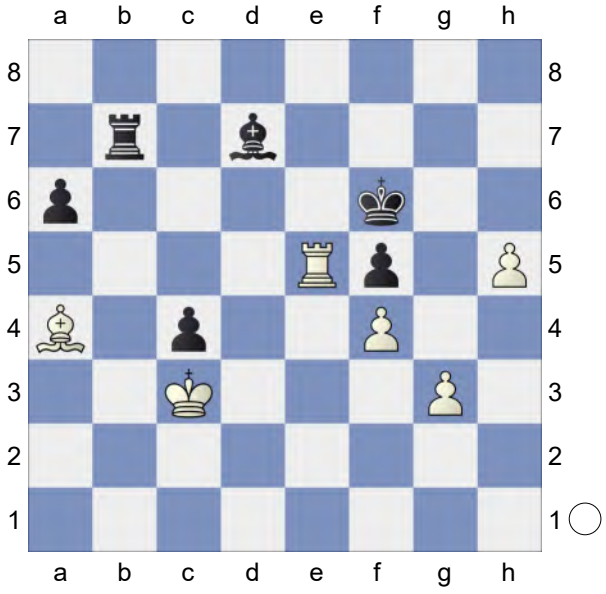
78.Re5 0.79/24

[78.h6!+- 2.19/23 is the precise move to win. Rb8 79.h7]

78...c4 1.91/27 **79.Ba4+-**

[Don't do 79.Bxc4?! Rxe5 80.fxe5+ Kxe5±]

79...Rb7



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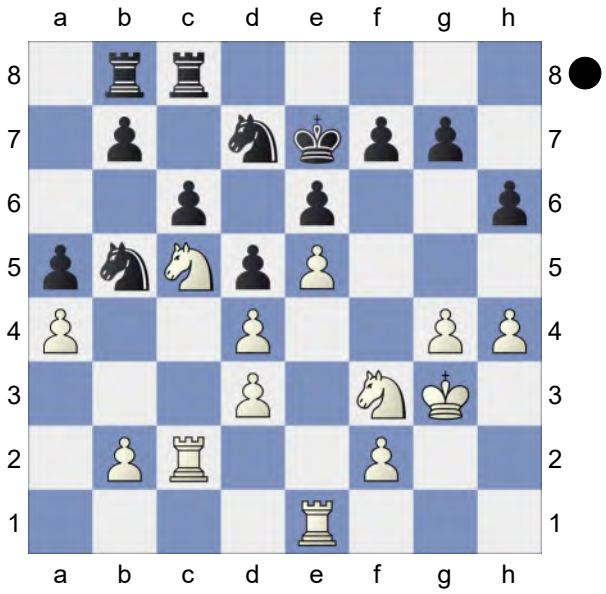
Rb3 White really could win this. Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.13 (very precise)
½-½

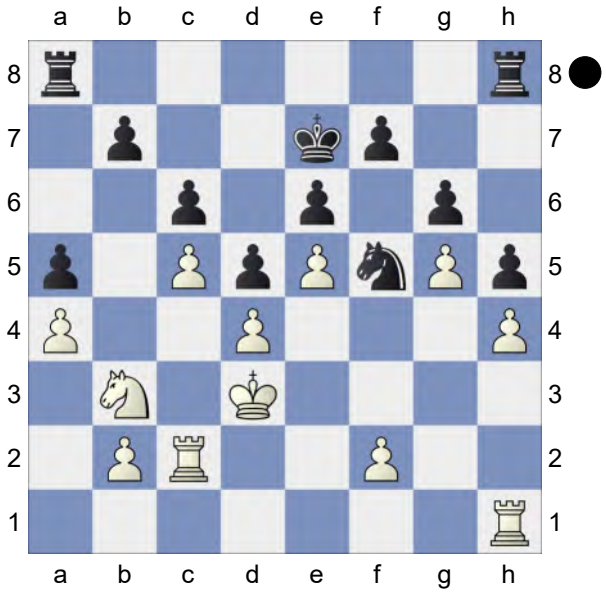
597 **D00**
□ **Vaishali,Ramesh Babu** **2489**
■ **Muzychuk,Anna** **2505**
Norway Chess 2024 | women (8) 4.6.24
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines Richard Palliser: 'Richard Palliser,MH: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines '' **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 Bf5 4.e3 e6 5.Bd3 Bxd3 6.cxd3 Nc6**
[6...Bd6 7.Qb3 b6 8.Bxd6 Qxd6 9.Nf3 c6 10.0-0 Ng8 11.a4 Ne7 12.a5 b5 13.Na2 Na6 14.Qa3 b4 15.Qa4 0-0 16.Nc1 Rfc8 17.Nb3 c5 18.dxc5 Nxc5 19.Nxc5 Qxc5 20.d4 Qd6 21.Ne5 ½-½ Praggnanandhaa,R (2743)-Giri,A (2749) Tata Steel Masters, Wijk aan Zee 2024 (5.4)]
7.Qb3 Rb8 8.Nf3 White has an edge.
8...Bd6 9.Be5N
[9.Bg5 h6 10.Bh4 0-0 11.Rc1 Be7 12.a3 Nh5 13.Bxe7 Nxe7 14.Ne2 Nf6 15.Ne5 c6 16.0-0 Nd7 17.Qd1 f6 18.Nf3 Ng6 19.h4 e5 20.h5 Ne7 21.Ng3 Qc7 22.dxe5 fxe5 23.e4 Rf4 1-0 Nakamura,H (2788)-Firouzja,A (2763) CCT Final playoff rapid 2023 (3.1)]
9...0-0 10.0-0 Ng4 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.Nb5 Qe7 13.e4 0.00/22
[13.Rac1⩲ 0.37/19]
13...Nf6= 14.Rfe1 a6 0.15/21
[⌓14...Qb4 -0.22/21]
15.Nc3 Rfd8 16.Rad1 Qb4 17.Qxb4 Nxb4 18.a3 Nc6 19.Na4 a5 20.e5 Nd7 21.Rc1 Prevents b7-b5. **21...Rdc8 22.Rc2 Na7 23.g4 Kf8 24.Kg2 Ke7 25.Kg3 h6 26.h4 Nb5 27.Nc5 c6**
[27...b6 28.Na4 c5 29.dxc5 bxc5 30.Rec1 Rc7]
28.a4
[28.Rec1 Nxc5 29.dxc5 a4 30.h5]



and Nc5xd7 should not be overlooked
28...Nc7
[28...Nxc5 29.dxc5 Nc7 30.Nd4 Na6]
29.Rec1
[29.Nb3 Na6 30.Nxa5 Nb4 31.Rc3]
29...g6
[29...Nxc5 simplifies 30.dxc5 Kd7 31.Rc3 b6]
30.Kf4 Nxc5 31.dxc5
[31.Rxc5 Na6 *(31...Ra8 32.Rh1=)* 32.R5c3 *(32.Rxa5 Ra8∓)* 32...Nb4∓]
31...Na6 Threatening ...b7-b6. **32.Nd4 Nb4 33.Rd2 Rh8 34.Ke3 Ra8 35.Rg1 Na6 36.Nb3 Nc7** 0.58/21
[36...b6= -0.01/18]
37.d4 0.01/20 Black is weak on the dark squares
[37.h5!⩲ 0.58/21]
37...h5 38.g5 Ne8 39.Kd3 Ng7 40.Rh1 Nf5 41.Rc2 -1.47/24

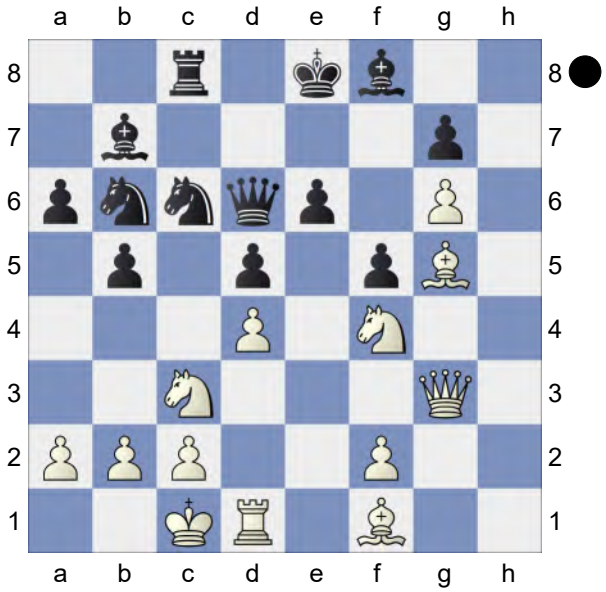
[41.Nc1= -0.12/25 remains equal.]



41...Ra6 -0.05/24
[Black should try 41...Rhb8!∓ -1.47/24 ...b7-b5 is the strong threat. 42.Kc3 Kd8]
42.Kc3! Kd7 43.Rd2 Rb8 44.Rh2 Kc7 45.Rh1 Kd7 46.Rh2 Kc7 47.Rh1! Kd7 -0.01/41 Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.13 (very precise)
[47...Kd8∓ -0.48/27 is superior.]
½-½

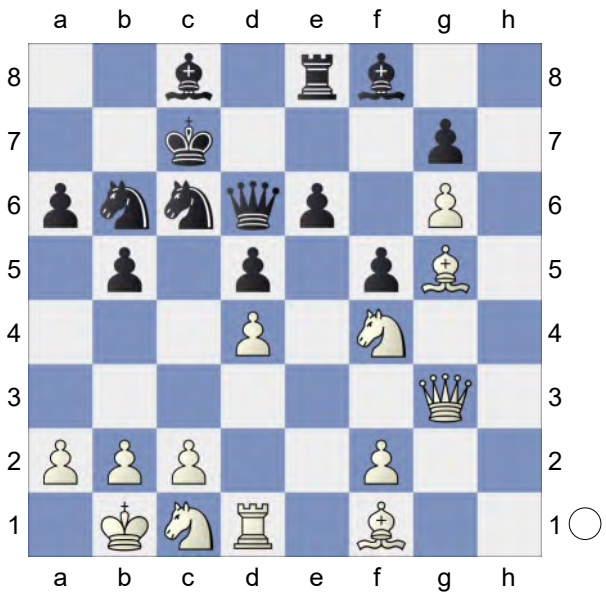
598 **D00**
□ **Rodriguez Vila,Andres** **2487**
■ **Quintiliano,Renato R** **2436**
22. Copa Mercosur 2018 (7.1) 22.08.18
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 Nf6 3.Nc3 a6 4.e3 e6 5.g4 h6 6.Qf3 c5 7.h4 cxd4 8.exd4** White is slightly better. **8...Nc6 9.Nge2 b5 10.g5 hxg5N**
[10...Ng8 11.0-0-0 Qa5 12.gxh6 Nxh6 13.Nxd5 exd5 14.Qxd5 Bb7 15.Bg2 Be7 16.Rhe1 Rd8 17.Qb3 Bb4 18.Nc3+ Kf8 19.d5 Ne7 20.Bg5 Bd6 21.Bxe7+ Bxe7 22.d6 Rxd6 23.Bxb7 Nf5 24.Ne4 Rxd1+ 25.Rxd1 5) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 a6-3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 #1/16 [MH]]
11.hxg5 Rxh1 12.Qxh1 Nd7 13.Qh2 Bb7 14.g6 f5 15.0-0-0 Rc8 0.95/18
[15...Qf6!± 0.48/20]
16.Qg3± Nb6 1.43/18
[⌓16...Be7 0.96/17]
17.Bg5 Qd6 18.Nf4



Re1 is the strong threat. **18...Kd7 19.Kb1** 0x0.0010f922457fdp-1022s more active pieces. **19...Re8 20.Nce2 Bc8 21.Nc1 Kc7** 2.36/20
[21...Be7± 1.45/18]

(Diagram)

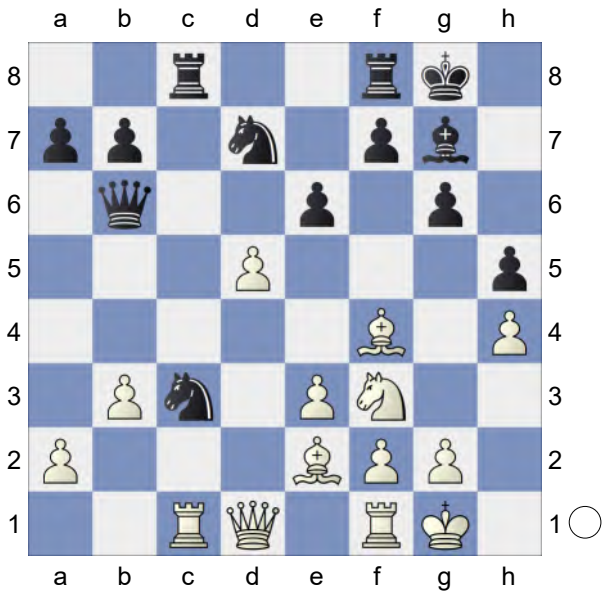


22.Nxe6+!+- Rxe6? 4.12/19
[22...Bxe6? 23.Bf4+-]
[22...Kb7 2.28/21]
23.Bf4 Rxg6 White is clearly winning. **24.Bxd6+ Rxd6 25.Nb3 Kd8 26.Re1 Rf6 27.Qf4 Be6 28.Nc5 Bxc5 29.dxc5 Nd7 30.Qg5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.31
1-0

599 **D00**
□ **Shuvalova,Polina** **2487**
■ **Bodnaruk,Anastasia** **2333**
Swiss Queens Wed #28 2024 (6.111)
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) www.desc-online.de 2000 UltraCorr3a [Fritz 5.32 (30s)] ½-½ *)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) Lake George 2005 CBM 107 [Atalik,Suat] ½-½ (41) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Gyula 2000 CBM 076 [Alterman,Boris] 1-0 (41) *)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]
3.Bf4 g6 4.e3 Bg7 5.Be2 0-0 6.h4 h5 6...h5 is better than 6...c5. 6...h5 ist besser als 6...c5. **7.Nf3 c5 8.dxc5** The position is equal. **8...Qa5 9.0-0 Qxc5 10.Nb5** aiming for Nc7. **10...Na6** Prevents Nc7. **11.Rc1N**
[Vorgänger: 11.Be5 Bd7 12.a4 Ng4 13.Bxg7 Kxg7 14.Qd4+ 0.01/21 *(14.c3± 0.42/19)* 14...Qxd4= 15.exd4 Rfc8 16.c3 Nc7 17.Rfe1 1-0 Ozen,D (2397)-Paravyan,D (2617) Titled Tuesday intern op 08th Feb Late blitz 2022 (8)]
11...Bd7 12.Nbd4 Qb6
[12...Ng4 is interesting. 13.Nb3 Qb6 14.Qxd5 Bc6]
13.Ne5 Nc5 14.b3 e6 0.39/18
[14...Bg4= 0.01/18]
15.c4± Rac8 16.Nxd7 -0.01/20
[16.Qc2± 0.36/19]

16...Ncxd7= 17.Nf3 Against e5 **17...Ne4 18.cxd5** With the idea Rxc8. **18...Nc3** 1.06/22
[18...Rxc1!= 0.09/20 19.Qxc1 Nc3]



19.Qd2 0.01/18
[19.Rxc3!± 1.06/22 Rxc3 20.dxe6 Qxe6 21.Ng5]
19...Nxd5 Pair of Knights! **20.Bg3 N7f6 21.Ng5** Prevents Ne4. **21...Rcd8 22.Qe1** Hoping for e4. **22...Rd7 23.Bf3 Nb4 24.Qe2 Nd3 25.Rcd1** 0.12/22
[25.Rc3!± 0.52/20 Rfd8 26.Rd1]
25...Rfd8 26.Kh2 e5 -0.44/20
[26...Qa5= -0.13/19 should be considered.]
27.Qc2∓ Nc5 1.29/21
[27...Qb4= -0.07/20]
28.Rxd7± Rxd7 29.Rd1 Rxd1 30.Qxd1 e4 31.Be2 Nh7 1.95/22
[31...Nd3± 1.19/23]
32.Bc4 1.26/21
[White should play 32.Nxh7+- 1.95/22 Kxh7 33.Qd5]
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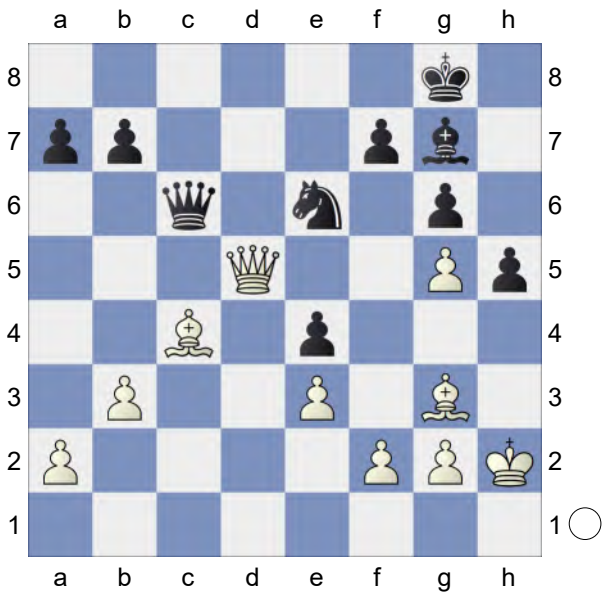
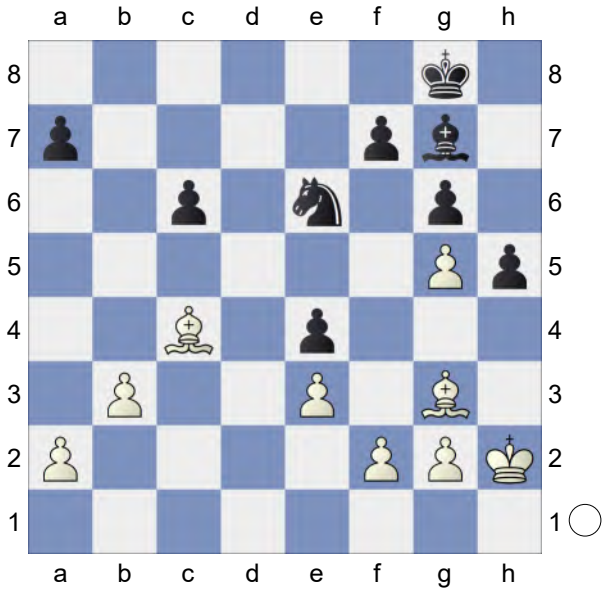


35.Qxc6 2.06/23
[35.Bb8!± 1.21/22]
35...bxc6+-



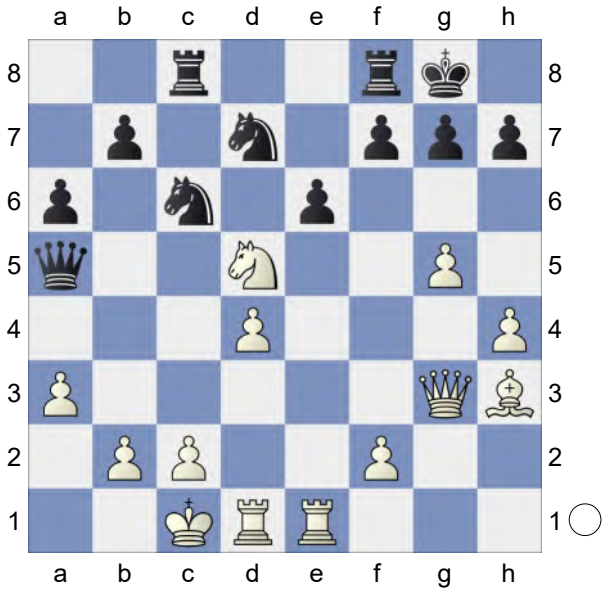
36.Bxe6 0.77/29
[36.Bb8!+- 1.88/23 is the precise move to win.]
36...fxe6± Endgame KB-KB 37.Bd6 0.22/24
[37.Bb8± 0.56/26]
37...Bf8 1.16/25
[37...Bc3= 0.22/24 keeps the balance.]
38.Bb8 Be7 39.Bxa7 Threatens to win

with Bb8. **39...Bxg5 40.Bc5** a4 is the strong threat. **40...Bd8 41.a4** And now b4 would win. **41...Kf7 42.b4** 1.08/27
[White should try 42.Bb4 1.42/25]
42...e5? 6.74/28 Loses the game.
[42...Ke8± 1.08/27]
43.a5+- Bc7 44.Bb6 Bd6 45.a6 Bb8 46.a7 Bxa7 47.Bxa7 KB-KP **47...Ke6 48.Bc5 Kd5 49.Kg3 g5 50.Kh3 Kc4 51.Be7** 18.62/27
[⌓51.g4 #20/28 h4 52.Be7 Kd5 53.Bxg5 Ke6 54.Kxh4 Kd6 55.Kh5 Kd7 56.Bf6]
51...Kb5 52.g4 h4 53.Bxg5 White mates. **53...Kxb4 54.Bxh4 c5 55.Bf6 Kc4 56.Bxe5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.29 (precise) /Black=0.67
1-0

600 **B13**
□ **Zhalmakhanov,Ramazan** **2485**
■ **Sidorika,Vladislav** **2294**
Titled Tuesday intern op 28th Jan Early b..
[Kitty Kat]

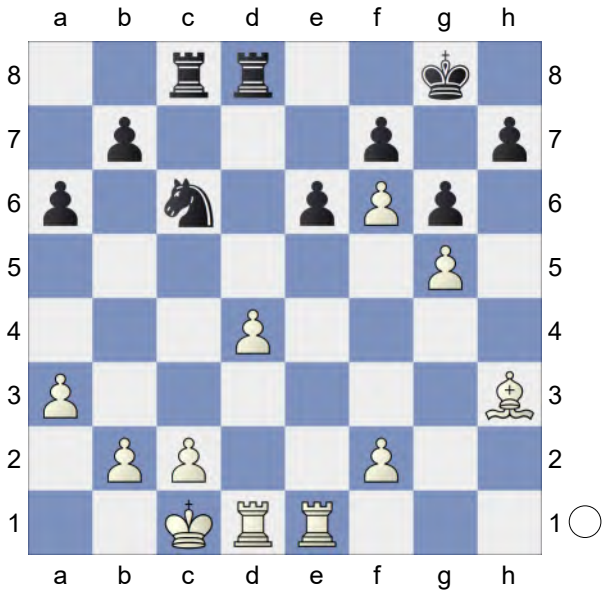
B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 g6 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* 1-0 Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 2013*; 5.f4 Qa5 6.Bd2 Qb4 7.Qe2 Qxb2 8.Rb1 Qa3 9.e5 dxe5 10.fxe5 Nfd7 11.e6 fxe6 12.dxe6 Nf6 13.Nb5 Qxa2 14.Nc7+ Kd8 15.Rd1 Nc6 16.Bf4+ Nd4 17.Nxa8 Qxe6 18.Qxe6 Bxe6 19.c3 Bg4* 1-0 Genovese,A (2106)-Burk,E (1200) Germany senior ch-5 final 9901 1999*)* 5...Bg7 6.Bc4 *(6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.a4 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nbd7 11.Re1 a6 12.Bf1 e5 13.a5 Ne8 14.Bd3 Qh4 15.Qg4 Qxg4 16.hxg4 Rc8 17.b3 Nef6 18.g5 Ne8 19.g3 f6 20.Kg2 fxg5* 0-1 7.♗c4 ♕a5 8. ♕d2 e6_6062 (2345)-Jovic,A (2383) Gonfreville op 1979 (3.76)*)* 6...0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 1-0 Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) V0048 www.desc-online.de 2000 (7) gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8 21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9)]
3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.h3! 7.h3 scores better than 7.Be2. 7.h3 punktet besser als 7.Le2. **7...Bxf3 8.Qxf3** The position is equal. **8...Nc6 9.0-0-0 e6 10.g4 Bd6 11.h4 Qc7 12.Bxd6 Qxd6 13.g5 Nd7 14.Qg3N** -0.03/18
[14.Bh3 Rf8 15.Ne2 0-0-0 16.Qf4 Kc7 17.Rhe1 b5 18.Qxd6+ -0.10/20 *(18.Qg4± 0.38/17)* 18...Kxd6= 19.Ng3 0-1 Artemenko,O (2246)-Kollars,D (2622) Titled Tuesday intern op 28th Dec blitz 2021 (2)]
[14.Ne2± 0.45/18]
14...Qb4 0.79/19
[14...Qxg3= -0.03/18 keeps the balance. 15.fxg3 Nb6]
15.a3± Qb6 16.Bh3 Rc8 17.Rhe1 0-0

2.12/19 This costs Black the game.
[17...Nxd4 18.Qd3 *(18.Nxd5? Rxc2+ 19.Kb1 Qxb2#)* 18...Nb5 19.Nxb5 *(19.Qxd5 0-0±; 19.Nxd5 Qd6+-)* 19...Qxb5 20.Qxb5 *(20.Qxd5 Qxd5 21.Rxd5 g6=)* 20...axb5 21.Rxd5]
[17...Ne7± 0.73/18]
18.Nxd5+- Qa5 4.85/20
[18...exd5 1.96/20 might work better. 19.Bxd7 Ra8]



19.Nf6+! Nxf6 20.gxf6 g6 21.Qg5 2.49/23
[⌓21.Qf4 4.96/19 White wants to mate with Qf4-h6. g5 22.Rg1 *(22.Qxg5+ Qxg5+ 23.hxg5 Rcd8+-; 22.hxg5 Qa4+-)*]
21...Qxg5+ 22.hxg5 Hoping for d4-d5.
22...Rfd8 6.40/20
[22...Rcd8 2.42/20 23.c3 Rd5]

(Diagram)



23.d5! Na5
[23...h5 24.dxc6]
24.dxe6 Nb3+ 25.Kb1 Nd2+ 26.Ka2 Rxc2 27.e7 Re8 28.Re2 h6 29.Rexd2 Rxd2 30.Rxd2 Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=1.11
1-0

601 **D00**
□ **Cardoso Cardoso,Jose Gabriel 2484**
■ **Valderrama Quiceno,E 2535**
COL-chT Blitz (4.1) 07.11.2022
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 Bf5 4.f3 c6 5.g4 Bg6 6.h4 h6 7.e3 e6 8.Bd3** White is slightly better. **8...Bxd3** 8...0-0 is better than 8...e5. 8...0-0 ist besser als 8...e5. **9.Qxd3 Bd6** 0.50/20
[9...b5= 0.08/19]
10.Nge2± Qe7 11.0-0-0 Nbd7 12.g5 Nh5 13.Bxd6 Qxd6 14.f4N
[14.e4 0-0-0 15.e5 Qe7 16.g6 f6 17.f4 fxe5 18.dxe5 Rhf8 19.Qf3 Nxe5 20.Qxh5 Rf5 21.Qxf5 exf5 22.fxe5 Qxe5 23.Rh3 Re8 24.Rf3

Qh2 25.Rf4 Re6 26.Rxf5 Rxg6 27.Rf4 Re6 28.Rdf1 Rxe2 1-0 De Lorenzo,G (2362)-Bellmann,H (2487) EM/MN/028 ICCF Email 2001]

14...0-0-0 15.Kb1

[15.Rdg1 g6 16.Na4 Ng7 17.c4 -1.64/22 *(17.Kb1= -0.27/20)* 17...Qb4 -0.65/20 *(17...dxc4!-+* -1.64/22 *18.Qd1 hxg5 19.Rxg5 Qe7)* 18.Qb3 -1.18/22 *(18.b3∓* -0.65/20 *)* 18...Qxb3 19.axb3 Nf5 20.Kd2! h5 0.25/21 *(20...dxc4!∓* -0.89/21 *21.bxc4 c5)* 21.c5]

15...Kb8 16.g6 -0.26/22

[⌓16.Rdf1 0.11/18]

16...f5= 17.Ng1 Nf8 0.21/21

[17...Ndf6∓ -0.34/20]

18.Nf3 Nd7 0.69/22

[Black should play 18...Ng3= 0.16/21]

19.Ne2 0.13/21

[19.Ne5± 0.69/22]

19...Rhe8 20.Ne5 Nxe5 1.10/23

[20...Qe7= 0.21/20 remains equal.]

21.fxe5± Qc7 22.Rhg1 c5 1.81/22

[22...Qe7± 1.02/23]

23.Nc3 1.35/21

[23.Rdf1+- 1.81/22]

23...f4 2.13/23

[23...cxd4± 1.35/21 24.exd4 f4]

24.Nb5+- Qb6 Threatens to win with ... c5-c4. **25.Nd6 Rf8 26.Nf7** Inhibits c5xd4. White is more active. **26...Rc8** 2.08/22

[26...c4± 1.57/21 27.Qa3 *(27.Qd2 Ng3±)* 27...Rc8 28.exf4 Nxf4 29.Qd6+ Qxd6 30.exd6 Rg8]

27.exf4! And now Qd3-f3 would win.

[27.Nd6?! Rc6±]

27...c4

[27...Nxf4 28.Qf3+-]

28.Qa3 Nxf4 29.Qd6+ Ka8 30.c3 Qb5 2.85/22

[30...Qc6± 1.60/20 is a better defense. 31.Qa3 Nxg6]

31.Ka1? 1.02/21

[31.Rdf1+- 2.85/22 Nd3 32.Qa3 *(32.Qxe6? Qxb2#; 32.Rg2 Qe8±)*]

31...Rfe8? 4.54/23

[31...Qe8± 1.02/21]

32.Qa3 Nd3? 6.99/20

[32...Rc6 3.71/19 33.Nd6 Rxd6]

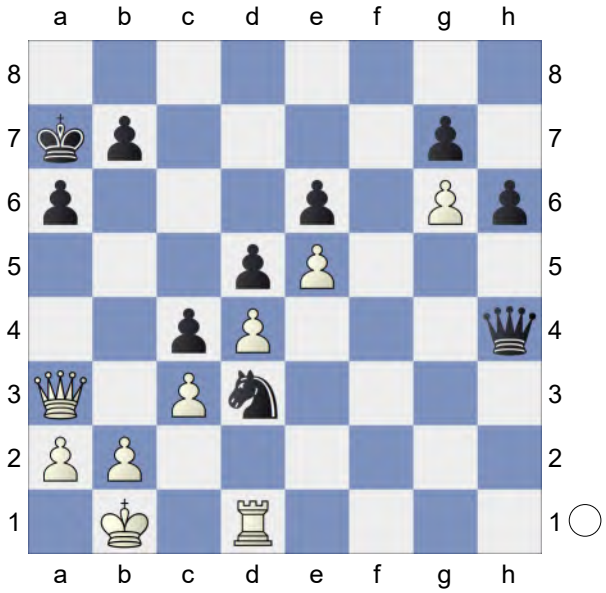
33.Nd6 Qb6 34.Nxe8 Rxe8 35.Rgf1 a6 36.Rf8 Rxf8 37.Qxf8+ Endgame KQR-KQN **37...Ka7 38.Qa3**

[38.Qxg7? Qxb2#]

38...Qd8 39.Kb1? 1.27/24

[39.Qd6+- 3.61/22 Qxh4 40.Rb1 *(40.Qxe6 Qe4+-)*]

39...Qxh4±



40.b3 -0.01/25

[Better is 40.Ka1!± 1.02/25]

40...Qg4→ Black mounts an attack. **41.Rxd3** Remove Defender **41...Qg1+** Zwischenzug **42.Kb2**

[42.Qc1? Qxg6 43.Qa3 Qxd3+ *(43...cxd3 44.Qc5+ Kb8 45.Qf8+ Kc7 46.Kc1∓)* 44.Kb2 Qd2+ 45.Kb1 Qd1+ *(45...Qxc3 46.Qc5+ Kb8 47.Qd6+ Ka7 48.Qc5+ Kb8 49.Qf8+ Ka7 50.Qc5+=)* 46.Kb2 Qd2+ 47.Kb1 Qe1+ 48.Kb2 Qf2+ 49.Kc1

Qf7 50.bxc4 Qf1+ *(50...dxc4 51.Qc5+ Kb8 52.Qd6+ Ka8 53.Qc5=)* 51.Kd2 Qxc4∓ *(51...dxc4 52.Qc5+ Kb8 53.Qd6+ Ka8 54.Kc2=)*]

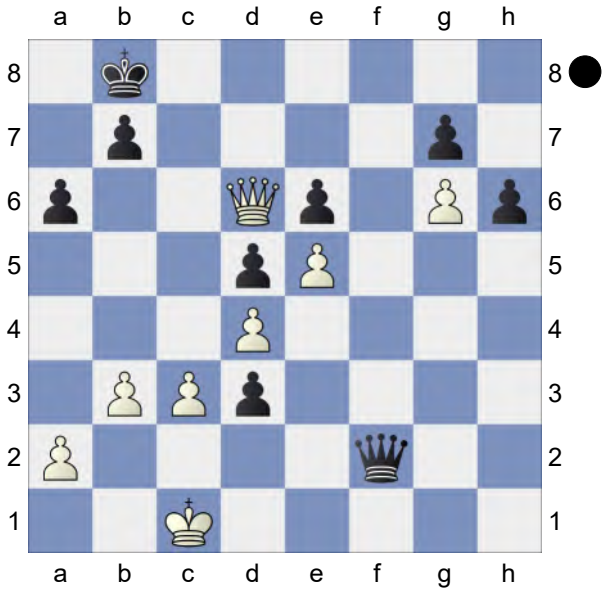
[42.Rd1 simplifies Qxd1+ 43.Kb2 Qe2+ 44.Kc1]

Vorgänger: **42...Qf2+ 43.Kc1?** -14.86/20

[43.Rd2∓ -0.41/24 Qxd2+ 44.Kb1]

43...cxd3-+ KQ-KQ. Black is a pawn up.

44.Qc5+ Kb8 45.Qd6+



Kc8? -0.01/33

[45...Ka8! -#8/18 46.Qf8+ Qxf8 47.Kb2 d2 *(47...Qf2+ 48.Ka3 b6 49.c4 Qd2 50.cxd5 b5 51.dxe6 a5 52.e7 Qc1#)* 48.Kc2 Qf2 49.a4 Qe1 *(49...Qe2 50.Kb2 a5 51.b4 d1Q+ 52.Ka3 Qc1+ 53.Kb3 Qc4#)* 50.Kb2 d1Q *(50...d1R 51.b4 Qe2+ 52.Ka3 Ra1+ 53.Kb3 Qa2#)* 51.c4 Qxd4+ 52.Kc2 Qdd2#]

46.Qxe6+? -#9/20

[46.Qc5+= -0.01/33 Kb8 47.Qd6+ Ka8 48.Qf8+ *(48.Qd8+ Ka7)* 48...Qxf8 49.Kb2 Qf2+ 50.Ka3 b6 *(50...Qf8+ 51.Kb2 d2 52.Kc2 Qf2 53.a4 Qe1 54.Kb2 d1Q 55.c4 Qxd4+ 56.Kc2 Qdd2#)* 51.c4 Qd2 *(51...Qxd4 52.Kb4 d2 53.Ka3 d1Q 54.Kb4 Qe1+ 55.Ka4 Qa5#; 51...Qf8+ 52.Kb2 Qb4 53.a3 Qd2+ 54.Kb1 Qc2+ 55.Ka1 d2 56.cxd5 d1Q#)* 52.c5 b5 53.c6 a5 54.c7 Qc1#]

46...Kc7?? #12/21

[46...Kb8 -#9/20 and all is fine. 47.Qd6+ Ka8 48.Qf8+ Qxf8 49.Kb2 d2 *(49...Qf2+ 50.Ka3 d2 51.e6 Qf8+ 52.Kb2 d1Q 53.e7 Qd2+ 54.Ka3 Qxe7+ 55.b4 Qxc3+ 56.Ka4 Qexb4#)* 50.Kc2 Qf2 51.Kb2 d1Q+ *(51...d1R+ 52.Ka3 Ra1 53.Kb4 Qf8+ 54.Ka5 Ka7 55.e6 Rxa2#)* 52.Ka3 Qdd2 53.Ka4 Qxa2+ 54.Kb4 Qf8#]

47.Qd6+? 0.01/5

[47.Qxd5? Qc2#]

[47.Qf7+ #12/21 mates Qxf7 48.gxf7 Kd7 49.f8Q *(49.f8R Ke6+-)* 49...d2+ 50.Kxd2 Ke6 51.Qd6+ Deflection *(51.Qxg7 a5 52.Qf6+ Kd7 53.Qd6+ Kc8 54.e6 h5 55.e7 b6 56.e8Q+ Kb7 57.Qxd5+ Kc7 58.Qed8#)* 51...Kf5 52.e6 *(52.Qxd5 a5 53.e6+ Kf6 54.Qd6 h5 55.e7+ Kf7 56.d5 g5 57.Qe6+ Ke8 58.d6 h4 59.d7#)*]

47...Kc8= 48.Qc5+? -#9/20

[48.Qxd5? Qc2#]

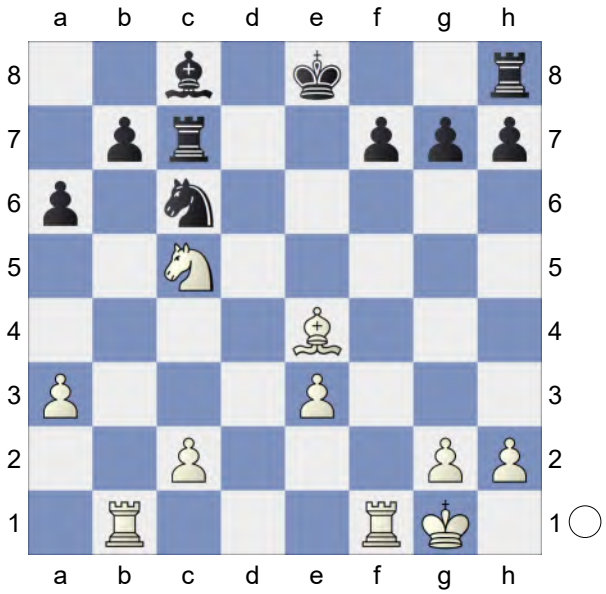
[48.Qe6+= 0.01/44 Kb8 49.Qd6+ *(49.Qxd5? Qc2#)* 49...Ka8 50.Qf8+ *(50.Qxd5? Qc2#; 50.Qd8+* is a self mate. *Ka7)* 50...Qxf8 51.Kb2 d2 *(51...Qf2+ 52.Ka3 d2 53.e6 Qf8+ 54.Ka4 d1Q 55.c4 b5+ 56.Ka5 Qd2+ 57.Kxa6 Qd6+ 58.Kxb5 Q2b4#)* 52.Kc2 Qf2 53.Kb2 d1Q+ *(53...d1R+ 54.Ka3 Rd2 55.c4 Rxa2+ 56.Kb4 b6 57.cxd5 Qxd4#)* 54.Ka3 Qdd2 55.Ka4 Qxa2+ 56.Kb4 Qf8#]

48...Kb8 1-0 (52) Abreu Delgado,A (2427)-Araque,R (2310) Cali 1999 **49.Qd6+ Ka8 50.Qd8+ Ka7** Weighted Error Value: White=1.08/ Black=0.65 Sensor Board Error (Ke4/ e5)?
1-0

602 **D00**
□ **Madaminov,Mukhiddin** **2484**
■ **Hou,Yifan** **2632**
Tashkent Zakovat Gambit blitz (8)
[Kitty Kat]

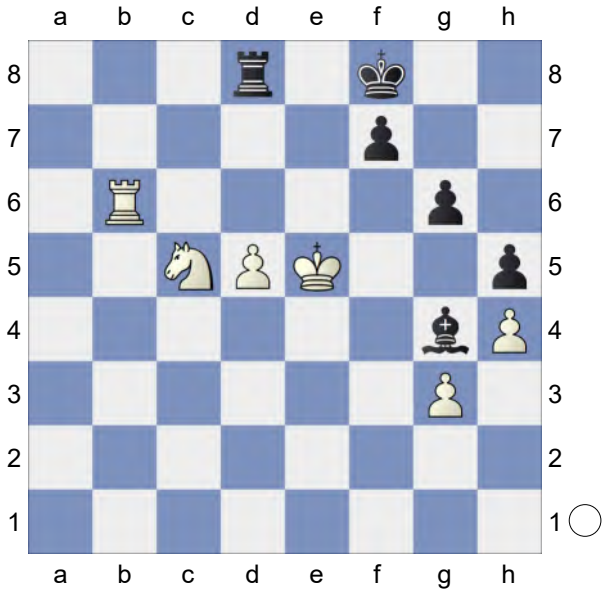
D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 c5 5.dxc5 Qa5 6.Qd2 e6 7.Nf3 Bxc5 8.Nd4** The position is equal. **8...Bb4 9.a3** -0.80/21
[9.f3= 0.00/19]
9...Ne4∓ 10.Nb3 Bxc3 -0.17/22
[10...Qd8∓ -0.65/23 11.Qd3 Bxc3+ 12.bxc3 Qh4]
11.Qxc3= Qxc3+ 12.bxc3 Nc6 0.25/21
[12...f6 -0.18/20 is superior.]
13.c4 dxc4 14.Bxc4 e5 15.Bd5 exf4 16.Bxe4 fxe3 17.fxe3 Bd7 0.48/21
[17...0-0= -0.01/20 was preferrable.]
18.0-0 Rc8 0.54/22
[18...b6= 0.14/20 is more appropriate.]
19.Nc5± Nc5xd7! would now be deadly.
19...Rc7 20.Rab1 Bc8

(Diagram)

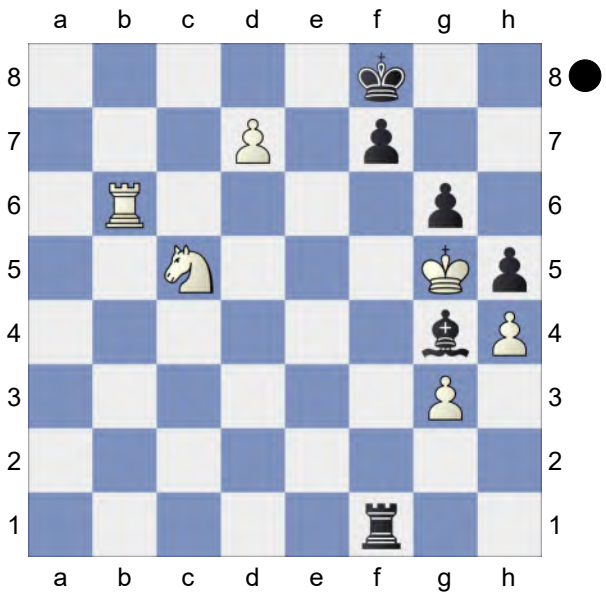


21.Nxb7 Decoy. White is much more active. **21...Ke7** Against Nb7-d6
[21...Bxb7? 22.Rxb7 Kd8 23.Rxc7 *(23.Rxf7 Rxf7 24.Rxf7 Ne5+-)* 23...Kxc7 24.Rxf7+ Kd6 25.Rxg7+-]
22.Nc5 Ne5 23.Nd3 Nc4 24.Nb4 Be6 1.71/22
[24...Nxe3? 25.Rfe1+-]
[24...Rc5± 0.78/21]
25.Nxa6+- Ra7 26.Nb4 Rxa3 27.Nc6+ Kd6 28.Nd4 0.37/22
[28.Rfd1+± 1.47/20 Kc5 29.Nd4 Nxe3 30.Nxe6+ fxe6 31.Rd7]
28...Rxe3± 29.Bd3 -0.01/23
[29.Nxe6± 0.51/22 fxe6 30.Rfd1+ Kc5 31.Bd3]
29...Nd2!= 30.Rfe1 Hoping for Rb1-b6+.
[30.Rb6+ Kc5 31.Rxe6 fxe6∓]
30...Rxd3! 31.cxd3 Nxb1 32.Rxb1 Endgame. KRB-KRN **32...Rc8 33.Kf2 Ke5 34.Ke3 Bd5 35.Rb5 g6 36.g3 Kd6 37.Rb6+ Kc5 38.Rb5+ Kd6 39.Ra5 Re8+ 40.Kd2 Be6 41.Ra7 h5 42.Nb5+ Ke5 43.d4+ Kf6 44.Nd6 Rd8 45.Ne4+ Kf5 46.Ke3 Bd5 47.Ra5 Ke6 48.Ra6+ Kf5?** #5/12
[48...Ke7= 0.01/25]
49.Ra5? -0.01/19

[49.Rf6+ #5/12 Kg4 50.Rf4+ Kh3 51.Kf2 g5 52.Nxg5+ Kxh2 53.Rh4#]
49...Ke6 50.Nc5+ Kf6 51.h4 Re8+ 52.Kf4 Rd8 Prevents Nc5-d7+. **53.Ra6+ Be6 54.Ke4 Ke7 55.Ra7+ Kf6 56.Ra6 Ke7 57.Rb6 Bf5+ 58.Ke5 Bg4** 0.94/24
[58...f6+!= 0.01/25 remains equal. 59.Rxf6 Rxd4]
59.d5 0.52/25
[59.Ne4± 0.94/24]
59...Kf8? 2.06/25
[Black should play 59...f6+!± 0.52/25 60.Kd4 *(60.Rxf6 Rxd5+ 61.Kxd5 Kxf6=)* 60...Bf3]



60.d6 0.79/26
[60.Kf6!+- 2.06/25 and the rest is easy.]
60...Re8+? 4.49/25
[60...Rc8± 0.79/26 61.Ne4 Rc1]
61.Kf6+- Re1? 7.70/25
[61...Rc8 3.76/26 62.Ne4 Ke8]
62.d7? -0.01/28
[62.Rb8++- 7.70/25 Re8 63.Rb7]
62...Rf1+= 63.Kg5? -#5/12
[63.Ke5= 0.01/27 Re1+ *(63...Ke7? 64.Rd6+-)* 64.Kf4 Rf1+ 65.Ke3]



63...Ke7? 0.49/26
[63...Kg7! -#5/12 mates 64.Rxg6+ fxg6 65.Ne6+ Bxe6 66.g4 Bxg4 67.d8Q Rf5#]
64.Rb8 -0.01/24
[64.Rd6!± 0.49/26 Kxd6 65.d8Q+ *(65.d8R+? perishes. Kxc5 66.Rd2 Rf3-+)* 65...Kxc5 66.Qd3]
64...Bxd7 65.Rb7? -9.11/31
[65.Nxd7= -0.01/24 Kxd7 66.Kh6]
65...Rd1? -0.01/25
[65...Rf5+-+ -9.11/31 66.Kh6 Rxc5]
66.Kh6 Threatens to win with Kh6-g7.
66...Rd5 67.Ne4 Rd4 68.Nc5 aiming for Kh6-g7. **68...Rd5 69.Ne4 Re5 70.Ng5 Re3 71.Kg7 Rxg3 72.Nxf7 Rg4 73.Ne5** White has compensation. **73...Rd4?** 9.92/25
[73...Ra4= 0.23/21]
74.Nc6+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.29 (precise) /Black=0.38
[Not 74.Kxg6 Rd5 75.Nxd7 Rxd7=]
[Worse is 74.Nxg6+ Kd6=]
1-0

603 **B13**
□ **Cabarkapa,Novak** **2483**
■ **Stanojevic,Ilija** **2155**
Serbian Championship SemiFinal, Paraci..
[Richard Palliser]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**

[2...c5 3.d5 g6 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* 1-0 Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 2013*; 5.f4 Qa5 6.Bd2 Qb4 7.Qe2 Qxb2 8.Rb1 Qa3 9.e5 dxe5 10.fxe5 Nfd7 11.e6 fxe6 12.dxe6 Nf6 13.Nb5 Qxa2 14.Nc7+ Kd8 15.Rd1 Nc6 16.Bf4+ Nd4 17.Nxa8 Qxe6 18.Qxe6 Bxe6 19.c3 Bg4* 1-0 Genovese,A (2106)-Burk,E (1200) Germany senior ch-5 final 9901 1999*)* 5...Bg7 6.Bc4 *(6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.a4 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nbd7 11.Re1 a6 12.Bf1 e5 13.a5 Ne8 14.Bd3 Qh4 15.Qg4 Qxg4 16.hxg4 Rc8 17.b3 Nef6 18.g5 Ne8 19.g3 f6 20.Kg2 fxg5* 0-1 7.♗c4 ♕a5 8. ♕ d2 e6_6062 (2345)-Jovic,A (2383) Gonfreville op 1979 (3.76)*)* 6...0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 1-0 Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) V0048 www.desc-online.de 2000 (7) gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8 21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9)]

3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 A somewhat calmer approach than going all the way to e4 and the typical Jobava-Prie follow-up.

4...cxd4

[The correct move order if Black wants to play this way, since 4...a6 5.dxc5! gives White definite chances for an edge, and if Nc6 6.Nf3 , as in Williams-Melaugh, Bunratty 2019, *(*or even *6.a3!* , Nakamura-Fressinet, Dubai (rapid) 2014 - see the Archive for both encounters. *)*]

5.exd4 a6

[Black doesn't have to keep White out of b5 so, with 5...Bg4!? 6.f3 Bd7 an important alternative, after which 7.Bd3 *(7.Nb5 Bxb5 8.Bxb5+ Nc6* didn't seem too bad either for Black in Esipenko-Van Foreest, Wijk aan Zee 2021, as we've also analysed before *)* 7...Nc6 8.Nge2 Qb6 9.Na4 Qa5+ 10.c3!? -0.43/22 *(10.Nac3=* -0.01/21 *)* 10...e6 0.35/17 *(10...Nxd4 11.Nxd4 Bxa4 12.Qe2 e6 13.g4* offers White some compensation probably not enough from an objective perspective, but at blitz...*; 10...Nxd4∓* -0.43/22 *11.Nxd4 Nh5)* 11.0-0 -0.32/20 *(* White should play *11.Bc2±* 0.35/17 *)* 11...Nh5 *(11...Nxd4!? 12.Nxd4 Bxa4=)* 12.Be3 Bd6 13.Nc5! Qc7 14.g3 saw White invading the weakened dark squares to claim an edge in Jobava-Maksimovic, Internet (blitz) 2022.]

6.Nf3

[Just a quick reminder that 6.Bd3 Nc6 7.Nce2!?

A) interestingly Caruana copied Carlsen's approach in Caruana-Dobrov, Internet (blitz) 2022, where 7...Nb4!? 8.Nf3 Nxd3+ 9.cxd3!? Qa5+ 10.Bd2 Qb5 0.43/20 *(10...Qb6=* -0.23/19 *)* 11.0-0 -0.01/18 was perhaps even slightly better for White with Ne5 on its way *(11.a4±* 0.43/20 *Qxd3 12.Ne5)*;

B) 7...Bg4 8.c3 e6 9.Qd2 was preferred in no less an encounter than Carlsen-Bok, World Rapid Championship, Doha 2016.]

6...Nc6 7.Ne5 Thematically heading forwards and now Black needs to be a little careful. Inhibits Bc8-g4. **7...Bf5?!** 0.44/19

[Natural, but this runs into a strong rejoinder. As such, 7...Bd7! is the critical move - see Trent-Abergel, Gibraltar 2020, in the Archive.]

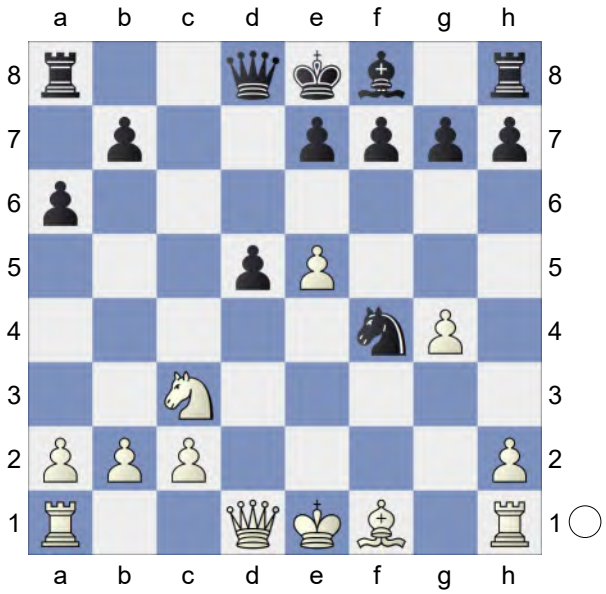
[7...Bd7= 0.05/18]

8.g4!± Another thematic move and one which seizes a useful early initiative. White is slightly better. **8...Bc8**

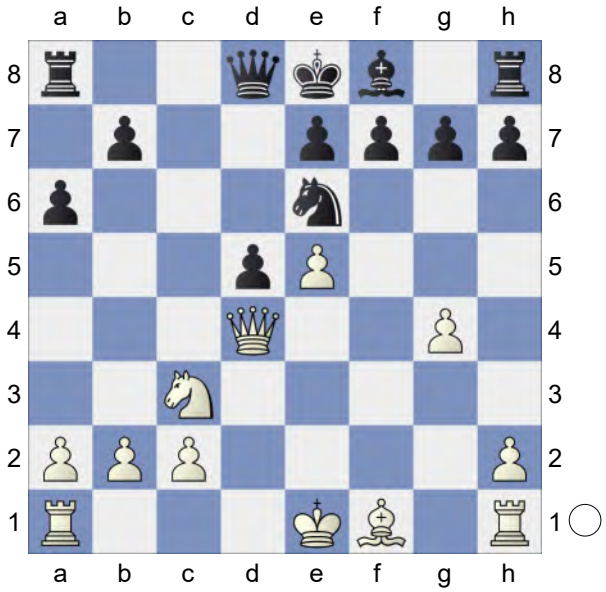
[A radical and new try. Unsurprisingly Black should avoid 8...Bg6? 1.19/19 8...Nc6xe5 0.46 9.h4 followed by structural ruin,]

[and 8...Nxe5 0.76/20 8...Bf5-g6 0.22 9.dxe5 is quite a dangerous temporary pawn sacrifice, as shown in Simon Williams' Chessable course on what he terms the Jobava London: Nxg4 *(*or *9...Bxg4* 1.21/22 9...Nf6xg4 0.49 *10.f3 Nh5! 11.fxg4 Nxf4*

(Diagram)



12.Qd4! when Black will have to ditch the exchange after. aiming for Qd4-a4+. *Ne6*



13.Qa4+! Qd7 Strongly threatening ... Qd7xa4. *14.Bb5)* 10.f3 Nh6 11.Qxd5 regains the pawn, *(* and here White might very well too consider *11.Qd4!?* , once again heading for a4 while also facilitating long castling. *)*]

9.g5!

[Continuing to force the pace. 9.Bg2 also seems good,]

[as does 9.Nxc6!? bxc6 10.g5 Nd7

11.h4 .]

9...Ne4

[9...Nd7! was probably the lesser evil, although once again Black is definitely worse after 10.Nxc6! (and not *10.Nxd5?* -0.01/19 10.Ne5xc6 0.49 *Qa5+*) 10...bxc6 11.h4 with an early initiative for White.]

10.Nxe4 dxe4 11.c3 White is more active.

[Shoring up the central bastion. 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.Qe2!? would also have been pretty strong, and if Qxd4 13.Rd1 Qxb2 14.Qxe4 Qc3+ 15.Bd2 with quite some initiative.]

11...Nxe5 12.Bxe5 Qb6 1.09/20 Black is weak on the dark squares

[Better is 12...Qd5± 0.70/18]

13.Qd2? 0.31/18

[This rather routine move throws away a large chunk of White's advantage. 13.Qb3! Qxb3 14.axb3 followed by b4 and/or Bg2 would have been excellent for White,]

[as would 13.Bc4!? Qxb2 14.0-0 .]

[13.Bc4± 1.09/20]

13...Bf5 14.Bg2 h6! Stanojevic seizes his chance to break out. Suddenly Black is developing counterplay and White doesn't have time to just pick off e4, as I'm sure he'd hoped to do. **15.h4**

[15.gxh6?! Rxh6 16.0-0-0 Rg6 17.Rhg1 -0.33/20 (*17.Bf1=* 0.12/19) 17...Qa5! may look a little strange, but can only favour Black.]

15...hxg5 16.hxg5 Rxh1+ 17.Bxh1 f6 18.Bf4 e5!? Continuing to free his position, this time at the cost of a pawn. The position is equal. **19.dxe5**

[19.Be3 0-0-0 20.0-0-0 Qb5 21.gxf6 gxf6 22.Bg2]

19...Rd8 20.Qe2 fxg5

[20...fxe5 21.Bxe4 Bxe4 22.Qxe4 Qxb2 23.Qxe5+ Kf7]

21.Bxg5 Be7 22.Bxe7

[22.Bxe4 looks sharper. Bxe4 23.Bxe7 Kxe7 24.Qxe4 Qxb2 25.Qh4+]

22...Kxe7 23.Bxe4 And so White temporarily goes two pawns to the good, not that I suspect Cabarkapa was feeling especially confident at this stage.

[23.Bg2 simplifies Qg6 24.Kf1 Rd3 25.Re1]

23...Bxe4 24.Qxe4 Qxb2= Endgame KQR-KQR. White is a pawn up. **25.Rb1 Qxc3+ 26.Kf1 b5**

[26...Qh3+!? 27.Kg1 b5 might have been simpler, ruling out the check on h4 while simply intending ...Qh5 and ...Rd1+.]

27.Qh4+ Skewer, Deflection **27...Ke6!? 28.Qg4+**

[28.Qxd8 Qc4+ 29.Ke1 (*29.Kg1 Qg4+ 30.Kf1 Qc4+ 31.Ke1 Qe4+ 32.Kd2 Qxb1=*) 29...Qe4+ 30.Kd2 Qxb1]

28...Kf7! 29.Qf5+ Kg8 30.Qe6+ Kf8!

[And not, of course, 30...Kh8?? 13.43/24 30...Kg8-f8 0.01 31.Kg2! .]

31.Kg2 White wants to mate with Rb1-h1!.

[31.Qxa6? perishes. Qd3+ 32.Kg2 Qe4+ (*32...Qxb1? 33.Qc6-+*) 33.Kh2 Qxb1-+]

[31.Rb3!? Qc4+□ 32.Qxc4 bxc4 33.Rb6=]

31...Qd3??

[A tragedy after such a fine recovery job from Cabarkapa. 31...Qc4 would have been the simplest way to maintain the balance, and if 32.Qxc4 bxc4 33.Kf3 c3 34.Rc1 Rc8 35.Ke3 Ke7 36.f4 (or *36.Kd3 Rf8!*) 36...c2 ,]

[31...Qc8!? 32.Qg6□ Rd4∓]
32.Rb3! Rf3 will be a killer. Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) / Black=0.07 (flawless)
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604 **D00**
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■ **Pichot,Alan** **2637**
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[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]
3.Bf4 Bf5 4.f3 c6 5.g4 Bg6 6.h4 Hoping for h4-h5. **6...h6 7.e3 e6 8.Bd3** White has an edge. **8...Bxd3 9.Qxd3 Bd6 10.Nge2 Qe7!** now scores much better than the old 10... Bxf4. punktet besser als das ältere 10...Lxf4. now scores much better than the old 10... Bxf4. punktet besser als das ältere 10... Lxf4. **11.0-0-0 Nbd7 12.g5** 0.32/21
[12.Bxd6± 0.93/23 Qxd6 13.g5]
12...Nh5!± 13.Bxd6 Qxd6 14.f4 0-0-0 15.Kb1N
[Vorgänger: 15.Rdg1 g6 16.Na4 Ng7 17.c4? -1.83/22 *(17.Kb1=* -0.27/22 and White is okay.*)* 17...Qb4 -0.57/20 *(17...dxc4!-+* -1.83/22 *18.Qd2 e5 19.gxh6 Rxh6)* 18.Qb3 -1.32/21 *(18.b3∓* -0.57/20 *)* 18...Qxb3 -0.52/16 *(18...Qxc4+∓* -1.32/21 *19.Qxc4 dxc4)* 19.axb3∓ Nf5 20.Kd2! h5 0.17/19 *(20...dxc4∓* -0.45/20 *21.bxc4 c5)* 21.c5 0-1 (35) Trent,L (2399)-Kamsky,G (2674) Chess.com INT 2020 0-1 (35) Trent,L (2399) -Kamsky,G (2674) Chess.com INT 2020]
15...Kb8 16.g6 -0.45/21
[16.Qd2= 0.04/20]
16...f5∓ 17.Ng1 Nf8 0.19/21
[Black should try 17...Ng3∓ -0.44/21 18.Rh3 Ne4]
18.Nf3= Nd7 0.90/24
[18...Ng3= 0.20/23]
19.Ne2 0.23/23
[19.Ne5± 0.90/24]
19...Rhe8 20.Ne5 Nxe5 1.74/19
[20...Rc8± 0.31/22]
21.fxe5+-
[21.dxe5?! Qb4±]
21...Qc7 22.Rhg1 c5 2.47/22

[22...Qe7± 1.36/22 was called for.]
23.Nc3 Qd3-e2 is the strong threat. **23...f4 24.Nb5 Qb6 25.Nd6 Rf8 26.Nf7** Dodges c5xd4. And now e3xf4 would win. **26...Rc8** 3.00/19
[⌓26...c4 1.80/21 27.Qa3 *(27.Qd2 Ng3±)* 27...Rc8]
27.exf4
[27.Nd6 Rc6±]
27...c4 28.Qa3 Nxf4 29.Qd6+ Ka8 30.c3 Qb5 31.Ka1 1.16/22
[31.Rgf1+- 2.84/24 Ne2 32.Rf3 *(32.Qxe6? Nxc3+ 33.Kc2 Nxd1-+)*]
31...Rfe8? 5.03/24
[31...Qe8± 1.16/22]
32.Qa3 Nd3 33.Nd6 Qb6 34.Nxe8 Rxe8 35.Rgf1 a6 36.Rf8 Rxf8 37.Qxf8+ Endgame. KQR-KQN **37...Ka7 38.Qa3**
[38.Qxg7? Qxb2#]
38...Qd8 39.Kb1? 1.63/21
[39.Rb1 4.28/22]
39...Qxh4 40.b3? 0.00/41
[40.Ka1!+- 1.84/28]
40...Qg4→ Black is up to no good. **41.Rxd3** Remove Defender **41...Qg1+** Zwischenzug
[41...cxd3!? 42.Qc5+□ Kb8 43.Qd6+ *(43.Qf8+ Ka7=)* 43...Ka8 *(43...Ka7 44.Qc5+ Kb8 45.Qf8+ Ka7 46.Qc5+=)* 44.Qf8+ Ka7 45.Qc5+ Ka8 46.Qf8+ Ka7= 47.Qc5+=]
42.Kb2 Qf2+
[42...cxd3!? 43.Qc5+□ Ka8 44.Qc8+ *(44.Qf8+ Ka7=)* 44...Ka7 45.Qc5+ Ka8 46.Qc8+ *(46.Qf8+ Ka7=)* 46...Ka7 47.Qc5+=]
43.Kc1? -#26/13
[43.Rd2= -0.10/21 Qxd2+ 44.Kb1]
43...cxd3 KQ-KQ **44.Qc5+ Kb8 45.Qd6+**

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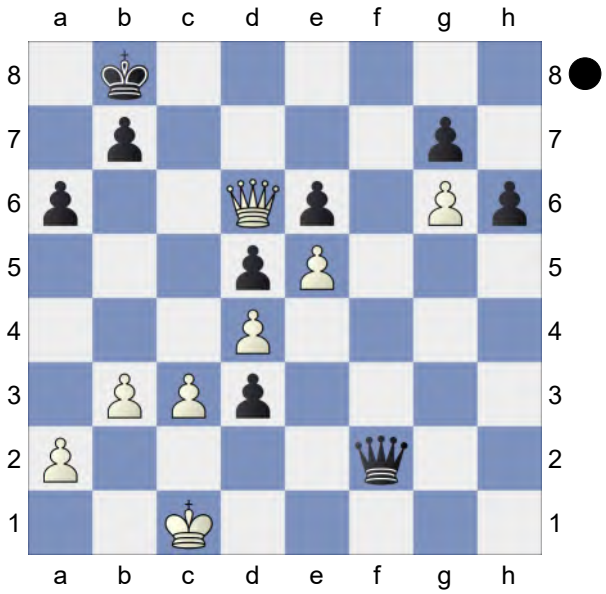
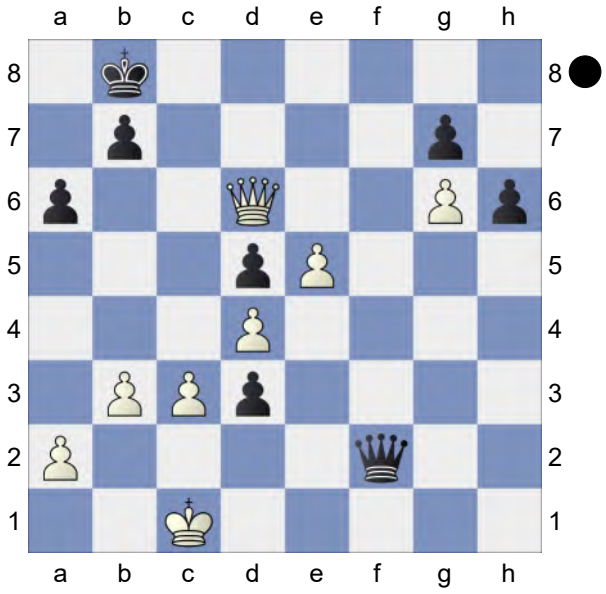


Kc8? 0.00/28
[45...Ka8! -#8/33 mates 46.Qf8+ Qxf8 47.Kb2
A) 47...Qf2+ 48.Ka3 Ka7 *(48...b6 49.b4 d2 50.Kb3 d1Q+ 51.Ka3 Qc1+ 52.Kb3 Qfc2#)* 49.b4 Qc2 50.b5 Kb6 51.c4 Ka5 52.cxd5 Qc3#;
B) 47...d2 48.Kc2 Qf2 49.a4 Qe1 *(49...Qe2 50.Kb2 a5 51.b4 d1Q+* Discovered Attack (Check) *52.Ka3 Qc1+ 53.Kb3 Qc4#)* 50.Kb2 Qc1+ *(50...d1R 51.b4 Qf2+ 52.Kb3 Rb1+ 53.Ka3 Qb2#; 50...d1Q? 51.c4 Qxd4+ 52.Kc2 Qdd2#)* 51.Ka2 d1Q 52.b4 Qxa4#]
46.Qxe6+? -#9/14 **Kc7??** 23.07/19
47.Qd6+?? -#10/5
[47.Qxd5? Qc2#]
[47.Qf7++- 23.07/19 Qxf7 48.gxf7 Kd7 49.f8Q *(49.f8R Ke7+-)* 49...Ke6 50.Qd6+ *(50.Qxg7 h5 51.Qf6+ Kd7 52.e6+ Kc8 53.Qf8+ Kc7 54.e7 Kb6 55.e8Q d2+ 56.Kxd2 Ka7 57.Qc5+ b6 58.Qce7#; 50.Qc8+ Kf7 51.Qd7+ Kg6 52.e6 Kh5 53.e7 Kh4 54.e8Q g5 55.Qe1+ Kh5 56.Qh3+ Kg6 57.Qee6+ Kh7 58.Qhxh6#)* 50...Kf5

51.e6 *(51.Qxd5 b5 52.Qf7+ Kg5 53.e6 d2+ 54.Kxd2 b4 55.e7 bxc3+ 56.Ke3 c2)* 51...Kg6 52.e7+ *(52.Qxd5 Kf6 53.Qd6 Kg6 54.e7+ Kf7 55.Qd8 Kg6 56.e8Q+ Kf5 57.Qe5+ Kg6 58.Qe4+ Kh5 59.Qdh4#)* 52...Kf7 53.Qd8 *(53.Qxd5+ Kxe7 54.Qe5+ Kd8 55.Qxg7 Kc8 56.d5 h5 57.d6 Kb8 58.Qc7+ Ka8)*]

47...Kc8 Black mates. **48.Qc5+ Kb8 49.Qd6+**



Ka8! 50.Qd8+

[50.Qf8+ Qxf8 51.Kb2 d2 *(51...Qf2+* is a self mate. *52.Ka3 d2 53.e6 d1Q 54.e7 Qfe2 55.e8Q+ Qxe8 56.c4 Qc1+ 57.Kb4 Qc6 58.cxd5 Qb5#)* 52.Kc2 Qf2 53.Kb2 d1Q+ *(53...d1R+ 54.Ka3 Ra1 55.Kb4 Qf8+ 56.Ka5 Ka7 57.e6 Rxa2#)* 54.Ka3 Qdd2 55.Kb4 Qfxd4+ 56.Ka5 Qxa2#]

50...Ka7 Weighted Error Value: White=0.62/Black=0.51

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605 **D00**

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D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 Bf5 4.f3 c6 5.g4 Bg6 6.h4 h6 7.e3 e6 8.Bd3** White has an edge. **8...Bxd3 9.Qxd3 Bd6 10.Nge2 Qe7 11.0-0-0 Nbd7 12.g5** 0.25/20

[12.Bxd6± 0.96/19 Qxd6 13.g5]

12...Nh5!= 13.Bxd6 Qxd6 14.f4N

[14.e4 0-0-0 15.e5 Qe7 16.g6 f6 17.f4 fxe5 18.dxe5 Rhf8 19.Qf3 Nxe5 20.Qxh5 Rf5 21.Qxf5 exf5 22.fxe5 Qxe5 23.Rh3 Re8 24.Rf3 Qh2 25.Rf4 Re6 26.Rxf5 Rxg6 27.Rf4 Re6 28.Rdf1 Rxe2 1-0 De Lorenzo,G (2362)-Bellmann,H (2487) EM/MN/028 ICCF Email 2001]

14...0-0-0 15.Kb1

[15.Rdg1 g6 16.Na4 Ng7 17.c4 -1.64/19 *(17.Nac3=* -0.26/17 and White stays safe.*)* 17...Qb4 -0.83/19 *(17...dxc4-+* -1.64/19 *18.Qc3 b5)* 18.Qb3 -1.26/21 *(18.b3* -0.83/19 *)* 18...Qxb3 -0.85/20 *(⌓18...Qxc4+* -1.26/21 *19.Qxc4 dxc4)* 19.axb3∓ Nf5 20.Kd2 h5 0.18/20 *(20...dxc4∓* -0.54/20 *21.bxc4 e5)* 21.c5]

15...Kb8 16.g6 f5 17.Ng1 Nf8 0.19/20

[17...Ndf6∓ -0.47/18]

18.Nf3 Nd7 0.77/20

[18...Ng3= 0.07/19]

19.Ne2 -0.01/19

[19.Ne5± 0.77/20]

19...Rhe8 20.Ne5 Nxe5 0.91/22

[20...Qe7= 0.10/18 keeps the balance.]

21.fxe5± Qc7 22.Rhg1 c5 1.83/21

[22...Qe7± 1.02/22]
23.Nc3 1.27/20
[White should play 23.Rdf1+- 1.83/21]
23...f4 1.92/21
[23...cxd4± 1.27/20 24.exd4 f4]
24.Nb5+- Qb6 25.Nd6 Rf8 26.Nf7 Repels c5xd4 **26...Rc8 27.exf4**
[27.Nd6?! Rc6±]
27...c4
[27...Nxf4? 28.Qf3+-]
28.Qa3 Nxf4 29.Qd6+ Ka8 30.c3 Qb5 2.38/22
[30...Qc6 1.63/21 might work better. 31.Rdf1 Nd3 32.Qxc6 bxc6]
31.Ka1 1.02/21
[31.Rgf1+- 2.38/22 Nd3 32.Qa3 *(32.Qxe6? Qxb2#; 32.Rd2 Qe8±)*]
31...Rfe8? 4.70/21
[31...Qe8± 1.02/21]
32.Qa3 Nd3 6.61/20
[⌓32...Rc6 4.11/19 33.Nd6 Rxd6]
33.Nd6 Qb6 34.Nxe8 Rxe8 35.Rgf1 Threatens to win with Rf1-f8. **35...a6**
36.Rf8 Rxf8 37.Qxf8+ Endgame KQR-KQN **37...Ka7 38.Qa3**
[38.Qxg7? Qxb2#]
38...Qd8 39.Kb1? 1.53/23
[39.Qd6+- 3.97/22 Qxh4 40.Rb1 *(40.Qxe6 Qf2+-)*]
39...Qxh4±

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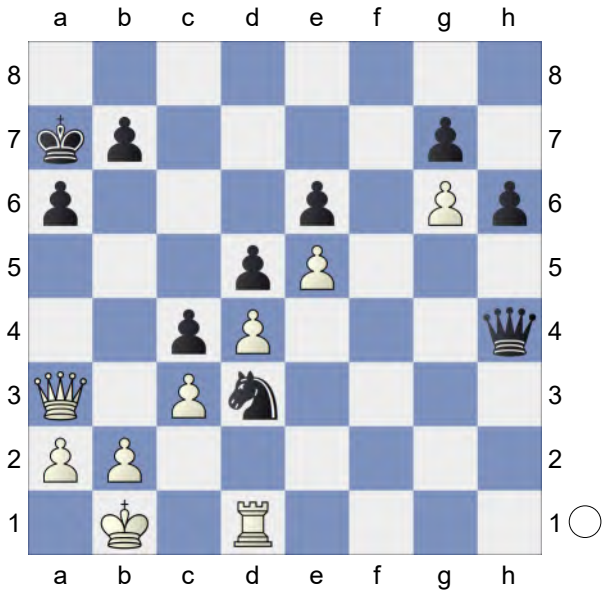
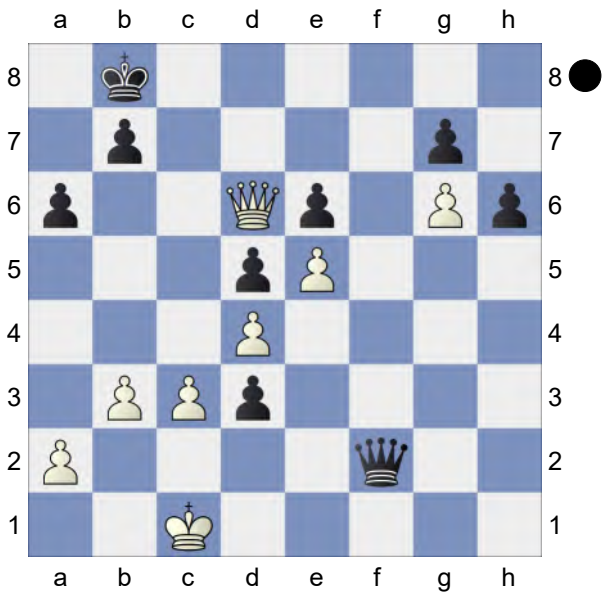


40.b3? -0.01/24
[White must play 40.Ka1!± 1.59/23]
40...Qg4→ Black mounts an attack.
41.Rxd3 Remove Defender **41...Qg1+** Zwischenzug **42.Kb2**
[42.Qc1 Qxg6 43.bxc4 Qxd3+ 44.Qc2 dxc4-+ *(44...Qxc4? 45.Kb2-+)*]
[42.Rd1 simplifies Qxd1+ 43.Kb2 Qd2+ 44.Kb1]
42...Qf2+ 43.Kc1? -15.21/20
[43.Rd2∓ -0.37/23 Qxd2+ 44.Kb1]
43...cxd3-+ KQ-KQ. Black is a pawn up.
44.Qc5+ Kb8 45.Qd6+

(Diagram)



Kc8? -0.01/34
[45...Ka8! -#8/18 mates 46.Qf8+ Qxf8 47.Kb2 Qf2+ 48.Ka3 b6 *(48...Qf8+ 49.Kb2 d2 50.Kc2 Qf2 51.a4 Qe1 52.Kb2 d1Q 53.c4 Qxd4+ 54.Kc2 Qdd2#)* 49.b4 d2 50.Kb3 d1Q+ *(50...d1R 51.Ka3 Rb1 52.c4 Qb2+ 53.Ka4 Qxb4#; 50...d1N? 51.c4 Qb2+* Deflection *52.Ka4 Qxa2#)* 51.Ka3 Qc1+ 52.Kb3 Qfc2#]

46.Qxe6+? -#9/20
[46.Qc5+= -0.01/34 Kb8 47.Qd6+ Ka8 48.Qf8+ *(48.Qd8+ Ka7)* 48...Qxf8 49.Kb2 Qf2+ 50.Ka3 Ka7 *(50...Qf8+ 51.Kb2 d2 52.Kc2 Qf2 53.a4 Qe1 54.Kb2 d1Q 55.c4 Qxd4+ 56.Kc2 Qdd2#)* 51.c4 Kb6 *(51...Qxd4 52.Kb4 d2 53.Ka5 d1Q 54.Kb4 Qe1+ 55.Ka4 b5+ 56.Ka3 Qa5#; 51...Qf8+ 52.Kb2 Qb4 53.cxd5 Qxd4+ 54.Ka3 d2 55.b4 d1Q 56.dxe6 Qc3#)* 52.b4 Qc2 *(52...dxc4 53.b5 Kxb5 54.d5 Qd4 55.dxe6 Qc3#)* 53.b5 Ka5 54.cxd5 Qc3#]

46...Kc7?? 20.28/21
[46...Kb8 -#9/20 and life is good for Black. 47.Qd6+ Ka8 48.Qf8+ Qxf8 49.Kb2 d2 *(49...Qf2+ 50.Ka3 d2 51.e6 d1Q 52.e7 Qfe2 53.e8Q+ Qxe8 54.c4 Qxd4 55.c5 Qb5 56.c6 Qbb4#)* 50.e6 d1Q *(50...d1R 51.Kc2 Qf3 52.b4 Qe2+ 53.Kb3 Rb1+ 54.Ka3 Qb2+* Deflection, Double Attack *55.Ka4 Qxa2#)* 51.e7 Qd2+ *(51...Qxe7 52.b4 Qg5 53.a4 Qgc1+ 54.Ka2 Qxa4#)* 52.Ka3 Qxe7+ 53.b4 Qxc3+ 54.Ka4 Qexb4#]

47.Qd6+? -0.01/5
[47.Qxd5? Qc2#]
[47.Qf7++- 20.28/21 Qxf7 48.gxf7]

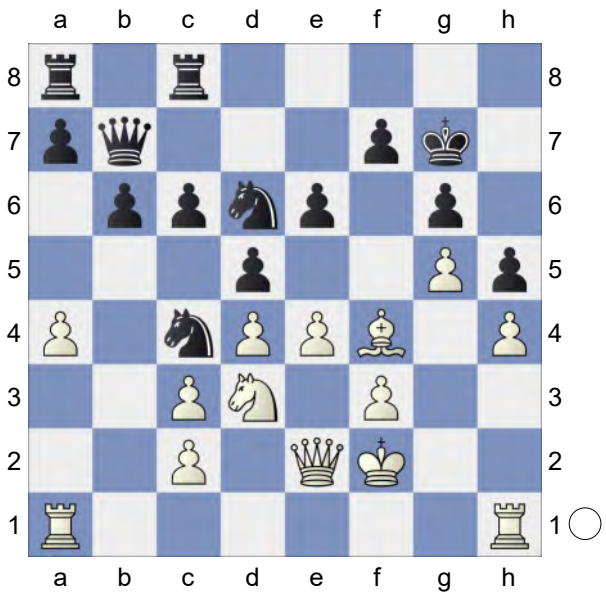
47...Kc8= 48.Qc5+? -#9/20
[48.Qxd5? Qc2#]
[48.Qe6+= -0.01/46 Kb8 49.Qd6+ *(49.Qxd5? Qc2#)* 49...Ka8 50.Qf8+ *(50.Qxd5? Qc2#; 50.Qd8+* is a self mate. *Ka7)* 50...Qxf8 51.Kb2 d2 *(51...Qf2+ 52.Ka3 d2 53.e6 d1Q 54.e7 Qde2 55.e8Q+ Qxe8 56.c4 Qee1 57.b4 Qee3+* Deflection, Double Attack *58.Ka4 Qxa2#)* 52.Kc2 Qf2 53.Kb2 d1Q+ *(53...d1R+ 54.Ka3 Ra1 55.Kb4 Qf8+ 56.Ka5 Ka7 57.e6 Rxa2#)* 54.Ka3 Qdd2 55.Ka4 Qxa2+ 56.Kb4 Qf8#]

48...Kb8 49.Qd6+ Ka8 50.Qd8+ Ka7
Weighted Error Value: White=1.11/ Black=0.68
0-1

606 **D00**
□ **Basso,Pier Luigi** **2482**
■ **Vassallo Barroche,Mauricio** **2362**
La Nucia op 5th (2) 08.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* 1-0 Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 2013*; 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7* 0-1 Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig,F (1863) Rheinhessen-ch H1 op 1997 (2)*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* 1-0 Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) V0048 www.desc-online.de 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]
3.Bf4 c6 4.e3 Bf5 5.f3 e6 6.g4 Bg6 7.h4 Threatens to win with h5. **7...h5 8.g5** White is slightly better. **8...Ng8** is currently scoring better than 8...Nfd7. wohl besser als 8...Sfd7. is currently scoring better than 8...Nfd7. wohl besser als 8...Sfd7. **9.Nge2 Bb4N**
[9...Nd7 10.Bh3 Ne7 11.e4 Nc8 12.Qd2 Bd6 0.60/17 *(Better is 12...Nd6=* 0.07/17 *)* 13.e5 0.21/18 *(13.Bxd6±* 0.60/17 was preferrable. *Nxd6 14.Nf4)* 13...Bb4 14.Bg3 Ne7 15.Nf4 Bf5 0-1 Lugovskoy,M (2428)-Iljiushenok,I (2539) RUS-chT blitz 2018 (11.1) 0-1 Lugovskoy,M (2428)-Iljiushenok,I (2539) RUS-chT blitz 2018 (11.1)]
10.a3 Ba5 11.Bh2 -0.09/21
[11.Be5± 0.36/18 is more appropriate.]
11...Nd7= 12.Nf4 Ne7 13.Bd3 Bxc3+ 14.bxc3 Bxd3 15.Qxd3 g6 16.Ne2 Nb6 17.Be5 Rg8 0.05/18
[17...0-0∓ -0.39/19 should be considered.]
18.Nc1 Nc4 19.Bf4 Nf5 20.Nb3 Qe7 21.e4 Nfd6 22.Kf2 b6 23.a4 Kf8 24.Qe2 Kg7 -0.16/17
[24...dxe4∓ -0.54/20 25.Bxd6 Nxd6 26.fxe4 e5]
25.Nc1 -1.11/20
[25.Nd2= -0.16/17 remains equal.]
25...Rgc8 -0.35/19
[25...dxe4∓ -1.11/20 White must now prevent ...Rge8. 26.Nd3 exf3 *(26...exd3 27.cxd3 b5 28.dxc4∓)* 27.Qxf3 Nf5]
26.Nd3∓ Qb7? 1.52/22
[26...dxe4∓ -0.39/18 stays ahead. 27.fxe4 c5]

(Diagram)



27.exd5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.29 (precise)
1-0

607 **D00**
□ **Triapishko,Alexandr** **2478**
■ **Gabrielian,Artur** **2526**
Vladimir Dvorkovich Cup (8.1) 20.01.17
[Richard Palliser]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 g6 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* 1-0 Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 2013*; 5.f4 Qa5 6.Bd2 Qb4 7.Qe2 Qxb2 8.Rb1 Qa3 9.e5 dxe5 10.fxe5 Nfd7 11.e6 fxe6 12.dxe6 Nf6 13.Nb5 Qxa2 14.Nc7+ Kd8 15.Rd1 Nc6 16.Bf4+ Nd4 17.Nxa8 Qxe6 18.Qxe6 Bxe6 19.c3 Bg4* 1-0 Genovese,A (2106)-Burk,E (1200) Germany senior ch-5 final 9901 1999*)* 5...Bg7 6.Bc4 *(6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.a4 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nbd7 11.Re1 a6 12.Bf1 e5 13.a5 Ne8 14.Bd3 Qh4 15.Qg4 Qxg4 16.hxg4 Rc8 17.b3 Nef6 18.g5 Ne8 19.g3 f6 20.Kg2 fxg5* 0-1 7.♗c4 ♕a5 8. ♕d2 e6_6062 (2345)-Jovic,A (2383) Gonfreville op 1979 (3.76)*)* 6...0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 1-0 Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) V0048 www.desc-online.de 2000 (7) gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8 21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9)]

3.Bf4 e6
[Black can also rule out White's next with 3...a6 , after which 4.e3 e6 5.Bd3 c5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.0-0 Be7 8.dxc5 (the thematic exchange in preparation for e3-e4) Nd7!? *(more ambitious than allowing 8...Bxc5 9.e4)* 9.e4 d4?! *(Black had to settle for an IQP with 9...Nxc5 10.exd5 exd5)* 10.Nd5! exd5 11.exd5 Nb4?! *(likely not best, but 11...Na7 12.b4 0-0 13.Re1* would offer White fantastic play for the piece *)* 12.d6 Nxc5 13.dxe7 Qxe7 14.Re1 Be6 15.Bf1 netted White a pawn and the bishop-pair in Hamitevici-Svetushkin, Moldovan Championship, Chisinau 2017.]

4.Nb5!?
[Jobava's recent preference, but

others are still going 4.e3 with Be7 5.Bd3 0-0 6.Nf3 c5 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.0-0 continuing to give White good chances for a pleasant edge: for example, Nc6 *(8...Bd7 9.e4 dxe4 10.Nxe4 Nxe4? 11.Bxe4 Bc6 12.Bxh7+! Kxh7 13.Ng5+* 1-0 was the brutal miniature Jobava-Sarana, European Rapid Championship, Minsk 2015, as we've seen before*)* 9.e4 dxe4 10.Nxe4 Be7 *(* Black should likely prefer *10...Nd5!?;* or Malakhov's *10...Nxe4 11.Bxe4 Qf6!* - see the Archive*)* 11.c4!? *(11.Nxf6+ Bxf6 12.Bd6!* must have been tempting too*)* 11...Qa5 12.a3 Rd8?! 13.Qc2 Nh5? (Delgado Ramirez-Cunha, Florianopolis 2017) 14.b4! Qf5 15.Bc7 Rd7 *(*or *15...Rf8 16.Ng3)* 16.Nc5 and there goes the exchange.]

4...Na6 5.e3

[Fairly topical of late, although there's also 5.a3!? , as in that big clash, Jobava-Topalov, Baku Olympiad 2016 - see the Archive.]

5...Be7 6.h3

[After 6.Nf3 0-0 White should likely push the h-pawn and transpose rather than allow 7.c3 Nh5 .]

6...0-0 7.Nf3 c5 8.c3 White has an edge.

[White has also tried to do without this, but 8.Be2 -0.14/20 8.c2-c3 0.24 Bd7 9.0-0 c4! was a critical response in Grandelius-Firouzja, Doha (blitz) 2016, where 10.Nc3 *(*here *10.a4* -0.45/21 10.Nb5-c3 -0.04 can be met with *Bxb5 11.axb5 Nc7)* 10...b5 11.a3 Rc8 12.Ne5 Nb8 13.Bf3 a6 seemed about equal.]

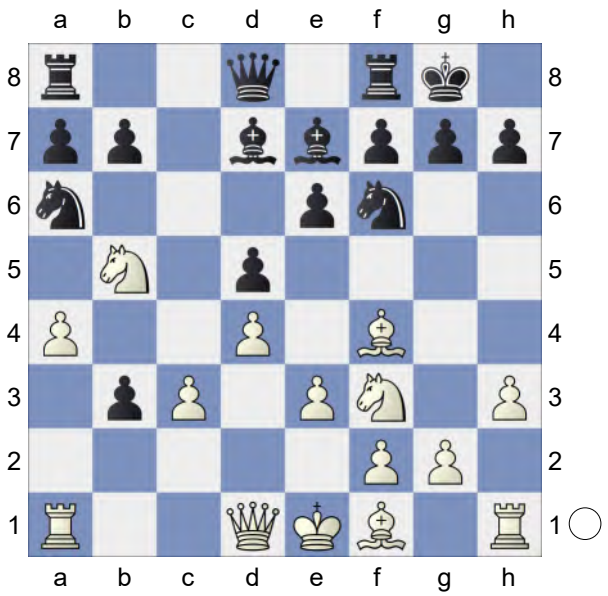
8...Bd7 9.a4! Cementing the knight in place and making it as hard as possible for Black to shake off White's grip. Indeed, the position resembles a pleasant London System for White, since Black lacks counterplay. **9...c4**

[Going for the space. 9...Bc6 was preferred in Woloch-Kohtz, Prague 2017, when 10.Be2 Ne4 11.0-0 f6 12.Nd2 Nxd2 13.Qxd2 would continue to maintain a pleasant pull.]

10.b3! Another good move from Trjapishko, undermining without delay and so not allowing Black time for . . . Bxb5 axb5 Nc7. **10...cxb3**

[Meek. 10...Ne4!? would be more to the point, although it requires Black to spot the brilliant 11.bxc4 Qa5! 12.Qc1 And now Bf1-d3 would win. Bb4! 1.08/21 *(12...dxc4!±* 0.42/18 *13.Be2 Bxb5 14.axb5 Qxb5)* 13.cxb4± Nxb4 . That said, perhaps even this doesn't quite equalise as White has 14.Nd2! *(14.Ke2* -0.01/20 14.Nf3-d2 0.97 *dxc4 15.Ne5* Wards off Nb4-d3 *Nd3! 16.Nxd3 cxd3+ 17.Kf3 Rfc8* feels very dangerous *)* 14...Bxb5 15.axb5 Qxa1! 16.Qxa1 Nc2+ 17.Kd1 Nxa1 18.Nxe4 dxe4 19.c5 0.61/21 *(19.Be2±* 1.03/20 *)* 19...Nb3± White must now prevent ...Ra8-c8. 20.Kc2 Na5 21.g4 when White's mighty bishops, queenside majority and Black's offside knight should offer more than enough for the exchange.]

(Diagram)



11.Bd3! Ne4? 1.18/19
[This doesn't really help. It was grim, but perhaps Black had to concede a pleasant edge with something like 11...b2 12.Rb1 Rc8 13.Rxb2 Bxb5 14.axb5 Nb8 .]
[11...Ne8± 0.49/19]
12.Qxb3± Rc8 1.61/20
[12...f6± 1.14/17]
13.Bxe4!+- The resulting pawn on e4 will prove very weak.
[13.Nxa7 Rxc3 14.Qxb7 Nb4-+ *(14...Rxd3 15.Qxa6 Bb4+ 16.Kf1∓)*]
13...dxe4

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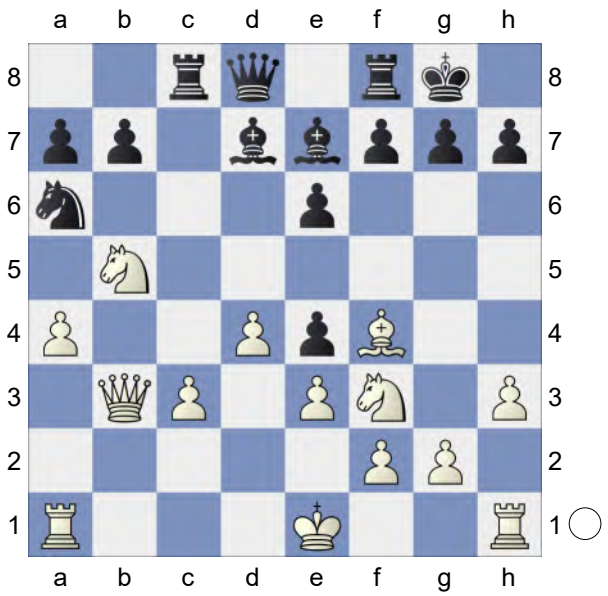

14.Nd2 Qa5 2.73/19
[14...f5? 2.99/18 14...Rc8-a8 1.46 15.Nxa7 is also an extra pawn.]
[14...Ra8± 1.44/19]
15.0-0
[15.Nxa7 Rxc3 16.Qxb7 Nb4=]
[15.Nxe4 Bc6±]
15...Nb8 16.Nxe4 There goes the pawn and White still has complete control to boot. Rarely does one see a GM in such a position as Black after just 15 moves.
16...Bc6 17.Ned6 Bxd6 18.Nxd6
[Don't do 18.Bxd6 Bd5 19.Qa3 Rfe8+-]
18...Rc7 19.c4 Rd7 20.e4 Already poor Gabrielian must have been contemplating resignation. The rest is but more one-way traffic. **20...b6 21.Rfd1 Ba8 22.d5 Qc5** 5.48/18
[22...Na6 3.72/18 is a better defense. 23.Qg3 exd5]
23.Qg3! Not so much defending the knight as switching to the kingside and dark squares. White is clearly winning.
23...Kh8 24.Be5 f6 25.dxe6 Re7 26.Nf7+ Black got outplayed after the opening. Weighted Error Value:

White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.43
1-0

608 **D00**
□ **Prie,Eric** **2471**
■ **Arnaudov,Petar G** **2440**
N1C: Carcassonne I vs Mulhouse II (11.1)
[Eric Prié & Richard Palliser]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 a6
[Eric has also faced 3...e6 of late, with 4.Nb5 Na6 5.a3 c6 6.Nc3 Bd6 7.e3 Bxf4 8.exf4 Nc7 9.Nf3 Qd6 10.g3 b6 11.Bd3 0-0 12.0-0 giving him a firm grip on e5: c5 13.Re1 cxd4 14.Ne2 Ba6 15.Nexd4 Bxd3 16.cxd3 Rfc8 17.Rc1 Nce8 18.Rxc8! Rxc8 19.f5 Nc7 20.Qa4 a6 21.Rc1 b5 *(21...e5 22.Qc6 Qe7 23.Qb7)* 22.Qb4 Nfe8 23.fxe6 f6 *(23...fxe6 24.Qxd6 Nxd6 25.Rc6 Nce8 26.Rxa6)* 24.Qxd6 Nxd6 25.Rc6 Nde8 26.Nf5 Rd8 27.N3d4 b4 *(if 27...g6 28.Nh6+ Kf8 29.Nf7 Rc8 30.Nd6)* 28.a4 a5 29.Rc5 g6 30.Ne7+ Kf8 31.Nec6 Ra8 32.b3 1-0 Prie,E (2471)-Trabet,N (2177). Carcassonne 2017. *(32.b3 Ng7 33.e7+ Ke8 34.Nxa5 Nce6 35.Nxe6 Nxe6 36.Rxd5 Nc7 37.Rd8+ Rxd8 38.exd8Q+ Kxd8 39.Nc6+ Kd7 40.Nxb4* would be trivial. *)*]
4.e3 e6 5.Bd3 c5 6.dxc5 Bxc5 7.a3 Nc6 8.Nf3 0-0 9.0-0 h6 10.e4 Re8!?
[A novelty and I (Richard) am not sure if it definitely improves over 10...d4 11.Ne2 Nh5 , as in V.Kovalev-Fridman, Liepaja (rapid) 2015, when White should have gone 12.e5! , as we've noted before.]
11.e5 Nd7 12.Qd2 Bf8 13.h4 b5 14.Rfe1 Bb7 15.Ne2 Improving the worst-placed piece while continuing the kingside build-up. **15...Nc5 16.Ng3 Nxd3 17.Qxd3 b4**
[17...Be7 18.Nh5 *(18.Qd2 Kh7)* 18...g6 was another line which Eric was busy analysing and after 19.Nf6+ Bxf6 20.exf6 Qxf6 21.Bxh6 Qxb2 22.c3 e5 23.Reb1 e4 24.Qe3 Qc2 25.Rc1 Qd3 *(or 25...exf3 26.Rxc2 Rxe3 27.Bxe3 fxg2 28.a4)* 26.Qf4 Re6 *(26...exf3 27.Qf6)* 27.Ng5 Nd8 28.a4 White would have been doing pretty well.]
18.Nh5 bxa3
[18...a5 19.axb4! Nxb4 20.Qd1! *(20.Qd2 d4! 21.Nxd4 Qxh4)* 20...d4 *(20...Kh8 21.c3 Nc6 22.Ra4→)* 21.Nxd4 Qxh4 *(21...Qd5 22.Qg4 Qxd4 23.c3 Qc4 24.cxb4)* 22.Re3 is another important line pointed out by Eric. In any case, we can safely conclude that the attack is very dangerous.]
19.bxa3
[19.Rxa3 Bxa3 20.bxa3 Qe7 21.Bxh6 gxh6 22.Nf6+ Kf8 doesn't seem to give White more than a draw.]
19...a5 20.Bxh6! Crashing through.
20...Ba6 21.Qc3 gxh6 22.Qxc6 Re7 23.Qa4!
[Even stronger than 23.Qc3 Rc7 24.Qd2 Rac8 25.Nf6+ Kh8 26.Nd4 .]
23...Bc4 24.c3 Bd3
[Another thematic example of the attack proceeding was noted by Eric here: 24...Bg7 25.Re3 Kh8 *(25...Rc7 26.Nh2 Qxh4 27.Rh3 Qg5 28.Nxg7)* 26.Nh2 Rb7 27.Nxg7 Kxg7 28.Rg3+ Kh8 29.Qc2 Qxh4 30.Ng4 Bb3 31.Qd3 Bc4 32.Qf3 Rg8 33.Rh3 .]

25.Re3
[Even stronger would have been 25.Rad1 Bg6 26.Nf6+ Kh8 27.c4 with crushing pressure right across the board.]
25...Bg6 26.Nf6+ Kh8 27.h5 Bh7 28.Qf4 Rc7 29.Nd4 Bg7 30.Rg3 Rac8 31.Nxh7
[Hardly bad, but only later did Eric spot the neat 31.Nb5!! Rc4 32.Nd6! Qxd6 *(32...Qxf6 33.Qxf6 Bxf6 34.Nxf7#)* 33.Rxg7! Kxg7 34.Qg3+ .]
31...Kxh7 32.Nb5 Rd7 33.Nd6 Rcc7 34.Re1 Qf8 35.c4 Rxd6 36.exd6 Rxc4 37.Qf3 Rc3 38.Qg4 Rc6 39.d7 Rd6 40.Rc1 Rxd7 41.Rc8
1-0

609 **D00**
□ **Williams,Simon** **2471**
■ **Melaugh,Shane** **2118**
Masters (1.5) 22.02.2019
[Richard Palliser]

Richard Palliser,MH: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines ' **1.d4** Richard Palliser,MH **1...Nf6 2.Nc3 d5** Richard Palliser,MH: 'N'
[2...c5 Richard Palliser,MH 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000 *)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]
3.Bf4 c5 A critical advance.
[From the many alternatives, a high-powered game saw Black pick From the many alternatives, a high-powered game saw Black pick Richard Palliser, MH: 'From the many alternatives, a high-powered game saw Black pick' 3...e6 . White avoided ... Bb4 pins with . White avoided ... Bb4 pins with Richard Palliser,MH: '. White avoided ... Bb4 pins with' 4.Nb5 and after Na6 5.e3 *(*there's also *5.a3!?* , as in that big clash, Jobava-Topalov, Baku Olympiad 2016 - see the Archive , as in that big clash, Jobava-Topalov, Baku Olympiad 2016 - see the Archive Richard Palliser,MH: ', as in that big clash, Jobava-Topalov, Baku Olympiad 2016 - see the Archive'*)* 5...Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 I've previously suggested that White should likely go 7.h3 . *(*Instead, *7.Ne5?! Ne4! 8.Bd3 f6 9.Nf3 c6 10.Nc3 Nxc3 11.bxc3 c5* already favoured Black in Paikidze-

Zatonskih, U.S. Women's Championship, Saint Louis 2018, as we've seen before, already favoured Black in Paikidze-Zatonskih, U.S. Women's Championship, Saint Louis 2018, as we've seen before, Richard Palliser,MH: 'already favoured Black in Paikidze-Zatonskih, U.S. Women's Championship, Saint Louis 2018, as we've seen before,'*;* while *7.Bd3* allows ...Nh5 ideas, as well as allows ...Nh5 ideas, as well as Richard Palliser,MH: 'allows ...Nh5 ideas, as well as' *c6 8.Nc3 Nb4 9.h3 Nxd3+ 10.cxd3 b6 11.0-0 Bb7* , which seemed pretty comfortable for Black with his bishops and solidity in Rapport-Giri, Wijk aan Zee 2019. , which seemed pretty comfortable for Black with his bishops and solidity in Rapport-Giri, Wijk aan Zee 2019. Richard Palliser,MH: ', which seemed pretty comfortable for Black with his bishops and solidity in Rapport-Giri, Wijk aan Zee 2019.' *)*]

4.e3 a6

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5.dxc5! Nc6

[The best try in this sub-optimal position, whereas The best try in this sub-optimal position, whereas Richard Palliser,MH: 'The best try in this sub-optimal position, whereas' 5...e6 6.Na4! Nbd7 0.73/20 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Prevents Na4-b6' Richard Palliser,MH: ' Inhibits Na4-b6.' *(6...Qa5+⩲* 0.35/20 Richard Palliser,MH *7.c3 Bxc5)* 7.b4 was already pretty good for White in Bauer-Berthier, Paris 2009, as shown by Eric. was already pretty good for White in Bauer-Berthier, Paris 2009, as shown by Eric. Richard Palliser, MH: 'was already pretty good for White in Bauer-Berthier, Paris 2009, as shown by Eric.']

6.Nf3 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Prevents e7-e5.' Richard Palliser,MH: ' Repels e7-e5'

[Simple development, but White preferred 6.a3 e5 7.Bg5 in Nakamura-Fressinet, World Rapid Championship, Dubai 2014, for which again do please see the Archive. in Nakamura-Fressinet, World Rapid Championship, Dubai 2014, for which again do please see the Archive. Richard Palliser,MH: 'in Nakamura-Fressinet, World Rapid Championship, Dubai 2014, for which again do please see the Archive.']

6...e6

[6...Bg4 would be more active, but after 7.Qd2!? -0.05/20 *(7.Be2* 0.34/21 Richard Palliser,MH: '⩲' Richard Palliser,MH: ' might be stronger.' Richard Palliser,MH: '!?' *e6 8.Na4* allows Black a few ideas, including *Bxf3!? 9.Bxf3 Bxc5 10.Nxc5 Qa5+ 11.c3 Qxc5* with the centre in return for conceding both bishops with the centre in return for conceding both bishops Richard Palliser,MH: 'with the centre in return for conceding both bishops'*)* 7...Bxf3 0.63/19 *(*Black should try *7...e6=*

-0.05/20 Richard Palliser,MH) 8.gxf3 Richard Palliser,MH: ' ⩲' e6 9.Na4 Nd7 10.0-0-0 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Hoping for c2-c4.' Nxc5 11.Nxc5 Bxc5 12.Qc3 0.27/21 Richard Palliser, MH: ' Prevents Qd8-f6' *(12.Rg1⩲* 0.68/20 Richard Palliser,MH) 12...Bf8 Richard Palliser,MH: '=' 13.Rg1 I can imagine AlphaZero or Simon Williams being pretty happy with White's open lines and bishops. I can imagine AlphaZero or Simon Williams being pretty happy with White's open lines and bishops. Richard Palliser,MH: 'I can imagine AlphaZero or Simon Williams being pretty happy with White's open lines and bishops.']

7.Na4 Fighting to hold on to the extra pawn or at least win the bishop-pair should Black now recapture immediately. Richard Palliser,MH: 'Fighting to hold on to the extra pawn or at least win the bishop-pair should Black now recapture immediately. next c2-c3 is good for White.' Fighting to hold on to the extra pawn or at least win the bishop-pair should Black now recapture immediately. Richard Palliser,MH: 'Fighting to hold on to the extra pawn or at least win the bishop-pair should Black now recapture immediately. Threatening c2-c3.'

7...Ne4? 0.95/22

[Too ambitious. 7...Bxc5 8.Nxc5 Qa5+ 9.c3 Qxc5 10.Bd3 Qe7 Richard Palliser,MH: ' aiming for ...e6-e5.' Richard Palliser,MH: ' ...e6-e5 would now be deadly.' 11.Ne5 was perhaps a touch better for White in Vachier Lagrave-Nakamura, Internet (blitz) 2018. was perhaps a touch better for White in Vachier Lagrave-Nakamura, Internet (blitz) 2018. Richard Palliser,MH: 'was perhaps a touch better for White in Vachier Lagrave-Nakamura, Internet (blitz) 2018.']

[7...Nd7= 0.19/21 (Richard Palliser, MH) keeps the balance.]

8.Bd3?! 0.05/21

[Settling for a small edge, but he might have gone Settling for a small edge, but he might have gone Richard Palliser,MH: 'Settling for a small edge, but he might have gone' 8.Nb6 0.95/22 Richard Palliser,MH: ' ±' Ra7 9.Nxc8 Qxc8 10.c4 Richard Palliser, MH: '!' Bxc5 1.34/21 *(⌓10...Qd8* 0.92/19 Richard Palliser,MH *)*

A) ⌓11.cxd5 1.34/21 Richard Palliser,MH exd5 *(11...Bb4+ 12.Ke2 exd5 13.a3)* 12.Qxd5 Bb4+ 13.Ke2;

B) 11.a3 0.89/19 Richard Palliser, MH: ' Inhibits Bc5-b4+.' 11...0-0 Richard Palliser,MH: ' ±' 12.Bd3 with a promising version of a Bf4 QGD for White.]

8...Nxc5 Richard Palliser,MH: '=' **9.Nxc5 Bxc5 10.0-0 Qe7?!** 0.53/20 Richard Palliser,MH: ' White must now prevent ...e6-e5.'

[Preparing ...e5 turns out to be too ambitious. Instead, 10...0-0 0.57/20 Richard Palliser,MH: '10...f7-f6 0.01' Richard Palliser,MH: '10...f7-f6 -0.09' 11.Bxh7+!? -0.60/20 *(11.c4 dxc4 12.Bxc4* might be a small edge*; 11.Rc1!⩲* 0.57/20 Richard Palliser,MH (Richard Palliser,MH) was preferrable.*)* 11...Kxh7 Richard Palliser,MH: ' ∓' Richard Palliser,MH: ' = ' 12.Ng5+ Richard Palliser,MH: '!' Richard Palliser,MH: '

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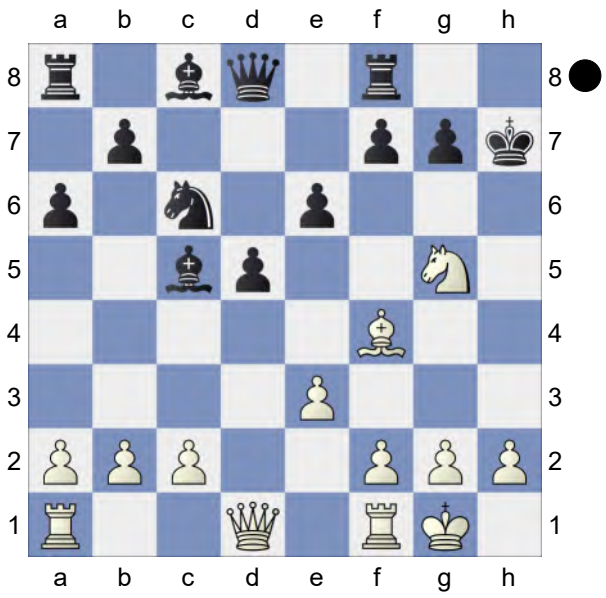

' Kg6 Richard Palliser,MH: '!' Richard Palliser,MH: ' ...e6-e5 is the strong threat.' 13.Qg4 Richard Palliser,MH: '!' f5 14.Qg3 had but been extremely unclear in Hughes-Rowan, Coventry 2015, had but been extremely unclear in Hughes-Rowan, Coventry 2015, Richard Palliser,MH: 'had but been extremely unclear in Hughes-Rowan, Coventry 2015,']

[but Black might consider 10...f6!? 0.05/20 , and if Richard Palliser,MH: '!' , and if Richard Palliser,MH: '=!' '!' Richard Palliser,MH: ' is superior.' 11.e4 Richard Palliser,MH: '!' dxe4 Richard Palliser,MH: '!' 12.Bxe4 Qxd1 13.Raxd1 e5 .]

11.e4 d4 0.88/20

[Allowing White to construct a powerful bridgehead, but he also has a pull after Allowing White to construct a powerful bridgehead, but he also has a pull after Richard Palliser,MH: 'Allowing White to construct a powerful bridgehead, but he also has a pull after' 11...0-0 12.exd5 exd5 13.Qd2 *(13.c3!?* Richard Palliser, MH *)* 13...Bg4 0.49/19 *(13...Qf6=* 0.09/20 (Richard Palliser,MH) feels stronger. *)* 14.Rfe1 and Ne5,]

[as well as after 11...dxe4 0.43/21 Richard Palliser,MH: ' ± ' 12.Bxe4 0-0 *(12...f6* Richard Palliser,MH*)* 13.Re1 .]

12.e5! Richard Palliser,MH: '±!' Richard Palliser,MH: ' White is more active. White leaves nothing to chance now.'

12...h6?! 1.20/20 Richard Palliser,MH: ' White now steadily converts the win.'

[This attempt at expansion will backfire. If Black wanted to expand on the kingside, Richard Palliser,MH: ' Better is' This attempt at expansion will backfire. If Black wanted to expand on the kingside, Richard Palliser,MH: 'This attempt at expansion will backfire. If Black wanted to expand on the kingside,' 12...f5!? 0.76/19 was perhaps a better try, and if was perhaps a better try, and if Richard Palliser,MH: ' ± ' 13.a3 0.20/18 *(13.exf6±* 0.82/20 Richard Palliser,MH *gxf6 14.c3 dxc3 15.bxc3)* 13...Bd7 0.61/20 *(13...0-0=* 0.20/18 Richard Palliser,MH*)* 14.b4 Richard Palliser,MH: ' ± ' Bb6 followed only then by ...h6. followed only then by ...h6. Richard Palliser, MH: 'followed only then by ...h6.']

13.a3 Richard Palliser,MH: ' ± ' **13...g5** 1.51/21

[⌓13...Bd7 1.10/18 Richard Palliser, MH]

14.Bg3 b5? 1.81/20 Still refusing to complete development while creating even more weaknesses. Still refusing to complete development while creating even more weaknesses. Richard Palliser, MH: 'Still refusing to complete development while creating even more weaknesses.'

[14...Bd7± 1.31/19 Richard Palliser, MH 15.Nd2 h5]
[14...Qc7± 1.20/18 (Richard Palliser, MH) might work better. 15.c3 dxc3]
15.Nd2! Heading for e4 while freeing the f-pawn for action. Already Black is in serious trouble. Richard Palliser,MH: '+-!' Heading for e4 while freeing the f-pawn for action. Already Black is in serious trouble. Richard Palliser,MH: 'Heading for e4 while freeing the f-pawn for action. Already Black is in serious trouble.' **15...Bb6** 2.80/20
[⌓15...h5± 1.72/20 Richard Palliser, MH (Richard Palliser,MH) keeps fighting.]
16.f4 Bc7 4.37/21 Richard Palliser,MH: '?'
[White's advantage would also have been of large proportions after 16...gxf4 2.16/22 17.Bxf4 Richard Palliser,MH: ' And now Nd2-e4 would win.' Richard Palliser,MH: ' aiming for Nd2-e4.' Bb7 18.Ne4 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Strongly threatening Ne4-d6+.' Richard Palliser, MH: ' And now Ne4-d6+ would win.' 0-0-0 19.a4! .]
17.Qh5 A fine spot for the queen, placing f7 under huge pressure. A fine spot for the queen, placing f7 under huge pressure. Richard Palliser,MH: '+-' Richard Palliser,MH: 'A fine spot for the queen, placing f7 under huge pressure.' **17...Bb7 18.fxg5 0-0-0 19.gxh6** Black has got his king to safety, but only at the price of two pawns. Melaugh now tries an inspired, if objectively unsound further sacrifice. Black has got his king to safety, but only at the price of two pawns. Melaugh now tries an inspired, if objectively unsound further sacrifice. Richard Palliser,MH: 'Black has got his king to safety, but only at the price of two pawns. Melaugh now tries an inspired, if objectively unsound further sacrifice.'
[Not 19.Qxf7 Richard Palliser,MH hxg5 20.Nb3 *(20.Qxe7 Nxe7+-)* 20...Bb6+-]
19...Nxe5?!
[19...Rdg8 20.Nf3 followed by Bh4 and h7 would but be a slow death.]
20.Bxe5 Qc5 7.82/21
[⌓20...Rxh6 5.11/20 Richard Palliser, MH 21.Qxh6 Bxe5]
21.Rae1 Rhg8
[Unfortunately for Black, there are a number of good replies to 21...Rd5 , including even 22.Rf5!? .]
22.g3 Rd5 23.h7 Rh8 24.Qxf7 Rxe5 25.Qg8+ Black doesn't have sufficient control of the h1-a8 diagonal to land a blow, so it's really time to resign. Black doesn't have sufficient control of the h1-a8 diagonal to land a blow, so it's really time to resign. Richard Palliser, MH: 'Black doesn't have sufficient control of the h1-a8 diagonal to land a blow, so it's really time to resign.' **25...Bd8 26.Qxh8 Re3** Richard Palliser, MH: '

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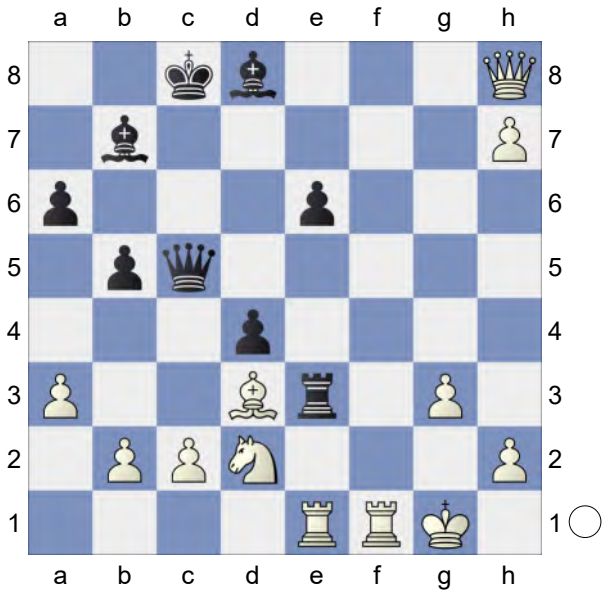
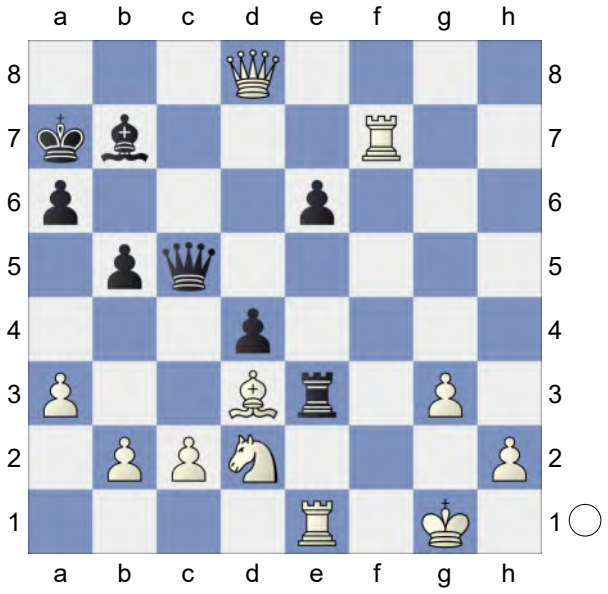


' **27.Qxd8+** Richard Palliser,MH: '!!' **27...Kxd8 28.h8Q+ Kc7 29.Rf7+ Kb6 30.Qd8+ Ka7** Richard Palliser,MH: '



' **31.Rxb7+!** 15.86/5 Returning some of White's vast amount of extra material to finish in relative style. Returning some of White's vast amount of extra material to finish in relative style. Richard Palliser,MH: 'Returning some of White's vast amount of extra material to finish in relative style.' **31...Kxb7 32.Rf1** 13.80/21 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Rf1-f7+ would kill now.'

[⌓32.Be4+ #12/22 Richard Palliser, MH Rxe4 33.Nxe4 Qc7 34.Qxc7+ *(34.Qxd4 e5 35.Nc5+ Ka8 36.Rxe5 Kb8 37.Nxa6+* Discovered Attack, Double Attack *Kc8 38.Nxc7 Kxc7 39.Re7+ Kc6 40.Qd7+ Kc5 41.b4+ Kc4 42.Qd3#)* 34...Kxc7 35.g4 b4 36.g5 *(36.axb4 Kd7 37.g5 a5 38.bxa5 Ke7 39.a6 d3 40.cxd3 Ke8)* 36...b3 37.cxb3]

32...Qe5 33.Rf7+ Richard Palliser,MH: 'White mates.' **33...Kc6 34.Qc8+** 16.11/5 **Kb6 35.Qb7+** Richard Palliser, MH: ' Weighted Error Value: White=0. 13 (very precise) /Black=0.77' Richard Palliser,MH: ' Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.81' **35...Kc5** Richard Palliser,MH **36.b4+ Kd6 37.Rd7#**

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□ **Yeletsky,Ivan** **2469**

■ **Gelman,A** **2403**

Titled Tue 8th Jul Early blitz (9) 08.07.25

[TA]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 b5 5.Bd3N

[5.a3 Bb7 6.Nf3 e6 7.b4 *(7.Bd3 Nbd7 8.Ne5 c5 9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.h4 Rc8 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qe2 Nxe5 13.Bxe5 Bd6 14.Bxd6 Qxd6 15.Rad1 Rfd8 16.f3 h6 17.e4 b4 18.axb4 Qxb4 19.exd5 Qxb2 20.Ne4 Nxd5 21.Qf2 Qb6* 1-0 (79) bubeliang (2703)-Vahe Dan (2759) Blitz 2024*)* 7...Nbd7 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.0-0 0-0 10.Ne5 Qe7 11.Qf3 Ne8 12.Qh3 f5 13.Qg3 Nef6 14.Qh4 Rae8 15.f3 Nb8 16.Ne2 Qd8 17.h3 Be7 18.Qf2

Nbd7 19.c3 Bd6 1-0 (35) Aqua Blazing (2838)-Art Vandelay1998 (2734) Blitz 2024]
[5.h4 e6 *(5...c5 6.dxc5 Nc6 7.Nf3 e6 8.Nd4 Bb7 9.Nxc6 Bxc6 10.b4 5) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 a6-3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 b5 #1/3)* 6.g4 b4 7.Na4 Bd6 8.g5 Ne4 9.Bd3 Bd7 10.c4 Bxf4 11.exf4 Bc6 12.Nf3 dxc4 13.Bxc4 Qd6 14.Ne5 Nc3 15.bxc3 Bxh1 16.f3 f6 17.Nc5 fxe5 18.Kf2 bxc3 19.Nxe6 exd4 1-0 (45) Torombot (3043)-Expositor (2839) Rapid 2024]

5...Bb7 6.Nf3 e6 7.Ne2 c5 8.c3 The position is equal. **8...Nc6 9.Ng3 Bd6 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bxf6 Qxf6** 1.44/24
[11...gxf6= 0.25/27 keeps the balance. 12.dxc5 Bxc5]

12.Nh5± Qe7 13.Nxg7+ Kd7 14.Nh5 Rhg8 15.0-0 c4 16.Bc2 f5 17.b3 Kc7 18.bxc4 0.19/23
[18.g3± 1.40/19]

18...dxc4= 19.e4 -0.40/22
[19.g3= 0.17/22]

19...Qf7∓ 20.e5? -2.43/24
[20.Ng3= -0.18/24 and White is okay.]

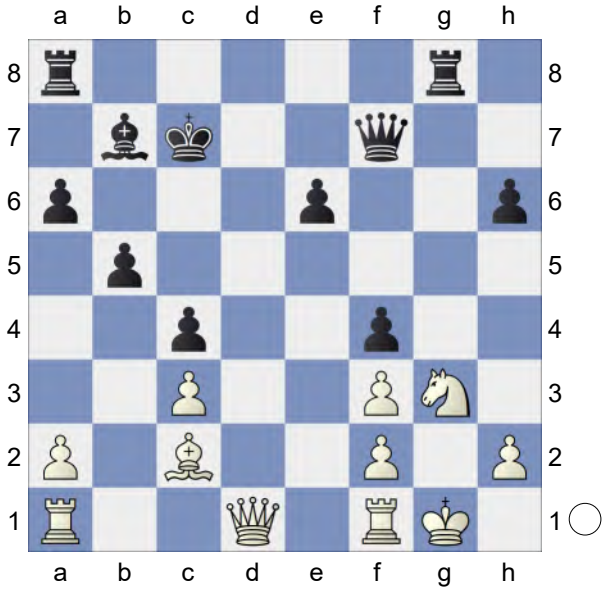
20...Bxe5 -1.09/24
[20...Qxh5 21.exd6+ Kxd6 22.d5 exd5 23.Nd4 Qxd1 24.Nxf5+ Kc7 25.Raxd1]
[20...Bb4-+ -2.43/24 and Black stays clearly on top. 21.d5 Qxh5 *(21...Bxc3 22.dxc6 Bxc6 23.Ng3=; 21...exd5 22.Nf4±)*]

21.dxe5? -3.72/24
[21.Ng3∓ -1.09/24 was the only chance. Bd6 22.Kh1]

21...Nxe5? 0.40/23
[21...Qxh5 22.Qd6+ Kb6 23.Bd1-+]
[Black should try 21...Rad8-+ -3.72/24 22.Qe2 *(22.Nd2? Rxg2+* Decoy *23.Kxg2 Nxe5+ 24.f3 Qxh5-+)* 22...Rxg2+ *(22...Qxh5? 23.g3-+)* 23.Kxg2 Qxh5]

22.Ng3±
[22.Nxe5? Rxg2+ 23.Kh1 Rxf2+-+]

22...Nxf3+ 23.gxf3 Strongly threatening Qd4. **23...f4**



Pin **24.Be4** -0.13/29 **fxg3 25.fxg3 Rad8⇄** Black is fighting back **26.Qe2 Bxe4 27.Qxe4** Threatens to win with a4. **27...Qf5 28.Qe3 Kb7** Against Qa7+ **29.Rfd1 Rd3 30.Rxd3 cxd3=** Endgame. KQR-KQR **31.a4 Rd8** White must now prevent ...d2. **32.axb5 Qxb5 33.c4**

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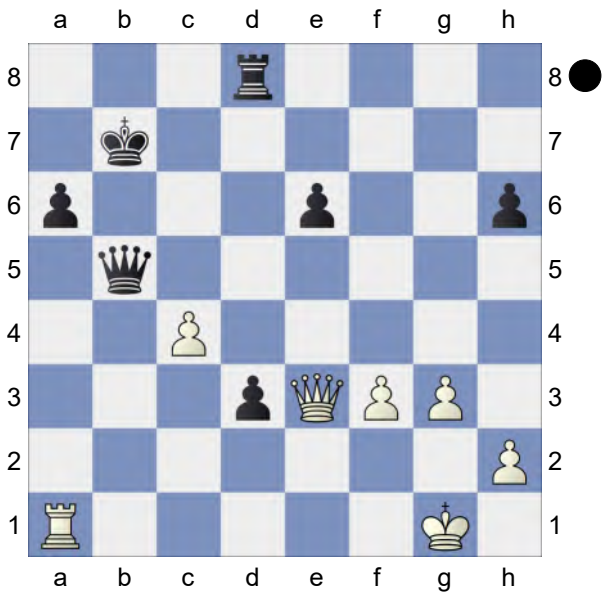

Deflection **33...Qxc4** ...d2 would now be deadly. **34.Rb1+ Ka8 35.Rd1 Qd4 36.Kf2 Kb7 37.Qxd4 Rxd4** KR-KR **38.Ke3 Rd5 39.h4 a5 40.g4 Kb6 41.f4** g5! is the strong threat.
[41.Rxd3 simplifies a4 42.Ra3 Ra5 43.f4]
41...a4 And now ...a3 would win. **42.g5 hxg5?** 5.26/33
[42...a3= 0.00/36 43.g6 a2]
43.fxg5+-
[43.Rxd3 Rxd3+ *(43...gxh4? 44.Ra3-+)* 44.Kxd3 gxh4 *(44...gxf4 45.h5 a3 46.Ke4 a2 47.Kxf4 a1Q 48.h6 Qf6+ 49.Kg3 Kc5 50.h7 Kd4 51.h8B Qxh8 52.Kf4 Qh4+ 53.Kf3 Kd3 54.Kg2 Ke3 55.Kg1 Kf3 56.Kf1 Qh1#)* 45.Ke3 a3 46.Kf3 a2 47.Kg4 a1Q *(47...a1B? 48.Kxh4 Bf6+ 49.Kh5-+)* 48.Kxh4 Qg1 49.Kh5 Kc5 50.Kh4 Kd4 51.Kh5 Ke4 52.Kh6 Kf5 *(52...Kxf4 53.Kh7 Kf5 54.Kh8 Kf6 55.Kh7 Qg7#)* 53.Kh7 Kf6 54.Kh8 Qg7#]
43...Kb5 44.g6
[Worse is 44.Rxd3 Kb4=]
44...Re5+ 45.Kf4 Rf5+ 46.Kg4 Hoping for g7! **46...Kc4 47.g7 Rf2 48.Kg3**
[48.g8B? perishes. Rg2+ 49.Kf4 Rxg8-+]
48...Rc2 49.g8Q Threatening mate with Qc8+.
[49.g8B Kd4±]
49...Kc3 50.Qxe6
Weighted Error Value: White=0.30/ Black=0.55
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□ **Hong,Andrew Z** **2469**
■ **Vachier Lagrave,Maxime** **2776**
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B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Bd3 Nc6 7.Nce2 g6N**
[7...Bg4 8.Qd2 *(8.h3 Bh5 9.c3 e6 10.Qb3 Qc8 11.Ng3 Bg6 12.Bxg6 hxg6 13.Nf3 Be7 14.0-0 0-0 15.Rfe1 b5 16.Rac1 Qd7 17.Ne5 Nxe5 18.Bxe5 Bd6 19.Qd1 Rfc8 20.h4 Bxe5 21.dxe5 Nh7 22.h5 g5* Hong,A (2572)-Harshavardhan,G (2401) Chess.com INT 2024 Mega2024 Update 43 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (71) *)* 8...e6 9.c3 Bh5 10.Ng3 Bg6 11.Nf3 Bd6 16. Jobava & Veresov Systems-Jobava London System 3. Bf4 â]
[7...Nb4 8.c3 Nxd3+ 9.Qxd3 Bg4 10.Ng3 Nh5 11.Be5 Nxg3 12.hxg3 Qd7 13.f3 Bf5 14.Qd2 f6 15.Bf4 g5 16.Be3 e6 17.g4 Bg6 18.Ne2 Bd6 19.Bf2 0-0-0 20.Bg3 e5 21.dxe5 fxe5 22.Qxd5 Caruana,F (2766)-Carlsen,M (2859) Chess.com INT 2022 CBM 211 Extra [Kitty Kat] 0-1]

[7...Qb6 8.Rb1 *(8.Nf3 Bg4 9.c3 Bxf3 10.gxf3 e6* #4 Chapter The Jobava London-The Jobava London: 4.e3 *)* 8...e5 9.dxe5 Ng4 10.Bg3 Ngxe5 #5 Chapter The Jobava London-The Jobava London: 4.e3]

8.Nf3 The position is equal. **8...Bg7 9.h3 0-0 10.c3 Nd7 11.0-0 e5 12.dxe5 Ndxe5 13.Nxe5 Nxe5 14.Nd4 Qb6 15.Re1 Nxd3 16.Qxd3 Bd7 17.Nb3 Qb5 18.Rad1 Qxd3 19.Rxd3 Bc6 20.Be5 Rfe8 21.Rde3 Bh6 22.f4 Bf8 23.Kf2 a5 24.Nd4 a4 25.a3 Bd7 26.g4 h6 27.Kg3 Bc5 28.R3e2 Kh7 29.g5 h5 30.f5** -0.74/23

[30.Nc2= 0.23/20]

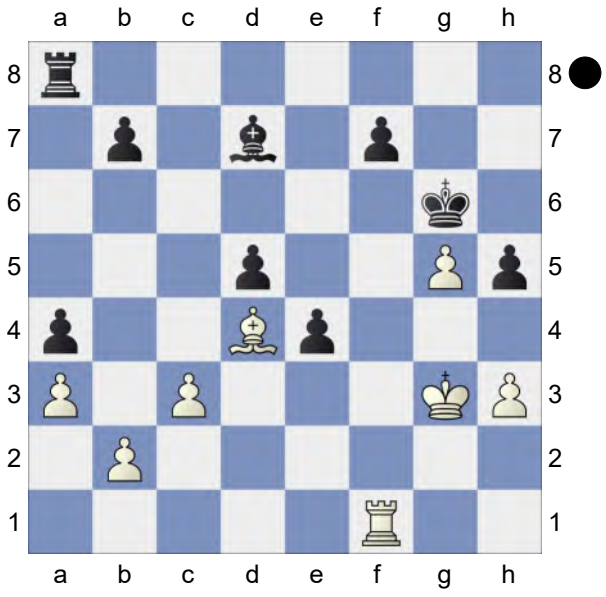
30...gxf5 -0.20/22

[30...Bxf5∓ -0.74/23 31.Nxf5 gxf5]

31.Kf4 -0.64/25

[31.Rd2= -0.20/22]

31...Bxd4∓ 32.Bxd4 Re4+! 33.Rxe4 fxe4 Endgame KRB-KRB **34.Kg3 Kg6 35.Rf1**



Rf6+ is the strong threat. **35...Ra6**

[35...Kxg5? 36.h4+ *(36.Rxf7 h4+ 37.Kh2 Be6=)* 36...Kh6 37.Rf6+ Kh7 38.Rxf7+ Kg6 39.Rxd7+-]

36.h4 Bf5 37.Kf4 Bg4 38.Ke5? -2.47/31 This costs White the game.

[Better is 38.Rf2∓ -0.38/24]

38...Re6+-+ 39.Kf4? -5.45/26

[39.Kxd5 -2.70/28 e3 40.Rf6+ Rxf6 41.gxf6]

39...e3 40.Kg3 e2 41.Re1 Kf5 42.Kf2 Ke4 43.Rg1 Kd3 44.Ke1 Re4 45.Rg2 Be6 46.Bf2 Kc2 47.Bc5 Kxb2 48.Rxe2+ Rxe2+ 49.Kxe2 Kxc3 KB-KB **50.Ke3** Prevents d4+. **50...b5 51.Bb4+ Kc4 52.Bd6** -4.51/32

[⌓52.Kf3 -2.91/30]

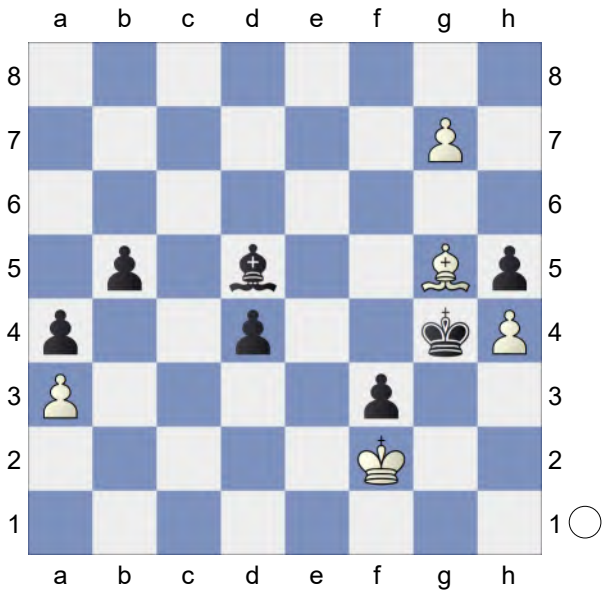
52...d4+ 53.Kd2 -7.08/34

[⌓53.Kf4 -4.50/30 Kd5 54.Bb4]

53...Kd5 54.Be7 Ke4 55.g6 -9.42/31

[⌓55.Bb4 -4.72/28 Bc4 56.Bc5]

55...f5 56.g7 f4 57.Ke2 Bc4+ 58.Kf2 Kf5 59.Bb4 Kg4 60.Bd2 f3 61.Bg5 Bd5



aiming for ...b4! **62.Bf6 d3** (→ ...d2) **63.Bg5 d2?** -2.49/20

[63...b4 -11.31/19 And now ...b3 would win. 64.Bc1 bxa3]

64.Bxd2 Kxh4 65.Bb4? -12.28/26

[65.g8B -2.54/31 Bxg8 66.Kxf3]

65...Kg5? -2.88/31

[65...Kg4 -12.28/26 Strongly threatening ...h4. 66.Kg1 h4]

66.Bd6? -9.62/26
[66.g8B -2.88/31 Bxg8 67.Kxf3]
66...h4? -2.88/29
[66...Kg4 -9.62/26 67.Kg1 h4]
67.Ke3? -9.18/24
[67.g8Q+ -2.88/29 Bxg8 68.Kxf3]
67...Kg6? -2.88/26
[67...Kg4 -9.18/24 Threatens to win with ...h3. 68.Kf2 h3]
68.Be5 Black has a decisive advantage.
68...h3 69.g8Q+ Bxg8 70.Kxf3 Kf5 71.Bd6 Ke6 72.Bb4 Kd5 73.Kg3 Ke5? -0.65/32 Weighted Error Value: White=0.46/Black=0.17 (very precise)
[Black should play 73...Be6-+ -2.90/39 74.Be7 Ke5]
½-½

612 **D00**
□ **Rodriguez Vila,Andres** **2469**
■ **Vazquez,Guillermo** **2510**
6. Floripa Open 2020 (10.6) 26.01.2020
[Vazquez,Guillermo]

This was the last round of the tournament, and I needed to win to score a GM norm **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3** I was already quite happy when I saw this move. It usually leads to more complex fights than the main lines **2...d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Bd3** This was already a surprise for me
[I knew only about 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.h3 Bxf3 8.Qxf3 Nc6 9.0-0-0 e6 10.g4]
6...Nc6 7.Nge2
[7.Nf3 Bg4 is just good for Black]
7...e6!? This was the first decision in the game. I close my bishop on c8. but White has already commited the knight to e2 which is more passive than on f3 and blocks some of White's pieces.
[7...Bg4 8.f3 Bh5 9.g4 Bg6 10.h4 was the alternative, but I did not like giving white time for his kingside expansion]
[7...Nb4 gets the bishop pair, but gives White a lead in development which felt important with the likely opposite-side castling 8.a3 Nxd3+ 9.Qxd3]
8.a3 I was surprised by this move. Since I did not play Nb4 in the previous move, I did not see why White would stop me now. Also a3 signals that White is not going to castle queenside.
[I expected something like 8.Qd2 Be7 9.0-0-0 b5 with a double edged game, in which I liked my chances.]
8...Be7
[8...Nh5!? derserved attention, with the idea to develop the bishop to d6 without exchanging it]
9.0-0 0-0 10.b4 Another surprise, but anyway I am still not sure of what White's plan should be in this position. This seems to weaken c4 and c3, but White is hoping to get a grip on c5, but usually White would wait foe me to play b5 before going b4.
[10.Qd2 b5 11.b4 would have been a better version of the same idea.]
[10.h3!? so that the bishop can drop back to h2 in case of Nh5.]
10...Bd7 I decided to make a useful move and keep the options open. This prepares Rc8 or even Na7-Nb5
[10...Nh5 11.Be3 Bd6 was a way to play on the kingside. Black might even try f5, followed by f4 or Nf6-Ne4, with good play.]
11.Qb1?!
[11.h3!? again, playing against Nh5. I was intending to play Na7]
11...Na7?! During the game, I kept underestimating the idea of playing Nh5,

and that would explain many of my choices in the next few moves.

[11...Nh5! 12.Be3 Bd6 is a better version for Black of 10 ... Nh5, since the white queen is far from the kingside.]

[11...a5 12.b5 Na7 was also a better version of what I did in the game]

12.a4 Nc6

[12...a5 was my original intention, but after 13.bxa5 Qxa5 14.Qxb7 White just wins a pawn for not much.]

13.Na2 a5

[13...Nh5!? still, this was playable and quite strong.]

14.b5 Na7 Here I started questioning my previous choices and I felt White should have a way to get an advantage, because I have a bad bishop on d7, temporatily a bad knight on a7 and no breaks. Even though I feel White should be better, I found no advantage here. My plan is to play Nc8 and Bd6, to hopefully prepare e5.

[14...Nb4 exchanging the knights does not help me 15.Nxb4 Bxb4 *(15...axb4* just drops the pawn *16.Qb3 Qa5 17.f3)* 16.c3 Be7 17.Qc2± the weakness on c3 is not so important, and my lack of space and bad bishop on d7 will be felt eventually.]

15.Rc1 I did not like this idea, it seems that there were 2 more challenging options.

[15.c4 dxc4 16.Bxc4 Nc8 17.Nac3 Bd6 seems ok for black. I continue with Qe7(c7), Rd8, Be8, Ne7 and Rac8. 18.Qd3 Bxf4 19.Nxf4 Qc7 20.Nfe2 Rd8 21.Rac1 Be8]

[15.Nac1 Nc8 16.Nb3 seemed logical to improve the knight and maybe even continue with Nd2-Nf3. White keeps a more pleasant positon by still close to equality. Bd6 *(16...Nh5!?)* 17.Qc1!? Qc7 18.Qe3 Bxf4 19.Nxf4 Nd6 20.Rfe1 Rac8 *(20...Bc8 21.Nd2 b6 22.Nf3 Bb7 23.Ne5 Rac8 24.Qh3↑)* 21.Nd2 with still a game left. White will get some attacking chances on the kingside but he has some weaknesses on the queenside]

15...Ba3

[15...Nc8 16.c4 dxc4 17.Rxc4 Bd6 18.Be5 h6 might also be ok for me, but I got more ambitious and decided to stop c4]

16.Rd1?! I do not see what the rook is doing on d1

[16.Re1 was more natural and what I expected Nc8 17.Nac1 Bd6 with similar play to 15 Nac1, but here White does not have the option of Qc1, so this seems to be an improved version for Black]

16...Nc8 17.Nac1

[17.c4 dxc4 18.Bxc4 Bd6=]

17...Bd6 Now I got an improved version of the line with 15 Nac1, White's queen is still on b1 and the rook is misplaced on d1. **18.c3** Quite a natural move, but it does not do anything towards stopping e5 or improving the queenside pieces, and it also creates a target on c3 while c2 was solidly defended by the bishop on d3.

[18.Nb3 Qc7 19.Bxd6 Nxd6 20.Nd2 is what I expected, with equality but still a lot of play.]

18...Qc7 Now the game is definitely going in a good direction for me.

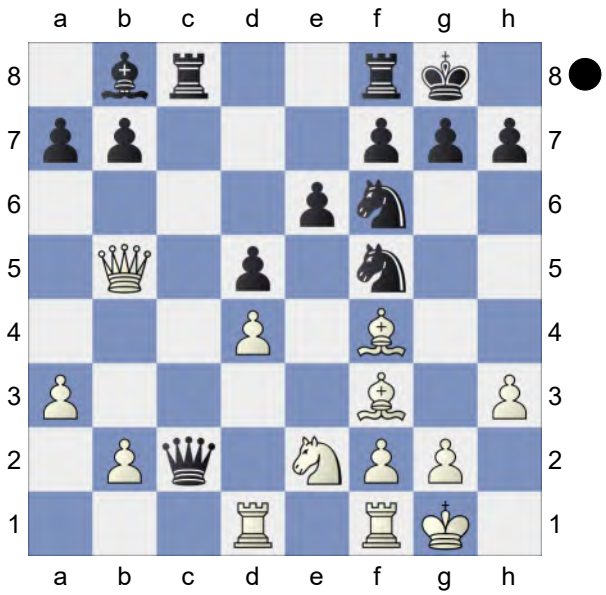
[18...Bxf4 is what the engine suggests, but I did not see a reason to improve the white knights 19.Nxf4 Qc7 20.Nce2]

19.Bg5? This is a real mistake. I am not sure what my opponent feared in the quiet alternatives.
[19.Bxd6 Nxd6 Seems comfortable for Black, as I have many ways to improve my pieces.]
[19.g3 Bxf4 20.Nxf4 Qxc3 and it seems I can get away with taking that pawn]
[19.Bg3 Bxg3 20.hxg3 Re8∓]
19...Bxh2+ 20.Kf1 Bd6
[I also considered 20...e5 but I did not see a reason to play this is Bd6 works]
21.Bxf6?! Seems quite natural to regain the pawn, but I expected White to try to find compensation instead, but I still cannot find any satisfactory way.
[21.g3 is too slow h6 *(21...Ne7!?)* 22.Bxf6 gxf6 23.Kg2 e5 24.Rh1 e4∓]
[21.Nb3 Ne7∓]
21...gxf6 22.Bxh7+ Kg7 White's pieces are still stuck on the queenside, and the black rooks will be first to the open files in the kingside. I thought my position was probably winning already. I did not see a way for White to stop the attack on the kingside. **23.Bc2 Rh8 24.Rd3** A creative attempt to reorganize the pieces, but now it will be hard to activate the queen
[24.Ng1 Nb6 25.Bb3 Rh1 26.Nce2 Rah8 27.Qd3 seemed like a better setup, but Black should still be winning slowly.]
24...Nb6 Improving the pieces before going for any concrete tactics.
[24...Rh1+ 25.Ng1 Bh2 26.Nce2 White still fights Bxg1 27.Nxg1 Qh2 28.Ke2]
25.Ng1 Nc4
[25...e5 was better, activating the bishop on d7 and making use of the knight defending d5.]
26.Nce2 Rh1 27.Qc1
[27.Ng3 Bxg3! using the tactic 28.Rxg3+ Qxg3 29.fxg3 Nd2+]
27...Rah8 28.Ng3 R1h4 I did not see the need to force matters. The white pieces seem to be all tied up.
[28...Bf4 29.Qd1 Bxg3 looks tempting, but white has 30.Qg4+ *(30.Rxg3+? Qxg3 31.fxg3 Ne3+-+)* 30...Kf8 31.Rxg3 and White seems to be gaining some counterplay, even thought the engines give a convincing -7 evaluation.]
29.Qe1 f5 Bringing more pieces into the attack **30.N3e2 f4 31.Qc1 Kf8** I did not even want to allow an eventual Qg5+ **32.Ra2 e5!** I improved all my pieces to the maximum, so now I have to find the break. **33.dxe5 Nxe5 34.Rd4?!** Allowing a nice finish, but White had no good alternatives.
[I thought 34.Rxd5 Be6 35.Qd1 Bxd5 36.Qxd5 offered more resistance, but the position is still bad after R8h5]
34...f3! 35.gxf3 Rh1-+ White is now defenseless against Bh3+ **36.Qe3 Nc4 37.Qd3 Bh3+ 38.Ke1 Rg8 39.Rg4 Bxg4 40.fxg4 Rxg4 41.Qxd5 Rhxg1+ 42.Nxg1 Rxg1+ 43.Ke2 Nb6 44.Qd3 Bc5 45.Qe4 Bxf2 46.Qh7 Qf4 47.Qh8+ Ke7** With this win, I scored my first GM norm and ended up 1st on tiebreaks (possibility which had not crossed my mind before the game).
0-1

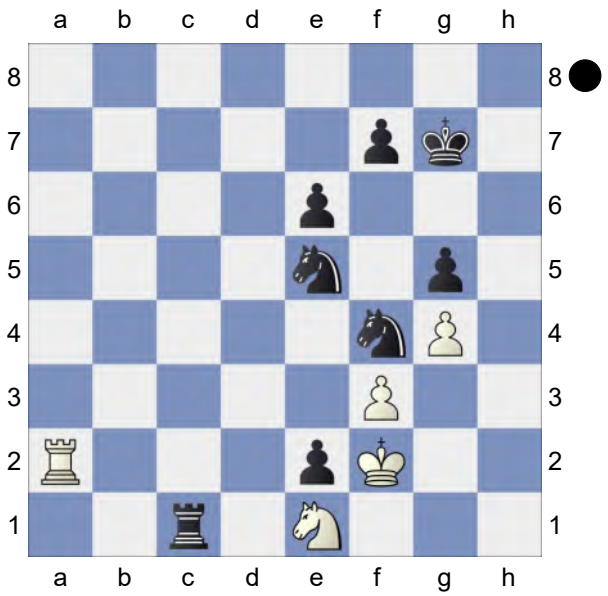
613 **A45**
□ **Kilic,Eray** **2469**
■ **Gharibyan,Mamikon** **2472**
Titled Tue 27th May Early blitz (8)
[TA]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (120 (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ (41) Atalik, S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 (41) Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 (23) Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]
3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 Bg4 5.Nf3 cxd4 6.exd4 Nc6 7.Be2 Bxf3 8.Bxf3 e6 9.0-0 Bd6 10.Be3 0-0 11.a3 Ne7 Black has an edge. **12.h3 Nf5 13.Qd3 Rc8 14.Rad1 Bb8** Black is more active. **15.Ne2?** -2.39/20
[15.g3∓ -0.53/21]
15...Qc7-+ 16.Bf4 Qxc2 17.Qb5



Rc1 would now be deadly. **17...Qc6 18.Qb4 Bxf4 19.Nxf4 Qb6 20.Qd2** -2.98/18
[20.Qxb6 -1.91/22 only move. axb6 21.Bg4]
20...Rc7 21.b4 Rc4 22.Ne2 Rfc8 23.Qf4 Qd6 24.Qd2 h6 25.g3 a5 26.bxa5 Qxa3 27.Bg2 Rc2 28.Qe1 Qb2 29.Nf4 Nxd4 30.Rb1 Qc3 31.Qxc3 R2xc3 32.Rxb7 Ra3 33.Rd1 Nc6 A dynamic duo of knights. **34.Rc1 Rxa5 35.Rb6 Ne7 36.Rxc8+ Nxc8 37.Rb8 Rc5**
[Less strong is 37...Ra1+ 38.Bf1 Rc1 39.Kg2∓]
38.Nd3 Rc7 39.Ne5 g6 40.g4 Kg7 41.h4 Ne7 42.Ra8 Nd7 43.Nd3 g5 44.hxg5 hxg5 45.Bf1 Ng6 46.Be2 Nde5 47.Ne1 -7.42/19
[⌓47.Nxe5 -4.74/19 Nxe5 48.f3]
47...Nf4 48.Kf1 Rc1 49.Ra3 d4 ...d3 is the strong threat. **50.Ra2 d3 51.f3 dxe2+ 52.Kf2**

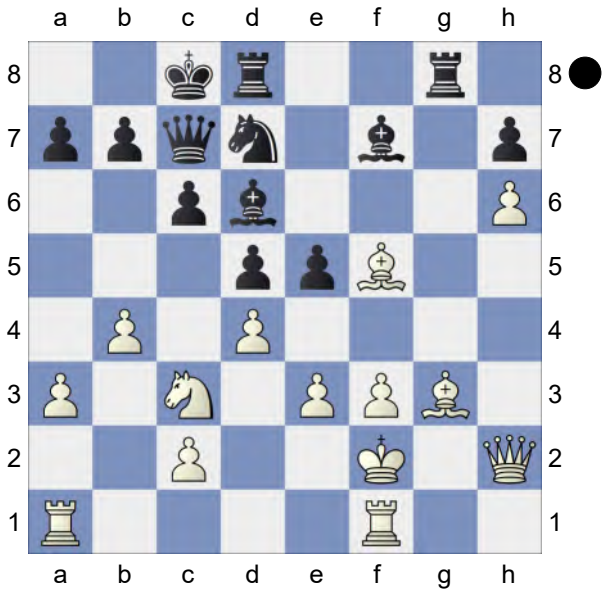


Rxe1! Black mates. **53.Rxe2**
[53.Ke3 Nc4+]
53...Rxe2+ 54.Kg3 Rg2# White did not feel at home in the position after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.66/ Black=0.12 (very precise)
0-1

614 **D00**
☐ **Suyarov,Mukhammadzokhid** **2467**
■ **Ritviz,Parab** **2393**
Pavlodar op (5) 17.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

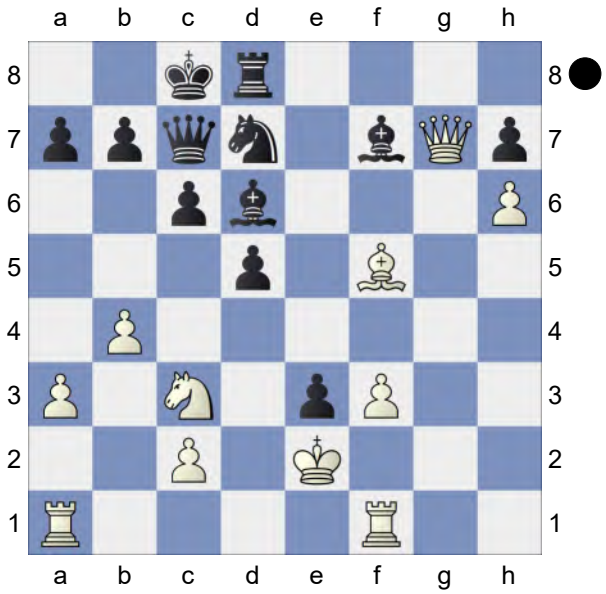
D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* 1-0 Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 2013*; 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7* 0-1 Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig,F (1863) Rheinhessen-ch H1 op 1997 (2)*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* 1-0 Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) V0048 www.desc-online.de 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]
3.Bf4 Bf5 4.e3 e6 5.Nf3 c6 6.Ne5 Bb4 Recently 6...h6 got a lot of attention. 6...h6 erhält neuerdings viel Aufmerksamkeit. Recently 6...h6 got a lot of attention. 6...h6 erhält neuerdings viel Aufmerksamkeit. **7.g4 Bg6 8.f3** Against Ne4. The position is equal. **8...Qa5 9.Qd2 Nfd7 10.h4N** -0.20/21
[10.a3 -0.11/21 10.Nxg6 0.33 Nxe5 11.Bxe5 f6 12.Bf4 Nd7 13.h4 e5 14.Bg3 0-0 15.h5 Bf7 0.31/20 *(15...Bxc3=* -0.14/21 deserves consideration. *16.bxc3 Bf7)* 16.Bd3 -0.05/18 ;½-½ Salinas Herrera,P (2477)-Coppola,C (2250) Florianopolis op 10th 2024 (5) ;½-½ Salinas Herrera,P (2477)-Coppola,C (2250) Florianopolis op 10th 2024 (5) *(16.h6±* 0.31/20 is superior. *)*]
[⌓10.Nxg6 0.17/21 hxg6 11.a3]
10...Nxe5= **11.Bxe5** Strongly threatening h5! **11...f6** **12.h5** And now Bxb8 would win. **12...Bf7 13.Bg3 Nd7 14.Bd3 e5 15.h6 g6**

16.0-0 0-0-0 17.a3 Bd6 18.b4 Qc7 19.Qh2 f5 20.gxf5 gxf5 21.Bxf5 Rhg8 Threatens to win with ...exd4. **22.Kf2** -0.85/22
[22.Bxh7? exd4 23.f4 *(23.Bxg8? Bxg3 24.Qh3 Rxg8-+)* 23...dxc3-+]
[22.Kh1= -0.29/20 keeps the balance. Kb8 23.Qh4 *(23.Bxh7? Rg5-+)*]



22...Rxg3!∓ 23.Qxg3 aiming for Qg7. **23...exd4** Discovered Attack **24.Qg7 dxe3+ 25.Ke2** -1.85/18
[25.Kxe3∓ -1.35/23 was necessary. Bf4+ 26.Ke2]

(Diagram)



25...Bf8?? 4.27/20
[25...Bg6!-+ -1.85/18 avoids the disaster. 26.Bxg6 Be5 27.Qxh7 Bxc3]
26.Qxf7+- Qh2+ 27.Kxe3 Bxh6+ 2.74/5
[⌓27...Kb8 1.91/21 28.Bxd7 Bxh6+ 29.f4 Rf8]
28.f4 d4+? 7.08/22
[28...Kb8 3.66/20]
29.Kxd4 White is clearly winning. **29...Kb8** White must now prevent ... Nb6+. **30.Kc4**
[30.Bxd7 Rxd7+ *(30...Qxc2?* loses. *31.Ra2+-)* 31.Qxd7 Qd2+ *(31...Bxf4 32.Qd8#)* 32.Ke4 Qxd7=]
30...Nb6+ 31.Kb3 Rae1 is the strong threat. **31...Rf8 32.Qe6 Bg7 33.Rad1** Intending Qd6+ and mate. **33...a6 34.Bd3 Ka7 35.Qe3 Qh6 36.Na4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.42/ Black=0.31
1-0

615 **D00**
□ **Neef,Maximilian** **2466**
■ **Wojtaszek,Radoslaw** **2666**
Bundesliga 2023-24 (7) 03.02.2024
[Kitty Kat]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4** 1:40:55 %clk **1...Nf6** 1:40:54 %clk **2.Nc3** 1:41:10 %clk **2...d5N** 1:40:57 %clk
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]
3.Bf4 1:41:34 %clk **3...c5** 1:41:12 (%clk **4.e3** 1:41:57 %clk **4...cxd4** 1:41:31 %clk **5.exd4** 1:42:19 %clk **5...Bg4** 1:41:11 %clk **6.f3** 1:41:39 %clk **6...Bd7** 1:41:33 %clk **7.Nb5** 1:41:45 %clk **7...Bxb5** 1:41:13 %clk **8.Bxb5+** 1:42:07 %clk The position is equal. **8...Nc6** 1:41:32 %clk White must now prevent ... Qd8-a5+. **9.c3** 1:41:00 (%clk **9...e6** 1:39:21 %clk **10.Ne2** 1:41:08 %clk **10...Bd6** 1:36:52 %clk **11.0-0** 1:36:25 %clk **11...0-0** 1:32:05 %clk **12.Qd2** 1:16:03 %clk **12...a6** 1:28:55 %clk **13.Bd3** 1:07:20 (%clk **13...Bxf4** 1:22:09 %clk **14.Nxf4** 1:04:24 %clk **14...Qd6** 1:19:56 %clk **15.Rae1** 56:25 %clk **15...b5** 1:16:54 %clk **16.a3** 41:23 %clk **16...Rab8** 1:12:59 %clk **17.Rf2** 36:27 %clk **17...a5** 1:12:59 %clk **18.b4** 35:26 %clk **18...Rfe8** 56:12 %clk **19.Rfe2** 33:15 %clk **19...h6** 49:12 %clk **20.Bb1** 24:52 %clk **20...Re7** 35:27 %clk **21.Nd3** 22:47 %clk **21...Rbe8** 34:41 %clk **22.Re3** 13:31 %clk **22...Qb8** 0.47/20 28:06 %clk
[22...axb4= 0.10/22 23.axb4 Qb8]
23.Nc5 0.02/23 6:12 %clk
[23.Ne5± 0.47/20 should be considered. Nxe5 24.dxe5]
23...e5= 24:06 %clk **24.dxe5** -0.27/22 4:09 %clk
[24.Nb3 0.19/20 feels stronger.]
24...Nxe5 24:31 %clk **25.Qd4** 4:15 %clk Repels Ne5-c4 **25...Nc6** 19:35 %clk **26.Qd3** 4:28 %clk Threatens to win with Nc5-d7! **26...Rxe3** 19:41 %clk **27.Rxe3** 4:53 %clk **27...Rd8** 20:05 %clk Repels Nc5-d7 **28.Re1** 3:16 %clk **28...Ne5** 17:14 %clk **29.Qd4** 48 %clk **29...Re8** 0.01/22 17:43 %clk
[29...Nc4∓ -0.40/25 30.bxa5 Nxa5]
30.Nd3 -0.73/24 34 %clk
[30.Kf2= 0.01/22 keeps the balance.]
30...Nc4 -0.11/23 18:07 %clk
[Black should try 30...Nxd3∓ -0.73/24

31.Rxe8+ Qxe8 32.Bxd3 Qe1+ 33.Bf1 a4]

31.bxa5 38 %clk **31...Nxa5** 16:53 %clk **32.Ba2** 35 %clk **32...Nc4** 15:53 %clk **33.h3** -0.79/23 38 %clk

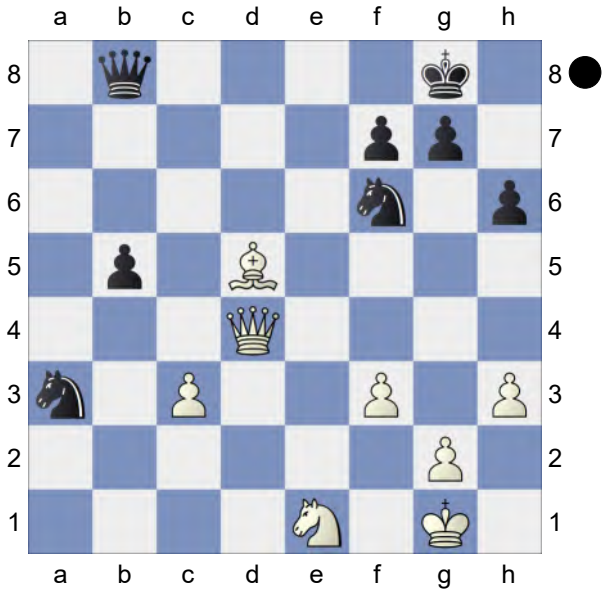
[33.Rxe8+= -0.30/25 Qxe8 34.Kf2]

33...Rxe1+∓ 12:59 %clk

[Of course not 33...Nxa3 34.Rxe8+ Qxe8 35.Nb4= *(35.Bxd5 Nxd5 36.Qxd5 Nc4=)*]

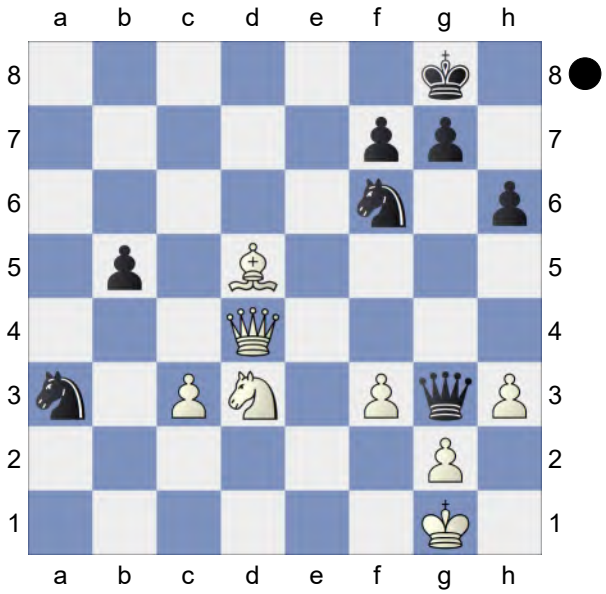
34.Nxe1 1:06 %clk **34...Nxa3** 13:25 %clk Black is more active. **35.Bxd5** -1.83/25 43 %clk

[35.Nd3∓ -0.76/24 might work better.]



35...Qg3!-+ 12:43 %clk **36.Nd3** 33 %clk

(Diagram)



36...Nc2! 13:10 %clk **37.Qc5** -4.11/30 34 %clk

[37.Qf4∓ -1.30/26 Qxf4 38.Nxf4]

37...Nxd5 13:17 %clk **38.Qxd5** 51:00 %clk Weighted Error Value: White=0.30/ Black=0.11 (very precise)

0-1

616 **D00**

□ **Niemann,Hans Moke** **2465**

■ **Saric,Ivan** **2646**

Titled Tuesday 7. July (5) 07.07.2020

[Richard Palliser]

Richard Palliser,MH: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines ' **1.d4** Richard Palliser,MH **1...Nf6 2.Nc3 d5** Richard Palliser,MH: 'N'

[2...c5 Richard Palliser,MH 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de

2000 *)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8 ½-½* Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]

3.Bf4 e6

[It's notable that the Ginger GM still likes to wheel out the 'Jobava London' from time to time, including against one of our columnists. Williams-Mikhalevski, Internet (blitz) 2020, saw Victor introduce 3...Bg4 4.f3 Bd7!? , which makes a slightly strange impression, at least for me. Following the logical sequence 5.e4 e6 6.e5 Ng8 7.Be3! Ne7 8.f4 Nf5 9.Bf2 h5 10.Bd3 g6 11.Nf3 White enjoyed a pleasant edge in a Gurgenidze structure, although Victor did later manage to win.]

[Ivan Saric meanwhile didn't take long to become an adherent of the Jobava-Prie, and switch sides, 3...g6 4.Qd2 *(4.e3 Bg7 5.h4* would be standard, as we've seen on plenty of occasions of late *)* 4...Bg7 5.e3 (a little strange in conjunction with Qd2) 0-0 6.h4 h5 7.Nf3 c5 8.Ne5 Nc6 9.0-0-0? Qa5 10.Kb1 teeing up a standard trick with Bf5 *(10...cxd4! 11.exd4 Bf5* was the way to go*)* 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.Nxd5! in Saric-Gabdrakhmanov, Internet (blitz) 2020, not that Black was worse after Bxc2+! .]

[In other recent developments, 3...c5 4.e3 a6 5.Nf3 e6 6.dxc5 Bxc5 7.Bd3 Nc6 8.0-0 0-0 9.e4 h6 10.exd5 exd5 11.h3 Re8 looked like a reasonable IQP set-up for Black in Williams-Albornoz Cabrera, Internet (blitz) 2020,]

[while 3...a6 4.e3 e6 5.Bd3 c5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.a3!? b5 8.h3 Bb7 9.0-0 Rc8 10.Re1 *(10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.e4* would be more standard*)* 10...Be7 *(10...c4 11.Bf1 Be7* looks very comfortable for Black, and if *12.e4? dxe4 13.Nxe4 Nxd4!)* 11.dxc5 Bxc5 12.e4 dxe4 13.Nxe4 was perhaps slightly in White's favour in Saric-Martinez Reyes, Internet (blitz) 2020.]

4.e3

[Just a quick reminder that if you don't like the upcoming pin, there's nothing wrong with 4.Nb5 - see the Archive.]

4...Bb4 5.Nge2 Nh5!?

[Ambitiously chasing down the bishop-pair. There's most certainly nothing wrong with 5...0-0 when Carlsen no less uncorked 6.a3

A) 6...Bd6 -0.01/23 Richard Palliser,MH: '6...Bb4-e7 -0.40' 7.g3 -0.38/21 *(7.Qd2=* -0.01/23 (Richard Palliser,MH) might be stronger. *)* 7...b6 is also fine - see Turner-Palliser, Hull 2019, in the Archive;

B) 6...Be7 7.Ng1!? in Carlsen-Xiong, Internet (Clutch/ rapid) 2020, which improves White's coordination. It is, of course, though slow and after c5 8.Nf3 Nh5 9.dxc5 Nxf4 10.exf4 Bxc5 Richard Palliser,MH: ' White must now prevent ...Qd8-b6.' 11.Bd3 Black was surely quite comfortable until he allowed g6 0.00/22 *(11...Nc6∓* -0.53/22 Richard Palliser,MH*)* 12.h4!? Richard Palliser,MH: '=!?' Nc6? 0.57/21 *(*Black should try *12...h5=* 0.00/22 Richard Palliser,MH*)* 13.h5 .]

6.a3 Be7 7.Bg3

[A new move. 7.Be5!? had been preferred in an earlier online game, where Nd7 *(7...f6?!* 0.37/20 can even be met by Richard Palliser, MH: '7...Nh5-f6 0.00 can even be met by' *8.Bxc7 Qxc7 9.g4)* 8.g4! Nhf6 9.Bf4 0-0 10.Ng3 c5 11.g5 Ne8 12.h4 saw White sounding the charge in Rapport-Grischuk, Internet (blitz) 2017.]

7...Nd7

[If Black doesn't want to open the h-file, he might prefer 7...0-0 8.Nf4 Nxf4 9.Bxf4 c5 when 10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.Bd3 Nc6 12.Qh5 f5 keeps lines closed and seems no more than pretty unclear after 13.g4 Richard Palliser, MH: '!' Richard Palliser,MH: ' aiming for Rh1-g1.' e5 .]

8.Nf4 Richard Palliser,MH: 'The position is equal.' **8...Nxg3 9.hxg3 Nf6** 0.23/22

[Preparing ...e5 with 9...c6! -0.21/18 looks like an improvement to me, and if Richard Palliser,MH: ' deserves consideration.' 10.e4 Qb6 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Hoping for ...e6-e5.' 11.e5 c5 with good counterplay.]

10.g4! Richard Palliser,MH: '=!'

[A thematic advance. Taking control of e4 while preparing queenside castling with 10.Qf3!? also looks quite pleasant for White.]

10...a6? 1.11/19

[Saric fails to heed the danger. He needed to go 10...Nd7! 0.25/20 , and if Richard Palliser,MH: '=' Richard Palliser,MH: ' remains equal.' 11.Qf3 c6 12.0-0-0 e5 Richard Palliser,MH: '!' 13.Nh5 Kf8 when White is no more than slightly better.]

11.g5 Richard Palliser,MH: '**±**' Richard Palliser,MH: ' White is more active.'

11...Ne4 3.03/20

[Likely not best, but both 11...Nd7 1.87/18 Richard Palliser,MH: '11...Nf6-g8 0.97' 12.g6 Richard Palliser,MH: '!' Nf6 2.65/21 *(12...Nf8* 1.91/19 (Richard Palliser,MH) is a better defense. *)* 13.gxf7+ Kxf7 14.Nd3 , Richard Palliser,MH: ',. Against c7-c5']

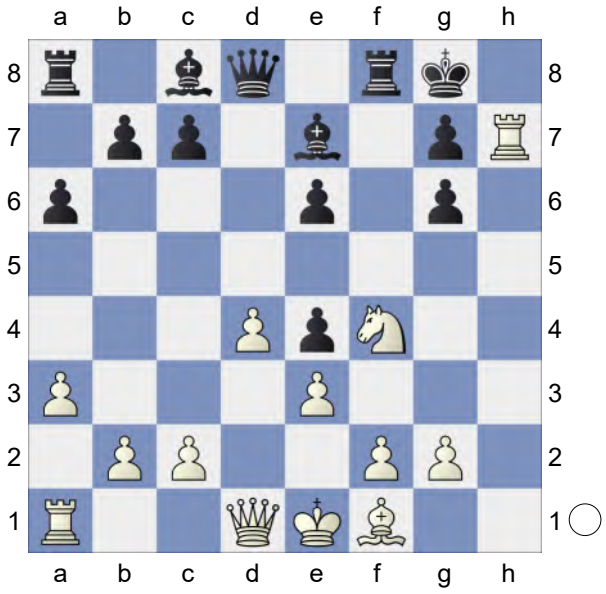
[and 11...Ng8 1.02/20 Richard Palliser,MH: ' **±** ' 12.g6 Richard Palliser,MH: '!' Nh6 13.Rxh6! gxh6 14.gxf7+ Kxf7 15.Qf3 Bf6 16.0-0-0 also look rather sub-optimal for Black.]

12.Nxe4 Richard Palliser,MH: '+-'

12...dxe4 13.g6 Ouch. **13...0-0?** 5.58/20

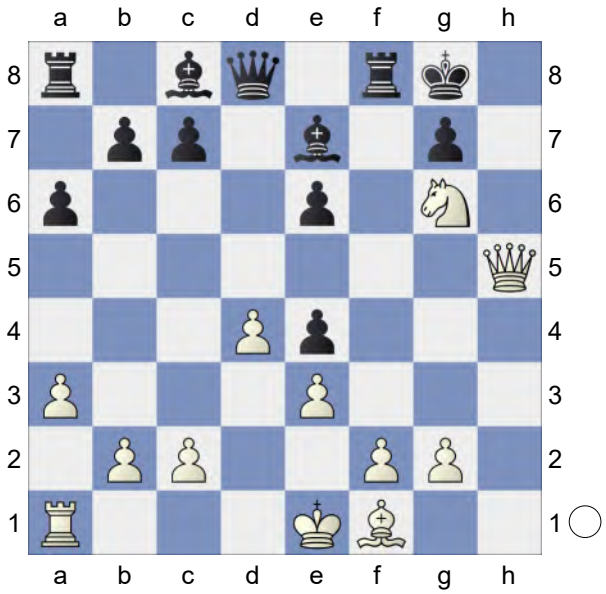
[Very brave. This can't be good, of course, although at least it makes White be slightly accurate. The alternative was to suffer a pawn down with a lousy position after 13...Bf6 14.Qh5 *(14.gxh7* Richard Palliser, MH *e5±; 14.Rxh7* Richard Palliser, MH *Rxh7 15.gxh7 g6+-)*

A) 14...Bd7 Richard Palliser,MH 15.gxf7+ *(15.gxh7 g6±)* 15...Ke7;
B) 14...Qe7 15.gxf7+ Qxf7 16.Ng6 Richard Palliser,MH: '!' Rg8 17.Qxh7 Bd7 .]
[13...fxg6 Richard Palliser,MH 14.Nxg6 Rg8 15.Ne5+-]
14.Rxh7 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Rh7-h8+! would kill now.'
[Less strong is 14.gxh7+ Richard Palliser,MH Kh8±]
14...fxg6 Richard Palliser,MH: '



' **15.Nxg6!** A well-judged blow.
15...Bb4+
[Desperation to avoid being mated by 15...Kxh7? 16.Qh5+ Kg8 Richard Palliser,MH: '

(Diagram)

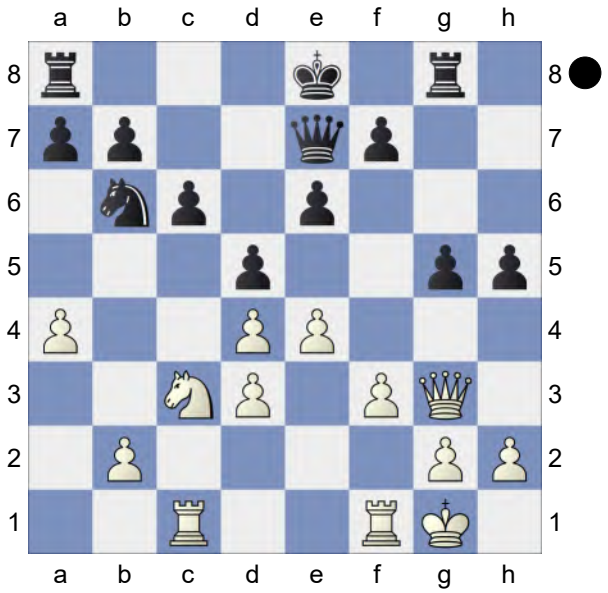


' 17.Qh8+ Richard Palliser,MH: '!' Kf7 18.Ne5+ Kf6 19.Qh4+ g5 20.Qh6+ Kf5 21.g4# .]
[15...Rf5 Richard Palliser,MH 16.Rh8+]
16.axb4 Richard Palliser,MH: ' White wants to mate with Qd1-h5.' **16...Kxh7** Richard Palliser,MH: ' Black is weak on the dark squares' **17.Qh5+**
[17.Nxf8+ Richard Palliser,MH Qxf8 18.Qh5+ Kg8+-]
17...Kg8 18.Qh8+ Kf7 19.Ne5+! White can do much, much better than regain the exchange. **19...Ke8 20.Qh5+ Ke7 21.Qg5+ Rf6**
[21...Ke8 22.Qg6+ Ke7 23.Qxg7+ Ke8 24.Bb5+! is also but a complete massacre.]
22.Qxg7+ Ke8 23.Ng6
[Once again, 23.Bb5+! might have been enough to have provoked immediate resignation.]
23...Rf5 24.g4 Rf3 25.Bg2 Qf6 26.Qg8+
[Weaker is 26.Qxc7 Richard Palliser, MH Qxg6 27.Bxf3 exf3+-]
26...Kd7 27.Ne5+ Even in a blitz game, it's surely now time to resign? **27...Ke7**

28.Bxf3 exf3 29.0-0-0 13.14/18
[⩲29.g5 #21/21 Richard Palliser,MH Qf5 30.Kd2 Rb8 31.Ra5 Ra8 32.Qg7+ *(32.Ng6+ Qxg6 33.Qxg6 b6+-)* 32...Kd8 33.Nf7+ Qxf7 34.Qxf7]
29...Qh6 30.Qf7+ Kd8 31.g5 22.34/21
Richard Palliser,MH: ' White took control after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.59/Black=1.41'
[⩲31.d5 #4/18 Richard Palliser,MH Qg7 32.dxe6+ Discovered Attack (Check) *(32.Qxg7 c6 33.dxe6+* Discovered Attack (Check) *Ke8 34.Qf7#)* 32...Bd7 33.Rxd7+ Kc8 34.Qe8#]
1-0

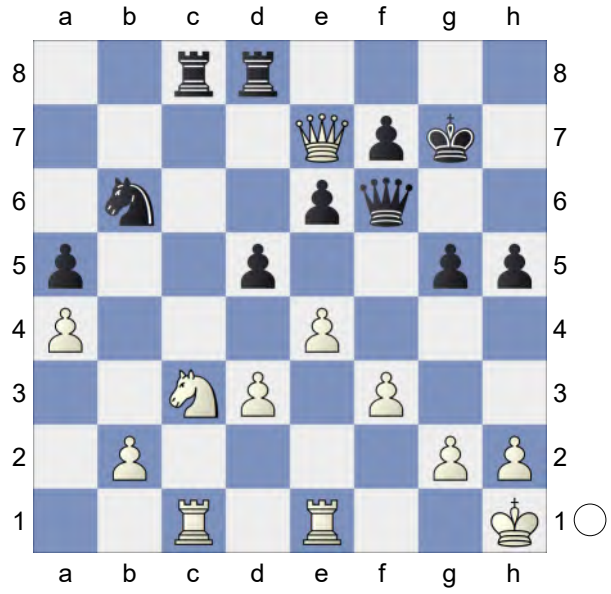
617 **D00**
□ **Costachi,Mihnea** **2464**
■ **Svane,Rasmus** **2624**
Titled Tuesday intern op 28th Jan Early b..
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.Nc3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bf4 c6 4.e3 Bf5 5.Nf3 e6 6.Ne5 h5**
[6...Bd6 7.Bd3 Bg6 8.f3 Nh5 9.Bg3 Nxg3 10.hxg3 Bxe5 11.Bxg6 Bxg3+ 12.Kf1 fxg6 13.Qd3 0-0 14.Rh3 Bd6 15.Ke2 Qg5 16.g4 Nd7 17.Rah1 h6 18.e4 e5 19.exd5 exd4 20.dxc6 Qe5+ 21.Ne4 0-1 Smilnak,S (1675)-Babjak,S (1932) SVK-chT2D 2425 2024 (2.8)]
7.Bd3 Nbd7 8.Qe2N
[8.Bxf5 exf5 9.Ne2 Nxe5 10.Bxe5 Nd7 11.h4 Nxe5 12.dxe5 Qe7 13.f4 f6 14.Qd3 g6 15.exf6 Qxf6 16.0-0-0 Bg7 17.c3 0-0-0 18.Nd4 Rhe8 19.Nf3 Re7 20.Rhe1 Rde8 21.Kb1 a6 22.Re2 Kb8 0-1 Bortnyk,O (2605)-Yu,Y (2729) Titled Tuesday intern op 28th Feb Late blitz 2023 (6)]
8...Bb4 0.05/18
[8...Nxe5∓ -0.31/18 9.dxe5 Bxd3 10.cxd3 Nd7]
9.0-0 Qe7 10.f3 -0.17/18
[10.h3 0.26/19]
10...Bxd3 11.cxd3 Nxe5 12.Bxe5 -0.30/19
[⩲12.dxe5 0.11/19 Nd7 13.d4]
12...Rg8 0.56/19
[12...Ba5= -0.30/19]
13.e4 0.12/19
[13.a3± 0.56/19 Ba5 14.Na4]
13...Nd7 14.Bg3 Nb6 15.Rac1 Bd6 16.Qf2 -0.18/19
[16.f4 0.21/17]
16...g5 0.67/19
[16...Bxg3= -0.18/19 17.Qxg3 h4]
17.a4 0.05/19
[17.exd5± 0.67/19 Nxd5 18.Nxd5 cxd5 19.Be5]
17...Bxg3= 18.Qxg3



a5 0.35/19
[18...h4= -0.03/19 is superior. 19.Qf2 Qb4]
19.Rfe1 -0.76/18
[19.exd5!± 0.35/19 stays ahead. h4

20.Qf2]
19...Qf6 0.57/20
[19...h4∓ -0.76/18 20.Qf2 0-0-0]
20.Qc7± Qxd4+ 21.Kh1 White is more active. **21...Kf8**
[21...Nxa4? 22.Qxb7 Nb6 23.exd5 *(23.Qxc6+ Kf8+-)* 23...cxd5 24.Nb5+-]
22.Qxb7 Kg7! 23.Qxc6 Rac8 24.Qd6 Rgd8 25.Qe7 Qf6



26.Qa7 e5 1.70/21
[26...d4± 0.97/19]
27.Qxa5+- d4 28.Nd5 1.22/19
[28.Ne2+- 1.98/21]
28...Nxd5± 29.exd5 Qf4 1.63/19
[29...Ra8± 1.15/20 30.Qc7 Rxd5]
30.Rxc8? 0.12/18
[White should play 30.Ra1+- 1.63/19]
30...Rxc8+- Endgame KQR-KQR. White is two pawns up. **31.d6 Rc1↑** Black has good play. **32.h3 Qe3**
[32...g4 33.hxg4 hxg4 34.fxg4 Qe3]
33.Rxc1 Qxc1+= KQ-KQ. White is two pawns up. **34.Kh2 Qf4+ 35.Kg1**
[35.Kh1!? Qc1+□ 36.Kh2 Qf4+ 37.Kh1=]
35...Qe3+ 36.Kh2 Qf4+
[36...g4 feels hotter. 37.hxg4 hxg4 38.d7 gxf3 39.d8Q f2]
37.g3
[37.Kh1!? Qc1+□ 38.Kh2 Qf4+=]
37...Qe3 38.Kg2 Qe2+ 39.Kg1 Qe3+
[39...Qxd3 40.Qxe5+ Kh6 41.Qf6+ Kh7 42.Qxf7+ Kh6 43.Qe6+ Kg7 44.Qe5+ Kh6 45.h4 Qb1+ 46.Kg2 Qc2+ 47.Kh3 Qc8+ 48.g4 hxg4+ 49.fxg4+-]
40.Kf1 Qxf3+ 41.Ke1 Qe3+
[41...Qxg3+ 42.Kd2∓]
42.Kd1 and Kd1-c2 should not be overlooked **42...Qxd3+**
[42...Qxg3 43.Kc2 e4 44.dxe4 d3+ 45.Kd2 Qh2+ 46.Kxd3 Qxd6+ 47.Qd5 Qg3+ 48.Kc2]
43.Qd2 Qb1+
[43...Qxg3 44.d7 Qf3+ *(44...Qxh3? 45.Qxg5+ Kh7 46.d8Q+-)* 45.Qe2+-]
44.Qc1!
[44.Ke2 Qe4+ 45.Kf2 Qf5+ 46.Kg2 f6∓]
44...Qd3+
[44...Qxc1+? 45.Kxc1 Kf6 46.a5+-]
45.Qd2 Qb1+
[45...Qxg3? 46.d7 Qf3+ *(46...Qxh3?* is the wrong capture. *47.Qxg5+ Kh7 48.d8Q+-)* 47.Qe2 Qh1+ *(47...Qxh3? 48.d8Q+-)* 48.Kd2+-]
46.Qc1!
[46.Ke2 Qe4+ 47.Kd1 f6-+]
46...Qd3+
[Avoid the trap 46...Qxc1+? 47.Kxc1 Kf6 48.a5+-]
47.Qd2 Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.25 (precise)
½-½

618 **D00**
□ **Williams,Simon** **2464**
■ **Townsend,M Paul** **2145**
4NCL, Daventry (4.1) 15.01.2023
[Richard Palliser]

Kitty Kat: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines '
1.Nc3 Kitty Kat Not our normal first move, of course, but we're soon in the Jobava-Prie. Kitty Kat: 'Not our normal first move, of course, but we're soon in the Jobava-Prie.' **1...d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bf4 c5** Eric's favourite response to the opening he did so much to pioneer. Kitty Kat: 'Eric's favourite response to the opening he did so much to pioneer.' **4.e4!?**

[The critical and topical move, if also a small surprise, Kitty Kat: 'The critical and topical move, if also a small surprise, '4.e3 being recommended in Simon's Chessable course and Everyman book on the opening. Kitty Kat: 'being recommended in Simon's Chessable course and Everyman book on the opening.']

4...dxe4

[Black more often prefers 4...Nxe4 5.Nxe4 dxe4 , as Hans Niemann had to face in the World Rapid Championship: 6.dxc5 *(6.d5 g6 7.Ne2 Bg7 8.Nc3 0-0* still feels quite comfortable for Black to me Kitty Kat: 'still feels quite comfortable for Black to me'*)* 6...Qa5+ 7.c3 Qxc5 8.Qa4+ Nc6 9.Qxe4 g6!? *(* engine-approved, as we've noted before instead, Kitty Kat: 'engine-approved, as we've noted before instead,' *9...e5* was analysed in Madaminov-Deac, Titled Tuesday Blitz 2022, where Kitty Kat: 'was analysed in Madaminov-Deac, Titled Tuesday Blitz 2022, where' *10.Nf3* would have been critical - see the Archive Kitty Kat: 'would have been critical - see the Archive'*)* 10.Nf3 *(10.Be3 Qa5 11.Bc4 Bg7 12.Nf3 Bf5* was my earlier analysis when Kitty Kat: 'was my earlier analysis when' *13.Qd5* surely maintains the rough balance *)* 10...Bg7 11.Be2?? *(* oh dear this is a major slip from someone so strong instead, *11.Qe3* covers c3 and in Sorensen-Welti, correspondence 2021, *Qxe3+ 12.Bxe3 0-0 13.Be2 Rd8 14.a4 e5 15.h4!? h6* remained roughly level*)* 11...Bxc3+! 12.Nd2 *(12.bxc3? Qxc3+* is the point, of course*)* 12...Bf5 0-1, Niemann-Vokhidov, Almaty (rapid) 2022. It's hopeless with b2 falling. Kitty Kat: '0-1, Niemann-Vokhidov, Almaty (rapid) 2022. It's hopeless with b2 falling.']

5.dxc5

[The modern choice rather than Kitty Kat: 'The modern choice rather than' 5.d5 , the Morris Countergambit, coverage of which can be found in the Archive. Kitty Kat: ', the Morris Countergambit, coverage of which can be found in the Archive.']

5...Nbd7!? As suggested before on these pages, angling for counterplay. Kitty Kat: 'As suggested before on these pages, angling for counterplay.'

[Instead, 5...Qa5 6.Qd2 Nc6 7.Nb5! Qxd2+ 8.Bxd2 gives White some pressure, although Kitty Kat: 'gives White some pressure, although. Nb5-c7+ is the strong threat.' Rb8! 9.0-0-0 Bd7 10.f3!? Rc8 may not be too bad for Black, as in Niemann-Naroditsky, Internet (rapid) 2022.]

6.Bb5

[6.b4!? e5 7.Bg5 is an alternative when after Kitty Kat: 'is an alternative when after. With the idea Bf1-c4.' Be7 8.Bc4 b6! things can quickly heat up: for example, 9.Bd5 Rb8 10.c6 Bxb4 Kitty Kat: '!' 11.Nge2 Ba6 Kitty Kat: '!' Kitty Kat: ' White must now prevent ... Ba6xe2.' 12.Qb1! Bxc3+ 13.Nxc3 Nc5 is very messy, if about equal in the view of the engines. Kitty Kat: 'is very messy, if about equal in the view of the engines.']

6...e5! Kitty Kat: ' Prevents Qd1-d4'

[A strong novelty, in contrast to which 6...a6? 7.c6! axb5? *(7...bxc6 8.Bxc6 Ra7 9.Qd4 Rc7 10.Bxc7 Qxc7* was grim, but necessary*)* 8.c7 was already all over in Bharath-Bagrationi, Internet (blitz) 2022.]

7.Bxe5

[White doesn't have to accept, but 7.Be3?! Qc7 8.b4 Kitty Kat: '!' Be7 followed by ...0-0 and ...b6 looks quite nice for Black. Kitty Kat: '!']

7...Bxc5 8.Bxf6 -0.27/20

[Giving up a big bishop to remove e4. It's a critical choice, if also unlikely to be the best one. Instead, Kitty Kat: 'Giving up a big bishop to remove e4. It's a critical choice, if also unlikely to be the best one. Instead,' Kitty Kat: ' White should play' 8.Bd6!? 0.36/21 makes good sense to me, preventing Black from castling, and after Kitty Kat: ' ⩲' '!' Kitty Kat: 'makes good sense to me, preventing Black from castling, and after' Qb6 9.Bxc5 Qxc5 10.Nge2 Black still has to be accurate. That said, Kitty Kat: '!' Kitty Kat: 'Black still has to be accurate. That said,' *(10.h3* Kitty Kat *)* 10...a6 11.Bxd7+ Bxd7 12.Qd4 Qxd4 13.Nxd4 0-0-0 is surely fine for Black, his long-term superior minor piece offsetting White's centralised knight. Kitty Kat: 'is surely fine for Black, his long-term superior minor piece offsetting White's centralised knight.']

8...Qxf6 Kitty Kat: '=' **9.Nxe4 Qxb2** Fearless and correct play, maintaining the material balance while hitting the bishop on b5. Kitty Kat: 'Fearless and correct play, maintaining the material balance while hitting the bishop on b5.'

10.Rb1

[10.Bxd7+ Kitty Kat Bxd7 11.Rb1 Bb4+ *(11...Qxa2? 12.Nxc5 Qa5+ 13.Qd2-+)* 12.Ke2 Qa3∓]

10...Qe5 The pin is slightly awkward for White and why exchanging on f6 may not be his best policy back on move 8. Kitty Kat: 'The pin is slightly awkward for White and why exchanging on f6 may not be his best policy back on move 8.'

[10...Qxa2? Kitty Kat 11.Nxc5 0-0 12.Nxd7+- *(12.Bxd7 Rd8±)*]

11.Qe2 0-0 Kitty Kat: ' aiming for ...Rf8-e8.' **12.Nf3 Qe7 13.Bxd7?** -1.14/22

[A rather greedy choice, but Simon was probably keen to plunge the board into chaos, in almost Shirovian fashion. However, the simple Kitty Kat: 'A rather greedy choice, but Simon was probably keen to plunge the board into chaos, in almost Shirovian fashion. However, the simple' 13.0-0 -0.32/21 was correct when Kitty Kat: ' ∓' 'was correct when' Bb6 14.Rfe1 leaves Black with the two bishops, but it's not so clear that he can definitely take advantage of that asset: for instance, Kitty Kat: 'leaves Black with the two bishops, but it's not so clear that he can definitely take advantage of that asset: for instance,' Nc5 15.Nxc5 Qxc5 *(* or

15...Qxe2 16.Bxe2 Bxc5 17.Ne5 followed by Bf3 or Bc4*)* 16.Ne5 Qc7 17.Red1 when White will regain a bishop with Nd7 unless Black prefers Rd8?! 0.88/22 Kitty Kat: ' Prevents Ne5-d7.' *(17...Bf5∓* -0.37/20 (Kitty Kat) keeps the upper hand.*)* 18.Nxf7! Kxf7 19.Bc4+ 0.20/22 *(19.Qf3+±* 0.60/25 Kitty Kat *Kg8 20.Rxd8+ Qxd8 21.Re1)* 19...Kg6 Kitty Kat: '=' 20.g4! , which suddenly looks pretty risky for him. Kitty Kat: ', which suddenly looks pretty risky for him.']

13...Bxd7 Kitty Kat: ' ∓' **14.Rxb7 Rab8?** -0.17/23

[Black is happy with exchanges, but he should really have played for more, with Kitty Kat: 'Black is happy with exchanges, but he should really have played for more, with' 14...Rad8 -0.25/22 followed by ...Qe8, Kitty Kat: '14...Bc5-b6 -0.88 followed by ...Qe8, ']

[or especially Kitty Kat: ' Better is' 14...Bb6! -0.93/24 Kitty Kat: ' ∓' 15.0-0 Kitty Kat: ' Threatens to win with Qe2-d3.' Qe6 . The threat is 16...Bc6 and even Kitty Kat: '. The threat is 16... Bc6 and even' *(15...Bb5* Kitty Kat *16.Rxe7 Bxe2 17.Nf6+ gxf6 18.Rxe2±)* 16.Qd3 -1.51/21 *(16.Nfg5∓* -0.59/22 Kitty Kat *Qd5 17.Rxd7 Qxd7 18.c4)* 16...Bc6 Kitty Kat: ' ∓' 17.Neg5 Qg6 18.Qxg6 hxg6 19.Re7 f6 20.Ne6 Kitty Kat: '

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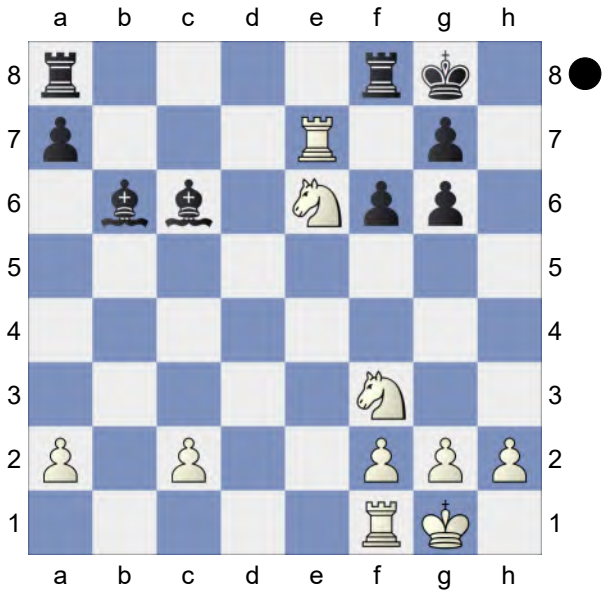


' Rfe8! 21.Rxe8+ Rxe8 looks good for Black, whose mighty bishops and active rook supply more than enough compensation for the pawn. Kitty Kat: 'looks good for Black, whose mighty bishops and active rook supply more than enough compensation for the pawn.']

[Reject 14...Bb4+?! Kitty Kat 15.c3 Ba5 16.0-0=]

15.Nxc5 Kitty Kat: '=' Kitty Kat: 'The position is equal.' **15...Qxc5 16.Rxb8**

[16.Rxd7? (Kitty Kat) is the wrong capture. Rfe8-+]

16...Rxb8 17.0-0 Getting the king to safety as the tactics work for White. **17...Be6**

[17...Bb5?! 0.46/25 Kitty Kat: '17... Bd7-e6 -0.10' 18.Rb1! a6 (threatening ...Re8) 19.Qe5 can only favour White. Kitty Kat: 'can only favour White.']

18.Rc1 Qa3 Kitty Kat: ' Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) / Black=0.13 (very precise) '

[The position isn't dead, but after 18...Qa3 19.Re1 Qxa2 20.Ng5 h6 *(*or *20...Rb1* Kitty Kat: ' Strongly

threatening ...Qa2xc2!' *21.Nxe6 Rxe1+ 22.Qxe1 Qxe6 23.Qa5)* 21.Nxe6 Re8 22.Rd1 a draw would have been by far the most likely outcome, despite Black's outside passed pawn. Kitty Kat: 'a draw would have been by far the most likely outcome, despite Black's outside passed pawn.']

½-½

619 **D00**

□ **Sambuev,Bator** **2464**

■ **Rodrigue Lemieux,Shawn** **2519**

2024 Canadian Zonals | Open (10) 2.4.24

[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.g4 Bb4 6.Bd3** -0.55/19

[6.Nge2= 0.04/20]

6...c5∓ 7.dxc5 -1.00/21

[7.g5= -0.23/19 keeps the balance. cxd4 8.exd4]

7...Nc6∓ ...e6-e5! would now be deadly.

[Much worse is 7...Bxc5 8.g5 Nfd7 9.h4∓]

8.Bd6 Black is better. **8...Nd7 9.a3 Bxc5 10.Bg3 Nde5 11.Nf3 Nxg4** Black is more active. **12.Rg1 Be7** Dodges Bg3-h4 **13.h3 Nf6 14.Ne5** -1.50/19

[⩲14.Qe2 -0.78/20]

14...Nd7 15.Nxd7 Bxd7 16.e4 d4 17.Nb1 e5 18.Nd2 Bxh3 19.Qh5 Be6

[19...Bf5]

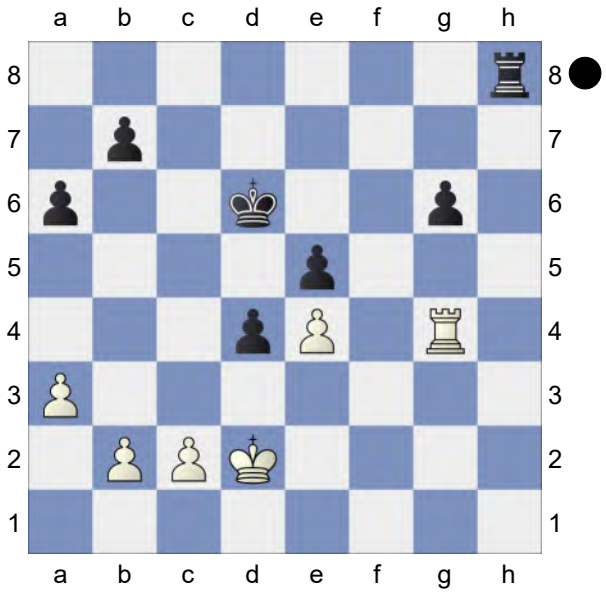
20.f4 g6 21.Qh6 -2.17/19

[⩲21.Qh2 -1.63/22]

21...exf4-+ 22.Bxf4 Bd6 23.Bg5 -2.95/19

[23.Nc4 -1.87/20 was necessary. Bxc4 24.Bxc4]

23...f6 24.Bf4 Bxf4 25.Qxf4 Ne5 26.Nf3 Nxf3+ 27.Qxf3 Qa5+ 28.Ke2 Qe5 29.Rg2 0-0-0 30.Kd2 g5 31.Rf1 Rdf8 32.Qh5 g4 33.Rh1 Kd7 34.Qxe5 fxe5 35.Rh5 Kd6 36.Rh6 Rfg8 37.Be2 Rg6 38.Rxg6 hxg6 39.Bxg4 Bxg4 40.Rxg4 Endgame.



KR-KR **40...Rh6** -0.25/20

[40...Rg8!-+ -1.65/23 Threatens to win with ...g6-g5. 41.c3 dxc3+ 42.Kxc3 Ke6]

41.a4? -1.88/26 Loses the game.

[41.c3= -0.25/20 and White stays safe.]

41...Ke6 And now ...Ke6-f6 would win.

42.c3 dxc3+ 43.Kxc3? -3.76/24

[43.bxc3 -1.67/24 Kf6 44.Rg1]

43...Kf6 44.Kc4 Black is clearly winning.

44...Rh2 45.b4 g5 46.Rg1 Rd2 Prevents Rg1-d1 **47.Kc5 Rd4 48.Rb1 g4**

[Not 48...Rxe4 49.Kb6∓]

49.Kb6 Rd7

[Weaker is 49...Rxe4 50.Kxb7 g3 51.Kxa6=]

50.Rf1+ Kg5 51.Rf5+ Kh4 ...g4-g3 is the strong threat. **52.Rxe5 g3**

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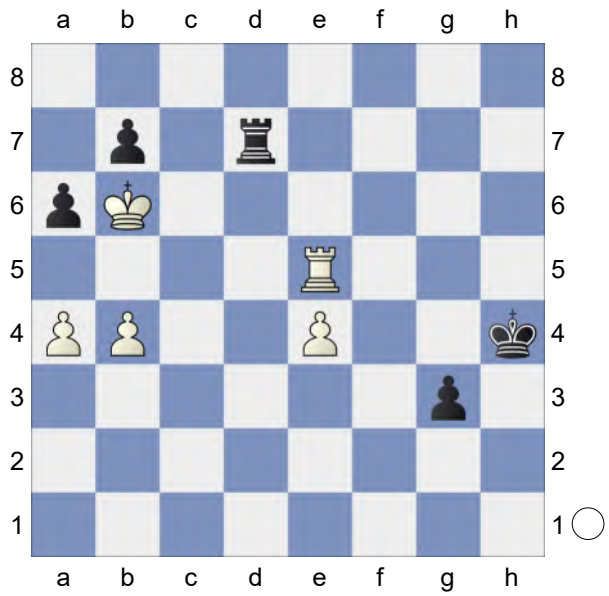

Hoping for ...g3-g2. **53.Re8 Rg7** White must now prevent ...g3-g2. **54.Rc8 g2 55.Rc1 Re7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.36/Black=0.14 (very precise) **0-1**

620 **D00**
□ **Cabarkapa,Novak** **2464**
■ **Kryvoruchko,Yuriy** **2650**
HUN-ch Rapid (4) 20.07.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]
3.Bf4 e6 4.e3 Bd6 5.Qf3 a6 6.g4 b5! is more profitable than 6...Bxf4 at the moment. scheint profitabler als 6...Lxf4.
7.g5 Nfd7 0.63/19
[7...Bxf4= 0.20/19 8.Qxf4 *(8.gxf6 Bd6=)* 8...Nh5]
8.Bxd6 0.11/19
[8.h4± 0.63/19]
8...cxd6= 9.Qg3 Nb6 10.Nf3 b4 11.Ne2 Qc7N 0.38/20
[Vorgänger: 11...Nc4 0.40/19 11...0-0 -0.05 12.0-0-0 a5 13.Nf4 -0.01/19 *(13.h4!± 0.55/20)* 13...a4 14.Kb1 Qc7 15.Bxc4 -0.97/19 *(15.h4= 0.01/19* remains equal.*)* 15...dxc4∓ 16.Nh5 -1.20/19 *(16.e4∓ -0.66/18)*

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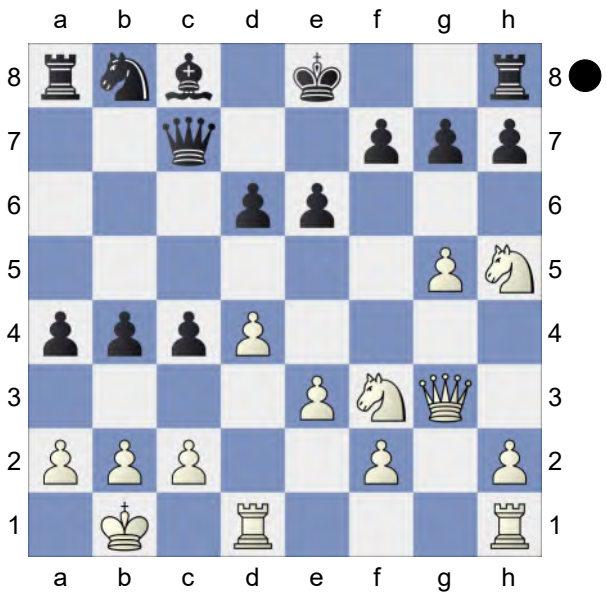


16...Rg8 -0.41/18 *(16...a3!∓ -1.20/19* aiming for ...a3xb2. *17.Nd2 axb2)* 17.Qf4∓ Bb7 -0.22/18 Samunenkov,I (2539)-Karttunen,M (2485) Titled Tuesday intern op 13th Feb Early blitz 2024 (10) 0-1. Against Qf4-e4 *(17...Nd7∓ -0.64/19)*]
[11...Nc6= -0.03/20]

12.Nf4± Bd7 0.74/20
[12...a5= 0.28/19]

13.Bd3± Bb5 14.0-0 Nc6 15.Nh5 0-0-0! 16.a3
[16.Nxg7 h6 17.Kh1 hxg5 18.Bxb5 *(18.Nxg5? Rdg8-+)* 18...axb5 19.Qxg5 Rdg8-+]

16...h6 17.g6
[17.Nxg7? Rdg8 18.Nxe6 *(18.Bxb5? axb5 19.Nxe6 fxe6-+)* 18...fxe6-+]

17...e5 0.89/20
[17...Rhf8± 0.38/20]

18.Bxb5
[18.Nxg7 Bxd3 19.cxd3 Rhg8 20.Qh3+ Kb7∓]

18...axb5 19.axb4
[19.Nxg7 Rhg8 20.Qh3+ Kb7-+]

19...Kb7 20.Kh1
[20.Nxg7? Rhg8-+]

20...Rhf8 0.89/21
[20...Qe7± 0.47/21]

21.Nh4 fxg6! 22.Qxg6
[22.Nxg6 Rf5 23.f4 exd4 *(23...Rxh5 24.Qg4±)* 24.exd4 Nxd4= *(24...Rxh5 25.Qg4±)*]

22...exd4 23.exd4
[23.Qxg7 Rf7 24.Qg4 *(24.Qxh6? Rh7-+)* 24...Qc8 25.Qxc8+ Rxc8=]

23...Nxd4 24.c3
[24.Qxg7 Qxg7 25.Nxg7 Rd7-+ *(25...Nxc2 26.Rad1∓)*]

24...Nf3 1.40/23
[24...Nb3± 0.58/20 25.Rad1 Qc4 *(25...d4 26.Nxg7 Rg8 27.Nhf5±)*]

25.Nxf3 Rxf3 26.Qxg7 0.54/23
[Better is 26.Nxg7+- 1.86/24 Rg8 27.Qh5]

26...Rf7 1.00/22
[26...Rd7± 0.54/23 deserves consideration. 27.Qg6 *(27.Qxh6 Rh7=)* 27...Rdf7]

27.Qg6
[27.Qxh6 Rh7 28.Qg5 Rdh8∓]

27...Rdf8 28.Kg1
[28.Qxh6 Rxf2 29.Ng3 *(29.Qxf8 Rxf8 30.Rxf8 d4=)* 29...Rxf1+ 30.Rxf1 Rxf1+ 31.Nxf1 d4=]

28...Nc4 29.Qd3 Wards off Nc4-d2
[29.Qxh6?! Qe7 30.Ng3 Rh7=]

29...Qb6 30.Qxd5+ 0.16/25
[30.Ng3± 0.93/24]

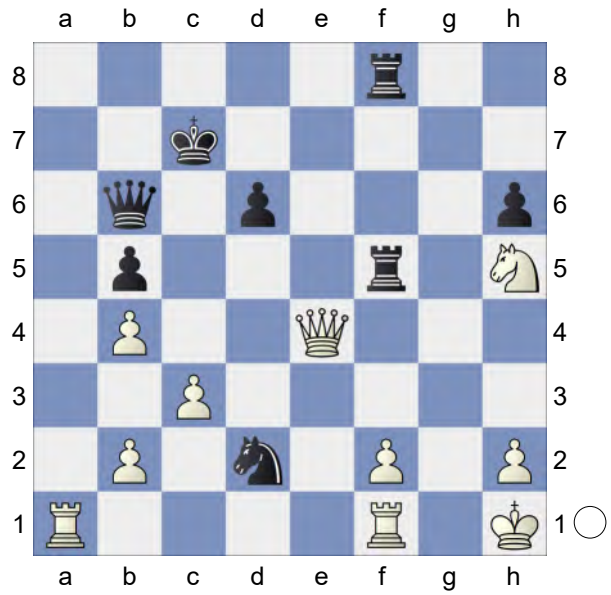
30...Kc7!= 31.Kh1 -0.42/26
[31.Ng3= 0.03/24 Rxf2 32.Rxf2 Qxf2+ 33.Kh1 Qf3+ 34.Qxf3 Rxf3 35.Ra7+ Kb6 36.Ra2]

31...Rf5 0.01/24
[31...Ne3∓ -0.42/26 was preferrable. 32.fxe3 Rxf1+ 33.Rxf1 Rxf1+ 34.Kg2 Rc1 35.Qf7+ Kb8 36.Qf8+ Kb7 37.Qxh6 Qc6+ 38.Kh3 Rg1]

32.Qe4 -1.17/25
[32.Qg2= 0.01/24 Rxf2 *(32...Nd2?*

33.Ng7+-) 33.Rxf2 *(33.Qg7+ Kc6=)* 33...Qxf2 34.Qg7+ Kb6 35.Ng3 *(35.Qxh6? Ra8-+* Back Rank*; 35.Qa7+ Kc6=)*]

32...Nd2!∓



Double Attack **33.Qe7+** -2.82/24 Loses the game.

[33.Qg2∓ -1.27/27 Nxf1 *(33...Rxh5?* is the wrong capture. *34.Qg7+ Kc6 35.Qxf8+-)* 34.Ng7 Qxf2 *(34...Rxf2?* loses. *35.Ne6+ Kd7 36.Nxf8+ Ke7 37.Ng6+ Ke6 38.Re1+ Kf6 39.Rxf1+-)* 35.Nxf5 Rxf5 36.Qxf2 Rxf2 37.Kg1 Rxh2 *(37...Rxb2 38.Rxf1 Kc6 39.Rd1=)* 38.Ra2]

33...Kb8-+ 34.Rg1? -6.80/24

[34.f3 -2.84/26 Nxf1 35.Rxf1]

34...Rxf2 35.Qd7 Against Qb6-c6+

35...R2f7? -2.20/24

[35...Nf3 -6.90/24 36.Rg2 Ne5 37.Qa7+ Qxa7 38.Rxa7 Kxa7]

36.Qh3 -13.91/22

[36.Qg4 -2.20/24]

36...Ne4 (→ ...Qb6-c6) **37.Rgf1** Weighted Error Value: White=0.78/ Black=0.48

0-1

621 **D00**

□ **Cabarkapa,Novak** **2463**

■ **Ivanisevic,Ivan** **2608**

Srbija (ch) 147/124 2020

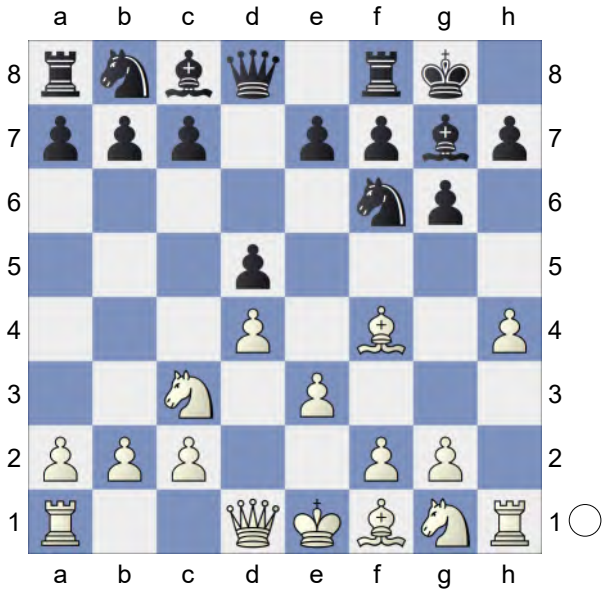
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**

[2...c5 3.d5 g6 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* 1-0 Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 2013*; 5.f4 Qa5 6.Bd2 Qb4 7.Qe2 Qxb2 8.Rb1 Qa3 9.e5 dxe5 10.fxe5 Nfd7 11.e6 fxe6 12.dxe6 Nf6 13.Nb5 Qxa2 14.Nc7+ Kd8 15.Rd1 Nc6 16.Bf4+ Nd4 17.Nxa8 Qxe6 18.Qxe6 Bxe6 19.c3 Bg4* 1-0 Genovese,A (2106)-Burk,E (1200) Germany senior ch-5 final 9901 1999*)* 5...Bg7 6.Bc4 *(6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.a4 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nbd7 11.Re1 a6 12.Bf1 e5 13.a5 Ne8 14.Bd3 Qh4 15.Qg4 Qxg4 16.hxg4 Rc8 17.b3 Nef6 18.g5 Ne8 19.g3 f6 20.Kg2 fxg5* 0-1 7.♗c4 ♕a5 8. ♕d2 e6_6062 (2345)-Jovic,A (2383) Gonfreville op 1979 (3.76)*)* 6...0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 1-0 Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) V0048 www.desc-online.de 2000 (7) gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8 21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7

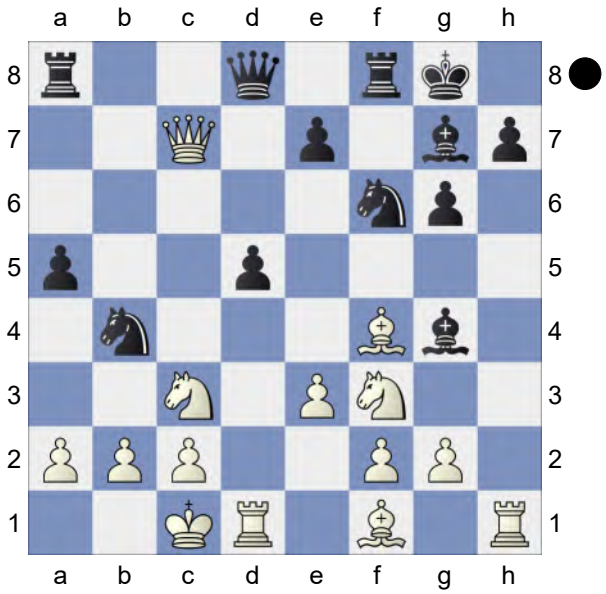
31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9)]

3.Bf4 g6 4.e3 Bg7 5.h4 0-0

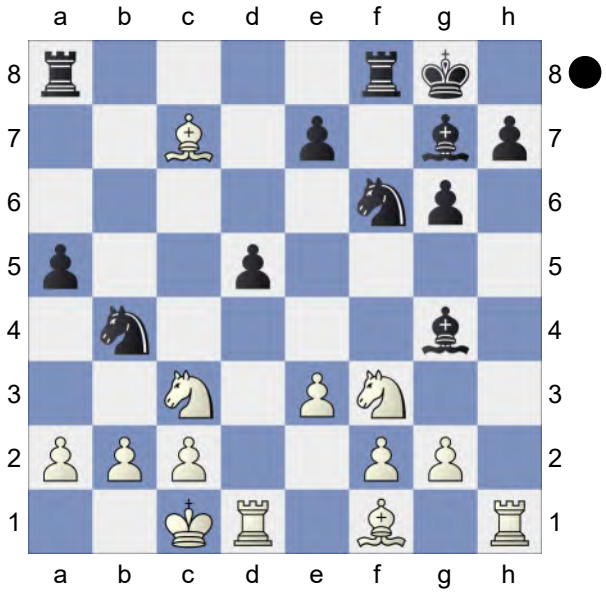


6.h5! c5! 7.hxg6
[7.h6!? Bh8□ 8.Nf3=]
7...fxg6 0.37/19
[7...hxg6= 0.01/19 8.Qd2 *(8.dxc5 Nc6∓)* 8...Nc6]
8.dxc5± White is slightly better. **8...Nc6**
9.Nf3 Wards off e7-e5
[9.Bb5 feels hotter. Qa5 10.a3 Ne4 11.Qxd5+ Kh8 12.Qxe4 Bxc3+ 13.bxc3 Qxc3+ 14.Ke2]
9...Bg4 10.Qd3 b6 1.09/18
[10...e6± 0.59/17]
11.0-0-0± Nb4 12.Qb5 bxc5 13.Qxc5 0.51/19
[13.a3!± 1.00/18 a5 14.Rd2 *(14.axb4 axb4 15.Nb1 Ra1=)*]
13...a5± And now ...Ra8-c8 would win.
14.Qc7 -1.66/20
[14.Qb5± 0.68/18 stays ahead.]

(Diagram)



This costs White the game. **14...Qxc7!-+**
15.Bxc7



Rfc8! 16.Be5 Ne4↑ Black is in control.
17.Bxg7
[17.Nxd5? too greedy. Rxc2+ 18.Kb1 Bxe5 *(18...Nxf2 19.Nxe7+ Kf8 20.Rxh7=; 18...Rxf2 19.Nxb4 Bxe5 20.Bc4+ Kg7 21.Nd3=)* 19.Nxe7+ Kf8 *(19...Kg7? 20.Nxe5 Bxd1 21.Nc4-+)* 20.Nxe5 Bxd1-+]
17...Kxg7 18.Nxe4 -3.95/23
[18.a3 -1.61/21 was worth a try. Rxc3 *(18...Nxf2 19.Be2∓)* 19.bxc3 Na2+

20.Kb2 Rb8+ *(20...Nexc3 21.Re1±; 20...Naxc3 21.Ra1∓)* 21.Kxa2 *(21.Ka1? Nxf2 22.Re1 Nxc3-+)* 21...Nxc3+ 22.Ka1 Nxd1 23.Ba6 Nxf2 24.Rf1]

18...dxe4

[18...Rxc2+ 19.Kb1 dxe4 20.Rh4-+]

19.Rd4? -6.99/21

[19.Rh4 -3.43/20 Rxc2+ *(19...Bxf3? 20.gxf3 Rxc2+ 21.Kb1-+; 19...h5? 20.Nd4-+)* 20.Kb1]

19...Rxc2+ Black is clearly winning.

[19...Nxa2+ 20.Kb1 Rab8 *(20...exf3 21.Rxg4 Rab8 22.Rgh4=)* 21.Ne5± *(21.Kxa2 Rxc2 22.Rxe4 Rcxb2+ 23.Ka1 Rb1+ 24.Ka2 h5=)*]

20.Kb1 Rac8

[20...Rxf2 21.Ne5 Raf8 22.Bc4∓]

21.Bb5 Be6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.92/Black=0.11 (very precise)

0-1

622 **D00**

□ **Panesar,Vedant** **2462**

■ **Giri,Anish** **2762**

Titled Tue 12. Mar Early (8) 12.03.2024

[Kitty Kat]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**

[2...e6 3.e4 c5 4.d5 exd5 5.e5 Qe7 6.Qe2 Ng8 7.Nxd5 Qd8 8.Nf3 h6 9.Nf6+ Ke7 10.Qe4 g6 11.Bc4 Bg7 12.Qd5 Qf8 13.Be3 Kd8 14.Bxc5 Ne7 15.Qe4 Na6 16.Bxa6 1-0 Raetsky,A-Bojic,Z Zürich 2003]

[2...c5 3.d5

A) 3...d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7* 0-1 Bauer,E-Feustel,B (2335) GER-S chT 7879 1978*)* 5...Bg7 6.Bb5+ *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* 1-0 Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) V0048 www.desc-online.de 2000 (7) *)* 6...Bd7 7.a4 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nbd7 11.Re1 a6 12.Bf1 e5 13.a5 Ne8 14.Bd3 Qh4 15.Qg4 Qxg4 16.hxg4 Rc8 17.b3 Nef6 18.g5 0-1 Sadykov,R (2345)-Skliarov,V (2383) Julius Baer Play In rapid 2023 (3.76);

B) 3...Qa5 4.Bd2 b5 5.e4 b4 6.e5 bxc3 7.Bxc3 Qa4 8.exf6 Qe4+ 9.Qe2 Qxe2+ 10.Bxe2 gxf6 11.d6 e5 12.Bf3 Nc6 13.Bxc6 dxc6 14.f4 Bxd6 0-1 Reynolds,R (2565)-Zanetti,A (2389) corr CNEC 15 jub 1993]

3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Ne5 Bd7 8.g3 8.g4 is setting a new trend. 8.g4 setzt einen neuen Trend. White has an edge. **8...e6 9.Bg2 Qb6 10.Nxc6** -0.64/20

[10.Nxd7= 0.02/20 Nxd7 11.Ne2]

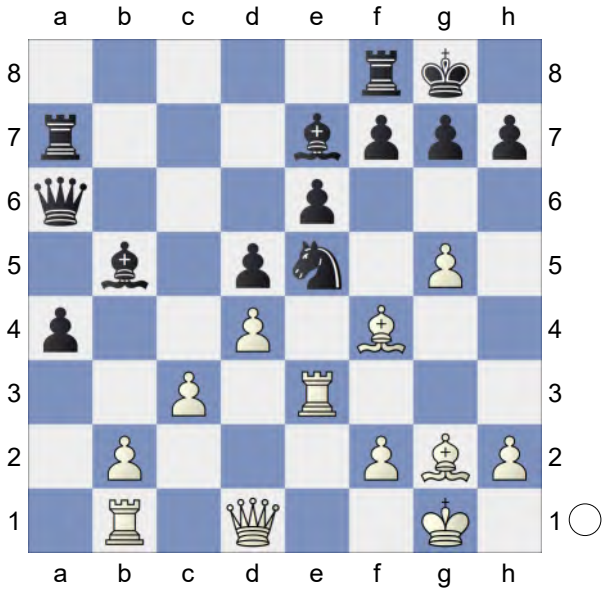
10...Bxc6 -0.14/19

[10...Qxb2!∓ -0.64/20 11.Na4 Qb5]

11.Rb1= Bb4N

[Vorgänger: 11...Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Re1 Rfc8 14.Re3 Bf8 15.g4 g6 16.g5 Nh5 17.Be5 Qd8 18.h4 h6 19.Qg4 Ng7 20.Bf6 h5! Terrieux,K (2448)-Villegas,P (2367) FRA-chT 16 Final-A blitz 2021 (4) 1/2-1/2]

12.0-0 0-0 13.Ne2 Be7 14.c3 a5 15.Nc1 Qa6 16.Re1 Bb5 17.a4 Bc6 18.Nd3 -0.01/23
[18.Bf1± 0.39/20 Qb6 19.h4]
18...b5
[18...Bxa4!? 19.Qxa4 Qxd3=]
19.axb5 Bxb5 20.Ne5 a4 21.g4 -0.41/19
[21.Ra1= -0.01/18 was preferrable.]
21...Ra7∓ 22.Re3 Nd7 23.g5 -1.32/23
[Better is 23.Qc2∓ -0.57/20]
23...Nxe5∓



Deflection **24.Bxe5 Bxg5 25.Rg3** -2.69/21 Loses the game.
[25.Bxg7∓ -1.06/22 Bxe3 *(25...Kxg7 26.Qg4∓)* 26.Bxf8 Bxf2+ 27.Kxf2 Kxf8 28.Qd2]
25...f6-+ 26.Qg4? -5.31/22
[26.Rxg5 -2.76/21 fxg5 27.Ra1]
26...Be2 Black is clearly winning.
27.Qh3 Bd2 28.Bd6 Qxd6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.47/Black=0.07 (flawless)
0-1

623 **D00**
□ **Lugovskoy,Maxim** **2458**
■ **Zvara,P** **2375**
27. Czech Rapid G1 2016 (9.25) 21.07.16
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines D01: Veresov Opening D01: Veresov Opening
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 g6 4.Qd2 Ne4N
[4...Bg7 5.Bh6
A) 5...0-0 6.Bxg7 *(6.h4 c5 7.dxc5 Bxh6 8.Qxh6 d4 9.0-0-0 Ng4 10.Qf4 e5 11.Qg3 Qa5* 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 g6,4-N,N 33. Veresov *)* 6...Kxg7 7.e3 *(7.0-0-0 c5 8.dxc5 Qa5 9.Nxd5 Qxa2 10.Nc3 Qa1+ 11.Nb1 Be6 12.b3 Rc8* 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 g6,4-N,N 33. Veresov *)* 7...c5 8.h3 Nc6 9.g4 cxd4 10.exd4 Ne4 *(10...e5 11.dxe5 Ne4 12.Qxd5 Nxc3 13.Qxd8 Rxd8 14.bxc3 Nxe5 15.f4 Nc6 16.Bd3 Be6 17.Ne2 Rac8 18.0-0 Na5 19.Kf2 Rc7 20.Kg1 Rcc8 21.Kf2 Rc7 22.Kg1 Rcc8 23.Kf2 Rc7 ½-½ (23)* George Samir,D (2272)-Amartuvshin,G (2392) Doha QAT 2024 [Kitty Kat]*)* 11.Nxe4 dxe4 12.0-0-0 e5 13.dxe5 Qxd2+ 14.Rxd2 Nxe5 15.Bg2 f5 16.gxf5 gxf5 17.Ne2 Kf6 18.Nf4 Kg5 19.Nd5 Rd8 20.Rg1 Athena Pallada (2947)-Abhijeet1610 (2832) Blitz 2024 [Kitty Kat] 0-1 (68);
B) 5...Bxh6 6.Qxh6 Bf5 7.Qd2 c5 8.e3 cxd4 9.exd4 Nc6 10.f3 h5 11.Bb5 Qd6 12.Nge2 a6 13.Bxc6+ Qxc6 14.0-0 h4 15.a4 a5 16.Rfe1 Kf8 17.Nf4 e6 18.Rac1 Ne8 19.Nb5 Jobava,B

(2661)-Demchenko,A (2589) Gjakova 2016 [GM Baadur Jobava] 1-0 (44)]

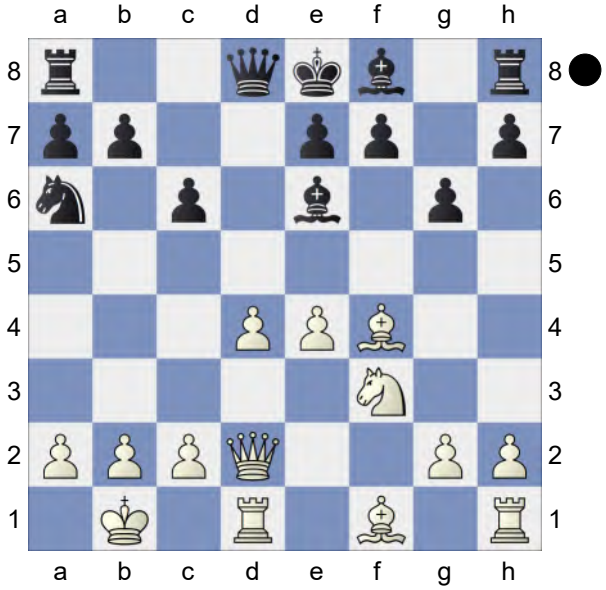
5.Nxe4 dxe4 6.0-0-0 c6 7.f3 Be6 8.Kb1 White is slightly better. **8...exf3** 1.00/19

[8...Qd5± 0.66/17 9.b3 Bg7]

9.Nxf3± Na6 1.36/19

[⌓9...Bg7 1.02/17]

10.e4



Hoping for d5. **10...Qb6** 1.79/20

[10...Bg7± 1.40/20 11.Be2 0-0]

11.d5+- Bg7 12.c4 0.80/18

[12.Be5+- 1.78/20 Bxe5 13.Nxe5 cxd5 14.exd5]

12...cxd5 13.cxd5 Bd7 14.Ne5 Nc5 15.Nxd7 Nxd7 16.Be3 0.44/20

[Better is 16.d6± 1.00/19 e6 17.Rc1]

16...Qd8 1.27/19

[16...Qd6!± 0.44/20]

17.h4 h5 1.33/20

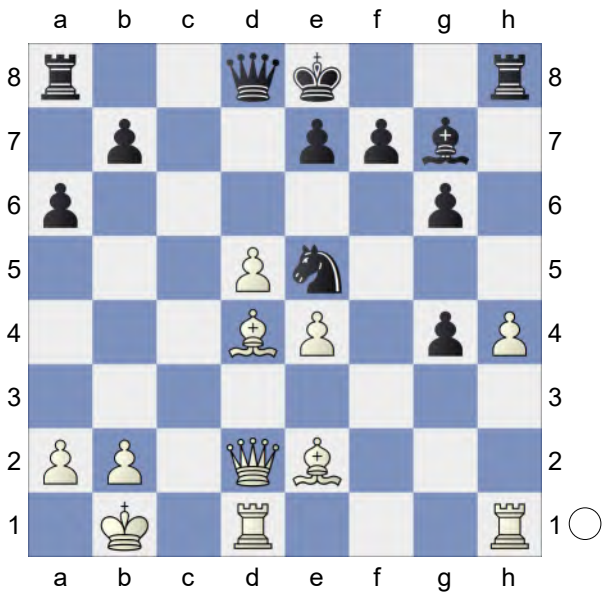
[⌓17...0-0 1.01/18]

18.Be2 0.78/19

[White should try 18.d6 1.33/20]

18...Ne5 19.Bd4 a6 20.g4 &Bianco is more active. **20...hxg4**

(Diagram)



21.Bxg4! Qd6

[21...Bf6 22.Be2]

22.Be2 Rc8 Prevents Qc3. **23.h5 gxh5 24.Bxh5** Threatens to win with Qg5. **24...Rc4 25.Bc3** A strong pair of Bishops. **25...Rxe4?** 2.84/20 This costs Black the game.

[25...Bf6± 0.95/18 was necessary.]

26.Qg2! Rxh5 27.Qxe4 Rxh1 28.Rxh1 Bf6 29.Rg1 Ng6 White must now prevent ...Bxc3. **30.Bxf6 Qxf6** Endgame KQR-KQN **31.Re1 Kd8** 3.00/21

[31...Qh4 1.77/21 was worth a try. 32.Qe3 Kf8]

32.a3 Qd6 33.Qf5 Qf4 34.Qc2 Strongly threatening Rc1. **34...Qc7 35.Qb3** Rf1 is the strong threat. **35...Ne5?** 4.58/24

[35...Qd7 2.23/20 36.Qf3 Ke8]

36.Rc1 Qd7 37.Qb6+ Ke8 38.Ka1 1.95/22

[⌓38.Rc7 4.02/22 Qf5+ 39.Ka2]

38...Nd3? 15.14/27

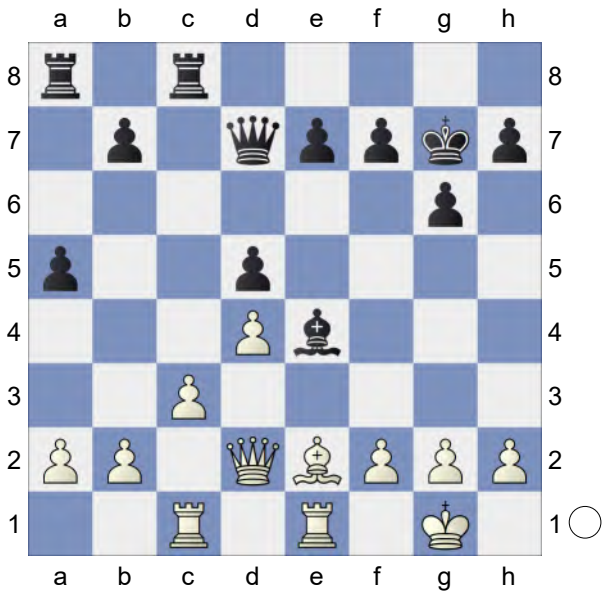
[38...f6 1.95/22 39.d6 Qxd6]

39.Rh1 f6 40.Rh8+ Kf7 41.Qg1 Weighted Error Value: White=0.24

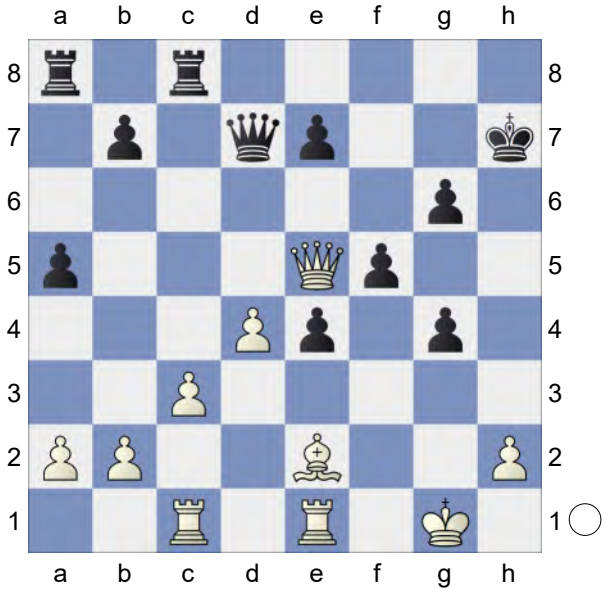
(precise) /Black=0.59
1-0

624 **D00**
□ **Lugovskoy,Maxim** **2458**
■ **Hemant,S2** **2299**
27. Czech Rapid G1 2016 (7.25) 21.07.16
[Kitty Kat]

D01: Veresov Opening **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 g6 4.Qd2 Bg7 5.Bh6 0-0 6.Bxg7 Kxg7 7.e3 c5 8.dxc5**
The position is equal.
[8.h3 Nc6 9.g4 cxd4 10.exd4 Ne4 *(10...e5 11.dxe5 Ne4 12.Qxd5 Nxc3 13.Qxd8 Rxd8 14.bxc3 Nxe5 15.f4 Nc6 16.Bd3 Be6 17.Ne2 Rac8 18.0-0 Na5 19.Kf2 Rc7 20.Kg1 Rcc8 21.Kf2 Rc7 22.Kg1 Rcc8 23.Kf2 Rc7 ½-½* (23) George Samir,D (2272)-Amartuvshin,G (2392) Doha QAT 2024 [Kitty Kat]*)* 11.Nxe4 dxe4 12.0-0-0 e5 13.dxe5 Qxd2+ 14.Rxd2 Nxe5 15.Bg2 f5 16.gxf5 gxf5 17.Ne2 Kf6 18.Nf4 Kg5 19.Nd5 Rd8 20.Rg1 Kh6 21.Nc7 Rxd2 22.Kxd2 Rb8 Athena Pallada (2947)-Abhijeet1610 (2832) Blitz 2024 [Kitty Kat] 0-1 (68)]
8...Qa5 9.Rd1N -0.40/20
[9.0-0-0= 0.01/20]
[9.Ne4 Qxd2+ 10.Nxd2 Bf5 11.Bd3 Nbd7 12.Nb3 Rfc8 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 g6, 4-N,N 33. Veresov]
9...Qxc5∓ 10.Nf3
[Much weaker is 10.Nxd5 Rd8 11.e4 *(11.c4? e6-+)* 11...Nxe4 12.Qd4+ Qxd4 13.Rxd4 Nc6! 14.Rxe4 Rxd5∓]
10...Nc6 11.Be2 Bf5 12.Nd4 Nxd4 13.exd4 Qb4 14.Rb1 Rfc8 15.0-0 a5 16.Rfe1 Ne4 0.19/22
[16...e6 -0.30/20 is superior.]
17.Nxe4= Bxe4 18.c3 Qa4 19.Rbc1
And now g4 would win. **19...Qd7** 1.27/21
[19...Qxa2= 0.21/22 20.g4 g5]



20.g4!± h5 2.16/20
[20...g5± 1.43/21]
21.f3+- hxg4 22.fxe4 dxe4 23.Qf4 1.34/20
[23.d5+- 1.90/21]
23...f5± 24.Qe5+ Kh7



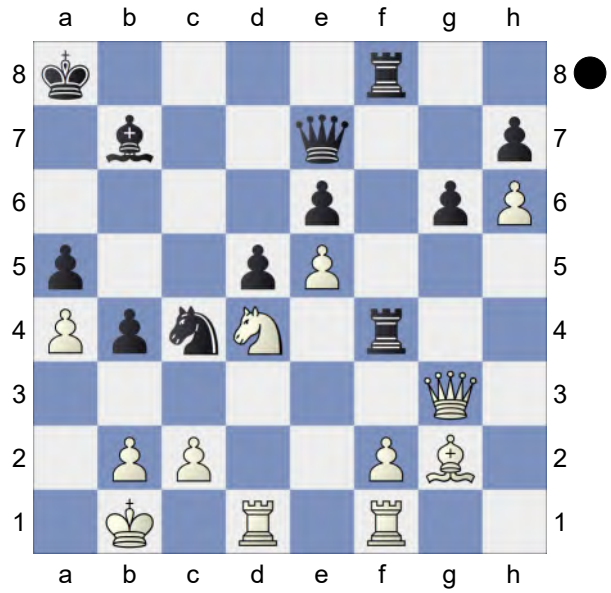
25.Bxg4! fxg4
[25...Qd6 26.Qg3]

26.Rxe4 Rf8 27.Qxe7+ Qxe7 28.Rxe7++- Endgame KRR-KRR
28...Kh6 29.Rf1 1.51/19
[29.Rd1+- 2.66/20]
29...b5 2.11/21
[29...Rxf1+± 1.51/19 30.Kxf1 Rb8]
30.Rxf8 Rxf8 KR-KR **31.Re3 b4** 2.59/22
[⌓31...Kg5 1.64/20 32.Kg2 *(32.Re5+ Rf5+-)* 32...Kf4]
32.c4 a4 33.c5 Kg5? 6.73/22
[33...Rd8 2.54/22 34.Rd3 Rc8]
34.d5 Kf4 35.Re1 3.57/20
[35.Rd3 9.17/22]
35...Rc8? 9.74/21
[35...Rd8 3.57/20 36.d6 Kf5]
36.c6 Kf5 37.Rd1 Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) /Black=0.45
1-0

625 **D00**
□ **Cabarkapa,Novak** **2458**
■ **Deac,Bogdan Daniel** **2700**
Titled Tue 28. Feb Early (3) 28.02.2023
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.g4 Bd6 6.Qf3**
[6.Bg3 c5 7.g5 Ng8 8.Nf3 Nc6 9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.Bd3 Nge7 11.h4 Bd6 12.Rg1 e5 13.e4 d4 14.Nb1 Bg4 15.Nbd2 0-0 16.a3 b5 17.Qe2 Ng6 18.0-0-0 Qe7 19.h5 Bxh5 20.Qf1 Bxa3 0-1 Murzin,V (2627)-Caruana,F (2794) Wch Blitz Samarkand 2023 (14)]
6...b5!? Exploring less charted territory. Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain. **7.g5 Nfd7 8.0-0-0N** 0.16/19
[Predecessor: 8.h4 Bb7 *(8...Qe7 9.Qg3* #9/16 5) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 a6-3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6*)* 9.0-0-0 Qe7 10.Nh3 Nb6 11.h5 N8d7 12.g6! hxg6 13.hxg6 f6 14.Bxd6 Qxd6 1-0 (34) Mitrabha,G (2474)-Neelotpal,D (2400) Delhi 2022]
[8.h4± 0.52/20]
[8.Qg3 Nb6 9.Nf3 b4 10.Nd1 Nc6 11.Bd3 Bb7 12.h4 Qe7 13.b3 0-0-0 14.Nb2 f6 15.Bxd6 Rxd6 16.gxf6 gxf6 17.0-0-0 Kb8 18.Rhg1 Rd7 19.h5 Rf8 20.h6 Nd8 21.Qh3 Rf7 22.Rg8 c5 1-0 Longo,M (2058)-Carrella,A (1922) Heusenstamm Sparkassen op 11th 2024 (3)]
[8.Bxd6 cxd6 9.Qg3 Nb6 10.Nf3 b4 11.Ne2 Qc7 12.Nf4 Bd7 13.Bd3 Bb5 14.0-0 Nc6 15.Nh5 0-0-0 16.a3 h6 17.g6 e5 18.Bxb5 axb5 19.axb4 Kb7 20.Kh1 Rhf8 21.Nh4 fxg6 22.Qxg6 exd4 0-1 Cabarkapa,N (2464)-Kryvoruchko,Y (2650) HUN-ch Rapid 2024 (4)]
8...Bb7 0.53/19
[8...b4= 0.16/19 9.Nce2 a5]
9.Qg3 Bxf4 10.Qxf4 c5 11.Nf3 Nc6 12.h4 Qb8 13.Qg4 0.00/18
[13.Ne2± 0.54/18]
13...cxd4 0.59/19
[13...b4= 0.00/18 14.Ne2 c4]
14.exd4± Qd6 15.h5 0-0-0 16.Kb1 Kb8 17.h6 g6 18.Ne2 Ka8 0.73/17
[18...Rhe8± 0.37/19]
19.Qf4± Qe7 20.Nc1 Rhf8 21.Nd3 f6 1.38/18
[⌓21...Rc8 0.82/18]
22.gxf6 0.77/20
[⌓22.Qh4 1.38/18]
22...Rxf6 1.35/20
[⌓22...Nxf6 0.77/20 23.Nfe5 Nxe5 24.Qxe5 *(24.Nxe5 Ne4∓)* 24...Ne4]
23.Qg3 0.89/18
[⌓23.Qe3 1.35/20]
23...Rdf8 24.Bg2 Nb6 25.Nde5 0.05/19

[25.c3± 0.92/19]
25...Nxe5 0.57/21
[25...Nc4= 0.05/19]
26.dxe5 -0.01/21
[26.Nxe5± 0.57/21 Nc4 27.Nd3]
26...Rf4 27.Nd4 -0.38/21
[27.Rd4= 0.01/20 R4f5 28.Rd3]
27...Nc4∓
[27...Rxf2?! 28.Bf3 R2xf3 29.Nxf3±]
28.Rhf1 -0.72/21
[28.b3= -0.22/20 keeps the balance. Na3+ *(28...Nxe5 29.Bh3=)* 29.Kb2]
28...Qb4∓ 29.Nb3! a5 -0.01/22 Black has more active pieces.
[Black should try 29...Rg4∓ -0.81/21 30.Qh3 *(30.Qxg4? Na3+* Discovered Attack *31.bxa3 Qxg4-+)* 30...Rff4 *(30...Nxe5 31.f3±)*]
30.a3 -0.39/20
[30.c3= -0.01/22 is more appropriate. Qe7 31.Nd4]
30...Qe7→ Black attacks. **31.Nd4 b4 32.a4**



Qd7 0.01/19
[32...Nxe5 33.Qe3 Nc4 34.Qxe6=]
[32...Qc7!∓ -1.14/20 33.Qg5 *(33.Nxe6? Qxe5-+)* 33...Rxd4 *(33...Rxf2 34.Rxf2 Rxf2 35.Bh3∓)* 34.Rxd4 Nxb2]
33.Nb5 -0.57/19
[Better is 33.Ne2!= 0.01/19 R4f7 *(33...R4f5 34.f4±)* 34.Nd4]
33...Bc6
[33...Nxe5? 34.Rfe1 b3 35.Rxe5+-]
34.b3? -3.67/19
[34.Nd4!∓ -0.32/19]
34...Bxb5-+ Remove Defender
[34...Nxe5 35.Rfe1 Bxb5 36.Rxe5±]
35.axb5 Na3+
[35...Nxe5 36.c4 bxc3 37.Qxc3 Qxb5 *(37...Rxf2 38.Rxf2 Rxf2 39.Rc1+-)* 38.Ka1-+ *(38.Qxe5? Qxb3+ 39.Qb2 Qc4-+)*]
36.Kb2 Qxb5
[Much less strong is 36...Nxb5 37.Qh3 Qc7 *(37...Rxf2?* perishes. *38.Rxd5 Qxd5 39.Bxd5+ exd5 40.Rxf2+-; 37...Nc3? 38.Ra1-+)* 38.Qxe6-+]
37.Qd3? -5.76/25
[37.Rd2 -3.32/19]
37...Qxd3 38.Rxd3 Rxf2 39.Rxf2 Rxf2 40.Bxd5+ -6.49/22
[⌓40.Bh3 -4.12/24 Rxc2+ *(40...Nxc2 41.Kc1∓)* 41.Ka1]
40...exd5 41.Rxd5 Rxc2+ Endgame KRN-KR **42.Ka1 Re2 43.Rd7 Rxe5 44.Rxh7 Rh5 45.Ka2 Rh2+ 46.Ka1 g5** -9.67/28
[⌓46...a4 -#9/20 47.Rh8+ Kb7 48.h7 axb3 49.Rb8+ Decoy Kxb8 50.h8Q+ Rxh8 51.Kb2 Rh3 52.Kc1 Rh2 53.Kd1 b2 54.Ke1 b1Q#]
47.Rh8+ Kb7 (→ ...a5-a4!) **48.h7 Rh1+** -10.99/29
[⌓48...a4 -#13/24 49.bxa4 Kc7 *(49...b3 50.Rb8+* Decoy *Kxb8 51.h8Q+ Rxh8 52.Kb2 g4 53.Kxa3 g3 54.Kxb3 g2 55.Kc4 g1Q 56.Kd5 Qg5+ 57.Ke4 Rh3 58.a5 Kc7 59.a6 Kd6 60.Kd4 Qh4#)* 50.Rb8 Decoy

Kxb8 51.h8Q+ Rxh8 52.Kb2 Rh3 53.a5 Nc4+ 54.Kc1 b3 *(54...Nxa5* leads to mate. *55.Kd2 b3 56.Ke2 b2 57.Kf2 b1Q 58.Kg2 Rb3 59.Kh2 Qa2+ 60.Kh1 Rb1#)* 55.Kd1 Re3 *(55...Nxa5 56.Ke2 b2 57.Kf2 b1Q 58.Kg2 Ra3 59.Kh2 Qb2+ 60.Kh1 Ra1#)* 56.a6 Ka7 57.Kc1 Re1#]

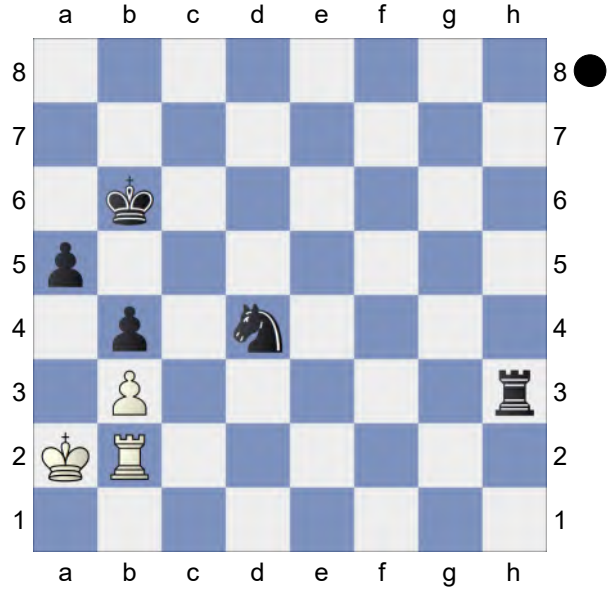
49.Ka2 Rh2+? 0.01/5

[49...Nb5-+ -9.63/27 50.Rg8 Nc3+ *(50...Rxh7? 51.Rxg5 Nc3+ 52.Kb2-+)* 51.Kb2 Rxh7]

50.Ka1= g4 -7.27/27

[⌓50...a4 -#13/24 51.bxa4 Kc7 *(51...b3? 52.Rb8+* Decoy *Kxb8 53.h8Q+ Rxh8 54.Kb2-+)* 52.Rc8+ Decoy Kxc8 53.h8Q+ Rxh8 54.Ka2 Rh3 *(54...Rh2+? 55.Kb3-+)* 55.Kb2 Nc4+ 56.Kc1 b3 57.Kd1 Rh2 58.a5 b2 59.Ke1 b1Q#]

51.Rg8-+ Rh1+ 52.Ka2 Rxh7 (→ ...Rh7-h2+) **53.Rxg4 Rh2+ 54.Ka1 Rh6 55.Rg7+ Kb6 56.Rg2 Nb5** ...Nb5-d6 would now be deadly. **57.Rf2 Nd4 58.Rb2 Rh3 59.Ka2**



Rxb3! Black mates. **60.Rd2**

[60.Rxb3 Nxb3]

60...Ra3+ 61.Kb2 Kc5 62.Rh2 Kc4 63.Rh8 Rb3+ 64.Ka2 Rf3 65.Rc8+ Kb5 66.Ka1 Rf1+ 67.Ka2 Rf2+ 68.Ka1 Ka4 69.Rh8 Ka3 70.Rh1 Nb3+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.99/ Black=0.42 Loss on time!?

0-1

626 **D00**

□ **Siddharth,Jagadeesh** **2457**

■ **Panesar,Vedant** **2452**

LR Global Grandmaster Aspirant 1 2024 ..

[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4** 1:30:46 **Nf6** 1:30:55 **2.Nc3** 1:31:02 **d5N** 1:31:19

[2...c5 3.d5 g6 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* 1-0 Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 2013*; 5.f4 Qa5 6.Bd2 Qb4 7.Qe2 Qxb2 8.Rb1 Qa3 9.e5 dxe5 10.fxe5 Nfd7 11.e6 fxe6 12.dxe6 Nf6 13.Nb5 Qxa2 14.Nc7+ Kd8 15.Rd1 Nc6 16.Bf4+ Nd4 17.Nxa8 Qxe6 18.Qxe6 Bxe6 19.c3 Bg4* 1-0 Genovese,A (2106)-Burk,E (1200) Germany senior ch-5 final 9901 1999*)* 5...Bg7 6.Bc4 *(6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.a4 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nbd7 11.Re1 a6 12.Bf1 e5 13.a5 Ne8 14.Bd3 Qh4 15.Qg4 Qxg4 16.hxg4 Rc8 17.b3 Nef6 18.g5 Ne8 19.g3 f6 20.Kg2 fxg5* 0-1 7.♗c4 ♕a5 8. ♕d2 e6_6062 (2345)-Jovic,A (2383) Gonfreville op 1979 (3.76)*)* 6...0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5

1-0 Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) V0048 www.desc-online.de 2000 (7) gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8 21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9)]

3.Bf4 1:31:24 **e6** 1:31:42 **4.Nb5** 1:31:48 **Bb4+** 1:32:06 **5.c3** 1:32:10 **Ba5** 1:32:33 **6.e3** 1:32:26 **0-0** 1:32:31 **7.Nf3** 1:32:41 **a6** 1:32:55 **8.Na3** 1:33:05 The position is equal. **8...Qe7** 1:32:23 **9.Nb1** 1:33:14 **Nh5** 1:31:14 **10.Bg5** 1:33:35 **f6** 1:31:38 **11.Bh4** 1:33:56 **g5** 1:31:53 **12.g4** 1:34:08 **gxh4** 1:32:16 **13.gxh5** 1:34:32 **Nc6** 1:23:08 **14.Nbd2** 1:24:42

[14.Nxh4 e5 15.Qf3 Kh8∓ *(15...exd4 16.Rg1+ Kh8 17.Qf4∓)*]

14...Bd7 0.56/18 1:13:47

[14...e5= 0.20/21]

15.Qc2 0.01/19 1:23:50

[15.Nxh4 e5 16.Bg2 Kh8 17.Bxd5 exd4 18.cxd4 Nxd4∓]

[White should play 15.Qb3!± 0.56/18]

15...f5 0.57/22 1:04:12

[Black should play 15...Kh8!= 0.01/19]

16.0-0-0± 1:20:10 **Kh8** 1:03:00 **17.Rg1** 1:15:07 **Be8** 57:21 **18.h6** 1:13:14 **Qf6** 0.85/21 57:12

[18...Rf6± 0.44/19 should be considered.]

19.Ng5± 1:09:05 White is more active. **19...Bh5** 55:00 **20.Re1** 1:08:44 **Qxh6** 54:23 **21.f4** 1:09:04 **Qf6** 1.28/21 53:33

[⌓21...Rae8 0.84/20]

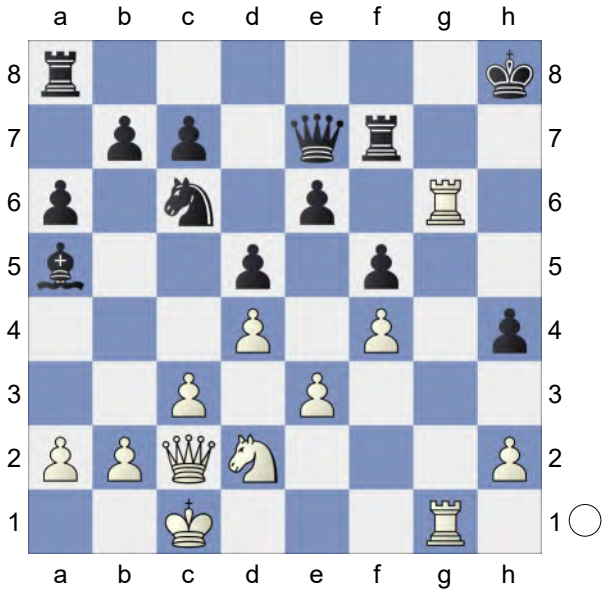
22.Be2 1:07:11 **Bxe2** 1.62/21 48:53

[22...Bg6± 0.91/20]

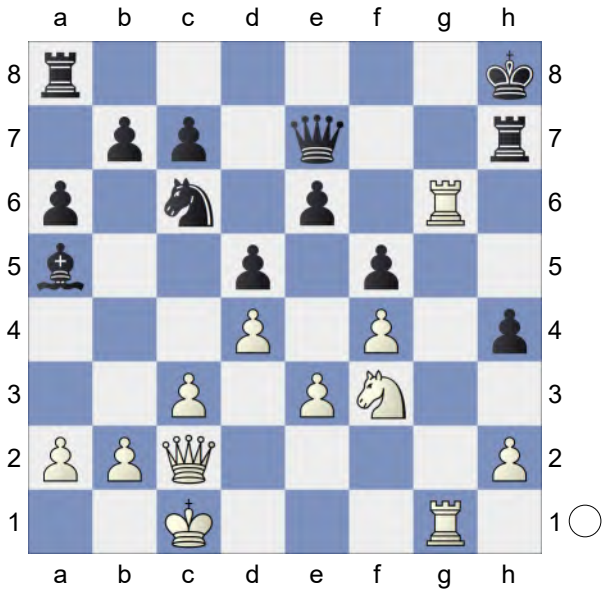
23.Rxe2+- 1:07:32 **h6** 39:41 **24.Reg2** 1:07:17 and Qc2-d1! should not be overlooked **24...hxg5?** 4.39/21 30:04

[24...Rg8 1.78/22 might work better.]

25.Rxg5 **Rf7** 29:14 **26.Rg6** 1:02:30 **Qe7** 22:14



27.Nf3! 1:02:53 White wants to mate with Qc2-g2. **27...Rh7** 12:27



28.Ng5 1:03:04 Prevents Qe7-f7 **28...Rg7?** 7.27/23 12:28

[28...Rg8 3.18/21 29.Rxg8+ *(29.Nxh7 Rxg6 30.Rxg6 Qxh7+-; 29.Rxe6? Qxe6 30.Kd2 Qd7-+)* 29...Kxg8 30.Nxh7+ *(30.Nxe6+ Kh8=)* 30...Kxh7]

29.Rh6+ 1:02:51
[29.Rxe6? Qxe6 *(29...Rxg5 30.Rh6+ Kg7 31.Rxg5+ Kxh6 32.Qf2=)* 30.Qd3 Qg6-+]
29...Kg8 12:56 **30.Qd1** 1:03:10
Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.48
[30.Rxe6? perishes. Qxe6 Pin 31.Qf2 Qe7-+]
1-0

627 **D00**
□ **Nigmatov,Ortik** **2452**
■ **Vakhidov,Jahongir** **2554**
Zonal 3.4 2019 (9.4) 29.05.2019
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 g6 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 1-0 (88)*; 5.f4 Qa5 6.Bd2 Qb4 7.Qe2 Qxb2 8.Rb1 Qa3 9.e5 dxe5 10.fxe5 Nfd7 11.e6 fxe6 12.dxe6 Nf6 13.Nb5 Qxa2 14.Nc7+ Kd8 15.Rd1 Nc6 16.Bf4+ Nd4 17.Nxa8 Qxe6 18.Qxe6 Bxe6 19.c3 Bg4* Genovese,A (2106)-Burk,E (1200) corr 2000 ZUS C73 [Sorensen] 1-0 (33) *)* 5...Bg7 6.Bc4 *(6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.a4 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nbd7 11.Re1 a6 12.Bf1 e5 13.a5 Ne8 14.Bd3 Qh4 15.Qg4 Qxg4 16.hxg4 Rc8 17.b3 Nef6 18.g5 Ne8 19.g3 f6 20.Kg2 fxg5* 7.♗c4 ♕a5 8. ♕d2 e6_6062 (2345)-Jovic,A (2383) Gonfreville 2023 CBM 068 ext [John Watson] 0-1 (79)*)* 6...0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) www.desc-online.de 2000 CBM 166 [Beliavsky, Alexander G] 1-0 (41) gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8 21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) Lake George 2005 CBM 107 [Atalik,Suat] ½-½ (41)]
3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.g4 Bb4 6.f3 Against Ne4 **6...Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 c5 8.h4** The position is equal. **8...Nc6 9.h5**
[9.dxc5 e5 10.Bg5 Qa5∓]
9...h6 10.Qd2 Qe7 11.Qh2 Nd7 12.Bd6! Qd8 13.Ne2 Qa5 14.Kf2 Qa4 15.Bg2 -0.01/20
[15.Rc1± 0.72/20]
15...Qxc2 0.63/20
[15...cxd4= -0.01/20 16.cxd4 *(16.Nxd4 Nxd4 17.cxd4 Qxc2+ 18.Kg1 Nb6=)* 16...Nb6]
16.Rhc1 Qd3 0.97/19
[Black should play 16...Qb2± 0.42/21]
17.dxc5± Na5 1.05/24
[17...f6!± 0.67/20 feels stronger.]
18.Rd1 &Bianco is more active. **18...Qc2 19.Qf4 Nc4 20.Qd4! Nf6 21.e4 Nxd6** 1.68/22
[21...Qb2± 1.13/20]
22.cxd6+- dxe4 23.fxe4 e5 24.Qxe5+ Be6 25.Bf3
[25.d7+?! Nxd7 26.Qd4 *(26.Qxg7 0-0-0±)* 26...Qb2±]
25...0-0 1.51/22

[25...Rc8+- 1.89/24]

26.Qd4± Qb2

[26...Bxg4? 27.Rd2 Qxd2 28.Qxd2+-]

[26...Nxg4+? 27.Bxg4 f5 28.Rd2 Qxd2 29.Qxd2+-]

27.Rg1 1.54/21

[27.Rab1+- 1.93/22 Qxa2 28.e5 *(28.Rxb7 Rac8±)*]

27...Qb5 2.20/19

[27...Nh7± 1.54/21 is a better defense.]

28.g5!+- hxg5 29.h6 Rfc8 30.hxg7 Nd7 31.Rab1 Qa5 32.Rxb7 Ne5 33.Rh1 Kxg7 34.Rh5 Rc4 35.Qe3 Nxf3 36.Qxf3 Qc5+? 4.29/24

[36...Qe5 2.08/22 37.Nd4 Rxd4 38.cxd4 Qxd4+ 39.Qe3 Qf6+ 40.Kg2 Kg6]

37.Nd4 1.72/24

[⌓37.Kf1 4.29/24 aiming for Qg3. Qe5 38.Nd4 Rxd4 39.cxd4 Qxd4 40.Rxg5+ Kf8 41.d7 *(41.e5 Rc8=)* 41...Bc4+ 42.Ke1 Qa1+ 43.Kd2 Qxa2+ 44.Kc1]

37...Rxd4 38.cxd4→ White attacks with force. Chess con chili. **38...Qxd4+ 39.Qe3 Qf6+ 40.Qf3** 0.01/21

[40.Kg2± 0.43/26 Kg6 41.Rh1]

40...Qd4+= 41.Qe3 Qf6+ 42.Kg2 Kg6 43.Rh1 Rc8 (→ ...Rc2+) 44.Rc7 Prevents Rc2+.

[Not 44.Qe2? Bg4 45.Qf2 *(45.Qxg4 Rc2+ 46.Kh3 Qc3+ 47.Qg3 Qh8+ 48.Kg4 Qxh1)* 45...Bf3+! 46.Qxf3 Rc2+ 47.Kg3 Rc3-+]

44...Rb8 2.03/25

[44...Rxc7± 0.62/22 45.dxc7 Qb2+ 46.Qf2 Qc3]

45.Rc2+-

[Stronger than 45.Qe2 Rb2 46.Rc2 Bg4!∓]

45...Qe5 46.Qf3! Qh5+ is the strong threat. **46...Kg7 47.Qc3 Qxc3 48.Rxc3** Endgame KRR-KRB **48...Rb2+ 49.Kf3 Rd2 50.e5 Kg6 51.Ke3 Rd5 52.Ke4 f5+ 53.exf6! Rxd6 54.Ke5 Rb6 55.a4** Threatens to win with a5.

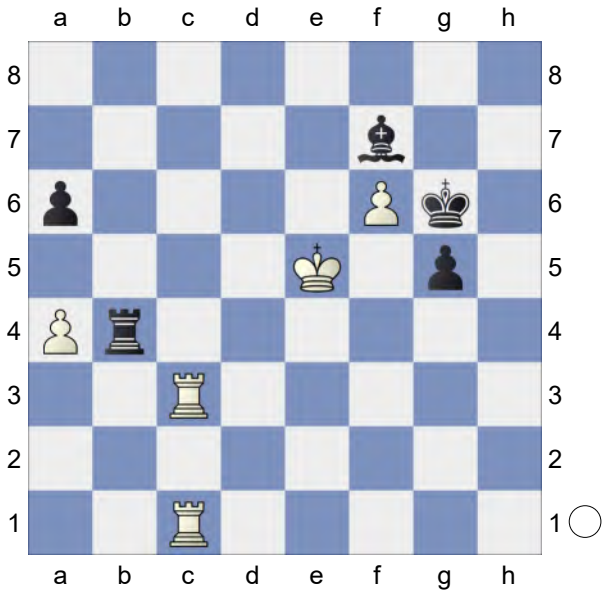
[Don't do 55.Rc7 Bf7±]

55...Bf7 56.Rhc1 1.11/23

[56.Rc5+- 1.81/24]

56...Rb4 2.35/23

[56...Re6+± 1.11/23 was worth a try. 57.Kd4 Rd6+ 58.Ke4 Re6+ 59.Kd4 Rd6+ 60.Ke3 Re6+ 61.Kd2 Rd6+ 62.Ke3 Re6+ 63.Kd4]



57.a5! Rf4

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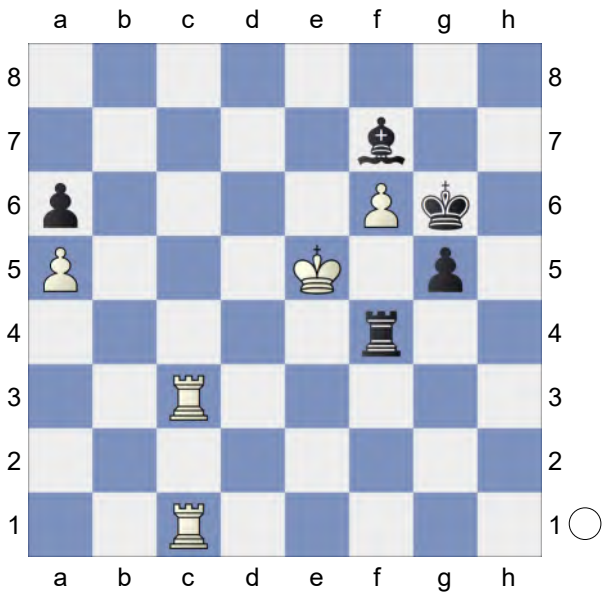
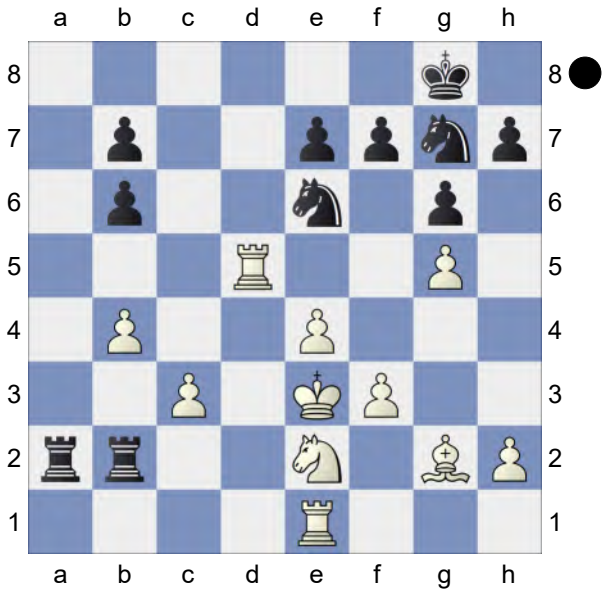


58.Rc5! Rf2 59.Ke4 Rf4+ 60.Ke3 Rxf6? 8.43/26
[60...Ra4 2.42/25 61.Rd1 Ra3+ 62.Rd3 Ra1]
61.Rc6 Bd5 62.Rb6 g4 63.Kd4 Bf3 64.Ke5 Rxb6 65.axb6 White threatens Rc7 and mate. **65...Kg5 66.Rc7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.32
1-0

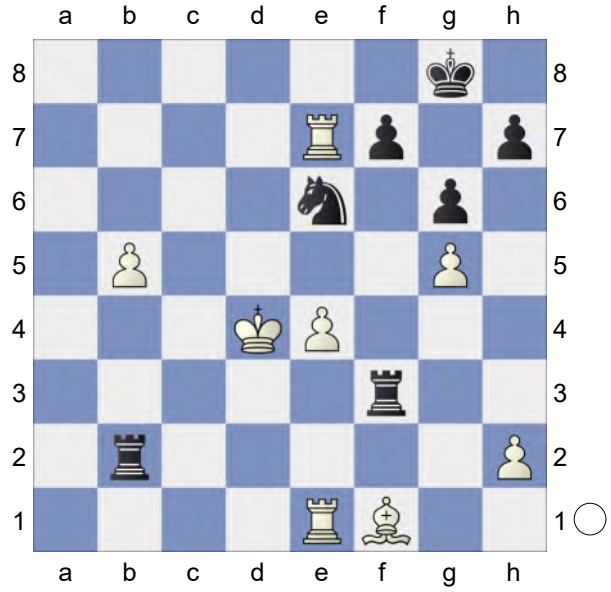
628 **D00**
□ **Larino Nieto,David** **2448**
■ **Cabanas Bravo,Juan Andres** **1998**
13. Alfaro Open Silver Stork Trophy (2)
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.Nc3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bf4 c6 4.Qd3 Qa5 5.Bd2 Qb6 6.0-0-0 g6 7.f3 Bg7 8.g4** The position is equal. **8...Na6 9.Bf4 c5** 0.34/16
[9...Qa5= -0.01/17 feels stronger.]
10.dxc5 -0.04/20
[10.Be5± 0.34/16]
10...Nxc5= 11.Qb5+ Bd7 12.Qxb6 axb6 13.Be5 Bc6! 14.g5 Nh5 15.Bxg7 Nxg7 16.Nxd5 Bxd5 17.Rxd5 Rxa2 ...Ra1+ is the strong threat. **18.Kb1** Inhibits Ra1+. **18...Ra7 19.c3?** -1.89/23
[19.e4= -0.28/19 0-0 20.Ne2]
19...0-0? -0.25/22
[19...Nf5!-+ -1.89/23 Hoping for ... Ne3. 20.Re5 *(20.e4? Ne3-+)* 20...0-0]
20.e4 Rfa8 Strongly threatening ... Ra1+. **21.Ne2 Ra1+ 22.Kc2 Re1** 0.11/22
[22...Nh5 -0.27/20 is superior.]
23.Kd2 Rb1 And now ...Nge6 would win. **24.b4?** -1.72/20
[24.Kc2= -0.01/22 Rba1 25.Bg2 Rxh1 26.Bxh1]
24...Ra2+ -1.18/5
[24...Nce6!-+ -1.72/20 Threatens to win with ...Raa1. 25.Ke3 Raa1]
25.Ke3∓ Nce6 Against Rd8+ **26.Bg2! Rbb2 27.Re1**



Nh5 0.39/22
[27...Ne8!∓ -0.88/19 28.Bh3 Nd6]
28.Bf1!± Ra3 29.Rb5 Nc5 30.Rxb6 Na4 31.Rxb7 Nxc3 32.Nxc3 Rxc3+ 33.Kd4 Rxf3 1.02/24
[Black should try 33...Rc8± 0.44/20]

34.b5 Nf4 aiming for ...Ne6+. **35.Rxe7** 0.01/21
[Better is 35.Bc4± 1.03/22]
35...Ne6+ 0.85/19
[35...Kf8!= 0.01/21 36.Ra7 Ne6+ 37.Ke5 Nxg5]

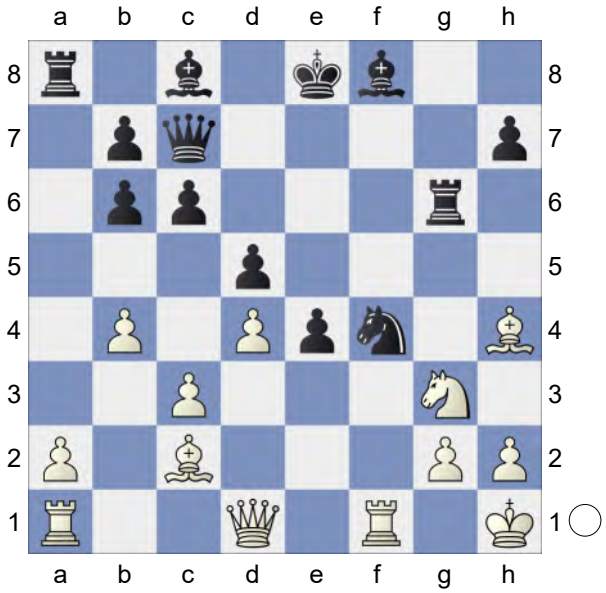


36.Kd5 -0.01/19
[White should play 36.Rxe6!± 0.85/19 fxe6 37.Bc4]
36...Rc3 37.Rd1 -0.17/21 Prevents Rd2+.
[⌓37.Rxe6 0.21/21 fxe6+ 38.Kxe6]
37...Nc7+? 3.77/23
[37...Nxg5= -0.17/21 38.h4 Nf3]
38.Ke5? 1.14/22
[38.Kd4+- 3.77/23 is more deadly. Rbc2 39.Bd3 Nxb5+ 40.Bxb5]
38...Nxb5 7.64/27
[38...Ne6± 1.14/22]
39.Rd8+ Kg7 40.Ree8 Rc5+ 41.Kf4
[Not 41.Rd5 Nc7 42.Rxc5 Nxe8±]
41...f5 42.Rd7# Weighted Error Value: White=0.48/Black=0.81
1-0

629 **D00**
□ **Turner,Ma** **2447**
■ **Horvath,Dominik** **2555**
4NCL 2023-24 (6.3) 11.02.2024
[Kitty Kat]

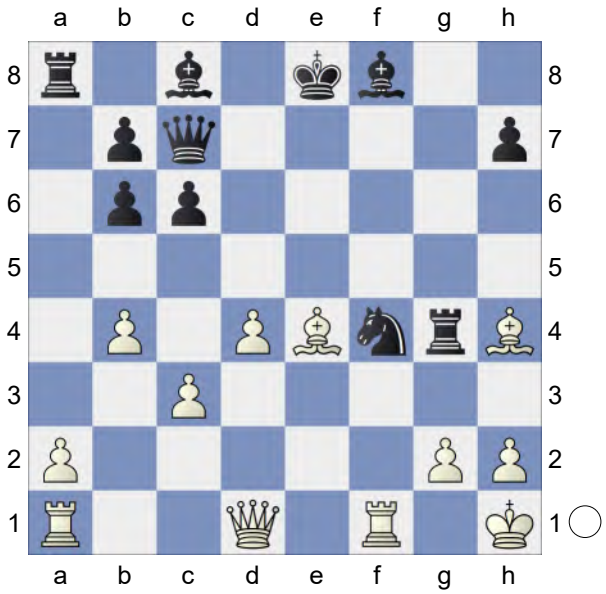
D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]
3.Bf4 g6 4.e3 Nh5 5.Bg5 f6 6.Bh4 c6 7.Bd3 Qb6 8.Na4 White has an edge. **8...Qa5+ 9.c3 Nd7 10.b4 Qc7 11.Ne2 e5 12.e4 f5 13.exf5** -0.15/18

[13.f3!± 0.31/18]
13...e4= 14.Bc2 gxf5 15.Ng3 Nf4 16.0-0 Rg8 Against f2-f3 **17.f3** Strongly threatening f3xe4. **17...Nb6?** 1.43/22
[17...Nxg2!= -0.12/19 18.Kxg2 Qf4 19.fxe4 *(19.Kh3? Qh6-+)* 19...Qxh4 20.exf5 Nf6]
18.Nxb6 axb6 19.Kh1? 0.10/19
[19.fxe4+- 1.95/20 Rg4 20.Nxf5 Bxf5 Remove Defender *(20...Rxg2+? is the wrong capture. 21.Kh1+-)* 21.exf5 Rxh4 22.Qe1+ Qe7 23.Kh1 *(23.g3 Nh3+ 24.Kg2 Rh6∓)*]
19...Rg6 1.02/21
[19...e3= 0.10/19 keeps the balance.]
20.fxe4± fxe4



21.Nxe4! dxe4 22.Bxe4 Rg4

(Diagram)



23.Qe1 Threatening mate with Be4-g6+.
23...Be6? 5.54/20 A mistake that costs the game.
[23...Be7± 0.99/21 is tougher. 24.Bg3 Qd6]
24.Bf5+- White is clearly winning.
24...Rxh4 25.Qxh4 Bxf5 26.Rxf4 Bg6 27.Re1+ Be7 28.Qf6 White wants to mate with Qf6-f8+. **28...Kd8 29.Qh8+** Skewer **29...Be8 30.Rfe4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) / Black=0.45
1-0

630 **D00**
□ **Rodriguez Vila,Andres** **2447**
■ **Strikovic,Aleksa** **2364**
IX SESC Caioba Open (9.3) 06.07.2025
[TA]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
Kitty Kat: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
' 1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 Bf5 4.f3 e6 5.g4 Bg6 6.h4 h5 7.g5 Nfd7 8.e3 -0.65/19
[8.e4= -0.27/19]
8...a6 0.04/20

[Black should play 8...Bb4∓ -0.65/19]
[8...Nb6 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.cxd3 g6 11.Nge2 Bd6 12.Bxd6 cxd6 13.e4 Nc6 14.Qd2 0-0 15.exd5 Nxd5 16.Nxd5 exd5 17.0-0-0 Qb6 18.Kb1 Nxd4 19.Nc3 Qa5 20.Qf4 Nf5 21.b4 Qa3 22.Nxd5 a5 23.b5 1-0 (64) Madaminov,M (2436)-Sjugirov,S (2712) Titled Tuesday intern op 14th Feb Early blitz 2023 (6)]

9.Bd3= Bxd3 10.Qxd3N

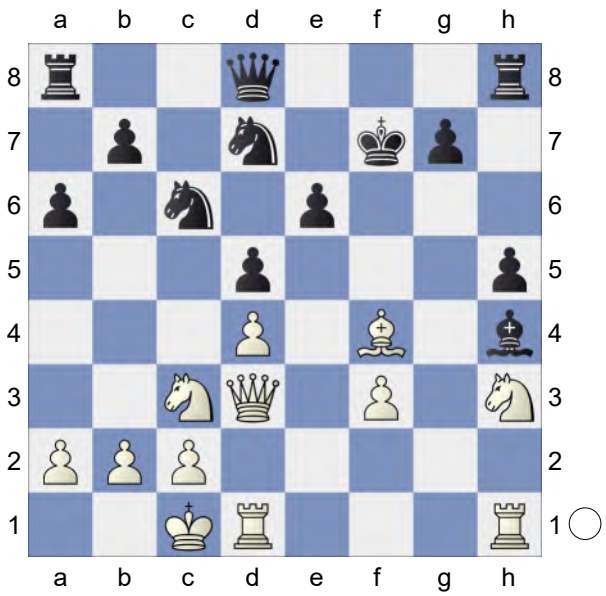
[10.cxd3 Nc6 *(10...c5 11.dxc5 Bxc5 12.d4 Be7 13.Nge2 Nc6 14.Kf2 Rc8 15.Rc1 0-0 16.Bg3 g6 17.Qd3)* 11.g6 fxg6 12.Bg5 Be7 13.f4 Nf6 14.Qb3 Qd7 15.Nf3 Ng4 16.Ke2 Bf6 17.Rac1 b6 18.Rc2 Ne7 19.Rhc1 0-0 20.Qa4 Qd8 21.Nd1 Ra7 22.Nf2 Nh6 23.Rg1 Nf7 24.Qa3 Kh7 0-1 (80) Lalitaditaayyanar,B (2699)-Osnos,V (2799) FIDE World Championship 2001 (8) 25.Nh3 Nd6 26.Ne5 Ndf5 27.b4 Qd6 28.Qc3 c6 29.Nf3 a5 30.bxa5 Rxa5 31.Qd2 Ra3 32.Rgc1 Rfa8 33.Nf2 c5 34.dxc5 bxc5 35.Rxc5 Rxa2 36.R5c2 Rxc2 37.Qxc2 Ng3+ 38.Ke1 Qb4+ 39.Qd2 Qxd2+ 0-1 (80) Jobava,B (2699)-Nakamura,H (2799) Khanty-Mansiysk FIDE GP 2015 (8)]

10...c5 11.g6 cxd4 0.83/22

[11...f6= 0.00/20]

12.gxf7+± Kxf7 13.exd4 Nc6 14.0-0-0 Be7 15.Nh3 Bxh4

(Diagram)



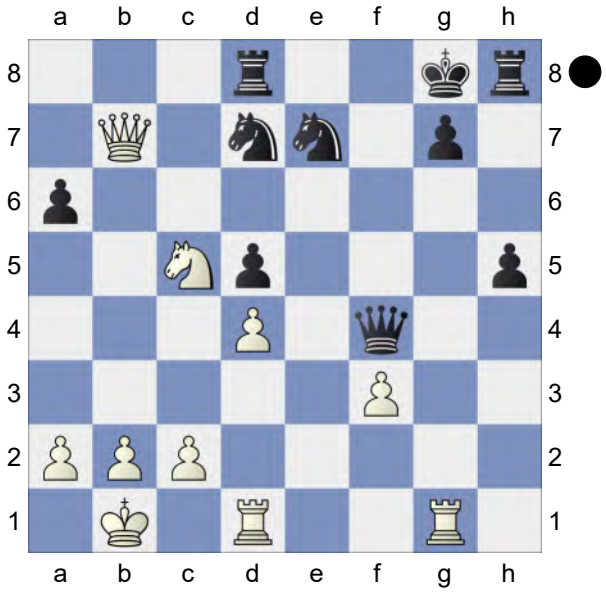
16.Nxd5? -2.42/17 Loses the game.
16...exd5-+ 17.Rhg1 Qf6 Repels Qg6+
18.Bg5 Bxg5+ 19.Nxg5+ Kg8

[19...Ke8 20.Qb3∓]

20.Qb3 Qd6

[20...Nxd4? 21.Qxd5+ Kf8 22.Rxd4+- *(22.Qxd7 Rd8∓)*]

21.Ne4 Qf4+ 22.Kb1 Ne7 23.Qxb7 Rd8 24.Nc5



Qd6! 25.Rde1 Rh6 Dodges Ne6

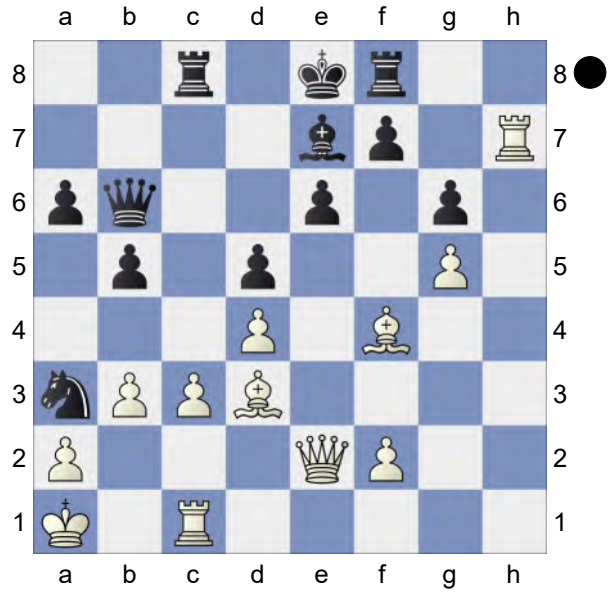
[And not 25...Nxc5 26.dxc5 *(26.Qxe7 Qxe7 27.Rxe7 Kf8=)* 26...Qxc5 27.b4± *(27.Qxe7 Qxe7*

28.Rxe7 Rh7∓; 27.Qxe7 Qxe7 28.Rxe7 Rh7∓)]
26.Qb4 Nf5 27.Rg5 Rf8 28.Qb7 Nxc5 29.dxc5 Qxc5 And now ...Rb6 would win. **30.Reg1 Rf7 31.Qb8+ Qf8 32.Qe5 d4** ...Nh4 would now be deadly. Black is clearly winning. **33.Qd5 Kh8 34.b3 h4 35.Qe4 Ng3 36.Qg4 Rf4 37.Qd7 Rxf3 38.Re1 Re3 39.Re5 Rd6 40.Qg4 Rxe1+ 41.Rxe1 Rh6 42.Qd7 h3** White must now prevent ...h2. **43.Re8 Qxe8**
[Wrong is 43...h2? 44.Rxf8+ Kh7 45.Qe8 h1Q+ 46.Kb2+-]
44.Qxe8+ Kh7
Weighted Error Value: White=0.50/ Black=0.19 (very precise)
0-1

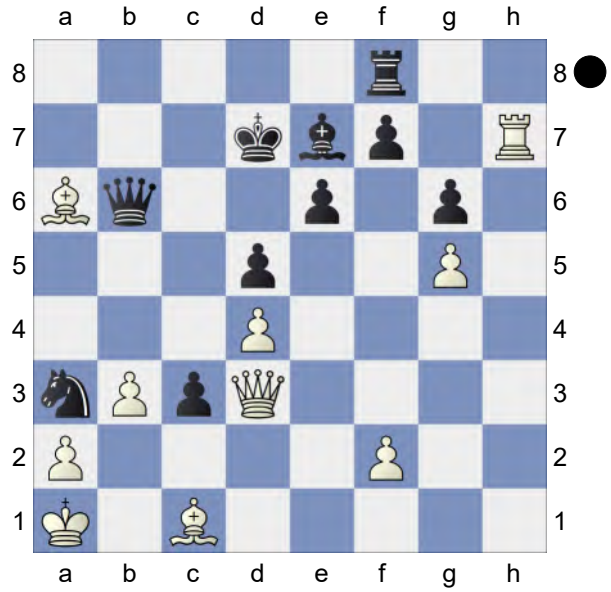
631 **D00**
□ **Flom,Gabriel** **2445**
■ **Duran Vega,Sergio** **2392**
XI Copa Camara Masters (7.7) 14.10.23
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 g6 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 1-0 (88)*; 5.f4 Qa5 6.Bd2 Qb4 7.Qe2 Qxb2 8.Rb1 Qa3 9.e5 dxe5 10.fxe5 Nfd7 11.e6 fxe6 12.dxe6 Nf6 13.Nb5 Qxa2 14.Nc7+ Kd8 15.Rd1 Nc6 16.Bf4+ Nd4 17.Nxa8 Qxe6 18.Qxe6 Bxe6 19.c3 Bg4* Genovese,A (2106)-Burk,E (1200) corr 2000 ZUS C73 [Sorensen] 1-0 (33) *)* 5...Bg7 6.Bc4 *(6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.a4 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nbd7 11.Re1 a6 12.Bf1 e5 13.a5 Ne8 14.Bd3 Qh4 15.Qg4 Qxg4 16.hxg4 Rc8 17.b3 Nef6 18.g5 Ne8 19.g3 f6 20.Kg2 fxg5* 7.♗c4 ♕a5 8. ♕d2 e6_6062 (2345)-Jovic,A (2383) Gonfreville 2023 CBM 068 ext [John Watson] 0-1 (79)*)* 6...0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) www.desc-online.de 2000 CBM 166 [Beliavsky, Alexander G] 1-0 (41) gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8 21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) Lake George 2005 CBM 107 [Atalik,Suat] ½-½ (41)]
3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 c5 5.Nf3 Bg4 6.h3 Bxf3 7.Qxf3 cxd4 8.exd4 White is slightly better. **8...Nc6 9.0-0-0! e6 10.Kb1 Bb4 11.g4 Qa5 12.Ne2 Ne4 13.c3 Be7 14.Ng3! Nxg3 15.Qxg3 Rc8** Prevents Bc7. **16.g5** 0.27/22
[16.h4± 0.61/20 should be considered.]
16...b5 17.h4 g6 1.31/19
[17...0-0= 0.29/20]
18.h5± Rf8 19.hxg6 hxg6 20.Rh7 Qb6 21.Rc1 &Bianco is more active. **21...Na5 22.b3 Nb7 23.Qe3** 0.74/20
[White should try 23.Bd3! 1.22/20]
23...Nd6 24.Bd3 Nc4 25.Qe2
[Much weaker is 25.bxc4 bxc4+ 26.Ka1 cxd3=]

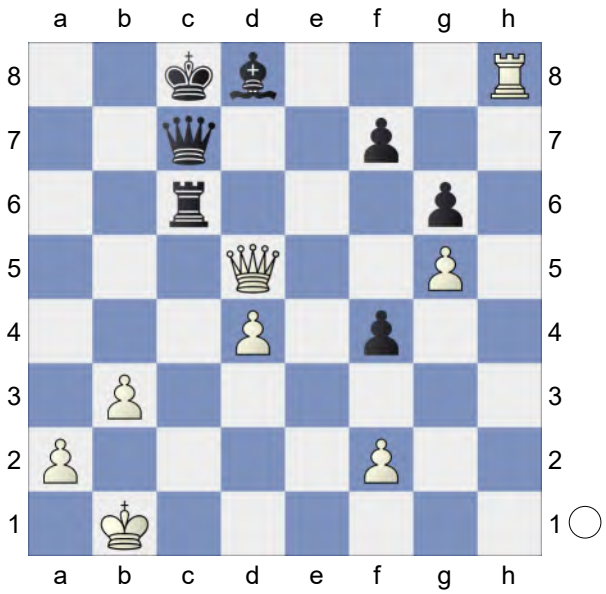
25...Na3+! 26.Ka1 -0.95/20
[26.Kb2!= 0.01/21]



26...b4!∓ 27.Bxa6 -2.16/22
[Better is 27.Bd2∓ -0.69/19]
27...Rxc3-+ 28.Rxc3 bxc3 29.Qd3 -3.85/23
[29.Be3 -1.68/22]
29...Kd7 30.Bc1



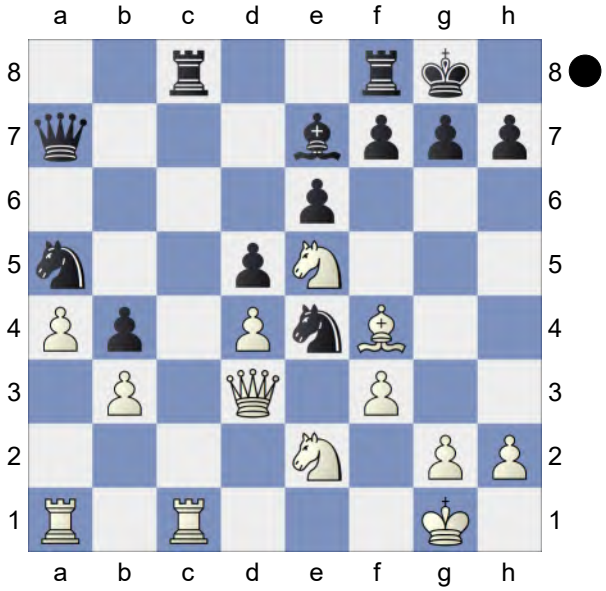
Ra8? -0.01/22
[30...c2!-+ -3.66/21 Strongly threatening ...Ra8. 31.Rg7 Ra8 32.Rxf7 Rxa6 33.Bxa3 Rxa3 34.Qxc2 Qxd4+ 35.Kb1 Ra8]
31.Bxa3= The board is on fire. **31...Rxa6**
[Don't take 31...Qxa6 32.Qxa6 Rxa6 33.Bxe7 Kxe7 34.Rh3±]
32.Bc1!↑ White is pushing. **32...Qa7** 0.87/23
[32...Ra7= 0.01/24 33.Qc2 Ke8]
33.Kb1± c2+ 1.92/24
[33...Rxa2? 34.Qb5+ Kc8 35.Qc6+ Qc7 36.Qxc7+ Kxc7 37.Kxa2+-]
[33...Rc6± 0.93/22]
34.Qxc2+- Rc6 35.Qd3 Qc7? 3.72/25
[35...Ke8 1.98/22 is a better defense. 36.Qf3 *(36.Qb5 Qa6±)* 36...Bf8]
36.Qb5 Kc8 37.Rh8+ Bd8 38.Bf4 e5 6.74/28
[⌓38...Qb6 4.20/28 39.Qa4 Qa6]
39.Qxd5 exf4



40.Rxd8+! Deflection **40...Qxd8**
41.Qxc6+ Kb8 42.Qb5+ Ka8 43.Qe5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) /Black=0.43
1-0

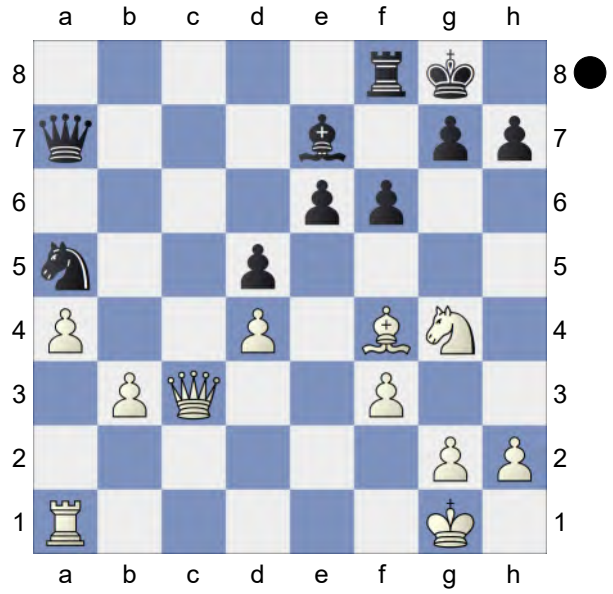
632 **D00**
□ **Miljkovic,Miroslav D** **2443**
■ **Omorjan,Dejan** **2282**
TCh-SRB Premier 2023 (11.4) 28.09.2023
[Kitty Kat]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]
3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.Be2 outshines the older 7.h3. erfolgreicher als das alte 7.h3. **7...Nc6 8.0-0** The position is equal. **8...e6 9.Ne5 Bxe2 10.Nxe2 Rc8 11.c3 Be7 12.Ng3 0-0 13.Re1 b5 14.a3 a5N**
[Vorgänger: 14...Na5 0.36/21 14...a6-a5 -0.01 15.Qe2 Nc4 16.Rad1 a5 17.Nxc4 -0.39/22 *(17.Nd3=* 0.01/19 *)* 17...Rxc4 18.Nf5 b4 19.cxb4 axb4 20.b3 Rc3 21.Nxe7+! Qxe7 22.axb4 -0.61/22 *(*White should play *22.Qa6=* 0.01/24 *Rd8 23.Qa4)* 22...Rxb3 ½-½ Beyer,C (2293)-Bodrozic,T (2349) BL2-Sued 2122 2022 (4.6) ½-½ Beyer,C (2293) - Bodrozic,T (2349) BL2-Sued 2122 2022 (4.6)]
15.Qd3 -0.26/20
[⌓15.Ng4 0.11/19]
15...b4 16.cxb4 axb4 17.a4 Na5 18.Rec1 Qb6 19.Ne2 Qa7 20.b3 Ne4 21.f3? -1.60/22
[21.Rxc8= -0.03/19 Rxc8 22.Nf3]



Black keeps a firm grip on the game.
21...Nc3!∓ 22.Nxc3
[22.Rxc3 bxc3]
22...bxc3 23.Rxc3 f6 24.Ng4 -2.12/22
[24.Rac1∓ -1.45/23 was called for. Rxc3 *(24...fxe5? 25.Rxc8 Qxd4+*

26.Qxd4+-) 25.Rxc3 fxe5 26.Bxe5]
24...Rxc3-+ Remove Defender **25.Qxc3**



Nxb3! Double Attack **26.Rd1 Nxd4**
[26...Qxa4 27.Ne3]
27.Kh1 -2.80/21
[27.Qxd4? Bc5-+]
[⌓27.Rxd4 -1.76/23 e5 *(27...Bc5 28.Be3∓)* 28.Nxe5 fxe5 29.Bxe5]
27...e5
[27...Qxa4 28.Rxd4± *(28.Qxd4 Qxd4 29.Rxd4 e5=; 28.Qxd4 Qxd4 29.Rxd4 e5=)*]
[27...Ne2 28.Qe3 Qa6 *(28...Qxa4 29.Qxe2 Qxf4 30.Qxe6+ Rf7 31.Qxd5±)* 29.a5]
28.a5 -2.57/21
[⌓28.Nxe5 -1.94/22 fxe5 29.Bxe5]
28...h5
[28...Ne2 29.Qe3 Qa6 *(29...Qxa5 30.Qxe2 Rb8 31.Bg3+-)* 30.Bxe5 fxe5 31.Qxe5-+]
29.Nf2 -3.09/23
[29.Bxe5∓ -1.60/21 fxe5 30.Nxe5]
29...Nf5
[29...exf4 30.Qxd4 Qxd4 *(30...Qxa5 31.Qxd5+ Qxd5 32.Rxd5∓)* 31.Rxd4-+]
[29...Ne2 30.Qe3 Qxe3 *(30...Qxa5? 31.Qxe2 Qa4 32.Be3+-)* 31.Bxe3∓]
30.Qd3 Qxf2
[Don't do 30...exf4 31.Qxd5+ Rf7 32.Qxf5 Qxf2 33.h3]
31.Qxf5 exf4 32.Qxd5+ Rf7 33.Rc1 -4.39/23
[⌓33.Qxh5 -2.90/22 Qc5 34.Qg4]
33...g6 34.h3 Qa7 35.Rc8+ Kg7 36.Kh2 Bf8 37.Rc6 -5.61/26
[⌓37.Qb5 -3.54/22]
37...Bb4 38.a6 Be1 39.Qb5 Bg3+ 40.Kh1 Qe3 41.Qb1 -7.40/26
[⌓41.Qf1 -4.59/28]
41...Qe2 And now ...Rf7-d7 would win.
42.Rb6 Be1 43.Qb5 Qxb5 44.Rxb5 Bf2 45.Rb2 Be3 46.Rc2 -7.47/26
[⌓46.Kh2 -4.86/22]
46...Rd7 (→ ...Rd7-d1+) **47.Kh2 h4**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.76/ Black=0.27 (precise)
0-1

633 **D00**
□ **Madaminov,Mukhiddin** **2442**
■ **Deac,Bogdan Daniel** **2700**
Titled Tuesday Blitz (11) 15.11.2022
[Richard Palliser]

Richard Palliser,MH: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines ' **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5**
Richard Palliser,MH: 'N'
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6*

12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8 ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]

3.Bf4 c5 4.e4!?

[In the same edition of Titled Tuesday, Deac also had to face the outwardly calmer Richard Palliser,MH: 'In the same edition of Titled Tuesday, Deac also had to face the outwardly calmer' 4.e3 , opting for the sensible approach that is Richard Palliser,MH: ', opting for the sensible approach that is' cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Ne5 Bd7 . We've looked at a few ideas for White here (see the Archive), but not Richard Palliser,MH: '. We've looked at a few ideas for White here (see the Archive), but not' 8.Nxc6 Bxc6 9.Bd3 , which after g6 *(Black might also be cheeky and steal with 9...Qb6!?* , which is enough to put me off this position for White*)* 10.0-0 Qb6 11.Be5 Bg7 *(11...Qxb2 12.Qe1!* would now supply definite compensation*)* 12.Rb1 0-0 13.Ne2 Qa5 was very solid and fine for Black in Cardoso Cardoso-Deac, Titled Tuesday Blitz 2022. Richard Palliser, MH: 'was very solid and fine for Black in Cardoso Cardoso-Deac, Titled Tuesday Blitz 2022.']

4...Nxe4 5.Nxe4 dxe4 6.dxc5 The modern choice. Will Black now retain the queens or trade them? Richard Palliser,MH: 'The modern choice. Will Black now retain the queens or trade them?' **6...Qa5+ 7.c3** Richard Palliser,MH: '!' Richard Palliser, MH: ' next b2-b4 is good for White.' **7...Qxc5 8.Qa4+** Richard Palliser,MH: 'The position is equal.' **8...Nc6 9.Qxe4 e5!?** 0.68/21

[A novelty, if far from definitely the best move. Black also has some problems to solve after Richard Palliser,MH: 'A novelty, if far from definitely the best move. Black also has some problems to solve after' 9...Bf5 10.Qa4! e5 11.Be3 , as we've noted of late and which was Niemann-Aronian, Internet (rapid) 2022. Richard Palliser,MH: ', as we've noted of late and which was Niemann-Aronian, Internet (rapid) 2022.']

[The engines' favourite is Richard Palliser,MH: 'The engines' favourite is' 9...g6!? 0.03/21 , which looks pretty sensible to me and after, for example, Richard Palliser,MH: '=' ', which looks pretty sensible to me and after, for example,' 10.Be3 Qa5 11.Bc4 Bg7 12.Nf3 Bf5 chances are about equal.]

10.Be3 0.25/24

[10.Nf3!? 0.68/21 is likely more critical when Black must decide how best to deploy his f-pawn: Richard Palliser,MH: ' ± 'is likely more critical when Black must decide how best to

deploy his f-pawn:' Richard Palliser, MH: ' should be considered.'

A) 10...f5!? 11.Qe2 e4 Richard Palliser,MH: '!' 12.Ng5 feels to me like Black has over expanded and Richard Palliser,MH: 'feels to me like Black has over expanded and' g6 13.Be3! Qe7 14.h4 Bg7 1.31/20 *(⌓14...Bd7* 0.82/21 *)* 15.0-0-0 already looks rather good for White Richard Palliser,MH: 'already looks rather good for White';

B) 10...f6 11.Be3 Qa5 12.Rd1 and White must be slightly for choice, with Bc4 or Bb5 on the way. Richard Palliser,MH: 'and White must be slightly for choice, with Bc4 or Bb5 on the way.']

10...Qd6 Richard Palliser,MH: '=' **11.Nf3**

[11.f4 would also most likely have been met by Richard Palliser,MH: 'would also most likely have been met by' Qg6 .]

11...Qg6? 1.14/22

[Challenging White's powerfully placed queen, but Richard Palliser,MH: 'Challenging White's powerfully placed queen, but' 11...f5 0.36/20 was the way to do so and after Richard Palliser,MH: ' ⩲' 12.Qa4 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Ra1-d1 is the strong threat.' f4!? *(12...Be7)* 13.Rd1 Qc7 14.Bc1 Richard Palliser,MH: '!' Bd7 Black shouldn't be doing too badly.]

12.Qa4 Keeping the queens on and while developing a threat. Richard Palliser,MH: '⩲!' **12...Bd6** 1.57/20

[⌓12...Bd7 1.20/20]

13.0-0-0 White has most certainly seized the initiative. Richard Palliser,MH: '!' Richard Palliser,MH: 'White has most certainly seized the initiative.' **13...0-0** 2.21/18

[13...h6⩲ 1.60/20 14.Bd3 Qe6]

14.Bd3! Richard Palliser,MH: '+-!'

14...f5!?

[14...Qxg2? 4.00/21 Richard Palliser, MH: '14...Qg6-g4 1.95' 15.Ng5 would not have been wise,]

[but 14...Qg4 15.Be4 Nd4!? was another way to try and disrupt, clearly for choice though White is here too after Richard Palliser,MH: 'was another way to try and disrupt, clearly for choice though White is here too after' 16.Ng5! .]

15.Ng5?! 0.84/17

[Aggressive, but Black can deal with this raid well enough. Instead, Richard Palliser,MH: 'Aggressive, but Black can deal with this raid well enough. Instead,' 15.h4!? 1.53/22 would have kept up the pressure, and if Richard Palliser,MH: '15.Nf3-h4 2.57 would have kept up the pressure, and if' e4? 4.19/26 *(15...Be7⩲* 1.53/22 *)* 16.Bc4+ Kh8 17.h5 Qf6 18.Bg5 ,]

[and best of the lot was 15.Nh4! 2.55/19 , simply intending Richard Palliser,MH: '+-!' Richard Palliser,MH: ' and the rest is easy.' Qf6 *(15...Qf7 16.Nxf5)* 16.Nxf5! Bxf5 17.Bxf5 Qxf5 18.Rxd6 with an extra pawn and full control. Richard Palliser,MH: 'with an extra pawn and full control.']

15...Be7 16.h4 h6! Hitting the knight before g2-g4 lands. Richard Palliser, MH: 'Hitting the knight before g2-g4 lands.' **17.Bc4+ Kh8** Richard Palliser, MH: '

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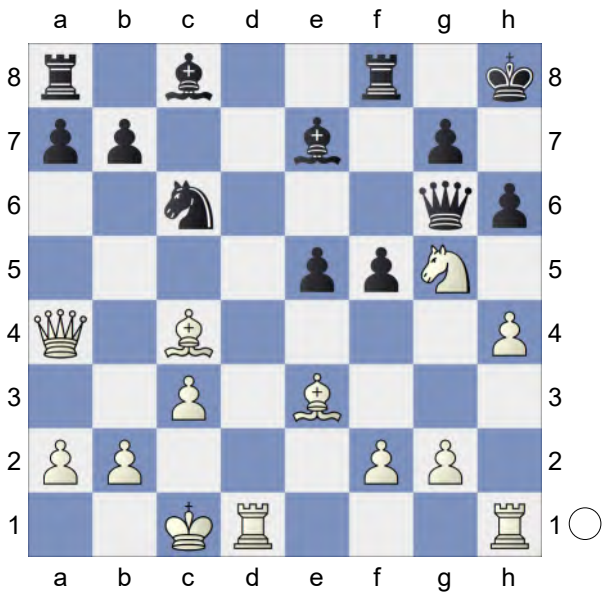
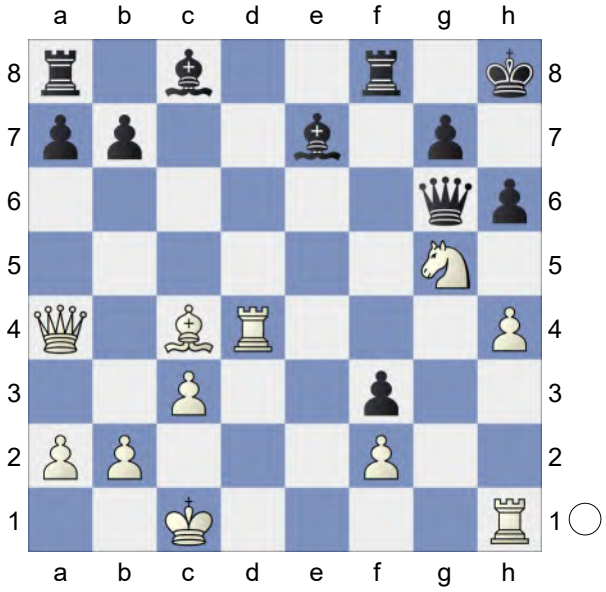


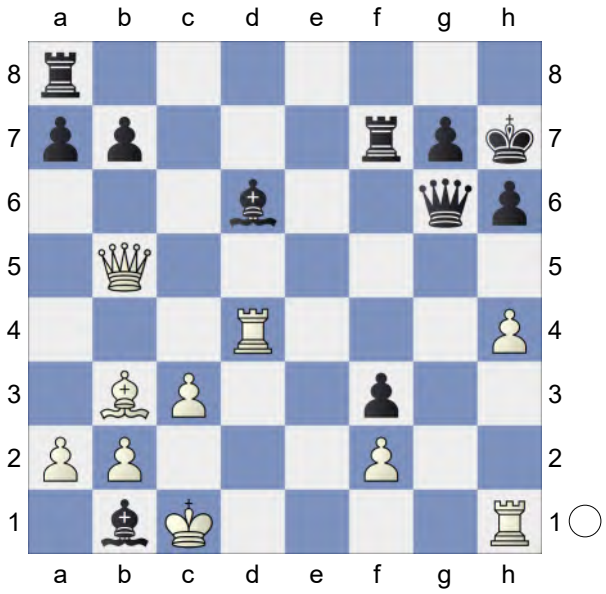
' **18.g3?** -0.68/20
[White's first slow move arguably all game and now Black takes over. 18...f4 was a large threat, but 18.f4! would have dealt with it and after a6 19.Bd5 b5 20.Qc2 e4 21.Kb1 White remains with a clear advantage and with g2-g4 still on the agenda.]
18...f4! Anyhow! Richard Palliser,MH: '↑!' Richard Palliser,MH: 'Anyhow! White is under pressure.' **19.gxf4 exf4 20.Bd4**
[White's whole set-up also begins to creek significantly after Richard Palliser,MH: 'White's whole set-up also begins to creek significantly after' 20.Bd2 -1.99/21 Richard Palliser,MH: '20.Be3-d4 -0.90' Bd7 .]
20...Nxd4 Simple chess, removing one of the dangerous bishops. Richard Palliser,MH: '!' Richard Palliser,MH: 'Simple chess, removing one of the dangerous bishops.' **21.Rxd4 f3?** 1.64/18 Richard Palliser,MH: '
[But this allows White to more than muddy the waters, in contrast to which Richard Palliser,MH: 'But this allows White to more than muddy the waters, in contrast to which' 21...Bf5!

A) 22.Qd1 Rae8 *(22...hxg5? 23.hxg5++-)*;
B) 22.Bd5 Rad8 23.Qb3 Richard Palliser,MH: ' And now Ng5-f7+ would win.' Qa6 would have left Black beginning to press.]



' **22.Nf7+!** There's a potential trick on e8 and now Black has to advance the king. Richard Palliser,MH: '+-!' Richard Palliser,MH: 'There's a potential trick on e8 and now Black has to advance the king.' **22...Kh7** Richard Palliser,MH: ' White must now prevent ...Bc8-f5!'
[22...Rxf7? 23.Qe8+ Rf8 24.Qxg6+-]
23.h5? -0.12/21
[A natural move, if also one which returns the favour. Richard Palliser, MH: 'A natural move, if also one which returns the favour.' 23.Rf4! 1.25/23 Richard Palliser,MH: ' ±!' Bf5 *(23...Bd6 24.Rxf3)* 24.Qb5! would have been very strong when Black doesn't seem to have anything better than Richard Palliser,MH: 'would have been very strong when Black doesn't seem to have anything

better than' Bb1 25.Bb3 Richard Palliser,MH: '!' Richard Palliser,MH: ' Inhibits Qg6-c2+. Qb5-d7! would now be deadly.' Bd6 2.14/22 when an amazing line runs *(⌓25...Rad8* 1.74/23 *)* 26.Rd4! Richard Palliser,MH: '+-!' Rxf7 Richard Palliser,MH: '



' 27.h5 (the point) Richard Palliser,MH: '!' Bf4+! *(27...Qg2?* 3.46/23 Richard Palliser,MH: '27...Bd6-f4+ 1.74' *28.Kxb1 Qxh1+ 29.Rd1* wins *)* 28.Rxf4 Richard Palliser,MH: '!' Qg2 29.Rxf7 Qxh1+ 30.Bd1 Rd8 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Wards off Qb5-d7' 31.Rd7 Rxd7 32.Qxd7 Bxa2 *(32...Be4* Richard Palliser,MH: '

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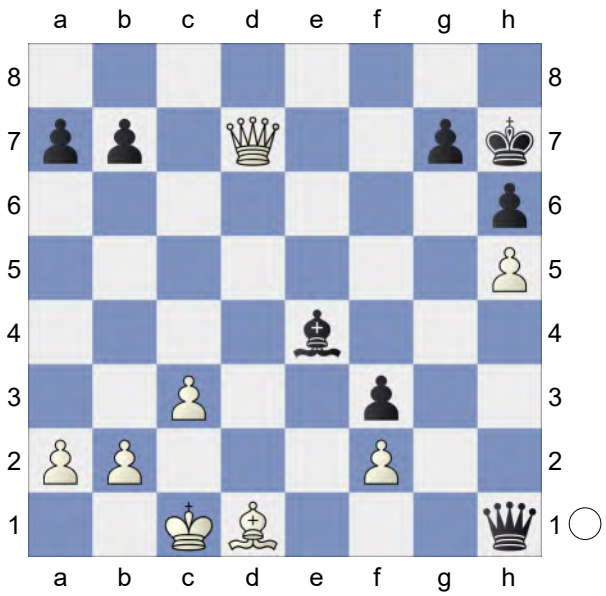


' *33.Qg4* is also rather strong Richard Palliser,MH: '!') 33.Qxb7 and White should be winning as f3 falls.]

23...Qf6? 2.44/23 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Prevents Nf7-e5'

[It's blitz. 23...Bg5+ -0.12/21 Richard Palliser,MH: '=' Richard Palliser,MH: ' and Black stays safe.' 24.Nxg5+ Qxg5+ 25.Kb1 Qg2 was the path to at least equality for Black. Richard Palliser,MH: 'was the path to at least equality for Black.' *(25...Bf5+ 26.Ka1 Qg2)*]

24.Re1? 0.00/26

[Missing Richard Palliser,MH: ' White must play' 24.Bd3+! 2.44/23 Richard Palliser,MH: '+-' Kg8 *(24...Bf5 25.Rf4 Bxd3 26.Rxf6 Bxf6 27.Rd1)* 25.Rf4 when Qc6 (trying to prevent Qe4) 26.Qxc6 bxc6 27.Bc4 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Repels Bc8-e6. aiming for Rh1-g1!' Kh7 3.17/18 Richard Palliser,MH: '?' *(27...Ba6±* 1.59/20 is a better defense. *28.Bxa6 Rxf7)* 28.Re1 would have seen White's massive pressure quickly translating into material gain. Richard Palliser,MH:

'would have seen White's massive pressure quickly translating into material gain.']

24...Rxf7 Richard Palliser,MH: '='

25.Qe8 White's sneaky idea, but he is currently a piece down, we mustn't forget. Richard Palliser,MH: '!' Richard Palliser, MH: 'White's sneaky idea, but he is currently a piece down, we mustn't forget. ' **25...Qg5+** 0.54/24

[25...Be6! 0.00/26 is an impressive resource and after Richard Palliser, MH: '=!' 'is an impressive resource and after' 26.Qxa8 Bxc4 27.Rxc4 Qf5 '0.00's start to appear, which is no surprise considering the security of the white king. Richard Palliser,MH: ''0.00's start to appear, which is no surprise considering the security of the white king.']

26.Kd1 0.09/19

[Madaminov may well have thought this won, but it seems that Richard Palliser,MH: 'Madaminov may well have thought this won, but it seems that' 26.Re3! 0.54/24 was the only move to lead to a white advantage. Richard Palliser,MH: ' ±!' 'was the only move to lead to a white advantage.' Bf5 *(26...Qg1+? 27.Rd1+-)* 27.Qxf7]

26...Rf8! An only move, if also one which keeps Black very much on the board. Richard Palliser,MH: 'An only move, if also one which keeps Black very much on the board.' **27.Qxe7 Bf5 28.Re5??** -5.33/24

[The first definite blunder of the game. Instead, Richard Palliser,MH: 'The first definite blunder of the game. Instead,' 28.Qxg5 hxg5 29.Kd2 would most likely have led to a draw, Richard Palliser,MH: 'would most likely have led to a draw,']

[and feels easier for White to play than 28.Bf7 0.10/24 Richard Palliser, MH: '=' Richard Palliser,MH: ' and White is okay.' Rad8 , fine though the calm 29.a4!? Rxd4+ 30.cxd4 Rd8 31.d5 may be.]

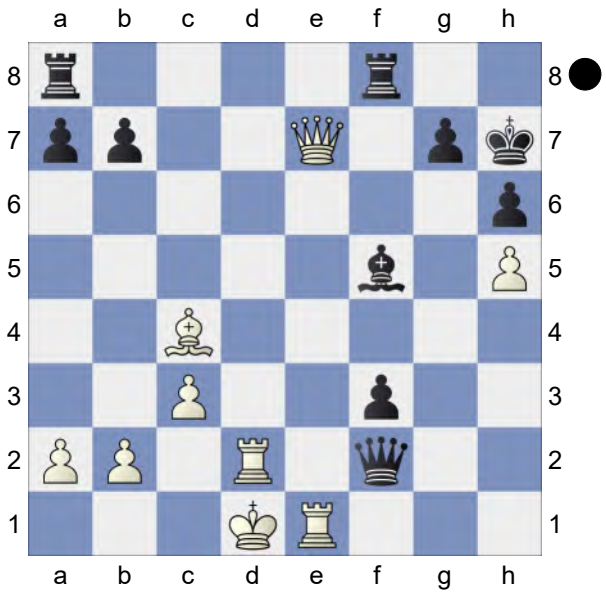
[28.Qxb7? Rab8 29.Qe7 Rxb2 *(29...Qxh5?* is the wrong capture. *30.Rg1+-)* 30.Qxg5 hxg5-+]

28...Qg1+ Richard Palliser,MH: '-+'

[28...Qxh5 29.Rxf5 Rxf5 *(29...Qxf5?* loses. *30.Bd3+-* Pin *)* 30.Bd3+-]

29.Re1 Qxf2 There goes a big pawn and with it the game. **30.Rd2** Richard Palliser,MH: '

[White is swiftly mated after this, but 30.Bb3 Qg2 is also totally hopeless.]



' **30...Rad8** Richard Palliser,MH: '!!'

31.Bd5 Richard Palliser,MH: '

[31.Qe3 Rxd2+]

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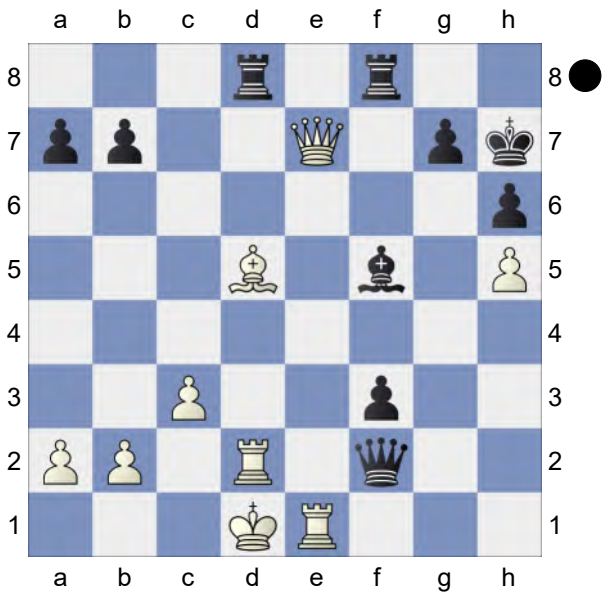

' **31...Rxd5!** Richard Palliser,MH: ' Deflection. Never resign too early! Weighted Error Value: White=0.86/ Black=0.54'
0-1

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1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 g6 4.Qd2 Bg7 5.Bh6!? <xml✕:en>This is a very aggressive way to avoid the Grünfeld. Such an attacking player as Kurt Richter even used it against the father of the opening!</:en ✕/xml> This is a very aggressive way to avoid the Grünfeld. Such an attacking player as Kurt Richter even used it against the father of the opening! **5...0-0**

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A) 7.dxc5 <xml✕:en>Finkel,A: 'The whole line is quite harmless for Black, so this move is not an exception.'</:en ✕/xml> Finkel,A: 'The whole line is quite harmless for Black, so this move is not an exception.' Qa5

A1) 8.0-0-0 Nc6 9.Nf3 Qxc5 10.e3 Bg4 11.Be2 *(11.Qf4 Bxf3 12.gxf3 0-0 13.h4 Nh5 14.Qg5 e6 15.Rg1 Kh8 16.f4 Qe7∞* <xml✕:en>Boguszlavszkij,J-Gyorkos,L/Hungary 2002</:en ✕/xml> Boguszlavszkij,J-Gyorkos,L/Hungary 2002*)* 11...0-0-0 12.h3 Bxf3 13.Bxf3 d4 <xml✕:en>Black is trying to simplify the position by initiating multiple trades.</:en ✕/xml> Black is trying to simplify the position by initiating multiple trades. 14.exd4 Nxd4 15.Qe3 Ne6 *(15...Rd7 16.Rd3 Rhd8 17.Rhd1 h5 18.g3 Ne6 19.Qxc5+ Nxc5 20.Rxd7 Rxd7 21.Re1=* '=' '=' '=' '=') 16.Qxc5+ Nxc5 <xml✕:en>White is better at the end of this line after b2-b4. Stocek,J (2552)-Jansa,V (2477)/Karlovy Vary 2004</:en ✕/xml> White is better at the end of this line after b2-b4. Stocek,J (2552)-Jansa,V (2477)/Karlovy Vary 2004;

A2) 8.e3 Qxc5 *(8...Bf5 9.Bb5+ Bd7 10.Bxd7+ Nbxd7 11.Nge2 Qxc5 12.0-0 0-0-0* <xml✕:en>½-½ Cech,P-Klima,L/Czechia 1999/EXT 2000 (12)</:en ✕/xml> ½-½ Cech,P-Klima,L/Czechia 1999/EXT 2000 (12)*)* 9.Nf3 Nc6 10.Bd3 Bd7 11.0-0 0-0-0 12.Bb5 Ne4 13.Bxc6 Bxc6 14.Nxe4 dxe4 15.Nd4 e5

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B) 7.e3 Nc6 *(7...Qb6 8.0-0-0 Nc6 9.Nf3 Bg4 10.Be2 0-0-0 11.a3 cxd4 12.exd4 Ne4 13.Qe3 Nxc3 14.Qxc3 Kb8=* '=' <xml ✕:en>Davie,A-Corden,M/Coventry 1970</:en ✕/xml> '=' '=' '=' Davie,A-Corden,M/Coventry 1970*; 7...cxd4 8.exd4 Nc6 9.Bb5 Bd7 10.Nf3 Qb6 11.0-0 0-0-0 12.Qe3 e6 13.a4±* <xml✕:en>Sulava,N-Duda,R/Metz 2000</:en ✕/xml> Sulava,N-Duda,R/Metz 2000*)* 8.0-0-0 Qa5 *(8...cxd4 9.exd4 Qd6 10.f3 a6 11.Nge2 Bd7 12.Kb1 Rc8 13.Nc1 Na5 14.Nb3 Nxb3 15.axb3 b5 16.Bd3* <xml ✕:en>Black is suffering without castling, Jobava,B (2713)-Van Wely,L (2654)/Dubai 2014</:en ✕/xml> Black is suffering without castling, Jobava,B (2713)-Van Wely,L (2654)/Dubai 2014*)* 9.dxc5 Qxc5 10.Nge2 Be6 11.Nd4 0-0-0 12.Be2 a6 13.h3 <xml✕:en>with a slight advantage, Prins,L-Petrosian,T/Leipzig 1960/EXT 1999</:en ✕/xml> with a slight advantage, Prins,L-Petrosian,T/Leipzig 1960/EXT 1999]

6.Bxg7

[6.f3 c5 7.Bxg7 Kxg7 8.e3 Nc6 9.0-0-0 Be6 10.g4 Rc8 11.Nge2 b5 12.Nxb5 Qb6 13.Nf4 c4 14.Nc3 Rb8 15.b3 cxb3 16.cxb3 Rfc8 17.Kb1 <xml✕:en>The compensation for the pawn is not sufficient, Fridman,D (2616)-Miton,K (2603)/Poznan 2014</:en ✕/xml> The compensation for the pawn is not sufficient, Fridman,D (2616)-Miton,K (2603)/Poznan 2014]

6...Kxg7 7.0-0-0

[7.Nf3 Nbd7 *(7...b6 8.0-0-0 Bb7 9.h4 h5 10.Ne5 c5 11.e3 Nc6 12.Be2 Rh8 13.f4 e6 14.Kb1 Ne7 15.g4 hxg4 16.Nxg4 Nf5 17.Nxf6 Qxf6 18.h5* <xml✕:en>with the initiative, Ponomariov,R (2744)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2720)/Moscow 2010</:en ✕/xml> with the initiative, Ponomariov,R (2744)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2720)/Moscow 2010*)* 8.g4?! *(⌓8.Qf4 Nb6 9.e3)* 8...Nb6 9.Ne5 *(9.g5 Ne4 10.Qf4 Nxc3 11.bxc3 Qd6)* 9...Nxg4 10.Nxg4 Bxg4 11.f3 Be6 12.e3 c6 13.h4 Qd6 14.0-0-0 h5 15.Bd3 Rh8 <xml✕:en>White's attack can not be a problem for Black. Richter,K-Gruenfeld,E/Berlin 1928/EXT 1999 (32)</:en ✕/xml> White's attack can not be a problem for Black. Richter,K-Gruenfeld,E/Berlin 1928/EXT 1999 (32)]

7...c6 <xml✕:en>Äèàãðàìà</:en✕/xml> Äèàãðàìà

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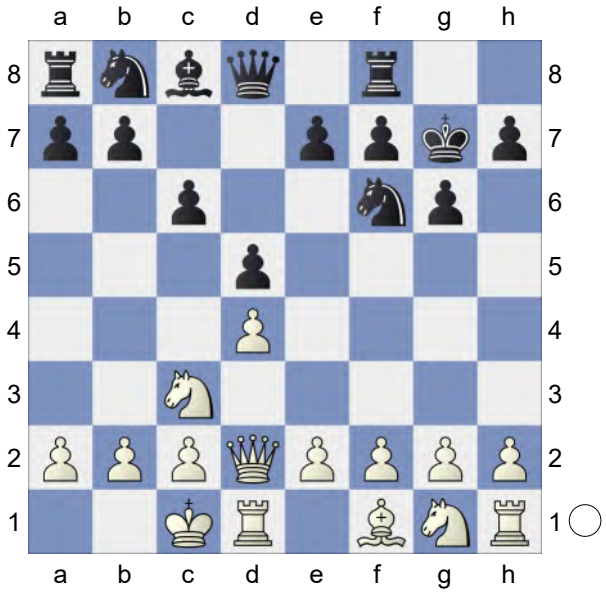

8.h4

[<xml:en>A very logical line was</:en> A very logical line was 8.Nf3 Nbd7 9.h4 Ne4 10.Nxe4 dxe4 11.Ng5 Nf6 12.f3 exf3 13.exf3 Qd5 14.b3]

8...Qd6 9.f3

[<xml:en>There was an interesting pawn sac here</:en> There was an interesting pawn sac here 9.e4 dxe4 10.h5 Bf5 11.hxg6 Bxg6 12.Nge2]

9...Nh5

[9...b5 <xml:en>was wrong:</:en> was wrong: 10.e4 b4 11.e5 bxc3 12.Qxc3 Qe6 13.exf6+ Qxf6 14.h5]

10.e4 dxe4

[10...Qf4 <xml:en>was better:</:en> was better: 11.exd5 Qxd2+ 12.Kxd2 Ng3 13.Rh2 Rd8 14.Bd3 cxd5 15.Nge2 Nxe2 16.Nxe2 Nc6]

11.g4?!

[<xml:en>It was possible to keep a slight advantage in the endgame:</:en> It was possible to keep a slight advantage in the endgame: 11.Nxe4 Qf4 12.Ne2 Qxd2+ 13.Rxd2]

11...Ng3 12.Nxe4 Nxe4 13.fxe4 Bxg4 14.Be2 Bxe2 15.Nxe2 h5 <xml:en>After forced exchanges the position offers White a clear attacking plan.</:en> After forced exchanges the position offers White a clear attacking plan. **16.e5 Qd5**

[<xml:en>The position was very dangerous after</:en> The position was very dangerous after 16...Qe6 17.Kb1 Nd7 18.Nf4 Qf5 19.Rdf1]

17.Kb1 c5 <xml:en>Black tries to obtain counterplay, but her development is not sufficient.</:en> Black tries to obtain counterplay, but her development is not sufficient. **18.Nf4! Qxd4**

[<xml:en>White had a very strong initiative after</:en> White had a very strong initiative after 18...Qc4 19.b3 Qb5 20.d5]

19.Nxh5+! Kh7 20.Qg5 f6 21.exf6 exf6 22.Qg2 Nc6 <xml:en>Black decided to sacrifice the queen.</:en> Black decided to sacrifice the queen.

[<xml:en>There was a terrifying attack after</:en> There was a terrifying attack after 22...Qb4 23.Rhe1 Nc6 24.Re4 Qb6 25.Rd7+]

23.Rxd4 cxd4 24.Rg1 Ne5 25.Qxb7+ Kh6 26.Qg7+

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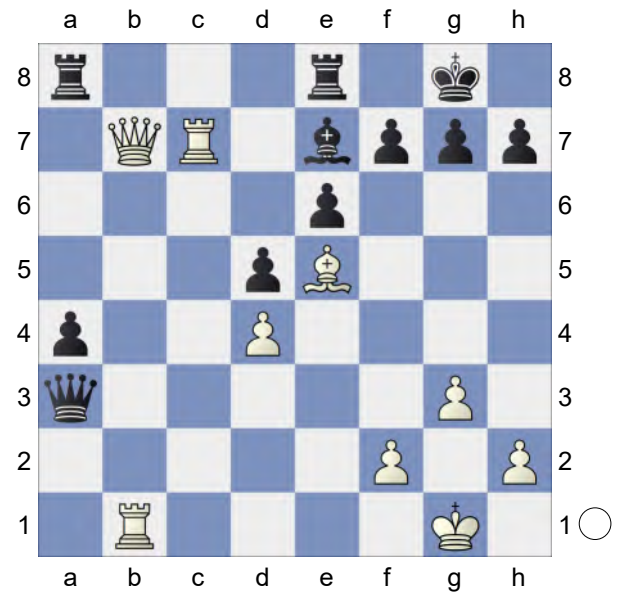
635 **D00**
□ **Kilic,Eray** **2441**
■ **Mohamed Anees,M** **2347**
Titled Tue 24. Sep Early (10) 24.09.2024
[Kitty Kat]

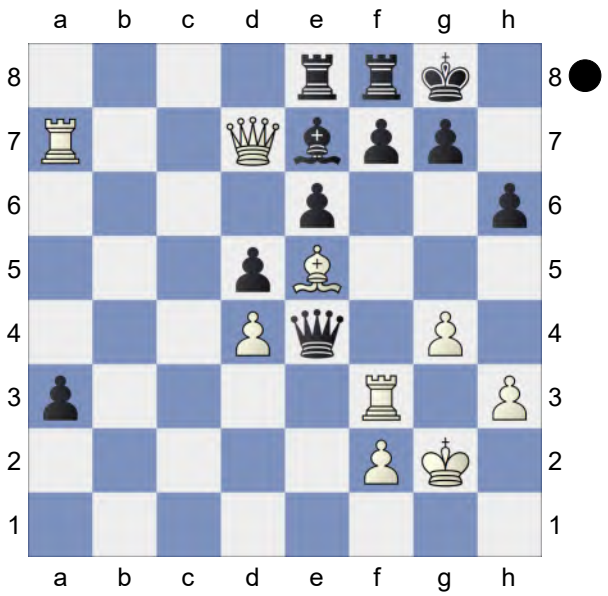
D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* 1-0 Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 2013*; 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7* 0-1 Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig,F (1863) Rheinhessen-ch H1 op 1997 (2)*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* 1-0 Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) V0048 www.desc-online.de 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]
3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.Be2 7.h4 is setting a new trend. 7.h4 setzt einen neuen Trend. 7.h4 is setting a new trend. 7.h4 setzt einen neuen Trend. **7...c6 8.Nc3** The position is equal. **8...c5 9.0-0 Nb4 10.Ne5 Nc6 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.Na4N**
[Vorgänger: 12.dxc5 Bxc5 13.Na4 Bd6 14.Bg5 Qc7 15.Bxf6 gxf6 16.g3 Kh8 0.26/19 *(16...c5* -0.10/18 is more appropriate.*)* 17.c4= Rg8 18.f4 -0.35/19 ;0-1 Sari,Y (2292)-Weetik,V (2423) Titled Tuesday intern op 06th Feb Late blitz 2024 (2) ;0-1 Sari,Y (2292)-Weetik,V (2423) Titled Tuesday intern op 06th Feb Late blitz 2024 (2) *(18.Qd2⩲* 0.36/18 *)*]
12...cxd4 13.exd4 Nd7 14.c3 c5 15.Rc1 c4 16.b4 cxb3 0.41/22
[16...Bg5= 0.05/20 might be stronger. 17.Qd2 Bf6]
17.Qxb3 Nb6 18.Nc5 Bd7 19.Rb1 Qc8 0.73/25
[19...Bc6= 0.27/19 was preferrable.]
20.Ba6± Qd8 1.51/22
[20...Qe8⩱ 0.53/23]
21.a4 0.40/23 White has more active pieces.
[21.Bb7± 1.51/22 e5 22.Bxe5 *(22.Bxa8 Bf5+-)*]
21...Bc6⩱ 22.a5 Nd7 23.Nb7 Qc8 24.Qc2 -0.39/22
[Better is 24.Rfc1± 1.04/19]
24...Nb8∓ 25.Qe2 Nxa6 26.Qxa6 Re8 27.Rb2 -0.52/22
[White should try 27.Nc5= 0.01/22]
27...Bxb7 28.Qxb7 -1.21/21
[28.Rxb7∓ -0.62/22 Bd8 29.Rfb1]
28...Qxc3∓ 29.Be5 -1.80/20
[29.a6∓ -1.01/19]
29...Qxa5-+ 30.g3 Qc3 Wards off Rc1
31.Rbb1 a5 32.Rfc1 Qa3 -0.54/21
[32...Qf3∓ -1.59/22 33.Rb3 Qh5]
33.Rc7∓ a4
[33...f6 looks sharper. 34.Rb3 Reb8 35.Qxb8+ Rxb8 36.Rxb8+ Kf7]

(Diagram)



Against Rb3. Strongly threatening ...f6.
34.Qc6 -1.25/24
[34.Rb6!∓ -0.31/22]
34...Bb4 -0.01/24
[34...Bf6∓ -1.25/24 35.Rbb7 Bxe5 36.dxe5 Qf8]
35.Kg2 Rf8 36.Rb7 Be7 37.Qd7 -0.80/23
[37.Rc1!= -0.01/22 Bf6 38.Bd6]
37...Rae8∓ 38.Ra7 -1.60/22
[⌓38.R1b2 -0.91/21]
38...Qd3 39.Re1 Prevents Qe4+.
39...a3 40.Re3 -1.97/22
[40.Qa4∓ -1.48/21 might work better.]
40...Qg6 -1.07/21
[40...Qb1-+ -1.97/22 Hoping for ... Bb4. 41.Qa4 h5]
41.Rf3 -2.00/20
[41.Bd6∓ -1.07/21 Bxd6 42.Qxd6]
41...h6 42.h3 -2.57/24
[42.Bd6∓ -1.56/22 Bxd6 43.Qxd6]
42...Qe4 43.g4? -3.60/20
[43.Bd6 -1.98/22 is the only way for White. Bxd6 44.Qxd6]

(Diagram)



43...h5? -1.20/21 **44.gxh5 Kh7**
45.Rb7? -6.60/22
[45.Bd6∓ -1.25/20 Bxd6 46.Qxd6]
45...f6? 0.01/21
[45...Bf6-+ -6.60/22 46.Ra7 Re7 47.Qxe7 Bxe7 48.Rxe7 f6]
46.Bg3? -3.71/25
[46.Bd6= 0.01/21 and White is okay. a2 47.Bxe7]
46...Rg8
[46...Qxd4 47.Rxa3 Rg8 48.Ra4±]
47.Rbb3? -6.29/21 Weighted Error Value: White=0.58/Black=0.48. Loss on time!?
[47.Ra7 -3.46/22 Ra8 *(47...Qxd4 48.Rf4∓)* 48.Qxe7]
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636 **D00**
□ **Panesar,Vedant** **2441**
■ **Palczert,Matyas** **2359**
Budapest Eperjesi Memorial (7)
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 g6 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3

(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8 1-0 Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 2013*; 5.f4 Qa5 6.Bd2 Qb4 7.Qe2 Qxb2 8.Rb1 Qa3 9.e5 dxe5 10.fxe5 Nfd7 11.e6 fxe6 12.dxe6 Nf6 13.Nb5 Qxa2 14.Nc7+ Kd8 15.Rd1 Nc6 16.Bf4+ Nd4 17.Nxa8 Qxe6 18.Qxe6 Bxe6 19.c3 Bg4* 1-0 Genovese,A (2106)-Burk,E (1200) Germany senior ch-5 final 9901 1999*)*
5...Bg7 6.Bc4 *(6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.a4 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nbd7 11.Re1 a6 12.Bf1 e5 13.a5 Ne8 14.Bd3 Qh4 15.Qg4 Qxg4 16.hxg4 Rc8 17.b3 Nef6 18.g5 Ne8 19.g3 f6 20.Kg2 fxg5* 0-1 7.♗c4 ♕a5 8. ♕ d2 e6_6062 (2345)-Jovic,A (2383) Gonfreville op 1979 (3.76)*)*
6...0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 1-0 Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) V0048 www.desc-online.de 2000 (7) gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8 21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9)]

3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.h4! 7.h4 is the modern continuation. 7.h4 ist die moderne Fortsetzung. **7...c6 8.Nc3 Qa5 9.a3N**

[9.Be2 Ne4 *(9...Ba3!? 10.bxa3 Qxc3+ 11.Kf1 Ne4∓)* 10.0-0 Nxc3 11.bxc3 Qxc3 12.Rb1 Nb4 13.a3 Na6 0.84/18 *(13...Qxa3=* -0.13/21 remains equal. *14.Qd2 Qa5)* 14.Bxa6!± bxa6 15.Ne5 1-0 Erigaisi,A (2701)-Pichot,A (2638) Airthings Masters Play In rapid 2023 (3)]

9...c5 0.16/16

[9...Ne4∓ -0.32/20]

10.Bg5 -0.20/18

[10.Qd2 0.16/16]

10...c4 11.Ne5 Qd8 0.28/17

[11...Nc7 -0.12/18 feels stronger.]

12.Bf4 Nd7 13.Nf3 Qb6 14.Qc1 Bd6 0.48/18

[14...Nf6= 0.08/18]

15.g3 0.11/19

[15.Bxd6± 0.48/18 Qxd6 16.e4]

15...Nc7 16.Bh3 Qc6 17.h5 f6 0.80/23

[17...h6= 0.16/19]

18.h6± g6 19.Bxd6 Qxd6 20.e4 e5 1.41/19

[20...dxe4 0.79/18 21.Nxe4 Qc6]

21.0-0 0.56/19

[21.Qe3!± 1.41/19]

21...dxe4 22.Nxe4 Qc6 23.Re1 Threatens to win with Bh3-g2. White is much more active. **23...f5!**

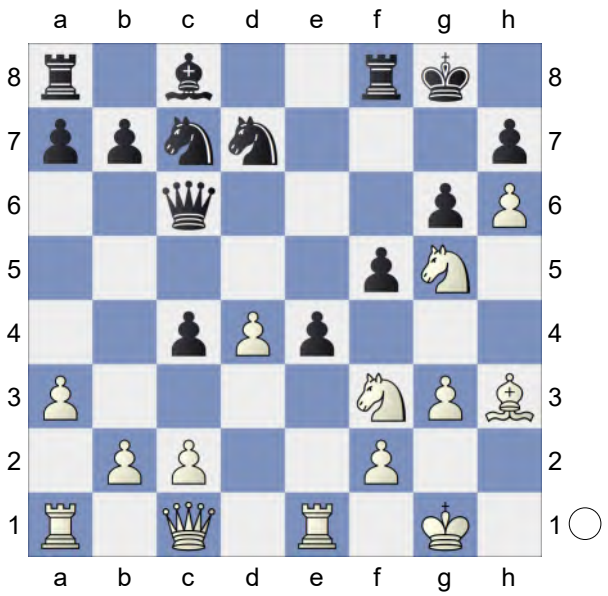
[23...Nc5 24.Bxc8 *(24.Nxc5 Bxh3 25.Ne4 Bg4∓)* 24...Nxe4 25.Bg4±]

24.Neg5

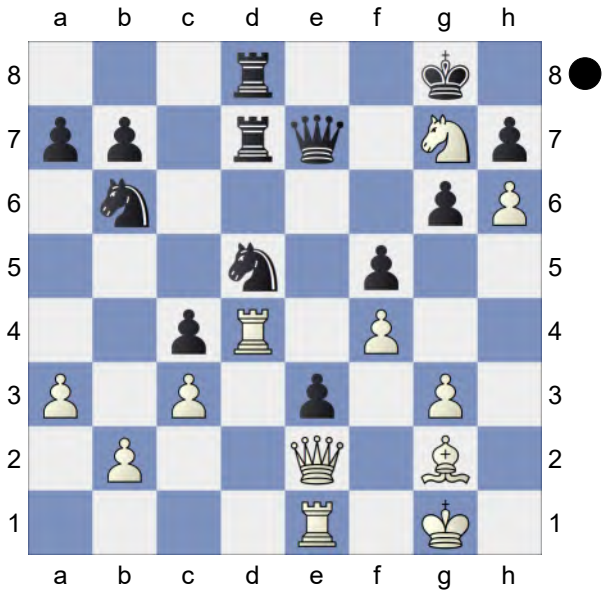
[24.Nxe5? Nxe5 25.Ng5 Nf7-+ *(25...Nf3+ 26.Nxf3 Qxf3 27.Bg2±)*]

24...e4

(Diagram)



25.d5 -0.41/19 **Nxd5∓ 26.Nd4 Qf6 27.Nde6** -1.08/21
[⌓27.Qd2 -0.72/18 Nc5 28.Bf1 *(28.Nxf5 Rd8∓)*]
27...Re8∓ 28.Ng7 -1.60/18
[⌓28.Qd2 -0.98/18 Ne5 *(28...Rxe6 29.Qxd5* Pin, Double Attack *Nb6 30.Qd2=)* 29.Nc5]
28...Re7 29.Qd2 -1.82/19
[29.Bf1∓ -1.32/17 might work better. b5 30.Bg2]
29...N7b6-+ 30.Bg2 Bd7
[30...Qxb2 31.Bf1 Qe5 32.Rad1∓]
31.c3 Bc6 32.f4 Rd8 33.Qf2 e3 34.Qf1 Nc7 -1.44/20
[34...e2-+ -1.87/20 35.Bxd5+ Nxd5]
35.Nf3 -2.43/20
[35.Red1∓ -1.44/20 Red7 *(35...Rd2 36.Rxd2 exd2 37.Bxc6∓)* 36.Rxd7 Rxd7 37.Nf3]
35...Bxf3 36.Qxf3 Ncd5 -0.55/20
[36...Rd3-+ -2.15/20 and ...e3-e2! should not be overlooked 37.Qxb7 Kf7]
37.Rad1∓ Red7 -0.39/20
[37...Kf7∓ -0.86/19]
38.Rd4 Qe7 39.Qe2 -1.20/21
[39.Re2∓ -0.45/19]



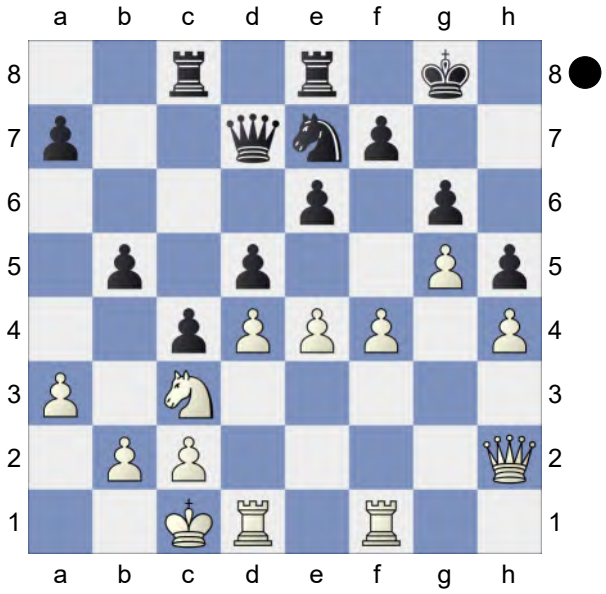
39...Rd6 -0.01/22
[39...Nf6!∓ -1.20/21 40.Qxe3 Qxe3+ 41.Rxe3 Rxd4 42.cxd4 Rxd4]
40.Red1 -0.56/19
[40.a4!= -0.01/22]
40...Kf8 41.Bf3 R6d7 42.Re1! Kf7
[42...Nc7 simplifies 43.Qxe3 Qxe3+ 44.Rxe3 Rxd4 45.cxd4 Rxd4 46.Bxb7 Rd1+]
43.Kf1 Nf6
[43...Nc7 feels hotter. 44.Rxd7 Rxd7 45.Qxe3 Qxe3 46.Rxe3 Na4]
44.Qxe3 Qxe3 45.Rxe3 Rxd4 46.cxd4 Rxd4 -0.01/22
[Black should try 46...Rd6!∓ -0.66/21]
47.Ne6!= Rd7 48.Ng5+ Kf8 49.Ne6+ Ke8 50.Nc5+ Re7 51.Ke2
[51.Rxe7+ Kxe7 52.Ke2 Ng4]
51...Ng8 52.a4 Nxh6 53.a5! Nd7 0.01/25
[Much worse is 53...Rxe3+?! 54.Kxe3 Nc8 55.Nxb7±]
[53...Nc8!∓ -0.50/24]
54.Nxb7 Nf7 Against Nb7-d6+ **55.Rxe7+ Kxe7** Endgame KBN-KNN. Black is a pawn up. **56.Ke3 g5 57.Bd5 gxf4+ 58.gxf4** -0.09/23

[⌓58.Kxf4 0.30/22 Kf6 59.Bxf7 *(59.Bxc4 Nfe5±)* 59...Kxf7 60.Kxf5]
58...Nd6 The position is equal. **59.Nxd6 Kxd6 60.Bxc4 Nf6 61.Bd3 Nd5+ 62.Kf3 Ne7 63.Ke3 Kc5 64.a6** Black had all chances to win. Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) / Black=0.24 (precise)
½-½

637 **D00**
□ **Tologontegin,Semetey** **2439**
■ **Odeev,Handszar** **2405**
Zonal 3.4 2017 (9.6) 24.06.2017
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 g6 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 1-0 (88)*; 5.f4 Qa5 6.Bd2 Qb4 7.Qe2 Qxb2 8.Rb1 Qa3 9.e5 dxe5 10.fxe5 Nfd7 11.e6 fxe6 12.dxe6 Nf6 13.Nb5 Qxa2 14.Nc7+ Kd8 15.Rd1 Nc6 16.Bf4+ Nd4 17.Nxa8 Qxe6 18.Qxe6 Bxe6 19.c3 Bg4* Genovese,A (2106)-Burk,E (1200) corr 2000 ZUS C73 [Sorensen] 1-0 (33) *)* 5...Bg7 6.Bc4 *(6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.a4 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nbd7 11.Re1 a6 12.Bf1 e5 13.a5 Ne8 14.Bd3 Qh4 15.Qg4 Qxg4 16.hxg4 Rc8 17.b3 Nef6 18.g5 Ne8 19.g3 f6 20.Kg2 fxg5* 7.♗c4 ♕a5 8. ♕d2 e6_6062 (2345)-Jovic,A (2383) Gonfreville 2023 CBM 068 ext [John Watson] 0-1 (79)*)* 6...0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) www.desc-online.de 2000 CBM 166 [Beliavsky, Alexander G] 1-0 (41) gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8 21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) Lake George 2005 CBM 107 [Atalik,Suat] ½-½ (41)]
3.Bf4 Bf5 4.f3 Bg6 5.g4 e6 6.h4 h5 is the strong threat. **6...h5**
[6...c5 seems wilder. 7.e4 h6 8.Nb5 Na6]
7.g5 Nfd7 8.e3 The position is equal. **8...c5 9.Bd3** -0.14/19
[⌓9.Nb5 0.20/20 Na6 10.c3]
9...Bxd3= 10.Qxd3 g6 11.Nge2 Nc6 12.0-0-0 Black should prevent e4. **12...c4 13.Qd2 Bb4 14.e4 0-0 15.a3 Ba5 16.Bd6 Re8 17.Qf4 Nb6** 0.51/18
[17...a6= 0.17/19]
18.Rhg1 0.19/20
[18.Be5± 0.51/18 was preferrable.]
18...Qd7 19.Qh2 Rad8 0.17/17
[19...Nc8 -0.16/18 might be stronger. 20.Bf4 *(20.exd5 exd5 21.Be5 N8e7∓)* 20...N8e7]
20.Bc7 Rc8 21.Bxb6 -0.20/20
[21.Bg3 0.18/18 is more appropriate.]
21...Bxb6 22.f4 Ne7 Prevents f5. **23.Ng3 Ba5 24.Nge2** -1.20/20 Black converts the advantage convincingly.
[24.Qd2∓ -0.40/18]
24...b5∓ 25.Rgf1 -2.15/18

[25.Qh3∓ -1.11/18]
25...Bxc3-+ 26.Nxc3



a5! 27.Qh3 b4 28.Nxd5 Nxd5 29.exd5 Qxd5 aiming for ...c3. **30.Qf3 Qb5 31.axb4 axb4 32.c3** -4.31/23
[⩲32.Rf2 -2.99/21 Qa4 33.c3]
32...Ra8 33.cxb4 Ra1+ 34.Kc2 -5.50/21
[⩲34.Kd2 -3.90/21 Ra4 35.Ke3]
34...Ra4 35.Ra1 Rxb4 36.Ra2 Rb8 37.Rb1 c3 38.Qd3 Qd5 39.Ra3 Rxb2+ 40.Rxb2 cxb2 Weighted Error Value: White=0.80/Black=0.13 (very precise)
0-1

638 **D00**
□ **Hebden,Mark L** **2436**
■ **Moreby,James** **2165**
Hull 4NCL Open 2019 (3.3) 02.11.2019
[Neil McDonald]

Not everyone wants to play long opening variations with novelties on move 25. In the following game grandmaster Mark Hebden treats the kingside fianchetto with delicious contempt. Neil McDonald,MH: 'Not everyone wants to play long opening variations with novelties on move 25. In the following game grandmaster Mark Hebden treats the kingside fianchetto with delicious contempt. D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines ' **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5** Neil McDonald,MH: 'N'
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]
3.Bf4 g6 4.e3 Hebden is a devotee of the Barry Attack. Neil McDonald,MH: 'Hebden is a devotee of the Barry Attack. '

[He avoids 4.Nf3 in order not to obstruct his queen's view of h5 in the forthcoming attack. Neil McDonald, MH: 'in order not to obstruct his queen's view of h5 in the forthcoming attack.']

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[Therefore the situation is ripe for 6...c5! 0.07/21 striking at the white centre. Then after Neil McDonald,MH: '=' Neil McDonald,MH: ' remains equal. ' 7.hxg6 Neil McDonald,MH: 'The reason for taking with the h-pawn is that maintaining a pawn on f7 means the black centre is more secure and compact. However' The reason for taking with the h-pawn is that maintaining a pawn on f7 means the black centre is more secure and compact. However

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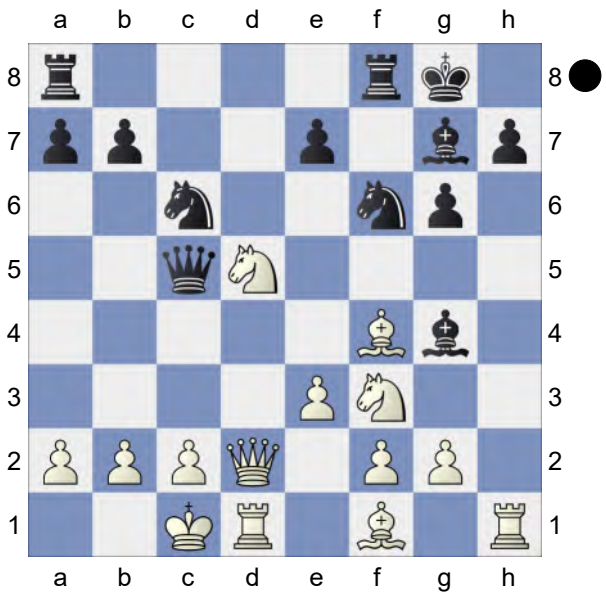
B1) or 8.Qd2 cxd4 9.exd4 Neil McDonald,MH: ' Threatening 0-0-0.' Nc6 10.Nf3 Neil McDonald,MH: ' With the idea Bf4-h6.' *(10.f3!?)* 10...Bg4;

B2) 8.dxc5 Nc6 0.56/19 *(8...Qa5=* 0.19/20 *)* 9.Nf3 Neil McDonald,MH: ' ± ' Qa5 Neil McDonald,MH: '!' 10.Qd2 0.03/20 *(10.Nd2!±* 0.60/19 *)* 10...Qxc5 Neil McDonald,MH: '=' 11.0-0-0 Bg4 . In the latter case if White snatches the pawn on d5 he is quickly routed: Neil McDonald,MH: '!' Neil McDonald, MH: '. In the latter case if White snatches the pawn on d5 he is quickly routed:' 12.Nxd5 -1.51/23 Neil McDonald,MH: '?' Neil McDonald,MH: ' *(12.Na4=* 0.10/21 *Qb4 13.Qxb4 Nxb4 14.a3)*

(Diagram)



' 12...Rad8 Neil McDonald,MH: '∓!' 13.Nxf6+ Bxf6 14.Bd3 Nb4 15.Kb1 Be6! (a neat change of direction) and Black's threats are irresistible e.g. Neil McDonald, MH: '(a neat change of direction) and Black's threats are irresistible e.g.' 16.a3 -7.34/21 *(⌓16.Nd4 -4.55/19 Bxa2+ 17.Kc1)* 16...Nxd3 Neil McDonald,MH: '-+' 17.cxd3 Qd5 (to invade on a2) Neil McDonald,MH: '(to invade on a2)' 18.b4 Qb3+ and mates. We might conclude that after 6...c5 Black would have had at least equal chances if White had continued to play in an attacking manner. In the actual game it is one-way traffic with White having a slow but inexorable steamroller on the h-file. Neil McDonald,MH: 'and mates. We might conclude that after 6...c5 Black would have had at least equal chances if White had continued to play in an attacking manner. In the actual game it is one-way traffic with White having a slow but inexorable steamroller on the h-file.']

ANSWER: **7.Rxh5!** Neil McDonald,MH: '±!' **7...gxh5 8.Qxh5** In return for the exchange White has an excellently-placed queen near the vulnerable black king. But according to the Russian proverb 'one man in a field isn't an army. ' How do you suggest we develop the white pieces to lend her a hand? (We'll compare notes after White's 12th move.) Neil McDonald,MH: 'In return for the exchange White has an excellently-placed queen near the vulnerable black king. But according to the Russian proverb 'one man in a field isn't an army. ' How do you suggest we develop the white pieces to lend her a hand? (We'll compare notes after White's 12th move.). White is better.' **8...c6** 2.34/20 Black defends the d5-pawn. Neil McDonald,MH: 'Black defends the d5-pawn. This costs Black the game.'

[Instead my Stockfish suggests the clever 8...Nd7!? 1.01/21 Neil McDonald,MH: ' ±' 'White does better not to get involved in a centre clash and continue to build up with' White does better not to get involved in a centre clash and continue to build up with

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e5 generates counterplay for Black Neil McDonald,MH: 'generates counterplay for Black'*)* 11...Rxf5 Neil McDonald,MH: '-+' 12.Qxf5 Neil McDonald,MH: ' aiming for Nd5-c7.' Qa5+ 13.c3 Qxd5 is bad for him.;

B) 9.Bd3 , though after 9...f5 10.Nf3 *(*if *10.Bxf5* -0.01/22 Neil McDonald,MH: '10.Ng1-f3 1.25' *Nf6* Black will get the chance to exchange off White's strong light-squared bishop Neil McDonald,MH: 'Black will get the chance to exchange off White's strong light-squared bishop'*)* 10...Nf6 Black can be pleased to get his knight to f6 without any need to spend a tempo on ...c7-c6, though whether that changes the basic direction of the game after say Neil McDonald,MH: 'Black can be pleased to get his knight to f6 without any need to spend a tempo on ...c7-c6, though whether that changes the basic direction of the game after say' 11.Qh3 is a moot point. Neil McDonald,MH: 'is a moot point.']

[QUESTION: After 8...f5 1.98/21 , can you, to use the words I believe of world champion Steinitz, see a way to 'steal a pawn in broad daylight'? ANSWER: To answer the question above, after 8...f5 White can continue with Neil McDonald,MH: '8...Nb8-d7 1. 07 , can you, to use the words I believe of world champion Steinitz, see a way to 'steal a pawn in broad daylight'? ANSWER: To answer the question above, after 8...f5 White can continue with' 9.Nf3 etc. *(* but there is also the curious *9.Qh2!?* which wins a valuable centre pawn as c7 is indefensible. Neil McDonald,MH: 'which wins a valuable centre pawn as c7 is indefensible.' *)*]

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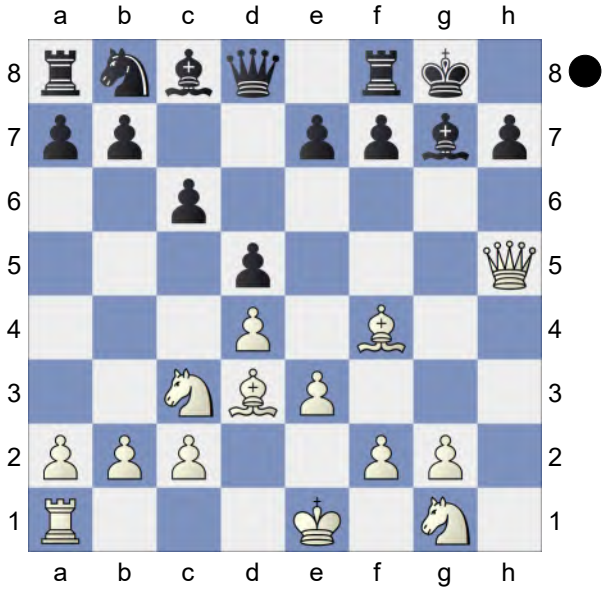

Developing a piece and obliging Black to block the attack on h7. White has strong compensation.' **9...f5** Forced, but now there's a hole on e5 which White's knight can target after his next move. Neil McDonald,MH: 'Forced, but now there's a hole on e5 which White's knight can target after his next move.' **10.Nf3** **e6** Strengthening f5 and also hoping to get his queen involved in the defence via the e7- or f6-squares. Neil McDonald,MH: 'Strengthening f5 and also hoping to get his queen involved in the defence via the e7- or f6-squares.' **11.0-0-0** Neil McDonald,MH: ' Threatens to win with Rd1-h1.' **11...Nd7** **12.Rh1** Did you envisage this coordination of White's forces after 8 Qxh5 above? The kingside minor pieces and queen's rook have been brought onto attacking stations in support of their queen. Neil

McDonald,MH: ' →' Neil McDonald,MH: 'Did you envisage this coordination of White's forces after 8 Qxh5 above? The kingside minor pieces and queen's rook have been brought onto attacking stations in support of their queen. White attacks with force.' **12...Nf6** Necessary to defend h7 but now the e5-square is unguarded. **13.Qh4 Bd7** 3.87/21
[⌓13...Kf7 2.70/17 14.g4 Nxg4]
14.Ne2 One knight will join in the action by heading for g3... **14...Qe7 15.Ne5** ...while the other knight will dominate the centre from this outpost. Neil McDonald,MH: '... while the other knight will dominate the centre from this outpost. ' **15...Be8** QUESTION: How do we start the next wave of White's attack? ANSWER: Neil McDonald,MH: 'QUESTION: How do we start the next wave of White's attack? ANSWER:' **16.g4!** A plan needs pawns in the same way that life needs water. Here it is essential to undermine the barrier on f5. Neil McDonald,MH: 'A plan needs pawns in the same way that life needs water. Here it is essential to undermine the barrier on f5. White is clearly winning.' **16...Bg6 17.Ng3** White's attack is running like clockwork with every piece now employed besieging the kingside. The f5-point can no longer be held which leads to a total collapse. Neil McDonald,MH: 'White's attack is running like clockwork with every piece now employed besieging the kingside. The f5-point can no longer be held which leads to a total collapse.' **17...Rae8** 6.43/21
[⌓17...fxg4 4.32/19 18.Bxg6 *(18.Nxg4 c5+-; 18.Nxg6 hxg6 19.Bxg6 Rf7+-)* 18...hxg6 19.Nxg6 *(19.Nxg4 c5+-)* 19...Qe8]
18.gxf5 exf5 19.Nxf5 Neil McDonald,MH: ' A dynamic duo of knights.' **19...Qe6 20.Nxg7** Neil McDonald,MH: ' Remove Defender. Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) / Black=0.87' **20...Kxg7 21.Bxg6 hxg6 22.Qh6+ Kg8 23.Qh8#**
[or 23.Qxg6# are both mate. Black never had a smidgen of counterplay. Neil McDonald,MH: 'are both mate. Black never had a smidgen of counterplay.']
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639 **D00**
□ **Lopez Ramirez,David Santiago** **2436**
■ **MPP** **2712**
Santiago m Santiago de Chile (6)
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 Bf5 4.f3 e6 5.g4 Bg6 6.h4 h5 7.g5 Nfd7 8.e3** The position is equal. **8...Nb6N**
[8...Nc6 9.a3 Be7 10.Qd2 0-0 11.Nh3 Nb6 12.Bd3 Bxd3 13.cxd3 f6 14.0-0-0 e5 15.gxf6 Bxf6 16.dxe5 Bxe5 17.d4 Nxd4 18.exd4 Bxf4 19.Nxf4 Nc4 20.Qh2 1-0 Rouanet,L (2476)-Karpik,T (2067) FIDE World Cup 2013 (1)]
[8...a6 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.cxd3 Nc6 11.g6 fxg6 12.Bg5 Be7 13.f4 Nf6 14.Qb3 Qd7 15.Nf3 Ng4 16.Ke2 Bf6 17.Rac1 b6 18.Rc2 Ne7 19.Rhc1 0-0 20.Qa4 Qd8 21.Nd1 Ra7 22.Nf2 Nh6 23.Rg1 0-1 Jobava,B (2699)-Nakamura,H (2799) Khanty-Mansiysk FIDE GP 2015 (8)]
9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.cxd3 g6 0.39/19
[10...Qd7= -0.14/18]
11.Nge2 -0.08/19

[11.Be5± 0.39/19 is superior. Rh7 12.Nb5]

11...Bd6= 12.Bxd6

[12.Kf2 Na6 13.e4 Bxf4 14.Nxf4 Qd6 15.Nfe2 0-0-0 0.40/20 *(15...Nb4= -0.01/17)* 16.Rc1 -0.50/20 *(16.e5± 0.40/20 Qd7 17.a3)* 16...Kb8 0.23/20 *(16...dxe4!∓ -0.50/20 17.dxe4 Kb8)* 17.a3 -0.49/20 *(17.e5!= 0.23/20 Qd7 18.Qb3)* 17...c5 0.41/21 *(17...dxe4!∓ -0.49/20 18.Nxe4 Qd7)* 18.dxc5 Qxc5+]

12...cxd6 0.24/18

[⩲12...Qxd6 -0.14/18 13.Qd2 Nc6]

13.e4 -0.24/19

[⩲13.f4 0.24/18]

13...Nc6 14.Qd2 0-0 15.exd5 -0.90/21

[15.0-0-0= -0.02/18]

15...Nxd5∓

[15...exd5 16.0-0-0∓]

16.Nxd5 exd5 17.0-0-0 Qb6 18.Kb1 Nxd4 19.Nc3 -1.36/20

[⩲19.Nxd4 -0.75/20 Qxd4 20.f4]

19...Qa5 -0.84/22

[19...Nxf3 20.Qf4 Ne5 21.Nxd5±]

[⩲19...Qc5 -1.36/20 20.Rc1 Rfe8 *(20...Nxf3 21.Qg2∓)*]

20.Qf4 -1.51/20

[⩲20.Ne4 -0.84/22 Qxd2 21.Nf6+ Kg7 22.Rxd2]

20...Nf5 21.b4 Qa3 22.Nxd5 a5! 23.b5 Qc5 -0.79/22

[23...Rfc8-+ -1.98/21 24.Rh2 Qc5 *(24...Rc5 25.Nf6+ Kg7 26.Rb2-+)* 25.Nf6+ Kh8]

24.Nf6+ Kg7 25.a4 -1.61/22

[25.Qc4∓ -1.01/21]

25...Rac8 -0.33/21

[25...Qa3-+ -1.61/22 26.Qd2 Qxa4]

26.Rh2? -2.72/21

[26.Qc1∓ -0.33/21]

26...Qc3? -0.39/22

[26...Qa3!-+ -2.72/21 27.Rb2 Rc3 28.Nxh5+ gxh5 29.Qxf5 Qxa4 30.Qf6+ Kg8 31.Qxc3 Qxd1+ 32.Ka2 Qa4+ *(32...Qxf3 33.Qd4∓)* 33.Qa3 Qd4 *(33...Qxh4 34.Qxd6 Qa4+ 35.Qa3-+)* 34.Qxa5 Qxd3]

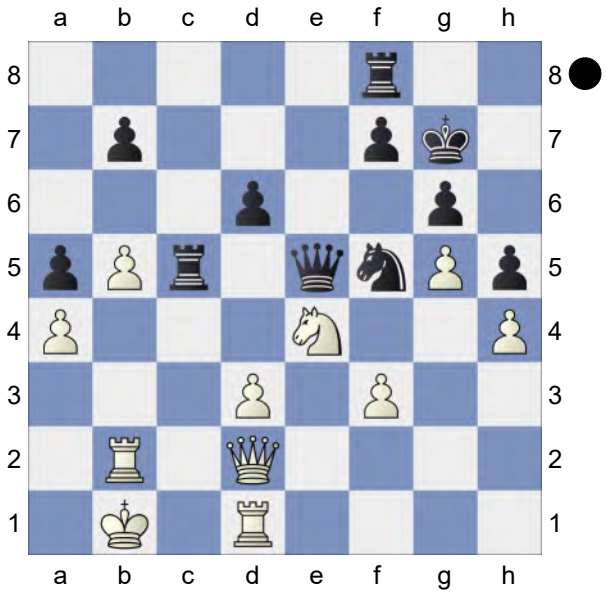
27.Rb2∓ Rc5→ Black attacks. **28.Ne4?** -2.80/23 Active counter play!

[28.Nd7!= -0.28/19]

28...Qe5? -0.69/21

[28...Qd4-+ -2.80/23 Hoping for ...d6-d5. 29.Qd2 Rcc8]

29.Qd2!



Rcc8! 30.d4 -1.32/19

[White should play 30.Qxa5 -0.76/20 Nxh4 31.Qb6]

30...Qd5 -0.87/20

[⩲30...Qe6 -1.32/19 31.d5 Qe5]

31.Qxa5? -3.25/20

[31.b6∓ -0.87/20]

31...Rc4-+

[31...Nxh4 32.Qd2∓]

[31...Nxd4 32.Qb6 Rc4 33.a5=]

32.Rd3? -3.81/21

[32.Qe1 -1.70/18]

32...Rfc8

[32...Nxd4 33.Qd2 Rfc8 *(33...Rxa4 34.Nc3±)* 34.a5-+]

[32...Rxd4 33.Qc3 Qc4 34.Rxd4 Qxc3 35.Nxc3=]
[32...Nxh4 33.Nd2 Qf5 *(33...Rxd4? 34.Qc3+-)* 34.Rbb3-+]

33.Nc3 -4.74/20
[33.Qd2 -3.26/22 was worth a try.]

33...Qe6 34.Re2 Qd7 35.Na2? -6.71/20
[35.Kb2 -3.12/18 Nxh4 *(35...Rxd4? 36.Red2-+; 35...Nxd4 36.Re4∓)* 36.Ne4]

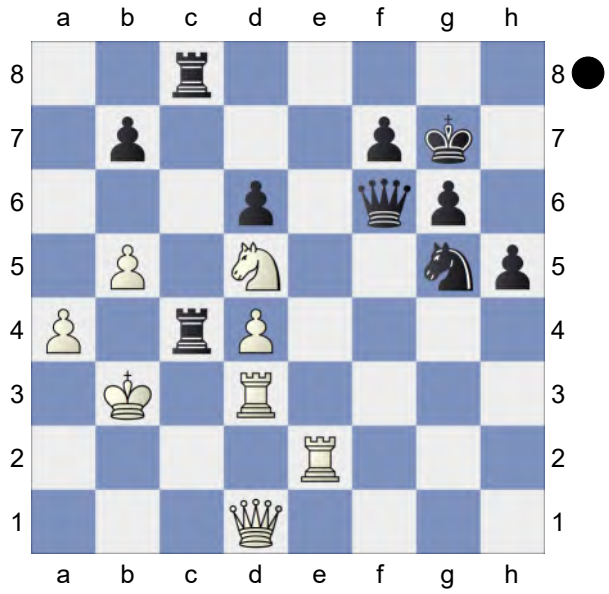
35...Nxh4 36.Qe1 Qf5 37.Qd1 Nxf3? 0.37/21
[Better is 37...Rxa4-+ -6.46/19 38.Kb2 Rca8 *(38...Qxb5+? 39.Qb3-+; 38...Nxf3? 39.Rf2-+)*]

38.Kb2? -6.00/21
[38.Rf2± 0.37/21]

38...Nxg5 39.Nc3 Rb4+ 40.Ka3 Rbc4 -0.01/18
[40...Rcc4-+ -5.35/21 41.Ree3 Qc8]

41.Kb3? -6.40/19
[41.Kb2= -0.01/18 Ne6 42.Qd2]

41...Qf6 42.Nd5



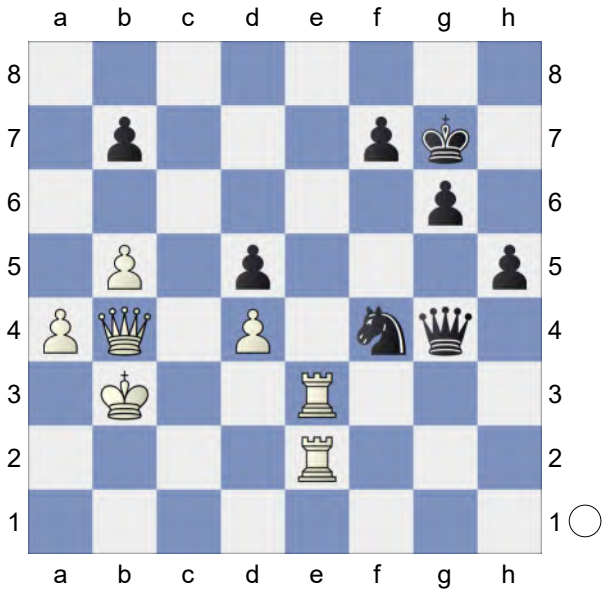
Qf5 0.01/19
[42...Qd8!-+ -4.13/23 43.Qe1 Rc1]

43.Ne3 -1.46/18
[43.Nc3!= 0.01/19 keeps the balance. Nh3 44.Rg3]

43...Qd7? 4.31/19
[43...Qe6∓ -1.46/18 and life is bright. 44.d5 Qe4 45.Nxc4 Qxc4+ 46.Ka3 Ne4]

44.Nxc4+- Ne6 8.22/19
[⌓44...Rxc4 4.42/17 45.Kxc4 f5]

45.Nb6 Qc7 46.Nxc8 Qxc8 47.Qc2 Qd7 48.Qc3 And now d4-d5+ would win. **48...d5 49.Qb4 Nf4 50.Rde3 Qg4**



51.Qd2 h4
[51...Nxe2 52.Qxe2]

52.Rf2 g5 53.Ref3 Ne6 54.Rxf7+ Kg8 55.R7f6 White wants to mate with Rf6xe6!. **55...Nxd4+ 56.Ka3** 9.77/22
[⌓56.Kb2 #9/19 Kh7 57.Qc3 *(57.Qd3+ Qe4+-)* 57...Qd7 58.Qxd4 *(58.Rf7+ Qxf7 59.Rxf7+ Kg6 60.Rxb7 Nc6 61.bxc6 Kf5 62.c7 g4 63.c8Q+ Kf4 64.Rf7+ Kg5 65.Qg8+* Skewer *Kh6 66.Qch8#)* 58...h3 59.Rf7+ Qxf7 60.Rxf7+ Kg6 61.Qg7+ *(61.Rxb7 h2 62.Qxd5 Kh5 63.Qe4 g4 64.Rg7 Kh6 65.Qh7#)* 61...Kh5 62.Rf5 Kh4 63.Qxg5#]

56...Qg3+ 57.Kb4 Qb3+ 58.Kc5 White mates. **58...Qxa4 59.Qxd4 b6+ 60.Rxb6 Qa3+ 61.Kc6 Qb3 62.Qc5 Qg3 63.Rb7 Qg4 64.Rf8#**

Quite a comeback for White. Weighted Error Value: White=0.83/Black=0.98
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640 **D00**
□ **Madaminov,Mukhiddin** **2436**
■ **Sjugirov,Sanan** **2712**
Titled Tue 14. Feb Early (6) 14.02.2023
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 Bf5 4.f3 e6 5.g4 Bg6 6.h4 h5** The main line 6...h5 scores better than 6...h6. Die Hauptvariante 6...h5 punktet besser als 6...h6. **7.g5 Nfd7 8.e3** The position is equal. **8...Nb6N**
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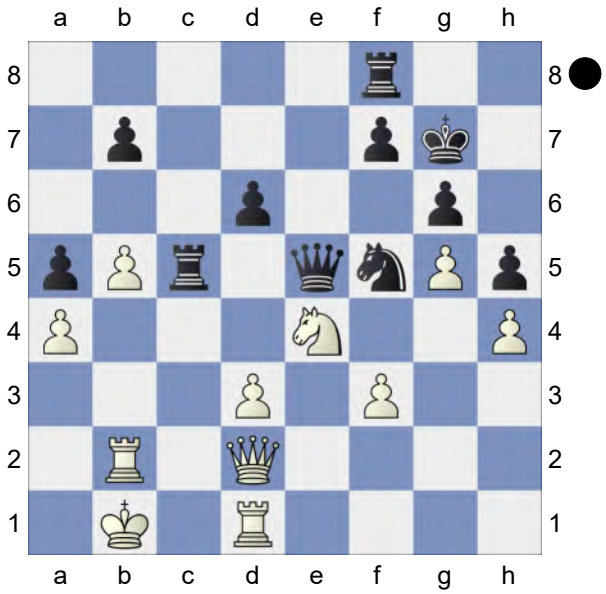
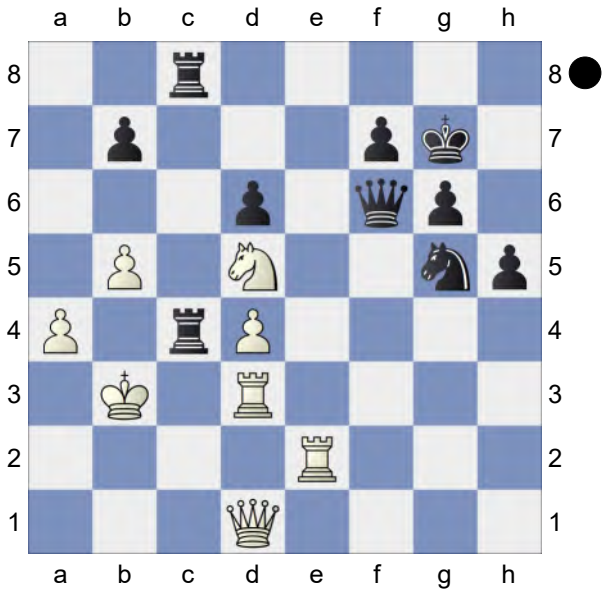
[8...Bb4 9.Bd3 c5 10.Bxg6 fxg6 11.Qd3 Kf7 12.Nge2 Nc6 13.0-0-0 c4 14.Qd2 b5 15.e4 Bxc3 16.Nxc3 b4 17.Nb5 Qa5 18.Nd6+ Kg8 19.Kb1 Kh7 20.Rhe1 Rhf8 21.exd5 Qxd5 22.Qe3 Nb6 23.Nb7 ½-½ Madaminov,M (2337)-Petrov,N (2519) Wch Rapid Almaty 2022 (10)]
9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.cxd3 g6 0.42/19
[10...Nc6= -0.11/18]
11.Nge2 -0.16/18
[11.Be5!± 0.42/19 Rg8 12.Nh3]
11...Bd6 12.Bxd6N
[Vorgänger: 12.Kf2 Na6 13.e4 Bxf4 14.Nxf4 Qd6 15.Nfe2 0-0-0 0.54/20 *(15...Nb4=* -0.09/17 *)* 16.Rc1 -0.57/21 *(16.e5!±* 0.54/20 *Qe7 17.a3)* 16...Kb8 0.27/19 *(16...dxe4!∓* -0.57/21 *17.dxe4 e5)* 17.a3 -0.54/19 *(17.e5!=* 0.27/19 *Qd7 18.a3)* 17...c5 0.63/21 *(17...dxe4!∓* -0.54/19 *18.Nxe4 Qe7)* 18.dxc5 0.07/18 *(18.e5!±* 0.63/21 *Qc6 19.Qd2)* 18...Qxc5+ 0-1 (47) Deen Cowell,N (1869)-Abbott,P (1851) Sydney 2020]
12...cxd6 13.e4 -0.19/20
[13.0-0 0.18/18 should be considered.]
13...Nc6 14.Qd2 0-0 15.exd5 -0.92/21
[15.0-0-0= -0.08/19 keeps the balance.]
15...Nxd5∓
[15...exd5 16.Kf2∓]
16.Nxd5 exd5 17.0-0-0 Qb6 18.Kb1 Nxd4 19.Nc3 -1.40/19
[19.Nxd4 -0.87/20 Qxd4 20.Rc1]
19...Qa5 -0.89/21
[19...Nxf3 20.Qf4 Ne5 21.Nxd5±]
[19...Qc5 -1.40/19 20.f4 Nf5]
20.Qf4 -1.48/21
[White should try 20.Ne4 -0.89/21 Qxd2 21.Nf6+ Kg7 22.Rxd2]
20...Nf5 21.b4 -2.03/21
[21.Rh2∓ -1.55/19]
21...Qa3-+ 22.Nxd5 a5! 23.b5 Qc5 -0.65/20
[23...Rfc8-+ -1.89/21 24.Rh2 Rc5 25.Nf6+ Kg7]
24.Nf6+ Kg7 25.a4 -1.44/22
[⌓25.Qc4 -0.88/19]
25...Rac8 -0.33/21
[25...Qa3∓ -1.44/22 26.Qd2 Ne3 *(26...Qxa4 27.Qb2-+)*]

26.Rh2? -3.21/21
[26.Qc1∓ -0.33/21]
26...Qc3? -0.73/22
[26...Qa3-+ -3.21/21 and Black stays clearly on top. 27.Rb2 Rc3 28.Nxh5+ Kh8 *(28...gxh5? 29.Qxf5 Qxa4 30.Qf6+ Kg8 31.Qxc3∓)*]
27.Rb2∓ Rc5→ Black mounts an attack.
28.Ne4? -2.46/22
[28.Nd7∓ -0.39/20]
28...Qe5? -0.58/20
[28...Qd4-+ -2.46/22 White must now prevent ...d6-d5. 29.Qd2 Rcc8]
29.Qd2∓

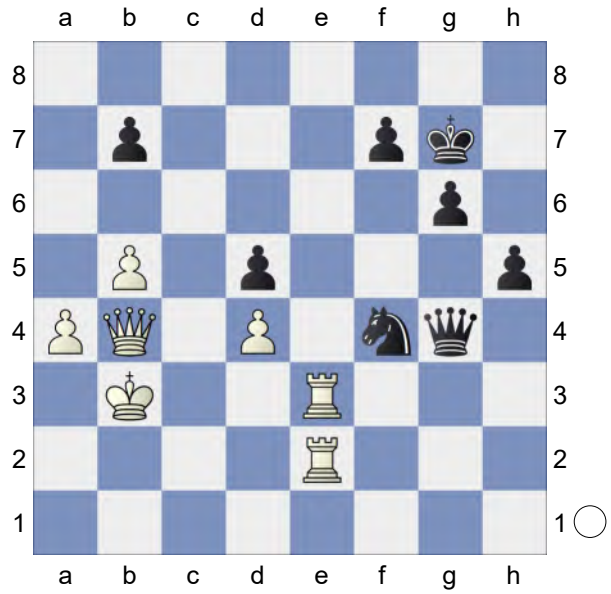


Rcc8! 30.d4 -1.75/21
[30.Qxa5∓ -0.77/20 was called for. d5 31.Nf6]
30...Qd5-+ 31.Qxa5? -2.94/21
[31.b6∓ -1.02/19]
31...Rc4
[31...Nxh4 32.Qd2∓]
[31...Nxd4 32.Qb6 Rc4 33.a5±]
32.Rd3 Rfc8
[32...Nxd4 33.Qa7-+]
[32...Rxd4 33.Qc3 Qc4 34.Rxd4 Qxc3 35.Nxc3∓]
[32...Nxh4 33.Nd2 b6 *(33...Rxd4? 34.Qc3+-)* 34.Qxb6 Rxa4 35.Qc6-+]
33.Nc3 -4.36/20
[33.Qd2 -3.05/21 was the only chance.]
33...Qe6 34.Re2 Qd7 35.Na2? -6.61/21
[35.Kb2 -3.25/19 Rxd4 *(35...Nxd4 36.Re4=)* 36.Rxd4 Nxd4 37.Re4 Nxf3 38.Qb4]
35...Nxh4 36.Qe1 Qf5 37.Qd1 Nxf3? 0.01/21
[37...Rxa4-+ -6.37/19 38.Ka1 Nxf3 *(38...Qxb5? 39.d5-+)*]
38.Kb2? -5.92/21
[38.Rf2!= 0.01/21 and White is okay. Rxd4 39.Rfxf3 Rxd3 *(39...Qe4 40.a5=)* 40.Qxd3 Qxg5 41.Kb2 *(41.Qxd6? Qg1+ 42.Kb2 Qg2+ 43.Ka1 Qxf3-+)*]
38...Nxg5 39.Nc3 Rb4+ 40.Ka3 Rbc4 0.01/17
[40...Rcc4-+ -5.44/21 41.d5 Qc8]
41.Kb3? -6.10/20
[41.Kb2= 0.01/17 Ne6 42.Ree3]
41...Qf6 42.Nd5



Qf5 0.01/20
[Black should play 42...Qd8!-+ -3.78/20 43.Qe1 Rc1]
43.Ne3 -1.40/17
[43.Nc3!= 0.01/20 was the only way

to keep the balance. Nh3 44.Rg3]
43...Qd7? 4.48/17
[43...Qe6∓ -1.40/17 and life is bright. 44.d5 Qe4 45.Nxc4 Qxc4+ 46.Kb2 Ne4]
44.Nxc4+- Ne6 7.44/18
[⌓44...Rxc4 4.34/17 45.Kxc4 b6]
45.Nb6 Qc7 46.Nxc8 Qxc8 47.Qc2 Qd7 48.Qc3 Strongly threatening d4-d5+. **48...d5 49.Qb4 Nf4 50.Rde3 Qg4** 6.26/18
[⌓50...Nxe2 4.25/17 51.Rxe2 Qf5]



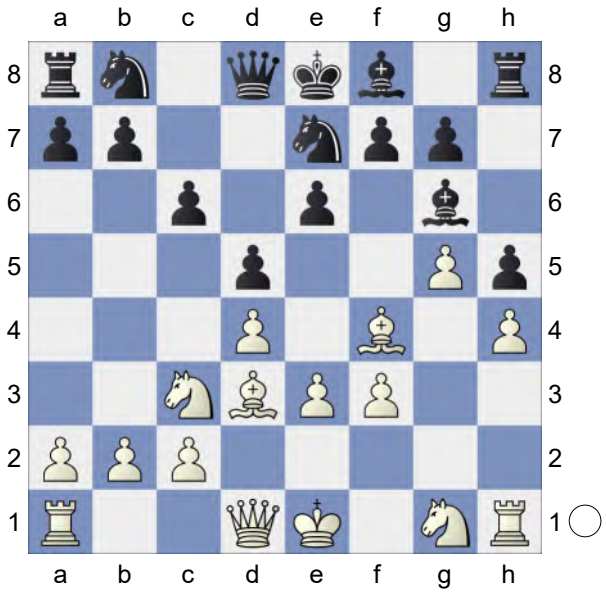
51.Qd2! h4
[51...Nxe2 52.Qxe2]
52.Rf2 g5 53.Ref3 Ne6 54.Rxf7+ Kg8 55.R7f6 Intending Rf6xe6! and mate.
55...Nxd4+ 56.Ka3 11.05/21
[⌓56.Kb2 #8/18 Ne6 57.Rxe6 Remove Defender, Deflection *(57.Qxd5 Qb4+ 58.Kc2 Qc5+ 59.Qxc5 Nxc5+-)* 57...Qxe6 58.Qxg5+ Kh7 59.Rg2 *(59.Qxh4+ Qh6+-)* 59...Qe2+ 60.Rxe2 d4 61.Re7+ Kh8 62.Qg7#]
56...Qg3+ 57.Kb4 Qb3+ 58.Kc5 White mates. **58...Qxa4 59.Qxd4 b6+ 60.Rxb6 Qa3+ 61.Kc6 Qb3 62.Qc5 Qg3 63.Rb7 Qg4 64.Rf8#** White used his chance. Weighted Error Value: White=0.89/Black=0.98
1-0

641 **D00**
□ **Lopez Ramirez,David Santiago 2436**
■ **Reviczki,Roland 2413**
50/207 Groningen (6) 21.02.2023
[John Watson]

Kitty Kat: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines '
1.d4 Kitty Kat **1...Nf6 2.Nc3 d5** Kitty Kat: 'N'
[2...c5 Kitty Kat 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7 ½-½* Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8 ½-½* Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5

axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]

3.Bf4 c6 4.e3 Bf5 5.f3 e6 6.g4 Bg6 7.h4 Kitty Kat: ' Hoping for h4-h5.' **7...h5 8.g5** Kitty Kat: 'White is slightly better.' **8...Ng8 9.Bd3** Kitty Kat: ' Black must now prevent Bd3xg6. ' **9...Ne7** Kitty Kat: '



' **10.e4** Kitty Kat: '!' Kitty Kat: ' White is much more active.'

[10.Nge2 Bxd3 11.Qxd3 Ng6 12.0-0-0 Nd7 13.Bg3 Nb6 14.Kb1 Bd6 15.Bxd6 Qxd6 16.e4]

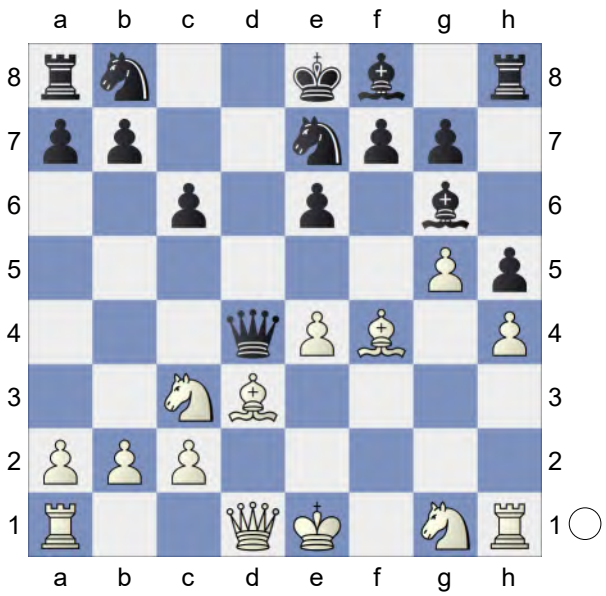
10...dxe4 1.09/20

[10...Nd7± 0.66/17 (Kitty Kat) was preferrable.]

11.fxe4 Kitty Kat: ' ±' **11...Qxd4** 2.68/20 Kitty Kat: '?' Kitty Kat: '

[11...Nd7± 1.01/19 Kitty Kat]

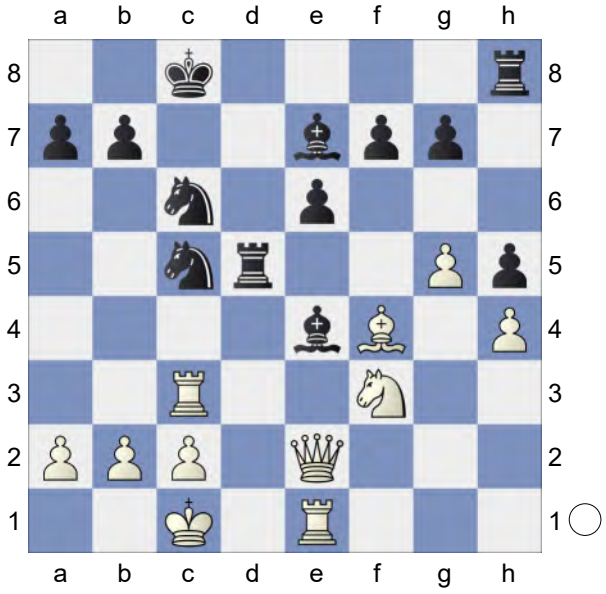
(Diagram)



' **12.Nb5** Kitty Kat: '+-!' **12...cxb5** 3.50/19

[⮌12...Qxb2 2.44/21 Kitty Kat 13.Nc7+ *(13.Rb1 Qxb5 14.Bxb5 cxb5+-)* 13...Kd8]

13.Bxb5+ Kitty Kat: ' Discovered Attack' **13...Qd7 14.Bxd7+ Nxd7 15.Qe2 Nc6 16.0-0-0 0-0-0 17.Nf3 Be7 18.Rd3 Nc5 19.Rc3** Kitty Kat: 'White is clearly winning.' **19...Bxe4 20.Re1 Rd5** Kitty Kat: '



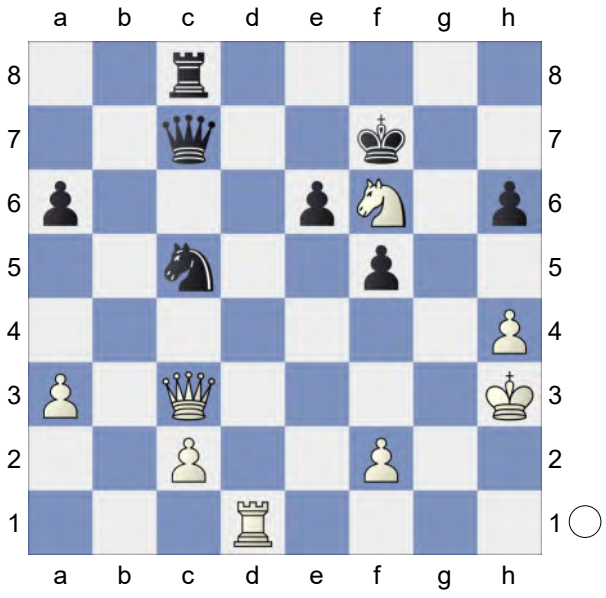
' **21.Rxc5** Kitty Kat: '!' Kitty Kat: ' Remove Defender' **21...Bxf3**

[21...Bxc5 Kitty Kat 22.Qxe4]
22.Rxc6+ bxc6 23.Qxf3 Rhd8 24.Qxh5 g6 25.Qe2 Kb7 26.c3 Bc5 27.Kc2 e5 28.Be3 Bf8 29.Rf1 R8d7 30.b4 a5 31.a3 a4 32.h5 gxh5 33.g6 Kitty Kat: ' White took control after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) /Black=0.70'
1-0

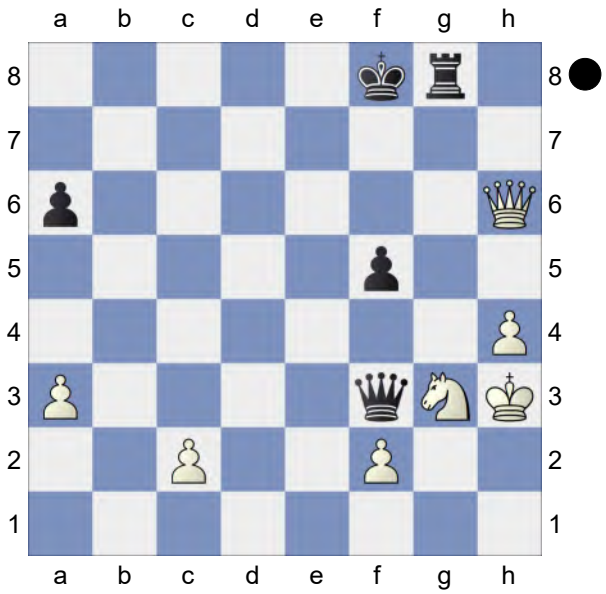
642 **D00**
□ **Madaminov,Mukhiddin** **2436**
■ **Deac,Bogdan Daniel** **2700**
Titled Tue 21. Feb Early (11) 21.02.2023
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]
3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.g4 Bb4 6.Bg2 -0.36/21
[6.Nge2= 0.06/20 is more appropriate.]
6...0-0!? Leaves trodden paths. Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade. **7.g5 Nfd7N** 0.55/21
[Vorgänger: 7...Ne4 8.Bxe4 -0.83/25 *(8.Nge2!=* 0.10/18 *)* 8...dxe4 0.00/20 *(8...Bxc3+∓* -0.83/25 *9.bxc3 dxe4)* 9.Nge2= b5 0.62/20 *(9...e5=* 0.00/20 *10.dxe5 Bg4)* 10.a3!± Bxc3+ 0.87/19 *(10...Ba5±* 0.50/21 *)* 11.Nxc3± Bb7 12.Qg4 Nd7 13.h4 Qe7 1.81/20 0-1 (28) Gelman,A (2403)-Zhigalko,S (2572) Chess.com INT 2021 *(13...f5±* 1.08/19 *14.gxf6* Discovered Attack *Qxf6)*]
[7...Bxc3+= -0.12/23 8.bxc3 Ne4]
8.Nge2 0.03/21
[8.Qf3± 0.55/21]
8...Re8 0.54/23
[8...Be7!= 0.03/21]
9.h4± c5 10.a3 Ba5 1.25/19
[10...Bxc3+± 0.38/22 11.Nxc3 b5]
11.dxc5± Bc7 2.35/22
[11...Bxc3+± 1.38/22 12.Nxc3 Nxc5]
12.b4 1.21/21
[12.h5+- 2.35/22]
12...b6 13.Bxc7 Qxc7 14.e4 d4 15.Qxd4 1.16/22
[Better is 15.cxb6+- 1.68/23 Nxb6 16.Qxd4]
15...bxc5 16.bxc5 Nxc5 17.0-0 0.41/24
[17.Rd1± 1.25/21]
17...Rd8 18.Qc4 Nbd7 19.Rfd1 Bb7

20.Rab1 -0.10/24
[20.Na4± 0.44/21]
20...Rac8 21.Na4 Nxa4 22.Qxa4 Nc5 0.44/26
[22...a5= 0.08/23 feels stronger. 23.Qb5 Bc6]
23.Qc4 h6 24.gxh6 Strongly threatening Qc4-c3. **24...gxh6 25.Qc3** 0.06/24
[25.Rxd8+± 0.48/22 might be stronger. Qxd8 26.e5 *(26.Ng3)* 26...Bxg2 27.Kxg2]
25...Rxd1+ 26.Rxd1 Bxe4 27.Ng3→ White has some attack. **27...Bxg2 28.Nh5 f5?** 5.10/23 **29.Kxg2 Kh7?** 8.65/27
[29...e5 2.69/20 30.Qg3+ Kf8]
30.Nf6+? 0.00/30
[30.Rd7+!+- 8.65/27 Qxd7 31.Nf6+ Kg6 32.Nxd7 Pin]
30...Kg6= Hoping for ...Qc7-g7. **31.Kh3** And now Rd1-g1+ would win. **31...Kf7** 1.23/25
[31...Ne4= -0.02/28 32.h5+ Kf7 33.Qxc7+ Rxc7 34.Nxe4 fxe4]



32.Nh5!± Rg8 3.87/20 Dodges Qc3-g7+
[32...Ne4± 1.59/20 33.Qg7+ Ke8 34.Qg8+ *(34.Qxh6? Nxf2+ 35.Kg2 Nxd1-+)* 34...Ke7 35.Qh7+ Ke8 36.Ng7+ *(36.Qxh6? Nxf2+ 37.Kg2 Nxd1-+)* 36...Ke7]
33.Qf6++- Ke8 34.Re1? 0.41/26
[34.Qxh6 Qc6 35.Ng3 *(35.Nf6+ Kf7=)* 35...Qf3=]
[34.f3+- 5.35/24]
34...Qc6? 2.95/31 **35.Ng3?** 0.00/26
[35.Qxh6? Qg2#]
[35.Ng7++- 2.95/31 Rxg7 36.Qxg7]
35...Qf3= ...Qf3-g4+ is the strong threat. The board is on fire. **36.Rxe6+ Nxe6 37.Qxe6+** Endgame. KQR-KQN **37...Kf8 38.Qxh6+** -1.45/26
[38.Qxf5+? perishes. Qxf5+ 39.Nxf5 Rg6-+]

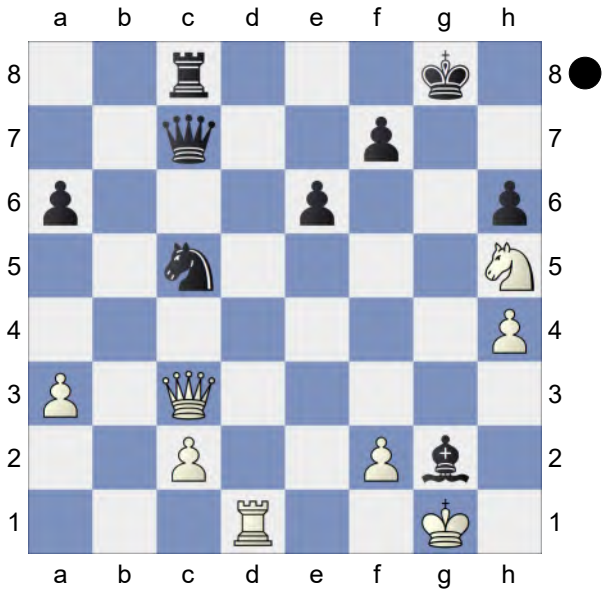


38...Kf7!∓ (→ ...Rg8xg3+!) **39.Qh7+ Rg7** Black is more active. **40.Qxf5+ Qxf5+ 41.Nxf5 Rg6 42.Ne3** -1.33/23
[White should try 42.c4∓ -0.68/25]
42...Rc6 -0.08/31
[42...Rg1∓ -1.33/23 43.h5 Rg5]
43.c4= Rb6 44.Nd5? -2.38/25 Prevents a6-a5.
[44.Kg4= -0.07/31 and White stays safe.]

44...Rb3+ A wild game. Weighted Error Value: White=0.68/Black=0.62
0-1

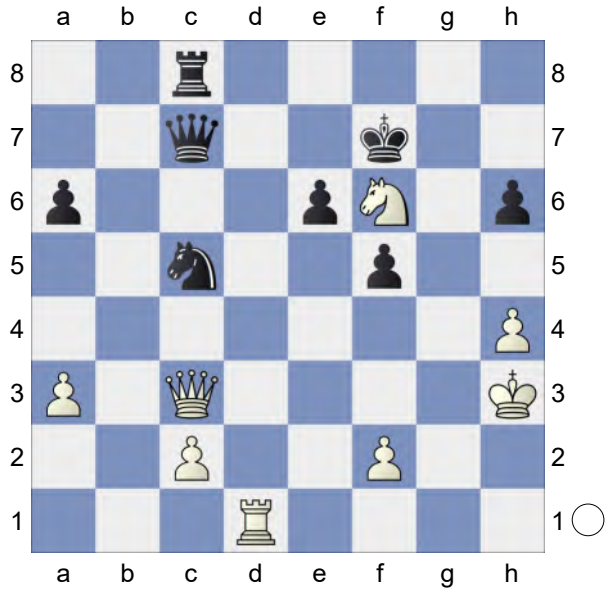
643 **D00**
□ **Lopez Ramirez,David Santiago** **2436**
■ **Ojasuo,Anton** **2700**
50/207 Groningen (11) 21.02.2023
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.g4 Bb4 6.Bg2 0-0 7.g5N**
[7.h4 c5 8.a3 Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 Qa5 10.Ne2 cxd4 11.exd4 Nxg4 12.f3 Nf6 13.Rg1 Nc6 14.Qd2 Re8 15.Bf1 e5 16.Rxg7+ Kxg7 17.Bh6+ Kh8 18.Qg5 Nh5 19.Qxh5 Qd8 20.0-0-0 Qf6 21.f4 e4 0-1 Perea Fruet,L (2278)-Martirosyan,H (2688) ESP-chT Rapid 2023 (9.3)]
7...Nfd7 0.32/18
[7...Ne4 8.Bxe4 -0.80/20 *(8.Nge2!= 0.17/19* keeps the balance.*)* 8...dxe4 0.12/20 *(8...Bxc3+∓ -0.80/20 9.bxc3 dxe4)* 9.Nge2= b5 10.a3 Bxc3+ 0.79/19 *(10...Be7± 0.36/18)* 11.Nxc3± Bb7 12.Qg4 Nd7 1.09/20 *(*Black should try *12...Qd7±* 0.59/19 *)* 13.h4± Qe7 1.64/17 *(13...f5± 1.06/18 14.gxf6* Discovered Attack *Qxf6)*]
[7...Bxc3+= -0.17/20 8.bxc3 Ne4]
8.Nge2± White is slightly better. **8...Re8** 0.58/17
[8...c5= 0.21/19]
9.h4 c5 10.a3 Ba5 1.16/19
[10...cxd4± 0.42/19 11.axb4 dxc3]
11.dxc5± Bc7 1.66/20
[11...Bxc3+± 1.16/19 12.Nxc3 Nxc5]
12.b4 1.14/18
[12.Bxc7+- 1.66/20 Qxc7 13.e4]
12...b6 1.87/19
[12...Bxf4± 1.14/18 13.exf4 *(13.Nxf4 Ne5±)* 13...b6]
13.Bxc7+- Qxc7 14.e4 d4 15.Qxd4 0.75/19
[15.cxb6 1.58/21 Nxb6 16.Qxd4]
15...bxc5± 16.bxc5 Nxc5 17.0-0 0.56/20
[17.Rd1± 0.99/20]
17...Rd8± 18.Qc4 Nbd7 19.Rfd1 Bb7 20.Rab1 0.01/21
[20.Na4± 0.68/22]
20...Rac8 21.Na4 Nxa4 22.Qxa4 Nc5 0.73/21
[22...a5= 0.01/20 23.Qb5 Ba8]
23.Qc4± h6 24.gxh6 gxh6 25.Qc3 -0.01/22
[Better is 25.Rxd8+!± 0.64/20 Qxd8 26.Ng3]
25...Rxd1+ 26.Rxd1 Bxe4 27.Ng3→ White attacks. **27...Bxg2 28.Nh5**



f5? 7.15/22 **29.Kxg2?** 1.88/23
[29.Rd7 7.15/22 Qxd7 30.Nf6+ *(30.Kxg2? Ne4-+)* 30...Kf7 31.Nxd7 Pin]
29...Kh7 11.59/22
[29...Ne4? 30.Rd8+ Kh7 31.Qh8+ *(31.Rxc8 Qxc3 32.Rxc3 Nxc3∓)* 31...Kg6 32.Rxc8+-]

[29...e5 1.88/23]
30.Nf6+? -0.17/21
[30.Rd7+!+- 11.59/22 Qxd7 31.Nf6+ Kg6 32.Nxd7 Pin]
30...Kg6= 31.Kh3 Rd1-g1+ is the strong threat. **31...Kf7?** 1.55/24
[31...Ne4∓ -0.33/24 stays ahead. 32.h5+ Kf7 33.Qxc7+ Rxc7 34.Nxe4 fxe4]

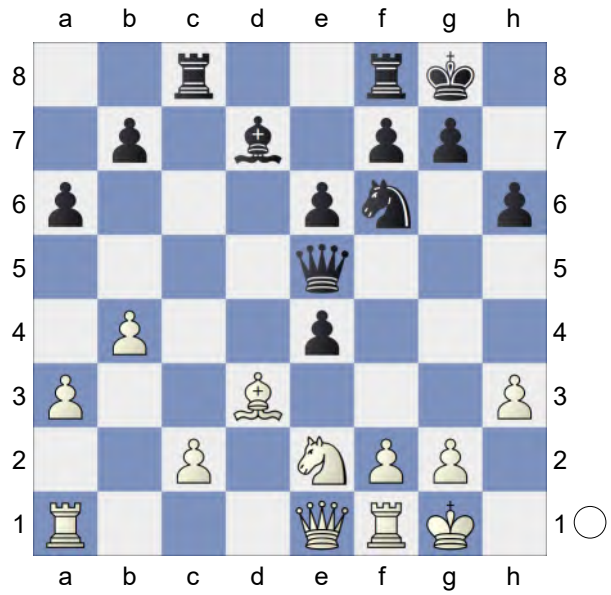


32.Nh5!± Rg8 4.06/23 Wards off Qc3-g7+
[32...Ne4± 1.55/21 33.Qg7+ Ke8]
33.Qf6++- Ke8 34.Re1? 0.94/22
[34.Qxh6 Qb7 35.Nf6+ Kf7=]
[34.f3+- 4.09/24 has better winning chances.]
34...Qc6? 2.62/25
[34...Qb7± 0.94/22 was necessary. 35.Rxe6+ *(35.Qxh6? Qg2#)* 35...Nxe6 36.Qxe6+ Kf8 37.Qxh6+ Ke8 38.Qe6+ *(38.Nf6+ Kf7=)* 38...Kf8 39.Qxf5+ *(39.Qh6+ Ke8±)* 39...Qf7 40.Qc5+ Ke8]
35.Ng3? 0.01/21
[35.Qxh6? Qg2#]
[35.Ng7++- 2.62/25 Rxg7 36.Qxg7]
35...Qf3= The board is on fire. **36.Rxe6+ Nxe6 37.Qxe6+** Endgame KQR-KQN
37...Kf8 38.Qxh6+ -1.32/25
[38.Qf6+= 0.01/22 Ke8 39.Qe6+ Kf8 40.Qxh6+ Rg7 41.Qf6+ *(41.Qxa6? is a self mate. Rxg3+* Remove Defender *42.fxg3 Qh1#)* 41...Kg8 42.Qe6+ Kh7 43.Qxf5+ Qxf5+ 44.Nxf5]
38...Kf7∓ (→ ...Rg8xg3+!) **39.Qh7+ Rg7** Black is more active. **40.Qxf5+ Qxf5+ 41.Nxf5 Rg6** -0.28/20
[41...Rg1∓ -1.09/22 ...Rg1-a1 is the strong threat. 42.Nd6+ Kg6]
42.Ne3 -1.04/22
[42.c4= -0.28/20]
42...Rc6 -0.61/23
[42...Rg1∓ -1.04/22]
43.c4∓ Rb6 Black has compensation.
44.Nd5 -1.74/23 Inhibits a6-a5.
[44.Kg4∓ -0.68/22]
44...Rb3+ A wild game. Weighted Error Value: White=0.62/Black=0.68
0-1

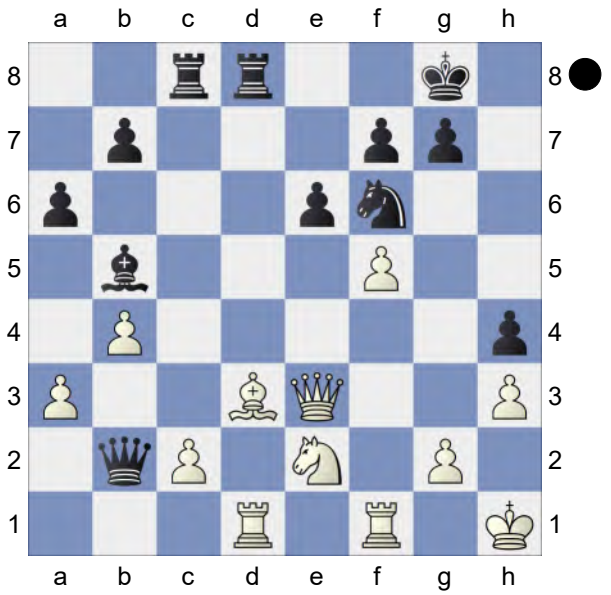
644 **D00**
□ **Smetankin,Stanislav** **2430**
■ **Novy,Martin** **2644**
Moscow FIDE GP (2) 16.05.2023
[John Watson]

Kitty Kat: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines '
1.d4 Kitty Kat **1...d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.Be2 c6 8.Nc3** Kitty Kat: 'The position is equal.' **8...Nb8 9.0-0 a6**
[9...c5 10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.Bd3 Nc6 12.e4 dxe4 13.Nxe4 Nd5 14.Bg3 Be7 15.a3 f5]
10.Ne5 c5 11.dxc5 Bxc5 12.a3 Nbd7 13.Bd3 h6 14.h3 Qe7 15.b4 -0.50/20
[15.e4= 0.02/20 Kitty Kat]
15...Bd6 Kitty Kat: ' ∓' **16.Nxd7 Bxd7**

17.Bxd6 Qxd6 18.e4 -2.19/22 Kitty Kat: '?'
[18.Ne2∓ -0.45/22 Kitty Kat]
18...Rac8 19.Qe1 Qe5 20.Ne2 dxe4 Kitty Kat: '



Trapped Piece' **21.Ng3 Bc6** Kitty Kat: ' And now ...Bc6-d5 would win.' **22.Rd1** -3.20/22
[⌓22.c4 -2.27/22 Kitty Kat]
22...Rfd8 23.Kh1 h5 -1.74/21
[⌓23...Qc7 -3.90/21 Kitty Kat 24.Be2 Rxd1 25.Qxd1 Bd5]
24.f3 Kitty Kat: '-+' **24...e3** Kitty Kat: ' Hoping for ...h5-h4.' **25.f4 Qb2** -0.94/21
[⌓25...Qc7 -1.42/23 (Kitty Kat) aiming for ...Qc7-b6. 26.Qxe3 b5]
26.Qxe3 Kitty Kat: ' ∓ ' **26...h4** Kitty Kat: ' ↑' Kitty Kat: ' Black is really pushing.'
[26...Qxa3? Kitty Kat 27.Bh7+ Kxh7 28.Qxa3+-]
27.Ne2 Bb5 -0.11/23 Kitty Kat: ' Black is more active.'
[27...Qxa3? Kitty Kat 28.Bh7+ Kxh7 29.Qxa3+-]
[Black should try 27...b5∓ -0.92/21 Kitty Kat]
28.f5 -2.62/23 Kitty Kat: '?' Kitty Kat: '
[28.c4!= -0.11/23 Kitty Kat Bxc4 29.Bxc4 Rxd1 30.Rxd1 Rxc4 31.Rd8+ Kh7 32.Qd3+ Re4 33.Nc3 Pin Qc1+ 34.Kh2 Qxf4+ 35.Kh1]

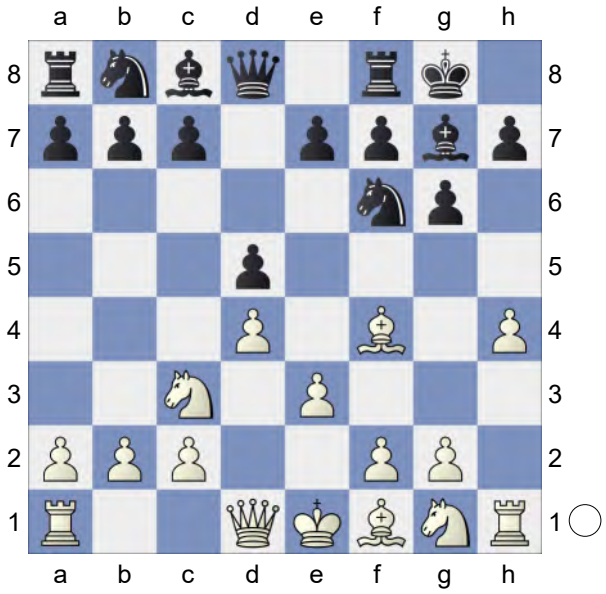


' **28...Bxd3** Kitty Kat: '-+'
[28...Qxa3 Kitty Kat 29.fxe6 Qxb4 30.exf7+ Kxf7 31.Nf4=]
29.Rxd3 exf5 -0.74/22 Kitty Kat: '?'
[Stronger than 29...Qxc2 Kitty Kat 30.Rxd8+ Rxd8 31.fxe6=]
[29...Rxd3-+ -2.44/21 (Kitty Kat) has better winning chances. 30.Qxd3 e5 *(30...Qxc2 31.Qxc2 Rxc2 32.Nd4∓; 30...Rxc2 31.fxe6 fxe6 32.Qd8+ Kh7 33.Qd3+ Kg8 34.Qd8+ Kh7 35.Qd3+ Kg8=)*]
30.Rxf5 -3.44/25 Kitty Kat: '?'
[30.Nd4∓ -0.74/22 Kitty Kat]
30...Qxc2 -1.93/24
[⌓30...Re8 -3.44/25 Kitty Kat 31.Qf3 Qxc2 *(31...Rxc2? 32.Nc3-+)* 32.Rxf6 gxf6]
31.Rxd8+ Rxd8 32.Re5 Rd1+ 33.Kh2 -4.77/23 Kitty Kat: '?'
[33.Ng1 -2.04/23 (Kitty Kat) only move.]
33...Qc7 34.Nf4 Rf1 35.g3 -5.27/22

[35.g4 -3.70/21 (Kitty Kat) is a better defense.]
35...hxg3+ 36.Kg2 Rc1 37.Qxg3 -22.22/23 Kitty Kat: '?'
[37.Ne2 -3.97/22 Kitty Kat Ra1 38.Nxg3]
37...Qxe5 Kitty Kat: ' Weighted Error Value: White=0.73/Black=0.48'
0-1

645 **D00**
□ **Korchmar,Vasiliy** **2429**
■ **Pham,Tran Gia Phuc** **2433**
Titled Tuesday intern op 28th Jan Early b..
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 g6 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* 1-0 Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 2013*; 5.f4 Qa5 6.Bd2 Qb4 7.Qe2 Qxb2 8.Rb1 Qa3 9.e5 dxe5 10.fxe5 Nfd7 11.e6 fxe6 12.dxe6 Nf6 13.Nb5 Qxa2 14.Nc7+ Kd8 15.Rd1 Nc6 16.Bf4+ Nd4 17.Nxa8 Qxe6 18.Qxe6 Bxe6 19.c3 Bg4* 1-0 Genovese,A (2106)-Burk,E (1200) Germany senior ch-5 final 9901 1999*)* 5...Bg7 6.Bc4 *(6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.a4 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nbd7 11.Re1 a6 12.Bf1 e5 13.a5 Ne8 14.Bd3 Qh4 15.Qg4 Qxg4 16.hxg4 Rc8 17.b3 Nef6 18.g5 Ne8 19.g3 f6 20.Kg2 fxg5* 0-1 7.♗c4 ♕a5 8. ♕ d2 e6_6062 (2345)-Jovic,A (2383) Gonfreville op 1979 (3.76)*)* 6...0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 1-0 Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) V0048 www.desc-online.de 2000 (7) gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8 21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9)]
3.Bf4 g6 4.e3 Bg7 5.h4 0-0



6.h5! c5 7.hxg6 hxg6 The main line 7...hxg6 scores better than 7...fxg6. Die Hauptvariante 7...hxg6 punktet besser als 7...fxg6. **8.Nf3** White has an edge.
8...Nc6 9.Ne5! Qa5 10.Qd2 cxd4N
[10...Bf5 0.93/18 10...Nf6-g4 0.20 11.f3! cxd4 12.exd4 Bf4-h6 would now be deadly. Qb6? 2.97/20 *(12...Nh5± 1.15/20)* 13.0-0-0 1.26/18 *(13.Nxc6+- 2.97/20 bxc6 14.Na4)* 13...Rfd8? 3.81/21 *(13...Nb4± 1.26/18)* 14.g4+- Be6 15.Qh2 1.76/19 Against Qb6xd4 *(⌓15.Bh6*

3.82/20 *Qxd4 16.Qxd4 Nxd4 17.Rxd4)* 15...Rac8? 5.21/21 *(15...Nxd4* 1.76/19 is a better chance. *16.a3 Nxc2)* 16.Bh6+- Bh8 1-0 Silvederio,J (2006)-Sowinski,P (2387) Titled Tuesday intern op 30th Apr Early blitz 2024 (1)]

11.exd4

[11.Nxc6 simplifies bxc6 12.exd4 Ng4 13.f3]

11...Nb4 1.35/18

[11...Ng4± 0.32/18]

12.Bh6? -0.16/21

[12.f3± 1.35/18]

12...Ne4= 13.Qc1 Bf5 Dancing on a razor blade. **14.Bxg7→** Remove Defender. White mounts an attack. **14...Kxg7** 2.37/22

[14...Nxc3= -0.01/23 and Black stays safe. 15.Bd3 *(15.Rh8+? Kxg7 16.Qh6+ Kf6-+)* 15...Nxd3+ *(15...Kxg7 16.Qh6+ Kf6 17.Nd7+ Bxd7 18.Qf4+ Kg7 19.Qe5+ f6 20.Qxe7+ Rf7 21.Rh7+* Decoy *Kxh7 22.Qxf7+ Kh8 23.Bxg6)* 16.cxd3 Nxa2+ Discovered Attack (Check) *(16...Kxg7 17.Qh6+ Kf6 18.Nd7+ Bxd7 19.Qf4+ Kg7 20.Qh6+ Kf6 21.Qf4+ Kg7 22.Qh6+ Kf6=)* 17.Qd2 Qxd2+ 18.Kxd2 Kxg7 19.Rxa2 f6]

15.g4!+-

[15.Qh6+ Kf6±]

15...Nxc3 16.gxf5 White threatens Qc1-h6+ and mate. **16...Nxc2+ 17.Qxc2 Ne4+ 18.Ke2 Rac8 19.Qd3 Qb4** 2.78/21

[19...Qb6± 1.57/20 20.Rb1 Qf6]

20.Rb1 Qa4 21.Kf3 Rc2 5.05/18

[⌓21...Rh8 3.44/18]

22.Be2 Nd2+ 7.50/20

[⌓22...Rd2 4.68/16]

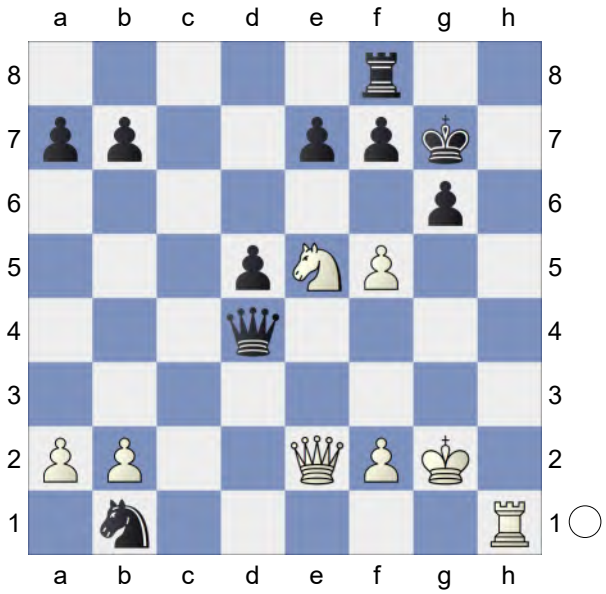
23.Kg2 Nxb1 24.Qe3 10.86/18

[⌓24.fxg6 22.34/21 Rxe2 25.gxf7 *(25.Qxe2 fxg6 26.Qe3 Qe8+-; 25.Rh7+ Kf6+-)* 25...Rxf2+ Decoy 26.Kxf2 Rxf7+ 27.Ke3 *(27.Nxf7 Qc4 28.Rh7+ Kf8 29.Rh8+ Kg7 30.Qh7+ Kf6 31.Qh6+ Kf5 32.Nd6+ exd6 33.Rf8+ Kg4 34.Rf4#)* 27...Rf3+ Decoy 28.Kxf3 Nd2+ 29.Qxd2]

24...Rxe2 25.Qxe2? 3.53/21

[25.Qh6+ 10.85/22 Kf6 26.Qxf8 Rxe5 27.Qh8+ *(27.dxe5+ Kxf5 28.Qxf7+ Kxe5+-)* 27...Kg5 28.fxg6 *(28.Qxe5 f6+-; 28.dxe5 Qg4+ 29.Kf1 Nd2+ 30.Ke1 Nf3+ 31.Kf1 Kxf5∓)* 28...Qxd4 29.Rh5+ *(29.Rxb1? Qg4+ 30.Kf1 Qe2+ 31.Kg2 Re4-+)* 29...Kf4 30.Rh4+ Skewer *(30.gxf7 Rg5+ 31.Rxg5 Qxh8+-)* 30...Kf5 31.gxf7 *(31.Rxd4 fxg6 32.f4 Re2+ 33.Kf3 Re1+-)* 31...Qe4+ 32.Rxe4 Kxe4 33.f8Q *(33.f8R Re6+-; 33.Qh4+ Kd3 34.f8Q Re4 35.Qg3+ Ke2 36.Qgf3+ Ke1 37.Qh6 Nd2 38.Qh1+ Nf1 39.Qxf1+ Kd2 40.Q3d3#)* 33...Rg5+ 34.Kh2]

25...Qxd4



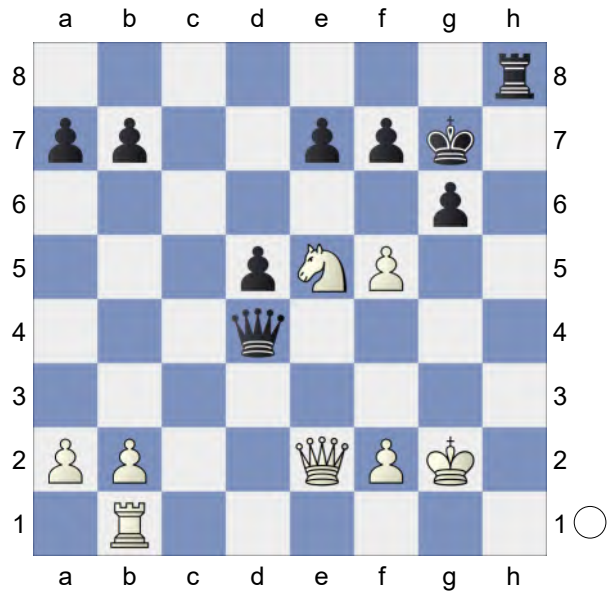
26.Rxb1 1.13/22

[26.fxg6!+- 3.47/23 and the rest is easy. fxg6 27.Ng4 *(27.Rxb1*

Qh4+-)]

26...Rh8 1.86/21

[26...gxf5± 1.13/22 was necessary. 27.Rc1 Rh8]



27.fxg6? 0.01/23

[27.Re1!+- 1.86/21]

27...Qh4= 28.Qf3 Prevents Qh4-h3+.

[28.Nxf7? is a self mate. Qh3+ 29.Kg1 Qh1#]

28...Qh2+ 29.Kf1 Qh1+! 30.Ke2 Qxb1 31.Qxf7+

[31.Nxf7 Qxb2+ 32.Kf1 Qb1+ 33.Ke2 Qxa2+ 34.Kf1 Qa6+ 35.Kg2 Qxg6+ 36.Kf1 Qb1+ *(36...Qxf7? 37.Qg3+ Qg6 38.Qe5+ Qf6 39.Qxd5-+)* 37.Ke2 Qb5+ 38.Ke1 Rh1+ 39.Qxh1 Qb1+ Skewer *(39...Kxf7? 40.Qh5+ Ke6 41.Qg6+ Kd7 42.Qf5+ Kd6 43.Qf4+ Kc6 44.f3-+)* 40.Kd2 Qxh1-+]

31...Kh6 32.g7 Qc2+ 33.Kf3? -8.50/23

[33.Kf1= 0.01/24 Qb1+ 34.Kg2 Qe4+ 35.f3 Qe2+ *(35...Qxe5 36.gxh8Q+ Qxh8 37.Qf4+ Kg6 38.Qg4+ Kf7 39.Qf5+ Qf6 40.Qxd5+ Qe6 41.Qh5+ Kg7 42.Qg5+ Kf8 43.Qf4+ Ke8 44.Qb8+ Kf7 45.Qxb7±)* 36.Kg1 Qxe5 37.gxh8N Qxh8 38.Qxe7]

33...Qe4+-+ 34.Kg3 Qxe5+

Quite a comeback for Black. Weighted Error Value: White=0.69/Black=0.59

0-1

646 **D00**

□ **Madaminov,Mukhiddin** **2422**

■ **Das,Sayantan** **2516**

20. Asian Cont. Blitz (5.6) 03.06.2023

[Kitty Kat]

D01: Veresov Opening **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**

[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* 1-0 Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 2013*; 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7* 0-1 Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig,F (1863) Rheinhessen-ch H1 op 1997 (2)*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* 1-0 Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) V0048 www.desc-online.de 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4

Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]

3.Bf4 g6 4.Qd2 Bg7 5.Bh6 Bxh6 6.Qxh6 Nc6 Recently 6...c6 got a lot of attention. 6...c6 erhält neuerdings viel Aufmerksamkeit. Recently 6...c6 got a lot of attention. 6...c6 erhält neuerdings viel Aufmerksamkeit. **7.0-0-0 Be6N**

[Predecessor: 7...Bf5 8.f3 a6 9.g4 Bc8 10.h4 Qd6 11.h5 0.18/20 *(11.Nh3± 0.55/20)* 11...Bd7 12.hxg6 fxg6 13.Nh3 *(13.Qxg6+!? hxg6 14.Rxh8+ Kf7 15.Rxa8∓)* 13...0-0-0 ½-½ Dobos,J (2277)-Tubak,D (2201) HUN-chT 1819 2018 (3.2) ½-½ Dobos, J (2277)-Tubak,D (2201) HUN-chT 1819 2018 (3.2)]

8.Nf3 White is slightly better. **8...Ng4 9.Qh4 h5** 0.95/19

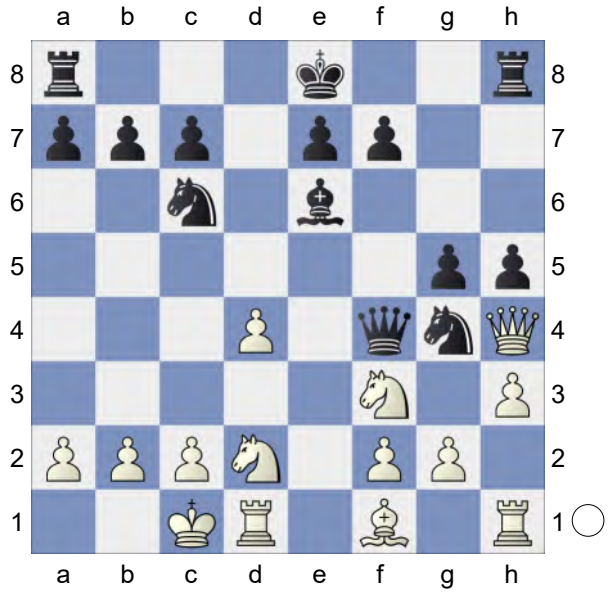
[9...Qd6± 0.46/19 might be stronger.]

10.e4± Qd6 11.h3 dxe4 2.23/22

[11...Nh6± 1.26/21 keeps fighting. 12.Ng5 0-0-0]

12.Nxe4+- Qf4+ 13.Ned2 g5? 3.56/22

[13...0-0-0 1.83/21 was called for. 14.hxg4 hxg4 15.Qxh8 Rxh8 16.Rxh8+ Kd7]



14.Nxg5 Nxd4 5.31/22

[⌓14...Qxf2 3.51/19 15.hxg4 Qxh4 16.Rxh4 Bxg4]

15.Nxe6 White is clearly winning. **15...fxe6 16.hxg4 0-0-0 17.gxh5 Qf5 18.Qe4**

[18.Qxe7? Qxc2#]

18...Qa5 19.Bc4 Rxh5 20.Rxh5 Qxh5 21.Bxe6+ Kb8 22.Bg4 Wards off Ne2+ **22...Qg5 23.c3 Nc6 24.Kc2** White took control after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.31/ Black=0.55

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647 **D00**

□ **Kitty Kat,Mukhiddin** **2422**

■ **Tomiello,Mateus Costamilan** **2097**

Titled Tue 16. May Early (9) 16.05.2023

[Kitty Kat]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**

[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* 1-0 Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 2013*; 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7* 0-1 Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig,F (1863) Rheinhessen-ch H1 op 1997 (2)*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5*

15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8 1-0 Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) V0048 www.desc-online.de 2000 (7)) 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]

3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Ne5 Bd7 7...Bd7 scores better than 7...e6. 7...Ld7 punktet besser als 7...e6. 7...Bd7 scores better than 7...e6. 7...Ld7 punktet besser als 7...e6. **8.g4** The position is equal. **8...e6 9.g5 Ng8** 0.41/17

[9...Nxe5= -0.01/20 should be considered. 10.Bxe5 Ng8]

10.Nxc6± Bxc6 11.Qf3 Ne7N

[Predecessor: 11...Bd6 12.0-0-0 Ne7 0.51/20 *(12...h6= 0.03/21)* 13.Bd3 Qc7 0.77/19 *(13...Bb4± 0.41/19)* 14.Bxd6± Qxd6 15.h4 g6 16.Rde1 Rf8 17.h5 0-0-0 1-0 Erigaisi,A (2701)-Lenderman,A (2572) PRO League Prelim rapid 2023 (5.2) 1-0 Erigaisi, A (2701)-Lenderman,A (2572) PRO League Prelim rapid 2023 (5.2)]

12.0-0-0 Qa5 0.84/20

[12...Ng6= 0.23/19]

13.h4± Nf5 14.a3 0.01/19

[14.h5± 0.77/19]

14...b5 0.52/21

[14...Bxa3= 0.01/19 15.bxa3 Qxa3+ 16.Kb1 Qb4+ 17.Kc1 Nxd4 18.Rxd4 Qxd4]

15.Bh3± Strongly threatening Bxf5.

15...g6 2.23/20

[15...Nxh4? 16.Qg3 Bxa3 17.Nb1+- *(17.Qxh4 Qxc3 18.bxa3 Qa1+ 19.Kd2 Qxd4+ 20.Kc1 Qa1+ 21.Kd2 Qd4+ 22.Ke1 Qe4+ 23.Kd2 Qd4+=; 17.bxa3 Qxa3+ 18.Kb1 Qb4+ 19.Ka1 Qa3+ 20.Na2 Qxg3+-)*]

[15...b4± 0.64/20 16.axb4 *(16.Bxf5? bxc3 17.Rd3 cxb2+ 18.Kxb2 Ba4∓)* 16...Qa1+ 17.Kd2 Qxb2 *(17...Nxd4? 18.Qd3+-)* 18.Bxf5 Bxb4]

16.Bxf5+- gxf5 Black is weak on the dark squares **17.Be5 Rg8 18.Na2 b4** 2.30/23

[⌓18...Bg7 1.83/19 19.Qf4 *(19.Nb4 Rc8+-)* 19...Bxe5 20.Qxe5 Qd8]

19.Nxb4 Bxb4 20.axb4 Qxb4 21.Rd3

[21.Qh5 Ba4]

21...Rc8 22.Rc3 Kd7 23.b3? 0.96/23 Inhibits Ba4.

[23.Qh5+- 3.78/19]

23...a5? 2.52/21

[23...Bb5± 0.96/23 24.Kb2 Be2]

24.Kb2 1.13/23

[24.Qh5!+- 2.52/21]

24...Bb5 25.Rxc8! Rxc8 26.c3 Really sharp! **26...Qe7** 2.55/23

[26...Be2± 0.81/21 was worth a try. 27.cxb4 *(27.Qxe2? Rxc3 28.Qd1 a4-+)* 27...Bxf3]

27.Ra1 Ra8 3.43/20

[⌓27...a4 2.39/22 28.Qh5 *(28.bxa4 Bc4=)* 28...Kc6 29.Qxh7 *(29.bxa4 Bd3±)* 29...Qb7]

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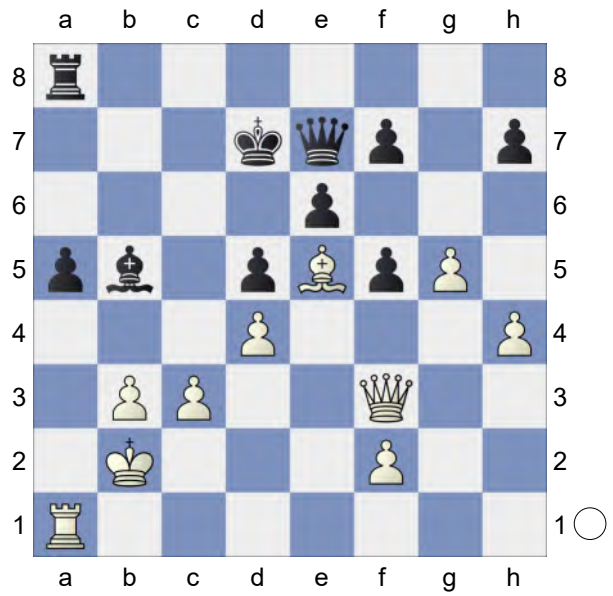

28.c4? 1.04/25 **Bc6** 1.60/22
[Black should play 28...Qb4 1.04/25]
29.c5!± Qd8 30.Qc3 a4 31.b4 0.80/23
[31.bxa4!+- 1.70/21 is more deadly. And now a5 would win. Ra7 32.a5]
31...Qc8 32.Ka3 Qa6 33.Bh2 Ra7
34.Qg3 Threatens to win with Qd6+.
34...Rb7 35.Rb1 0.08/23
[35.Rc1± 0.79/22]
35...Ke8 0.85/24
[35...f4!= 0.08/23 remains equal. 36.Qf3 *(36.Qxf4 Qd3+ 37.Ka2 Qc2+ 38.Rb2 Qc4+ 39.Ka3 Qc3+ 40.Ka2 Qc4+ 41.Ka3 Qd3+ 42.Ka2 Qc4+=)* 36...Qc4]
36.Qc3 Active counter play! **36...Qc4** 1.38/26
[⌓36...Qe2 0.72/24]
37.Qxc4 dxc4 Endgame. KRB-KRB
38.Be5 Bb5 39.f4 Kd7

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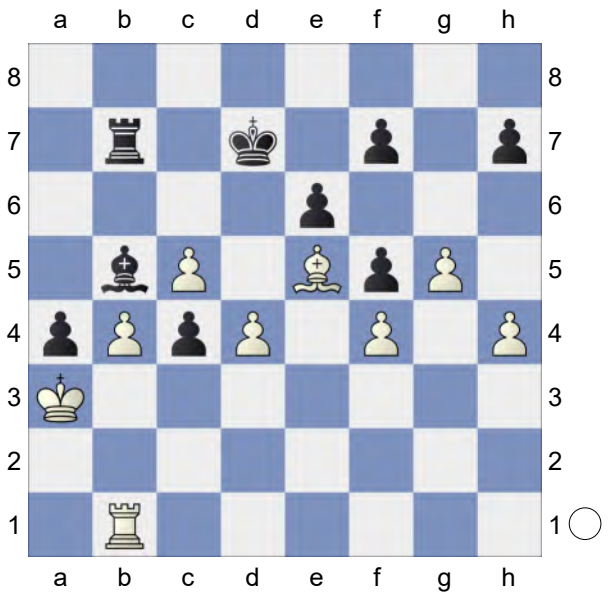
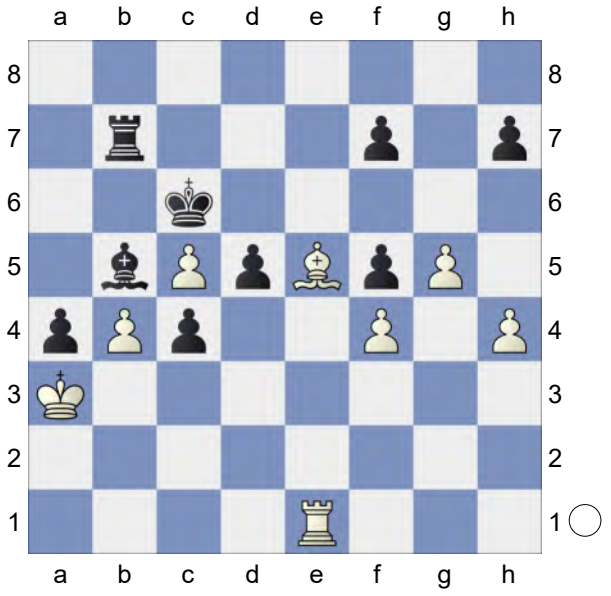


40.d5 0.46/23 **exd5± 41.Re1 Kc6**



42.Bd4! Rd7 1.31/22
[⌓42...Ra7 0.77/23]

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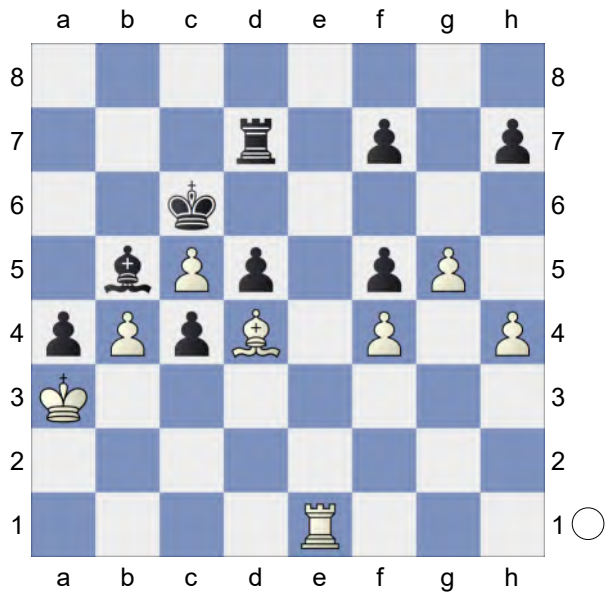


43.Re5 0.35/20
[43.h5!± 1.31/22 aiming for g6! Kb7 44.g6 fxg6 45.Re6]
43...Rb7? 2.71/20
[43...c3!± 0.35/20]
44.Rxf5+- Rf6+ would now be deadly.
44...Re7 45.Rf6+ Kb7? 9.50/20
[45...Kc7 2.83/22 46.Be5+ Kc8]
46.Rb6+ White is clearly winning.
46...Kc7 47.Rxb5 Re4 48.Be5+ Kd7 49.Rb7+ Ke6 50.Rb6+ Kf5 51.c6
Weighted Error Value: White=0.38/ Black=0.52
1-0

648 **D00**
□ **Madaminov,Mukhiddin** **2422**
■ **Samant Aditya,S** **2501**
20. Asian Cont. Blitz (7.4) 03.06.2023
[Kitty Kat]

D01: Veresov Opening **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 g6 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* 1-0 Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 2013*; 5.f4 Qa5 6.Bd2 Qb4 7.Qe2 Qxb2 8.Rb1 Qa3 9.e5 dxe5 10.fxe5 Nfd7 11.e6 fxe6 12.dxe6 Nf6 13.Nb5 Qxa2 14.Nc7+ Kd8 15.Rd1 Nc6 16.Bf4+ Nd4 17.Nxa8 Qxe6 18.Qxe6 Bxe6 19.c3 Bg4* 1-0 Genovese,A (2106)-Burk,E (1200) Germany senior ch-5 final 9901 1999*)*
5...Bg7 6.Bc4 *(6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.a4 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nbd7 11.Re1 a6 12.Bf1 e5 13.a5 Ne8 14.Bd3 Qh4 15.Qg4 Qxg4 16.hxg4 Rc8 17.b3 Nef6 18.g5 Ne8 19.g3 f6 20.Kg2 fxg5* 0-1 7.♗c4 ♕a5 8. ♕d2 e6_6062 (2345)-Jovic,A (2383) Gonfreville op 1979 (3.76)*)*
6...0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 1-0 Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) V0048 www.desc-online.de 2000 (7) gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8 21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9)]
3.Bf4 g6 4.Qd2 Bg7 5.Bh6 Bxh6 6.Qxh6 c5 6...c6 is the modern continuation. 6...c6 ist die moderne Fortsetzung. **7.dxc5 Qa5 8.0-0-0** White is slightly better. **8...Qxc5 9.Nf3 Nc6** ...d5-d4! is the strong threat. **10.e3 Bf5 11.Nd4 0-0-0 12.Nxc6N**
[Predecessor: 12.Nxf5 gxf5 13.Bd3 Ne4 1.30/21 Inhibits Qh6-g5.

(13...d4!± 0.38/18 14.exd4 Nxd4) 14.Bxe4± fxe4 15.Qh5 e6 16.Nxe4 Qe7 17.Nc3 Kb8 18.Kb1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2810)-Dominguez Perez,L (2726) Beijing Sportaccord blitz 2014 (4)]

12...Qxc6 13.Qf4 Qd6 14.Qa4 a6 15.f3 Qc5 16.Qf4 h5 17.h4 Qd6

[17...Qc7 18.Qxc7+ Kxc7 19.Bd3 Bd7]

18.Qa4 -0.23/17

[18.Qxd6 0.15/21 deserves consideration. Rxd6 19.g3]

18...Qc5 19.Qd4 Qxd4 20.exd4 Rdg8 21.Ne2 g5 0.56/21

[21...e6= -0.08/19]

22.hxg5± Rxg5 23.Nf4 Rhg8 24.Kd2 e6 25.c3 Kd7 26.Ke3 Kd6 27.Kf2 Bg6 28.a4 0.41/20

[28.Nh3± 0.78/22 Rf5 29.Bd3]

28...Rf5 29.Ke3

[29.Nxg6 simplifies fxg6 30.Bd3 Rg5 31.Rde1]

29...Rg5 30.a5 Bf5 31.Ra1 Rg3 1.92/22

[Better is 31...Bc2± 0.68/21]

32.Kf2 0.85/23

[32.Nxh5+- 1.92/22 has better winning chances. Nxh5 33.Rxh5]

32...R3g5± 33.Ra4 Rc8 34.Rb4 Rc7 35.Rb6+ Ke7 36.Be2 Nd7 37.Rb4 Nf6 38.Re1 Rg8 39.Bf1 0.60/22

[39.g3± 1.32/22]

39...Kd7 1.05/21

[39...h4± 0.60/22]

40.Rb6 Kc8 41.Rb4 -0.01/21

[41.g3± 0.95/21]

41...Rc6 0.82/23

[41...Kd7!= -0.01/21 keeps the balance.]

42.Be2 h4 43.Rh1 Rh8 44.Ke3 and g2-g4 should not be overlooked

44...Rc7 2.01/22

[44...Rh7± 0.63/21]

45.g4+- Bc2 46.Kd2 Bg6 47.Rb6 1.38/20

[47.Rh2+- 1.80/22]

47...Re7± 48.Ke3 1.07/20

[⌓48.c4 1.53/19]

48...Nd7 49.Rb4 White has more active pieces. **49...Nb8 50.Rb6** 0.01/18

[50.Ra4± 1.12/22]

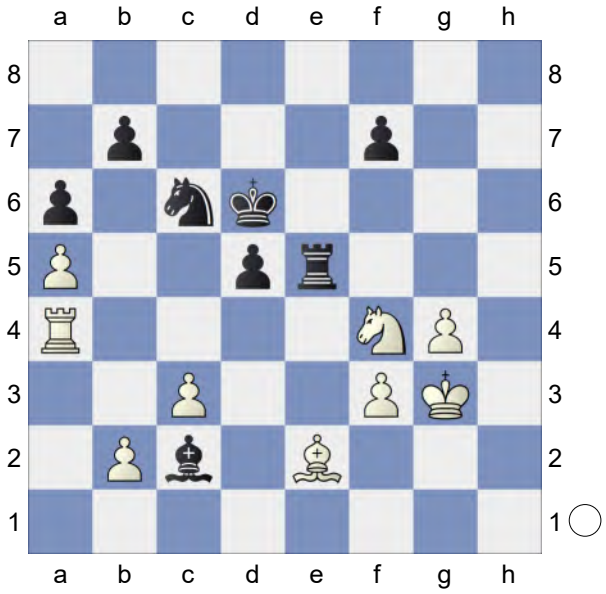
50...Nd7!= 51.Rb4 -0.01/18

[51.Rb3!± 0.55/22]

51...Nb8! 52.Kf2 Nc6 1.24/21

[⌓52...Bc2 0.85/21]

53.Ra4± Kc7 54.Ng2 h3 55.Nf4 h2 56.Kg3 Kd6 57.Rxh2 Rxh2 58.Kxh2 e5 59.dxe5+ Rxe5 60.Kg3 Bc2



61.Ra1 0.82/21

[⌓61.Ra3! 1.46/23]

61...d4

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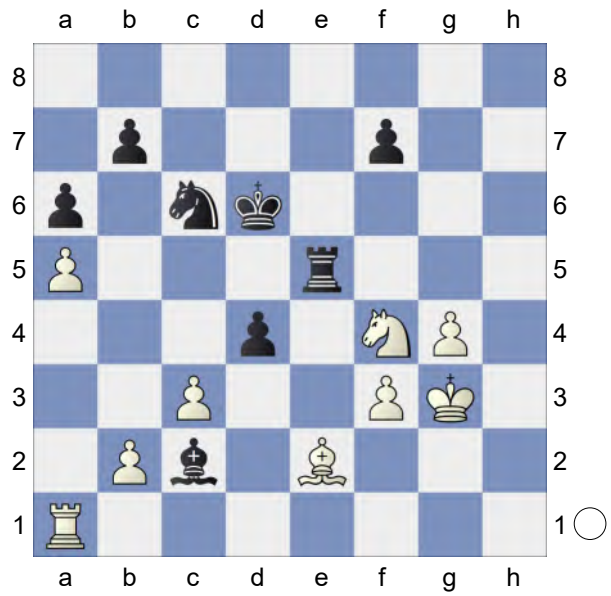

62.cxd4! Nxd4 63.Kf2 0.01/23
[63.Bc4± 1.19/21]
63...Nb3 0.57/22 Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) /Black=0.17 (very precise)
[63...Nxe2= 0.01/23 64.Nxe2 Rb5]
½-½

649 **A45**
□ **Ilinca,Felix Antonio** **2420**
■ **Sevian,Samuel** **2694**
Titled Tue 6th May Late blitz (3) 06.05.25
[TA]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack Chapter 31 deals with the Jobava London, and the remaining of white's sides in the London system.
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Bb4+ 5.c3 Ba5 6.a4 Threatening b4.
[6.e3 0-0 7.Nf3 a6 8.Na3 c6 9.Bd3 Nbd7 10.Nb1 Bc7 11.0-0 c5 12.Nbd2 b5 13.Ne5 Nxe5 14.dxe5 Nd7 15.Nf3 h6 16.Bc2 c4 17.g4 Qe8 18.Bg3 Bb7 19.g5 h5 20.g6 fxg6 1-0 (73) Torombot (2991)-Aks Mantissa (2729) Rapid 2024]
6...Bd7N
[6...a6 7.b4 *(7.Na3 Ne4* 31) Jobava London & Others-7...Ne4 Alternative*)* 7...Nh5 *(7...Nc6 8.bxa5 axb5 9.axb5 Nxa5 10.e3 0-0 11.Nf3 Bd7 12.Ne5 Ne4 13.Qc2 Nd6 14.Nxd7 Qxd7 15.Bd3 h6 16.Qa4 Ndc4 17.Qa2 Qxb5 18.Bxc7 Qc6 19.Bg3 b5 20.0-0 Rfc8 21.h3 g6 22.Qc2* 1-0 (46) Aqua Blazing (2827)-Kaka66 (2810) Blitz 2024*)* 8.Bd2 Bb6 9.a5 axb5 10.axb6 Rxa1 11.Qxa1 c6 12.g4 Nf6 13.Bf4 Na6 14.Qa5 Nd7 15.Bc7 Qg5 16.Qa1 Nxc7 17.bxc7 Qf4 18.Nf3 Qxc7 19.e3 e5 20.g5 e4 21.Nd2 0-1 (44) Bortnyk,O (2605)-Nakamura,H (2768) Titled Tuesday intern op 14th Feb Late blitz 2023 (11)]
7.e3 a6 8.Na3 White has an edge.
8...c6 9.Nf3 0-0 10.Bd3 Bc7 11.0-0 Be8 12.Nb1 Nbd7 13.Nbd2 h6 14.Ne5 -0.26/19
[14.b4± 0.65/21]
14...Nxe5!= 15.Bxe5 Nd7 0.31/20
[15...Bxe5∓ -0.35/21 16.dxe5 Nd7]
16.Bxc7± Qxc7 17.f4 f5 18.Nf3 -0.14/18
[18.b4± 0.59/20]
18...Bh5= 19.b4 a5 20.Qb3 Bxf3 21.Rxf3 Nf6 22.Rff1 Kh8 23.Rab1 Ra7 24.Rfc1 Qf7 0.46/23
[24...Ng4= -0.09/22]
25.bxa5 Rfa8 0.89/22
[25...Rxa5± 0.35/21 26.Qxb7 Qxb7 27.Rxb7 Rxa4]

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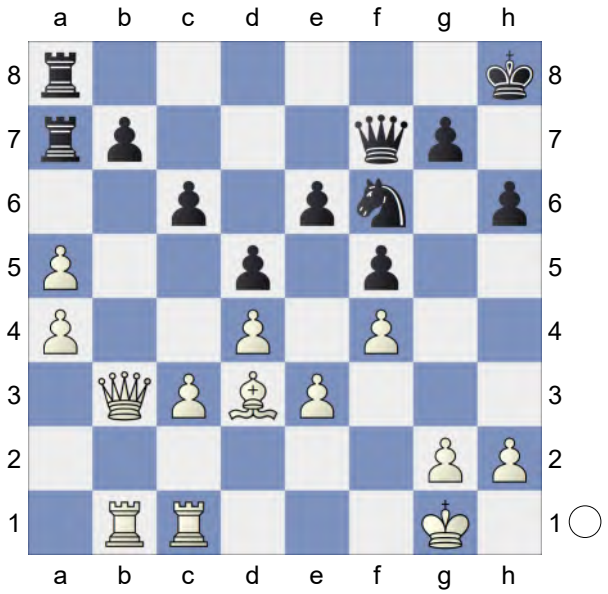
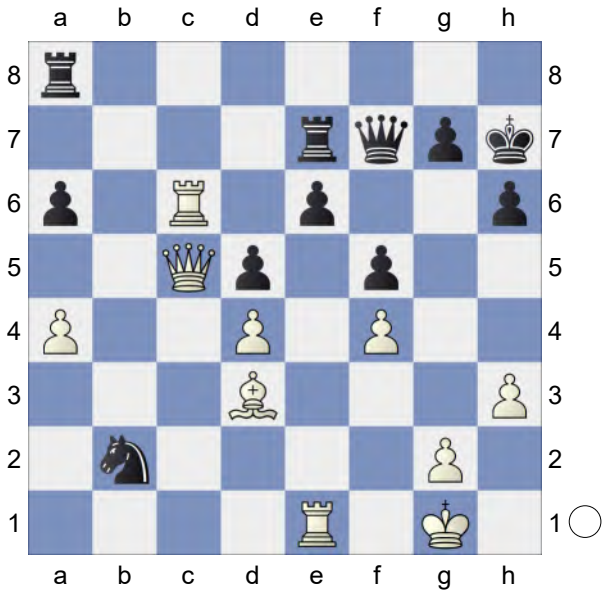


26.a6!± bxa6 27.c4 Ng4 28.cxd5 0.32/23
[28.Be2± 0.87/18]
28...cxd5 0.85/22
[28...exd5± 0.32/23 29.h3 *(29.Rxc6 Qe8=)* 29...Nxe3]
29.Be2 Nf6 30.Rc6 0.48/21
[30.a5± 0.97/21]
30...Kh7 1.12/23
[30...Rc7!± 0.48/21 31.Qb6 *(31.Rxa6 Rac8=)* 31...Rac8 32.Rxc7 *(32.Rxe6 Rc1+ 33.Rxc1 Rxc1+ 34.Kf2 Ne4+ 35.Rxe4 dxe4∓)* 32...Rxc7]
31.Qb6 0.76/22
[White should play 31.Qc2 1.12/23]
31...Re7 1.21/23
[⌓31...a5 0.76/22]
32.Bd3 0.72/24
[⌓32.a5 1.21/23]
32...Ng4 33.h3 0.04/21
[33.Qc5± 0.67/21]
33...Nxe3= 34.Re1 Nc4
[34...Rb7? 35.Qc5 Nxg2 36.Kxg2+-]
35.Qc5 Strongly threatening Bxf5+!
[35.Bxc4 dxc4 36.Qc5 Rd8]
35...Nb2? 3.92/23
[35...Rae8= 0.08/21]



36.Bxf5+!+- Pin, Double Attack **36...Kh8**
[36...Qxf5 37.Qxe7]
37.Bxe6? 0.12/23
[37.Rcxe6 Rxe6 38.Bxe6 Qf8 39.Qxd5 *(39.Bxd5 Nd3+-)* 39...Nd3+-]
[37.Bg6+- 4.78/22 Qf8 38.a5 *(38.Rcxe6 Rxe6 39.Qxf8+ Rxf8+-)*]
37...Nd3= 38.Qxd5
[38.Bxf7 Rxe1+ *(38...Nxc5? 39.Rxe7 Nd3 40.Bxd5+-)* 39.Kh2 Nxc5 40.dxc5 d4]
[38.Qa3!? Qe8□ 39.Rf1 *(39.Qxd3 Qxc6 40.f5 Rf8=)* 39...Qxc6 *(39...Nxf4 40.Rxf4 Rxe6 41.Rf8+ Qxf8 42.Qxf8+ Rxf8 43.Rxe6=)* 40.Qxe7 Qxa4 41.Qd6± *(41.Bxd5? Qxd4+ 42.Kh1 Qxd5-+)*]
38...Qxf4 39.Rf1 -0.67/20
[Better is 39.Rc7= 0.00/27 Qf2+ 40.Kh2]
39...Qe3+∓ 40.Kh2 -1.87/26 White is now going downhill.
[40.Kh1!∓ -0.62/26 Nb4 41.Qd6 *(41.Rxa6? Rae8-+)* 41...Nxc6 42.Qxc6]
40...Nf4↑ Keeping White busy.

[40...Nb4 41.Qc5 Nxc6 *(41...Rxe6? 42.Rf8+ Rxf8 43.Qxf8+ Kh7 44.Qf5+ Kh8 45.Rxe6+-)* 42.Qxc6∓]

41.Qf3 -2.93/24

[⌓41.Rxa6 -1.76/22 Rae8 *(41...Rxa6 42.Qd8+ Kh7 43.Bg8+ Kg6 44.Qc8∓; 41...Nxd5 42.Rxa8+ Kh7 43.Bxd5=)* 42.Qe5 *(42.Qb3? Qe4-+)* 42...Qxe5 *(42...Rxe6? 43.Rxe6 Rxe6 44.Qxf4+-)* 43.dxe5 Nxe6 *(43...Rxe6? 44.Rd6-+)* 44.a5]

41...Qxf3

[41...Rxe6 42.Qxe3 *(42.Qxf4?* loses. *Qxf4+ 43.Rxf4 Rxc6-+)* 42...Rxe3 43.Rxf4±]

42.Rxf3 Nxe6 43.Re3 Nxd4 Discovered Attack **44.Rxa6?** -5.14/20

[44.Rxh6+ -2.00/21 gxh6 45.Rxe7]

44...Rxa6 Black is clearly winning. **45.Rxe7 Rxa4** Endgame. KRN-KR **46.Re4 Rb4 47.h4 Kh7 48.h5 Nc6 49.Re6 Nd8 50.Re7 Rb6 51.Kh3 Ne6 52.g3 Ng5+ 53.Kg4 Rb4+ 54.Kf5 Rb5+ 55.Kg4 Rb2 56.Rd7 Re2 57.Rd8 Rf2 58.Rd4 Rf7 59.Rc4 Kg8 60.Rb4 Rf8 61.Ra4 Re8** ...Re4+ would now be deadly. **62.Rb4** -23.21/21

[⌓62.Kf5 -5.06/20]

62...Re4+ 63.Rxe4 Nxe4 64.Kf5 Nxg3+

Weighted Error Value: White=0.54/Black=0.33

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650 **D00**

☐ **Runner24** **2418**

■ **Andrey Klymchuk** **2672**

Blitz 13.01.2024

[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines A45: Trompowsky Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**

[2...g6 3.Bf4 *(3.e3 b6 4.Qf3 d5 5.Qg3 Bg7 6.Be2 Bf5 7.Bd1 Na6 8.a3 c5 9.Nge2 Nc7 10.f3 0-0 11.Qf2 Re8 12.0-0 Bd7 13.Ng3 Bc6 14.Nce2 c4 15.c3 a5 16.Bd2 a4 17.Bc2 Nd7* Breder,D (2445)-Rogozenco,D (2519) Deutschland 86/(186) 2002 CI1-130 [Rogozenco, Dorian] (39)*)* 3...Bg7 4.e4 0-0 5.e5 Ne8 6.Qe2 d5 *(6...d6 7.0-0-0 Nd7 8.h4 c5 9.dxc5 Nxc5 10.h5 Qa5 11.Nd5 Qd8 12.exd6 exd6 13.Ne7+ Kh8 14.hxg6 fxg6 15.Nxg6+ Kg8 16.Ne7+ Kh8 17.Rxh7+ Kxh7 18.Qh5+ Bh6 19.Qxh6#* 11) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.Bf4 B-5.e5 Ne8 6.Qe2 d6 #20 The Meanest Jobava London 2023 https://www.chessable.co [MH]*)* 7.0-0-0 c5 8.dxc5 e6 9.h4 Qa5 10.h5 Qxc5 11.Be3 Qc7 12.hxg6 fxg6 13.f4 Nc6 14.Nf3 h6 15.Qf2 a6 16.Kb1 b5 17.Bd3 11) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.Bf4 B-5.e5 Ne8 6.Qe2 d5 #2 The Meanest Jobava London 2023 https://www.chessable.co [MH]]

[2...e6 3.Bf4 Bb4 4.e3 Ne4 5.Nge2 Nxc3 6.Nxc3 0-0 7.Bd3 d5 8.Qf3 c5 9.Qg3 cxd4 10.Bh6 g6 11.exd4 Re8 12.h4 Bf8 13.Bf4 Nc6 14.h5 13) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6-1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6 3.Bf4 Bb4 4 The Meanest Jobava London 2023 https://www.chessable.co [MH]]

3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.Nb5 Na6 0.27/19

[⌓5...Qa5+ -0.13/19 6.c3 dxc3 7.Nc7+ Kd8]

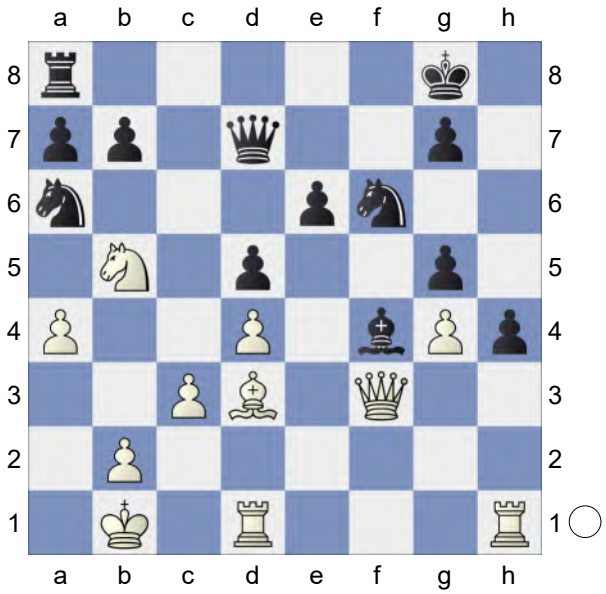
6.exd4= Bg4 7.Nf3 e6 8.h3 White is slightly better. **8...Bh5** 0.75/20

[8...Bf5± 0.43/20]

9.g4± &Bianco is more active. **9...Bg6 10.c3**

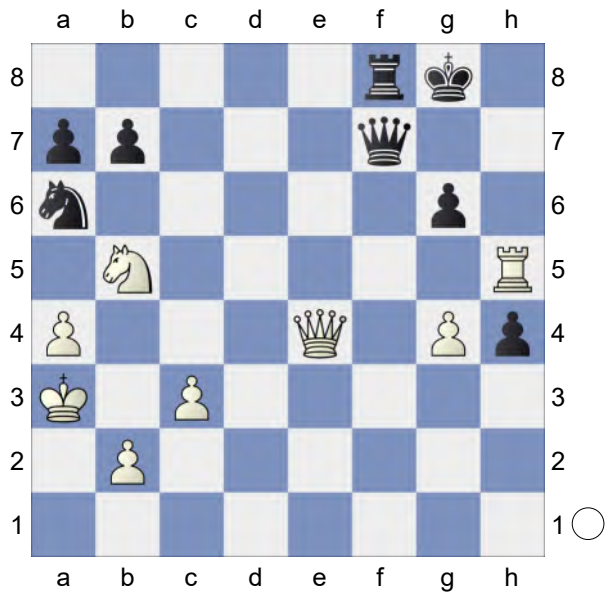
[10.Ne5 looks sharper. Ne4 11.h4 f6 12.Nxg6 hxg6 13.f3]
10...Be7 11.Ne5 0-0 12.h4
[12.Nxg6 fxg6 13.Bg2 Qd7=]
12...h5 1.18/16
[12...Ne8± 0.51/20]
13.Nxg6 fxg6 14.Qd3 -0.03/20
[14.gxh5± 1.07/20 Nxh5 15.Be3]
14...Ne4= 15.Be3 -1.15/22
[15.Bg3= 0.00/20]
15...Bxh4∓ 16.0-0-0 Bg5 -0.60/20
[16...hxg4 17.Be2∓ *(17.Bg2 Bxf2 18.Kb1 g3∓)*]
[16...Bxf2∓ -1.49/21 17.Bg2 Qe8]
17.f4? -2.27/23
[17.Kb1!∓ -0.60/20]
17...Rxf4? -0.47/21
[17...Bxf4-+ -2.27/23 18.Bxf4 Rxf4]
18.Bxf4∓ Bxf4+ 19.Kb1 h4 -0.14/20
[19...hxg4 20.Bg2 Ng3 21.Qxg6±]
[19...Qf6∓ -0.56/20 feels stronger. 20.Qc2 *(20.gxh5 Nf2∓)* 20...Ng3]
20.Qf3 -0.92/22
[20.Bg2= -0.14/20 Nf2 21.Qe2 *(21.Qxg6 Qe8∓)* 21...Nxd1 22.Qxe6+ Kh7 23.Rxd1]
20...g5 21.Bd3 Qd7 22.a4 Nf6 1.28/22
[22...Nd2+∓ -0.83/21 keeps the pressure on. 23.Rxd2 Bxd2]

(Diagram)

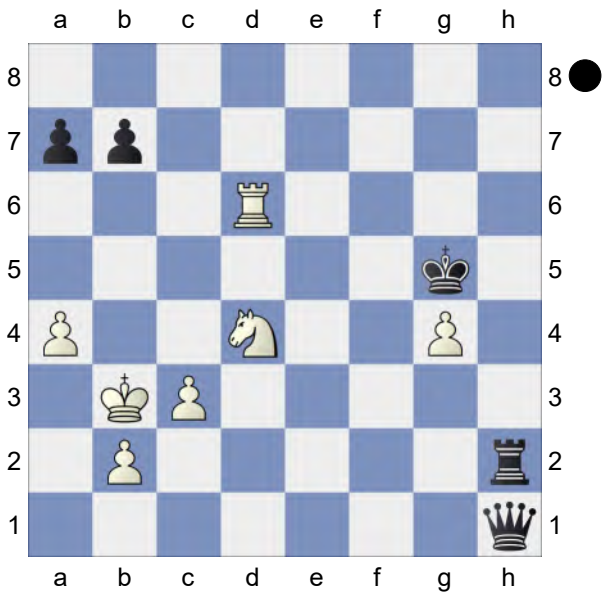


Pair of Knights! **23.Rxh4!!± gxh4**
24.Qxf4 Ne4 3.17/24
[24...e5± 1.23/21 25.Qxe5 Qxg4]
25.Bxe4+- dxe4 26.Qxe4? 0.92/22
[26.g5+- 2.82/22 and White stays clearly on top.]
26...Rf8 2.04/20
[26...Qd5± 0.92/22 27.Qe1 Qb3]
27.d5? 0.01/21
[27.Nxa7 Nc5 28.Qe1 Nxa4 29.Qxh4 Qd5=]
[27.g5+- 2.04/20]
27...exd5= 28.Rxd5 Qf7 1.82/24
[28...Qc6= 0.01/22]
29.Rh5 1.44/24
[29.Nxa7 Re8 30.Re5 Rxe5 31.Qxe5 Qd7=]
[29.Nd6+- 1.82/24 Qd7 30.Nf5]
29...Qf1+ 6.55/27
[29...g6± 1.44/24 30.Rxh4 Nc5]
30.Ka2+- Intending Nd6 and mate.
30...Qf7+ 31.Kb1? -0.01/19 **Qf1+!= 32.Ka2 Qf7+** White has to play **33.Ka3!+-** 9.43/24 **g6**

(Diagram)



34.Rg5? 1.77/22
[34.Nd6! 9.47/23 gxh5 35.Nxf7 Rxf7 36.gxh5]
34...Nc5? 6.46/24
[34...Kg7 1.77/22]
35.Qxg6+? 2.03/5
[35.Rxc5 6.46/24 Re8 36.Qd3]
35...Qxg6+- 36.Rxg6+ Endgame KRN-KRN **36...Kh7 37.Rd6** -0.27/21
[37.Rg5+- 1.67/22 Rh8 38.Rh5+ *(38.Rxc5 h3±; 38.Nxa7 Ne4∓)* 38...Kg7 39.Rxc5]
37...h3 0.44/23
[Better is 37...Rf4= -0.27/21 38.Nd4 Ne4]
38.Rd5± Hoping for Rh5+. **38...Kg7?** 2.69/22 **39.Rh5?** 0.35/21
[Not 39.Rxc5 Rh8±]
[39.Rg5++- 2.69/22 Kf6 40.Rh5 *(40.Rxc5 Rh8+-)*]
39...Rh8! Threatens to win with ...Rxh5.
40.Rxc5 Strongly threatening Nd4. KRN-KR **40...h2 41.Rc7+?** -5.15/22
[41.Rg5+± 0.36/21 Kf6 42.Rf5+ Ke7 43.Re5+ Kf6 44.Rf5+ Ke7 45.Re5+ Kf6 46.Rf5+]
41...Kf6 42.Rd7 h1Q Inhibits Rd1.
43.Rd6+ Kg5 44.Nd4 Rh2 45.Kb3



Qb1? -1.47/21
[45...Rxb2+!!-+ -10.29/21 is more deadly. 46.Kxb2 *(46.Kc4 Qf1+)* 46...Qh2+ 47.Kb3 Qxd6]
46.Rd5+? -16.27/22
[46.Nf3+∓ -1.47/21 Kxg4 47.Nxh2+ Kg3 48.Rd2]
46...Kxg4-+ 47.Kc4 Qxb2 48.Rd7 Time forfeit Time forfeit. What a bad dream for White. Weighted Error Value: White=1.30/Black=0.90. Loss on time!?
1-0

651 **D00**
□ **Abergel,Thal** **2415**
■ **Gozzoli,Yannick** **2567**
French Top 16 Club Championship 2025..
[TA]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 e6 4.e3 Bb4 5.Bd3 c5 6.dxc5! Nbd7 7.Nge2 0-0 8.Bd6 The position is equal.
[8.0-0 Nxc5 9.Rc1 Bd7 10.a3 Nxd3 11.cxd3 Be7 12.Qb3 Qb6 13.Qxb6 axb6 14.Nd4 Rfc8 15.h3 Ne8 16.Bg3 f6 17.Rc2 e5 18.Nxd5 Bd8

19.Rxc8 Rxc8 20.Nf3 Bb5 21.Rd1 Rc2 22.Nc3 Ba6 1-0 (35) Englund,J (2513)-Prasath,S (2558) (zt) 20/492 Pula 1975 (7.25) 23.d4 exd4 24.Nxd4 Rxb2 25.Nf5 Bc7 26.Bxc7 Nxc7 27.Rd7 Ne8 28.Nd5 Kf8 29.Nf4 Bc4 30.Rxb7 b5 31.Nd4 g5 32.Nfe6+ Kg8 33.Re7 Nd6 34.Rg7+ Kh8 35.Rd7 1-0 Demidov,M (2566)-Charkrubian,T (1903) Dzhubga Blitz 2023 (2)]

8...Re8 9.a3N -0.52/24

[9.Bb5= 0.00/24 a6 *(9...Ne4 10.a3 Bxc3+ 11.Nxc3 Nxc3 12.bxc3* Theory-Theory 4: 3... e6 #8 - 4... B*)* 10.Bxd7 Nxd7 11.Qd4 Qa5 12.0-0-0 Bxc5 13.Bxc5 Qxc5 14.e4 Qxd4 15.Nxd4 dxe4 16.Nxe4 Nf6 17.Nxf6+ gxf6 18.Ne2 e5 19.Nc3 Be6 20.Nd5 Bxd5 21.Rxd5 Kg7 22.Rhd1 Re6 23.Rd7 b5 24.R1d6 1-0 (45) Karthikeyan,P-Singhal,S corr 32/666 1981 Rae8 25.Kd2 f5 26.b3 f4 27.g3 fxg3 28.hxg3 b4 29.c3 bxc3+ 30.Kxc3 h5 31.b4 e4 32.a4 e3 33.fxe3 Rxe3+ 34.Rd3 Rxd3+ 35.Rxd3 Re6 36.b5 axb5 37.axb5 Re4 38.b6 Re6 39.b7 1-0 (45) Jobava,B-Korneev,O 51 Sochi 2014]

9...Bxc5∓ 10.Bxc5 Nxc5 11.b4 Ncd7 12.0-0 Nb6 13.e4 d4 14.Nb5 e5 15.f4 Ng4 16.fxe5 Ne3

[16...Nxe5 17.Nbxd4 Nbc4 18.Bxc4 Nxc4 19.Qd3±]

17.Qd2 Nxf1 18.Rxf1 Rxe5 White must now prevent ...Bg4.

[18...Nd7 seems wilder. 19.Nd6 Rf8 20.Qf4 Qe7]

19.Nbxd4 -0.52/22

[19.Qf4!= 0.00/27 f6 20.Nbxd4]

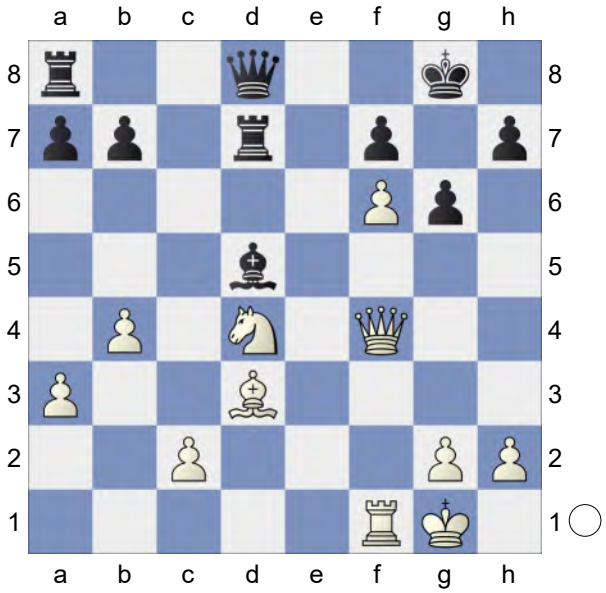
19...Re7 20.Qf4 Prevents Bg4 **20...Be6 21.e5 Nd7 22.Ng3 g6** 0.04/30

[22...Kh8∓ -0.32/25 was preferrable.]

23.Ne4= Excellent horsemanship.

23...Bd5 Strongly threatening ...Bxe4!

24.Nf6+ Nxf6 25.exf6 Rd7⇄



Hoping for ...Bc4! Black is not keeping still **26.Nf5!** Back Rank **26...Be6**

[26...gxf5 27.Qg5+ Kf8 28.Qg7+ Ke8 29.Qh8#]

[26...Qb6+? 27.Kh1 Qd8 *(27...gxf5 28.Qg5+ Kf8 29.Qg7+ Ke8 30.Qh8#)* 28.Qg5±]

27.Qh6? -3.07/31 **Qf8?** 0.00/22

[Inferior is 27...gxf5 28.Qg7#]

[27...Qxf6!-+ -3.07/31 28.Nh4 Qg7]

28.Ng7 And now Rf4 would win.

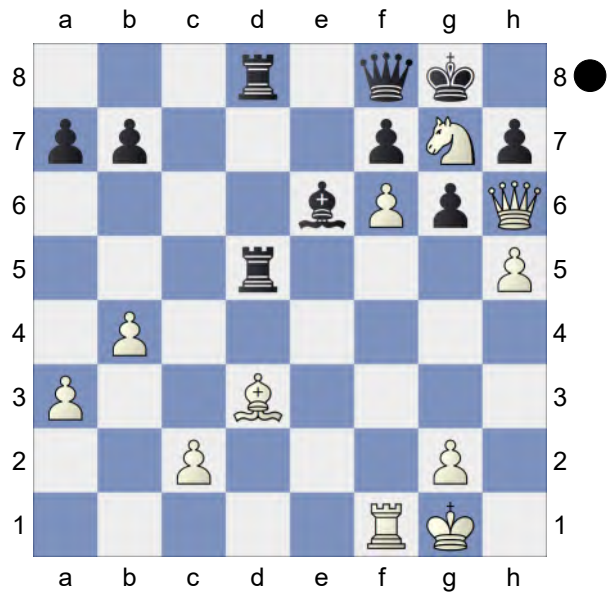
[28.Ne7+ Rxe7 29.Qxf8+ Kxf8±]

28...Rad8 29.h4 -0.45/25

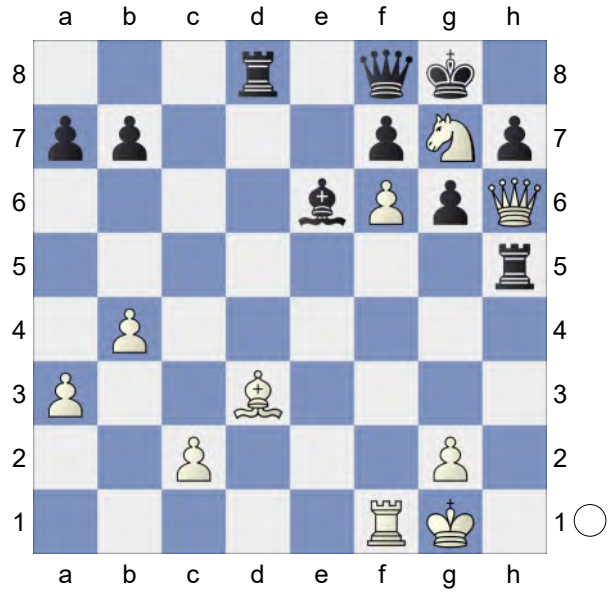
[29.Qe3= 0.00/22]

29...Rd5 30.h5

(Diagram)



aiming for hxg6. **30...Rxh5** 3.71/30

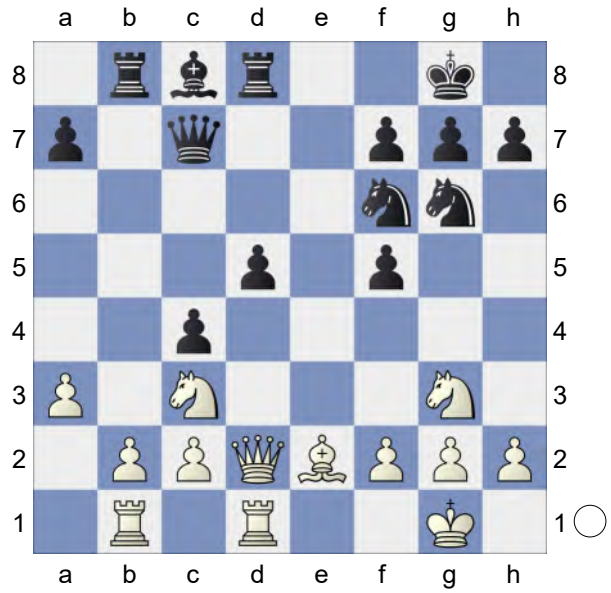


A mistake that costs the game.
31.Qf4!+-
[31.Qe3 Rhd5 32.Nxe6 fxe6±]
31...Kh8 5.07/24
[⌓31...Bg4 3.46/24 32.Qxg4 Re5]
32.Nxh5 White is clearly winning.
32...gxh5 33.Re1 Qg8 34.Re5 Rxd3 35.cxd3
Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) /Black=0.51
1-0

652 **A45**
□ **Abergel,Thal** **2415**
■ **Demuth,Adrien** **2524**
TCh-FRA Top 16 Haute 2025 (3.4)
[TA]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (120 (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ (41) Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 (41) Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 (23) Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]
3.Bf4 e6 4.e3 Bb4 5.Nge2 0-0 6.a3 Bd6 0.00/21
[6...Be7!∓ -0.56/23]
7.Ng3 -0.59/20

[7.Rg1= 0.00/21]
7...Bxf4∓ 8.exf4 Black is slightly better. **8...b6 9.Be2 c5 10.0-0 Nc6 11.dxc5 bxc5 12.Bb5 Ne7 13.Bd3** -1.40/24
[⩲13.Qd2 -0.99/20]
13...Qc7∓ 14.Qd2 c4 15.Be2 Rb8 16.Rab1 Rd8 17.Rfd1 Ng6 18.f5 exf5



...d4 would now be deadly. **19.Nh5** -2.05/23
[19.b3∓ -0.95/17]
19...Nxh5 20.Bxh5 -2.56/22
[⩲20.Nxd5 -1.86/22 Rxd5 21.Qxd5]
20...d4 21.Bxg6 hxg6
[21...fxg6 22.Ne2∓]
22.Ne2 d3 White is weak on the light squares **23.c3** -3.62/19
[23.cxd3 -2.35/17 was necessary. cxd3 *(23...Rxd3? 24.Qc1-+)* 24.Rbc1]
23...Bd7-+ 24.Nd4 Ba4 25.Re1 Qb6 26.h3 -5.12/18
[⩲26.Qf4 -3.48/19]
26...Rxd4 Black is clearly winning. **27.cxd4 Bc2 28.Ra1 Qxb2 29.Qf4 c3 30.Ra2 d2**
[30...Qxa2 31.Qxb8+ Kh7 32.Qf4=]
31.Rf1 Qxa2
[31...d1Q 32.Rxd1 *(32.Rxb2 Rxb2 33.Rxd1 Bxd1∓)* 32...Bxd1 33.Rxb2 Rxb2 34.Qc1=]
32.Qxb8+ Endgame. KQR-KQB **32...Kh7** Active counter play! **33.Qg3 d1Q**
[Weaker is 33...d1R 34.Qh4+ Kg8 35.Qd8+ Kh7 36.Qh4+ Kg8 37.Qd8+ Kh7 38.Qh4+=]
34.Rxd1 Bxd1 35.Qxc3 Qd5 Against Qa5 **36.f3 Ba4 37.Qe3 Bc6 38.Qf4 f6**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.32/ Black=0.08 (flawless)
0-1

653 **D00**
□ **Palliser,Richard** **2414**
■ **Gill,Oliver** **2106**
Yorkshire League (8.2) 02.04.2022
[Richard Palliser]

1.d4 d5 2.Nc3!? Having recently edited a book on the Jobava-Prie Attack, it made sense to avoid any preparation by wheeling it out. **2...Nf6 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 Bg4?!**
[This simply loses a tempo compared with 4...Bf5 5.f3 *(5.Nf3!? e6 6.Ne5* was preferred in Bortnyk-Firouzja, Internet (blitz) 2021, where *Bd6?! 7.g4! Bxe5 8.dxe5 Nxg4* should have been met by *9.f3 Nh6 10.e4!* with promising play for White*)* 5...e6 6.g4 Bg6 7.h4 h6 , which sees Black getting in ...e6.]
[Black also has 4...e6 when 5.g4!? is a tempting continuation - see Hebden-Baker, Guernsey 2019, in the Archive.]
5.f3 Bh5 6.g4! Standard expansion in such positions of course. **6...Bg6 7.h4 h6 8.Bd3 Bxd3 9.Qxd3**

[Sometimes 9.cxd3!? is a good move, with the idea of ...c5 dxc5 Bxc5 d4, but here it makes more sense to facilitate long castling and early aggression.]

9...e6 10.Nh3!?

[This felt like the right square for the knight, hinting at g4-g5 while overprotecting the bishop on f4, but 10.0-0-0! was likely more precise, and if c5 11.dxc5 Bxc5 12.Nge2 followed by Nd4 with a definite pull.]

10...Bd6

[A hard move to criticise, but Black had shown the way in Petr-Svatos, Czech League 2017, where 10...c5! 11.g5 *(11.dxc5 Nc6 12.0-0-0 Bxc5* leaves the knight slightly misplaced on h3 *)* 11...Nh5 12.dxc5 Nc6 13.0-0-0 Bxc5 would merely have remained pretty unclear and hard to assess after 14.Bh2! Bd6 15.f4 .]

11.0-0-0 Nc6!

[Obstructing the c-pawn, but necessary or at least Black could hardly have allowed 11...c5 12.g5 Nh5 13.Bxd6 Qxd6 14.e4 when the position is opening up much too quickly for him.]

12.e4!? Getting on with it and continuing to raise the stakes, partly in a bid to exploit White's already large lead on the clock. **12...dxe4 13.fxe4**

[Once again forcing the pace, although I did also consider quieter methods, not least 13.Nxe4!? Nxe4 14.Qxe4 Qe7 15.Bxd6 cxd6 16.d5! , which should be a little better for White.]

13...Bxf4+ 14.Nxf4 e5! Gill responds critically. Otherwise, Black would simply be swept aside in the centre. **15.g5!?**

[Played after some thought. I also spent a bit of time on 15.dxe5 Qxd3 16.cxd3 Nxg4 , which didn't seem at all clear (and isn't),]

[but must admit that I totally overlooked the idea of 15.Nfd5! exd4 16.Qg3 . Perhaps surprisingly, White isn't winning here, although 0-0 17.g5 Nh5 18.Qf3 g6 still feels rather risky for Black to my eyes.]

15...exf4?!

[I was pleased to see this, if also expecting it. Black surely can't allow 15...Ng8 16.Nfd5 *(*or even *16.Nh5 g6 17.Qf3! gxh5 18.Rhf1 Qd7 19.g6)* 16...exd4 17.Qg3 ,]

[but the engines point out that 15...hxg5! 16.hxg5 Rxh1 17.Rxh1 Nd7 leaves White without a knock-out blow. There is 18.g6! exf4 19.gxf7+ Kxf7 20.Qc4+ Ke8 21.Qg8+ Nf8 22.Rh8 , but after Qf6!? 23.Nd5 Qg6! 24.Qxf8+ Kd7 25.Qxa8 Qg1+ Black escapes with a half-point.]

16.gxf6 Qxf6 17.e5!?

[I suspected that objectively Black would be able to defend after this and the resulting transition, but that in practice the task would prove far too much for him. In any case, I should really have spent longer here, not least as 17.Nd5! Qd6 *(17...Qd8? 18.Qb3!* is suddenly very awkward for Black, and if *Rb8 19.Nxf4 0-0 20.Qg3* with an ideal centre and huge attack *)* 18.Qh3 would have offered promising ongoing compensation.]

17...Qg6!

[Necessary unless Black wants to get crushed after 17...Qd8? 18.Qe4 0-0 19.Nd5 .]

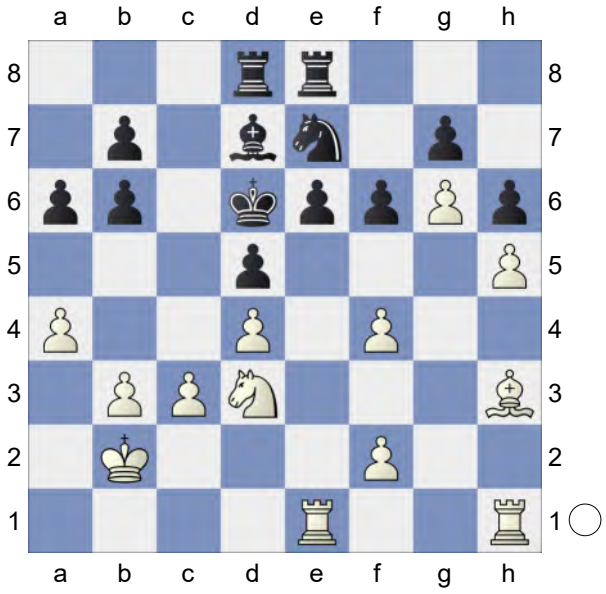
18.Qxg6 fxg6 19.d5! It's high time to make maximum use of Delroy, not least with the e-pawn clearly taboo. **19...Ne7**

20.d6 cxd6 21.exd6 Nf5 22.d7+! Kf7 23.Ne4 Menacing Nc5-b7 while also cutting out any ...g5 resources. **23...b6**
[Keeping White out of c5, but he actually might just have gone 23...Rhd8! and after, say, 24.Rhf1 *(24.Rhg1!?* was my idea, but *Ra7!? 25.Nd6+ Nxd6 26.Rxd6 b5 27.Rdxg6 Raxd7* seems to be fully tenable for Black*)* 24...Ke7 25.Rxf4 Rxd7 26.Rg1 Rad8 Black definitely wouldn't have been worse.]
24.Rhf1 Rhd8 25.Rxf4 Ke7?
[Finally cracking, missing my well-disguised 27th move. Instead, 25...Ra7 26.Nd6+ Kf6 would have left everything to play for, with 27.Nxf5 gxf5 28.Rd6+ Ke7 29.Rxb6 Raxd7 30.b4 a pretty random rook endgame if ever there was one.]
26.h5! Rxd7 27.Re1! As I'd realised some moves before, there just isn't a good square for Black's king and his knight on f5 is a major tactical liability.
27...Rda7!?
[27...Kf7 28.hxg6+ Kxg6 29.Rg1+ was one key point, picking off the knight.]
28.hxg6 Nd6 Played with just seconds left. I failed to find an immediate knock-out for White, but thankfully it wasn't too hard to pick between the various tempting options I could see. **29.Nc5+**
[Simple chess, although I should really have found 29.Nf6+ Kd8 30.Nd5! .]
29...Kd8 30.Ne6+ Kd7 31.Nxg7 Rg8 32.Nf5 Rxg6?
[Losing immediately, not that 32...Nxf5 33.Rxf5 Kd8 34.Re6 Rag7 35.Rff6 would have changed the result.]
33.Re7+ Kc6 34.Rxa7
1-0

654 **D00**
□ **Ilinca Ilinca,Felix Antonio** **2412**
■ **Aarav,Dengla** **2366**
Titled Tuesday intern op 04th Feb Late b..
[Kitty Kat]

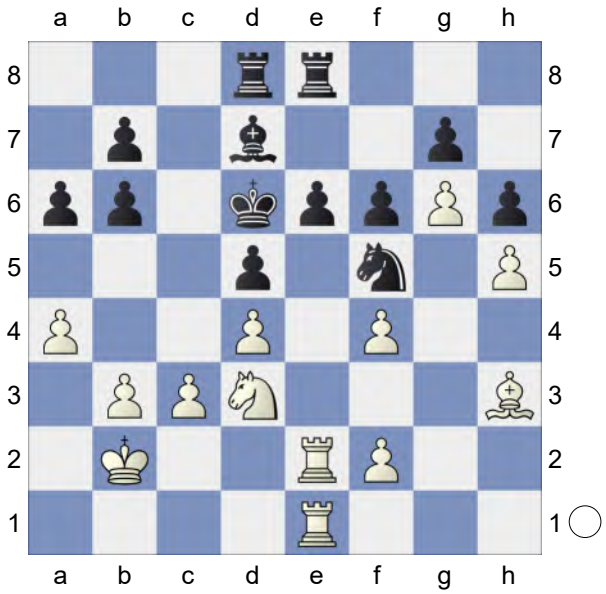
D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.g4 Bd6 6.Qf3 Nc6** Recently 6...b5 got a lot of attention. 6...b5 erhält neuerdings viel Aufmerksamkeit. **7.g5 Bxf4N**
[7...Nd7 8.h4 e5 1.29/19 *(8...b5±* 0.60/17 *)* 9.dxe5± Ndxe5 10.Qxd5 Be6 11.Qe4 Qe7 12.0-0-0 0-0-0 13.Bg2 Nc4 0-1 Costachi,M (2476)-Postny,E (2570) Titled Tuesday intern op 19th Sep Early blitz 2023 (9)]
8.exf4 0.06/20
[8.Qxf4± 0.54/20 Nh5 9.Qh4]
8...Ne4
[8...Nxd4?! 9.Qd3±]
9.0-0-0 Nd6 10.h4 Nf5 11.Nge2 h6 12.Kb1 Bd7 0.74/19
[12...h5= -0.06/18 remains equal.]
13.Bg2 -0.62/19
[13.Bh3!± 0.74/19]
13...Qe7!∓ 14.Qd3 0-0-0 15.Rde1 -1.13/22
[White should play 15.a3∓ -0.57/18]
15...Qb4 16.a3 Qa5 -0.51/19
[16...Qb6∓ -1.14/20 17.Na4 Qb5 18.Qxb5 axb5]
17.h5 Na7 0.33/20
[17...Qb6∓ -0.45/20]
18.Nc1 -0.07/18
[18.Bh3± 0.33/20]
18...Nb5 19.Nxb5 Bxb5 20.Qd1 Qb6 21.Nb3 Qd6 22.Qd2 Bc4 23.Nc1 Qb6 24.Rd1 Nd6 25.b3 Bb5 26.Qb4 -0.71/19
[26.Ka2= 0.01/19]
26...Nf5 0.27/18
[26...a5∓ -0.71/19 27.Qe1 Kb8]

27.a4= Bc6 28.Qxb6 cxb6 29.c3 Kd7 0.82/19
[29...Kc7± 0.39/17 is more appropriate.]
30.Nd3± f6 1.45/20 Inhibits Nd3-e5+.
[30...Kc7± 0.69/17]
31.g6 0.66/22
[31.Bh3± 1.45/20]
31...Kd6 32.Kb2 Rhe8 33.Rde1 Ne7 34.Bh3 Bd7



35.Re3 0.57/22
[35.a5!± 1.07/21]
35...Nf5 36.Re2 Ne7 37.Rhe1 Hoping for a4-a5!. White is much more active.
[37.a5!?]
37...Nf5? 2.38/24
[Better is 37...Nc6± 0.55/23]

(Diagram)



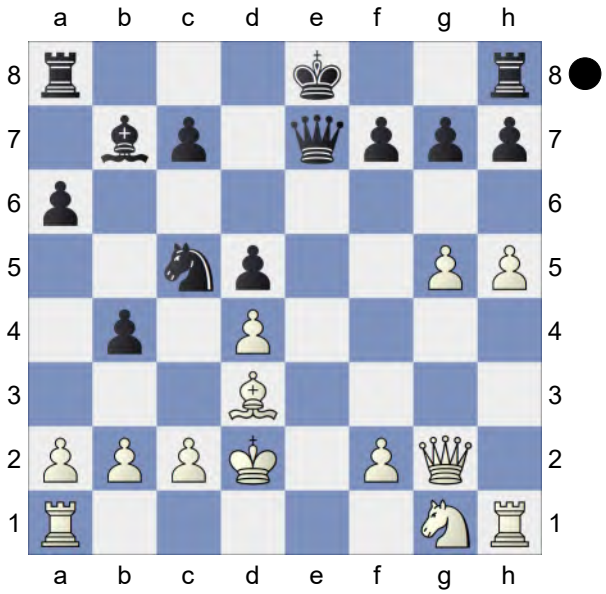
38.Kc2? 0.76/24
[Weaker is 38.Bxf5 exf5 39.Rxe8 Rxe8±]
[38.a5!+- 2.38/24]
38...Rc8 39.Kd2
[39.Bxf5 simplifies exf5 40.Rxe8 Rxe8 41.Ra1]
39...Red8? 3.23/23
[39...Nh4± 0.87/22 40.Re3 a5]
40.Bxf5 Remove Defender **40...exf5** Black is weak on the dark squares
41.Re7 Rg8 42.Rf7 Rb8? 6.80/22
[42...Rc7 2.90/23 43.Re3 *(43.Ree7 Re8+-)* 43...a5]
43.Ree7+- Be6 44.Rxg7 Rxg7 45.Rxg7 Endgame KRB-KRN. White is a pawn up. **45...Bg8 46.b4 Ke6 47.a5 bxa5 48.Nc5+ Kd6 49.Nxb7+ Ke6 50.bxa5 Rc8 51.Nc5+ Kd6 52.Ra7 Rb8 53.Rxa6+ Ke7 54.Rb6 Ra8 55.a6 Kd8 56.a7** 22.71/30
[⌓56.Rb7 #11/20 Rxa6 57.Nxa6 Be6 58.Rb8+ Kd7 59.Nc5+ Kc7 60.Nxe6+ Kxb8 61.g7]
56...Rxa7 57.Rb8+ Skewer **57...Ke7 58.Rxg8 Ra2+ 59.Ke3** Threatening mate with Rg8-c8. **59...Rxf2 60.Kxf2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.45/

Black=0.86
1-0

655 **D00**
□ **Fiorito,Joaquin** **2409**
■ **Hansen,Eric** **2610**
Titled Tue 27. Feb Late (6) 27.02.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]

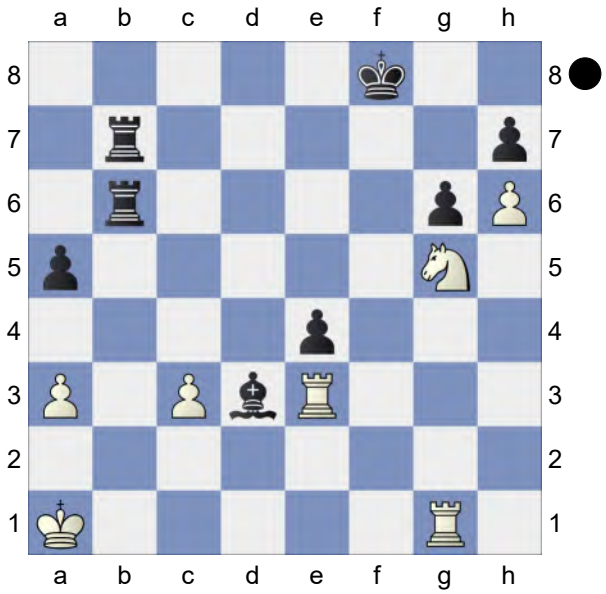
3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.g4 Bd6 6.Qf3 Nc6!? 6... b5 is a critical line. Exploring less charted territory. 6...b5 ist die kritische Fortsetzung. Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain. **7.g5 Nd7 8.h4** White is slightly better. **8...b5 9.Bd3N** 0.13/17
[Vorgänger: 9.Bxd6 0.05/20 9.0-0-0 0.43 cxd6 10.Qg3 Nb6 11.Nf3 b4 12.Nd1 Qe7 13.b3 -0.54/19 *(13.c3=* -0.11/17 *)* 13...e5∓ 14.Be2 Bf5 -0.09/19 *(14...0-0∓* -0.54/19 feels stronger.*)* 15.Rc1 -0.52/18 Wilke,W (2197)-Vitouch,A (2285) AUT-chT2O 2122 2021 (4. 4) 0-1 *(15.h5=* -0.09/19 *)*]
[9.0-0-0± 0.56/18 was preferrable.]
9...b4 10.Nce2 Bb7 11.h5 -0.41/19
[11.Bxd6± 0.56/18 cxd6 12.Nf4]
11...e5∓ 12.dxe5 Ncxe5 13.Qg2 Nc5 14.Bxe5 Bxe5 15.Nd4 Bxd4 16.exd4 Qe7+ 17.Kd2 -0.94/21
[17.Kf1= -0.05/19 Ne4 *(17...Nxd3 18.cxd3 0-0-0 19.Nf3=)* 18.Nh3]



17...Ne4+!∓ 18.Kc1 Qxg5+
[18...Nxg5 19.Nf3 Ne6 20.a3=]
19.Qxg5 Nxg5 20.Ne2 a5 21.Rg1

Ne6 22.Bf5 -0.99/21
[22.a3∓ -0.44/21]
22...0-0 23.Kd2 Ba6 24.c3 -2.06/20
[24.h6∓ -0.97/21]
24...Rab8-+ 25.Ng3 bxc3+ 26.bxc3 c5 27.dxc5 Nxc5 28.h6 -2.40/23
[28.Bc2∓ -1.51/22 was necessary.]
28...g6
[28...gxh6 29.Ne4+ Kh8 30.Nxc5±]
29.Bc2 -2.18/22
[⌓29.Rab1 -1.76/22]
29...Rfd8 30.Nh5 -2.61/21
[30.Rab1∓ -1.54/21]
30...Rb6 31.Rae1? -4.40/21
[31.f3 -2.44/20]
31...Kf8 32.Nf4 Rf6 33.Nh3 -4.42/21
[33.Ke3 -3.13/23 might work better.]
33...Ne4+ 34.Bxe4 dxe4+ 35.Kc1 Rc6 -2.25/22
[⌓35...Bd3 -4.45/21 ...Rf6-b6 would now be deadly. 36.Kb2 Rf5]
36.Re3? -3.98/20
[36.Ng5 -2.25/22]
36...f5 37.Ng5 Rd7 Hoping for ...Ba6-d3. **38.f3 Bd3 39.fxe4 fxe4** -1.40/22
[39...Rb6-+ -1.96/22 And now ...Rb6-b1+ would win. 40.Rxd3 *(40.Nxh7+ Kg8∓)* 40...Rxd3]
40.Kb2 -4.31/21
[40.Kd2∓ -1.40/22]
40...Rb7+ 41.Ka1 Rcb6
[41...Rxc3? 42.Nxe4 Bxe4 43.Rxc3+-]
42.a3? -#9/20
[42.Ree1-+ -3.99/21 e3 43.Nxh7+ Rxh7 44.Rxe3]

(Diagram)



42...Rb1+? -0.74/5
[42...Rb3 -#9/20 mates 43.Nxh7+ Kg8 *(43...Rxh7? 44.Ka2-+)* 44.Rxg6+ Kh8 *(44...Kxh7? 45.Rg7+ Rxg7 46.hxg7-+)* 45.Rg8+ Decoy Kxg8 46.Rg3+ Kh8 *(46...Kxh7* is a self mate. *47.Rg7+ Kxh6 48.Rxb7 Rxb7 49.a4 e3 50.c4 e2 51.Ka2 e1Q 52.c5 Qf2+ 53.Ka3 Qb2#)* 47.Rg8+ Decoy Kxg8 *(47...Kxh7 48.Rg7+ Kxh6 49.Rxb7 Rxb7 50.Ka2 e3 51.a4 e2 52.c4 e1Q 53.c5 Qf2+ 54.Ka3 Qb2#)* 48.Nf6+ Kh8 49.Ka2 Bb1+ Deflection 50.Ka1 Rxa3#]
43.Rxb1∓ Rxb1+ Endgame. KRB-KRN
44.Ka2 Rh1 -0.41/22
[Better is 44...Rb5∓ -0.91/23 45.Nxe4 Bc4+ 46.Ka1 Re5 47.Rf3+ Ke7]
45.Nxe4 -2.12/23
[45.Nxh7+∓ -0.41/22 Ke7 46.Ng5]
45...Bxe4-+
[45...Bc4+ 46.Kb2 Rxh6 47.Nd6 Rh2+ 48.Kc1]
46.Rxe4 Rxh6∓ KR-KR **47.Re5** -2.49/23
[⌓47.Kb3 -1.65/24]
47...Rh5 48.Re3 -3.92/22
[48.Re1 -2.27/23]

48...g5 -2.04/23
[⌓48...Rc5 -3.92/22 49.Rd3 h5 50.Rd8+ Kg7 51.Rd7+ Kh6]
49.Kb3? -8.80/21
[49.Rg3 -2.04/23]
49...g4-+ White must now prevent ...Rh5-g5. **50.Re4 Rg5 51.Re1 g3 52.c4 h5 53.Rg1 h4 54.Kc3 Ke7** aiming for ...g3-g2. **55.Kd4 g2** (→ ...h4-h3) **56.Ke3 h3** Black mates. **57.Kf3 h2 58.Rxg2 h1Q** Weighted Error Value: White=1.22/ Black=0.51
[Weaker is 58...h1R 59.Rxg5 Rc1 60.Ke4=]
0-1

656 **D00**
□ **Madaminov,Mukhiddin** **2408**
■ **Kuybokarov,Temur** **2583**
28. Abu Dhabi Masters (8.21) 24.08.2022
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e4 Nxe4 5.Nxe4 dxe4 6.dxc5 Qa5+ 7.c3 Qxc5 8.Qa4+** The position is equal. **8...Nc6 9.Qxe4 g6 10.Nf3 Bg7 11.Qe3**
[11.Bc4 is more complex. 0-0 12.0-0 Bf5 13.Qe2]
11...Qxe3+ 12.Bxe3 0-0
[12...Bg4 13.Be2 0-0-0 14.h3 Bf5 15.Bb5 Be4 16.Bxc6 Bxc6 17.Bxa7 Bxf3 18.gxf3 Rd6 19.Ke2 b6 20.Rhd1 Kb7 21.Rxd6 exd6 22.Bxb6 Kxb6 23.a4 Re8+ 24.Kd3 Re5 25.b4 Rf5 26.a5+ Ka6 27.Ra3 Ruoxiax (2658)-Gertrude Weichsel (2707) Blitz 2024 [Kitty Kat] 0-1 (34)]
13.0-0-0N
[13.Bc4 Bg4 14.a3 Bxf3 15.gxf3 Ne5 16.Be2 Rfd8 17.0-0 Rac8 18.Rad1 a6 19.Bb6 Rxd1 20.Rxd1 Bh6 21.Kg2 Bf4 22.Be3 Bxe3 23.fxe3 Rc7 24.f4 Nc6 25.Bf3 Kf8 26.Bxc6 Rxc6 27.Rd8+ Kg7 Jr Poison (2620)-Fastchess2345 (2735) Blitz 2024 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (45)]
[13.Be2 Be6 *(13...Bf5 14.0-0 Rfd8 15.Rfd1 Kf8 16.Bb5 a6 17.Bxc6 bxc6 18.Nd4 Be4 19.Rac1 c5 20.Nb3 Rxd1+ 21.Rxd1 c4 22.Nc5 Bc6 23.f3 Ke8 24.Bd4 e5 25.Re1 Ke7 26.f4 f6 27.fxe5 fxe5 28.Bf2* 7.h3 ♗f3 8. ♕f3 e5_59722 (1556)-Daikeler,E (2108) Groningen 2023 CBM 79_02 [John Watson] 0-1 (45)*)* 14.0-0 Rfd8 15.Rfd1 Bf6 16.Nd2 Bd5 17.Nb3 b6 18.Ba6 Ne5 19.h3 Bc4 20.Bb7 Rab8 21.Be4 Bd3 22.Bxd3 Rxd3 23.Bd4 Rxd1+ 24.Rxd1 Rd8 25.Nd2 Nd3 26.Bxf6 Nxb2 27.Bxe7 Rd7 7.h3 ♗f3 8.♕f3 e5_59722 (1556)-Zimmerer,D (2080) Groningen 2023 CBM 79_02 [John Watson] 1-0 (49)]
13...Be6 14.Kb1 Rfd8 15.Be2 Bf5+ 16.Kc1 Rdc8 17.Nd4 -0.38/19
[17.Bd3= 0.02/20 should be considered.]
17...Nxd4∓ 18.Bxd4 Bh6+ 19.Be3 Bxe3+ 20.fxe3 Rab8 21.Rd4 b5 22.a3 a5 23.Rd5 b4 24.Rxa5 bxc3 25.b4 Ra8 0.34/19
[25...Rb6= 0.01/18]
26.Ra6 -0.79/21
[26.a4!± 0.34/19 keeps the upper hand.]
26...Rd8!∓ aiming for ...Rxa6. **27.Re1 e5 28.Bb5! Rab8! 29.Bc6 Bd3 30.Ra5 Rd6** 0.84/22
[30...e4= -0.28/21 remains equal.]

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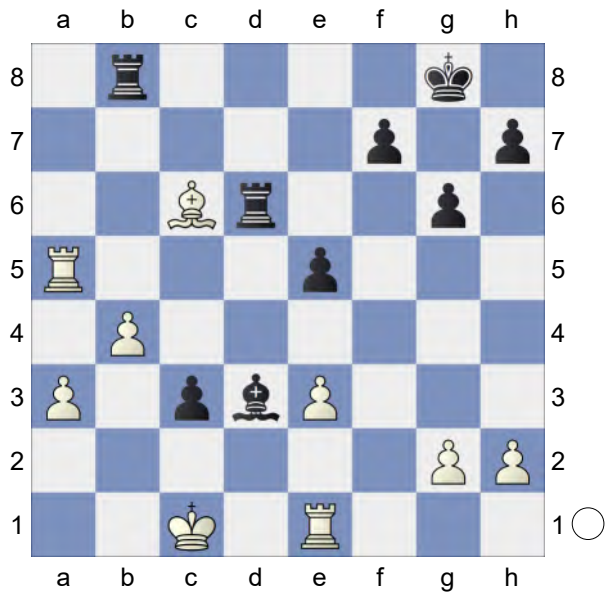
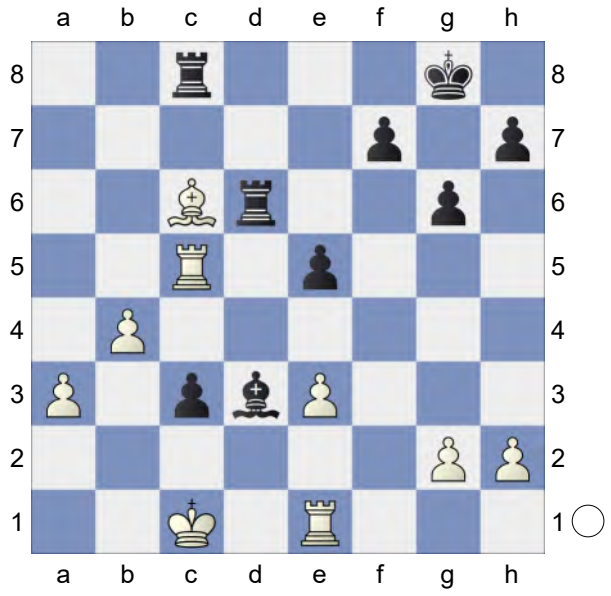
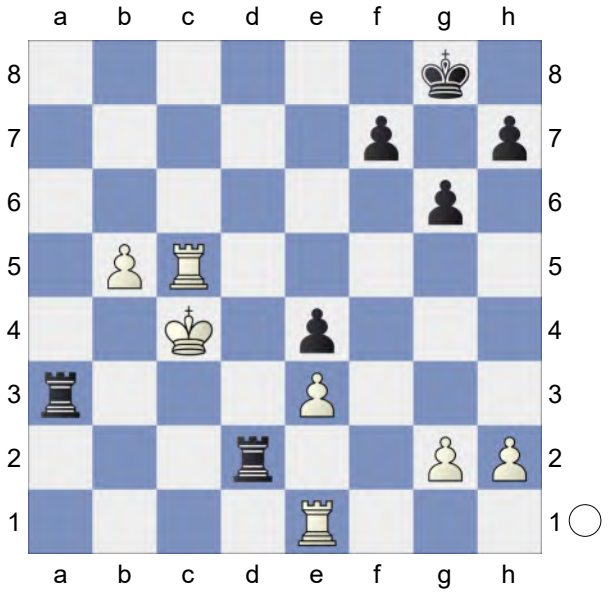


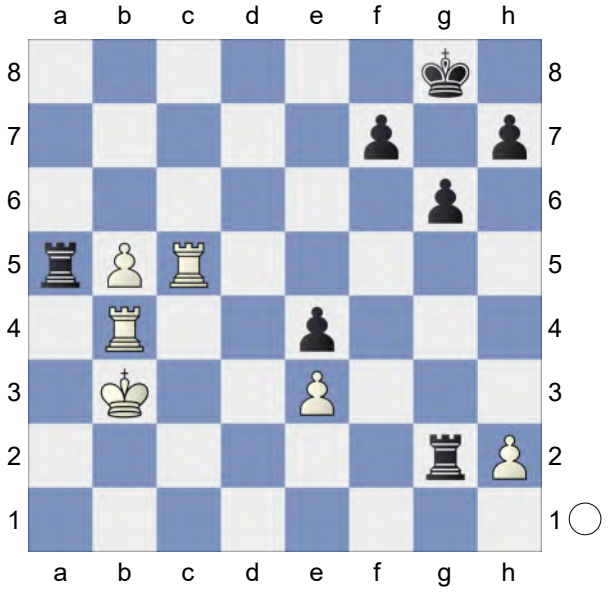
31.Rc5 -0.01/21
[31.Rd1!± 0.84/22]
31...Rc8? 2.26/21
[31...e4!= -0.01/21 and Black has nothing to worry.]



32.Be4! Rcd8 33.Bxd3 Rxd3± Endgame KRR-KRR **34.Kc2** 1.04/21
[⌓34.b5 1.56/21]
34...Rd2+ 35.Kxc3 0.26/20
[White should play 35.Kb3!± 1.00/21]
35...R8d3+= 36.Kc4 Rxa3 37.b5 e4 1.89/22
[37...Rb2± 0.42/20]



Black is on the road to losing. **38.Rb1!+-** Black must now prevent b6. **38...Ra4+ 39.Rb4 Ra5 40.Kb3** Threatens to win with Rc3. **40...Rda2?** 5.30/24
[40...Rxg2?



41.b6! Rxc5 42.b7+-]
[40...Kg7 1.70/21 41.Rc2 *(41.Rxe4 Raa2±)* 41...Rxc2 42.Kxc2 Ra7]
41.b6 R5a3+ 5.51/5
[⌓41...Rxc5 3.78/23 42.b7 Rxg2 43.b8Q+ Kg7 44.Rxe4 Rgc2]

42.Kc4 Ra8 Inhibits Rc8+. **43.b7** Rc8+ is the strong threat. **43...Rf8 44.Kd5** Hoping for Rc8. **44...Rd2+ 45.Kc6** Strongly threatening Kb6. **45...Rxg2** 10.80/24
[⌓45...Kg7 4.23/23 46.g4 Rb8]
46.b8Q 4.26/20
[⌓46.Kb5 10.80/24]
46...Rxb8 47.Rxb8+ Kg7 48.Kd5 Rxh2 49.Kxe4 Rf2 50.Kd3 h5 51.e4 h4 52.Ke3 Rf1 53.Rc2 g5 54.Rf2 Re1+ 55.Kf3 Kg6 56.Rg8+ Kh5 57.Rg2 White is winning. **57...f6 58.Rh8+ Kg6 59.Rxh4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) /Black=0.29 (precise)
1-0

657 **D00**
□ **Buksa,Nataliya** **2405**
■ **Yuan,Qingyu** **2373**
Titled Tue 28. Feb Early (1) 28.02.2023
[Kitty Kat]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]
3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Ne5 Bd7! The main line 7...Bd7 scores better than 7...e6. Die Hauptvariante 7...Ld7 punktet besser als 7...e6. **8.Be2** The position is equal. **8...e6 9.Nxd7 Qxd7 10.0-0 Bd6 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.Na4 0-0N** -0.07/19
[Predecessor: 12...Nd7!∓ -0.57/21 13.b3 b5 14.Nb2 b4 15.Qd2 0-0 16.Bf3 a5 17.Rac1 Rfc8 18.Rfe1 Nb6 0-1 (51) Buksa,N (2410)-Bortnyk,M (2473) Chess.com INT 2020]
13.c3 Nd7 14.b4 a5 15.a3 Rfc8 16.Bf3 -0.66/21
[16.Bb5= -0.11/17]
16...g6 Black is more active. **17.Re1 Ra7 18.Nc5 Nb6** 0.29/18
[18...b6∓ -0.81/20 19.Nxd7 Qxd7]
19.Bg4 -0.15/20
[⌓19.h4 0.29/18]
19...Re8 0.29/19
[19...Nd8 -0.15/20 was preferrable.]
20.Nd3 -0.32/19
[Better is 20.h4= 0.29/19]
20...Nc4 21.h4 Rea8 0.23/19
[⌓21...axb4 -0.15/20 22.axb4 h5 23.Rxa7 Nxa7]

22.b5= Ne7 23.a4 h5 24.Bh3 Re8 1.29/22
[24...b6= 0.25/20 keeps the balance.]
25.Qf3 0.69/21
[25.Qc1!± 1.29/22]
25...Kg7 1.24/22
[25...Rf8± 0.69/21]
26.Re2 -0.01/23
[26.Nf4!± 1.24/22]
26...Ng8 27.Rae1 b6
[27...Nf6 keeps more tension. 28.Ne5 Qc7 29.g4 hxg4 30.Bxg4 Ne4]
28.Ne5 -1.07/22
[28.Nf4= 0.01/23]
28...Nxe5∓ 29.dxe5 Qa3 White must now prevent ...Ra7-c7! **30.Qe3 Rb8** And now ...Ra7-c7! would win. **31.f4** -1.94/19
[31.c4∓ -0.90/20 was worth a try. Qxe3 *(31...Qxa4 32.cxd5 exd5 33.Qg3=)* 32.Rxe3]
31...Qxa4 -1.04/19
[Black should try 31...Rc7-+ -1.94/19 32.f5 Rxc3 *(32...exf5 33.Bxf5 gxf5 34.Qg5+ Kf8 35.e6-+)*]
32.f5 exf5
[32...gxf5 33.Qg5+ Kh7 34.Qxh5+ *(34.Bxf5+ exf5 35.Qxf5+ Kg7=)* 34...Nh6 35.Rf2=]
33.e6

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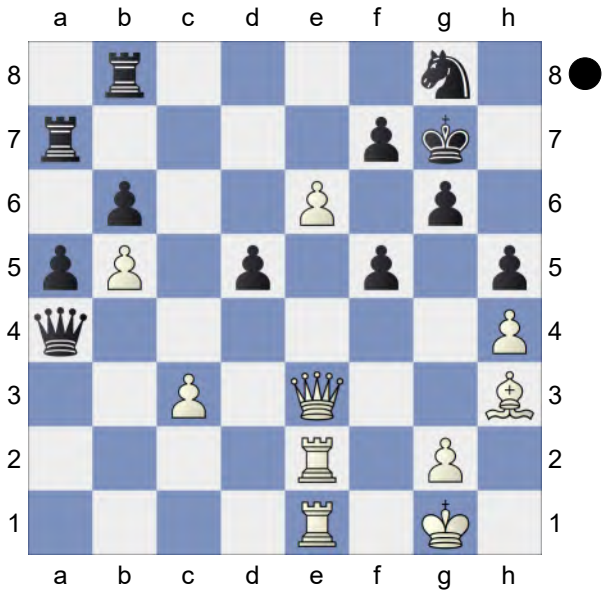
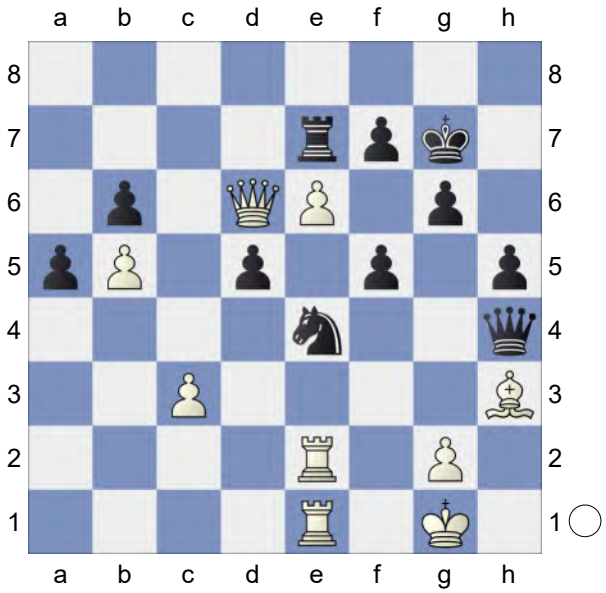


Strongly threatening Qe3-e5+.
33...Qxh4? 5.83/21
[33...f6!∓ -1.59/21 and life is bright. 34.Bxf5 Qxh4]
34.Qe5++- Nf6 35.Qxb8 Re7 36.Qd6 2.55/21
[⌓36.Qd8 5.81/22 Re8 37.Qxb6]
36...Ne4



37.Rxe4 -0.75/22 **fxe4?** 2.16/20
[37...dxe4∓ -0.75/22 keeps the pressure on. 38.Qd4+ Qf6 *(38...Kh7 39.Rf1=)* 39.Qxf6+ Remove Defender *(39.Qxb6 Qxc3 40.Qe3 Qxe3+*

41.Rxe3 fxe6∓) 39...Kxf6]
38.Rf1 e6xf7 would now be deadly.
38...fxe6 6.14/21
[38...f5 1.62/22]
39.Qe5+ Kh7 40.Rf6? 2.69/23
[40.Rf8 14.10/22 Rg7 41.Qb8 *(41.Qxe6 Qe7+-)* 41...Qe1+ 42.Kh2 Rg8 43.Rxg8 Qxc3 44.Qf8 *(44.Bxe6 h4+-)* 44...Qe5+ 45.g3]
40...e3? 7.96/22
[40...Kh6 2.69/23 41.Rf8 *(41.Bxe6 a4+-; 41.Rxe6 Rxe6 42.Qh8+ Kg5=)* 41...Rg7 42.Bxe6 Qe1+ 43.Kh2 Qh4+ 44.Kg1 *(44.Bh3 Rh7+-)* 44...Qe1+ 45.Rf1 Qe3+ 46.Kh1 a4 47.Bxd5 Qg5 48.Qxe4 a3]
41.Rxe6?? -21.69/26
[41.Rf8+- 7.96/22 Kh6 42.Qxe3+ *(42.Bxe6 e2+-; 42.Rh8+ Rh7+-)* 42...Kg7 43.Rf4 Qxf4 44.Qxf4]
41...Rxe6-+ 42.Qxe6 Qf2+ 43.Kh2 e2 44.Qe7+ Kh6 45.Qe5 e1Q 46.Qh8+ Kg5 47.Qd8+ Qf6 -26.51/20
[⌓47...Kf4 -#9/20 48.Qf6+ Ke3 49.Qe5+ Kd2 50.Qd4+ Qxd4 51.cxd4 Ke3 52.g4 Qf2+ *(52...Kxd4* leads to mate. *53.g5 Ke3 54.Kg2 Qf2+ 55.Kh1 Qg3 56.Be6 Kf2 57.Bxd5 Qh4#)* 53.Bg2 hxg4 *(53...Kxd4* is a self mate. *54.gxh5 gxh5 55.Kh3 Ke3 56.Kh2 Kf4 57.Kh1 Kg3 58.Bxd5 Qh2#)* 54.Kh1 g3 55.Bxd5 Qh2#]
48.Qxd5+ Qee5+ 49.Qxe5+ Qxe5+ Weighted Error Value: White=1.12/ Black=0.79
0-1

658 **D00**
□ **Poormosavi,Seyed Kian** **2404**
■ **Ram Aravind,LN** **2298**
22. Dubai Open 2022 (6.32) 01.09.2022
[Kitty Kat]

D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 3 Bf4 D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.Nf3 c5 6.Be2**
[6.a3 Nc6 7.h3 *(7.Bd3 Bd6 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.0-0 h6 10.e4 dxe4 11.Nxe4 Nxe4 12.Bxe4 Qxd1 13.Rfxd1 0-0 14.b4 Be7 15.Bd6 Bxd6 16.Rxd6 e5 17.Bxc6 bxc6 18.Nxe5 Re8 19.Nxc6 Bb7 20.c4 Bxc6 21.Rxc6 Rad8* Bortnyk,O (2608)-Gurevich,D (2357) Chess.com INT 2024 Mega2024 Update 16 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (37)*)* 7...b5 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.Bd3 Bb7 10.0-0 Bd6 11.Re1 0-0 12.Bxd6 Qxd6 13.e4 dxe4 14.Nxe4 Nxe4 15.Bxe4 Qe7 16.Qd2 Rfd8 17.Qf4 Na5 18.Bd3 Qf6 19.Qxf6 gxf6 20.Nd2 Rac8 Lalitaditaayyanar,B (2710)-Saphire,N (2567) Dresden 2014 Inf 42 [Norfolk News 12 apr 1862] 1-0 (49)]
[6.dxc5 Bxc5 7.Bd3 Nbd7 8.0-0 b5 9.Ne5 Bb7 10.Qe2 0-0 11.a3 Nxe5 12.Bxe5 Nd7 13.Bd4 e5 14.Bxc5 Nxc5 15.Qh5 e4 16.Be2 f5 17.Rad1 Ne6 18.f4 Qb6 19.Qh3 Rad8 20.Rd2 b4 Poormosavi,S (2388)-Sethuraman,S (2588) Dubai 2024 Mega2024 Update 31 [Kitty Kat] 0-1 (36)]
6...Nc6N
[6...b5 7.0-0 c4 8.Ne5 Nbd7 9.a3 Bb7 10.Bf3 Nb6 11.Bh5 g6 12.Bf3 Bg7 13.h4 h5 14.a4 b4 15.Ne2 a5 16.b3 c3 17.Bg5 Qd6 18.Bf4 Qe7 19.Bg5 Bh6 20.Bxh6 Rxh6 21.Nf4

Nitschke,N (1751)-Bellmann,H (2285) BdF 2016 Kommentierte Partien2024 [Bellmann,Herbert] 0-1 (40) Nfd7 22.Nxd7 Nxd7 23.g3 Nf6 24.Nd3 Ne4 25.Kg2 Nd2 26.Re1 f6 27.Nc5 e5 28.Kh2 e4 29.Bg2 Bc8 30.Qe2 Rb8 31.Rh1 Qd6 32.f4 g5 33.Rac1 gxh4 34.gxh4 Kf7 35.Rhg1 Bg4 36.Qe1 Tallarico Tallarico,O (1751)-Urquhart,J (2285) Cienfuegos 2016 CYB 12 [Wolff,P] 0-1 (40)]

7.Ne5 Bd6 8.Nxc6 bxc6 9.Bxd6 The position is equal. **9...Qxd6 10.Na4 cxd4 11.exd4 Nd7 12.0-0 0-0 13.c3 c5 14.Qd2 Rb8 15.b3 Bb7 16.b4 cxb4 17.cxb4 Bc6 18.Nc5 Bb5 19.Rfb1 Bxe2 20.Qxe2 a5 21.Qa6**

[21.bxa5 Nxc5 22.dxc5 Qxc5∓]

21...Qxa6 22.Nxa6 Rbc8 23.Nc5

[23.bxa5 Ra8 24.Nc7 Ra7=]

23...Nxc5 0.79/23

[23...Rc7!± 0.36/22]

24.bxc5± Endgame KRR-KRR **24...e5 25.Rb5 exd4 26.Rd1 Rb8** 1.24/22

[26...Rfe8± 0.67/20]

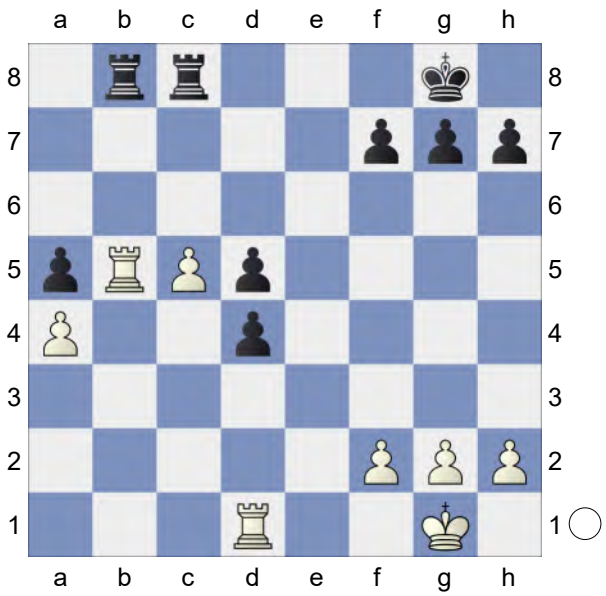
27.a4±

[27.Rxa5?! Ra8 28.Rxa8 Rxa8±]

27...Rfc8 1.53/20

[⌓27...Rbe8 1.13/19 28.g3 *(28.Rxa5 Ra8±)* 28...Re4]

(Diagram)



28.c6 0.14/21

[Not 28.Rxd4? Rxb5 29.axb5 Rxc5-+]

[But not 28.Rxa5?! Rb4±]

[28.Rdb1!± 1.53/20 Rxb5 29.axb5]

28...Kf8!= 29.Rxd4 Ke7 0.72/22

[29...Rxb5= -0.01/22 30.axb5 Ke7]

30.Rdxd5± &Bianco is much more active. **30...Rxc6** (→ ...Rc1+) **31.g3 Rxb5 32.Rxb5±** KR-KR **32...Ra6 33.f4 g6 34.Kf2 Kd6** 0.78/21

[34...h5± 0.40/21 was preferrable.]

35.Ke3 f5 1.08/22

[35...Ke6± 0.67/18]

36.Kd4± h6 1.53/22

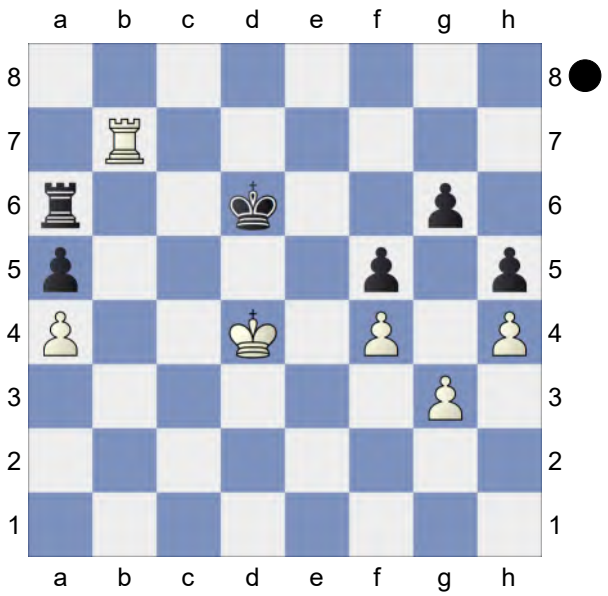
[Black should try 36...Rc6 1.18/22]

37.h4 h5 2.21/25

[37...Kd7± 1.38/22 38.h5 gxh5 39.Rxf5 Rg6 40.Rxa5 Rxg3]

38.Rb7+-

(Diagram)



aiming for Rg7. **38...Ke6 39.Kc5** Strongly threatening Rb6+. **39...Ra8 40.Rb6+ Kf7 41.Kb5 Re8?** 5.09/25 Loses the game.

[41...Kg7± 1.50/25 is tougher. 42.Rc6 Kf7]

42.Kxa5 Re3 43.Kb5 Black must now prevent a5. **43...Rb3+ 44.Kc6 Rxg3** 5.37/20

[44...Rc3+ 2.34/23 is a better chance. 45.Kb5 Rb3+ 46.Kc5 Rxg3]

45.a5 Rg4 46.a6 a7 would kill now. **46...Rxf4 47.a7 Ra4 48.Kb7** Hoping for Ra6. **48...Rxa7+ 49.Kxa7** KR-K3P **49...f4 50.Ka6 f3 51.Rb3 g5** White mates. **52.Rxf3+ Kg6 53.Rg3 g4 54.Rc3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.33

1-0

659 **A45**

□ **Gelman,A** **2403**

■ **Spyropoulos,Nikolaos** **2400**

Titled Tue 24th Jun Late blitz (7) 24.6.25

[TA]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.h3 Bxf3 8.Qxf3 The position is equal. **8...Nc6 9.0-0-0 e6 10.Kb1N**

[10.g4

A) 10...Bd6 11.Be3 *(11.Bg2 Rc8 12.Rhe1 0-0 13.Bxd6 Qxd6 14.Qe3 Nd7 15.f4 Nb6 16.Bf1 Rc7 17.f5 exf5 18.gxf5 Rfc8 19.f6 Nd7 20.fxg7 Nb4 21.a3 Rxc3 22.bxc3 Na2+ 23.Kb2 Nxc3 24.Rd3 Qb6+ 25.Ka1 Qa5* 0-1 (29) Garg,P (2041)-Stamatiou,R (2308) Titled Tuesday intern op 17th Sep Late blitz 2024 (1)*)* 11...Qa5 12.Kb1 Nb4 13.Bc1 Rc8 14.a3 Nc6 15.g5 Nd7 16.h4 Qb6 17.Bh3 Nxd4 18.Qe3 Be5 19.f4 Rxc3 20.Qxc3 Nb5 21.Qf3 Bd4 22.Ka2 g6 23.h5 Nc5 24.Bf1 Ne4 25.Bxb5+ 1-0 (28) Firouzja,A (2759)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2769) 86th Tata Steel Masters 2024 (12);

B) 10...Bb4 11.Ne2 Qa5 12.Kb1 Ne4 13.Nc1 Bd6 14.Nb3 Qc7 15.Be3 0-0 16.Rg1 b5 17.Bd3 f5 18.gxf5 exf5 19.Bh6 Theory-Theory 1: 3... c5 Overview Rf7 20.Bxg7 Rxg7 21.Qxf5 Kh8 22.Rxg7 Qxg7 23.Qxd5 Nxf2 24.Qxc6 Rf8 25.Rc1 Nxd3 26.cxd3 Qg3 27.a3 Bf4 28.Rd1 Qxh3 29.Nc5 Be3 30.Qe4 Qf3 31.Qe5+ Kg8 32.Re1 Bf2 33.Re4 Qf5 34.Qc7 1-0 (44) Rapport,R-

Sutovsky,E 54: Olympiad 2014]

10...Bd6 11.Bc1 Rc8 12.g4 Bb4 0.73/22

[12...b5± 0.33/22]

13.g5± Nd7 14.h4 Ne7 1.50/21

[⌓14...b5 0.95/21]

15.Ne2 White is more active. **15...Bd6 16.h5** 1.06/19

[⌓16.Nf4 1.48/19]

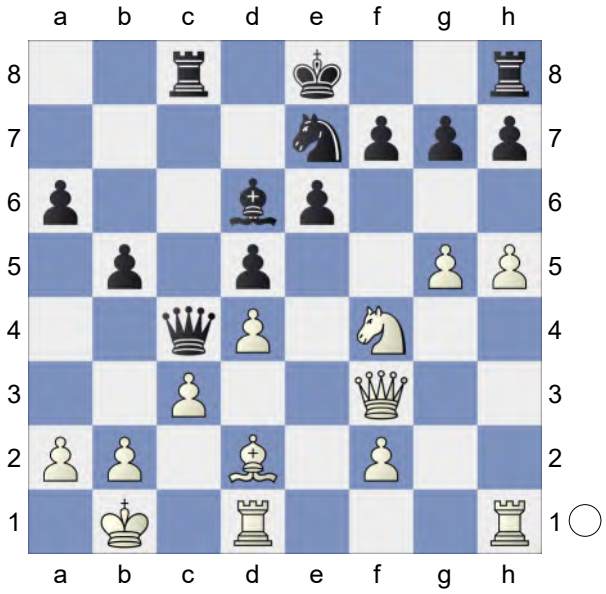
16...Qc7 17.c3 b5 18.Bd2 0.68/20

[18.Rd3± 1.04/19]

18...Nb6 19.Nf4 Nc4 20.Bxc4

[20.Bc1 keeps more tension. b4 21.cxb4 Nxb2 22.Bxb2 Bxf4 23.h6]

20...Qxc4



21.g6 0.46/21 **Bxf4!± 22.gxf7+**

[22.Bxf4 hxg6 23.hxg6 Nxg6=]

22...Kxf7 1.18/20

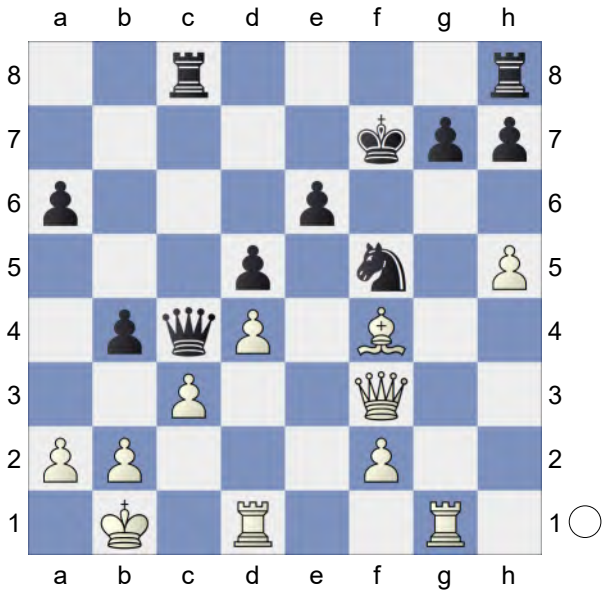
[Black should play 22...Kd7!± 0.51/23 23.Qxf4 *(23.Bxf4 Rhf8±)* 23...Rhf8]

23.Bxf4± Strongly threatening h6.

23...Nf5 24.Rhg1 b4 2.06/20

[24...Ke7± 0.94/22]

(Diagram)



25.Be5? 0.37/21

[Only move: 25.cxb4!+- 2.06/20 Threatens to win with a3. Qc2+ 26.Ka1]

25...Rhg8? 2.23/24 Black is weak on the dark squares

[25...bxc3± 0.37/21 26.bxc3 *(26.Bxg7 c2+ 27.Kc1 cxd1Q+ 28.Kxd1 Qc1+* Skewer, Double Attack *29.Ke2 Rc2+ 30.Kd3 Rd2#; 26.Rxg7+ Ke8∓)* 26...Rhg8]

26.cxb4 Qxb4 2.55/20

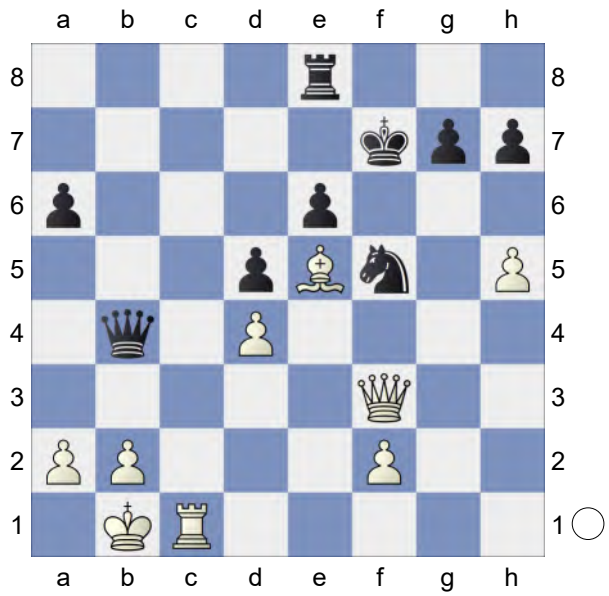
[26...Qc2+ 1.92/20 was called for. 27.Ka1 Qe4 28.Qxe4 dxe4]

27.Rc1 Rxc1+ 2.48/23

[27...Qb5 1.95/20 is a better defense. 28.Rxc8 Rxc8]

28.Rxc1+- Re8

(Diagram)



29.h6! g6 Repels Qh5 **30.a3 Qb6** 3.65/22
[⩲30...Qd2 2.44/23 31.a4 a5]
31.Rc7+ Re7 32.Rc5 Rb7 33.Qc3 And now b4 would win. **33...g5** 2.91/20
[⩲33...Nxh6 1.75/20 34.Rc8 *(34.Rc6 Qb5=)* 34...Ke7]
34.b4 a5 35.b5 a4 36.Qb4 Ra7? 6.37/21
[36...Nd6 2.99/19]
37.Rc6 Qd8 38.b6 Rb7 39.Rc7+
[And not 39.Qxa4 Rxb6+ 40.Rxb6 Qxb6+ 41.Ka2 Qb7= *(41...Nxh6? too greedy. 42.Qd7+ Kg6 43.Qg7+ Kh5 44.Bf6+-)*]
39...Rxc7 40.bxc7 Endgame. KQB-KQN **40...Qd7 41.Qb8 Ne7 42.Qb4?** 0.64/20
[42.Qb7+- 4.78/24]
42...Nc8? 4.30/23
[Black should try 42...Qc6!± 0.64/20]
43.Ka2? 0.06/27
[43.Kc2+- 4.30/23]
43...Qc6= 44.Qc5↑ White is pushing. Chess con chili. **44...Qb7** 10.60/25
[44...Qxc5= 0.06/27 45.dxc5 Kg6]
45.Qc2+- Ke8 46.Qxa4+ Ke7 47.Qc2 Kd7 48.Qxh7+ Kc6 49.Qc2+ Kd7
50.h7
Weighted Error Value: White=0.52/ Black=0.63
1-0

660 **A45**
□ **Gelman,A** **2403**
■ **Sarana,Alexey** **2686**
Titled Tue 1st Jul Early blitz (3) 01.07.25
[TA]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
Including this game is basically just for a bit of fun. Black plays a very dodgy opening and his position is resignable after seven moves. However, White doesn't play the most precise refutation and before we know it Black has tremendous compensation for the piece.
Inf 2/50 **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 g6 *(3...Qa5 4.Bd2 b5 5.e4 b4 6.e5 bxc3 7.Bxc3 Qa4 8.exf6 Qe4+ 9.Qe2 Qxe2+ 10.Bxe2 gxf6 11.d6 e5 12.Bf3 Nc6 13.Bxc6 dxc6 14.f4 Bxd6* 0-1 Reynolds,R (2565)-Zanetti,A (2389) corr CNEC 15 jub 1993*; 3...e6 4.e4 exd5 5.e5 Qe7 6.Qe2 Ne4 7.Nxd5 Qxe5 8.Nc3 d5 9.f3 f5 10.fxe4 fxe4 11.Nf3 Qf5 12.Nh4 Qf7 13.Qf2 Qxf2+ 14.Kxf2 Be7 15.Bb5+ Nc6 16.g3 0-0+ 17.Ke1 Nd4 18.Ba4* 0-1 (27) Wohlfahrt,R (2127)-Grooten,H (2390) 20th Open B ? blingen GER 2003 (5)*)*
4.e4 d6 5.f4 *(5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Be2 Bg7 7.Nf3 0-0 8.0-0 Rb8 9.a4 a6 10.Nd2 Ne8 11.a5 Nc7 12.Nc4 Nb5 13.Na4 Nf6 14.Bd3 e6 15.Nab6 Re8 16.c3 Nc7 17.Bc2 exd5 18.exd5 Ncxd5 19.Nxd5 Nxd5* 1-0 (23) Kholmov,R-Stein,L Kislovodsk 2/50 1966*)* 5...Bg7 6.Bb5+

(6.Nf3 0-0 7.Bd3 b5 8.Bxb5 Nxe4 9.Nxe4 Qa5+ 10.Ned2 Qxb5 11.c4 Qb6 12.0-0 Bf5 13.Qb3 Na6 14.Re1 Nb4 15.Nh4 Nc2 16.Nxf5 Qxb3 17.Nxe7+ Kh8 18.Nxb3 Nxe1 19.Bd2 Nd3 20.f5 Rfe8 0-1 (47) Ersoz,T (2109)-Shemyakinskiy,N (2307) Titled Tuesday intern op 04th Mar Early blitz 2025 (9)*)* 6...Nfd7 7.Bd3 0-0 8.Nf3 e6 9.dxe6 fxe6 10.0-0 a6 11.a4 Nc6 12.Kh1 Nb4 13.Be2 Nf6 14.Be3 b6 15.Ng5 h6 16.Nh3 Bb7 17.Bf3 1-0 (61) Borges-Bjazevic CADAP event? 1983]

3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.g4 Bb4! 6.Nge2 Nxg4 7.Rg1 g5 8.Rxg4 gxf4 9.Rxf4 -0.55/20

[White should play 9.Nxf4= 0.27/21 Nc6 10.Nh5]

9...Qg5 10.Qd2 Nc6 11.0-0-0 Bd7 0.09/19

[11...h5∓ -0.45/21]

12.h4 -0.69/20

[12.e4!= 0.09/19]

12...Qh6 13.Kb1 -1.17/18

[13.e4!∓ -0.37/19]

13...f5 -0.51/23

[13...Bd6∓ -1.17/18 14.Rf3 Qxh4]

14.Rf3∓ Qxh4 15.Nf4 0-0-0 16.Rh3 Qe7 17.Be2 Rdg8 18.Rdh1 Rg7 19.a3 Bd6 20.Rh6 Nd8? 0.88/21

[20...Bxf4∓ -0.63/22 stays ahead. 21.exf4 Nd8]

21.Bh5? -0.67/23

[21.Ng6!± 0.88/21 Rxg6 22.Rxg6]

21...Qf8 22.Bf3 c6 -0.22/18

[22...Qg8∓ -0.88/19 23.Qe1 Nf7]

23.Na4= Kb8 24.Nb6 Qe8 2.24/17

[24...Bc8∓ -0.31/22]

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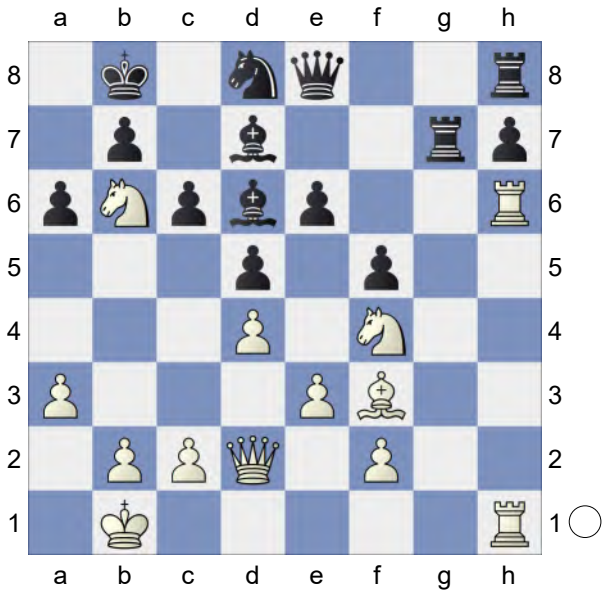

Repels Ng6 **25.Bh5?** -0.34/20

[25.Nh5!+- 2.24/17 Hoping for Nf6! Rf7 26.Nf6 Rxf6 27.Rxf6]

25...Qe7∓ 26.c4 Bc7 27.c5 Ka7 28.Qb4

[28.Nxd7 simplifies Qxd7 29.Nd3 Rhg8 30.Bd1]

28...Rhg8 29.Ka2 White has compensation. **29...Rg1** 0.40/22

[29...e5= 0.00/21 is more appropriate. 30.dxe5 Bxe5]

30.Rh2 -0.21/21

[30.Rh3!± 0.40/22]

30...R8g7 31.Be2 Rc1 1.17/17

[31...e5= 0.00/19 32.dxe5 Bxe5]

32.Nd3!± Really sharp! White has more active pieces. **32...Rcg1 33.f4** 0.56/22

[33.Ne5± 1.12/20 Bxe5 34.dxe5]

33...R1g3± 34.R6h3 0.12/20

[34.Ne5± 0.77/19 Bxe5 35.fxe5]

34...Rxh3= 35.Rxh3 Rg2 0.75/19

[35...Kb8= 0.24/20 keeps the balance.]

36.Bf1 Rg1 37.Be2 Qg7 38.Ne5 Be8 1.24/20

[⌓38...Bxe5 0.88/18 39.fxe5 Qe7]

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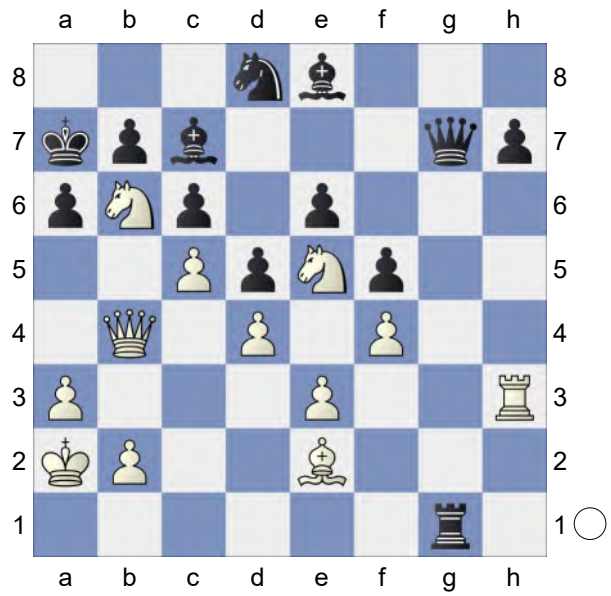

39.Bxa6! 0.04/19 **bxa6 40.Nc8+** A dynamic duo of knights. **40...Ka8 41.Nb6+** 0.00/19
[41.Nd6!± 0.39/21 Bg6 42.Nxc6 Bxd6 43.Nxd8]
41...Bxb6? 2.22/19
[41...Kb8!= 0.00/19 42.Nxd5+ Nb7 43.Nxc7 Qxc7]
42.Qxb6+- Nb7
[42...Qe7 43.Rxh7 *(43.Qxa6+ Kb8=)* 43...Qxh7 44.Qxd8+ Kb7 45.Qxe8+-]
43.Qxa6+? 0.00/27
[White has to play 43.Nxc6+- 1.63/21 Bxc6 44.Qxc6]
43...Kb8= 44.Nxc6+ Bxc6 45.Qxc6 Rc1? 3.61/20
[45...Qg2!= 0.00/20 and Black is okay.]
46.Qxe6? 0.00/56
[46.Qb6+- 3.61/20]
46...Qg1 The position is equal. **47.Qe8+**
[47.Qxd5 gets mated. Qd1 *(47...Ra1+ 48.Kb3∓; 47...Ra1+ 48.Kb3=)*]
[47.Rxh7? Ra1+ 48.Kb3 Qd1+ 49.Kb4 Qd2+ 50.Kb5 Qxb2+ 51.Kc6 Nd8+ *(51...Rxa3? 52.Qg8+ Ka7 53.Kc7+-)* 52.Kd6 Nxe6-+]
47...Ka7 48.Qa4+ Kb8 49.Qe8+ Ka7 (-> ...Qd1) **50.Qa4+ Kb8 51.Qe8+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.40/ Black=0.45
½-½

661 **A45**
□ **Gelman,A** **2403**
■ **Deac,Bogdan Daniel** **2668**
Titled Tue 22nd Apr Early blitz (11)
[TA]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
Richard Palliser,MH: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
' 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 e6 4.e3 Bb4 5.Nge2 Nh5 0.14/27
[5...0-0∓ -0.36/21 6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.Nxc3 Nc6 8.Qf3 a6 9.g4 Nxg4 10.h3 Nf6 11.Bg5 e5 12.Rg1 Kh8 13.0-0-0 Be6 14.dxe5 Nxe5 15.Qg2 c6 16.f4 Ng6 17.Bd3 h6 18.h4 hxg5 19.hxg5 Ng4 20.f5 Bxf5 (23) 2) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 e6-6. a3 Bxc3 #2 The Meanest Jobava 2023]
6.a3= Be7 7.Ng3N -0.95/20
[7.Be5= 0.14/20 remains equal.]
[7.Bg3 Nd7 8.Nf4 Nxg3 9.hxg3 Nf6 10.g4 a6 11.g5 Ne4 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.g6 0-0 14.Rxh7 fxg6 15.Nxg6 Bb4+ 16.axb4 Kxh7 17.Qh5+ Kg8 18.Qh8+ Kf7 19.Ne5+ Ke8 20.Qh5+ Ke7 21.Qg5+ Rf6 1-0 (31) Niemann, H (2465)-Saric,I (2646) Titled Tuesday, Internet (blitz) 2020 (5) 22.Qxg7+ Ke8 23.Ng6 Rf5 24.g4 Rf3 25.Bg2 Qf6 26.Qg8+ Kd7 27.Ne5+ Ke7 28.Bxf3 exf3 29.0-0-0 Qh6 30.Qf7+ Kd8 31.g5 1-0 Fandino,R (2465)-Modestov,B (2646) (m/7) 64/244 1995

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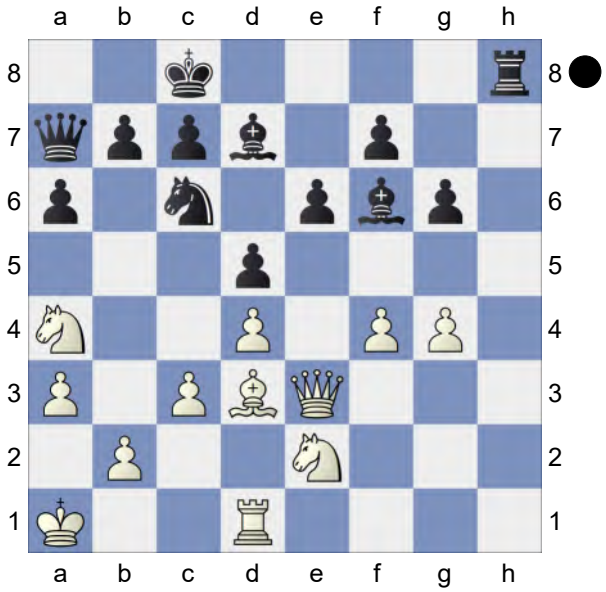
7...Nxf4∓ 8.exf4 Black is better. **8...g6 9.h4** -1.53/20 **Bxh4 10.Qf3 Nc6 11.0-0-0 Bf6 12.Qe3 Qe7 13.Kb1 Bd7 14.Bb5 0-0-0 15.Nge2** -2.06/19
[⌓15.Bxc6 -1.61/19 Bxc6 16.Nge2]
15...Qd6 16.g4 Ne7 17.Bd3 h5 18.f3 Qb6 19.Ka1 a6 20.Rh2 -3.08/22
[⌓20.Rdg1 -2.19/16]
20...hxg4-+ 21.Rxh8 Rxh8
[21...Bxh8 22.fxg4 Re8 23.Rh1∓]
22.fxg4 Nc6 23.Na4 Qa7 24.c3

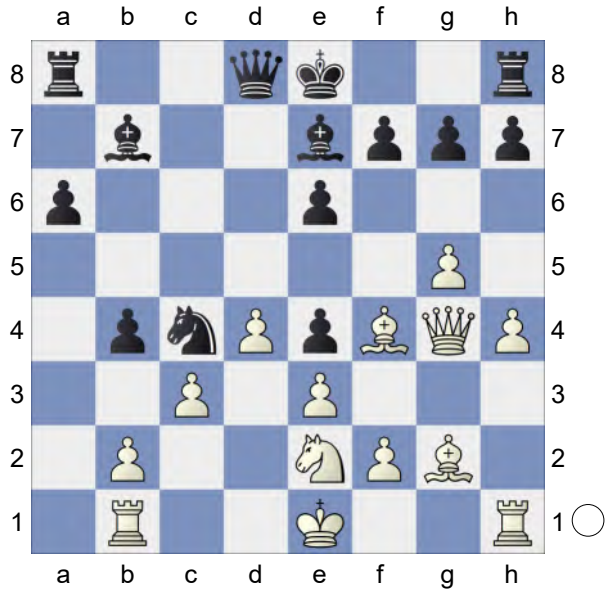


Nxd4! Discovered Attack **25.cxd4**
[25.Nxd4 Bxa4]
25...Bxa4 This pair of bishops is nice. **26.Rc1 Qb6 27.f5 exf5 28.gxf5 g5 29.Nc3 Bc6**
[29...Qxd4? 30.Qxd4 Bxd4 31.Nxa4-+]
[Don't play 29...Bxd4 30.Qxg5 Be8 31.f6-+]
30.Ne2 Kb8 31.Qd2 Bd7 32.Bb1 Rh2 33.Qe3 Ka7 34.Bd3 Rh4 35.Qg3 Kb8 36.Qe3 Qd6 37.Qd2 Rh3 38.Bb1 g4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.37/ Black=0.19 (very precise)
0-1

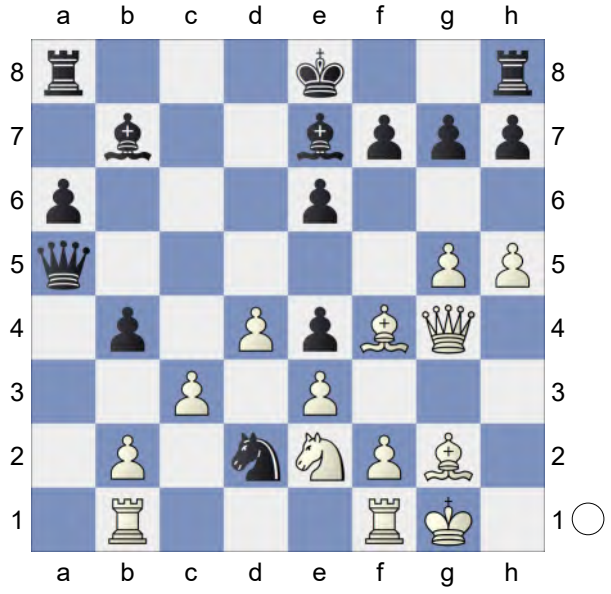
662 **D00**
□ **Gelman,A** **2403**
■ **Aliakbarov,A** **2189**
Titled Tue 8th Jul Early blitz (10) 8.7.25
[TA]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 b5 5.a3
[5.h4 e6 6.g4 b4 7.Na4 Bd6 8.g5 Ne4 9.Bd3 Bd7 10.c4 Bxf4 11.exf4 Bc6 12.Nf3 dxc4 13.Bxc4 Qd6 14.Ne5 Nc3 15.bxc3 Bxh1 16.f3 f6 17.Nc5 fxe5 18.Kf2 bxc3 19.Nxe6 exd4 1-0 (45) Torombot (3043)-Expositor (2839) Rapid 2024]
5...Bb7 6.g4N
[6.Nf3 e6 7.b4 Nbd7 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.0-0 0-0 10.Ne5 Qe7 11.Qf3 Ne8 12.Qh3 f5 13.Qg3 Nef6 14.Qh4 Rae8 15.f3 Nb8 16.Ne2 Qd8 17.h3 Be7 18.Qf2 Nbd7 19.c3 Bd6 20.a4 c6 1-0 (35) Aqua Blazing (2838)-Art Vandelay1998 (2734) Blitz 2024]
6...e6 7.g5 Ne4 8.Nxe4 The position is equal. **8...dxe4 9.Qg4 c5 10.Ne2 Nc6** 0.60/21
[10...cxd4= 0.10/23 11.exd4 *(11.Nxd4 Nd7=)* 11...e3]
11.c3 0.03/20
[11.dxc5± 0.60/21 Qd5 12.Nc3 Qxc5 13.Bg2 *(13.Nxe4 Qxc2 14.Bg2 e5±)*]
11...Na5 0.63/23
[11...cxd4!= 0.03/20 12.exd4 Ne7]
12.Bg2± Nc4 13.Rb1 -0.12/23
[White should play 13.b3± 0.72/21 Nb2 14.0-0]
13...Be7 0.57/25
[13...cxd4= -0.12/23 14.exd4 h5 15.gxh6 gxh6]
14.h4 -0.14/24
[White should try 14.Ng3± 0.57/25]

14...b4 1.04/23
[14...cxd4= -0.14/24 remains equal. 15.exd4 h5 16.gxh6 gxh6]
15.axb4!± cxb4



16.h5 0.45/24
[16.b3!± 1.02/23 Na3 17.Rc1]
16...Qa5 17.0-0! Nd2

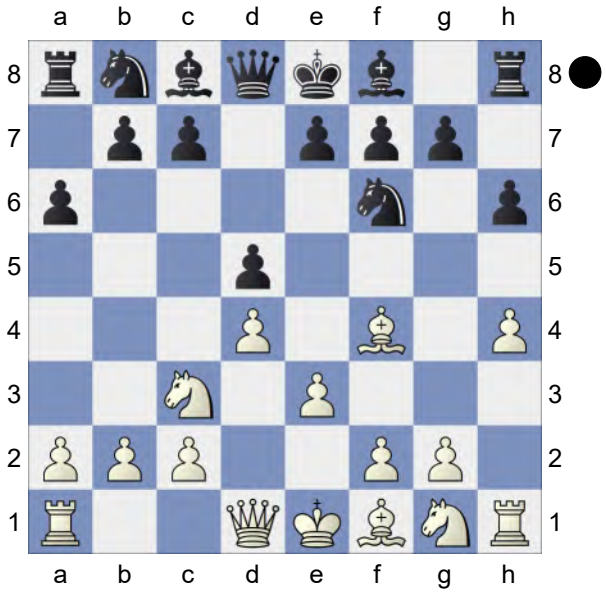


18.Ra1! Qf5 19.Qxf5 exf5 20.Rfd1 Nb3 21.Ra2 And now d5 would win.
21...Bd5 22.Ra4 0.48/26
[22.cxb4± 0.86/25 Nc3 would now be deadly. Bxb4 23.Nc3 Bxc3 24.bxc3]
22...a5 23.cxb4 Bxb4 24.Nc3 Bc6 0.80/23
[24...Bxc3± 0.44/22 25.bxc3 Rc8]
25.Ra2 h6 1.49/26
[⌓25...a4 1.10/23]
26.g6 0.46/21
[White has to play 26.gxh6± 1.49/26 gxh6 27.Bf1]
26...fxg6± 27.hxg6 Threatens to win with Bf1. **27...Ra6?** 2.93/24
[27...Ke7!± 0.49/23]
28.d5 1.51/23
[28.Bf1+- 2.93/24 Rb6 29.Bc4 Bxc3 30.bxc3]
28...Bd7± 29.d6↑ White is on the roll.
29...0-0? 4.59/26
[29...Rc6± 1.59/23 30.f3 Bxc3 31.bxc3 Rxc3 32.fxe4 fxe4 33.Bxe4 Bg4]
30.Nd5 Bc5 5.63/24
[⌓30...Raa8 3.57/21 31.Bf1 Nc5]
31.Bf1+- Rfa8 32.Bxa6 Rxa6 33.Nc7
[Much less strong is 33.Ne7+ Kf8 34.Rd5 Ra8 35.Nxf5 Re8]
33...Rb6 34.Rd5 Black must now prevent Rxc5! **34...a4 35.Kg2 Kf8?** 6.90/25
[35...Bb4 3.25/23 36.Rd1 Bc5]
36.Kg3 aiming for Rxa4! **36...Bb4?** 6.44/25
[36...Kg8 3.59/22 37.Rd1 Rb8]
37.Be5 Bc6? 6.29/24
[37...Kg8 3.70/25 38.Rd1 Ba5]
38.d7 Bxd7 39.Rxd7 Rf7+ is the strong threat. **39...Rxg6+ 40.Kf4 Kg8 41.Kxf5 Rg5+ 42.Kxe4?** 0.17/18
[42.Kf4+- 4.81/27 Nc5 43.Rd5]
42...Nc5+= 43.Kf4 Nxd7 44.Bd4 -3.05/22
[44.Na6!= -0.25/18 and White stays safe.]
44...Bd6+-+ 45.Kf3 Bxc7 46.Rxa4 Rd5 47.Ra7 Be5 48.Bxe5 -3.81/27
[48.Rxd7 -2.05/18 Rxd7 49.Bxe5]

48...Nxe5+ 49.Ke4 Rb5 50.f4 Nf7
Weighted Error Value: White=0.76/ Black=0.77
0-1

663 **A45**
□ **Gelman,A** **2403**
■ **Xiong,Jeffery** **2646**
Titled Tue 1st Jul Early blitz (9) 01.07.25
[TA]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (120 (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ (41) Atalik, S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 (41) Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 (23) Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]
3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 h6 5.h4



c5! 6.Nf3
[6.dxc5 Nc6]
6...Bg4 7.Be2 Nc6 8.Ne5 The position is equal. **8...Bxe2 9.Qxe2 e6 10.0-0-0 Rc8 11.Kb1 Qa5** 0.30/20
[⌓11...cxd4 -0.12/18 12.exd4 Bb4]
12.Rh3= cxd4 13.exd4 Bb4 0.93/19
[13...h5!= 0.25/19]
14.a3± Be7 15.Rg3 Nxe5 1.68/19
[15...Rg8± 0.85/19]
16.dxe5+- Nd7 17.Rxg7 Rxc3 18.Bd2↑ Pin. White has strong initiative.
[18.bxc3 Bxa3 19.Bc1 Qb6+ 20.Ka1 Bxc1 21.Rxc1 Nxe5 *(21...Qa5+ 22.Kb1=)* 22.Qxe5 Qa5+ 23.Kb2 Qb6+ 24.Ka3 Qa5+ 25.Kb2 Qb5+ 26.Ka1 Qa5+ 27.Kb2=]
18...d4 19.bxc3 0.00/25
[19.Rg3± 1.45/25]
19...dxc3 1.06/21
[19...Qb6+!= 0.00/25 20.Ka2 Qc7]
20.Bc1± Nxe5 2.18/21
[20...Bxa3± 1.05/21 was necessary. 21.Qc4 *(21.Rxf7 Qb4+ 22.Ka2 Bxc1* Remove Defender*)* 21...Nxe5

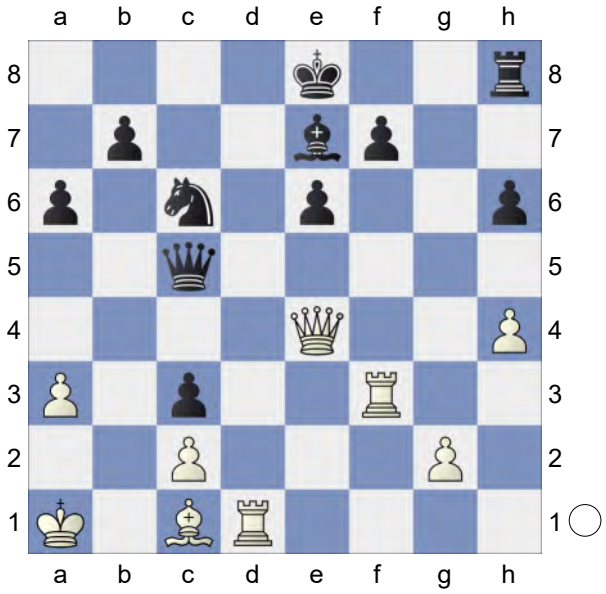
22.Qc8+ Ke7 23.Bxa3+ *(23.Qxh8? Qb6+ 24.Ka2 Bxc1-+* Remove Defender*; 23.Qxb7+ Kf6±)* 23...Qxa3 24.Qxb7+ *(24.Qxh8? Qb2#)* 24...Kf6]

21.Qe4 Qb6+ 22.Ka1 Bf6 23.Rg3 Qf4 is the strong threat. **23...Qxf2 24.Bf4**

[24.Rxc3 Ng6 25.Rdd3 0-0= *(25...Bxc3+ 26.Rxc3 0-0 27.h5±; 25...Qxc2? 26.Rd8+ Ke7 27.Qxc2+-)*]

24...Qc5 25.Bc1 White has strong compensation. **25...Nc6 26.Rf3 Be7** 2.57/17

[26...Bg7± 1.22/19]



27.Qf4!+- f5 28.Qc7? 0.91/18

[28.g4 Qa5 29.Re3 *(29.gxf5? Bxa3 30.Kb1 Qb5+ 31.Ka1 Bb2+ 32.Ka2 Bxc1-+)* 29...Bxa3 30.Rxe6+ Be7+ 31.Kb1 Qb5+ 32.Ka1 *(32.Ka2? Nb4+-+)* 32...Qa5+ 33.Kb1 Qb5+ 34.Ka1 *(34.Ka2? Nb4+-+)* 34...Qa5+=]

[28.Re3+- 3.48/20 and White stays clearly on top.]

28...Kf7? 2.74/20

[28...Rg8± 0.91/18]

29.Rd7!

[29.Qxb7 Rb8 30.Qxa6 Nd4∓ *(30...Bxh4 31.Be3+-)*]

[29.g4?! Ne5 30.Rxc3 Qxc7 31.Rxc7 Nxg4+-]

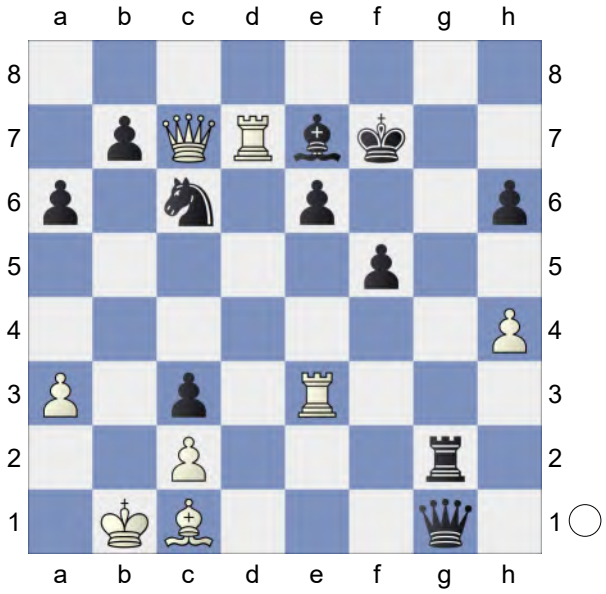
29...Qg1 4.10/19

[29...Rd8 2.68/18 is a better defense.]

30.Kb1 Rg8 31.Re3

[31.Qxb7 Qc5 32.Rc7 *(32.Qxa6 Nb8=; 32.Bxh6? Rb8-+)* 32...Na5 *(32...Rb8? 33.Qxb8 Nxb8 34.Rxc5+-)* 33.Rxc5 *(33.Qxa6? Qxc7 34.Re3 Qc8-+)* 33...Nxb7+-]

31...Rxg2



32.Rxe7+? -0.06/20 **Nxe7= 33.Qe5! Rg6 34.Rxc3?** -2.70/24

[34.h5!= -0.07/23 and White has nothing to worry. Rf6 35.Rxc3]

34...Nd5 35.Rb3 -2.91/20

[⌓35.Rc8 -1.63/19]

35...b5-+ Threatens to win with ...Qh1.

36.Qd6 Qd4? 0.00/20

[Black should try 36...Qh1-+ -2.73/21 Hoping for ...Rg1. 37.Qd7+ Ne7]

37.Qxa6? -3.38/19

[37.Qd7+!= 0.00/20 Kf8 38.Qd8+ Kf7 39.Qd7+ Kf8 40.Qd8+ Kf7

41.Qd7+]
37...Nc3+
[37...Qxh4 38.Qxb5 Rg1 39.Qd7+ Qe7 40.Qxe7+ Nxe7 *(40...Kxe7 41.a4∓)* 41.a4∓]
38.Rxc3 Qxc3 Endgame. KQR-KQB
39.Bb2? -10.33/20
[39.h5 -3.18/19 Rg4 40.Qxb5]
39...Qc4? -1.49/22
[39...Rg1+-+ -10.33/20 40.Bc1 Qe3]
40.Qb7+? -3.31/22
[40.Qa7+∓ -1.49/22 Kf8 41.h5]
40...Ke8 And now ...Rg1+ would win.
41.Qb8+ Kd7 42.Qb7+? -5.02/20
[42.Be5 -2.89/18 Qxh4 43.Qxb5+ Ke7 44.Kb2]
42...Qc7 43.Qxb5+ Qc6 44.Qd3+ Qd5 45.Qa6? -7.44/19
[45.Qe3 -3.63/16]
45...Rg1+ 46.Bc1 Qd4 Prevents Qa7+.
47.Qb7+ Kd6 48.Qb8+ Kd5 49.Qb3+ -5.95/22
[⌓49.Qb7+ -3.81/20 Kd6 50.Qb8+ Ke7 51.Qb7+ Kf6 52.Qb2 Qxb2+ 53.Kxb2]
49...Ke5 50.Ka2? -13.47/20
[50.Qb8+ -3.21/19 Qd6 51.Qa7]
50...Qd5 -4.50/18
[⌓50...Rxc1 -13.47/20 51.Qb2 Qxb2+ 52.Kxb2 Rh1 53.Kc3 Rd1 *(53...Rxh4* gets mated. *54.a4 Rxa4 55.Kb3 Re4 56.c4 f4 57.c5 f3 58.c6 f2 59.c7 f1Q 60.c8Q Qb1+ 61.Kc3 Qc1+* Skewer *62.Kb3 Re3+ 63.Ka4 Ra3+ 64.Kb4 Qb2+ 65.Kc5 Rc3#)* 54.a4 f4 55.a5 f3 56.a6 f2 57.a7 Ra1 *(57...f1R 58.a8Q=)* 58.Kd2 f1Q *(58...f1R* leads to mate. *59.Ke3 Rf4 60.Kd3 Rxa7 61.h5 Rc7 62.c3 Rf2 63.c4 Rb7 64.c5 Kd5 65.Kc3 Rfb2 66.Kd3 R7b3#)* 59.a8Q Rxa8 60.Kc3 Qf3+ 61.Kc4 Rc8+ Skewer 62.Kb5 Qb7+ 63.Ka5 Ra8#]
51.Bb2+ -7.61/20
[⌓51.c4 -4.50/18 Qg2+ 52.Bb2+ Kf4 53.Qb8+ Kf3 54.Kb3]
51...Ke4 White must now prevent ... Qxb3+. **52.c4 Qd3 53.Qb6 Qxc4+ 54.Qb3 Qxb3+ 55.Kxb3** KR-KB **55...Rg3+ 56.Kb4 Rg4 57.a4 Kd5+ 58.Kb5 Rxh4** Strongly threatening ...f4. **59.a5 Rh2 60.Bc3 Rc2 61.a6 Rxc3** Weighted Error Value: White=1.11/ Black=0.66
0-1

664 **D00**
□ **Fiorito,Joaquin** **2401**
■ **Korneev,Oleg** **2474**
35. Roquetas de Mar Open (8.3) 6.1.24
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Bb4+N**
[4...Na6 5.e3
A) 5...Be7 6.h4 *(6.h3 0-0 7.Nf3 c5 8.c3 Bd7 9.a4 c4 10.b3 cxb3 11.Bd3 Ne4 12.Qxb3 Rc8 13.Bxe4 dxe4 14.Nd2 Qa5 15.0-0 Nb8 16.Nxe4 Bc6 17.Ned6 Bxd6 18.Nxd6 Rc7 19.c4 Rd7 20.e4 b6* 9.♘e5 de5 10. ♕d8 ♖d8 (2478)-Benhadi,A (2526) EU-ch GT230 corr 2017 200 Traps In The Opening [Pilnik,H/Primel,D] 1-0*)* 6...0-0 7.Nf3 c5 8.a4 *(8.c3 Bd7 9.a4 Qb6 10.Ne5 Be8 11.Bd3 c4 12.Bc2 Bxb5 13.axb5 Qxb5 14.Qb1 h5 15.f3 Nb8 16.g4 Nc6 17.g5 Ne8 18.Nd7 g6 19.Ba4 Qa6 20.Rg1 b5 21.Bc2 Qb7 22.Nxf8 Bxf8* 6.♘a3 cd4 7.cd4 ♗d7 (2701)-Smetanin,A (2523) corr 2023 Chess Today CT-827 [John Watson] 0-1 (41)*)* 8...Bd7 9.Ne5

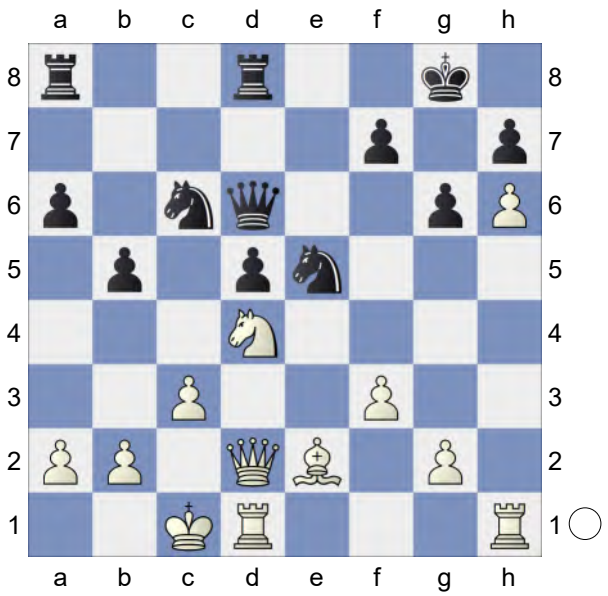
Nb4 10.g4 a6 11.Nc3 cxd4 12.exd4 Rc8 13.f3 Be8 14.Bd3 Nd7 15.g5 Nxe5 16.Bxe5 Bd6 17.f4 Bxe5 18.fxe5 Qb6 19.Rb1 Qxd4 20.Qe2 6.♘a3 cd4 7.cd4 ♗d7 (2718)-Deslandes,P (2766) Moscow 2022 CBM 72 ext [John Watson] 0-1;
B) 5...c6 6.Nc3 Nc7 7.Qf3 Bd7 8.Bd3 Rc8 9.Nge2 c5 10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.0-0 Bc6 12.Nd4 Qe7 13.Nxc6 bxc6 14.e4 h6 15.exd5 cxd5 16.Rfe1 0-0 17.a3 Rfd8 18.Rad1 Bd6 19.Bxd6 8.b3 ♘a6 9.♗b2 ♕e8_6293 (2019)-Kharitonov, A (2424) USSR 24/455 2017 CR97-75 [Dragan Solak] 0-1 (44)]

5.c3 Ba5 6.e3 a6 7.Na3 c6 8.Bd3 The position is equal. **8...Bc7 9.Nf3 Nbd7 10.Nb1 0-0 11.Nbd2 Bxf4 12.exf4 c5 13.0-0 Qb6 14.Rb1 cxd4 15.Nxd4 e5 16.fxe5 Nxe5 17.N2f3 Bg4 18.Be2 Nc6 19.h3 Bxf3 20.Nxf3 Rfd8 21.Nd4 Nxd4**
[21...Re8!?]
22.Qxd4 Qxd4 23.cxd4 Rac8 24.Rbc1 Kf8 25.Bd3 Ke7 26.Bf5 -0.19/21
[26.Rc5 0.29/22 was preferrable.]
26...Rc6= 27.Rfe1+ -0.44/24
[27.Rxc6= -0.12/20 should be considered. bxc6 28.Rc1]
27...Kd6!∓ 28.f3 Rc4 29.b3 -0.91/21
[29.Rxc4∓ -0.57/21 dxc4 30.Re5]
29...Rxd4∓ 30.Rc8 -1.36/22
[Better is 30.Bc8 -0.93/20]
30...Rxc8 31.Bxc8 Rb4 32.Re3 Rb6 33.Rc3 Rc6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.05 (flawless)
½-½

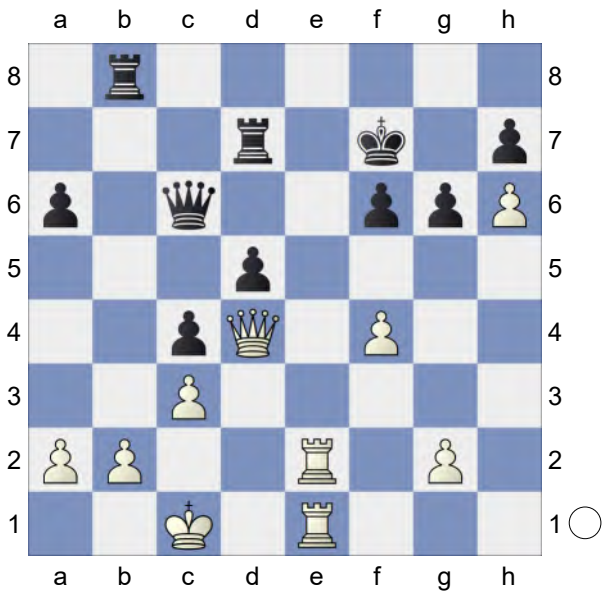
665 **A45**
□ **Ilinca,Felix Antonio** **2397**
■ **Kosteniuk,Alexandra** **2482**
Titled Tue 22nd Apr Early blitz (7)
[TA]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack
GM Baadur Jobava,MH: 'B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack
' **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 Bg4 6.f3 Bd7 7.Nb5 Bxb5 8.Bxb5+** The position is equal. **8...Nc6** Hoping for ...Qa5+. **9.c3 e6 10.Ne2 Bd6 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.Qd2 0-0 13.h4 Nd7N**
[13...a6 14.Bd3 Rfe8 15.0-0-0 b5 16.h5 b4 17.h6 *(17.g4 bxc3 18.Nxc3 Nd7 19.g5 Nf8 20.Kb1 Rab8 21.Bxa6* ½-½ Jobava,B-Moroni,L 2024 *)* 17...g6 18.Kb1 bxc3 19.Qxc3 Reb8 20.Bc2 Rb4 21.a3 Rb7 22.Nc1 Na7 23.Ba4 Rc8 24.Qe3 Rc4 25.Bb3 Rc8 26.Ba4 Rc4 27.Bb3 Rc8 28.Rd3 1-0 (62) Torombot (3001)-Arasanx (2959) Rapid 2024]
14.h5 e5 0.91/23
[14...Rfc8= 0.21/22]
15.dxe5 Ndxe5 16.h6 g6 17.0-0-0 Rfd8 18.Nd4 a6 19.Be2 b5? 2.66/21
[19...Nd7± 0.89/23]

(Diagram)



Loses the game. **20.f4!+- Nc4 21.Bxc4 bxc4 22.Nxc6 Qxc6 23.Qd4 f6** Black is weak on the dark squares **24.Rhe1** And now Re7 would win. **24...Rd7 25.Re2 Rb8** 4.51/24
[25...Qd6 3.14/24 keeps fighting. 26.g4 Qf8]
26.Rde1 Kf7



27.f5! aiming for Re6. **27...Rg8**
[27...Kg8 28.Re8+]
28.Re6
Weighted Error Value: White=0.00
(flawless) /Black=0.72
1-0

666 **B13**
□ **Brendel,Oliver** **2394**
■ **Hille,Ingo** **2244**
Bundesliga 2000-1 (7) 28.01.2001
[Glenn Flear]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 g6 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* 1-0 Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 2013*; 5.f4 Qa5 6.Bd2 Qb4 7.Qe2 Qxb2 8.Rb1 Qa3 9.e5 dxe5 10.fxe5 Nfd7 11.e6 fxe6 12.dxe6 Nf6 13.Nb5 Qxa2 14.Nc7+ Kd8 15.Rd1 Nc6 16.Bf4+ Nd4 17.Nxa8 Qxe6 18.Qxe6 Bxe6 19.c3 Bg4* 1-0 Genovese,A (2106)-Burk,E (1200) Germany senior ch-5 final 9901 1999*)*
5...Bg7 6.Bc4 *(6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.a4 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nbd7 11.Re1 a6 12.Bf1 e5 13.a5 Ne8 14.Bd3 Qh4 15.Qg4 Qxg4 16.hxg4 Rc8 17.b3 Nef6 18.g5 Ne8 19.g3 f6 20.Kg2 fxg5* 0-1 7.♗c4 ♕a5 8. ♕d2 e6_6062 (2345)-Jovic,A (2383) Gonfreville op 1979 (3.76)*)*
6...0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 1-0 Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) V0048 www.desc-online.de 2000 (7) gxf5 18.Bxc7

Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8 21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9)]

3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 To get the light-squared bishop out before playing ...e6. **6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Ne5 Bd7 8.Qd2** The position is equal. **8...e6 9.a3** Now this looks like a clumsy French from black. **9...Be7 10.Be2 0-0 11.g4**

[11.0-0-0 -1.01/19 11.h2-h4 0.00 b5 12.g4± -1.67/20 *(12.Qd3∓ -1.01/18)* 12...b4-+ 13.axb4 Bxb4 14.f3→ -2.07/23 +-. Inhibits Nf6-e4. *(14.Nxc6 -1.63/21 was worth a try. Bxc6 15.Qe3)* ⌓14...Qa5!? 15.g5? -7.63/22 is a posit ion more often seen via the French, though even there it is rare, and even there Black prefers to put his N on e4. *(15.Qe3∓ -1.43/21)* 15...Qa1+-+ is more in keeping with the spirit of the opening, and black has had very reasonable results - here are a sampling of some that are both encouraging and fairly representative of the ideas employed. 16.Nb1 Bxd2+ 17.Rxd2 Nb4]

11...b5 12.g5 Ne8 13.Nxc6 Bxc6 14.Qe3 Nd6 15.Bd3! Nc4

[15...a5 simplifies 16.Bxd6 Bxd6 17.Bxb5 Rc8]

16.Qh3 -1.52/21

[16.Bxc4∓ -0.52/20 dxc4 17.f3]

16...g6∓

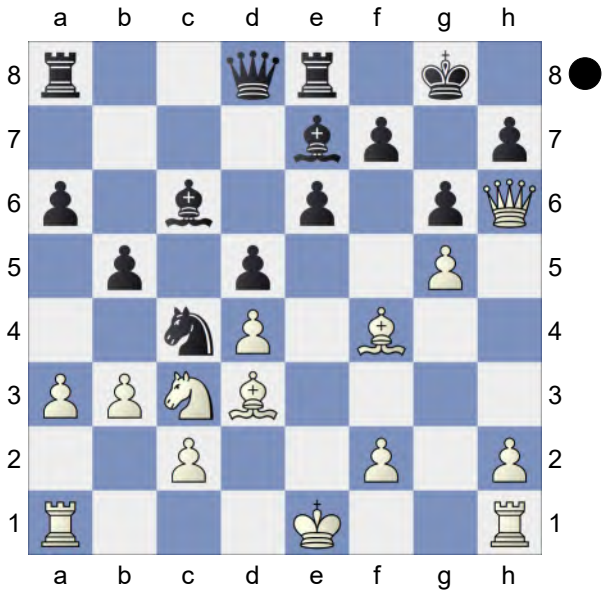
[16...Nxb2 17.Qxh7#]

17.Qh6 -2.13/19

[17.Qg3∓ -1.43/19]

17...Re8 18.b3? -3.97/21

[18.0-0∓ -1.33/20]



White has a clear edge as the c4 pawn is weak and black's king exposed. Now White is beyond hope. **18...e5**

[18...Nxa3? 19.0-0∓]

19.dxe5 Qa5

[19...Nxa3 20.0-0∓]

[19...Bf8 20.Qh3 Qa5 *(20...Nxa3 21.0-0∓)* 21.Bxc4 bxc4 *(21...dxc4 22.0-0∓)* 22.0-0-+]

20.bxc4! -7.26/21

[⌓20.0-0 -2.64/19 Qxc3 *(20...Nxa3?* perishes. *21.e6+-)* 21.e6]

20...Qxc3+-+ 21.Bd2 Qxa1+ 22.Ke2 Qxh1 23.e6 Bf8??

[And not 23...fxe6 24.Bxg6 hxg6 25.Qxg6+ Kf8 26.Qh6+ Kg8 27.Qg6+ Kf8 28.Qh6+ Kg8 29.Qg6+=]

24.Qh4 Rxe6+ 25.Be3 dxc4

Weighted Error Value: White=1.52/ Black=0.37 Loss on time!?

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□ **Banzea,Alexandru Bogdan** **2394**
■ **Vokhidov,Shamsiddin** **2596**
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[Kitty Kat]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack A45: Trompowsky Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]
[2...g6 3.Bf4 *(3.e3 b6 4.Qf3 d5 5.Qg3 Bg7 6.Be2 Bf5 7.Bd1 Na6 8.a3 c5 9.Nge2 Nc7 10.f3 0-0 11.Qf2 Re8 12.0-0 Bd7 13.Ng3 Bc6 14.Nce2 c4 15.c3 a5 16.Bd2 a4 17.Bc2 Nd7* Breder,D (2445)-Rogozenco,D (2519) Deutschland 86/(186) 2002 CI1-130 [Rogozenco, Dorian] (39)*)* 3...Bg7 4.e4 0-0 5.e5 Ne8 6.Qe2 d5 *(6...d6 7.0-0-0 Nd7 8.h4 c5 9.dxc5 Nxc5 10.h5 Qa5 11.Nd5 Qd8 12.exd6 exd6 13.Ne7+ Kh8 14.hxg6 fxg6 15.Nxg6+ Kg8 16.Ne7+ Kh8 17.Rxh7+ Kxh7 18.Qh5+ Bh6 19.Qxh6#* 11) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.Bf4 B-5.e5 Ne8 6.Qe2 d6 #20 The Meanest Jobava London 2023 https://www.chessable.co [MH]*)* 7.0-0-0 c5 8.dxc5 e6 9.h4 Qa5 10.h5 Qxc5 11.Be3 Qc7 12.hxg6 fxg6 13.f4 Nc6 14.Nf3 h6 15.Qf2 a6 16.Kb1 b5 17.Bd3 11) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.Bf4 B-5.e5 Ne8 6.Qe2 d5 #2 The Meanest Jobava London 2023 https://www.chessable.co [MH]]
[2...e6 3.Bf4 Bb4 4.e3 Ne4 5.Nge2 Nxc3 6.Nxc3 0-0 7.Bd3 d5 8.Qf3 c5 9.Qg3 cxd4 10.Bh6 g6 11.exd4 Re8 12.h4 Bf8 13.Bf4 Nc6 14.h5 13) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6-1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6 3.Bf4 Bb4 4 The Meanest Jobava London 2023 https://www.chessable.co [MH]]
3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Bd3 Nc6 7.Nge2 Bg4 8.f3 The position is equal. **8...Bh5 9.g4** 9.h4 injects fresh life into this line. 9.h4 bringt frisches Leben in diese Variante. 9.h4 injects fresh life into this line. 9.h4 bringt frisches Leben in diese Variante. **9...Bg6 10.h4! e6 11.h5↑** White has some pressure. **11...Bxd3 12.Qxd3 Rc8!?** 0.53/21 A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante.

[Better is 12...Be7= -0.01/20]

13.0-0-0↑ 0.11/21 White is pushing.

[13.g5± 0.53/21 might be stronger. Nd7 14.0-0-0]

13...Qa5N 0.60/22

[Vorgänger: 13...h6= 0.30/19 deserves consideration. 14.Kb1 Be7 15.Bc1 Qa5 16.Qe3 b5 aiming for ... b5-b4. Strongly threatening ...b4. 17.b3 Ba3 0.89/23 *(17...Nb4=* -0.01/20 *)* 18.g5!± hxg5 19.Qxg5 Bxc1 20.Qxc1? -1.43/21 *(20.Rxc1±* 0.53/21 stays ahead. *Ke7 21.Rh3; 20.Kxc1±* 0.49/19 stays ahead. *Nb4 21.Kb2 Nxa2 22.Nxa2 Rxc2+ 23.Kxc2 Qxa2+ 24.Kd3 Qxb3+ 25.Nc3)* 20...Rxh5∓ 21.Rxh5 Nxh5 Jobava,B (2669)-Grischuk,A (2747) Eurasia Blitz Chess Cup 2016 (10) 0-1 0-1 Jobava,B (2669)-Grischuk,A (2747) Eurasia Blitz Chess Cup 2016 (10)]

14.Kb1 0.36/20

[⌓14.g5 0.69/21 Nd7 15.Kb1]

14...Nd7 0.92/19

[14...h6± 0.32/21]

15.Nc1± Nb4 1.77/20

[15...h6± 0.79/19]

[Black should play 15...Qd8± 0.59/18]

16.Qe3+- Be7 17.g5 Qb6 18.g6 h5-h6 would now be deadly. aiming for h6. **18...f6?** 3.66/20

[18...0-0± 1.54/20 19.h6 fxg6]

19.Rhe1 1.08/21

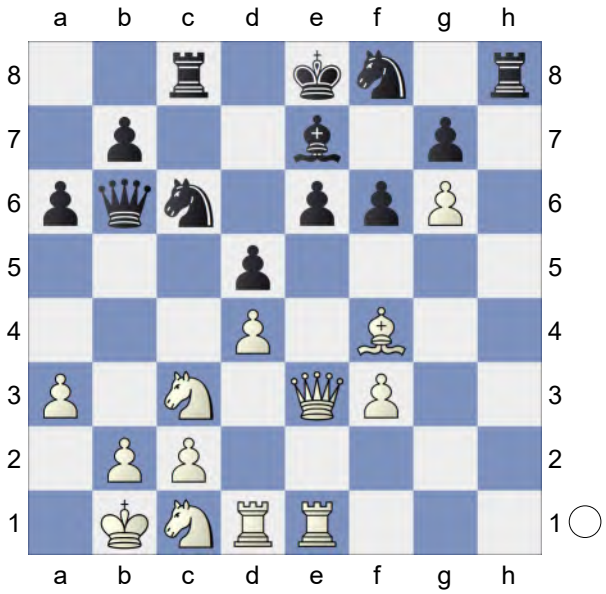
[19.a3+- 2.29/20 has better winning chances. Nxc2 20.Kxc2]

19...hxg6 20.hxg6 1.16/21 a3 is the strong threat.

[Don't play 20.Qxe6 Qxe6 21.Rxe6 Kf7± *(21...gxh5? 22.Rde1+-; 21...Rxh5? 22.Bd6+-)*]

[⌓20.a3 1.59/20]

20...Nf8± 21.a3 Nc6



22.Nxd5? -1.61/20 **exd5-+ 23.Bd6** -2.93/23

[23.Qd3∓ -1.43/20 might work better.]

23...Nxg6 -1.72/21 Hoping for ...Qd8.

[⌓23...Qd8 -2.93/23 24.Bg3 Rh6 *(24...Nxg6? 25.Nd3-+)*]

24.Nb3 -3.22/22

[24.Qe6 -1.72/21 keeps fighting. Qd8 *(24...Nxd4?* loses. *25.Qxc8+ Kf7 26.Rxe7+* D e f l e c t i o n *Nxe7 27.Qxh8+-; 24...Rd8 25.Nb3∓)* 25.Qf5]

[24.Nd3∓ -1.39/22]

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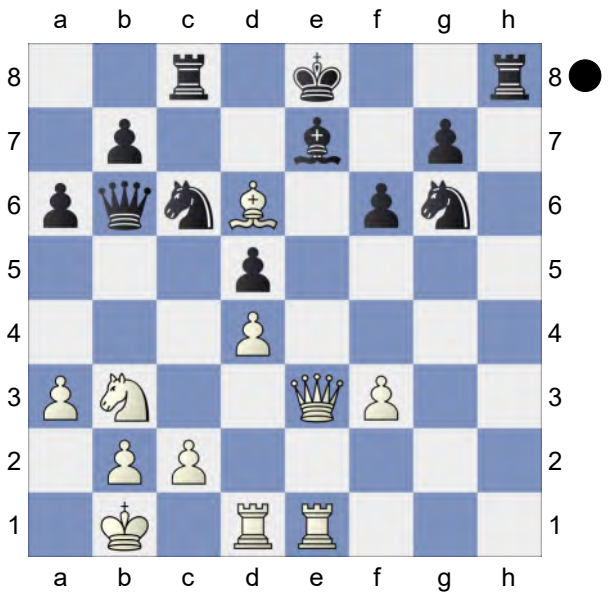
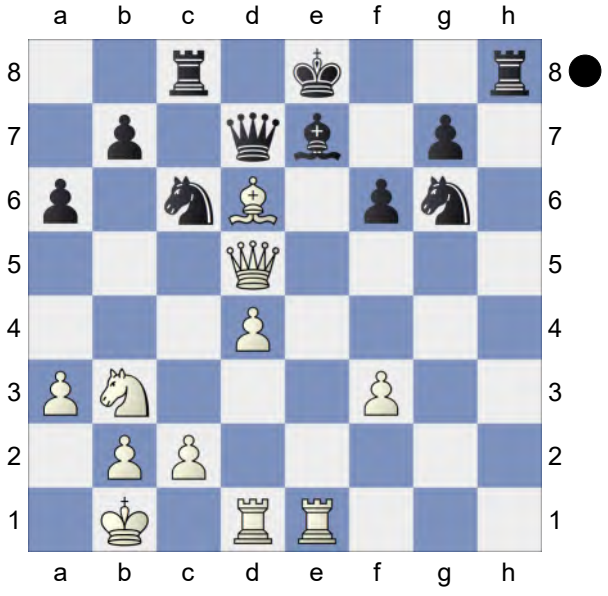


24...Qd8!-+ 25.Qe6 -4.37/22
[⌓25.Bxe7 -3.06/21 Ncxe7 *(25...Qxe7? perishes. 26.Qd2+-)* 26.Nc5]
25...Qd7
[Weaker is 25...Kf8 26.Nc5±]
26.Qxd5



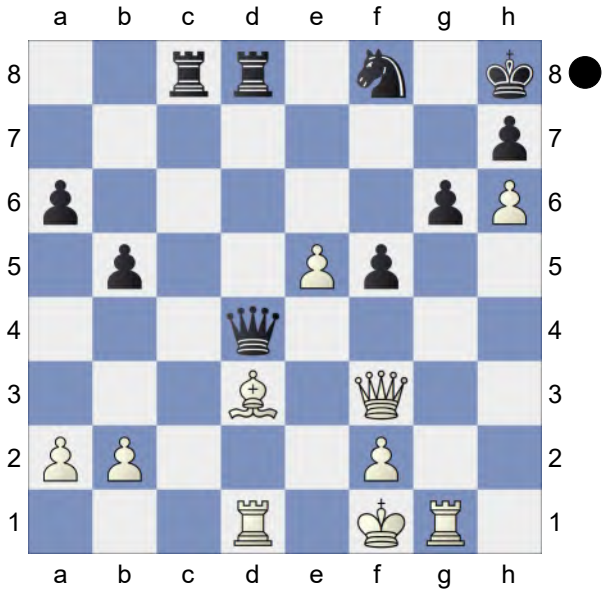
Nf4! 27.Qc5 Black must now prevent Bxe7. **27...b6** Deflection **28.Qxb6** -6.08/20
[28.Rxe7+ -3.53/22 is the only way for White. Nxe7 29.Qxb6]
28...Qxd6 Black is clearly winning. **29.d5** -6.33/20
[⌓29.Nc5 -4.35/18]
29...Ne5 30.Qb7 Rb8 31.Qa7 Qb6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.85/Black=0.39 Weighted Error Value: White=0.57/Black=0.18 (very precise)
0-1

668 **D00**
□ **Banzea,Alexandru Bogdan** **2394**
■ **Szpar,Milosz** **2491**
Titled Tue 2. Jan Late (5) 02.01.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Bb4+N**
[4...Na6 5.e3
A) 5...Be7 6.h4 *(6.h3 0-0 7.Nf3 c5 8.c3 Bd7 9.a4 c4 10.b3 cxb3 11.Bd3 Ne4 12.Qxb3 Rc8 13.Bxe4 dxe4 14.Nd2 Qa5 15.0-0 Nb8 16.Nxe4 Bc6 17.Ned6 Bxd6 18.Nxd6 Rc7 19.c4 Rd7 20.e4 b6* 9.♘e5 de5 10. ♕d8 ♖d8 (2478)-Benhadi,A (2526) EU-ch GT230 corr 2017 200 Traps In The Opening [Pilnik,H/Primel,D] 1-0*)* 6...0-0 7.Nf3 c5 8.a4 *(8.c3 Bd7 9.a4 Qb6 10.Ne5 Be8 11.Bd3 c4 12.Bc2 Bxb5 13.axb5 Qxb5 14.Qb1 h5 15.f3 Nb8 16.g4 Nc6 17.g5 Ne8 18.Nd7 g6 19.Ba4 Qa6 20.Rg1 b5 21.Bc2 Qb7 22.Nxf8 Bxf8* 6.♘a3 cd4 7.cd4 ♗d7 (2701)-Smetanin,A (2523) corr 2023 Chess Today CT-827 [John Watson] 0-1 (41)*)* 8...Bd7 9.Ne5 Nb4 10.g4 a6 11.Nc3 cxd4 12.exd4 Rc8 13.f3 Be8 14.Bd3 Nd7 15.g5 Nxe5 16.Bxe5 Bd6 17.f4 Bxe5 18.fxe5 Qb6 19.Rb1 Qxd4 20.Qe2 6.♘a3 cd4 7.cd4

♗d7 (2718)-Deslandes,P (2766) Moscow 2022 CBM 72 ext [John Watson] 0-1;
B) 5...c6 6.Nc3 Nc7 7.Qf3 Bd7 8.Bd3 Rc8 9.Nge2 c5 10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.0-0 Bc6 12.Nd4 Qe7 13.Nxc6 bxc6 14.e4 h6 15.exd5 cxd5 16.Rfe1 0-0 17.a3 Rfd8 18.Rad1 Bd6 19.Bxd6 8.b3 ♘a6 9.♗b2 ♕e8_6293 (2019)-Kharitonov, A (2424) USSR 24/455 2017 CR97-75 [Dragan Solak] 0-1 (44)]

5.c3 Ba5 6.e3 a6 7.Na3 0-0 8.Nf3 The position is equal. **8...Nbd7 9.Nb1 c6 10.Nbd2 Bc7 11.Bd3 c5 12.Ne5 Re8** 0.32/20
[12...Nxe5= -0.17/20 13.dxe5 Nd7]
13.h4 Nxe5 14.dxe5 Nd7 15.Nf3
[Reject 15.Qh5 g6 16.Qg5 Nxe5!∓]
15...Nf8 0.33/19
[15...c4= -0.01/20 16.Bxh7+ Kxh7 17.Ng5+ Kg8]
16.h5 b5 17.h6 g6 18.Nh2 0.03/19
[18.Bg5± 0.57/19 Qd7 19.Bf6]
18...f5 19.Nf3 Inhibits g6-g5. **19...Bb7 20.Qe2** -0.78/21
[20.a4= -0.07/20 remains equal.]
20...Qd7 0.01/21
[20...Nd7∓ -0.78/21]
21.Rg1 Kh8 22.g4 Rac8
[22...Qc6!?]
23.Rd1 Bd8 24.Bg5 d4 White must now prevent ...Bb7xf3. **25.Bxd8! Bxf3??** 4.74/22
[25...Rcxd8= 0.23/22 and Black is okay. 26.exd4 Bxf3 27.Qxf3 cxd4]
26.Qxf3? 0.21/22
[26.Bf6++- 4.74/22 Kg8 27.Qxf3]
26...Rexd8= 27.gxf5
[27.exd4 is interesting. cxd4 28.Be2 Qa7 29.Kf1]
27...exf5 28.exd4 -0.56/22
[28.cxd4= -0.19/23 cxd4 29.e4]
28...cxd4∓ 29.cxd4 -1.49/23
[White should play 29.Bc2 -0.83/22]
29...Qxd4∓ 30.Kf1



Ne6!
[Not 30...Qxb2 31.Qe2 Qxe2+ 32.Bxe2∓]
31.Be2 Qxe5 32.Rxd8+ Rxd8 33.Qc3 -2.89/20
[33.Rg3 -1.73/24 keeps fighting.]
33...Qxc3-+
[And not 33...Nd4 34.Bd1∓]
34.bxc3 Endgame KRB-KRN **34...Nf4 35.Rg3 Kg8 36.Re3** -3.38/24
[36.Rf3 -2.41/20 might work better. g5 37.c4]
36...Kf7 37.Bf3 Rd2 38.c4 bxc4 39.Ra3 Rd3 40.Rxd3 cxd3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.43/Black=0.36
0-1

669 **D00**
□ **Susilodinata,Andrean** **2393**
■ **Palczert,Matyas** **2345**
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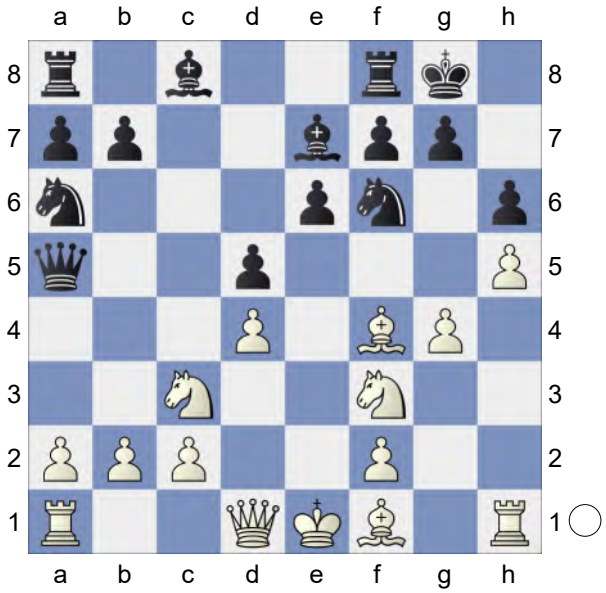
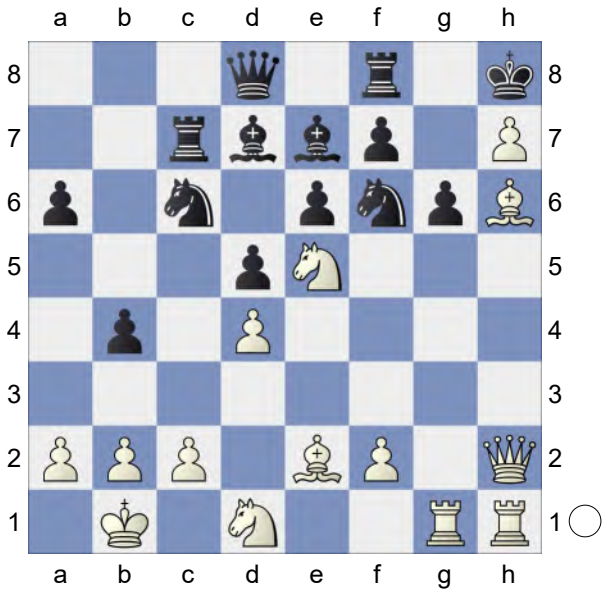
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.h4!** 7.h4 is the modern continuation. 7.h4 ist die moderne Fortsetzung. 7.h4 is the modern continuation. 7.h4 ist die moderne Fortsetzung. **7...c6 8.Nc3** The position is equal. **8...c5 9.h5 h6 10.g4 cxd4N**
[Vorgänger: 10...Ne4 11.Nxe4 dxe4 12.Ne5 Nb4 13.c3 Nd5 14.Bg3 Bd7 15.Bg2 Bc6 0.85/18 *(15...cxd4=* 0.28/19 remains equal. *16.Qxd4 Bb5)* 16.Bxe4± Qb6 17.Nxc6 bxc6 0-1 Matlakov,M (2688)-Azarov,S (2604) EU-Cup Online Play-C rapid 2021 (5.3) 0-1 Matlakov,M (2688)-Azarov,S (2604) EU-Cup Online Play-C rapid 2021 (5.3)]
11.exd4 Qa5? 1.62/20
[11...Ne4= -0.01/18]



12.g5!+- hxg5 13.Bxg5 Bd7? 3.15/21
[13...e5± 1.54/17]
14.h6 g6 15.h7+ Kh8 16.Ne5 Qd8 3.09/21
[⌓16...Nb8 2.15/20 17.Qf3 Qd8]
17.Qf3 Hoping for Bxf6+. **17...Be8** 3.23/19
[⌓17...Nb4 2.07/19]
18.Bh6 Nb4 19.0-0-0 Rc8 20.Kb1 Nc6 21.Be2
[Don't take 21.Bxf8 Bxf8 22.Bb5 Qe7+-]
21...a6 22.Qf4 b5? 5.55/20
[22...Bd7 3.36/18 23.Bf3 *(23.Bxf8 Qxf8 24.Bd3 Qg7+-)* 23...b5]
23.Rdg1 b4 24.Nd1 Rc7 11.18/24
[⌓24...Nxe5 5.13/18 25.dxe5 Ba4 26.exf6 Bxc2+ 27.Ka1 Bxf6 28.Bxf8 e5 29.Qxb4 *(29.Qf3 Be4±)* 29...Qxf8 30.Qxf8+ Rxf8]
25.Qh2 Bg7+! would kill now. **25...Bd7**



26.Rxg6! fxg6
[26...Ne8 27.Nxf7+]

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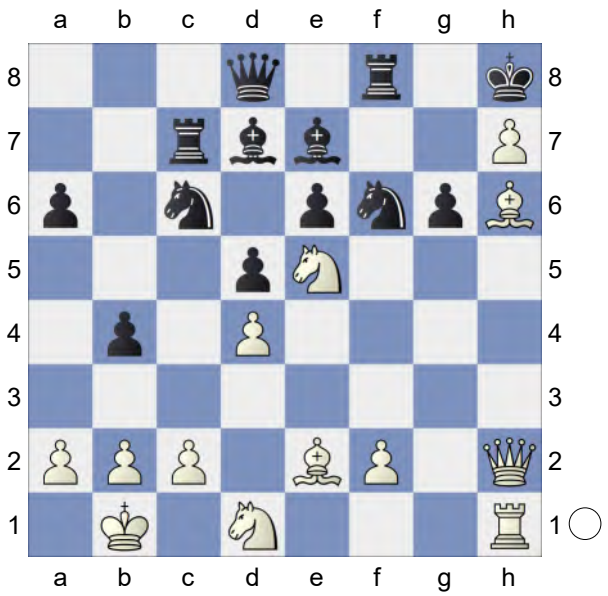
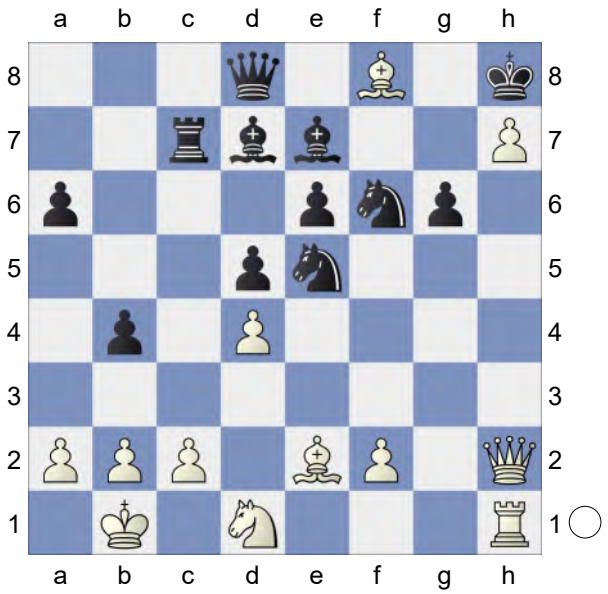


27.Bxf8 11.22/21
[⌓27.Bg7+! #3/8 Kxg7 28.Qh6+ Kh8 29.Nxg6#]
27...Nxe5



28.Bg7+! Decoy, Promotion. Black did not feel at home in the position after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.72
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670 **D00**
□ **Schnaider,Ilan** **2392**
■ **Buksa,Nataliya** **2400**
Titled Tuesday intern op 28th Jan Early b..
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.g4 Bd6** 0.47/20
[5...Bb4= 0.00/19]
6.Qf3 Bxf4 6...b5 is more fashionable. 6...b5 ist modischer. **7.Qxf4 Qd6 8.Qxd6** White has an edge. **8...cxd6 9.f3 Nc6 10.h4N**
[10.0-0-0 h6 11.Nh3 b5 12.Nf2 Bb7 13.Bg2 Rc8 14.h4 Na5 15.Rhe1 Nc4 16.e4 -0.98/20 ;½-½ Schnaider,I (2285)-Benjamin,J (2473) Wch Rapid New York 2024 (7) *(16.Nb1=* 0.02/21 *)*]
10...b5 11.0-0-0 0.16/19
[11.a3± 0.54/19]
11...Bb7 12.Bg2 -0.16/21
[12.a3± 0.34/19]
12...h5 13.g5 Nd7 14.e4 -0.50/21
[14.g6= 0.15/20]
14...Nb6 0.29/21
[14...b4∓ -0.50/21 15.Nce2 Ne7]
15.exd5= exd5 16.Nh3 b4 17.Ne2 Ne7 18.Ng3 Prevents Ne7-f5. **18...g6 19.f4 Bc8 20.Rhe1 Bg4 21.Rd3↑** White is pushing. **21...Kd7 22.Nf2 Bf5** 0.78/22
[22...Rae8= 0.15/20]
23.Rde3± White is more active.
23...Be6? 2.39/22
[23...Rae8± 0.80/23]
24.b3 1.32/20
[24.Bh3+- 2.39/22]
24...Rhe8 1.74/21
[24...Nc6± 1.32/20]
25.Bf1+- Nc6 26.Rd1 1.09/20
[26.f5+- 1.86/21 gxf5 27.Nxh5]
26...Kc7± 27.Kb2 0.50/20

[27.f5± 1.09/21 Bd7 28.Rxe8 Rxe8 29.Bxa6]

27...Bg4 1.39/22

[27...f5± 0.50/20]

28.Rde1 Rxe3 29.Rxe3 Be6 1.63/20

[29...a5± 1.14/19]

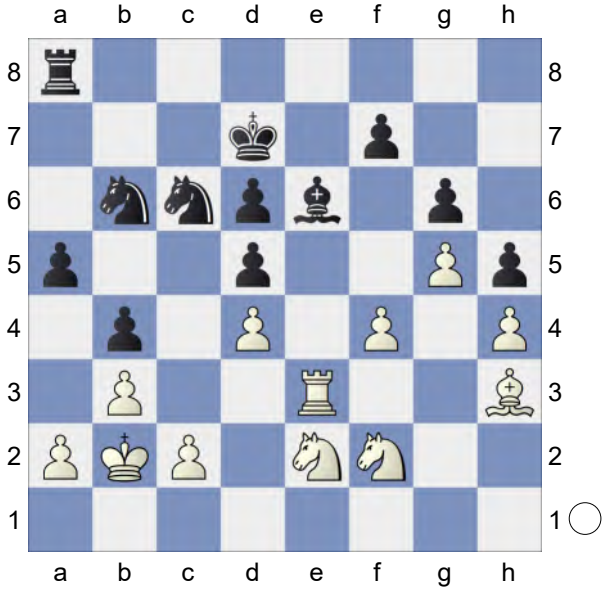
30.Ne2? -0.31/21

[White should play 30.f5+- 1.63/20 Bd7 31.Bd3 gxf5 32.Bxf5 *(32.Nxh5 Rh8=)*]

30...a5 0.86/22

[30...Nc8!∓ -0.31/21 keeps the upper hand.]

31.Bh3! Kd7



32.f5! Bxf5 33.Bxf5+ gxf5 34.Nd3 a4 1.61/21

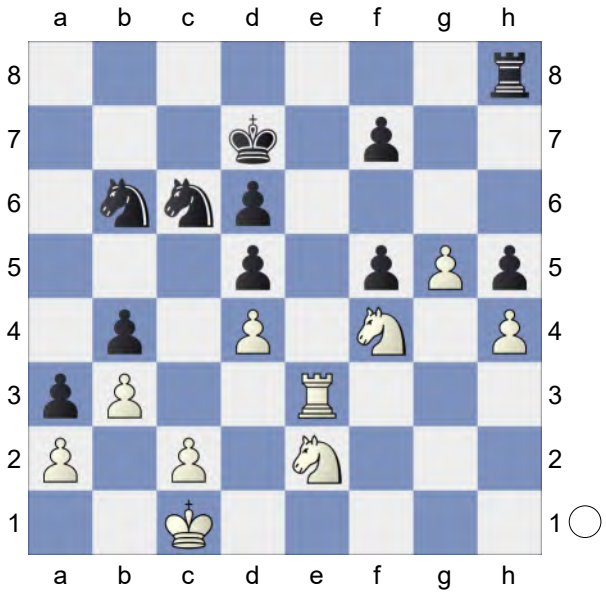
[34...Rh8± 0.95/20]

35.Ndf4!+- White has strong compensation. **35...a3+** 1.92/24

[35...Rh8± 1.23/21 is a better defense. 36.Kc1 Kc7]

36.Kc1 Rh8

(Diagram)



37.Kd2! Ne7 38.Kd3 0.82/22

[38.Ng3+- 2.11/21 and White stays clearly on top.]

38...Ng6? 2.70/23

[38...Na8± 0.82/22]

39.Rf3? 0.01/24

[39.Nxg6+- 2.70/23 fxg6 40.Nf4]

39...Nxh4= 40.Rh3 Ng6 41.Nxh5 Kc7 42.Nhf4 Rxh3+ 43.Nxh3 Endgame KNN-KNN. Black is a pawn up. **43...Kd7 44.Nhf4 Kc6?** 2.61/24

[44...Nxf4+!= 0.18/25 and Black is okay. 45.Nxf4 Kc6]

45.Nh5? 0.01/25

[45.Nxg6+- 2.61/24 fxg6 46.Nf4]

45...Nd7 46.Ng7 -0.92/24

[46.c3= 0.01/24]

46...Ndf8 0.45/26

[46...f4∓ -0.92/24 47.Nh5 f3]

47.Nxf5± Ne6 48.Neg3 0.01/27

[48.c3± 0.59/26]

48...Nef4+ 49.Kd2 Ne6 50.Nh5? -1.96/24

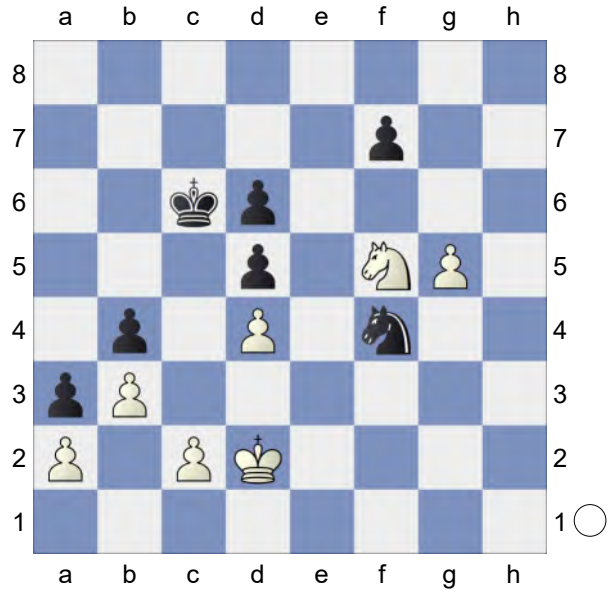
[50.c3= 0.01/24 and White stays safe.]

50...Ngf4?? 2.73/25

[50...Nxg5-+ -1.96/24 and all is fine. and ...Ng5-e4+ should not be

overlooked 51.Nf6 Ne4+ 52.Nxe4 dxe4]

51.Nxf4+- Nxf4



KN-KN **52.Ke3?** 0.55/29

[White has to play 52.Nh6!+- 2.40/25]

52...Ne6!± 53.Ne7+ Kb5 54.Nxd5 Nxg5 55.Nc7+ 0.01/25

[55.Ne7± 0.39/28]

55...Kc6= 56.Na6 Kb5 57.Nc7+ Kb6 58.Nd5+ Ka5 59.Kd3 Threatens to win with Nd5-e7. **59...Ne6 60.Kc4 f5 61.Nxb4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.53/Black=0.50

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671 **D00**

□ **Kourousis,Epameinondas** **2392**

■ **Braun,Georg** **2243**

Wuerttemberg (8.1) 13.03.2016

[Kitty Kat]

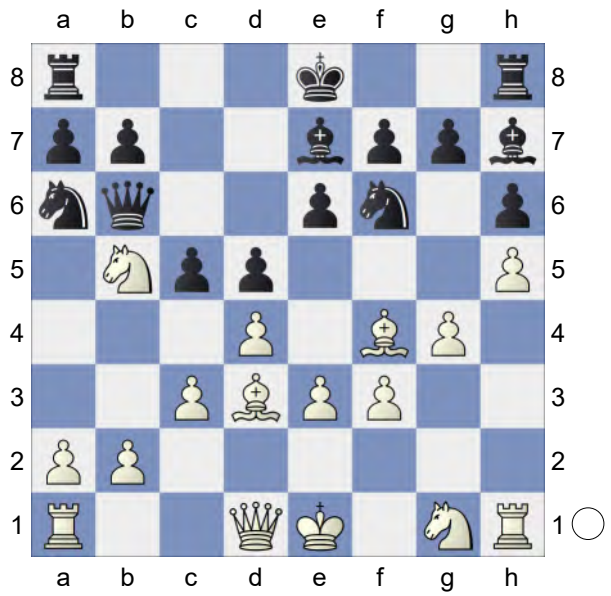
D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**

[2...c5 3.d5 g6 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 1-0 (88)*; 5.f4 Qa5 6.Bd2 Qb4 7.Qe2 Qxb2 8.Rb1 Qa3 9.e5 dxe5 10.fxe5 Nfd7 11.e6 fxe6 12.dxe6 Nf6 13.Nb5 Qxa2 14.Nc7+ Kd8 15.Rd1 Nc6 16.Bf4+ Nd4 17.Nxa8 Qxe6 18.Qxe6 Bxe6 19.c3 Bg4* Genovese,A (2106)-Burk,E (1200) corr 2000 ZUS C73 [Sorensen] 1-0 (33) *)* 5...Bg7 6.Bc4 *(6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.a4 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nbd7 11.Re1 a6 12.Bf1 e5 13.a5 Ne8 14.Bd3 Qh4 15.Qg4 Qxg4 16.hxg4 Rc8 17.b3 Nef6 18.g5 Ne8 19.g3 f6 20.Kg2 fxg5* 7.♗c4 ♕a5 8. ♕d2 e6_6062 (2345)-Jovic,A (2383) Gonfreville 2023 CBM 068 ext [John Watson] 0-1 (79)*)* 6...0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) www.desc-online.de 2000 CBM 166 [Beliavsky, Alexander G] 1-0 (41) gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8 21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) Lake George 2005 CBM 107 [Atalik,Suat] ½-½ (41)]

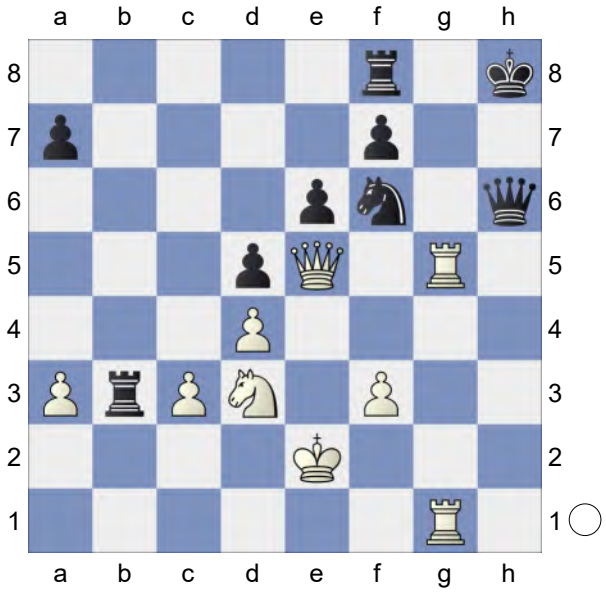
3.Bf4 Bf5 4.f3 e6 5.g4 Bg6 6.h4 h6 7.e3 c5 0.35/19

[7...a6= 0.00/16 feels stronger.]

8.Nb5± White is slightly better. **8...Na6** Inhibits Nc7+. **9.c3 Be7 10.h5 Bh7 11.Bd3 Qb6**



Hoping for ...Bxd3. **12.a4 cxd4 13.exd4 0-0 14.Ne2** 0.05/20
[Better is 14.Nh3± 0.57/18]
14...Rfc8 0.58/22
[14...Bxd3= 0.05/20 15.Qxd3 Nh7]
15.g5 hxg5 16.Bxg5 Qd8 17.Nf4 Bxd3 1.30/20
[⌓17...Nb8 0.90/19]
18.Qxd3± Threatens to win with h6.
18...Nh7 19.Bxe7 Qxe7 20.Kf2 0.60/19
[20.Qe3± 0.99/18]
20...Qf6 1.27/20
[Black should play 20...Nb8± 0.60/19]
21.Qe3 Nc7 22.Nxc7 &Bianco is much more active. The black rooks are badly placed.
[22.Nd6?! Rd8 23.Nb5 *(23.Nxb7 Rdb8=)* 23...Ne8±]
22...Rxc7 23.Rag1 And now Rg4 would win. **23...b5** 1.73/22
[23...Qf5± 1.07/18]
24.Rg4 1.32/22
[Resist 24.h6?! g6±]
[24.axb5+- 1.73/22 Strongly threatening Rg4. Rb7 25.Rg4 *(25.h6 g6±)*]
24...bxa4 25.Rhg1 Kh8 26.Rxg7 Rb7 27.Nd3 Black must now prevent h6.
27...Rf8? 3.63/22 Loses the game.
[27...Rab8± 1.47/20]
28.h6→ White wants a kill. **28...a3?** 4.07/23
[28...Qf5 2.28/20 29.Qe5 Nf6 30.Qxf5 exf5]
29.bxa3 Dancing on a razor blade.
29...Rb3? 8.88/23
[29...Qh4+ 3.75/22 30.R1g3 e5 31.Qxe5 Nf6]
30.Qe5 Qh4+ 31.Ke2 White mates.
31...Nf6 32.R7g5 Qxh6



33.Rh5!! Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.48
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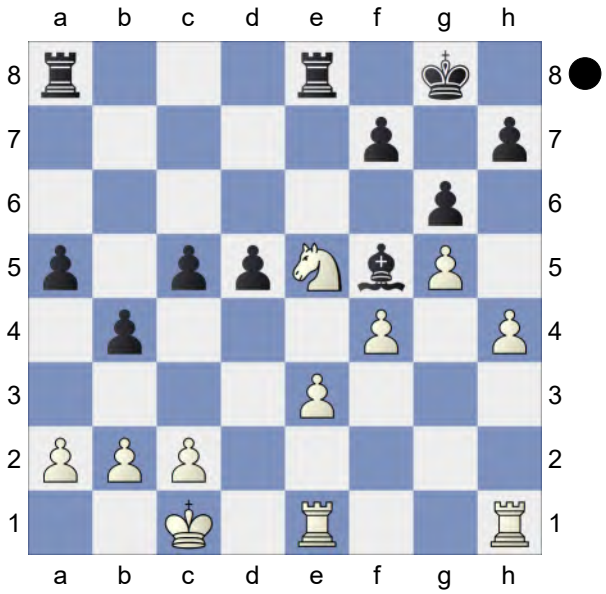
672 **D01**
□ **Schnaider,Ilan** **2392**
■ **Robson,Ray** **2700**
Wch Blitz New York (7) 30.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D01: Veresov Opening **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 g6 4.Qd2 Bg7 5.Bh6 0-0 6.Bxg7 Kxg7 7.e3 c6N** A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante.

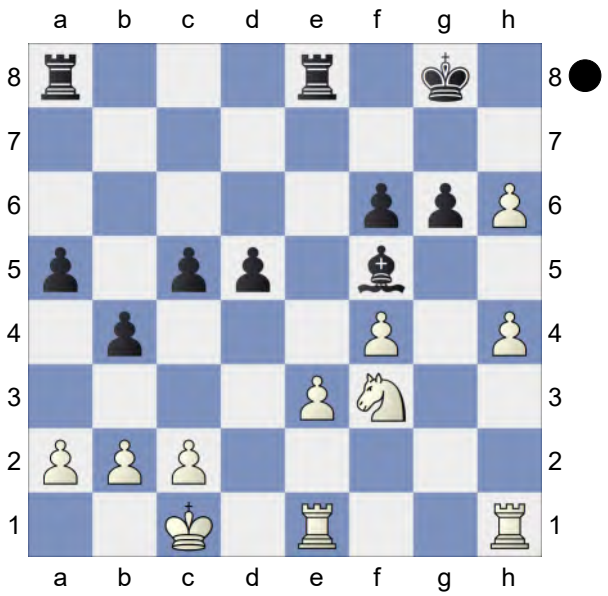
[7...c5
A) 8.h3 Nc6 9.g4 cxd4 10.exd4 Ne4 *(10...e5 11.dxe5 Ne4 12.Qxd5 Nxc3 13.Qxd8 Rxd8 14.bxc3 Nxe5 15.f4 Nc6 16.Bd3 Be6 17.Ne2 Rac8 18.0-0 Na5 19.Kf2 Rc7 20.Kg1 Rcc8 21.Kf2 Rc7 22.Kg1 Rcc8 23.Kf2 Rc7* ½-½ George Samir,D (2272)-Amartuvshin,G (2392) Qatar Masters Open 2024 (9.42)*; 10...h5 11.0-0-0 Rh8 12.g5 Ne8 13.Bg2 Nc7 14.Nf3 Qd6 15.Ne5 Bf5 16.f4 e6 17.Kb1 b5 18.Rc1 Rhc8 19.Nd1 b4 20.Ne3 Nb5 21.Nxf5+ gxf5 22.Qe2 Nc3+ ½-½ Jobava,B-Moroni,L 2024)* 11.Nxe4 dxe4 12.0-0-0 e5 13.dxe5 Qxd2+ 14.Rxd2 Nxe5 15.Bg2 f5 16.gxf5 gxf5 17.Ne2 Kf6 18.Nf4 Kg5 19.Nd5 Rd8 20.Rg1 Kh6 21.Nc7 Rxd2 22.Kxd2 Rb8 0-1 Athena Pallada (2947)-Abhijeet1610 (2832) Blitz 2024;
B) 8.dxc5 Qa5 9.Ne4 Qxd2+ 10.Nxd2 Bf5 11.Bd3 Nbd7 12.Nb3 Rfc8 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 g6,4-N,N 33. Veresov]

8.h3 The position is equal. **8...Nbd7 9.g4 e5N** 0.28/19
[9...b5 10.g5 Ne8 11.h4 Nd6 12.f3 Rh8 13.h5 h6! 14.hxg6 hxg5 15.Rxh8 Qxh8 16.gxf7 Qh4+ 0-1 D Oliveira,M (2116)-Broekhuizen, A (2237) FICGS rapid M 000142 email 2023 (1)]
[9...b5 -0.11/18]
10.dxe5= Nxe5 11.f4 Ned7 12.0-0-0 Qe7 13.Bg2 Re8 0.41/20
[13...Nb6= -0.06/19]
14.Re1 -0.46/19
[14.g5± 0.41/20]
14...b5∓ 15.g5 Nh5 16.Nf3 Strongly threatening e3-e4. **16...b4! 17.Nd1 Ng3 18.Rhg1 Ne4! 19.Qd4+ Kg8 20.Nd2 Ndc5** -0.01/21
[20...Nxd2 21.Qxd2 Bb7 22.Nf2±]
[20...Nb6∓ -0.79/19 And now ...c6-c5 would win. 21.Bxe4 c5]
21.Bxe4= Nxe4 22.Nxe4 Qxe4 23.Qxe4
[23.Nf2 is interesting. Qf3 24.Nd3 c5 25.Qxc5 Bf5 26.Rgf1]
23...Rxe4 24.Nf2 Re8 25.Nd3 a5 26.h4 Bf5 27.Ne5 c5 28.Rh1 -1.01/19
[28.Rd1= 0.01/18 remains equal.]



28...h5 -0.41/19
[Black should play 28...c4!∓ -1.01/19]
29.gxh6 -0.77/19
[29.Rd1∓ -0.41/19]
29...f6∓ 30.Nf3 -1.61/20
[White should try 30.e4!∓ -0.58/19 Bxe4 31.Nd7]

(Diagram)



30...Bg4 -0.38/21 White is weak on the light squares
[30...Kh7!-+ -1.61/20 31.Nd2 *(31.h5 gxh5 32.Rxh5 Bg4∓)* 31...Kxh6]
31.Nd2∓ Kh7↑ Black is more active.
32.Rhg1 -0.84/21
[32.e4∓ -0.36/20 is superior.]
32...Bf5∓ 33.h5? -2.20/22 Loses the game. **33...gxh5-+**
[Worse is 33...Kxh6 34.hxg6 Rg8 35.e4 dxe4 36.Nxe4 Bxe4 37.Rxe4 Rxg6 38.Rh1+ Kg7 39.Re7+ Kg8 40.Rc7=]
34.Rg7+ -3.16/19
[⌓34.Nf1 -2.24/19]
34...Kxh6 35.Rc7 Rac8 36.Ra7 h4 37.Rxa5 h3 38.Nf3 Be4 39.Nh2 -7.37/19
[39.Rh1 -3.94/18 Bxf3 Discovered Attack 40.Rxh3+ Bh5 41.Ra6]
39...Rg8 40.Ra6 Rcf8 41.f5 Rg2 42.Rh1 Rxc2+ Discovered Attack **43.Kd1 Rxb2 44.Rg1 Rb1+** Skewer **45.Ke2 Rxg1** Weighted Error Value: White=0.62/Black=0.15 (very precise)
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673 **D00**
□ **Buksa,Nataliya** **2388**
■ **Zhukova,Natalia** **2301**
Swiss Queens Wed #7 2024 (9.94)
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* 1-0 Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 2013*; 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7* 0-1 Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig,F (1863) Rheinhessen-ch H1 op 1997 (2)*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* 1-0 Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) V0048 www.desc-online.de 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]
3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Bb4+ 5.c3 Ba5 6.b4 Bb6 7.a4

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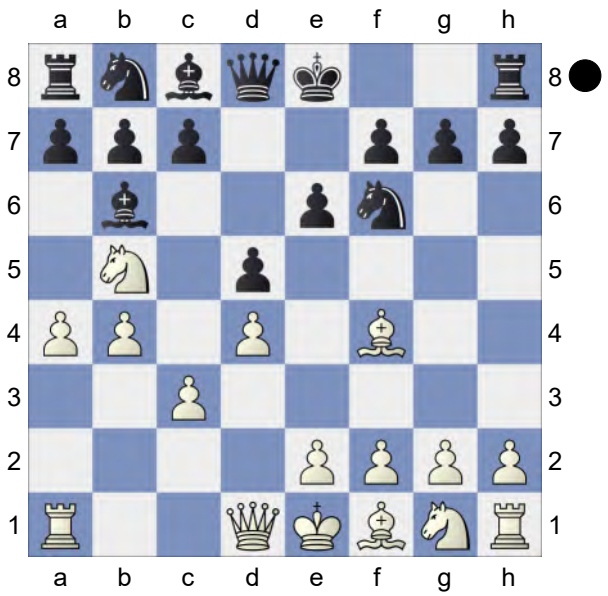
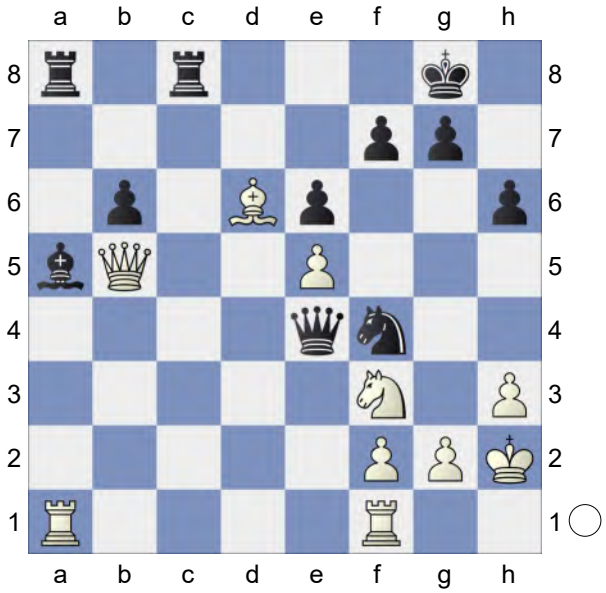


a5 would now be deadly. **7...a5!** **8.Nf3** The position is equal. **8...0-0** **9.e3** **Nc6** **10.bxa5** **Bxa5** **11.Bd3** **Na7** 0.55/20
[Better is 11...Ne7= -0.03/19 12.0-0 Nh5]
12.0-0± **c6** **13.Nxa7** **Rxa7** **14.Qc2** **h6** **15.Be5** White has more active pieces. **15...Nd7** **16.Bg3** **b6** **17.e4** **Ba6** **18.Bxa6** **Rxa6** **19.Bd6** **Re8** **20.e5** Against Nf6 **20...c5** **21.c4** -0.13/20
[⌓21.Rfc1 0.25/19]
21...Qa8 **22.cxd5** **Qxd5** **23.dxc5** -0.37/23
[23.Rfd1= 0.00/19 Qb7 24.Rdb1 *(24.dxc5 bxc5 25.h3 Rc8∓)*]
23...Nxc5 0.01/24
[23...bxc5∓ -0.37/23 24.Rfd1 Qa8]
24.Rfd1 **Qe4** **25.Qb2** **Rea8** 0.68/22
[25...Raa8= 0.01/22]
26.h3? -0.84/25
[26.Rd4± 0.68/22 Qf5 27.Nh4]
26...Nxa4∓ **27.Qb3** -1.65/24
[27.Qb5∓ -0.93/25 Nc3 28.Qd3]
27...Nc3-+ **28.Rf1** **Ne2+** -0.63/24
[28...Rc8-+ -1.70/23 29.Ra3 Raa8]
29.Kh1 -1.24/24
[29.Kh2∓ -0.63/24]
29...Nf4 -0.88/24
[⌓29...Rc8 -1.24/24 30.Ra4 Qc2 31.Qxc2 Rxc2]
30.Kh2 **Rc8** **31.Qb5** **Raa8**



And now ...Nxg2! would win. **32.Ra4** -1.57/24
[⌓32.Rfc1 -1.09/21]
32...Qd3∓ **33.Qd7** -2.58/24
[33.Qxd3∓ -1.51/22 Nxd3 34.Ra2]
33...Rd8
[33...Qxf1 34.Rxf4 Rf8 *(34...Qxf2 35.Rxf7 Qc2 36.Rxg7+ Kh8 37.Nd4+-)* 35.Bxf8 Rxf8 36.Nd4∓]
34.Qb7 **Nd5** -0.53/22
[Inferior is 34...Qxf1 35.Rxf4 Rf8 *(35...Qxf2?* loses. *36.Rxf7 Kh8 37.Rxg7+-)* 36.Rxf7 Rxf7 37.Qxa8+ Kh7 38.Qe4+ *(38.Qe8? Rxf3 39.Qc6 Rxf2-+)* 38...Rf5 39.Qc2=]
[34...Nxh3-+ -2.02/22 35.Rfa1 Nxf2]
35.Raa1 -1.58/21
[35.Rfa1∓ -0.53/22]
35...Qa6→ -1.15/24 Black has strong attack.
[⌓35...Nc3 -1.58/21 36.Rfe1 Qd5 37.Qxd5 Nxd5]
36.Qc6 -1.84/22
[36.Qxa6∓ -1.15/24 Rxa6 37.Ra3]
36...Rac8 **37.Qa4** **Qc4** **38.Qa3** -2.49/24

[⩲38.Qxc4 -1.69/21 Rxc4 39.g3]
38...Nf4 39.Rac1 Qd3 -1.31/23
[39...Bc3-+ -1.90/21 ...b5 is the strong threat. 40.Rfd1 Qe2]
40.Rxc8 -1.68/25
[40.Qa4∓ -1.31/23 was necessary. Nd5 41.Rfd1]
40...Rxc8-+ 41.Qxd3 -2.39/23
[⩲41.Rc1 -1.73/23 Bc3 42.Qa4]
41...Nxd3 42.Nd4 Bc3 43.Nb5 Bxe5+
[43...Nxe5? too greedy. 44.Nxc3 Nd3 45.Nb5+-]
44.Bxe5 Nxe5 Endgame. KRN-KRN **45.f4 Nd3 46.Rf3 Nb4 47.Nd6 Rc2 48.Rb3 Nd5 49.f5 Nf4 50.fxe6** -3.60/23
[⩲50.Kg3 -2.38/22 Ne2+ *(50...Nxg2? 51.Rxb6 exf5 52.Nxf5-+)* 51.Kh2]
50...fxe6 51.Kg3 Nxg2 52.Rxb6 Ne3 53.Ne4 Nf5+ 54.Kf4 Nd4 55.Rb8+ Kf7 56.Rb7+ Kg6 Black has a decisive advantage. **57.Rb6 Rc4 58.Ke3 Nf5+ 59.Kf3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.33/Black=0.28 (precise) . Sensor Board Error (Ke4/e5)?
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674 **D00**
□ **Poormosavi,Seyed Kian** **2388**
■ **Sethuraman,Sandeep** **2588**
Dubai Open 2024 (1) 25.05.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4** 0.14 **Nf6** 0.17 **2.Nc3** 0.05 **d5N** 0.00
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]
3.Bf4 0.00 **a6** 0.07 **4.e3** 0.01 **e6** 0.00 **5.Nf3** 0.08 **c5** 0.12 **6.dxc5** 0.25 **Bxc5** 0.06 **7.Bd3** 0.05 **Nbd7** 0.01 **8.0-0** 0.02 The position is equal. **8...b5** 0.17 **9.Ne5** 0.27 **Bb7** 0.03 **10.Qe2** 0.47 **0-0** 0.51 **11.a3** 0.51 **Nxe5** 0.49 **12.Bxe5** 0.37 **Nd7** 0.43 **13.Bd4** 0.44 **e5** 0.62 **14.Bxc5** 0.62 **Nxc5** 0.49 **15.Qh5** 0.44

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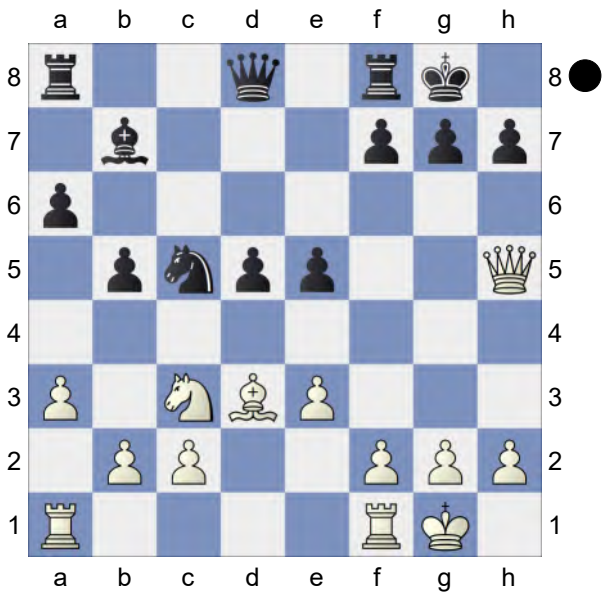
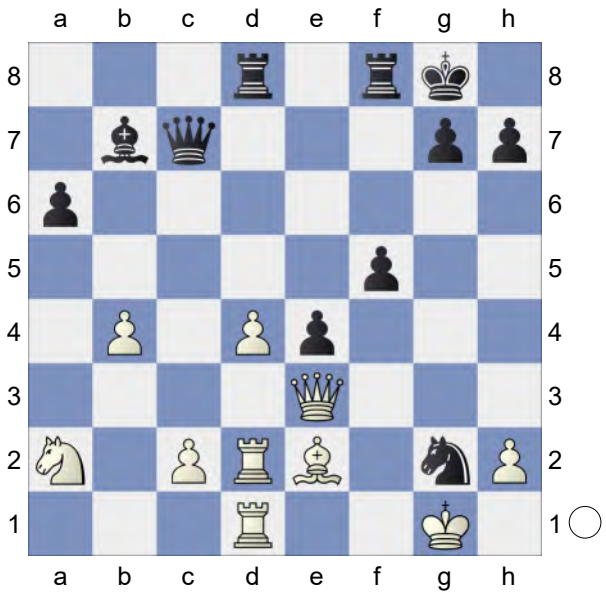


e4 0.36 **16.Be2** 0.27 **f5** 0.32 **17.Rad1** 0.82
[17.Rfd1∓ -0.44/20]
17...Ne6↑ 0.91 Black is pushing. **18.f4** -0.61
[18.Qh3∓ -0.59/22]
18...Qb6 -0.56 **19.Qh3** -0.81 **Rad8** 0.69
20.Rd2? -1.86 Mistake. g4 was best.
[20.g4∓ -0.93/20 fxg4]
20...b4?! -0.64 Inaccuracy. d4 was best.
[Better is 20...d4-+ -1.77/22 21.exd4 g5 *(21...Nxd4)* 22.fxg5 Nxd4 23.Kh1 f4 24.Bg4 f3 25.gxf3 exf3 26.Rdf2]
21.axb4 -0.47 **Qxb4** -0.72 **22.Rfd1** -0.31 **d4** -0.51
[Much weaker is 22...Qxb2?! 23.Nxd5 Bxd5 24.Rxd5 Qxc2 25.Kf2∓]
23.Na2 -0.31
[23.Nb1∓ -1.23/19]
23...Qc5 -0.78
[Black should play 23...Qb6-+ -1.76/22 White must now prevent ...d4-d3. 24.Nc1 d3 *(24...Qxb2 25.Bc4∓; 24...dxe3 25.Rxd8 Nxd8 26.Bc4+ Kh8 27.Ne2∓)* 25.cxd3 Nxf4]
24.b4 -0.61 **Qc7** -0.96 **25.exd4??** -2.16 Blunder. Qg3 was best. This costs White the game.
[25.Qg3 Kh8]
[25.Bf1∓ -1.37/22]
25...Nxf4-+ -2.04
[25...Qxf4 26.Bc4 Qd6 27.Nc3∓]
26.Qe3 -2.04 **Nxg2** -2.07



Clearance **27.Qb3+** -3.13
[27.Qc3 -3.40/18 Qxc3 *(27...Qf7 28.Bc4∓* Pin *)* 28.Nxc3]
27...Kh8 -3.92 aiming for ...e4-e3. Black is clearly winning. **28.d5** -5.00 **Nf4** -3.74 **29.c4** -4.89 **Qb6+** -4.99 **30.Kh1** -3.15 **e3** -3.16 **31.Rc2** -4.95 **Nxe2** -4.52 **32.Rxe2** -4.42 **f4** -4.77 **33.Nc1** -4.08 **Bc8** -4.17 Hoping for ...Bc8-g4. **34.Qc3** -5.84 **Qh6** -5.88 **35.Rg1** -5.06 **Bf5** -5.06 **36.Qd4** -6.98 **Rde8** -7.00 Weighted Error Value: White=0.50/Black=0.19 (very precise)
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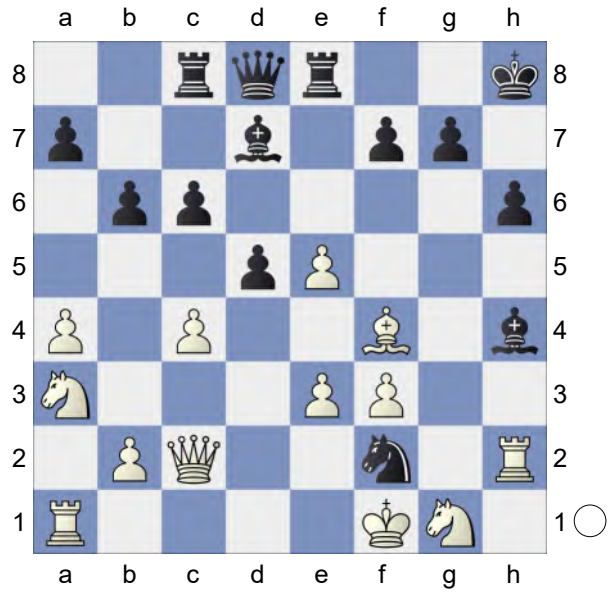
675 **D00**
□ **Haugen,Arild** **2387**
■ **Sande,Oystein** **2013**
corr NOR/C/2024 (NOR) 02.01.2024
[Stockfish 16.1]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 Bb4+ 6.c3 Be7 7.a4 0-0 8.Bd3 Die Stellung ist ausgeglichen. **8...c6 9.Na3 b6 10.h4 Nb8 11.g4 e5 12.dxe5 Nxg4 13.Qc2 h6** 0.78/29
[13...Bxa3± 0.31/33 sieht stärker aus. 14.Bxh7+ *(14.Rxa3 Nd7±)* 14...Kh8 15.Rxa3 Nd7]
14.f3± Bxh4+ 15.Kf1 Nf2 16.Bh7+ Kh8 17.Rh2 Nd7 18.Bf5!
[18.Rxf2 Bxf2 *(18...g6 19.Bxg6 Bxf2 20.Kxf2∓)* 19.Kxf2 g6 20.Bxg6 fxg6 21.Qxg6 Qh4+ 22.Bg3 Qg5 *(22...Qxa4? 23.Qxh6+ Kg8 24.Qg6+ Kh8 25.Ne2+-; 22...Nxe5 23.Qd6=)* 23.Qxg5 hxg5∓]
18...Re8 19.Bxd7 Bxd7 20.c4 Rc8



21.Rxh4! Verteidiger eliminieren
21...Qxh4 22.Qxf2 Qe7 23.cxd5 cxd5 24.Nc2! f6 25.exf6 Qxf6 26.Nd4 Rc4 27.Qd2 Rxa4 28.Rd1 Rc4 29.Nge2 Weiss hat starke Kompensation. **29...a5 30.Qd3 Rc5** Weiß überlässt nun nichts mehr dem Zufall. **31.Kf2 g5 32.Bg3 Rf8 33.Qa6 Rf7** 1.30/34
[⌓33...Kh7 0.86/34]
34.Nc3 Bg4 35.Qe2 e4 ist eine echte Drohung. Schach mit Chili. Weiß steht aktiver.
[35.Qa8+?! Kh7 *(35...Kg7 36.Qe8±)* 36.Nxd5 Qg6=]
35...Kh7 1.68/34
[35...Bxf3± 1.26/33 war einen Versuch wert. 36.Nxf3 *(36.Qxf3 Qe7±)* 36...g4 Fesselung]
36.e4!+- dxe4 37.Nxe4 Qg6 38.Kg1! Bh5 39.Nd6! Ein dynamisches Springerpaar.
[39.Nxc5 bxc5 40.Qe8 cxd4∓]
39...g4 40.Nxf7 gxf3 41.Qf2 Qxf7 42.Re1 Rg5 43.Kh2! a4 44.Re6↑ Schwarz muss aufpassen. **44...Rg6 45.Re5** Und jetzt De3! wäre schön.
45...Rg5 2.71/32
[45...Rf6 1.76/37 ist eine bessere Verteidigung. 46.Bh4 Rg6]
46.Rxg5 hxg5 47.Qe3 Qf6? 4.43/27
[47...Qd7 2.53/35 48.Ne6 *(48.Nxf3 Bxf3 49.Qxf3 Qd2+ 50.Kh3 Qxb2±; 48.Qxg5 Qxd4 49.Qxh5+ Kg8+-)* 48...Qb5 49.Nxg5+ Kg6]
48.Be5 f2 49.Qd3+
[49.Bxf6 f1N+ 50.Kg1 Nxe3 51.Bxg5 Nd5∓]
49...Qg6

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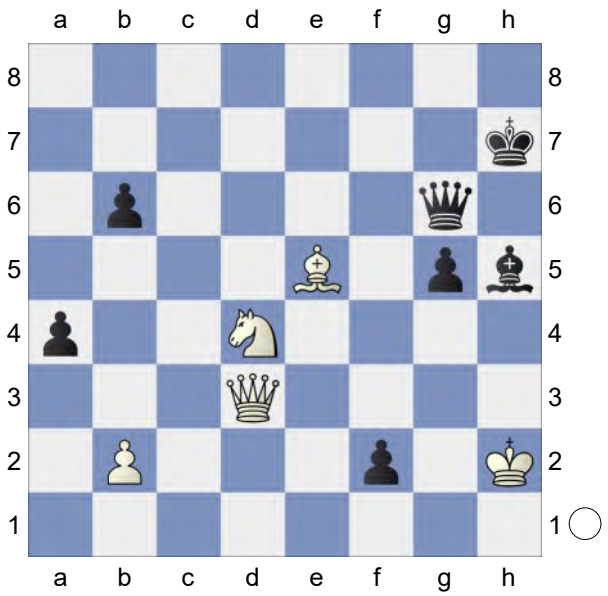

50.Qxg6+
[50.Qh3 g4 51.Qf1 *(51.Qg2 Qf7∓)* 51...Qe4∓]
50...Kxg6 51.Kg2 Bg4 52.Kxf2 Droht Lc7 und aus. **52...Bd7 53.Bc7 b5 54.Bd6 Kh5 55.Be7 Kg4 56.Ke3** Und Sf3 würde nun gewinnen. **56...Be8?** 6.50/28
[56...Kh5 2.40/28 57.Ke4 Kg4]
57.Ne6 Bd7? 42.67/18
[57...Bc6 3.39/32 58.Nd4 *(58.Bxg5 Bd7=; 58.Nxg5 b4=)* 58...Be8]
58.Nxg5 Droht stark Se4. Weiß steht klar auf Gewinn. **58...b4 59.Ne4** Schwarz muss nun Sf6+ beachten. **59...a3**

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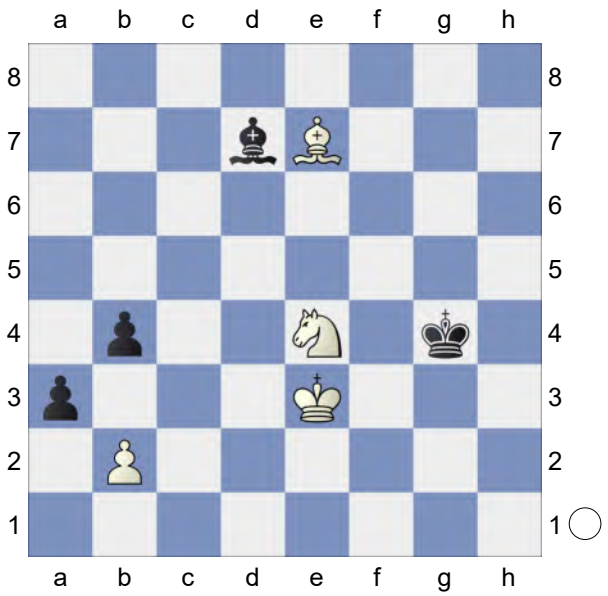

60.b3! Sf6+ wäre nun fies.
[60.Bxb4? geht unter. a2 *(60...axb2 61.Nc3=)* 61.Nf6+ Kf5 62.Nxd7 a1Q-+ *(62...a1B? 63.Bc3+-)*]
[60.Nf6+ Kf5 61.bxa3 *(61.Nxd7 axb2 62.Bh4 b1Q 63.Nf6 b3 64.Nh5 Qe4+ 65.Kd2 Qd4+ 66.Ke2 Qxh4 67.Ng7+ Ke4 68.Kd2 Qg3)* 61...bxa3 62.Nxd7 Ke6=]
60...a2 61.Bf6! Gewichteter Fehlerwert: Weiß=0.01 (makellos) /Schwarz=0.25 (präzise) . Fehler: ---
Schwarz=7 Ungenau: ---
Schwarz=1 OK: Weiß=36
Schwarz=18 Bester: Weiß=6
Schwarz=9 Stark: Weiß=3 ---
[61.Bxb4 a1Q *(61...a1B 62.Nd6=)* 62.Nc3 Qf1-+]
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676 **D00**
□ **Buksa,Nataliya** **2383**
■ **Pham,Le Thao Nguyen** **2395**
Swiss Queens Wed #17 2024 (5.138)
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c6 4.e3 Bf5 5.Nf3 e6 6.Ne5 h6** is recently more successful than 6...Nbd7. ist inzwischen erfolgreicher als 6...Sbd7. **7.g4 Bh7 8.h4** The position is equal. **8...Ne4** 0.39/21
[8...Nfd7= -0.04/18]
9.Nxe4±
[9.g5 is more complex. hxg5 10.Bxg5 Qa5 11.Qh5]
9...Bxe4 10.f3 Bh7 11.Bd3 Bxd3 12.Qxd3 Nd7 13.0-0-0 &Bianco is more active. **13...Nxe5 14.Bxe5 Qa5 15.Kb1 0-0-0 16.g5N**
[Vorgänger: 16.Rc1 f6 17.Bf4 Bd6 18.Bxd6 Rxd6 19.c4 0.01/18 *(19.g5± 0.78/20)* 19...dxc4= 20.Rxc4 Kb8 21.Rhc1 e5 22.Qg6 1-0 Bortnyk,O (2604)-Costachi,M (2463) Titled Tuesday intern op 21st Jun Early blitz 2022 (8)]
16...h5 1.10/18
[⌓16...Qb5 0.74/20]
17.a3 Qb5 18.Qxb5 cxb5 19.Rd3

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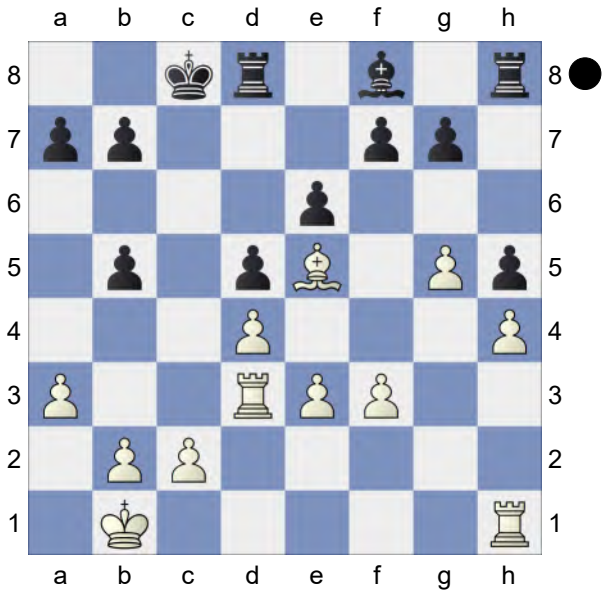
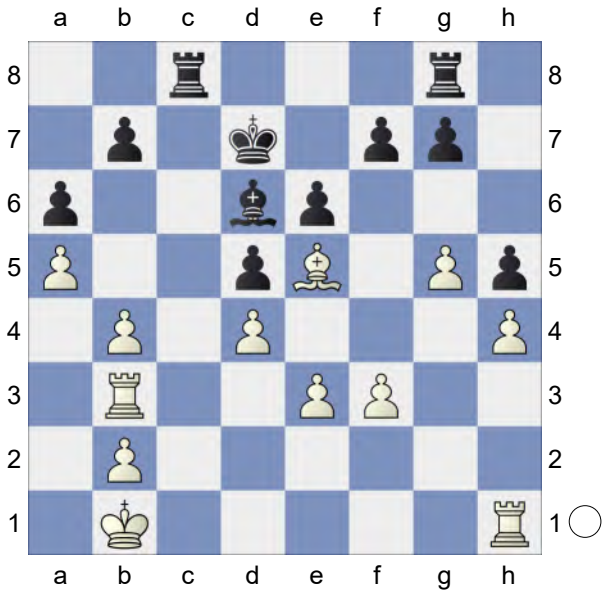


Black must now prevent Rc3+. **19...Kd7 20.Rb3 a6 21.a4 b4 22.c3 Rg8** 1.41/23
[Black should play 22...a5 0.85/22]
23.cxb4 Rc8
[Not 23...Bd6 24.Bxd6 Kxd6 25.b5±]
24.a5 0.49/24
[24.b5± 1.48/20]
24...Bd6? 2.31/21
[24...Rc4± 0.49/24]



A mistake that costs the game.

25.Bxd6+- Kxd6 Endgame KRR-KRR **26.b5 axb5 27.Rxb5 Rc7 28.Rb6+ Kd7 29.Rc1 Rgc8 30.Rxc7+ Rxc7** KR-KR **31.b4 g6** 4.44/26
[⌓31...Kc8 3.03/23 32.g6 fxg6]
32.Kb2 Kc8? 5.49/25
[32...Ke7 2.97/22 might work better. 33.e4 dxe4 34.fxe4 Kd8]
33.Rb5 White is clearly winning.
33...Kb8 12.06/25
[⌓33...Kd7 5.07/22 34.Kb3 Ke7]
34.a6 Ka7 35.Rxb7+ Rxb7 36.axb7 Kxb7 37.Kb3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.42
1-0

677 **D00**
□ **Trent,Lawrence** **2383**
■ **Abergel,Thal** **2478**
Gibraltar Masters 2020 (4.45) 24.01.2020
[Richard Palliser]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 d5 3.Nc3 c5 4.e3 cxd4
[The correct move order if Black wants to play this way, since 4...a6?! can be met by 5.dxc5! Nc6 6.a3 - see Nakamura-Fressinet, Dubai (rapid) 2014.]
5.exd4 a6 This Exchange Caroesque handling from Black hasn't been too popular of late, but remains a simple and sensible approach and we shouldn't forget that it was also advocated by M. Prié against his own weapon. **6.Nf3**
[Invariably played these days, although there was once some testing, including by Carlsen, of 6.Bd3 Nc6 and then both knight moves to e2 - see the Archive.]
6...Nc6
[Still following the Prié-approved method. Levon Aronian recently preferred 6...Bg4 , but after 7.h3 Bxf3 8.Qxf3 Nc6 9.0-0-0 e6 10.g4! Rc8 *(*a new try *10...Bb4 11.Ne2! Qa5 12.Kb1 Ne4 13.Nc1!* favoured White in Rapport-Sutovsky, Tromso Olympiad 2014, as we've seen before,*;* as well as that *10...Bd6* is probably Black's best move*)* 11.g5 Nd7 12.h4 Qb6 13.Qe3 Bb4?! 14.Nxd5 *(*tempting, but *14.a3! Bxc3 15.Qxc3 0-0 16.h5* would have left White with the bishops and complete control *)* 14...Qa5 15.Bc4 0-0 16.Nf6+! Black found himself facing a dangerous attack in Artemiev-Aronian, Internet (blitz) 2019.]
7.Ne5 Ever a thematic leap in such positions. **7...Bd7**
[Ruling out any structural damage on c6. White's last was also directed against this light-squared piece, with 7...Bf5 8.g4! Bg6?! 9.h4 a position Black is advised to avoid.]
8.Qd3
[Trent is happy to follow his earlier choice. I was delighted if not that surprised to see Lc0 already suggesting 8.h4!? here,]
[but while not totally ridiculous 8.g4 e6 9.g5 Nxe5! 10.Bxe5 Ng8 11.h4 probably just leaves White overextended.]
8...e6 9.Be2 Qb6 10.Nxc6
[A positional method and it's not hard to see why the commentator and strong IM didn't want to allow Black obvious attacking chances after 10.0-0-0 Rc8 11.a3 .]
10...Qxc6 11.0-0 Rc8 12.Qg3!?
[A novelty as well as the move White would really like to play. Trent had previously first gone 12.Rfc1

, which makes a strange impression, even if it does free the c3-knight for duties elsewhere, and after Bd6 13.Be5 0-0 14.Qg3 Bxe5 *(14...Ne8!?* followed by ...f6 looks pleasant enough for Black*)* 15.dxe5 Ne4 16.Nxe4 dxe4 there was no amazing reason for White to reject the natural 17.Qe3 in Trent-Dragnev, Sitges 2019.]

12...Qb6 It would be interesting to know if Abergel had checked 12 Qg3 in his prep, but this is certainly a critical response. **13.Rab1!** The right pawn to defend. **13...Qxd4 14.Rfd1 Qb6 15.Be5** White's dark-squared bishop radiates power and Black faces issues untangling, which, at least from a practical perspective, should grant White sufficient compensation. **15...Bc6**

[Black frees d7 for his knight, but notably the only move which worries the engines is the radical 15...h5!? . With 16.h3 Rh6 17.b4 h4 18.Qf4 Nh5 19.Qd2 Bd6 Black has succeeded in developing his kingside, but White does have 20.Nxd5!? exd5 21.Bd4 Bf4 *(21...Qd8 22.Bxh5 Rxh5? 23.Qe2+* is the main point*)* 22.Bxb6 Bxd2 23.Rxd2 Rxb6 24.Bxh5 when Black is slightly for choice, but play is most likely to end up as a draw.]

[15...Qd8 was also far from ridiculous, when 16.b4 again looks like the right move to try to involve all White's pieces.]

16.b4! Nd7?

[Now Black will be put to the sword. Amazingly 16...h5!? is still touted by the silicon beast, when 17.b5 axb5 18.Nxb5 Ne4 19.Qf4 Qd8 offers the exchange in return for a fair degree of stability.]

17.b5 Nxe5

[17...axb5!? 18.Nxb5 Nxe5 would have avoided what occurs in the game, but also, of course, have allowed 19.Nd6+! Bxd6 20.Rxb6 0-0 when Black surely doesn't have quite enough for the queen.]

18.Qxe5 axb5 Saving the bishop, but now Black's position is blown into smithereens. **19.Nxd5 Bxd5 20.Rxd5 f6**

[20...Be7 21.Qxg7 exd5 22.Qxh8+ Bf8 23.Bxb5+ is also a massacre.]

21.Bh5+! Trent finishes clinically. **21...g6 22.Qxf6 gxh5 23.Rdxb5**

[And not, of course, 23.Qxh8?? exd5 .]

23...Qc6 24.Rxb7 There's even no need to take the rook. **24...Qd6 25.R7b6 Qd5 26.Rxe6+**

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678 **D00**

□ **Musat,Adrian** **2378**

■ **Moore,Nicholas** **0**

Titled Tuesday 4. Jan (4) 04.01.2022

[Richard Palliser]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.e3** No early excursions into b5 as the Romanian FM plays the standard Jobava-Prie response. **4...Bb4** A critical and popular choice amongst stronger players, but it should be said too that at lower levels Black often prefers to place the bishop on d6 or e7. **5.Bd3**

[There have also been developments after the structure-preserving 5.Nge2 0-0 6.a3 : Bd6 *(6...Be7 7.Ng1!?* copied Magnus's unexpected retreat

against Jeffery Xiong in Niemann-Kravtsiv, Riga (blitz) 2021, where *Bd6 8.Nf3 Bxf4 9.exf4 b6 10.Bd3 c5 11.0-0 Nc6 12.Re1* was probably OK for White, but no more than that*)* 7.h3 *(7.g3 b6 8.Bg2 Bb7* seems to be fine for Black, as played by Caruana then, somewhat less well, by yours truly - see the Archive*)* 7...c5 8.dxc5 *(8.Bxd6!? Qxd6 9.Qd2* would probably be my choice, looking to raise the stakes and castle long*)* 8...Bxc5 9.Nd4 Nc6 10.Be2 Re8 11.Nb3 Bf8 looked extremely comfortable for Black with ...e5 on the way in Gunnarsson-Pantzar, Icelandic League 2022.]

5...c5 6.a3? -0.99/22

[This I really don't like, although it ultimately turns out well. Instead, 6.dxc5 , with Nbd7 7.Nge2 is the critical line, as recommended in Simon Williams' Chessable course, an updated version of which will shortly be published by Everyman Chess I believe. Here Nxc5 0.16/20 *(7...a6!?* is probably the critical move when *8.Bg3* seems prudent to get out of the way of ...e5-e4*;* ⌓*7...a6* -0.25/21 *)* 8.a3= Nxd3+ 9.Qxd3 gave White a definite edge in Jobava-Shalamberidze, Georgian Team Championship 2014, as we've covered before.]

[6.dxc5= -0.18/21 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3]

6...Bxc3+∓ 7.bxc3 Nc6!?

[A natural move, if less of one than 7...Qa5 , after which 8.Kf1 *(8.Qd2?* -2.17/21 8.a3-a4 -0.80 runs into *c4 9.Bf1 Ne4)* 8...c4 9.Be2 Ne4 10.f3 -1.11/21 *(10.Bf3∓* -0.68/18 *)* 10...Nxc3∓ 11.Qe1 Nc6! 12.Qg3 Rg8 was just an extra pawn for Black in Zeng Chongsheng-Zhou Jianchao, Chinese Championship, Xinghua 2017.]

8.dxc5!? -1.28/22 Another rather risky choice.

[Better is 8.f3 -0.76/19]

8...Qa5? -0.01/22

[Black overlooks White's hope, in contrast to which 8...e5 9.Bg5 Qa5! would just have left White in all sorts of bother, as shown by 10.Qd2 -2.36/21 *(10.Bxf6∓* -1.03/20 was called for. *Qxc3+ 11.Kf1 gxf6 12.Ne2 Qxc5 13.Ng3)* 10...Ne4!-+ 11.Bxe4 dxe4 when ...f6 will follow.]

[8...e5∓ -1.28/22 9.Bg5 0-0]

9.Bd6= A key motif in such positions and suddenly White is right back in the game. **9...Qxc3+ 10.Kf1 Nd7?** 0.93/21

[Far too materialistic and 10...Qa5 11.Ne2 b6! was the way to obtain reasonable counterplay as Black.]

[10...Qa5= 0.01/22]

11.Ne2± Qf6

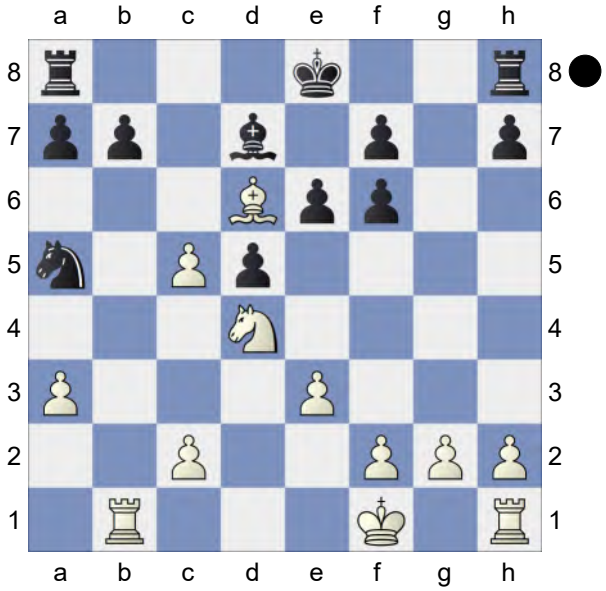
[The only move as 11...Qa5? 2.03/21 1 1 . . . Q c 3 - f 6 0 . 7 2 12.Nd4! is just extremely strong, and if Nxc5 13.Qg4! with a massacre in the offing, not least after g6? 4.89/22 *(⌓13...Bd7* 2.48/22 *14.Nb5 Ne4)* 14.Nxc6+- bxc6 15.Qg5 .]

12.Bb5 0.77/18

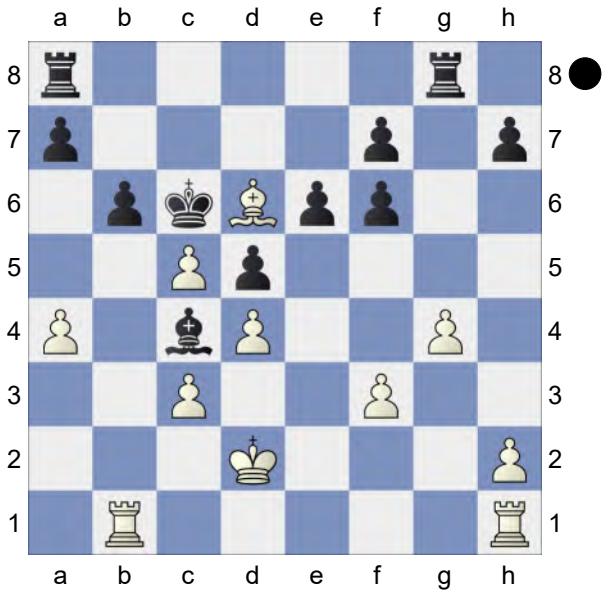
[12.Nd4! would still have been pretty strong, since after Nxd4 13.exd4 Qxd4 there's even 14.Kg1!? 0.61/19 when the c5-pawn is taboo (Rb1 and/or h4 will follow), and it's not at all obvious how on earth Black should try to unravel: *(14.Rc1±* 1.25/20 *)* 14...Qc3 1.53/20 *(14...Kd8!±* 0.61/19 *)* 15.Bb5± a6 16.Ba4 revealing one problem.]

[⌓12.Nd4! 1.34/20]

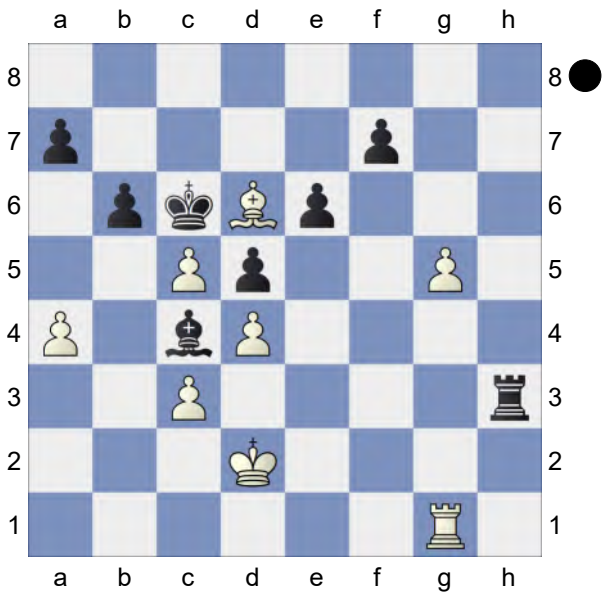
12...Nde5 13.Qd4? 0.12/21 White is more active.
[13.Nf4! Bd7 14.Rb1 would have kept pieces on, thereby retaining a large advantage since it would take a brave man to castle as Black here.]
[13.Nf4± 0.81/21 Bd7 14.Rb1]
13...Bd7= 14.Bxc6
[14.Qb2 Ng4 15.Qxf6 Nxf6 16.f3 would still have been at least OK for White. Prevents Nf6-e4]
14...Nxc6 15.Qxf6 gxf6 Black still can't castle short, but his centre is an impressive one and ...Na5-c4 on the way. **16.Nd4** -0.90/21
[16.Ng3∓ -0.41/18]
16...Nxd4? 0.07/18
[This does activate the light-squared bishop, but also passes on the clear advantage that was there for the taking with 16...Na5! 17.Rb1



b6! 18.cxb6 axb6 and ...Nc4.]
[16...Na5∓ -0.90/21 17.Rb1 f5]
17.exd4 Bb5+ 18.Ke1 Rg8! Black must strive for activity on the kingside to offset his still having the slightly less relevant bishop. **19.g3 Kd7 20.Kd2 b6!?** Finally Moore hits on this natural break as a means to try and free his position. **21.a4 Bc4 22.Rab1**
[22.Rhb1!? Rg4 23.Kc3 is preferred by the engines, but here too Black is fully in the game and might even go e5!? , intending 24.dxe5 fxe5 25.Bxe5 Re4 26.Bf4 Rc8 .]
22...Rg4 23.c3 Kc6
[23...Re4! 24.Rhe1 Repels Re4-e2+ Rxe1 25.Rxe1 bxc5 26.dxc5 Kc6 would have been even better and most likely have led to a draw.]
24.f3 Rgg8 25.g4?!



h5! 26.h3
[26.gxh5 Rg2+ 27.Ke3 Rh8-+]
26...f5!? 0.32/23 Probably not the best move, but I suspect both sides were frantically blitzing by this point.
[26...e5= -0.08/19 feels stronger.]
27.Rhg1 -0.08/22
[27.gxh5 Rg2+ 28.Ke3 bxc5 29.dxc5 Rh1-g1 is the strong threat. Rag8 Hoping for ...f7-f6. 30.Rb8! favours White if anyone.]
[27.gxh5± 0.32/23 Rg2+ 28.Ke3]
27...fxg4 28.hxg4 hxg4 29.Rxg4 Rxg4 30.fxg4 KRB-KRB **30...Rh8** Wards off Rb1-h1 **31.Rg1 Rh3 32.g5**

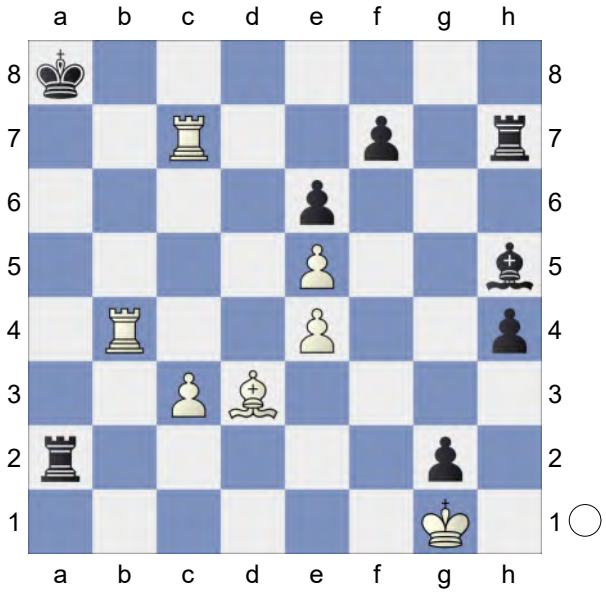


Surely it's going to be a draw?
32...Rh2+?? 5.65/22 Err, no! **33.Bxh2** Ouch, as the Jobava-Prie bishop returns to life to really bite Black. Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) / Black=0.42
1-0

679 **D00**
□ **Sarenac,Ivan** **2376**
■ **Dimitrijevic,Dusan** **2054**
1. League Cent-SRB 2024 (8.4) 16.10.24
[Kitty Kat]

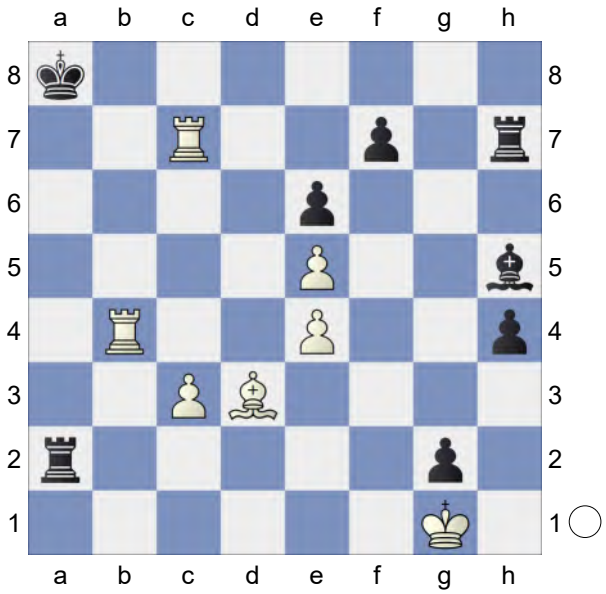
D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 3 Bf4 **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 Bf5 4.e3 e6 5.Nf3 h6**
[5...Bd6 6.Ne5 Nbd7 7.Nb5 h6 8.Nxd7 Kxd7 9.Nxd6 cxd6 10.f3 Qb6 11.Qc1 Nh5 12.g4 g5 13.Bxd6 Qxd6 14.gxf5 exf5 15.Qd2 Rad8 16.0-0-0 Kc8 17.c4 f4 18.e4 dxe4 19.fxe4 Qc7 20.e5 Torombot (2992)-Magnusglad (2770) Rapid 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (55)]
6.Ne5N
[6.Bd3 Bxd3 7.cxd3 c6 8.0-0 Nbd7 9.h3 Be7 10.e4 0-0 11.Qe2 a5 12.Rac1 a4 13.a3 Qa5 14.Rfe1 Rfe8 15.Ne5 Bf8 16.Qf3 Qb6 17.Qg3 Nxe5 18.Bxe5 Nd7 19.Rc2 Nxe5 20.dxe5 Red8 Bortnyk,O (2608)-Makarian,R (2550) Chess,com INT 2024 Mega2024 Update 50 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (41)]
[6.h3 Bd6 7.Ne5 0-0 8.g4 Bh7 9.g5 hxg5 10.Bxg5 9) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 Bf-4.e3 e6 5.Nf3 h6 London 2023 https://www.chessable.co [MH]]
6...c6 7.Bd3 Nbd7 8.0-0 Nxe5 9.dxe5 Bxf5 is the strong threat. **9...Ne4 10.f3** -0.39/20
[10.Bxe4= 0.01/18 feels stronger. dxe4 11.h3]
10...Nxc3∓ 11.bxc3 Bc5 12.Qe2 Qa5 13.Qe1 -0.69/18
[⌓13.Bxf5 -0.38/19 exf5 14.Qd3]
13...0-0-0 -0.25/19
[13...b5∓ -0.69/18]
14.Kh1 g5 15.Bg3 h5 16.Bf2 Rdg8 17.e4 -0.66/21
[17.a4 -0.35/17 might be stronger.]
17...dxe4 18.fxe4 Bg6 19.Rb1 b6 20.Bd4 Bxd4 -0.08/19
[20...Rd8∓ -0.78/18 21.Bxc5 Qxc5]
21.cxd4= Black must now prevent Qxa5.
21...Qxe1 22.Rfxe1 Rd8 23.Ba6+ Kc7 24.Rb4 -0.85/22
[24.c3∓ -0.36/21]
24...c5∓ 25.dxc5 Rd2
[25...bxc5 is more complex. 26.Rb7+ Kc6 27.Reb1 Rd7]
26.cxb6+ axb6 27.Bd3 h4 28.h3 Bh5 29.Rf1 Rh7 0.85/22
[29...Rg8= -0.01/21]
30.Ra4 0.01/22
[White should play 30.Rfb1± 0.85/22]
30...Kc6 0.97/22
[30...Rg7!= 0.01/22 keeps the

balance.]
31.Ra7 Kc5 32.Rd7 g4 2.10/25
[32...Bd1± 0.74/22]
33.c3 b5 34.Rb1 &Bianco is more active. **34...gxh3?** #13/22
[34...Rxd3+- 2.10/24 35.Rxd3 Kc4]
35.Rxb5+ Kc6 36.Rd6+? 0.49/5
[36.Rbb7 #12/24 mates hxg2+ 37.Kh2 g1Q+ 38.Kxg1 Rg7+ 39.Kf1 f6 40.Rxg7 Rd1+ 41.Kf2]
36...Kc7± 37.Rc5+ Kb8 38.Rb6+! Ka7 39.Rb4 hxg2+ 40.Kg1 Rxa2 Threatens to win with ...f5!
[40...Rd1+? 41.Kxg2 Rd2+ 42.Kf1 Rxa2 43.Rc7+ Ka8 44.Bb5+-]
41.Rc7+! Ka8



42.Rc8+ -0.01/5
[42.Bb5!± 0.95/26 Kb8 43.Rc5]
42...Ka7= 43.Rc7+ Ka8

(Diagram)



44.Rc8+ 0.01/5
[White has to play 44.Bb5!± 1.25/26 Kb8 45.Rc5]
44...Ka7 45.Rc7+ Ka8 Weighted Error Value: White=0.41/Black=0.43
½-½

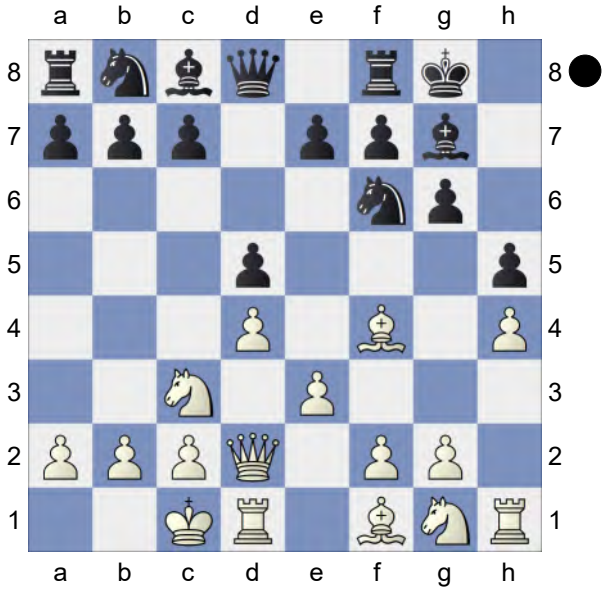
680 **D00**
□ **Ilinca,Felix Antonio** **2376**
■ **Sjugirov,Sanan** **2691**
Titled Tue 21. May Early (3) 21.05.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6*

Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8 ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]

3.Bf4 g6 4.e3 Bg7 5.h4 h5 6.Qd2
[6.Nb5!? Na6□ 7.Nc3=]

6...0-0 7.0-0-0



c5! 8.Nf3 The position is equal.
[8.f3 cxd4]

8...Nc6 9.Ne5 Qa5!? Leaves trodden paths. Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade.

10.dxc5N
[Vorgänger: 10.Kb1 simplifies Bf5 *(10...cxd4 11.exd4 Bf5 12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.f3)* 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.Nxd5 Bxc2+ 13.Ka1 Qxd2 14.Nxf6+ Bxf6 15.Rxd2 Bf5 ...c5xd4 would now be deadly. 16.Bd3 -1.17/23 *(16.f3!∓* -0.40/23 *)* 16...Bxd3∓ 17.Rxd3 cxd4 18.exd4 Saric,I (2646)-Gabdrakhmanov,A (2328) Titled Tuesday intern op 14th July blitz 2020 (4) 0-1]

10...Ne4 0.59/22
[10...Bf5∓ -0.36/19]

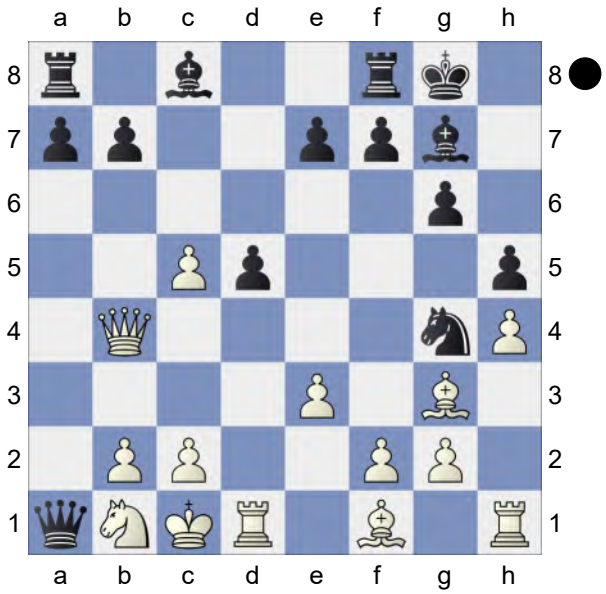
11.Nxe4!± Qd2xa5 is the strong threat.
[11.Qxd5? Nxc3 *(11...Nxf2? 12.Nc4-+)* 12.bxc3 Qa3+ *(12...Qxc3? 13.Nxc6 Qa3+ 14.Kd2-+)* 13.Kd2 Rd8-+]

11...Qxa2 12.Nc3? -1.78/21
[12.Qxd5± 0.48/20 is the one way to stay ahead. Qa1+ 13.Kd2 Qa5+ 14.Ke2 Bxe5 15.Bxe5]

12...Qa1+-+ 13.Nb1 aiming for Qd2-c3.

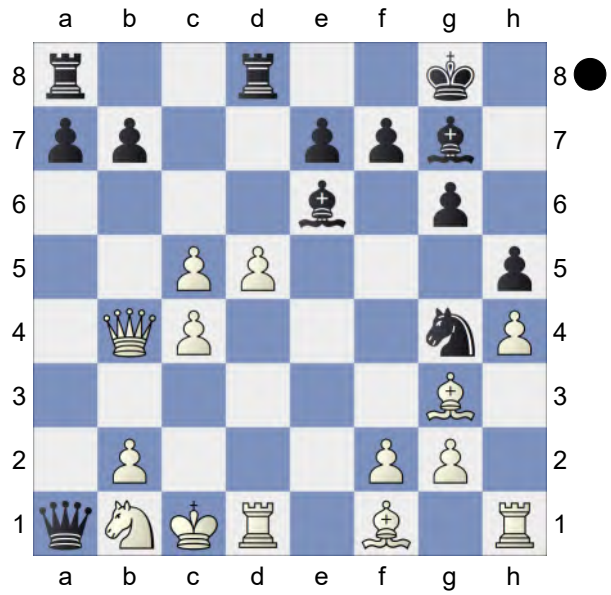
13...Nxe5
[13...Bxe5 14.Bxe5 Nxe5 15.Be2∓]

14.Qb4 Repels Ne5-c4 **14...Ng4 15.Bg3**

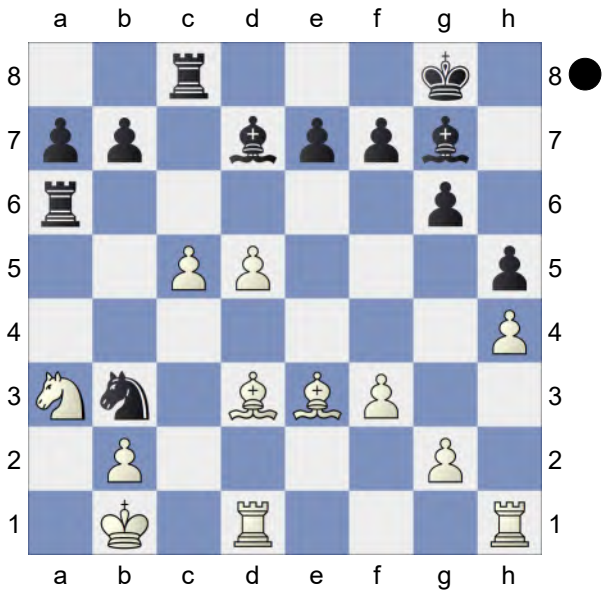


d4? 0.06/21 **16.exd4** -0.48/19
[Better is 16.Rxd4!= 0.06/21 Be6 17.Bc4]

16...Be6 -0.03/23
[16...Bh6+∓ -0.48/19 17.f4 e5 18.dxe5 Nxe5]
17.c4 Rfd8 And now ...Be6-f5 would win. **18.d5**



Ne5 0.53/23 Prevents Bf1-d3. **19.Qa3** -0.21/23
[19.Bxe5!± 0.53/23 Bxe5 20.Bd3 Bxd5 21.cxd5 Rxd5 22.Kd2 *(22.Qxb7? Rb8-+)* 22...Qxb2+ *(22...Bxb2 23.Ke2±)* 23.Qxb2 Bxb2 24.Rhe1]
19...Qxa3
[19...Bh6+ is interesting. 20.Kc2 Qxa3 21.Nxa3 Bf5+]
20.Nxa3
[20.bxa3 Bf5 21.f3 Rac8-+]
20...Bf5 21.Bf4 -0.53/19 Against Bg7-h6
[21.Bxe5= 0.00/21 Bxe5 22.Bd3]
21...Rac8∓ 22.Be3
[22.b4 Ng4 *(22...a5? 23.b5-+)* 23.Rg1 Nxf2]
22...Nd7 0.04/19 Black is more active.
[Black should try 22...Ng4∓ -0.64/23 23.Nc2 Bd7]
23.Be2? -1.86/22
[23.b4 a5 24.c6 *(24.bxa5? Rxc5-+)* 24...bxc6 25.bxa5 Rb8-+]
[23.Bd3!= 0.04/19 and White stays safe.]
23...Nxc5-+ 24.Nc2 -2.31/18
[⌓24.Bxc5 -1.61/20 Rxc5 25.b4]
24...Nb3+ 25.Kb1 Rd6?→ -0.98/21 Black goes for the king.
[25...Na5-+ -2.52/22 has better winning chances. 26.c5 Nb3]
26.Bd3∓ Ra6 0.08/24
[26...Bd7∓ -0.89/22 Hoping for ...Nb3-c5. 27.Na3 Nc5]
27.Na3
[27.Bxf5 simplifies gxf5 28.Na3 Nc5 29.Rhe1]
27...Bg4
[27...Bxd3+ simplifies 28.Rxd3 Nc5 29.Rd2 Be5]
28.f3 Bd7 29.c5? -1.89/22



Ra5 -1.33/21
[29...Ra4!-+ -1.89/22 30.d6 exd6 *(30...Nxc5? 31.Bxc5 Rxc5 32.dxe7-+)* 31.cxd6 Nc5 32.Bxc5 Rxc5]
30.c6 -2.55/23
[30.d6∓ -1.33/21 Nxc5 31.Bxc5 Raxc5 *(31...Rcxc5 32.dxe7 Be8 33.Rhe1+-)* 32.dxe7]

30...bxc6-+ 31.Bc2 Nc5 32.Nc4 Rb5 33.dxc6? -3.92/22
[33.d6 -2.37/20 Re8 34.Rhe1]
33...Bxc6 34.Rd4 Ne6 35.Rdd1 Bd5 36.Bd3 -5.86/20
[36.Ba4 -3.74/21 might work better. Bxc4 37.Bxb5 Bxb5 38.Bxa7]
36...Bxc4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.62/Black=0.44
0-1

681 **D00**
□ **Sheng,Joshua** **2375**
■ **So,Wesley** **2822**
PRO League, Internet (rapid) (2) 8.3.17
[Richard Palliser]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6
[As I remarked recently, this has been fairly topical of late. The alternative is 4...Bb4+ 5.c3 Ba5 when 6.e3 *(6.a4 a6 7.b4!?* is likely more critical, as we've seen before*)* 6...0-0 7.Bd3 a6 8.Na3 was seen in Darini-Mousavi, Iranian Championship, Tehran 2017, and after Nbd7 9.Nf3 c5 Black must be fine.]
5.a3!?
[Preparing to retreat to c3. The alternative is 5.e3 and after c6 *(5...Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.h3* turned out well for White in Trjapishko-Gabrielian, Taganrog 2017, as we saw in last month's update*)* 6.Nc3 Nb8 *(6...Qb6* is neutralised by *7.a3!* and after *Ne4?! 8.Nxe4 dxe4 9.Rb1 c5* in Tabatabaei-Mousavi, Iranian Championship, Tehran 2017, one promising path would have been *10.f3!? exf3 11.Nxf3 Bd6 12.Ne5)* 7.Bd3 c5 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.Nf3 0-0 10.0-0 Nc6 11.e4 dxe4 we've tended to focus on the more natural knight recapture and with good reason as 12.Bxe4 Qxd1 13.Raxd1 Nxe4 14.Nxe4 Be7 15.Nd4 Nxd4 16.Rxd4 f5 17.Bd6 (Trjapishko-Kakabaev, Moscow 2017) Rd8 18.Rfd1 *(or 18.Rdd1 Kf7 19.Bxe7 Rxd1 20.Rxd1 Kxe7 21.Ng5 h6 22.Nf3 Bd7 23.Ne5 Bc6* which should really be tenable rook endgame*)* 18...Kf7 19.Bxe7 Rxd4 20.Rxd4 Kxe7 seems fine for Black whose bishop will spring to life.]
5...c6
[So is in no rush. I've previously suggested that Rodshtein's 5...Be7 6.e3 0-0 7.Nf3 c5!? might be more critical.]
6.Nc3 Bd6 7.e3 b6
[This was almost a novelty. A queenside fianchetto makes more sense than 7...Nc7 when I'm still not totally sure where the knight is going and 8.Nf3 Bxf4 9.exf4 Qd6 10.Ne5 gave White definite chances for an edge in that leading Jobava-Prie clash, Jobava-Topalov, Baku Olympiad 2016, as we saw last year.]
8.Nf3 Bxf4
[And this is an actual novelty, 8...0-0 9.Ne5 Qc7 10.Bd3 Bb7 *(10...Nc5!* would have been consistent and equalised *)* 11.Qf3 Nd7?! 12.Qh3 having left White slightly for choice in Curien-Brait, Basel 2017.]
9.exf4 0-0 10.Be2
[10.Bd3 c5 11.0-0 Bb7 12.Re1 would be a calm approach, but perhaps So has realised that Black can get away with Nc7 13.Ne5 c4 14.Be2 . Yes, his bishop is bad, but the queenside pawns will roll and Nfe8! rather crosses White's plans.]

10...c5 11.0-0 Nb8 Very unhurried, improving Black's worst-placed piece while preparing to exchange off his potentially bad bishop. **12.Ne5 Ba6 13.Nb5!?**

[Sheng wants to preserve his bishop. Most likely I'd prefer 13.Bxa6 Nxa6 14.Re1 when Black should be OK, but White has a bit of pressure and pressure which could easily translate into an edge, as shown by Nd7 15.f5! Nxe5 16.Rxe5 .]

13...Ne4 Black too is, of course, allowed to exploit his semi-outpost. **14.f3 Bxb5**

[14...Nd6! would have been stronger, since Black seems to have sufficient control after 15.Nxd6 *(15.a4 Nf5* is quite awkward*)* 15...Qxd6 16.Bxa6 Nxa6 17.Re1 Nc7 .]

15.fxe4! Bxe2 16.Qxe2 Nd7 Black scurries to complete development. Of course, only White can be slightly better here, but Black is extremely solid and White must be careful not to overextend. **17.exd5 exd5 18.Rad1**

[I also wondered about 18.Qf3!? Nf6 19.dxc5 bxc5 20.c4 , but after dxc4 21.Rad1 Qc7 22.Nxc4 Rad8 White may regret the slightly weakening f2-f4 and Black should be fine.]

18...Nf6 19.c4 Aggressive and challenging enough, but So refuses to panic. **19...Qc7!** Calming stepping out of the path of the white rook as exchanges loom. **20.cxd5 Nxd5 21.dxc5 Qxc5+ 22.Kh1 Rad8 23.Rc1 Qd6 24.Qf3! f6?**

[White's slightly more advanced knight gives him a spot of pressure, but, of course, f4 and e3 could become weak. Here 24...Ne7! would have been sensible, but So instead badly underestimates the danger.]

25.Nc6 Rd7

[And not, of course, 25...Rc8 26.Qxd5+! .]

26.Rfd1 The pin is going to win material. **26...Rc8!** Good defence from So, enabling him to gain rook and knight for the queen. **27.Ne7+! Nxe7 28.Rxc8+ Nxc8 29.Rxd6 Nxd6 30.Qc6 Re7 31.h3**

[31.Qd5+! Kh8 32.Kg1 would have been simple and strong. A timely advance of the white g-pawn should dispel any illusions about a fortress.]

31...Ne4 32.g4 g5! A good practical try, hoping to gain some squares for the knight. **33.Kg2 Kg7 34.h4 gxf4 35.Kf3 Nc5 36.Kxf4?**

[An easy move to make when relying largely on just the two-second increment. 36.Qd6! Rd7 37.Qxf4 was the way to recapture, although after Nd3 38.Qf5 Ne5+ 39.Ke4 Re7 Black can begin to entertain definite hopes of holding out.]

36...Nd3+ 37.Kg3 Re3+ Black's two pieces combine perfectly to force perpetual as the white king can't go to f3, although... **38.Kg2 Re2+ 39.Kf3??** Whoops. **39...Ne5+ 40.Kxe2 Nxc6 41.Ke3 Ne5 42.Kf4 Nd3+**

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682 **D00**

□ **Tokhirjonova,Gulrukhbegim** **2374**

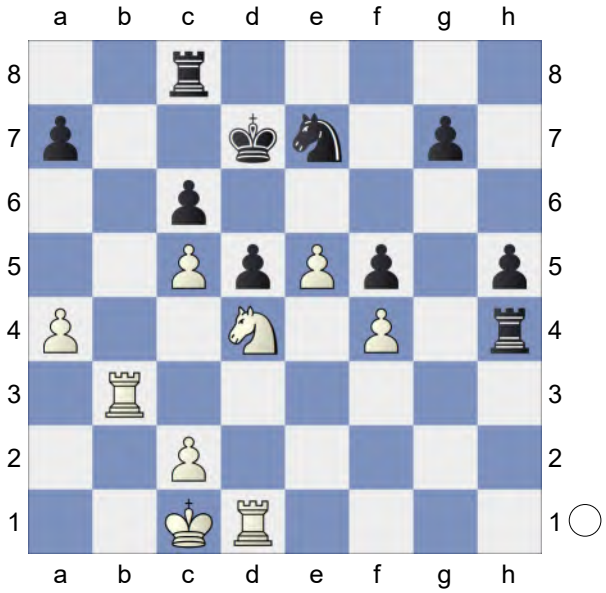
■ **Cervantes Landeiro,Thalia** **2302**

USA Ch w 2024 (6.6) 17.10.2024

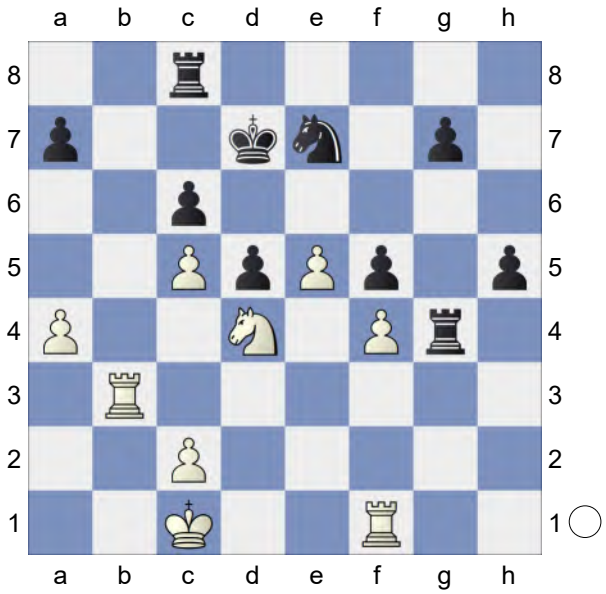
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 c6 4.e3 Bf5 5.f3 e6 6.g4 Bg6 7.h4** And now h5 would win.

7...h5 0.32/19
[7...h6= 0.01/20]
8.g5± White is slightly better. **8...Ng8** is currently scoring better than 8...Nfd7. wohl besser als 8...Sfd7. is currently scoring better than 8...Nfd7. wohl besser als 8...Sfd7. **9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Bd6 11.g6** 0.24/20
[11.Nge2± 0.55/17]
11...f6= 12.Nge2 Ne7 13.0-0-0 Qc7 0.51/19
[13...Bxf4= 0.12/20 14.Nxf4 Qd6]
14.Bxd6± Qxd6 15.e4 Nd7 16.f4 f5!N
[16...0-0-0 0.77/19 16...f5 0.35 17.e5 0.07/18 *(17.f5!± 0.77/19)* 17...Qc7= 18.Ng3 f5 19.Rhg1 Rh6 20.Qe2 -0.26/20 *(20.Rdf1± 0.31/18)* 20...Rdh8= 21.Nf1 Nxg6 22.Qf2 Ndf8 1-0 Zaragatski,I (2522)-Harris,I (2177) Titled Tuesday intern op 02nd Nov blitz 2021 (1) 1-0 Zaragatski,I (2522)-Harris,I (2177) Titled Tuesday intern op 02nd Nov blitz 2021 (1)]
17.e5 Qc7 18.Rhg1 0-0-0 19.Na4 Rh6 20.Qa3 Nxg6 21.Rd3
[21.Nac3!?]
21...Qa5 22.b4 Qa6 23.Qb3 -0.44/22
[23.Nc5= 0.01/22 Qxa3+ 24.Rxa3]
23...Rg8 -0.01/21
[23...Nxh4∓ -0.44/22 24.Rxg7 Rg6]
24.Nc5 -0.46/21
[24.Kd2= -0.01/21]
24...Nxc5∓ 25.dxc5 Ne7 0.03/23
[25...Nxh4∓ -0.88/22 Threatens to win with ...Rg6. 26.b5 Qxb5 27.Qxb5 cxb5]
26.Nd4 Qc4 27.a4 Rg6 28.Rgd1 -1.00/23
[28.Rxg6∓ -0.40/22 Nxg6 29.Qxc4 dxc4 30.Rf3]
28...Qxb3∓ 29.Rxb3 Rg4 30.Nxe6 Rxh4 31.b5 Kd7 32.Nd4 aiming for bxc6+. **32...Rc8** 0.81/20
[32...Rxf4∓ -0.89/23 and life is bright. 33.bxc6+ Nxc6 34.e6+ *(34.Rxb7+ Kc8∓)* 34...Kc8]
33.bxc6+± bxc6



34.Rf1 0.01/21 &Bianco is much more active.
[White should try 34.a5!± 0.83/22]
34...Rg4 1.17/22
[34...a5= 0.01/21 keeps the balance.]



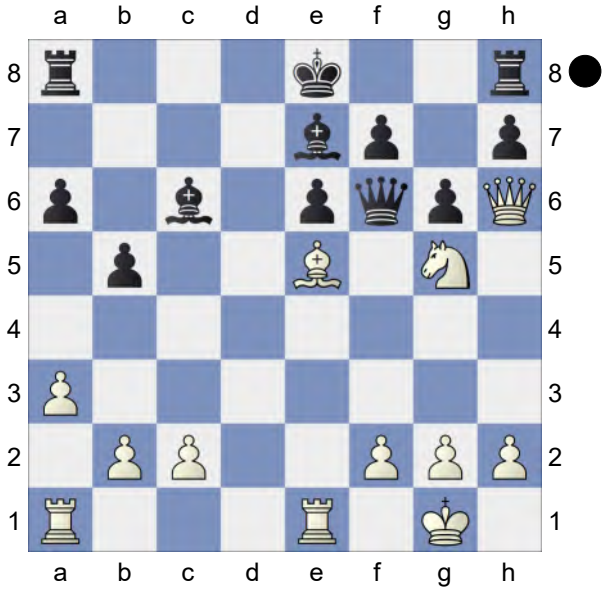
35.a5! Strongly threatening a6. White has strong compensation. **35...Kc7?** 2.90/22 Loses the game.

[35...g5± 0.88/20 was worth a try.]
36.a6+- Rb8 Against Rb7+ **37.Rff3**
[Weaker is 37.Ne6+ Kc8±]
37...h4 38.Ne6+ Kc8? 12.35/24
[38...Kd7 3.09/25 39.Rxb8 Kxe6]
39.Rxb8+ Kxb8 Endgame KRN-KRN **40.Rb3+ Kc8 41.Rb7** White threatens Rc7+ and mate. **41...h3 42.Rc7+ Kb8 43.Rxe7** White mates. **43...Kc8 44.Rc7+ Kb8 45.Rd7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) / Black=0.47 **45...Rg1+** 0
1-0

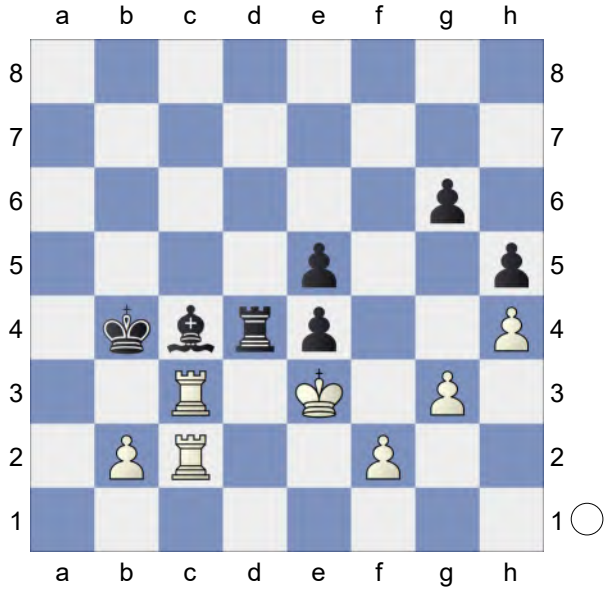
683 **D00**
□ **Divya,Deshmukh** **2372**
■ **Kobalia,Mihail** **2547**
Abu Dhabi op 29th (2) 17.08.2023
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 g6 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* 1-0 Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 2013*; 5.f4 Qa5 6.Bd2 Qb4 7.Qe2 Qxb2 8.Rb1 Qa3 9.e5 dxe5 10.fxe5 Nfd7 11.e6 fxe6 12.dxe6 Nf6 13.Nb5 Qxa2 14.Nc7+ Kd8 15.Rd1 Nc6 16.Bf4+ Nd4 17.Nxa8 Qxe6 18.Qxe6 Bxe6 19.c3 Bg4* 1-0 Genovese,A (2106)-Burk,E (1200) Germany senior ch-5 final 9901 1999*)* 5...Bg7 6.Bc4 *(6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.a4 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nbd7 11.Re1 a6 12.Bf1 e5 13.a5 Ne8 14.Bd3 Qh4 15.Qg4 Qxg4 16.hxg4 Rc8 17.b3 Nef6 18.g5 Ne8 19.g3 f6 20.Kg2 fxg5* 0-1 7.♗c4 ♕a5 8. ♕d2 e6_6062 (2345)-Jovic,A (2383) Gonfreville op 1979 (3.76)*)* 6...0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 1-0 Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) V0048 www.desc-online.de 2000 (7) gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8 21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9)]
3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.Nf3 c5 6.a3 Nc6 7.Bd3 b5 8.dxc5 The position is equal. Nowadays more popular than 8.0-0. Heutzutage beliebter als 8.0-0.
8...Bxc5N 9.e4 Qb6
[9...dxe4 10.Nxe4 Nxe4 11.Bxe4 Bb7 12.0-0 Qxd1 13.Raxd1 0.13/18 *(*White should play *13.Rfxd1±* 0.71/19 White wants to play c2-c4!. *Rc8 14.c3)* 13...f6 0.69/19 *(13...Na5=* 0.13/18 *)* 14.Rfe1± Rc8? 2.39/22 *(*Better is *14...Rd8!±* 0.69/22 *)* 15.Bd6 1.16/22 *(15.Bd5+-* 2.39/22 *Rd8 16.Bxe6 Rxd1 17.Rxd1)* 15...Bxd6± 16.Rxd6]
10.0-0 dxe4 0.76/20
[10...0-0± 0.31/18]
11.Nxe4± Nxe4 12.Bxe4 Bb7 13.Ng5 Be7 14.Qh5 g6 2.44/19
[14...Bxg5± 0.98/20 is a better defense. 15.Qxg5 *(15.Bxg5 Nd4±)* 15...0-0]
15.Qh6+- Qd4 16.Rfe1 Qf6 17.Bxc6+
[17.Nxh7 Rxh7 *(17...Qxb2? 18.Bxc6+ Bxc6 19.Be5+-)* 18.Qxh7

Qxf4 19.Qh8+ Kd7 20.Rad1+ Bd6∓]
17...Bxc6 18.Be5
[18.Nxh7 Rxh7 *(18...Qxb2? is the wrong capture. 19.Be5+-)* 19.Qxh7 Qxf4-+]



Skewer **18...Qxg5 19.Qxg5 Bxg5** A strong pair of Bishops. **20.Bxh8 0-0-0 21.Bc3 Kb7 22.Red1 Rc8 23.Rd3 Bd5** 2.13/21
[⌓23...h5 1.74/20 24.Rd4 Be7]
24.a4 Rc4 2.48/22
[⌓24...b4 1.92/20]
25.axb5 axb5 26.Rd4 Rc7 27.h4 Be7 28.g3 h5 29.Rd2 Bc5 30.Be5 Rc8 31.c3 b4 32.cxb4 Bxb4 33.Rd4 Bc5 34.Rda4 Bc6 35.Rc4 Bd5 36.Rc3 f6 4.78/25
[⌓36...Bb6 3.00/23 37.Rxc8 Kxc8]
37.Rac1 fxe5 Vorgänger: **38.Rxc5** Endgame KRR-KRB **38...Ra8 39.Rb5+ Ka6 40.Rbc5** 0.01/21
[40.Rcc5+- 4.61/24 Rf8 41.Rb4]
40...Rb8? 4.55/24
[40...Kb7!= 0.01/21 41.Rc7+ Kb6]
41.R1c2 Rb3 42.R5c3 Rb4 43.Re3 Rd4 4.82/25
[⌓43...e4 3.43/22 44.Kf1 Kb6]
44.Kf1 0-1 Saric,I (2657)-Firouzja,A (2777) Zagreb SuperUnited Blitz 2023 (10) White is clearly winning.
[44.Rxe5? gets mated. Rd1+]
44...e4 45.Ra3+ Kb5 46.Ke2 Bc4+ 47.Ke3 e5 48.Rac3 and Rc3xc4! should not be overlooked **48...Kb4**



49.Rxc4+! Double Attack. Black got outplayed after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.30/Black=0.54 Loss on time!?
0-1

684 **D00**
□ **Colovic,Dusan** **2370**
■ **Slobodjanac,Sinisa** **1817**
22. Bosnjaci Open (1.11) 03.01.2017
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c6 4.e3 Bf5 5.f3 e6 6.g4 Bg6 7.h4 h5 8.g5 Nfd7 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 b5N**
[10...g6 11.e4 a6 12.Qe2 Nb6 13.Be5 Rg8 14.Qh2 N8d7 15.Bc7 Qe7 16.Nge2 Nc4 17.0-0 f6 18.exd5 exd5 19.Rae1 Nd2 20.Qf2

Ne5 21.Bxe5 fxe5 22.Nf4 Nc4 23.b3 Qb4 24.Ncxd5 1-0 (24) Bargsten,J (2108)-Berres,E (1866) Walsrode 2023]
[10...Na6 11.0-0-0 b5 12.g6 f6 13.e4 Nb6 14.Nxb5 Nb4 15.Nc7+ Kd7 16.Qe2 Na4 17.exd5 Nxa2+ 18.Kd2 e5 19.Nxa8 Qa5+ 20.Ke3 exf4+ 21.Kxf4 Bd6+ 0-1 (21) Sandoval Mercado,C (2291)-Sammed Jaykumar,S (2454) Chess.com INT 2023]
[10...Bb4 11.Nge2 Qe7 12.0-0-0 Na6 13.e4 Bd6 14.exd5 exd5 15.Rhe1 0-0-0 16.Kb1 Bxf4 17.Nxf4 Qd6 18.Qd2 Rde8 19.Re3 Rxe3 20.Qxe3 Nc7 21.Re1 Re8 22.Qxe8+ Nxe8 23.Rxe8+ Kc7 24.Nfxd5+ 1-0 (24) Al Sabti,A (1578)-Al Makhamari,A (1765) Suhar 2024]
[10...c5 11.Nge2 a6 12.g6 f6 13.e4 c4 14.Qe3 Be7 15.exd5 e5 16.dxe5 fxe5 17.Bxe5 Bxh4+ 18.Bg3+ Qe7 19.Qxe7+ Bxe7 20.Nf4 Nf6 21.Ne6 Rg8 22.Nc7+ 1-0 (22) Osmonbekov,T (2137)-Goriatchkin,J (2318) Chess.com INT 2022]

11.e4 0.19/17 &Bianco is more active.
[11.g6± 0.69/18]

11...Nb6 0.67/16
[11...b4= 0.19/17]

12.Nge2 0.24/16
[12.g6± 0.67/16]

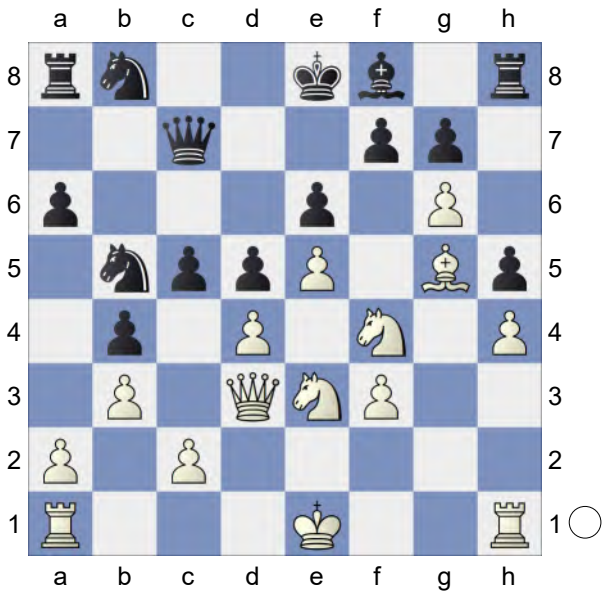
12...b4= 13.Nd1 Nc4 0.63/18
[13...c5= 0.18/18 deserves consideration.]

14.b3± Nd6 0.96/17
[14...Nb6± 0.63/16 should be considered.]

15.Ne3 Qa5 16.e5 Nb5 1.33/19
[16...Nc8± 0.62/19]

17.g6± Qc7 18.Bg5 a6 1.61/20
[18...Nc3± 1.03/16 was worth a try.]

19.Nf4+- c5? 4.71/20
[19...Qb7± 1.53/16 is tougher. 20.0-0 c5 21.gxf7+ Qxf7 22.Nexd5 *(22.Ng6 Rg8±)* 22...Nxd4]



20.Nexd5! exd5 7.35/20
[⌓20...Qb7 4.81/21 21.gxf7+ Qxf7]
[20...Qa7 21.Ne7]

21.gxf7+ Remove Defender **21...Kxf7**

22.Ng6? -0.01/20
[22.Qf5+ Kg8 23.0-0-0 *(23.Nxd5 Qb7±; 23.Ng6? Nc6-+)* 23...Nc3±]
[22.Qg6++- 9.37/20 Kg8 23.Nxd5]

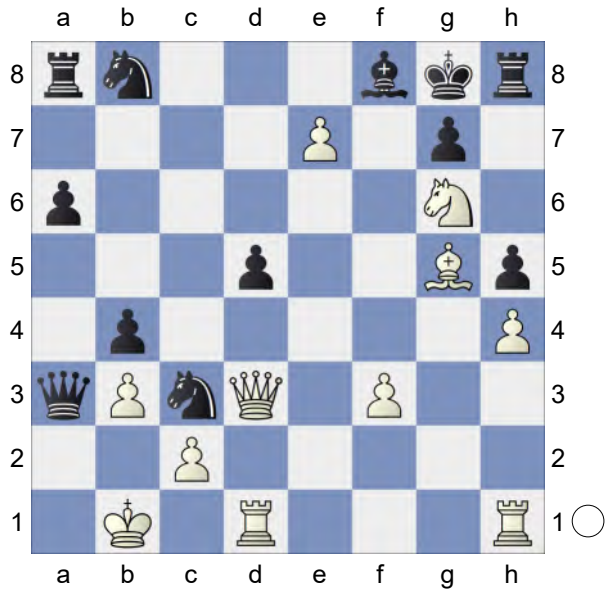
22...Kg8= And now ...Nc6 would win.

23.dxc5!
[23.Nxh8 Kxh8 24.f4 *(24.Qf5? Nc6-+)* 24...Nxd4-+]
[23.Qf5? Nc6 24.Qe6+ Kh7 25.Nxh8 Kxh8-+]

23...Qxc5 24.0-0-0 -0.45/20
[24.Nxh8 Kxh8 25.Kf1 Nc6∓]
[24.Nxf8= 0.01/20 feels stronger. Kxf8 25.Qf5+ Kg8 26.Qe6+ Kh7 27.Qf5+ Kg8 28.Qe6+ Kh7 29.Qf5+ Kg8]

24...Nc3 -0.01/18
[24...Nc6∓ -0.45/20 25.Qxd5+ *(25.Nxh8 Kxh8 26.Qxd5 Qc3∓)*

25...Qxd5 26.Rxd5 Rh7]
25.e6 e7 is the strong threat. The position is equal. **25...Nc6** Prevents e7.
[Don't play 25...Nxd1 26.e7 Nc6 27.exf8Q+ Rxf8 28.Rxd1±]
[25...Nxa2+? 26.Kb2 Qa5 27.e7 *(27.Qxd5?* gets mated. *Qa3+ 28.Kb1 Nc3#)* 27...Qa3+ 28.Kb1 Nc3+

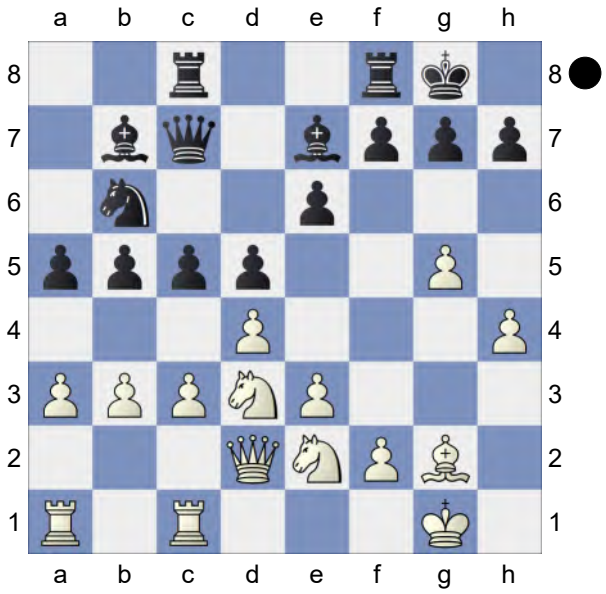


29.Qxc3!! bxc3 30.exf8Q+ Qxf8 31.Nxf8 Kxf8 32.Rxd5+-]
26.Qf5 Bd6 Inhibits e7. **27.Rde1** Black must now prevent Qf7+. Really sharp! **27...Nd4 28.Ne7+!** Decoy **28...Bxe7 29.Qf7+ Kh7 30.Qxh5+ Kg8 31.Qf7+ Kh7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) /Black=0.34
½-½

685 **D00**
□ **Dolezal,Cristian** **2368**
■ **Lazavik,Denis** **2577**
Titled 5. Apr Late (5) 15.04.2025
[TA]

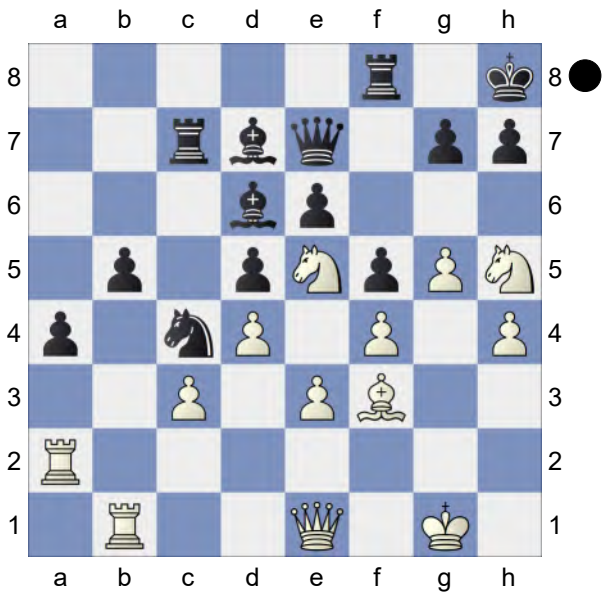
D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (120 (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ (41) Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 (41) Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 (23) Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]
3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.g4 Bb4 6.Nge2 b5 7.a3 Be7 8.g5 The position is equal. **8...Nh5** White should prevent ... Nxf4! **9.h4 Nxf4 10.Nxf4 Nd7** 0.27/22
[⌓10...Qd6! -0.14/21]
11.Bg2 -0.37/21
[11.Qh5= 0.27/22]
11...Nb6 12.b3 c5 13.Nce2 -0.90/21
[13.a4∓ -0.54/21]
13...Bb7 -0.33/20
[Better is 13...c4∓ -0.90/21]
14.c3 -0.79/21
[14.Nd3∓ -0.33/20 is superior.]

14...Qc7 15.Qd2 0-0 16.0-0 a5 17.Rfc1 Rac8 -0.53/19
[17...c4∓ -0.94/18 18.b4 axb4 19.axb4 Ra4]
18.Nd3? -2.25/22
[18.dxc5∓ -0.53/19 Qxc5 *(18...Bxc5 19.Nd4∓)* 19.Nh5]



White does not recover from this.
18...c4-+ 19.bxc4 Nxc4 20.Qd1 Bxa3 21.Rcb1 Bc6 22.Ng3 Bd6 23.Nh5 a4 24.Qg4 Kh8 25.Ra2 Bd7 26.Qd1 Qd8 27.Qe1 f5 28.f4 Qe7 29.Bf3 Rc7 30.Ne5? -3.99/21
[30.Rc1 -2.38/22]

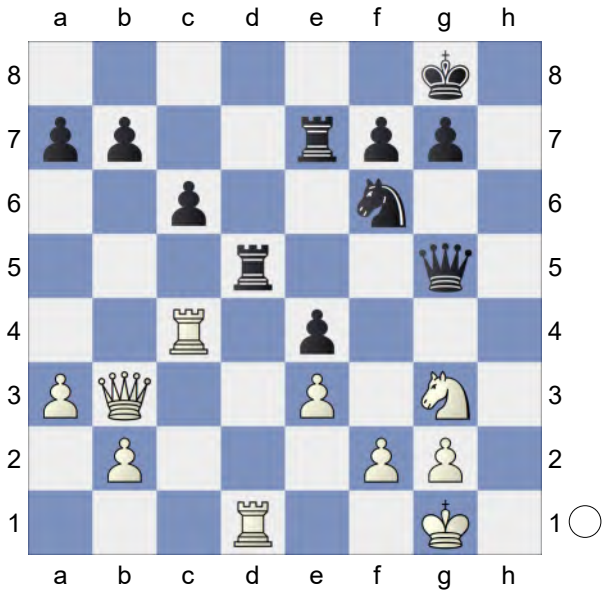
(Diagram)



30...Rfc8 31.Rg2 Be8 32.g6 Bxe5 33.fxe5 Bxg6 34.Nf4 Be8 35.h5 Na3 36.Rc1 b4 37.Rg6 -7.26/19
[⌓37.Bxd5 -4.11/18 Rxc3 *(37...exd5? 38.Nxd5 Qd8 39.Nxc7-+)* 38.Rxc3 Rxc3 39.h6]
37...Bxg6 38.Nxg6+ hxg6 39.hxg6 Qg5+ 40.Kf1 Kg8 41.Ke2 Rxc3 42.Qh1 Rc2+ -14.39/20
[⌓42...Qxe3+ -#6/19 43.Kf1 Rxc1+ *(43...Qxc1+* is a self mate. *44.Kf2 Rc2+ 45.Kg3 Qg5+ 46.Kh3 R8c3 47.Qg2 Qxg2+ 48.Kh4 Qh2+ 49.Kg5 Qh6#)* 44.Kg2 R8c2+ *(44...Rxh1* leads to mate. *45.Kxh1 Qxf3+ 46.Kg1 Rc1+ 47.Kh2 Rh1#)* 45.Kg3 Qg5+ 46.Kh3 Rxh1+ 47.Bxh1 Qg4#]
43.Kd3 R8c3#
Weighted Error Value: White=0.74/ Black=0.33
0-1

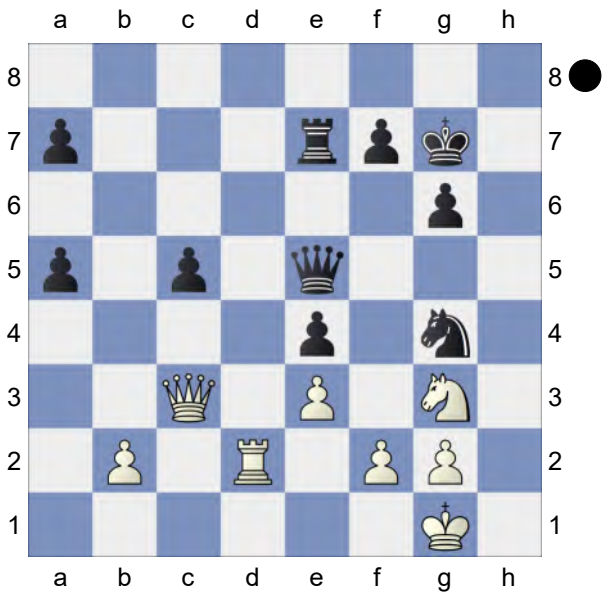
686 **A45**
□ **Dolezal,C** **2368**
■ **Kosakowski,Jakub** **2522**
Titled Tue 22nd Apr Early blitz (1)
[TA]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Bb4+ 5.c3 Ba5 6.e3 0-0 7.Nf3 c6
[7...a6 8.Na3 c6 9.Bd3 Nbd7 10.Nb1 Bc7 11.0-0 c5 12.Nbd2 b5 13.Ne5 Nxe5 14.dxe5 Nd7 15.Nf3 h6 16.Bc2 c4 17.g4 Qe8 18.Bg3 Bb7 19.g5 h5 20.g6 fxg6 21.Nh4 Rf5 22.f4 1-0 (73) Torombot (2991)-Aks Mantissa (2729) Rapid 2024]
8.Na3 The position is equal. **8...Bc7N**
[8...Nbd7 9.Bd3 Ne4 10.0-0 f5 11.c4 Bc7 12.Bxc7 Qxc7 13.Nb1 b6 14.Nc3 Bb7 15.Rc1 Qd6 16.Ne2 Rad8 17.a3 Kh8 18.b4 dxc4 19.Bxc4 Qe7 20.Nf4 Rf6 21.Qe2 e5 22.dxe5 Nxe5 23.Nxe5 1-0 (36) Caruana,F (2804)-Lagarde,M (2642) Titled Tuesday intern op 16th Jan Late blitz 2024 (5)]
9.Bd3 Nbd7
[9...b6 seems wilder. 10.Ne5 Nfd7 11.Qh5 f5]
10.0-0 Re8 11.Bg3 -0.41/26
[11.Ne5= 0.00/20]
11...e5∓ 12.Bf5 e4 13.Nd2 Nf8 14.Bxc8 Rxc8 15.c4 Ng6 16.cxd5 Nxd5 17.Nac4 -0.95/20
[17.Nab1∓ -0.45/20]
17...Re6 18.a3 -1.57/22
[18.Bxc7∓ -0.67/20 Qxc7 19.Qh5]
18...Bxg3∓ 19.hxg3 Qg5 -0.85/22
[⌓19...b5 -1.45/20 20.Ne5 Nxe5 21.dxe5 Rxe5]
20.Rc1 -1.24/20
[⌓20.Nxe4 -0.85/22 Rxe4 21.Nd6]
20...h5 -0.72/22 Black has more active pieces.
[⌓20...Rce8 -1.24/20 21.b4 h5]
21.Re1 -1.65/22
[21.Nd6∓ -0.72/22 Rxd6 22.Nxe4]
21...h4-+ 22.Nf1 hxg3 -0.65/17
[22...Rf8∓ -1.54/19 23.Na5 Re7]
23.Nxg3∓ Nf6 Prevents Qh5. **24.Ne5** -1.48/18 **Nxe5∓ 25.dxe5 Rxe5 26.Rc4 Rce8** aiming for ...Ng4. **27.Qb3** -1.94/21
[27.Rb4∓ -1.41/22]
27...R8e7-+ 28.Rd1 Rd5? -0.85/27
[28...Ng4-+ -2.48/20 Hoping for ... Qh4. 29.Rdd4 Qg6]



29.Rxd5 Qxd5 30.Qc2 g6 31.Rd4 Qe5 32.Rd8+ Kg7 33.Rd4 c5 34.Rd2 b6 35.a4 Qg5 36.Qc3 Qe5 37.Qc2 Ng4 38.a5 -2.62/25
[38.Qb3∓ -1.34/23]
38...bxa5 39.Qc3? -3.67/21
[39.Nf1 -1.89/23]

(Diagram)



39...Qxc3 40.bxc3 Endgame. KRN-KRN **40...f5 41.Ra2 Rb7 42.Nf1 Rb1 43.Rxa5 Ne5** ...Nc4 would now be deadly. **44.Rxa7+** -3.29/22
[⌓44.Rxc5 -1.97/20 Kf6 45.Ra5]
44...Kf6 45.Ra2 Rc1 46.Rd2 Rxc3 47.Rd1 -5.33/22
[⌓47.Kh2 -3.37/20]
47...Rc2 48.Ng3 Nd3 49.Rf1 c4 50.f3 exf3 51.gxf3 c3 52.e4 Rd2 53.exf5 gxf5 Black mates. **54.Nh5+ Kg5 55.Ng7 c2 56.Ne6+ Kf6 57.Nd4 c1Q 58.Rxc1 Nxc1 59.Kf1 Rxd4**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.60/Black=0.20 (precise)
0-1

687 **D00**
□ **Kozusek,Daniel** **2367**
■ **Hernandez Guerrero,G** **2482**
45. Chess Olympiad Budapest 2024 | Op..
[Kitty Kat]

(90min+30sec)/40+30min D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4** 23 **Nf6** 36 **2.Nc3** 41 **d5** 36 **3.Bf4** 7 **c5** 2:43 **4.e4** 28 **Nxe4** 11:27 **5.Nxe4** 23 **dxe4** 5 **6.dxc5** 6
White wants to play Qxd8+. **6...Qa5+** 36 **7.c3** 7 **Qxc5** 14 **8.Qa4+** 9 **Nc6** 9:39 **9.Qxe4** 9 **Bf5** 2:55 **10.Qa4** 3:41
10.Qa4 is better than 10.Qe3. 10.Da4 ist besser als 10.De3. **10...e5** 2:33 **11.Be3** 1:36 **Qa5** 1:51 **12.Qxa5** 12:35 **Nxa5** 22 **13.Bb5+** 3:12 **Bd7** 2:58 **14.Bxd7+** 9:10 **Kxd7** 6 **15.0-0-0+** 3:15 **Kc7** 8:14 **16.Rd5N** 10:25
[Vorgänger: 16.Nf3 f6 17.Nd2 Be7 18.f4 Rad8 19.fxe5 fxe5 20.Rhe1 Nc6 21.Kc2 b5 22.Re2 1-0 Bortnyk,O (2605)-Amin,B (2688) Titled Tuesday intern op 28th Feb Early blitz 2023 (7)]
16...Nc4 13:55 **17.Nf3** 16 **Nxe3** 0.48/21 24
[17...f6!= 0.14/22 is superior.]
18.fxe3± 8 **f6** 5 **19.Rhd1** 1:09 **Re8** 5 **20.Rd7+** 3:41 **Kc8** 14 **21.e4** 7:10 **Rg8** 1.01/24 4:00
[21...Be7± 0.58/21]
22.Nh4± 8:20
0x0.001ea27c6391dp-1022s more active pieces. The black rooks are badly placed. **22...Bc5** 34 **23.Kc2** 0.25/22 5:51
[23.b4± 0.81/22 Be3+ 24.Kc2]
23...Rd8= 4:02 **24.Rxd8+** 0.23/24 9:35
[24.R7d5± 0.59/24 was preferrable. b6 25.b4 Rxd5 26.Rxd5]
24...Rxd8 9 **25.Rxd8+** 26 **Kxd8±** 6 KB-KN **26.Kb3** 1:10 **Kd7** 3:06
The position is equal. **27.Kc4** 56 **Bf2** 8 **28.Nf3** 50 **Ke6** 12 **29.g4** 35 **g6** 4:29 **30.Kd3** 42 **a6** 2:27 Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.06 (flawless)
½-½

688 **D00**
□ **Omar,Noaman** **2367**
■ **Yilmaz,Mustafa** **2630**
FIDE World Cup, Krasnaya Polyana (1.1)
[Richard Palliser]

Richard Palliser,MH: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines ' **1.d4** Richard Palliser,MH **1...Nf6 2.Nc3 d5** Richard Palliser,MH: 'N'

[2...c5 Richard Palliser,MH 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000 *)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]

3.Bf4 e6 4.e3

[In view of the line that we'll now get to see, 4.Nb5 would be my choice as White, as we've seen on a few occasions before.]

4...Bb4 A critical test of the Jobava-Prie. White now elects to keep his structure intact. **5.Nge2 0-0**

[Sensible and likely best. Instead, 5...Nh5!? 6.a3 Be7 as we considered in Niemann-Saric, Titled Tuesday Blitz 2020, can be met by 7.Be5 .]

6.g4?!

[This ultra-aggressive move is new for us and I'm not totally convinced. Instead, 6.a3 Bd6 7.g3 b6 8.Bg2 Bb7 was very comfortable for me at this stage in Turner-Palliser, Hull 2019, as can also be found in the Archive.]

6...Nxg4!

[Bold, critical and good. Instead, 6...c5 7.a3 Bxc3+ Richard Palliser,MH: '!' 8.Nxc3

A) 8...cxd4 -0.01/21 Richard Palliser,MH: '=' 9.exd4 Qb6 was necessary when Black may still be OK after Richard Palliser,MH: '!' *(9...Nc6* Richard Palliser,MH *)* 10.g5 Ne4;

B) 8...b6? 1.13/19 9.g5 Richard Palliser,MH: ' ±' Nfd7 10.h4 left White sounding the charge and with a dream Jobava-Prie scenario in Ivanisevic-Sanal, Titled Tuesday Blitz 2021.]

7.Rg1 Nf6!?

[I think I prefer this to 7...f5 8.f3 Richard Palliser,MH: '!' Nf6 9.Qd2 when the hole on e5 and half-open g-file undoubtedly give White some compensation. This was seen in the only previous test of 6...Nxg4 and after Nh5 10.Bg5 Be7 in Stankovic-Sanal, Paracin 2021, 11.h4!

would likely have been about equal, if also pretty unbalanced of course: for example, h6 12.Bxe7 Richard Palliser,MH: '!' Qxe7 13.0-0-0 Qxh4?! 14.e4 Richard Palliser,MH: '!' Kh8 0.92/21 *(14...Kh7!=* 0.07/20 Richard Palliser,MH*)* 15.Bg2 when you surely wouldn't feel too comfortable as Black with Rh1 on its way. Richard Palliser,MH: '!']

8.Bh6 Richard Palliser,MH: 'Black has an edge.'

[Those who would like to make 6 g4 somehow work should probably look to improve here. One approach might be 8.Ng3!? followed by Qf3 and h4,]

[another 8.a3!? Be7 9.Qd2 , although in both cases I must admit that neither I nor the engines are fully sold on White's concept.]

8...Ne8 Calm, and good. **9.Qd3?!**

[Now Black's counterplay begins to arrive. As such, 9.a3 Be7 10.e4 was likely a better try, although even here dxe4 11.Nxe4 Nc6!? looking to break with ...e5 feels like a pretty good version of a French for Black.]

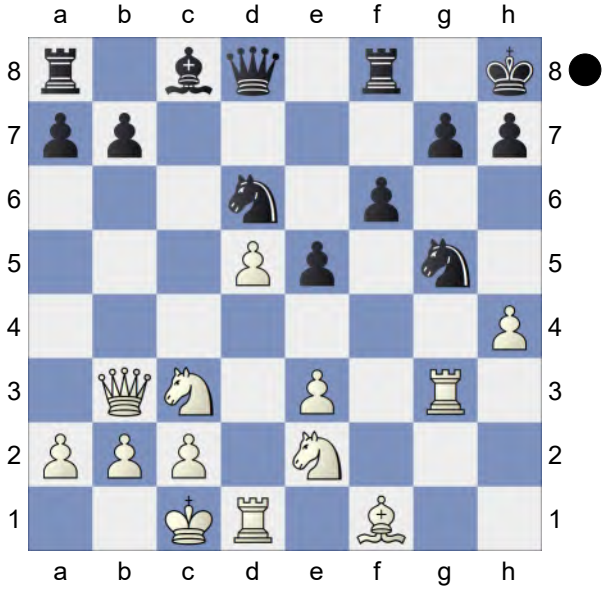
9...c5 10.dxc5 Allowing the option of ... c4 and ...b5 would have been very hard to do, but was actually the lesser evil in the view of the silicon. **10...Bxc5 11.0-0-0** Richard Palliser,MH: ' Nc3xd5! is the strong threat.' **11...Nd7** -0.57/19

[11...Nc6∓ -0.96/20 Richard Palliser, MH 12.e4 Bxf2]

12.e4 Clearly consistent and the only real try to drum something up as White, but now the Turkish Grandmaster begins to show his class. **12...Kh8 13.Bg5 f6!** Keeping lines closed and White's pieces firmly at bay. **14.exd5!?** -1.68/23

[Desperately attempting to complicate as 14.Bf4? -1.85/21 Richard Palliser, MH: '14.Bg5-e3 -0.58' e5 would only help Black,]

[while 14.Be3 -0.57/22 Richard Palliser,MH: ' ∓!' Ne5! 15.Qb5 Richard Palliser,MH: '!' Bxe3+ 16.fxe3 Nd6 would have seen Black beginning to take over the initiative: for example, 17.Qb3 Nf3 18.Rg3 Ng5 Richard Palliser,MH: '!' 19.exd5 e5 20.h4 Richard Palliser,MH: '



' Ngf7 when everything is under control and the b- and a-pawns all set to race down the board towards the white queen and king. Richard Palliser, MH: '!']

14...Ne5!? -1.03/22

[Black actually could have touched the piece: 14...fxg5! 15.dxe6 Bxf2 16.Rg2 *(or 16.exd7 Bxd7 17.Rg2 Bb6)* 16...Qe7! 17.exd7 Bxd7 when White is a pawn down and just in some trouble in view of 18.Qxd7 -2.21/25 *(18.Nd5∓* -1.40/24 Richard Palliser,MH *Qe5 19.Nec3)* 18...Qxd7 Richard Palliser,MH: '-+' 19.Rxd7 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Kc1-b1! would now be deadly.' Be3+

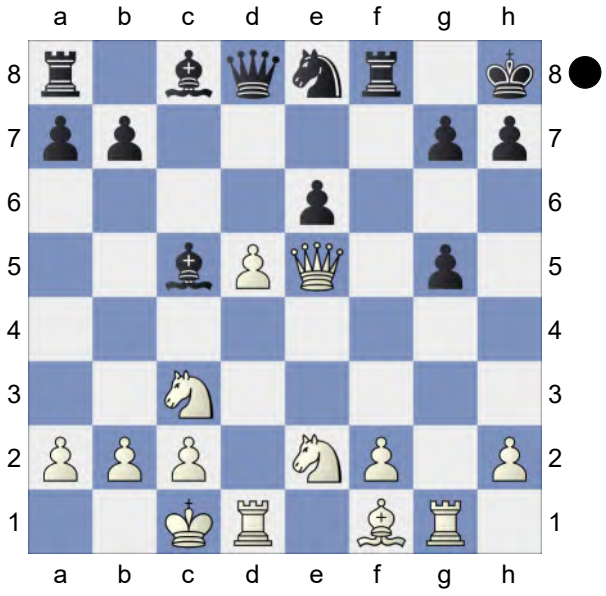
20.Kb1 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Black must now prevent Ne2-g3.' Rxf1+ .]

15.Qg3? -1.91/22

[Black swiftly takes over after this. Omar had to try 15.Qb5 -1.03/22 Richard Palliser,MH: ' ∓' Richard Palliser,MH: ' is a better defense.' Bxf2 16.dxe6 Qe7 when, for instance, 17.Qxe5! Bxg1 18.Nxg1 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Hoping for Ng1-h3!' fxg5 19.Bc4 Nc7 leaves Black better, but at least the mighty pawn on e6 gives White some hope.]

15...fxg5 Richard Palliser,MH: '-+'

16.Qxe5 Richard Palliser,MH: '



' **16...Rf5!** It's possible White had missed this strong resource. His queen simply doesn't have a great square.

[16...Rxf2 Richard Palliser,MH 17.dxe6 *(17.Qxg5? Qxg5+* Remove Defender *18.Rxg5 Be3+ 19.Kb1 Bxg5-+)* 17...Qe7 18.Nd4= *(18.Rxg5 Bd6∓)*]

17.Qe4 Nf6

[Stronger than 17...Rxf2 Richard Palliser,MH 18.dxe6 Qe7 19.Bh3∓]

18.Qc4 -3.62/21

[⩲18.Qd3 -2.13/19 Richard Palliser, MH]

18...Bxf2 Finally this pawn falls and with it the game is pretty much up for White.

19.dxe6 Qe7 20.Bh3 -5.29/23 Richard Palliser,MH: '?'

[20.Rg2 -4.11/23 Richard Palliser, MH: '?' Richard Palliser,MH: '20.Qc4-d3 -2.55' Be3+ 21.Kb1 Bxe6 would be much more than just an extra pawn for Black, as we can see from 22.Qa4 -6.54/21 Richard Palliser, MH: '?' *(22.Qd3* -3.91/22 Richard Palliser,MH *Re5 23.Ng1)* 22...b5! Richard Palliser,MH: '-+!' 23.Nxb5 Rxf1! 24.Rxf1 Bh3 25.Rgf2 Bxf2 26.Rxf2 Ne4 when the rook must fall.]

[Instead, probably the last chance was 20.Qd3 -2.97/23 Bxe6 21.Rg2 , although White surely wouldn't have survived after, say, Qc5 22.Ng3 Re5 when Black would have continued to dominate the board.]

20...Bxe6 Richard Palliser,MH: 'Black is clearly winning.'

[20...Qxe6? (Richard Palliser,MH) perishes. 21.Rd8+ Ng8 22.Qxe6 Bxe6 23.Rxa8+-]

21.Qd3 Re5 22.Bxe6 Bxg1 The exchange in arrears, Omar had unsurprisingly seen enough. Richard Palliser,MH: 'The exchange in arrears, Omar had unsurprisingly seen enough. Weighted Error Value: White=0.51/ Black=0.16 (very precise) '

[22...Rxe6 Richard Palliser,MH 23.Rgf1 Bb6 24.Qc4-+]

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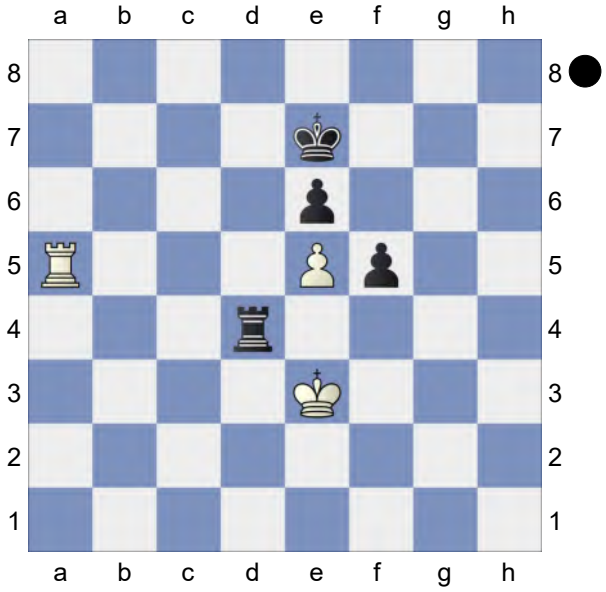
689 **A45**
□ **Kiolbasa,Oliwia** **2366**
■ **Urkedal,F** **2562**
4th Hotel Stockholm North (2.5) 9.6.25
[TA]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.a3 c5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.h3 Qa5N 0.08/21
[⩲7...b5 -0.29/22 8.Bd3 b4 9.axb4 cxb4 10.Na4 Bd6 11.0-0 Bxf4 12.exf4 0-0 13.Re1 a5 14.Nc5 Nd7 15.Nxd7 Qxd7 16.Bxh7+ Kxh7 17.Ng5+ Kg6 18.Qg4 f5 19.Qh4 Qe7 20.Re5 Bd7 21.Qh7+ Kf6 22.Qh4 Rh8 1-0 (45) Athena Pallada (2984)-Miki Train (2606) Blitz 2024]
[7...Bd6 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.Bd3 Qe7 10.0-0 0-0 *(10...h6 11.Bg3 0-0 12.e4 dxe4 13.Nxe4 Nxe4 14.Bxe4 Rd8 15.Qe2 Bd7 16.Rfd1 Be8 17.b4 Bd6 18.Bxd6 Rxd6 19.Rxd6 Qxd6 20.Rd1 Qc7 21.c4 Rd8 22.c5 Kf8 23.h4 Ke7 24.g3 Rxd1+ 25.Qxd1* 1-0 (51) Athena Pallada (2932)-Reyenigma (2620) Blitz 2024*)* 11.e4 d4 12.e5 dxc3 13.exf6 gxf6 14.bxc3 f5 15.Bg5 f6 16.Bh6 Rd8 17.Qe2 Kh8 18.Rfe1 Qf7 19.Bc4 Qg6 20.Bf4 Bd6 21.Nh4 Qg7 22.Bxd6 1-0 Bortnyk,O (2605)-Hansen, E (2609) Titled Tuesday intern op 11th Apr Late blitz 2023 (10)]
[7...Qb6 8.Be2 Bd7 9.0-0 cxd4 10.exd4 Ne4 11.Rb1 Be7 12.Bd3 f5 13.Na4 Qa5 14.Nc5 Nxc5 15.b4 Qd8 16.bxc5 g5 17.Be5 Rg8 18.Rxb7 g4 19.hxg4 Rxg4 20.Re1 Kf7 21.c4 dxc4 22.Bxc4 1-0 (26) Athena Pallada (2934)-Pohalifmanu (2727) Blitz 2024]
8.Qd2= The position is equal. **8...b5 9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.Bd3 b4 11.Na2 Qb6**
[11...bxa3? 12.Qxa5 Nxa5 13.b4+-]
12.axb4 Remove Defender **12...Nxb4 13.Nxb4 Bxb4** Pin **14.c3 Be7 15.0-0 0-0 16.Qc2 Bb7 17.Ra2 Rfc8 18.Rfa1 Ne4 19.Nd2 Nxd2 20.Qxd2 Bf6 21.Qe2 a5 22.e4 d4 23.e5 Be7 24.Be4 Bxe4 25.Qxe4 dxc3 26.bxc3 Bc5 27.Rb1 Qc6**
[27...Qa7 is interesting. 28.Rb7 Qa6 29.Ra4 Rd8]
28.Qxc6 Rxc6 29.Ra4 Bb6 30.c4 h6 31.Rb5 Rd8 32.g3 g5 33.Be3 Bxe3 34.fxe3 Endgame. KRR-KRR **34...Rd2 35.Kf1** Against Re2 **35...Kg7 36.Rbxa5 Rc2 37.g4 Rh2**
[37...R6xc4? 38.Rxc4 Rxc4 39.Kg2-+]
38.Ra6 Rxa6 39.Rxa6 Rxh3 KR-KR **40.Kf2 Rh4 41.Kf3 h5 42.gxh5 Rxc4 43.e4 Rc3+ 44.Kg4 Rc5 45.Kxg5** Threatens to win with h6+. **45...Rxe5+ 46.Kf4 Rxh5 47.e5 Kg6 48.Ra7 Rh4+ 49.Ke3 Rh7 50.Kf4 f5 51.Ra6 Rh4+ 52.Kf3 Kf7 53.Ra7+ Ke8 54.Ra6 Kd7 55.Rd6+ Ke7 56.Ra6 Re4 57.Ra5 Kd7 58.Rc5 Re1 59.Kf4 Rg1 60.Kf3 Rg4 61.Rc2 Rd4 62.Rc3 Re4 63.Rc5 Kd8 64.Kg3! Rd4 65.Rc3 Re4 66.Rc5 Ke7 67.Kf3 Kf7 68.Ra5 Kg6 69.Rb5 Kg5 70.Ra5 Kg6**
[70...Rh4!? 71.Ra6□ Rh3+ 72.Kg2 Rh6=]
71.Rb5 Re1 72.Kf2 Rd1 73.Rb6 Kf7 74.Kf3 Rd3+ 75.Kf4 Rd4+ 76.Kf3 Rc4 77.Ra6 Ke7 78.Ra7+ Kd8 ...Re4 is the strong threat. **79.Ra6! Kd7 80.Rd6+ Ke7** ...Re4 would now be deadly. **81.Ra6 Rc1 82.Ra7+ Kd8 83.Ra6 Kd7 84.Rd6+ Ke7 85.Ra6 Rf1+ 86.Ke2?** -5.93/38
[86.Kg3!= 0.00/26]
86...Rf4!-+ 87.Ra5 Rd4? 0.00/29
[87...Kd8-+ -5.90/31 88.Ke3 Re4+

89.Kf2 Kc7 90.Rc5+ Kb6 Deflection]

88.Ke3? -4.75/31

[88.Kf3!= 0.00/29 and White has nothing to worry.]



88...Re4+? 0.00/41

[88...Rc4!-+ -4.75/31 89.Ra7+ Kd8]

89.Kf3= Kf8 90.Rb5 Kg7 91.Ra5 Kh6 92.Rb5 Kh5 93.Ra5 Kg5 94.Rb5 Rf4+

[94...Re1!? 95.Kf2□ Re4=]

95.Kg2! Rg4+

[95...Kg4!? 96.Rb6□ Re4 97.Rxe6 Re2+ 98.Kf1 Kf3=]

96.Kf3 f4 97.Rb8 Strongly threatening Rg8+. **97...Rg3+ 98.Ke4! Re3+ 99.Kd4 Re1 100.Rf8?** -6.33/32 This move loses the game for White.

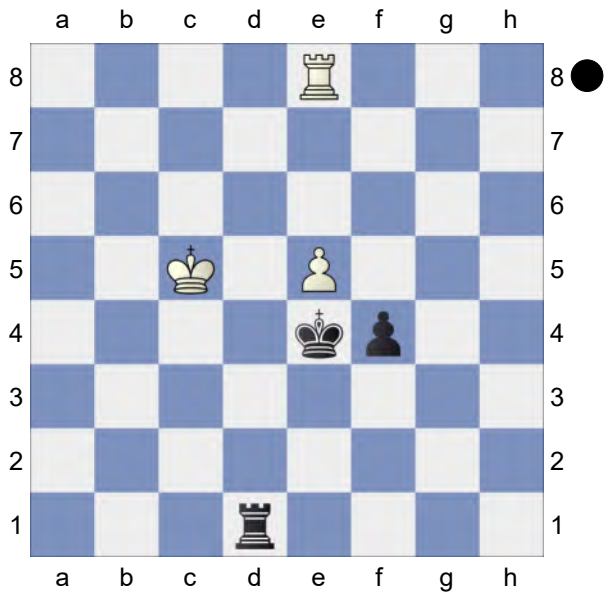
[100.Rh8∓ -0.48/24]

100...Kg4-+ aiming for ...Kf3. **101.Rf6** -8.11/33

[⌓101.Rh8 -4.99/20 Ra1 102.Rb8]

101...Kf3 102.Rxe6 Rd1+ 103.Kc5 Ke4 And now ...Rd5+ would win. **104.Re8**

(Diagram)



Rd5+! 105.Kc4 f3

[105...Rxe5 106.Rxe5+ Kxe5 107.Kd3=]

106.Kc3 Rxe5 -9.56/24

Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless)

[⌓106...f2 -#24/25 107.Rf8 Rd3+ *(107...Rxe5 108.Rxf2 Rd5 109.Rf6=)* 108.Kc4 Rf3 *(108...Kxe5 109.Kxd3 Kd5 110.Rxf2 Ke5 111.Re2+ Kf5 112.Kd4 Kf4 113.Rf2+ Kg3 114.Rf6)* 109.Rxf3 Kxf3 110.Kd4 f1Q *(110...f1B 111.e6=)* 111.e6 Qd1+ 112.Kc4 Ke4 113.e7 Qd4+ 114.Kb3 Qe5 115.Kb4 Kd4 *(115...Qxe7+* is a self mate. *116.Kc4 Qc7+ 117.Kb4 Kd4 118.Kb3 Kd3 119.Ka4 Kc4 120.Ka3 Qh2 121.Ka4 Qa2#)* 116.Kb3 Qxe7 117.Kc2 Qb4 118.Kd1 Kd3 119.Kc1 Qb8 120.Kd1 Qb1#]

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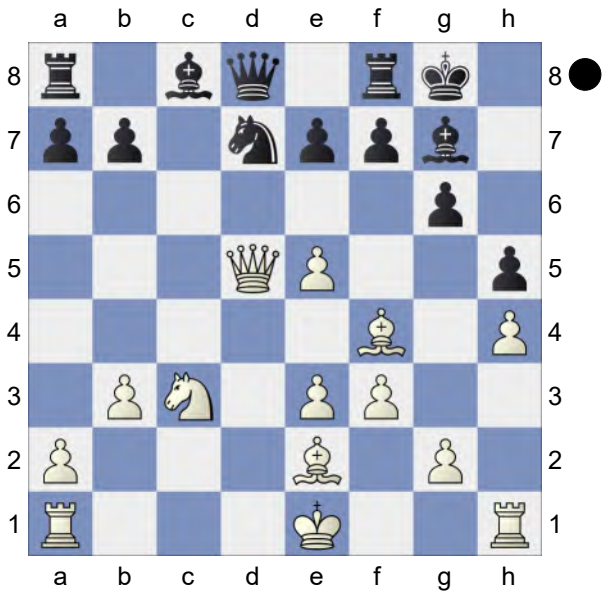
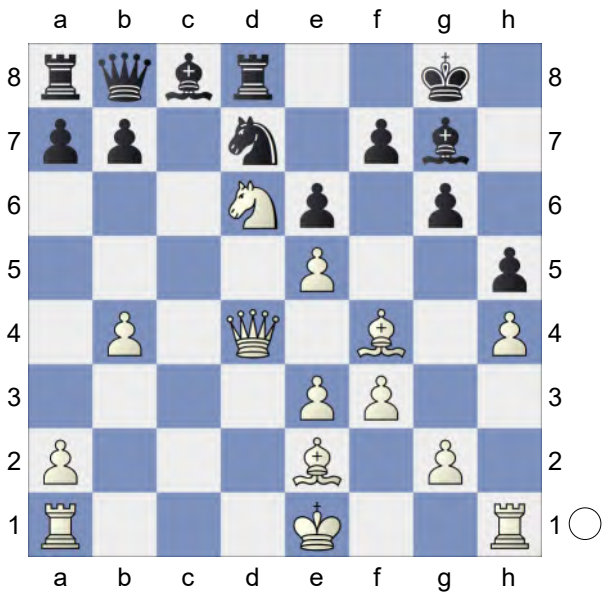
690 **D01**
□ **Badacsonyi,Stanley** **2363**
■ **Watson,William N** **2458**
2024 London Chess Classic | Super Blitz..
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 1-0 (88)*; 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Qe2 Nb6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qe3 a6 11.Be2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Ne8 13.a5 Nd7 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.0-0 b6 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Na4 Qb8 19.Ra3 Nc7* Bauer,C (1731)-Muessig, F (1863) Mainz 1997 EXT 2000 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (57)*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) www.desc-online.de 2000 CBM 166 [Beliavsky, Alexander G] 1-0 (41)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]
3.Bf4 c6 4.e3 g6 5.h4 Bg7 6.Be2 h5 7.Nf3 0-0 8.Ne5 The position is equal. **8...c5 9.Qd2 Nc6 10.f3 c4 11.b3 cxb3 12.cxb3 Nxe5 13.dxe5 Nd7 14.Qxd5** -0.12/21
[14.Nxd5 0.26/18 might be stronger. Nxe5 15.Rc1]

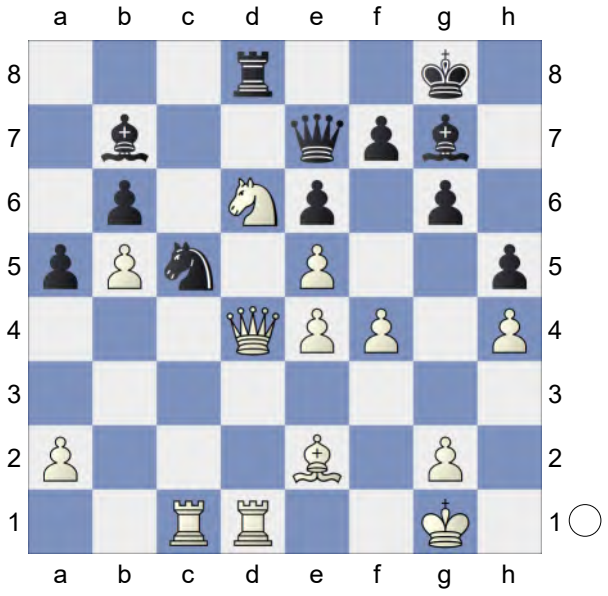


14...e6 1.09/20
[14...Nxe5!= -0.12/21 keeps the balance. 15.Bxe5 *(15.Rc1 Be6)* 15...Qxd5 16.Nxd5 Bxe5]
15.Qd4± White stays focused until the end. **15...Qa5 16.b4 Qc7 17.Nb5! Qb8 18.Nd6** And now g4 would win. &Bianco is much more active. The black rooks are badly placed. **18...Rd8** 2.35/20
[18...Nb6± 1.20/20 19.Rc1 Nd5]

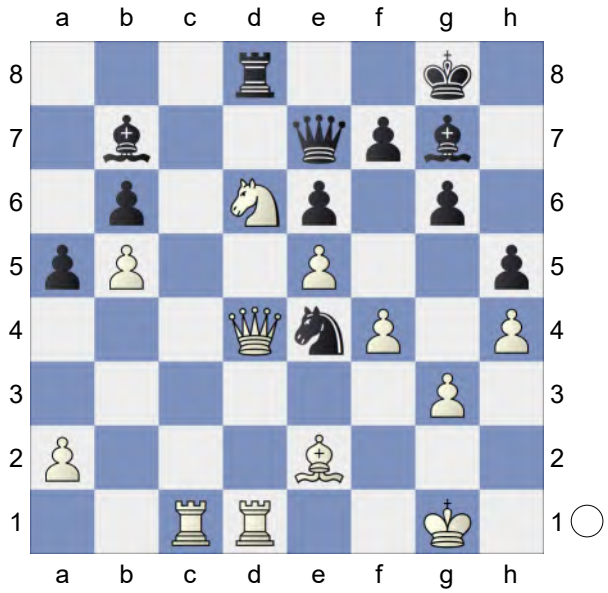
(Diagram)



19.Rd1!+- a5 20.b5
[Resist 20.Bb5 axb4 21.0-0 *(21.Nxc8 Qxc8 22.Bxd7 Qc3+ 23.Qxc3 bxc3+-)* 21...Rxa2 22.Nxc8 Qxc8+-]
20...b6 21.0-0 Bb7 22.e4 Against Bd5
22...Qc7 23.Rc1 Nc5 24.Rfd1 Qe7 2.95/20
[⌓24...Rd7 2.00/17 25.Qf2 Rad8]
25.Bg5 Qc7 26.Bxd8 Rxd8 27.f4 Qe7? 7.16/20
[27...Bh6 2.86/19 28.g3 Bf8]



28.g3? 2.81/18
[28.Nf5! 7.16/20 Qd7 *(28...gxf5 29.Qxd8+)* 29.Qxd7 Rxd7 30.Rxd7 Nxd7 31.Nd6]
28...Nxe4? 5.45/24
[28...Qc7 2.81/18 is a better defense. 29.a4 Bf8]



29.Nf5! gxf5
[29...Qc5 30.Qxc5]
30.Qxd8+ Qxd8 31.Rxd8+ Bf8 32.Rc7 Bd5 33.Rcc8 Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) /Black=0.68
1-0

691 **D00**
□ **De Lorenzo,Giancarlo** **2362**
■ **Bellmann,Herbert** **2487**
EM/MN/028 ICCF Email 2000
[Bellmann]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 g6 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7*

14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8 1-0 Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 2013*; 5.f4 Qa5 6.Bd2 Qb4 7.Qe2 Qxb2 8.Rb1 Qa3 9.e5 dxe5 10.fxe5 Nfd7 11.e6 fxe6 12.dxe6 Nf6 13.Nb5 Qxa2 14.Nc7+ Kd8 15.Rd1 Nc6 16.Bf4+ Nd4 17.Nxa8 Qxe6 18.Qxe6 Bxe6 19.c3 Bg4* 1-0 Genovese,A (2106)-Burk,E (1200) Germany senior ch-5 final 9901 1999*)* 5...Bg7 6.Bc4 *(6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.a4 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nbd7 11.Re1 a6 12.Bf1 e5 13.a5 Ne8 14.Bd3 Qh4 15.Qg4 Qxg4 16.hxg4 Rc8 17.b3 Nef6 18.g5 Ne8 19.g3 f6 20.Kg2 fxg5* 0-1 7.♗c4 ♕a5 8. ♕ d2 e6_6062 (2345)-Jovic,A (2383) Gonfreville op 1979 (3.76)*)* 6...0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 1-0 Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) V0048 www.desc-online.de 2000 (7) gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8 21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9)]

3.Bf4 Bf5 4.f3 e6 5.g4 Bg6 6.h4 h6 7.e3

[7.h5!? Bh7□ 8.e3=]

7...Bd6 0.42/17

[7...a6= -0.07/17]

8.Bd3 0.01/21

[8.Qd2± 0.42/17]

8...Bxd3= 9.Qxd3 c6 0.57/19

[9...Bxf4= -0.06/20 10.exf4 Nbd7]

10.Nge2± Qc7 11.0-0-0 Nbd7 12.Bxd6 Qxd6 13.g5 0.45/20

[13.e4± 0.86/18]

13...Nh5 14.e4 0-0-0

[14...Nf4 15.Qe3 Nxe2+ 16.Nxe2 0-0-0 17.Kb1 Kb8 0.71/19 *(17...Nb6± 0.33/19)* 18.a3+- 0.07/20 *(18.gxh6± 0.71/19 Rxh6 19.Qg5)* 18...hxg5 0.45/21 *(18...Nb6= 0.07/20)* 19.hxg5 0.08/21 *(19.Qxg5± 0.45/21 g6 20.Nc1)* 19...Nb6= 20.e5 Qe7]

15.e5 Qe7 16.g6 -0.26/19

[⌓16.Qd2 0.18/19]

16...f6 17.f4 fxe5! 18.dxe5 -0.44/20

[18.fxe5= -0.01/21 Rhf8 19.Qh3]

18...Rhf8∓ 19.Qf3 Nxe5 20.Qxh5 Rf5 21.Qxf5 exf5 22.fxe5 Qxe5 23.Rh3!?± -1.38/19

[23.Rd2!= -0.13/19]

23...Re8? 0.17/23

[23...Rd6∓ -1.38/19 and ...d5-d4! should not be overlooked 24.h5 d4]

24.Rf3= Qh2 25.Rf4 Re6 26.Rxf5 Rxg6? Das ist der Anfang vom Ende.Der ♗ ist stärker als der ♘!

[26...Qxh4 27.Rf8+ Kd7 28.Nf4 Rf6]

27.Rf4 Re6 28.Rdf1 -0.80/21

[28.Kd2= -0.01/20 remains equal.]

28...Rxe2∓ 29.Nxe2 Qxe2 Endgame KQ-KRR **30.c3** -1.30/20

[30.Kb1∓ -0.70/20]

30...Kc7 31.Kb1 a5 32.Rg1!? Kb6

[32...g6!? 33.a4 Qe6∓]

33.Rfg4!? Qf2 34.Rxg7 Qxh4 35.Rf7 Qe4+ 36.Ka1 h5 37.Rf2 Qe3 38.Rfg2 -0.97/20

[38.Rff1∓ -0.40/21]

38...Kc5 -0.44/23

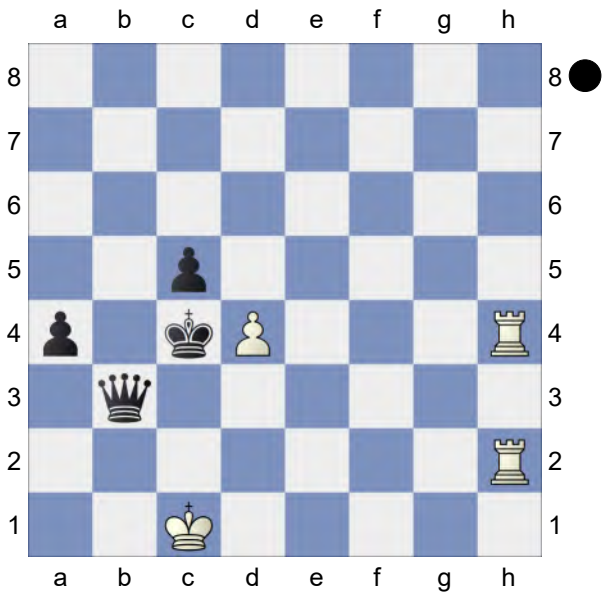
[38...h4?! 39.Rh1=]

[Black should try 38...Qh3!∓ -0.97/20 39.Rg3 Qh4]

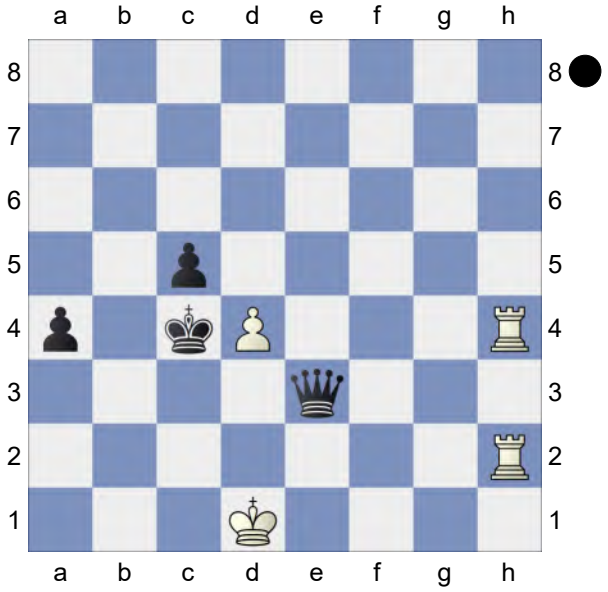
39.Rh1 b5 40.Rgh2 b4 41.Rh3 Qd2

42.R3h2 Qe3 0.01/23
[42...Qf4∓ -0.47/24 is superior. 43.Rh4 Qf2 44.cxb4+ axb4]
43.Rh3= Qf4 44.Rxh5 bxc3 45.bxc3 Qd2 46.R5h3 a4
[46...Kc4 feels hotter. 47.Rb1 c5 48.Rb2 Qd1+]
47.a3! Kc4 48.Rb1 c5 49.Rb2 Qf4 (→ ...Qf4-f1+) **50.Rbh2** aiming for Rh3-h4. **50...Qc1+ 51.Ka2 Qd1? 52.Rh4+?** -1.85/27
[52.Rb2∓ -0.33/26]
52...d4!-+
[52...Kxc3 53.R2h3+ Kd2 54.Rh2+ Kd3 55.R2h3+ Ke2 56.Rh2+ Ke3 57.R2h3+ Ke2 58.Rh2+ Ke3 59.R2h3+ Kd2 60.Rh2+ Ke3=]
53.cxd4= Qb3+
[53...cxd4?! 54.Rb2=]
54.Ka1 Qxa3+ 55.Kb1 Qb3+ -0.70/25
[55...cxd4 56.Rd2=]
[55...Qb4+∓ -1.51/27 56.Ka1 Qc3+ *(56...cxd4 57.Rxd4+ Kxd4 58.Rh4+ Kc5 59.Rxb4=)* 57.Kb1 Qb4+ *(57...cxd4 58.Rc2±* Pin *)*]
56.Kc1 -1.39/23
[Better is 56.Rb2∓ -0.70/25 Qd3+ 57.Ka2]

(Diagram)



56...Qe3+!∓
[Much worse is 56...cxd4?! 57.Rd2=]
57.Kd1? -3.31/19
[57.Kb1∓ -1.35/23]

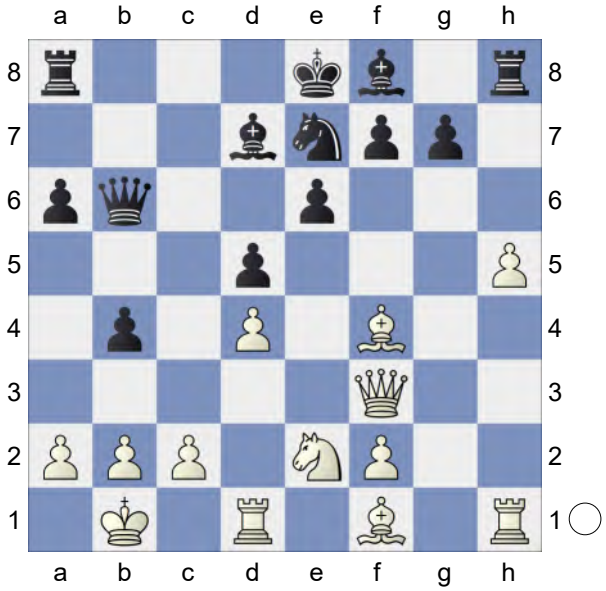


57...Qg1+? -0.01/21
[Weaker is 57...cxd4 58.Rd2=]
[57...Qd3+!-+ -3.31/19 58.Kc1 Kb5 *(58...cxd4 59.Rd2=)* 59.Rb2+ Kc4]
58.Kc2= The position is equal. **58...cxd4 59.Rd2 Qg6+ 60.Kb2 Qb6+ 61.Ka1+- Kc3 62.Rhxd4 Qxd4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.23

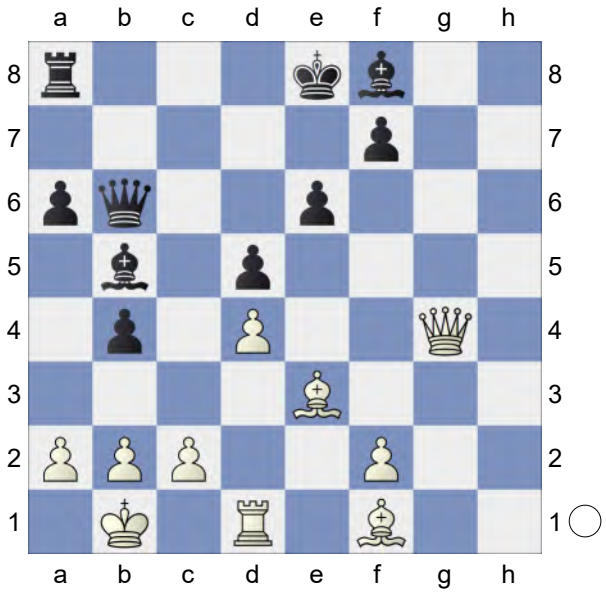
(precise) Loss on time!?
1-0

692 **D00**
□ **Mohamed Anees,M** **2359**
■ **Petkidis,Anthony** **2471**
grenke Chess Open 2025 (6.22) 20.04.25
[TA]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack
1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Ne5 Against Bg4 **7...Bd7 8.g4** The position is equal. **8...e6 9.g5 Nxe5 10.Bxe5 Ng8 11.h4 h6 12.gxh6 Rxh6 13.Qf3 Ne7 14.Bf4! Rh8 15.h5 Qa5 16.0-0-0 b5** 0.93/21
[16...Nf5± 0.43/19]
17.Kb1!± White is more active. **17...b4 18.Ne2 Qb6**

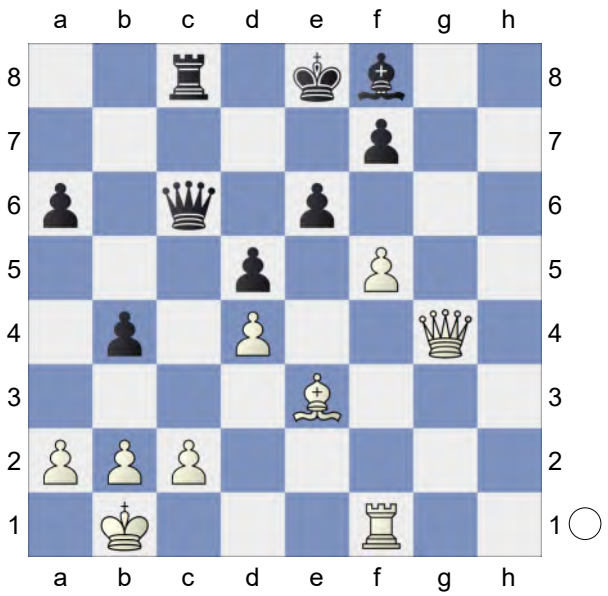


19.h6! Ng6 20.hxg7
[20.h7 with more complications. Rc8 21.Bg3 Bb5 22.Nf4]
20...Bxg7 21.Rxh8+ Bxh8 22.Be3 0.49/20
[22.Bg5!± 1.19/20]
22...Bb5!± 23.Nf4 Nxf4 24.Qxf4 Threatens to win with Bxb5+. **24...Bg7?** 1.86/21
[24...Bxf1= 0.28/22 and Black is okay. 25.Rxf1 Ke7]
25.Qg4 1.12/22
[25.Bxb5+!+- 1.86/21 axb5 26.Rg1]
25...Bf8±

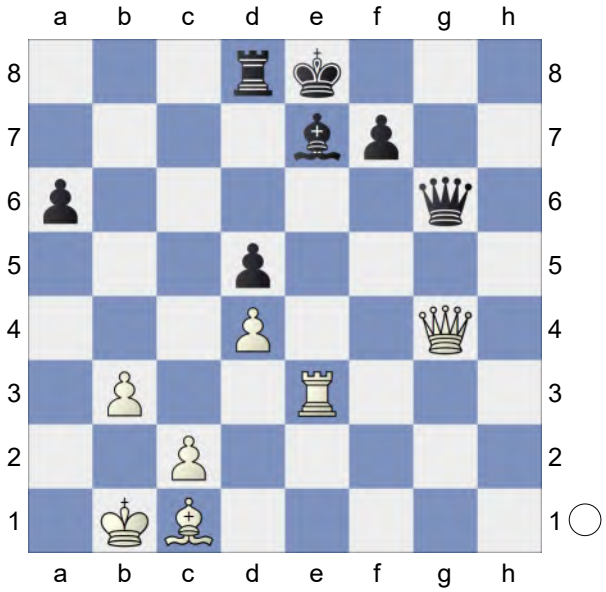


26.f4 0.19/23
[White should play 26.Qg8!± 1.15/18]
26...Rc8 1.11/22
[26...Bxf1= 0.19/23 keeps the balance. 27.Rxf1 a5 *(27...Qb5 28.Re1±)*]
27.f5 Bxf1 28.Rxf1 Qc6

(Diagram)



29.fxe6 1.02/21
[White should try 29.Rf2! 1.46/22 Bg5 would now be deadly. exf5 30.Qxf5]
29...Qxe6 30.Qf3↑ Hoping for Re1. White is in control. **30...Be7 31.Rf2** 0.34/23
[31.Bd2± 0.94/23]
31...Rc6 0.92/20
[31...Qe4± 0.34/23]
32.Bc1 Black is now going downhill.
32...Rd6 1.66/22
[32...Qe4± 1.05/21]
33.a3 bxa3 34.Qxa3
[34.bxa3 Rb6+ 35.Ka2 f6±]
34...Rc6 2.46/18
[34...Kd8 1.63/19 is a better defense. 35.Qf3 Qf6]
35.Qf3+- Rd6 36.Qh5 Strongly threatening Re2. **36...Qg6 37.Qh8+ Bf8 38.Qe5+ Qe6** 3.28/20
[⌓38...Be7 2.34/20 39.Qh8+ Kd7]
39.Qh2 Re2 is the strong threat.
39...Qg4 4.70/21
[⌓39...Kd7 3.11/20 40.Qh5 Qg6 41.Qh3+ *(41.Rxf7+ Ke8±)* 41...Qe6 42.Rxf7+ Be7]
40.Rf4 Qg6 41.Rf3 Be7 42.Rc3
And now Qh8+ would win. **42...Rd8?** 3.72/21
[42...Kd7 2.08/19 43.Qh3+ Qe6]
43.Rc7 Qd6 44.Bf4 Qe6 4.57/20
[44...Qf6 3.17/20 was called for. 45.Be5 Qh4]
45.b3 Qe1+ 46.Bc1 Bf8? 5.21/21
[46...Qh4 2.46/19 keeps fighting. 47.Qg2 Kf8]
47.Qh5 Qe6 48.Rc3 Be7 49.Re3 Qg6 50.Qh4 Qd6 51.Qg4 Qg6



52.Ba3! Rd7
[52...Qxg4 53.Rxe7+]
53.Rxe7+ Rxe7 54.Qc8#
Weighted Error Value: White=0.31/ Black=0.49
1-0

693 **D00**
□ **Suyarov,Mukhammadzokhid** **2359**
■ **Niemann,Hans Moke** **2667**
World Blitz 2023 (19.41) 30.12.2023
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines A45: Trompowsky Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**

[2...g6 3.Bf4 *(3.e3 b6 4.Qf3 d5 5.Qg3 Bg7 6.Be2 Bf5 7.Bd1 Na6 8.a3 c5 9.Nge2 Nc7 10.f3 0-0 11.Qf2 Re8 12.0-0 Bd7 13.Ng3 Bc6 14.Nce2 c4 15.c3 a5 16.Bd2 a4 17.Bc2 Nd7* Breder,D (2445)-Rogozenco,D (2519) Deutschland 86/(186) 2002 CI1-130 [Rogozenco, Dorian] (39)*)* 3...Bg7 4.e4 0-0 5.e5 Ne8 6.Qe2 d5 *(6...d6 7.0-0-0 Nd7 8.h4 c5 9.dxc5 Nxc5 10.h5 Qa5 11.Nd5 Qd8 12.exd6 exd6 13.Ne7+ Kh8 14.hxg6 fxg6 15.Nxg6+ Kg8 16.Ne7+ Kh8 17.Rxh7+ Kxh7 18.Qh5+ Bh6 19.Qxh6#* 11) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.Bf4 B-5.e5 Ne8 6.Qe2 d6 #20 The Meanest Jobava London 2023 https://www.chessable.co [MH]*)* 7.0-0-0 c5 8.dxc5 e6 9.h4 Qa5 10.h5 Qxc5 11.Be3 Qc7 12.hxg6 fxg6 13.f4 Nc6 14.Nf3 h6 15.Qf2 a6 16.Kb1 b5 17.Bd3 11) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.Bf4 B-5.e5 Ne8 6.Qe2 d5 #2 The Meanest Jobava London 2023 https://www.chessable.co [MH]]

[2...e6 3.Bf4 Bb4 4.e3 Ne4 5.Nge2 Nxc3 6.Nxc3 0-0 7.Bd3 d5 8.Qf3 c5 9.Qg3 cxd4 10.Bh6 g6 11.exd4 Re8 12.h4 Bf8 13.Bf4 Nc6 14.h5 13) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6-1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6 3.Bf4 Bb4 4 The Meanest Jobava London 2023 https://www.chessable.co [MH]]

3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 Be7 6.Nf3 c6 7.Nc3 Qb6!? Exploring less charted territory. Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain. **8.a3** The position is equal. **8...0-0**

[8...Qxb2? 9.Na4 Bb4+ 10.Nd2 *(10.axb4 Qxb4+ 11.c3 Qa5+-; 10.Ke2 Ne4+-)* 10...Bxd2+ 11.Kxd2 Ne4+ 12.Ke1+-]

9.b4N

[Vorgänger: 9.Bd3 c5 10.Rb1 Nb8 0.32/18 *(10...Nh5=* -0.02/17 feels stronger.*)* 11.0-0 0.00/19 *(11.Nb5⩲* 0.32/18 *Qa5+ 12.b4 cxb4 13.Nc7 bxa3+ 14.Nd2)* 11...Nc6 0.57/19 *(11...c4=* 0.00/19 *12.Be2 a6)* 12.Na4⩲ Qd8 13.Nxc5 Nh5 14.Bg3 Nxg3 15.hxg3 1-0 Niemann, H (2645)-Tazbir,M (2508) Wch Blitz Warsaw 2021 (18)]

9...Qd8 0.51/20

[9...Nb8= 0.18/20]

10.Bxa6⩲ bxa6 11.Ne5 Bb7 12.Na4 a5 13.Nc5 Bxc5 14.bxc5 Nd7 1.25/20

[⌓14...Ba6 0.86/20]

15.Nxd7± Qxd7 16.0-0 Ba6 17.Re1 f6 18.Bd6 Rfe8 19.Qd2 a4 20.e4 dxe4 1.64/21

[20...f5± 1.23/20]

21.Rxe4+- Bc4 1.95/22

[21...Qb7± 1.55/19 22.Qc3 Qb5]

22.Rae1 1.38/21

[22.Qb4+- 1.95/22 Bd5 23.Re2]

22...Qb7 23.Qc3 Bd5 24.R4e3 0.80/20

[⌓24.Rh4 1.42/21]

24...Qb5± 25.Rd1 a5 1.17/23

[⌓25...Rad8 0.85/20]

26.Ree1 Qc4 27.Qxc4 Bxc4 28.Rb1 Ra7 Inhibits Rb7. **29.Rb6 Rc8 30.Reb1 Ba6** 1.50/24

[⌓30...h5 1.15/23]

31.f3 Kf7 32.Kf2 h5 33.h4 Kg6 34.Ke3 1.09/23

[⌓34.Bb8 1.42/23 Ra8 35.Bh2]

34...Kf5 35.Rg1 Bc4 36.Rbb1 0.81/21

[⌓36.Kd2 1.30/22]

36...Ba2 1.25/22

[⌓36...g5 0.81/21]

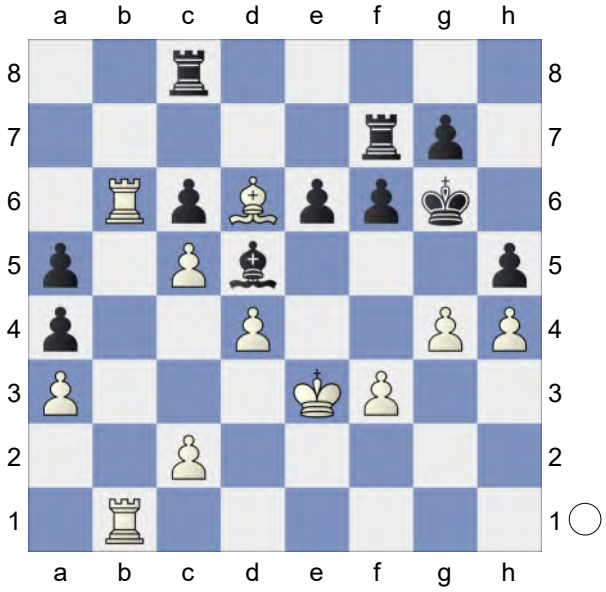
37.Rb2 Bc4 38.Rb6 Ba6 1.62/25

[38...Rf7± 1.22/22 39.Kd2 Rd7]

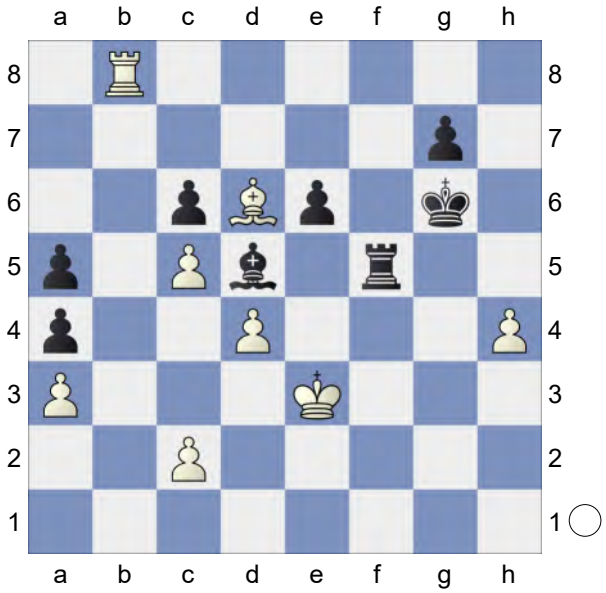
39.g4+ Kg6 40.Kf4 Bc4 41.Bb8 0.76/21

[⌓41.g5 1.56/21]

41...Rf7 42.Ke3 Re8 43.Bd6 Rc8 1.19/21
[43...e5± 0.46/20]
44.Rgb1 Bd5 1.45/20
[⌓44...hxg4 1.08/21 45.fxg4 Rh8]



45.Rb8 0.28/24
[45.Rb7!± 1.45/20 Rxb7 46.Rxb7]
45...Rxb8= 46.Rxb8 hxg4 47.fxg4 Endgame KRB-KRB **47...f5 48.gxf5+** 0.31/26
[⌓48.g5 0.67/23]
48...Rxf5



Hoping for ...Rf3+. **49.Bf4** 0.01/25
[White should try 49.Rf8± 0.51/26]
49...Kh5 50.Rh8+ -1.31/27
[50.Rb7= 0.01/24]
50...Kg4∓ 51.Rh7 Rf7 -0.01/26
[51...Rxf4 52.Rxg7+ Kxh4 53.Kxf4 e5+ 54.dxe5+-]
[51...g5∓ -1.43/23 52.Bxg5 Rf3+ 53.Ke2 Rxa3]
52.h5 -0.66/26 **e5!∓**
[52...Rxf4? 53.Rxg7+ Kf5 54.Rf7+ Kg4 55.Rxf4++-]
53.Bxe5 Rf3+ 54.Kd2 Rxa3 55.Rxg7+ Kxh5 56.Ra7 -1.08/25
[56.Rd7!= -0.08/23]
56...Rf3∓ Threatens to win with ...a3.
57.Rxa5 -1.36/23
[White should play 57.Bc7 -1.01/24]
57...a3 White must now prevent ...Kg5.
58.Ke2 Rh3 And now ...a2 would win. Black has strong compensation.
59.Kd2? -3.04/26
[59.Bf4∓ -1.23/24 was the only defense.]
59...a2-+ 60.Ra8 Kg6 61.Ra6? -7.31/27
[61.c4 -2.49/23 Bxc4 62.d5 Bxd5 63.Kc2]
61...Rh1 62.c4 Bxc4 63.Rxc6+ Kf5 64.Rf6+ Ke4 65.Rf4+ Black used his chance. Weighted Error Value: White=0.46/Black=0.16 (very precise)
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694 **D00**
□ **Pershin,Denis** **2358**
■ **Iljushenok,Ilia** **2547**
RUS Ch Rapid 2023 (7.20) 16.10.2023
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 c6 4.e3 Bf5 5.f3**

Bg6 6.g4 e6 7.h4 And now h5 would win. **7...h5 8.g5** White is slightly better. **8...Ng8** is now more promising than 8... Nfd7. im Vergleich zu 8...Sfd7 vielversprechender. **9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Bd6 11.Nge2 Ne7 12.0-0-0 Qc7 13.Bxd6 Qxd6 14.e4 Nd7 15.Qe3N**

[Vorgänger: 15.Kb1 0-0-0 16.Qe3 Kb8 17.Na4 Rhe8 18.Qb3 Ka8 19.Qd3 c5 20.exd5 Qxd5 0.92/19 *(20...exd5± 0.39/20 21.Nxc5 Nxc5 22.dxc5 Qxc5)* 21.Qa3 0.46/19 ;½-½ Adury,A (1681)-Ren,J (1711) Indianapolis Premier 2021 (4) *(*White should try *21.Nec3±* 0.92/19 *Qf5 22.Nb5 Qxd3 23.Rxd3)*]

15...0-0-0 16.Nf4 g6 17.Nd3 a6 18.Qf2 Kb8 19.Kb1 Nc8 20.b3 Qc7 21.Qe3 Rhe8 22.f4 -0.12/19

[22.a4± 0.40/17]

22...Nd6= 23.Ne5 Re7 24.Qd3 Kc8 25.Qf3 Nb6 26.Rhe1 Kb8 27.Qf2 Nbc8

[27...Nd7 keeps more tension. 28.Rd3 Qa5 29.Kb2 Nb6]

28.Qf3

[28.Kb2 is more complex. Qa5 29.a3 Rc7 30.Re2]

28...Na7 29.a4

[29.exd5 cxd5 30.Rd3 Qa5∓]

29...Nac8 30.Qf2

[30.Kb2 seems wilder. Qa5 31.Qe2 Nb6 32.f5]

30...Nb6

[30...Qa5 with more complications. 31.Kb2 Nb6 32.Rd3 Rc7]

31.Re2 Kc8 32.Qf3 0.11/19

[32.Nd3± 0.42/16]

32...Nd7 33.Qf2

[33.exd5 cxd5 34.Nxg6 fxg6]

33...Qb6 34.Nd3 dxe4 35.Nxe4 Nf5 36.Nb2 Qc7 37.Nc4 Nb6 38.Ne5 Nd5 39.Kb2 a5 40.Nc5 b6 41.Ne4 Kb7 42.c4 Nb4 43.Red2 Ree8 44.Nf6 Rf8 45.d5 exd5 46.cxd5 cxd5 47.Nxd5 Nxd5 48.Rxd5 Rxd5

[48...Rc8? 49.Rd7 Rfe8 50.Nxf7+-]

49.Rxd5 Rd8 1.18/25 Against Rd7

[49...Rc8? 50.Rd7+-]

[49...Nd6!± 0.52/25]

50.Qd2 0.54/24

[50.Rxd8± 1.18/25 White wants to mate with Qf3+. Qxd8 51.Qg2+ *(51.Nxf7 Qd1=)* 51...Kc8 52.Qa8+ *(52.Nxf7 Qd4+ 53.Kb1 Nxh4=)* 52...Kc7 53.Qa7+ Kc8 54.Qa8+ *(54.Qxf7 Qd2+ 55.Ka3 Qd6+ 56.Kb2 Qd2+ 57.Kb1 Qd1+ 58.Kb2 Qd2+=)* 54...Kc7 55.Qa7+ Kc8 56.Qa8+ *(56.Qxf7 Qd2+ 57.Ka3 Qc1+ 58.Ka2 Qd2+ 59.Kb1 Qd1+ 60.Kb2 Qd2+ 61.Kb1 Qd1+ 62.Kb2 Qd2+=)*]

50...Rxd5 51.Qxd5+ Kb8 0.95/25

[51...Ka7!= 0.01/23 remains equal.]

52.Nd7+ -0.01/26

[Of course not 52.Qxf7?! Qxf7 53.Nxf7 Nxh4=]

[52.Nxf7± 0.95/25 Qc5 53.Qxc5 bxc5 54.Ne5]

52...Ka7 53.Qxf7 Nxh4 54.Qe8 Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.12 (very precise) . Loss on time!?

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695 **D00**

□ **Vazquez,Facundo** **2357**

■ **Henriquez Villagra,Cristobal** **2624**

Zonal 2.5 2023 (3.1) 06.03.2023

[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 h6 5.Nf3 e6**

6.Bd3 c5 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.0-0 The position is equal. **8...Nc6 9.e4 Nb4 10.exd5**
[10.a3 is interesting. Nxd3 11.Qxd3 dxe4 12.Qxd8+ Kxd8 13.Nd2]
10...Nfxd5 11.Be5 -0.21/21
[11.Nxd5± 0.43/20 Qxd5 12.Be2]
11...Nxc3= 12.bxc3 Nxd3 13.cxd3 0-0 14.Qe2 Ba3 15.c4 Re8 0.26/18
[Black should try 15...f6 -0.28/18 16.Bc3 b5]
16.Qe4 f6 17.Bc3 Rb8 18.Nd4
[18.Rfe1 with more complications. b5 19.Qg6 Bd7 20.Bd2]
18...e5 19.Nc2 -0.64/19
[19.Nf5!= -0.27/18]
19...Bf8 A strong pair of Bishops.
[19...Bc5 seems wilder. 20.Bb4 Ba7 21.Rfe1 Be6]
20.Ne3 Be6 21.a4 Qd7 22.Rfe1 -1.05/19
[22.Rfd1∓ -0.68/19]
22...b6 -0.44/17
[22...b5∓ -1.05/19 23.axb5 axb5]
23.d4 -1.10/22
[23.Red1!∓ -0.44/17]
23...f5∓ 24.Qd3
[Wrong is 24.Qxe5? Bd6 25.d5 Bxe5-+]
24...e4 -0.79/21
[⌓24...Rbc8 -1.12/20 Hoping for ...f4. 25.Bb2 *(25.d5 f4∓)* 25...f4]
25.Qd2 f4 26.Nf1 Bd6 &Nero is more active. **27.c5**

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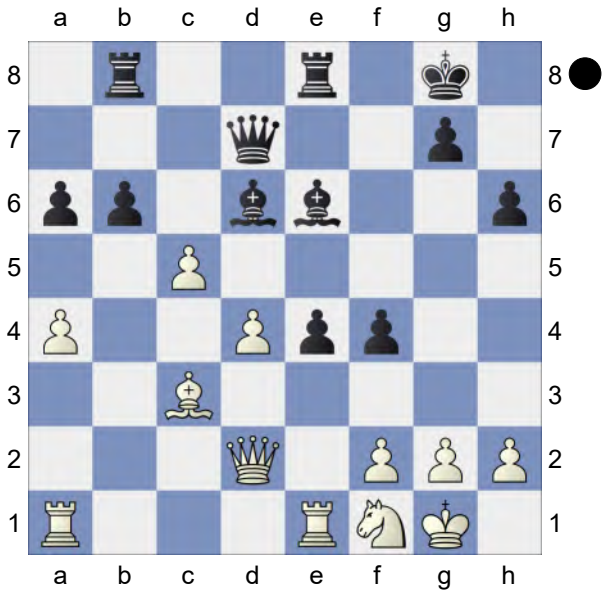
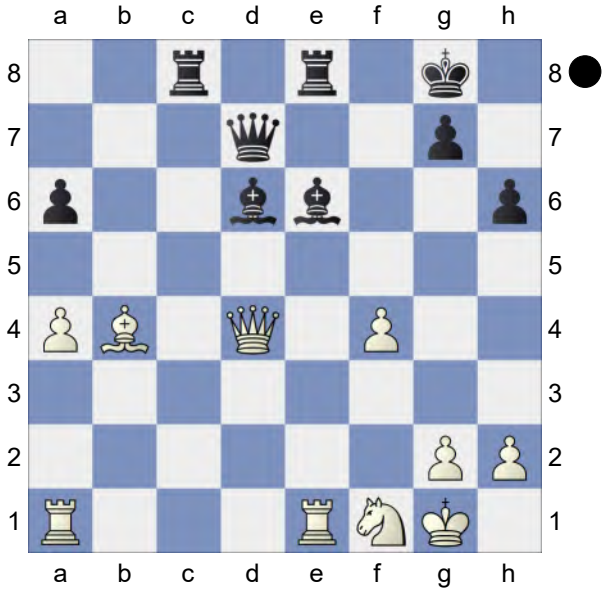
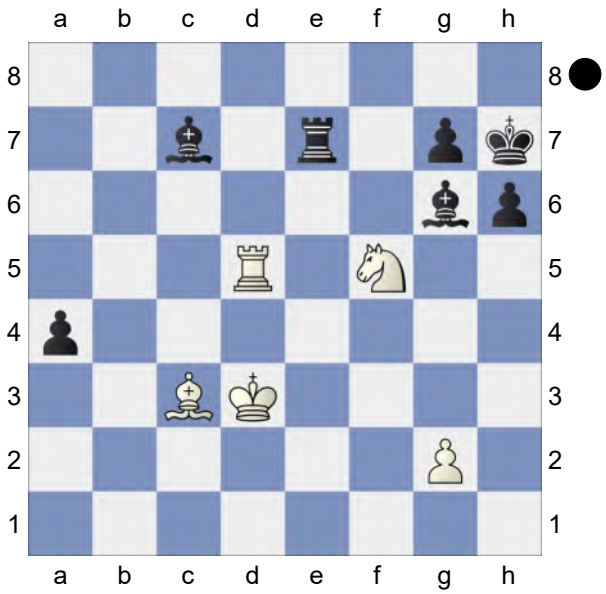


e3! 28.fxe3 bxc5 29.exf4 cxd4 -0.19/22
[Better is 29...c4!∓ -0.71/20]
30.Qxd4 -0.77/21
[30.Bxd4= -0.19/22 Rb3 31.Qf2]
30...Rbc8 And now ...Bc5 would win.
[30...Qc7!? 31.Ba5 Bc5! 32.Bxc7 Bxd4+ 33.Kh1 Rbc8∓]
31.Bb4 -0.87/22
[31.Ne3∓ -0.47/20]



Prevents Bc5. **31...Bb8!** Black keeps a firm grip on the game. **32.Qxd7 Bxd7**

33.Rxe8+ Rxe8 34.Bc5 -1.27/22
[⌓34.g3 -0.82/20]
34...Bxf4 35.Ng3 Be5 36.Ra2 Rc8 37.Be3 a5 38.Ne2 Rb8 Against Bb6 **39.Nd4** -1.94/23
[39.g3∓ -1.17/18]
39...Rb1+ 40.Kf2 Bxh2 41.Ke2 Rb4 42.Nf3 Bc7 43.Rc2 Bb8 44.Rd2 -3.22/22
[44.Rc5 -1.80/22 is a better defense.]
44...Bxa4-+ 45.Rd8+ Kh7 46.Bd2 Bc7 47.Rc8 Re4+ 48.Kd3 Re7 49.Nd4 Be8 50.Ra8 a4 51.Bc3 Bd6 52.Ra5 Bg6+ 53.Nf5 -6.35/19
[⌓53.Kd2 -4.10/20 a3 54.g4]
53...Bc7 54.Rd5 -10.86/20
[⌓54.Rc5 -4.01/20]



54...Rd7! 55.Kd4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.36/Black=0.18 (very precise)
[55.Kc4 Bf7]
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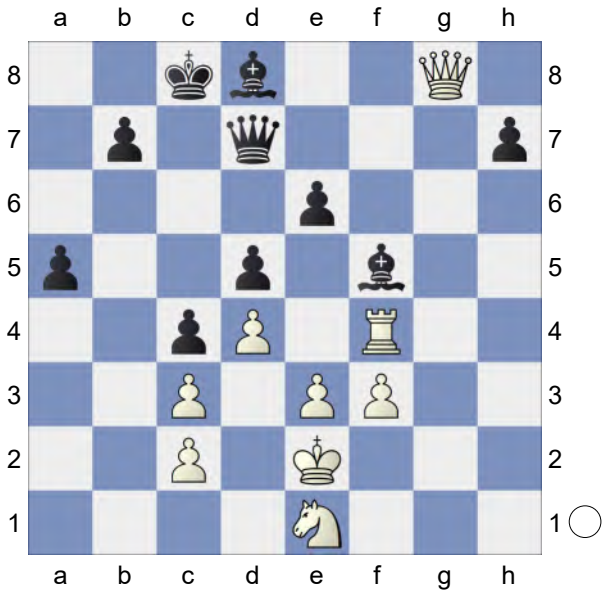
696 **D00**
□ **Bettalli,Francesco** **2355**
■ **Shirov,Alexei** **2650**
grenke Chess Open 2025 (7.20) 20.04.25
[TA]

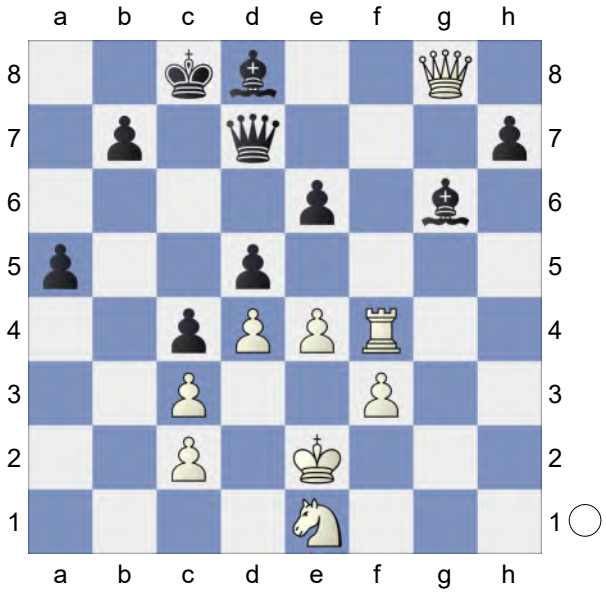
D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (120 (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ (41) Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 (41) Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 (23) Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]
3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 Be7 6.h4 Ne4 0.42/22
[6...0-0= -0.13/24]
7.Nf3 -0.35/22

[7.Bd3± 0.42/22]
7...c6∓ 8.Nc3 aiming for Nxe4. Black has an edge. **8...Bb4 9.Bxa6 Nxc3! 10.Qd2** Pin **10...Qa5! 11.a3!**
[11.bxc3? Bxc3 12.Bd3 Bxd2+-+]
11...Qxa6 12.bxc3 Ba5 13.Rb1 c5 14.h5 -1.13/22
[14.dxc5∓ -0.63/24 Qc4 15.Rb3]
14...f6∓ 15.Qd3 c4 16.Qd2 Bd7 -0.73/23
[⌓16...Qc6! -1.27/24 17.Ng1 Bd7]
17.g4 0-0-0 18.g5 Rhe8 0.13/23
[18...h6∓ -0.75/26 19.gxf6 gxf6]
19.Rg1= Rg8 20.Ke2 Rdf8 21.h6! Black must now prevent hxg7. **21...Bd8 22.hxg7 Rxg7 23.gxf6 Rxg1 24.Rxg1** Be5 would now be deadly. **24...Bxf6** 0.13/26
[⌓24...Qxa3 -0.29/25 25.Rg7 Bxf6 26.Rxh7 a5]
25.Qc1 Be8 26.Bh6 Qd6 2.17/22 **27.Bxf8+- Qxf8 28.Rg4 Bg6 29.a4 Qe8 30.Rf4** 1.15/22
[30.a5!+- 1.82/24]
30...Bf5± 31.Qg1 Qxa4 1.75/23
[31...Bd8± 1.00/23 was called for.]
32.Qg8++- Bd8 33.Ne1 1.23/23
[33.Nh4+- 1.78/23 Be4 *(33...Bxc2 34.Qxe6+ Qd7 35.Qxd7+ Kxd7 36.Nf3+-; 33...Qxc2+? 34.Kf3±)* 34.Qxe6+ Kb8 35.Nf3 Qxc2+ 36.Kf1 Qb1+ 37.Ne1 *(37.Kg2 Qb6±)* 37...Bd3+ Deflection 38.Kg2 Be4+ *(38...Qxe1? 39.Qxd5 a6 40.Qxd8+ Ka7 41.Qd5+-)* 39.Nf3]
33...Qd7 34.f3 0.21/22
[34.Kd2± 1.55/21]
34...a5 1.05/27
[34...Qe7!= 0.21/22]

(Diagram)



35.e4!± Bg6



36.Ng2 0.27/20 White is more active.
[36.exd5!± 1.18/22 Qxd5 37.Rf8]
36...dxe4!= 37.fxe4 Strongly threatening Rf8. **37...Kc7?** 2.95/21 Black is on the road to losing.
[Better is 37...a4!± 0.50/19]
38.Ne3+- Bg5 4.02/20
[⌓38...Qe7 2.58/19 39.Nxc4 Qg5 40.Qg7+ Kb8]
39.Rf8 Bxe3 40.Kxe3 Endgame. KQR-KQB **40...Qe7 41.Rc8+** Skewer **41...Kb6 42.Qd8+**

[42.Rxc4? Qg5+ 43.Kf2 Qh4+ 44.Kf1 Qf4+ *(44...Qxe4 45.Qd8+ Ka6 46.Qd6+ Ka7 47.Rc8=)* 45.Kg1 Qc1+ *(45...Qxe4 46.Qd8+ Ka6 47.Qa8+ Kb6 48.Qd8+ Ka6 49.Qa8+ Kb6 50.Qd8+=)* 46.Kf2 Qxc2+ 47.Kg1 Qc1+ *(47...Bxe4 48.Qd8+ Ka6 49.Qa8+ Kb6 50.Qd8+ Ka6 51.Qa8+ Kb6 52.Qd8+=; 47...Qb1+? 48.Kf2-+)* 48.Kf2 Qd2+ *(48...Bxe4 49.Qxe6+ Bc6 50.Rc5=)* 49.Kf1 Qd3+ *(49...Bxe4 50.Qxe6+ Bc6 51.Rc5=)* 50.Kg1 Qxc4-+]

42...Qxd8 43.Rxd8 KR-KB **43...a4** 7.24/22

[⌓43...Ka7 4.84/21 44.Rc8 a4 45.Rxc4 Be8]

44.Ra8 Kb5 45.Kf4 h5 46.Ke5 h4 47.d5

[47.Kxe6 h3 *(47...Bxe4 48.d5=)* 48.d5 Bxe4=]

47...exd5 48.exd5 h3 49.d6 h2 50.Rh8 Be8 51.Rxh2!

[51.Rxe8 h1Q *(51...h1R?* too greedy. *52.d7+-)* 52.d7 Qh2+ 53.Ke6 Qe2+ *(53...Qxc2 54.d8Q±)* 54.Kd6 Qd2+ *(54...Qxc2? 55.Re5+ Ka6 56.d8Q+-)* 55.Ke6 Qh6+ *(55...Qxc3 56.d8Q±)* 56.Ke5 Qg5+ 57.Ke6 Qg6+ 58.Ke7 Qg5+ *(58...Qxc2 59.d8Q±)* 59.Ke6 Qh6+ 60.Kf7 Qh7+ 61.Ke6 Qg6+ *(61...Qxc2 62.d8Q+-)* 62.Ke5 Qg5+ *(62...Qxc2 63.d8Q±)* 63.Ke6=]

51...a3 52.Rh1 Ka4 53.Ra1 b5 54.Ke6 b4 55.cxb4 White threatens d7 and mate. **55...Kxb4 56.d7** White mates. **56...Bxd7+ 57.Kxd7 Kc3 58.Ra2**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.50

[Inferior is 58.Rxa3+ Kxc2 59.Ra1 c3= *(59...Kb2 60.Rh1=)*]

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697 **D00**

□ **Paikidze,Nazi** **2352**

■ **Zatonskih,Anna** **2444**

US Women's Championship, Saint Louis..

[Richard Palliser]

Richard Palliser,MH: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines ' **1.d4** Richard Palliser,MH **1...d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5**

[A critical test of Black's last and a move gaining in popularity over 4.e3 .]

4...Na6

[The other way of defending c7 is, of course, 4...Bb4+!? 5.c3 Ba5 and after 6.a4 a6 7.b4 Nc6 8.bxa5!? *(8.Na3 Bb6 9.e3 Ne4* is murky, as we've noted before*)* 8...axb5 9.axb5 Nxa5 10.e3 Bd7 11.Bd3 *(11.Nf3!? Nc4 12.Bxc4 dxc4 13.0-0 Bxb5 14.Bg5* would offer some play for the pawn *)* 11...Nc4 12.Rb1 0-0 13.Nf3 Ne4 both sides had their trumps, with Black likely slightly the happier in Naroditsky-Xiao, Internet (rapid) 2018.]

5.e3

[Keeping it simple. White can also cover the b4-square and we first saw 5.a3!? c6 6.Nc3 Bd6 7.e3 Nc7 *(*there's also *7...b6 8.Nf3 Bxf4 9.exf4 0-0* - see Sheng-So, Internet (rapid) 2017, in the Archive*)* 8.Nf3 in Jobava-Topalov, Baku Olympiad 2016, where Black exchanged on f4. Instead, 0-0 9.Ne5 c5 10.Qf3 *(10.dxc5!? Bxc5 11.Bd3* and only then Qf3 might leave that knight on c7 looking a little silly*)* 10...b6 11.Be2

Bb7 12.Qg3 Nce8?! *(12...Nfe8* looks like a better defence, and if *13.h4 f6)* 13.h4! gave White a grip on the position and attacking chances in Marczuk-Socko, Zgierz (rapid) 2018.]

5...Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.Ne5?!

[Boldly leaping forward. I still don't especially like 7.c3 Nh5 for White,]

[but 7.h3! turned out well for him in Trjapishko-Gabrielian, Taganrog 2017, as we've covered before.]

7...Ne4!

[Zatonskih meets White's aggression with some of her own, and why shouldn't Black? Previously, 7...c5 8.c3 Bd7 9.a4! Bc6 10.Be2 Nd7 11.0-0 Nxe5 12.Bxe5 c4 13.b3! had given White his ideal queenside grip and then a growing advantage in Martinovic-Girya, Tallinn (blitz) 2016.]

8.Bd3 -0.60/19

[8.f3= -0.11/20 Richard Palliser,MH Nf6 9.Nc3]

8...f6 This is why I'm not especially keen on the 2018 US Women's Champion's 7th move. White is now pushed back. Richard Palliser,MH: ' **∓' 9.Nf3 c6 10.Nc3 Nxc3 11.bxc3 c5** The queenside reminds one of the Winawer, but here Black hasn't had to part with the bishop-pair to obtain the superior structure. White needs counterplay - and fast. Richard Palliser, MH: '!' **12.h4!?** -0.95/19

[Not the engines' top move, but certainly a good practical try, whereas something like 12.0-0 c4 13.Be2 Qa5 14.Qd2 -1.26/21 *(14.a3∓* -0.70/19 Richard Palliser,MH*)* 14...Ba3 Richard Palliser,MH: '∓' 15.Rab1 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Prevents Ba3-b2.' Nc7 would just be pretty grim for White.]

[12.c4∓ -0.56/20 Richard Palliser, MH]

12...Qa5

[12...c4 (Richard Palliser,MH) simplifies 13.Be2 Bd7 14.e4 Nc7]

13.Kd2!?

[Continuing the provocation/ aggression policy. Note too that 13.Bxh7+? -2.41/20 Richard Palliser, MH: '13.0-0 -1.04' Kxh7 14.Ng5+ -4.64/22 Richard Palliser,MH: '?' *(14.Qd3+* -2.13/18 (Richard Palliser, MH) was called for. *Kg8 15.h5 cxd4 16.h6)* 14...Kg8 Richard Palliser,MH: '-+!' 15.Qh5 -6.71/22 would fail to *(⌓15.0-0* -4.02/19 Richard Palliser, MH *)* 15...Qxc3+ Richard Palliser,MH: '-+' 16.Kd1 *(*or *16.Ke2 Qxc2+* , covering h7*)* 16...fxg5 17.hxg5 Qxa1+ -2.66/21 Richard Palliser,MH: '?' *(17...Rxf4* -7.50/21 Richard Palliser,MH *18.exf4 Qxd4+ 19.Ke2 Qc4+ 20.Ke1 Qc3+ 21.Ke2 Bd7 22.Qh7+ Kf7)* 18.Ke2 Richard Palliser,MH: '-+' Qxh1 . Richard Palliser,MH: '!']

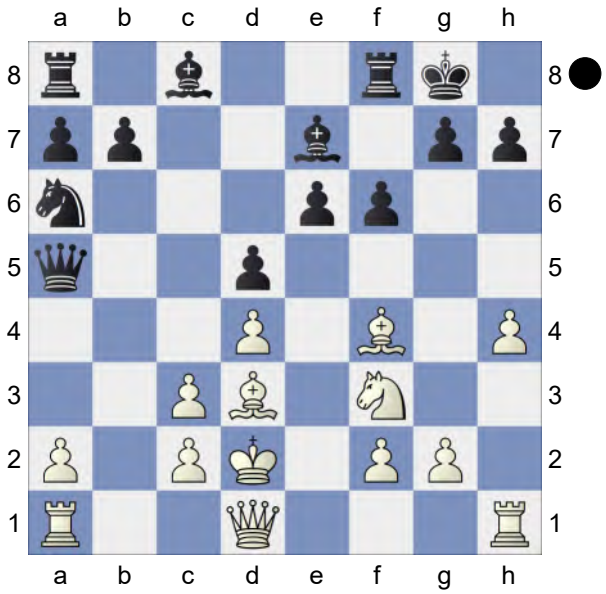
13...cxd4

[Zatonskih begins to open the centre. Watching live I wondered if 13...Bd7 -0.57/20 would allow Richard Palliser, MH: '13...g7-g6 -1.16 would allow' 14.Bxh7+? , but even here after Kxh7 15.Ng5+ Kg8 0.01/20 *(15...Kg6∓* -0.79/24 Richard Palliser,MH *16.h5+ Kh6 17.Nxe6+ Kh7)* 16.Qh5 Richard Palliser,MH: '=!' fxg5 17.hxg5 it transpires that Black can do more than just defend, with Richard Palliser, MH: 'it transpires that Black can do more than just defend, with. Threatening mate with g5-g6.' Rxf4!

18.exf4 -2.35/23 Richard Palliser,MH: '?' *(18.g6!=* -0.01/24 Richard Palliser, MH *Rh4 19.Rxh4 Bxh4 20.Rh1 cxd4 21.Rxh4 Qxc3+ 22.Kd1)* 18...cxd4 0.01/22 Richard Palliser,MH: '?' *(18...Bd6!-+* -2.35/23 Richard Palliser,MH *19.Qh8+ Kf7 20.g6+* Decoy *Kxg6 21.f5+ Kf6 22.Qh4+ Kxf5 23.Qh5+ Kf6 24.Qh4+ Kf7 25.Qh5+ Kf8 26.Qh8+ Ke7 27.Qxg7+ Kd8 28.Rh8+ Kc7 29.Rxa8 Bf4+* Deflection *30.Ke2 Qxc3)* 19.Rh3 -2.79/20 Richard Palliser,MH: '?' *(*or *19.Qh8+* -4.70/5 Richard Palliser,MH: '?' Richard Palliser,MH: '19.g5-g6 0.01' *Kf7 20.g6+ Kxg6 21.Qh5+ Kf6 22.Qe5+ Kf7; 19.g6!=* 0.01/22 (Richard Palliser,MH) and White has nothing to worry. *Qxc3+ 20.Kd1 Qxa1+ 21.Ke2 d3+ 22.cxd3 Qb2+ 23.Kf3)* 19...Bd6 and White comes up short.]

14.exd4 -1.54/19 Richard Palliser,MH: '

[⩲14.Nxd4 -1.02/21 Richard Palliser, MH Bd7 15.Qg4]



' **14...e5!** Continuing in thematic fashion to strive to open lines. Richard Palliser, MH: ' ∓ !' Richard Palliser,MH: 'Continuing in thematic fashion to strive to open lines. Deflection' **15.dxe5 Nc5**

[Naturally Black is happy to sacrifice a pawn to bring even more of her pieces into play, although there wasn't too much wrong either with 15...fxe5 -0.66/19 Richard Palliser,MH: '15...Na6-c5 -1.90' 16.Bxe5 Nc5 .]

16.Ke2!

[Sensibly running. 16.exf6? -3.39/21 Richard Palliser,MH: '16.Kd2-e2 -1.38' Bxf6 would spell carnage on the dark squares, or in the centre after 17.Be5 -6.45/21 Richard Palliser,MH: '?' *(17.Ke2* -3.13/22 Richard Palliser, MH *)* 17...Bxe5 18.Nxe5 Ne4+ .]

16...Bg4 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Threatens to win with ...Qa5-a4.'

[16...Qxc3 Richard Palliser,MH 17.Bd2 Qa3 18.Bc1]

17.Kf1 Nxd3

[Beginning to cash in, but with White not exactly up to much Black might have first improved with 17...Rac8! .]

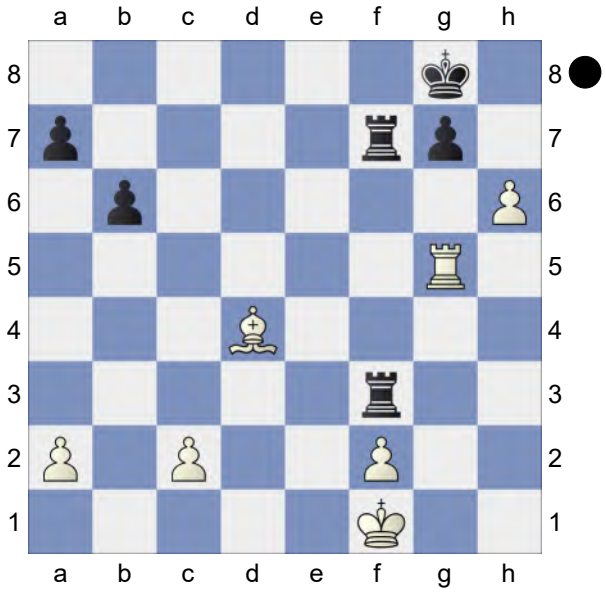
18.Qxd3 Bxf3?! -0.43/21

[Once again, 18...Rac8 -1.48/20 was a better try, and if Richard Palliser,MH: ' ∓' 19.Bd2 -2.47/20 *(* or *19.exf6* -2.16/22 Richard Palliser,MH: '19.Ra1-e1 -1.72' *Bxf6 20.Ng5 g6* , keeping full control*; 19.Re1∓* -1.48/21 Richard Palliser,MH*; 19.a4* Richard Palliser,MH *Rxc3)* 19...fxe5 Richard Palliser,MH: '-+!' 20.Nxe5 Bf5 21.Qe2 -3.26/21 Richard Palliser,MH: '?' *(21.Qg3* -1.73/20 Richard Palliser, MH *)* 21...Rce8 when Black's vastly superior coordination will count for much more than White's extra pawn.]

19.gxf3 Richard Palliser,MH: '∓'

19...Rac8 20.Rd1! -0.68/23

The fightback begins for White.
[20.Rg1= -0.25/21 (Richard Palliser, MH) deserves consideration. Kh8 *(20...Rxc3 21.Qe2=; 20...Qxc3 21.Qxc3 Rxc3 22.Bh6±)* 21.Rd1]
20...Rxc3
[20...Rfd8!? -0.17/20 was worth a thought too, and if Richard Palliser, MH: '20...Rc8xc3 -0.59 was worth a thought too, and if' 21.Qf5 Qxc3 22.Kg2 Rc6 when c2 is falling and Black retains a handy advantage. Richard Palliser,MH: 'when c2 is falling and Black retains a handy advantage. Prevents Qf5-e6+.']
[20...Qxa2 Richard Palliser,MH 21.Kg2=]
21.Qxd5+ Qxd5 22.Rxd5 fxe5
[It's important not to grab too many pawns: 22...Rxc2 23.Kg2 *(23.Rd7* Richard Palliser,MH *Bc5 24.Rd2 Rxd2 25.Bxd2∓)* 23...fxe5 24.Bxe5 Rxa2?! 25.Rc1 would have given White plenty of activity and very likely enough to hold.]
23.Bxe5 Rcxf3 24.Bd4 b6
Taking stock, we find Black with the superior structure, but Paikidze must have been relieved to get the queens off without losing a pawn. Magnus would no doubt win this as Black with ease, but in the game it never really looked like Zatonskih would in the run-up to move 40. **25.h5 h6 26.Rg1?!** -1.59/24
[Better is 26.c4∓ -0.65/21 Richard Palliser,MH]
26...Bg5?! -0.46/25
[Time-trouble was playing a factor by now. Instead, 26...Bf6 -1.59/24 Richard Palliser,MH: ' ∓' 27.Bxf6 *(27.Ke1* Richard Palliser,MH *Bxd4 28.Rxd4 Rxf2)* 27...R3xf6 28.Rg2 Rf5 29.Rd7 R8f7 would have forced a highly favourable trade of rooks or won a pawn.]
27.Rdxg5! -1.14/24
[Wowsers. Paikidze is nothing if not bold. Most of us would have settled for 27.Rd7 R8f7 28.Rxf7 Kxf7 29.Rg3 Rf4 Richard Palliser,MH: '!' 30.Rd3 and continued to grovel, but the text buys White a mighty passed h-pawn, albeit at the cost of the exchange.]
[27.Rg4∓ -0.46/25 Richard Palliser, MH]
27...hxg5 Richard Palliser,MH: '∓'
28.Rxg5 Richard Palliser,MH: '∓' Richard Palliser,MH: 'Endgame. KRR-KRB'
28...R8f7 Richard Palliser,MH: ' And now ...Rf3-f5 would win.' **29.h6** The point of White's play. Richard Palliser,MH: '



The point of White's play.' **29...g6** Richard Palliser,MH: '!' **30.Rxg6+ Kh7 31.Re6 Ra3 32.Ke2!** Not forgetting to involve the king. **32...Rd7**
[32...Rxa2 -0.71/23 Richard Palliser, MH: '32...b6-b5 -1.11' 33.Kd3 b5 was the way to 'race', but after, say, 34.f4 a5 -0.12/20 *(34...b4∓* -0.79/20 Richard Palliser,MH) 35.Rb6! Richard Palliser,MH: '=!' b4 36.Rc6

Richard Palliser,MH: '!' Richard Palliser,MH: ' Repels Rf7-c7'

A) White's play is rather unintuitive, but seems to work, as shown by 36...a4 -0.34/23 Richard Palliser, MH: '36...Ra2-a3+ -0.79' 37.Ke4! -0.89/20 *(37.Rb6∓ -0.34/23 Richard Palliser,MH)* 37...b3 0.00/23 *(37...Ra3!∓ -0.89/20 Richard Palliser,MH 38.Rb6 b3)* 38.cxb3 Richard Palliser,MH: '=' axb3 39.Rb6;

B) 36...Re7 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Hoping for ...Ra2-a3+.' 37.f5 Richard Palliser,MH: '!' a4 -0.01/21 *(37...Ra3+∓ -0.45/20 Richard Palliser,MH 38.Kc4 Rf7)* 38.Rb6 White seems to be able to halt the black pawns, Black not being particularly helped by her rook's position.]

33.c3 Rxa2+ 34.Kf3 Ra1 -0.80/20 Clearing the way for the queenside pawns and also hinting at coming over to h1.

[⌓34...b5 -1.16/21 Richard Palliser, MH 35.Ke4 Ra1]

35.Kg2 -1.23/21

[⌓35.Ke4 -0.80/20 Richard Palliser, MH]

35...Rf7 -0.63/21

[35...b5∓ -1.23/21 Richard Palliser, MH 36.Be5 Re1]

36.f4! Ra5 -0.26/24

[36...Rxf4? 0.00/24 Richard Palliser, MH: '36...Ra1-d1 -0.61' 37.Re7+ Richard Palliser,MH: '!' Kxh6 Richard Palliser,MH: ' ...Kh6-g6 would now be deadly.' 38.Be3 was White's fiendish point. Richard Palliser,MH: ' ±' '!']

[Black should try 36...Rd1∓ -0.80/23 Richard Palliser,MH]

37.Be5 -0.65/23

[37.Kg3= -0.26/24 Richard Palliser, MH]

37...Ra2+ -0.12/27

[37...Rd5∓ -0.65/23 Richard Palliser, MH]

38.Kg3 -0.56/25

[38.Kf3= -0.12/27 (Richard Palliser, MH) might be stronger.]

38...Ra1 39.Kg2 -0.88/22 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Dodges Ra1-g1+'

[39.Kf3∓ -0.49/23 Richard Palliser, MH]

39...Ra2+ 0.01/24 **40.Kg3** Richard Palliser,MH: '=' **40...Ra1 41.Kg2** Richard Palliser,MH: '!' Richard Palliser,MH: ' Prevents Ra1-g1+.'

41...Rd7 -0.37/23 Black elects to play on and why not, but by now White is certainly sufficiently active and well enough coordinated to hold.

[41...b5∓ -0.81/21 Richard Palliser, MH]

42.Kf3 Richard Palliser,MH: ' ∓!' **42...Rh1** -0.01/23

[42...Rg1∓ -0.57/24 Richard Palliser, MH]

43.Re8! Richard Palliser,MH: '=!' **43...Kxh6** Richard Palliser,MH: ' Black wants to play ...Kh6-g6.'

[43...Rxh6? 44.f5 would threaten mate and be an immediate draw after Rg7 Richard Palliser,MH: '!' 45.Bxg7 Kxg7 ,]

[but 43...Rf7 was a try for more, although I suspect that 44.Ke4 Rf1 45.Kd5 Kxh6 46.Ke6 would worry Black more than White, if also be a draw.]

[43...Rf1+ (Richard Palliser,MH) is more complex. 44.Ke2 Rb1 45.Rh8+ Kg6]

44.Rh8+ -0.37/21

[White plays to cut off the black king, but she also could have done that with 44.Kg4!? -0.01/24 Richard Palliser, MH: '=' Rg1+ *(or 44...Kg6* Richard Palliser,MH: ' Threatening ... Rh1-g1+.' *45.Rg8+ Kf7 46.Rg7+ Ke6 47.f5+!)* 45.Kf5 .]

44...Rh7 Richard Palliser,MH: '∓'

45.Rg8! -0.69/23

[45.Rf8= -0.22/23 Richard Palliser, MH]

45...Re1 -0.31/21

[45...Rf1+! -0.69/23 (Richard Palliser, MH) is more appropriate. 46.Ke4 Rf7]

46.Bd4 Rd7 47.Rh8+ Kg6 48.Kg4 Richard Palliser,MH: '!' **48...Re4**

49.Be5? -1.14/23

[This could have led to trouble. 49.Rf8 -0.05/25 was the way to keep Black kettled and to include the f-pawn. There is Richard Palliser,MH: '=' Rdxd4 , but after 50.cxd4 Rxd4 51.Rc8 it's a book draw.]

49...Re7! Richard Palliser,MH: '∓!'

50.Bd4 -1.47/25

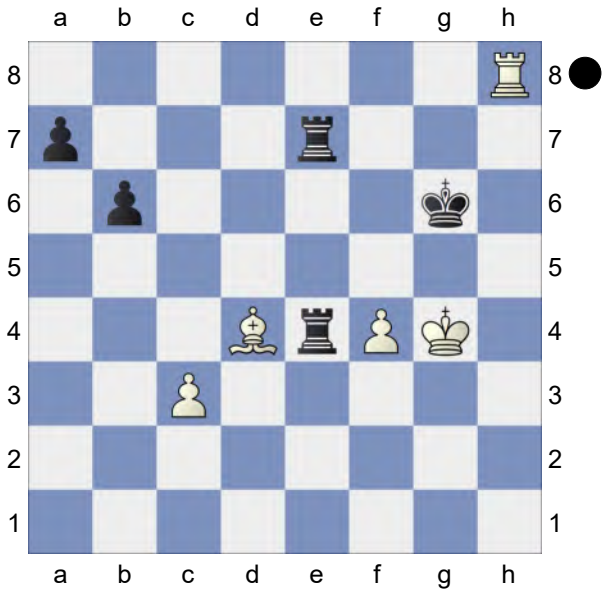
[⌓50.Kf3 -1.05/22 Richard Palliser, MH R4xe5 51.fxe5]

50...Rd7? 0.01/23

[Richard Palliser,MH: 'Settling for the draw, although' 50...Re8! -1.51/24 would have discombobulated, and after Richard Palliser,MH: ' ∓!' '∓!' 'was still available.' Richard Palliser,MH: ' Strongly threatening ...Re8xh8.' Richard Palliser,MH: ' aiming for ... Re8xh8.' 51.Rh1 -1.97/23 *(51.Rh4* -1.43/24 Richard Palliser,MH Richard Palliser,MH: ' ∓' Richard Palliser,MH: ' was necessary.' *Rf8)* 51...Rf8 Richard Palliser,MH: '-+!' 52.Be5 Rf5! Black would have been well on the way to improving her coordination and king position. We are a long way off talking about a definite win, but there would certainly have been good chances at last to convert the extra exchange.]

51.Be5 Richard Palliser,MH: '=' **51...Re7**

52.Bd4 Richard Palliser,MH: '



' **52...Rd7** 0.01/22 Richard Palliser,MH: '?'

[Settling for the draw, although 52...Re8 was still available.]

53.Be5 Re7 0.01/35 Richard Palliser, MH: ' Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.29 (precise) '

[Black should play 53...b5∓ -0.64/22 Richard Palliser,MH]

½-½

698 **A45**

□ **Negrean,Andrei** **2352**

■ **Deac,Bogdan Daniel** **2674**

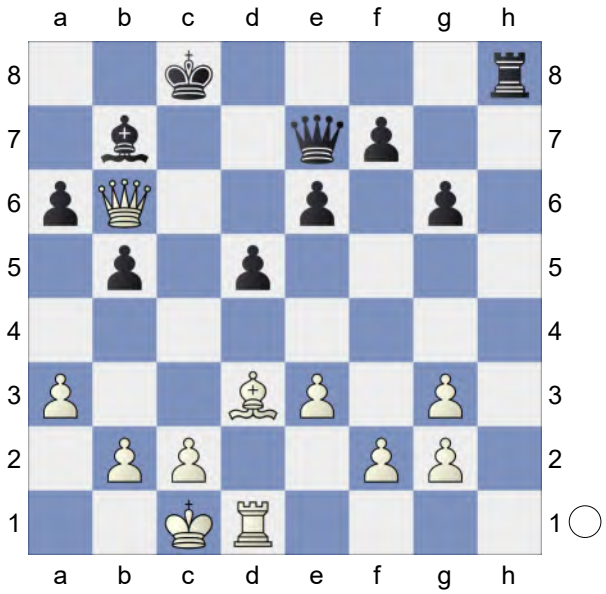
Titled Tue 1st Jul Early blitz (4) 01.07.25

[TA]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines

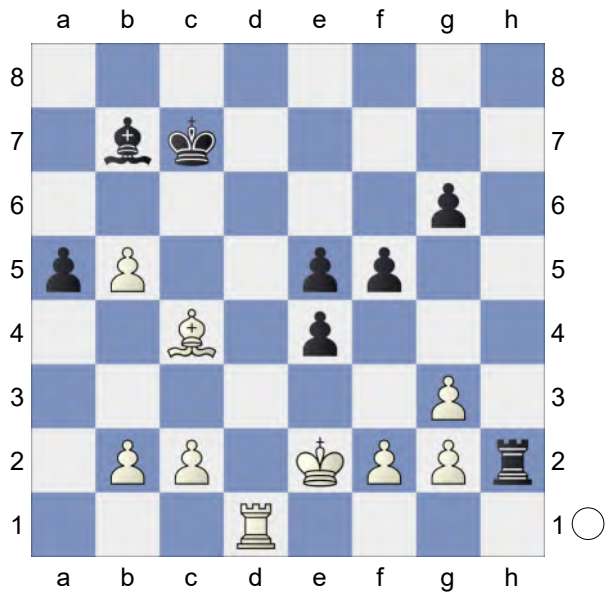
Richard Palliser,MH: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines

' **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 e6 4.e3 Bb4 5.Nge2 Nh5** 0.15/23
[5...0-0∓ -0.43/19 6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.Nxc3 Nc6 8.Qf3 a6 9.g4 Nxg4 10.h3 Nf6 11.Bg5 e5 12.Rg1 Kh8 13.0-0-0 Be6 14.dxe5 Nxe5 15.Qg2 c6 16.f4 Ng6 17.Bd3 h6 18.h4 hxg5 19.hxg5 Ng4 20.f5 Bxf5 (23) 2) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 e6-6. a3 Bxc3 #2 The Meanest Jobava 2023]
6.Bg3N -0.28/22
[⌓6.Be5 0.15/23]
[6.a3 Be7 7.Bg3 Nd7 8.Nf4 Nxg3 9.hxg3 Nf6 10.g4 a6 11.g5 Ne4 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.g6 0-0 14.Rxh7 fxg6 15.Nxg6 Bb4+ 16.axb4 Kxh7 17.Qh5+ Kg8 18.Qh8+ Kf7 19.Ne5+ Ke8 20.Qh5+ Ke7 1-0 (31) Niemann, H (2465)-Saric,I (2646) Titled Tuesday, Internet (blitz) 2020 (5) 21.Qg5+ Rf6 22.Qxg7+ Ke8 23.Ng6 Rf5 24.g4 Rf3 25.Bg2 Qf6 26.Qg8+ Kd7 27.Ne5+ Ke7 28.Bxf3 exf3 29.0-0-0 Qh6 30.Qf7+ Kd8 31.g5 1-0 Fandino, R (2465)-Modestov,B (2646) (m/7) 64/244 1995 (5)]
6...Nxg3 7.hxg3 Qe7 8.a3 White has an edge. **8...Ba5 9.Nc1** -0.15/18
[⌓9.Qd3 0.23/18]
9...c5= 10.Nb3 -0.53/21
[10.dxc5= -0.14/21 is superior. Qxc5 11.Qd4 Qxd4 12.exd4]
10...Bb6? 1.29/22
[10...Bxc3+∓ -0.53/21 stays ahead. 11.bxc3 c4]
11.dxc5± Bxc5 12.Nxc5 Qxc5 13.Qg4 g6 14.Qf4 a6 2.08/22 Repels Nb5
[14...Qe7± 1.44/19]
15.0-0-0 Strongly threatening Nxd5!
15...Nd7 16.Rh6 b6 17.Qh4 White has more active pieces. The black rooks are passive. **17...Bb7 18.Rxh7 Rxh7 19.Qxh7 Qe7 20.Bd3** 1.16/19
[20.Qh8++- 1.67/18 Qf8 21.Qh4]
20...Nf8 1.76/19
[20...Qf6± 1.16/19 was called for.]
21.Qg7+- 0-0-0 22.Qd4 1.49/18
[22.f4+- 1.87/20]
22...Nd7± 23.Na4 b5 1.73/19
[23...Kc7± 1.22/18]
24.Nb6++- Nxb6 25.Qxb6 Rh8 2.69/20
[25...Qd6 1.72/20 was worth a try. 26.Qxd6 Rxd6]

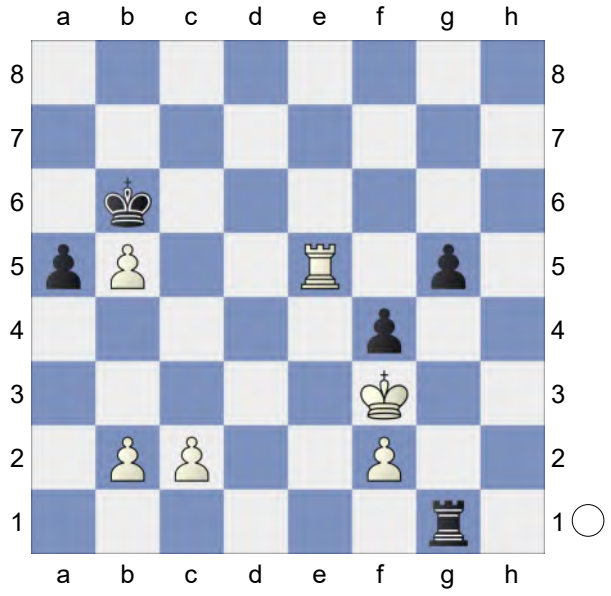


26.a4! Qc7 27.Qxc7+ Kxc7 28.axb5 Endgame. KRB-KRB **28...a5 29.Kd2 Rh2 30.Ke2 e5 31.e4!** exd5 is the strong threat. Deflection **31...dxe4** 2.64/25
[⌓31...d4 1.81/23 32.Rg1 Rh6]
32.Bc4 f5

(Diagram)



33.Bd5! f4? 4.58/24
[33...Bxd5 2.33/22 34.Rxd5 Rxg2 35.Rxe5 Rg1]
34.Bxb7 Kxb7 35.gxf4 exf4 KR-KR **36.Rd4 Rxg2 37.Rxe4 g5 38.Kf3** 2.16/22
[⌓38.c4 3.76/21]
38...Rg1 39.Re5? 0.04/25
[39.c4± 1.56/25]
39...Kb6 4.27/23
[39...Rc1= 0.04/25 and Black is okay.]



40.c4? 0.67/21
[40.b3!+- 4.27/23 Rc1 41.c4 *(41.Rxg5 Rxc2 42.Kxf4 Rb2=)*]
40...Rc1? 4.78/24
[Black should try 40...Rb1± 0.67/21]
41.Re6+
[Not 41.Rxg5 Rxc4 42.Rf5 Rb4∓]
41...Kb7 42.Rc6 0.03/21
[White has to play 42.b3+- 3.09/24]
42...a4!= 43.c5 Rc2 44.Rb6+ Kc7 45.Rc6+ Kd7 46.Rd6+ Ke7? 3.24/25
[46...Kc8= 0.01/30 and Black has nothing to worry.]
47.Ra6? 0.01/24
[47.Rd5+- 3.24/25]
47...Rxb2? 4.49/30
[47...Rxc5= 0.01/24 48.Kg4 Rc4]
48.Rxa4? 0.00/37
[48.b6+- 4.49/30 Kd7 49.Rxa4]
48...Rxb5 The position is equal. **49.Rc4 Rb2 50.c6** Threatening mate with c7. **50...Kd8 51.Rc5 Kc7 52.Rxg5 Kxc6 53.Rf5 Kd6 54.Rxf4 Ke5 55.Re4+ Kf5 56.Re3 Rb4 57.Kg3 Rg4+ 58.Kf3** White threatens Re5+! and mate. **58...Rb4 59.Ke2 Ra4 60.Rb3 Ra2+ 61.Kf3 Ra4 62.Rb5+ Kf6 63.Kg3 Rc4 64.f4 Rc1 65.Rb6+ Kf5 66.Rb5+ Kf6 67.Rb6+ Kf5 68.Rb5+ Kf6**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.59/ Black=0.64
½-½

699 **B13**
□ **Fiorito,Francisco** **2348**
■ **Brodsky,David** **2497**
Titled Tuesday Blitz (7) 10.10.2023
[Richard Palliser]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3
[The London route into the game would be 2.Bf4 d5 3.e3 c5 4.Nc3 .]

2...d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 And so we reach another important position for the Jobava-Prie, as well as for the London should London practitioners not mind switching things up with Nc3 on occasion. **4...cxd4 5.exd4 a6** A popular and sensible idea, cutting out any issues with Nb5. **6.Nf3 Nc6**

[Black also has 6...Bg4 when 7.Be2 *(* the choice of the young super-talented Indian generation, but *7.h3 Bxf3 8.Qxf3 e6 9.g4* would be somewhat more typically Jobava-Prieesque in my view*)* 7...Nc6 8.h3 *(* Gukesh and Vachier-Lagrave twice debate *8.Ne5 Bxe2 9.Nxe2 e6 10.0-0 Bd6* in the recent Chess.com SpeedChess Challenge, with *11.Ng3 0-0 12.c3 Qc7* eventually leading to a win for White, but was surely absolutely fine for Black at this stage the knight on g3 isn't overly happy here *)* 8...Bxf3 9.Bxf3 e6 10.Ne2 Bd6 (Black's pieces flow to good squares) 11.Be3 0-0 12.0-0 Ne7!? 13.g3 Nf5 14.Bc1 Rc8 15.c3 b5 gave Black easy and good counterplay in Sadhwani-Subelj, Pula (blitz) 2023.]

7.Ne5 Bd7 8.Qd2

[I suggested this move and the follow-up a few years ago on ChessPub, but these days an aggressive white player is likely to prefer 8.g4!? , as recommended in Simon Williams's 'Opening Repertoire: The Jobava London System' and covered of late in Erigaisi-Lenderman, PRO League (rapid) 2023.]

8...e6 9.f3 Keeping Black out of e4 while hinting at expansion with g2-g4. **9...Bb4** The pin is ever fairly critical in these positions. **10.g4?!**

[Consistent, but probably too optimistic here and it may well be that White does better with the calmer 10.a3 Ba5 11.Nxc6 Bxc6 12.Bd3 , keeping open options of b2-b4 if required.]

10...Rc8 11.a3 Bxc3

[Tempting when White can't recapture with the queen, but it may be that maintaining the pin is even stronger or at least the engines prefer 11...Ba5!? , and if 12.h4 h5! 13.g5 Ng8 when White does begin to look a little overextended.]

12.bxc3 0-0 13.Rb1

[Engine-approved, although it may be that the more natural 13.Bd3 is very slightly better, and if Na5 14.a4! to keep Black's queenside play under control.]

13...b5

[13...Na5!? would exploit White's inability to push the a-pawn and here 14.Bg5 Bb5!? 15.Bxb5 axb5 16.Rxb5 b6 should be decent value for a pawn.]

14.Nd3?!

[Heading for c5, but e5 is also a rather important square here and I'd certainly prefer to take White after 14.h4! when Be8!? 15.h5 Nd7 16.Nxd7 Bxd7 17.h6 g6 is how the engines want to grovel slightly as Black.]

14...Re8

[Or again 14...Na5!? , and if 15.Nc5? e5! 16.Bxe5 Re8 , gaining a decent initiative at the cost of a pawn.]

15.Be2

[Even here White would have chances to be better after 15.Ne5! .]

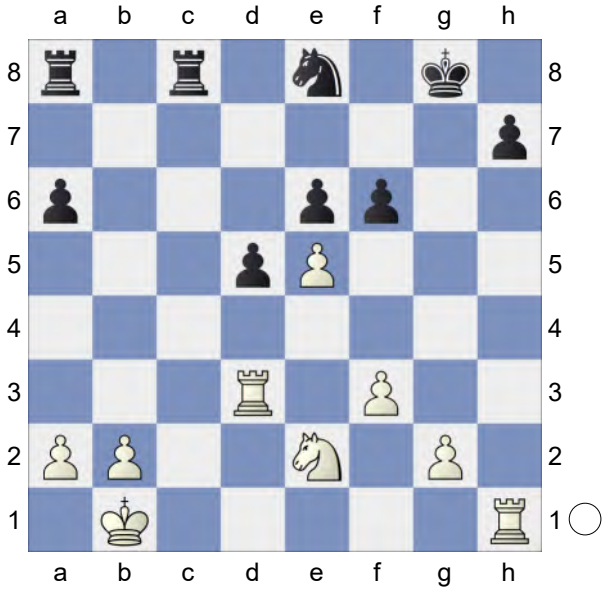
15...Na5 16.Nc5? The wrong way. The American GM playing Black now

counters White's flank optimism in classically-approved fashion in the centre. **16...e5!** Ouch. **17.Be3**
[Of course, 17.dxe5 Rxc5! 18.exf6 Qxf6 wouldn't be at all fun for White,]
[and 17.Bxe5? Rxc5 18.Bxf6 Qxf6 19.dxc5 Nc4 gives Black a deadly initiative, but the text is hardly a panacea for White.]
17...Nc4
[A decent move, but the vigorous 17...e4! would have left White's position teetering on the brink.]
18.Bxc4 dxc4 19.0-0 Nd5!?
[And here 19...exd4 20.Bxd4 Bxg4! would have retained a clear advantage, in view of 21.fxg4 Rxc5 .]
20.Bf2 Bc6 21.Rfe1??
[White was almost fully back in the game, but now his kingside collapses. In contrast, 21.dxe5 Rxe5 22.Ne4 would have kept things under control and restricted Black to an edge.]
21...Qf6! There's just no good way to defend f3. **22.Kg2 Nf4+ 23.Kg3 Qh6** Threatening mate as well as to win the queen. The game is up for Fiorito. **24.Be3 Qh3+ 25.Kf2 Qg2#**
0-1

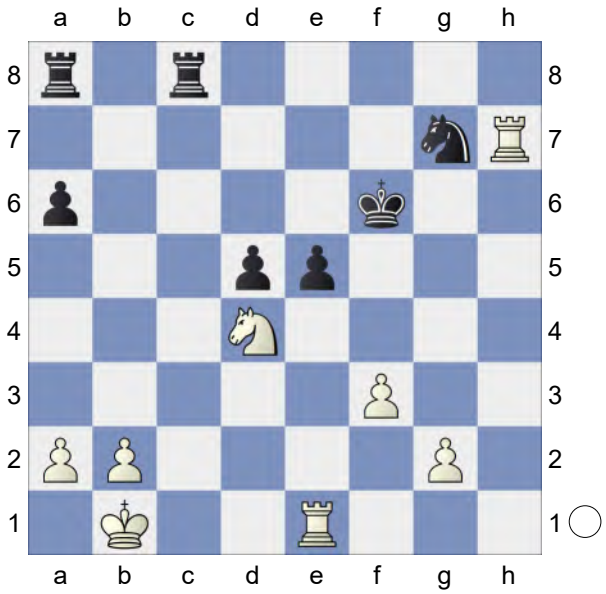
700 **D01**
□ **Mohamed Anees,M** **2344**
■ **Heinemann,Josefine** **2305**
Qatar Masters 2024 | Open A (9)
[Kitty Kat]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 *(3...Qa5 4.Bd2 b5 5.e4 b4 6.e5 bxc3 7.Bxc3 Qa4 8.exf6 Qe4+ 9.Qe2 Qxe2+ 10.Bxe2 gxf6 11.d6 e5 12.Bf3 Nc6 13.Bxc6 dxc6 14.f4 Bxd6* 0-1 Reynolds,R (2565)-Zanetti,A (2389) corr CNEC 15 jub 1993 *)* 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Be2 0-0 10.0-0 a6 11.Nd2 Rb8 12.Nc4 b5 13.axb5 axb5 14.Na5 Qe8 15.Nc6 Rb7 16.Ra5 Nb8 17.Nxb8 Rxb8 18.Qd3 Qd8 19.Ra7 b4* 0-1 Yakimenko,A-9.♘c3 ♘e7 10.♘e4 NO 1925 *)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.a4 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nbd7 11.Re1 a6 12.Bf1 e5 13.a5 Ne8 14.Bd3 Qh4 15.Qg4 Qxg4 16.hxg4 Rc8 17.b3 Nef6 18.g5 Ne8 19.g3 f6 20.Kg2 fxg5* 0-1 Sadykov,R (2345)-Skliarov,V (2383) Julius Baer Play In rapid 2023 (3.76)*; 6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]
3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 Bg4 6.f3 Bd7 7.Nb5 Bxb5 8.Bxb5+ Nc6 ...Qa5+ is the strong threat. **9.c3 a6 10.Bd3 e6 11.Ne2 Bd6 12.Bxd6 Qxd6 13.Qd2 0-0 14.h4 Rfe8 15.0-0-0 b5 16.h5 b4 17.h6** Threatens to win with hxg7. **17...bxc3**
[17...g6 simplifies 18.Kb1 bxc3 19.Qxc3 Reb8]
18.Qxc3

[18.Qg5 looks sharper. cxb2+ 19.Kb1 Qf8 20.Rh3]
18...Nb4 0.30/24
[⩲18...g6! -0.13/22]
19.Kb1= Rec8 20.Qd2 hxg7 would now be deadly. **20...Nxd3 21.Qg5** Really sharp!
[21.Qxd3 simplifies g6 22.Rc1 Kf8 23.Rxc8+ Rxc8 24.Rc1]
21...Qf8 0.65/26 **22.Rxd3± Ne8**
23.hxg7 White is much more active.
[23.Nf4 is more complex. Ra7 24.Nh5 Qe7 25.Qxe7 Rxe7 26.hxg7 Rec7 27.g4]
23...Qxg7 24.Qe5 Qxe5 1.17/20
[24...Qxg2? 25.Rg1+-]
[24...Rc6!= 0.26/20]
25.dxe5± f6 2.23/23
[25...Rab8± 1.21/27]



26.Re3!+- fxe5 27.Rxe5 Ng7 28.Nd4 Kf7 29.Rxh7 Kf6 1.96/24
[29...Rh8± 1.42/22 was called for. 30.Rxh8 Rxh8]
30.Re1 Hoping for Nxe6! **30...e5** 3.21/23
[30...Rh8± 1.54/20 31.Rxh8 *(31.Reh1 Rxh7 32.Rxh7 Nf5±)* 31...Rxh8]



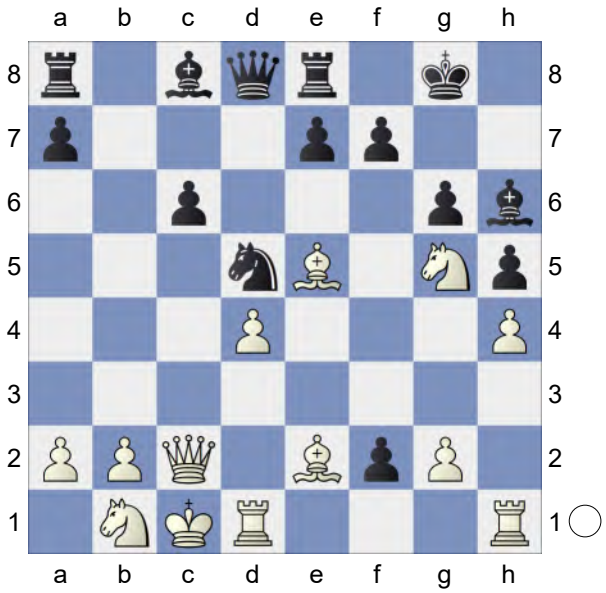
31.Nc6! e4
[31...Rh8 32.Rxh8]
32.fxe4 dxe4 33.Rf1+? 1.06/19
[33.Ne7+- 2.72/22 is more deadly. Rh8 34.Rxh8 Rxh8 35.Rxe4 Rh1+ 36.Kc2]
33...Kg6± 34.Ne7+ 0.09/29
[34.Rfh1!± 0.93/23 And now Ne7+ would win. Rc7 35.R7h3]
34...Kxh7= 35.Rh1+ Nh5 36.Rxh5+ Kg7 37.Nxc8 Rxc8 Endgame. KR-KR **38.Re5 Rc4 39.b3** 0.01/32
[39.Rf5!⩲ 0.52/29]
39...Rd4 The position is equal. **40.Ra5 e3 41.Re5**
[41.Rxa6? perishes. e2 42.Re6 Rd1+ 43.Kc2 e1Q *(43...e1R? 44.Rb6-+)* 44.Rxe1 Rxe1-+]
41...Rd1+ 42.Kb2 Rd2+ 43.Kc3 Rxa2 44.Rxe3 Rxg2 45.Rf3 a5 46.Kc4 Rg5 47.Rf4 Kg6 48.Rf8 Kg7 Repels Rg8+ **49.Rf2 Rg4+ 50.Kc3 Kg6 51.Rf8** aiming for Rg8+. **51...Rh4 52.Rf1 Re4 53.Ra1 Re5 54.Kb2 Kf6 55.Ka3 Ke6 56.Rd1 Re4 57.Rd8**
[57.Rd2!?]
57...Ke7 Wards off Re8+ **58.Rd5 Rh4**

59.Rxa5 Kd6 60.Ra4 Rh8 61.Rc4 Ra8+ 62.Kb4 Rb8+ 63.Kc3 Rb7 64.b4 Rc7 65.b5 Rxc4+ 66.Kxc4 KP-K **66...Kc7 67.Kc5 Kb7 68.b6 Kb8 69.Kc6** b7 would kill now.
[69.Kb5!?]
69...Kc8 70.b7+ Kb8 71.Kb6 Black escapes into a draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) / Black=0.16 (very precise)
½-½

701 **D00**
□ **Bifulco,Michel** **2344**
■ **Shah Rishab** **1973**
Sitges (1) 15.12.2017
[Rishab,Shah]

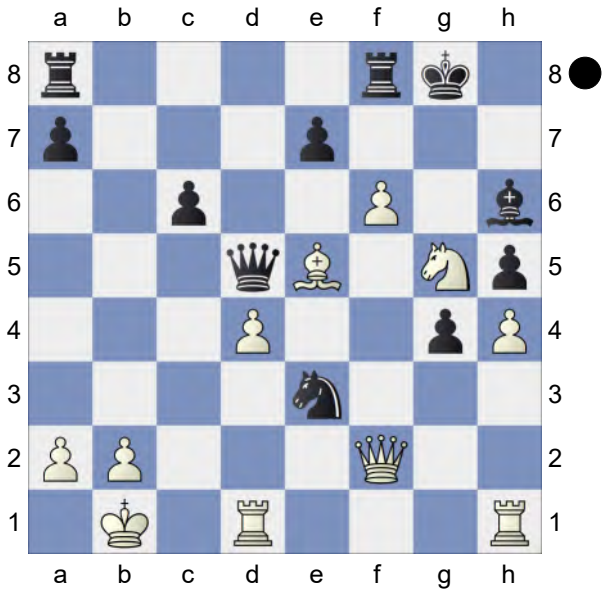
D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 g6 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* 1-0 Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 2013*; 5.f4 Qa5 6.Bd2 Qb4 7.Qe2 Qxb2 8.Rb1 Qa3 9.e5 dxe5 10.fxe5 Nfd7 11.e6 fxe6 12.dxe6 Nf6 13.Nb5 Qxa2 14.Nc7+ Kd8 15.Rd1 Nc6 16.Bf4+ Nd4 17.Nxa8 Qxe6 18.Qxe6 Bxe6 19.c3 Bg4* 1-0 Genovese,A (2106)-Burk,E (1200) Germany senior ch-5 final 9901 1999*)* 5...Bg7 6.Bc4 *(6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.a4 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nbd7 11.Re1 a6 12.Bf1 e5 13.a5 Ne8 14.Bd3 Qh4 15.Qg4 Qxg4 16.hxg4 Rc8 17.b3 Nef6 18.g5 Ne8 19.g3 f6 20.Kg2 fxg5* 0-1 7.♗c4 ♕a5 8. ♕d2 e6_6062 (2345)-Jovic,A (2383) Gonfreville op 1979 (3.76)*)* 6...0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 1-0 Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) V0048 www.desc-online.de 2000 (7) gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8 21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9)]
3.Bf4 c6 4.e3 g6 5.h4 h5 6.Be2 Bg7 7.Nf3 0-0 8.Qd2 The position is equal. **8...Nbd7 9.Ng5 Re8 10.0-0-0** -0.61/21
[10.Rd1= -0.23/19]
10...b5∓ I saw this idea in a game and so I played the moves till now quite fast.
[10...e5 -0.25/20 10...b7-b5 -0.64 11.dxe5 Nxe5 12.e4± Hence I did not play ...e5.]
11.e4 -1.22/19 I did not expect this move but I felt it was wrong because there were some complications with b4 but my opponent played this move quite fast.
[11.f3!∓ -0.62/18]
11...b4∓ This move I played fast as if I don't play this then his position is already better. **12.Nb1** -1.45/19 I thought for a while here. I was seeing Nxe4 and dxe4. I did not even consider anything else.
[12.Na4∓ -0.65/20]
12...dxe4
[12...Nxe4 -0.53/20 12...d5xe4 -1.58 I was calculating this for a long time: 13.Nxe4 dxe4 14.g4 *(14.Qxb4* -0.57/19 *14.g2-g4 -0.12 Nf6)* 14...hxg4 15.h5 with attack. This is

the line I saw due to which I did not play this line.]
[12...Nxe4 13.Nxe4 dxe4 14.Qxb4∓]
13.Qxb4 -1.80/19
[13.g4∓ -1.34/17 was worth a try.]
13...Nd5-+ 14.Qd2 N7f6 -0.38/18 I felt confident here. Even my bishop was coming to f5 and then my development would be great. One of his knight was stuck on b1 and the other one was doing nothing on g5
[Black should play 14...e5!-+ -1.66/18 15.dxe5 Nxe5]
15.Be5 I thought for a while here and considered Bf5 but then thought of playing something different. **15...Bh6** This has a cheap threat to it too-e3. **16.c4 e3** 1.11/21 I saw this variation and all the possibilities if he captures when i played ...Bh6. **17.Qc2?** -1.69/18
[17.fxe3 Ne4
A) 18.Qd3? 0.01/20 18.Qd2-c2 1.64 Nf2;
B) 18.Qe1 Nxe3 and ...Bc8-f5 would now be decisive 19.Bd3 -1.19/20 *(White should try 19.Bxh5 -0.79/20 Nxd1 20.Bxd1 Nxg5 21.Qe3 Pin)* 19...Nxd1∓ 20.Bxe4 Bg4;
C) 18.Nxe4 Bxe3 19.cxd5 Bxd2+ 20.Nbxd2 cxd5 21.Nc5 Bf5∞;
D) 18.Qc2 Nxe3 2.17/22 *(18...Bf5± 1.37/19 19.cxd5 Bxg5 20.hxg5 cxd5)* 19.Qxe4+- Nxd1 20.Rxd1? -0.01/19 *(20.Rf1+- 2.28/21)* 20...Bf5= 21.Qxc6 and Be5-f4 would now be decisive f6]
[17.fxe3± 1.11/21 is necessary to keep the advantage. Ne4 18.Qc2 *(18.Nxe4 Bxe3 Pin 19.cxd5 Bxd2+ 20.Rxd2 cxd5±)* 18...Nxe3 *(18...Nf2? 19.Bxh5 Nxd1 20.Bxg6+- Demolition)* 19.Qxe4 Nxd1 20.Rf1 *(20.Bxd1 Bf5∓)* 20...Bxg5+ 21.hxg5]
17...exf2? 0.66/19 I decided to give an unclear piece sacrifice after seeing a few variations.
[17...Bf5-+ -1.69/18 18.Qb3 exf2 19.cxd5 cxd5]
18.cxd5± Nxd5



19.Bxh5! I did not see this move but luckily I found a continuation that was good to play. Discovered Attack **19...Bf5**
[19...gxh5 20.Qh7+ Kf8 21.Qh8#]
[19...Nb4 20.Qb3]
20.Qxf2 f6 2.23/20
[20...Qa5± 1.23/18]
21.g4!+-
[21.Qg3?? -3.75/19 21.g2-g4 2.15 gxh5 a funny variation seen in the post game analysis.]
21...fxg5 22.gxf5? -0.64/19
[22.Qd2+- 2.20/20 Be4 *(22...Bxb1? 23.Kxb1 gxh5 24.Qc2+-)* 23.Rhe1 *(23.hxg5 Bg7±)* 23...gxh5 *(23...gxh4? 24.Qxh6 Nf6 25.Rxe4+-; 23...Bxb1? 24.Kxb1 gxh5 25.Qc2+-)* 24.Rxe4]
22...g4+∓ Thanks to this intermediate check my king will now be safe. **23.Nd2**

gxh5 24.Kb1 Rf8 The position is now slightly better for me. **25.Ne4** -0.57/20
[25.Nf1= -0.01/21]
25...Ne3 26.f6? -3.57/23 **Qd5-+**
[26...Nxd1 27.Qf5 *(27.Rxd1 Bg7∓* Pin *)* 27...exf6 28.Qg6+ Bg7 29.Ng5=]
27.Ng5

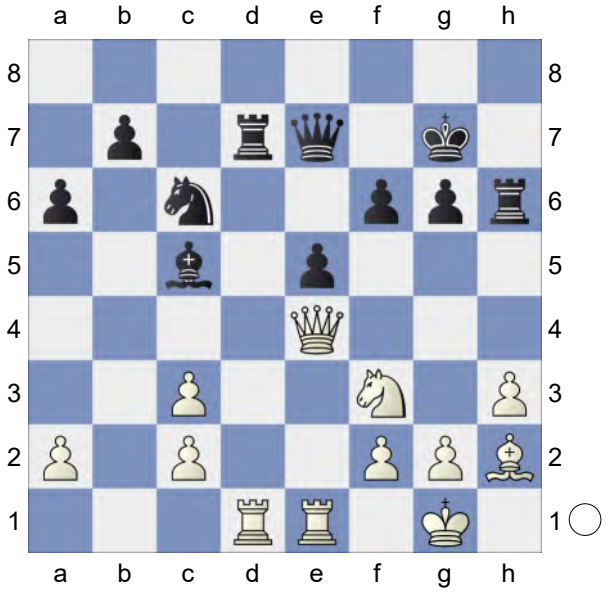


Bxg5!
[27...Nxd1 28.Qf5±]
28.hxg5 Qe4+
[Weaker is 28...Nxd1 29.Rxd1 Qe4+ *(29...Qe6? 30.Qc2+-)* 30.Ka1-+]
29.Kc1 Nxd1 30.Rxd1 c5 31.Rf1? -5.97/20
[31.Qc2 -3.15/19 Qxc2+ 32.Kxc2]
31...cxd4 Black is clearly winning. **32.f7+ Kh7** (→ ...Rf8-c8+) **33.Bxd4 Rac8+ 34.Bc3 Qg6 35.Qf4 Rc5 36.Qd4 Rxg5 37.Qe3 Rf5**
[37...Rxf7? too greedy. 38.Rxf7+ Qxf7 39.Qxg5+-]
38.Rxf5 Qxf5 39.Qxe7 Rxf7 40.Qe8 Qg5+ 41.Kd1 Qd5+ Never resign too early! Weighted Error Value: White=0.57/Black=0.33
0-1

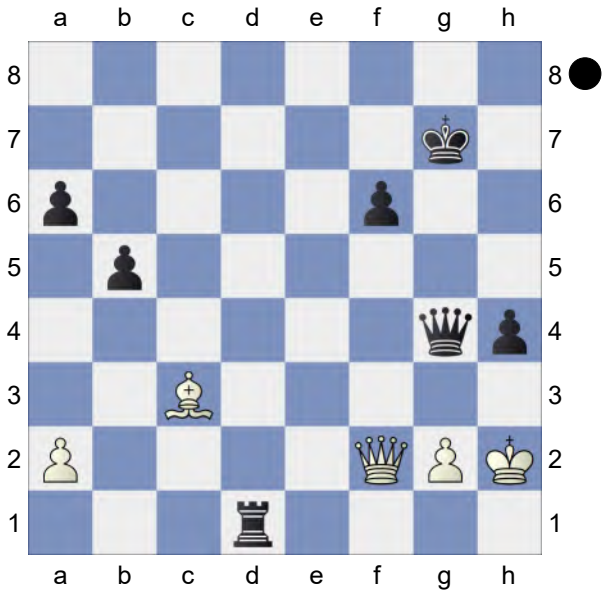
702 **A45**
□ **Volodin,Alexandr E** **2344**
■ **Hansen,Eric** **2609**
Titled Tue 17th Jun Late blitz (3) 17.6.25
[TA]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (120 (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ (41) Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 (41) Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 (23) Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]
3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 c5 5.dxc5 Nc6 6.Nf3 -0.02/23 Prevents e5
[6.a3!± 0.45/23]
6...e6= 7.Bd3 Bxc5 8.0-0 The position

is equal. **8...Qe7** 0.25/21
[⌓8...Bd6 -0.13/21]
9.e4 d4 10.e5 dxc3 0.37/22
[10...Nxe5= 0.00/26 11.Bxe5 *(11.Nxe5 dxc3 12.bxc3 b6=)* 11...dxc3]
11.exf6± gxf6
[11...Qxf6? 12.Bg5+-]
12.bxc3 h5 13.Qe2 e5 14.Bg3 Bg4 ...h4! would now be deadly. **15.h3 h4! 16.Bh2 Bh5 17.Rab1 Bg6 18.Rfe1 Rd8 19.Bxg6 fxg6 20.Qe4** -0.52/18
[20.Kh1= -0.04/23 was preferrable.]
20...Kf7 0.90/22
[20...g5!∓ -0.52/18 stays ahead.]
21.Nxh4± Rh6
[Don't blunder 21...f5? 22.Nxf5 gxf5 23.Qxf5+ Kg8 24.Bxe5 Bxf2+ *(24...Nxe5? 25.Rxe5 Rh7 26.Rxe7+-)* 25.Qxf2+-]
22.Nf3 Inhibits Rd2. **22...Rd7 23.Rbd1** 0.54/19
[23.h4± 1.14/20]
23...Kg7 1.22/20
[23...Rxd1!± 0.54/19 24.Rxd1 Qe6]



24.Nd4? -2.88/21 This costs White the game. **24...exd4-+ 25.Qf3 Qf7 26.cxd4 Nxd4 27.Qg4 Rh5 28.c3 Nf5 29.Qf3 b6 30.Qc6 Rxd1** Black is clearly winning. **31.Rxd1 Ne7 32.Qe4 Rd5**
[Don't take 32...Qxa2 33.Rf1]
33.Re1 Nf5 34.h4 Rd2 35.Rf1 Qd7 36.Qg4 Nh6 37.Qf3 Rd3 38.Qe2 Ng4 39.Bf4 Nxf2 40.Rxf2 Rxc3 41.Kh2 Bxf2 42.Qxf2 Endgame. KQR-KQB **42...b5 43.h5 gxh5** Strongly threatening ...Qg4. **44.Be3 Qg4 45.Bd4 Rc6 46.Qe3 Re6 47.Qf2 h4 48.Kh1 Rd6 49.Bc3 Rd1+ 50.Kh2**



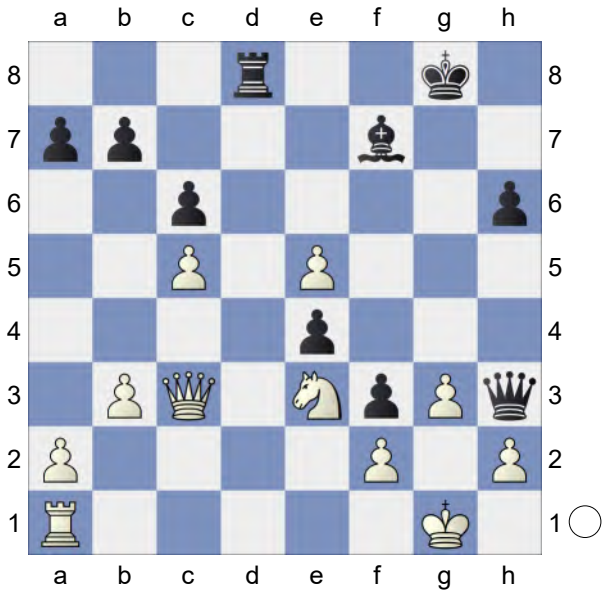
Qg3+! 51.Qxg3+ hxg3+ 52.Kxg3 Rd3+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.52/ Black=0.31
0-1

703 **D00**
□ **Haug,Havard** **2340**
■ **Svane,Rasmus** **2624**
Titled Tuesday intern op 28th Jan Early b..
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 c6 4.e3 Bf5 5.Bd3**

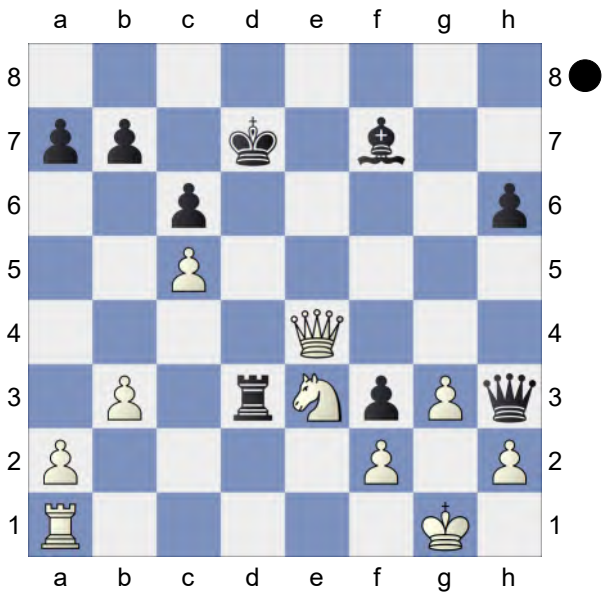
e6 6.Nf3 Nbd7 7.0-0 Bb4!? A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante. **8.Ne2** The position is equal. **8...0-0 9.Ng3N**
[9.c4 Be7 0.43/19 *(9...Bxd3=* 0.00/18 *10.Qxd3 Be7)* 10.Nc3 0.01/17 *(10.Bxf5±* 0.43/19 *exf5 11.Qc2)* 10...dxc4= 11.Bxc4 c5 12.a3 a6 13.Ba2 Qb6 14.Qe2 cxd4 15.Nxd4 -0.26/18 ;0-1 Bluebaum,M (2670)-Tari,A (2618) Titled Tuesday intern op 29th Dec blitz 2020 (6) *(⌓15.exd4* 0.13/20 *Rfc8 16.Rac1)*]
9...Bg6 10.Qe2 Ne4 11.Bxe4 dxe4 12.Nd2 -0.04/17
[12.Ng5± 0.42/19]
12...Bxd2 13.Qxd2 Nb6 14.b3 Nd5 15.c4 Nxf4 16.exf4 Qd6 17.Qe3 f5 18.c5 Qe7 19.Rfd1 Rad8 20.Rd2 h6 21.Qc3 -0.46/19
[21.b4= -0.01/19]
21...Bf7 -0.02/19
[21...Qh4∓ -0.46/19 22.Ne2 Bh5]
22.Nf1 -0.47/19
[22.f3= -0.02/19]
22...g5∓ 23.fxg5 Qxg5 24.Ne3 -0.90/19
[24.Re1= -0.29/19]
24...e5 -0.28/18 **25.dxe5** -1.05/21
[25.Nc4= -0.28/18 keeps the balance.]
25...f4 26.Nc4 f3? 0.64/22
[26...Bd5∓ -0.97/18]
27.g3± h2-h4 is the strong threat.
27...Rxd2 28.Nxd2 Qf5 29.Nf1! Rd8 30.Ne3 Qh3

(Diagram)



31.e6! 0.23/23 **Bxe6= 32.Qf6 Rd3 33.Qg6+ Kf8 34.Qf6+**
[34.Qxe4 Rxe3 35.Qf4+ Kg7]
34...Ke8 Chess con chili. **35.Qg6+ Kd7**
[35...Kf8!? 36.Qf6+□ *(36.Qxe4? Rxe3-+)* 36...Kg8 37.Qg6+ Kf8=]
36.Qg7+
[36.Qxe4? Rxe3 37.Rd1+ Kc8-+]
36...Kc8 37.Qh8+ Rd8 38.Qe5 Rd3! 39.Qh8+
[39.Qxe4 Rxe3]
39...Kd7 40.Qg7+ Kd8 41.Qf6+
[41.Qxb7 Rxe3 42.Rd1+ Ke8 *(42...Rd3 43.Rxd3+ exd3 44.Qb8+ Ke7 45.Qc7+ Kf8 46.Qf4+ Kg8 47.Qxf3 Bd5 48.Qxd5+* Remove Defender *cxd5 49.f3 d2 50.Kf2 d1Q 51.Ke3 Qe6+ 52.Kf4 Qd4#)*]
41...Ke8 42.Qg6+ Kf8 43.Qf6+!
[43.Qxe4 Rxe3 44.Qf4+ Kg7]
43...Bf7 44.Qh8+ Ke7 (→ ...Rd3xe3!)
45.Qe5+ Kd7 Active counter play!
46.Qxe4? -#14/22
[46.Qb2= 0.01/19]

(Diagram)



This move loses the game for White.

46...Rxe3! Remove Defender **47.Rd1+ Bd5 48.Rxd5+ cxd5**

[48...Kc8 49.Rd8+ *(49.Qxe3? Qg2#)* 49...Kxd8 50.Qd4+ Kc7 51.Qg7+ *(51.fxe3? Qg2#; 51.Qf4+ Kc8∓)* 51...Kc8 *(51...Qd7? 52.Qxd7+ Kxd7 53.fxe3+-)* 52.Qh8+ *(52.fxe3? Qg2#; 52.Qf8+ Kd7∓)* 52...Kd7 53.Qd4+ Kc7 54.Qg7+ Kc8 55.Qh8+ Kc7 56.Qg7+=]

49.Qxd5+ Ke7 -7.21/24

[⌓49...Kc8 -#11/25 50.Qg8+ Kc7 51.Qg7+ Kc6 52.Qf6+ Kb5 *(52...Kxc5 53.b4+ Kc4 54.Qf4+ Kb5 55.a4+ Kxa4 56.b5+ Kxb5 57.Qf5+ Qxf5 58.fxe3 Qh3 59.Kf2 Qg2+ 60.Ke1 Qe2#; 52...Qe6? 53.Qxe6+ Rxe6 54.h3-+)* 53.a4+ Ka5 54.b4+ Kxa4 55.Qa1+ Ra3 *(55...Kxb4? 56.Qd4+ Kb5 57.Qb2+ Kc6 58.fxe3-+)* 56.Qd1+ Kb5 57.Qd7+ Qxd7 58.h4 Qh3 59.h5 Qg2#]

50.Qd6+ Kf7 51.Qf4+ Kg6 52.Qd6+ Re6 53.Qd3+ Qf5 -16.44/23

[⌓53...Kg7 -#15/25 54.Qd7+ Kg6 55.Qd3+ Qf5 56.Qd1 Qd5 *(56...Qxc5? 57.h3-+; 56...Qe4? 57.h3-+)* 57.Qb1+ Qe4 58.Qxe4+ Rxe4 59.h3 Re1+ 60.Kh2 Kf5 61.b4 Rf1 62.b5 Rxf2+ 63.Kg1 Rg2+ *(63...Rxa2 64.c6-+)* 64.Kf1 Ke4 *(64...Rxa2 65.Kg1 f2+ 66.Kg2 Ke4 67.h4 Ke3 68.h5 Ke2 69.g4 f1Q+ 70.Kg3 Ra3+ 71.Kh4 Qh3#)* 65.c6 Ke3 *(65...Rxg3? 66.cxb7 Rg8 67.Kf2-+; 65...bxc6 66.bxc6 Ke3 67.c7 Rxa2 68.Kg1 f2+ 69.Kg2 Ra1 70.Kh2 f1Q 71.c8Q Qh1#)* 66.cxb7 Rc2 *(66...Rxg3?* is the wrong capture. *67.b8Q+-)* 67.Kg1 f2+ *(67...Rxa2 68.b8Q=)* 68.Kg2 Ke2 *(68...Rxa2 69.b8R=)* 69.Kh2 f1Q 70.b8Q Kf3#]

54.Qd1-+ Qe4 (→ ...Qe4-e1+) **55.Qf1 Qe1** -12.84/22

[⌓55...Qe2 -#19/21 56.h4 Qxf1+ *(56...Qxa2 57.Qd3+ Kf6 58.Qd8+ Kf7 59.Qd7+ Re7 60.Qf5+ Kg7 61.Qg4+ Kf8 62.Qf4+ Ke8 63.Qb8+ Kf7 64.Qf4+ Kg8 65.Qg4+ Kh8 66.Qd4+ Kh7 67.Qd3+ Kg8 68.Qg6+ Kf8 69.Qxh6+ Ke8 70.Qg6+ Kd8 71.Qd6+ Ke8 72.Qb8+ Kf7 73.Qf4+ Ke6 74.Qh6+ Kf7 75.Qh5+ Kg8 76.Qg6+ Kf8 77.Qf6+ Ke8 78.Qg6+ Kd8 79.Qd6+ Rd7 80.Qb8+ Ke7 81.Qe5+ Kf7 82.Qh5+ Ke7 83.Qe5+ Kd8 84.Qb8+ Ke7 85.Qe5+=)* 57.Kxf1 Kf5 58.b4 Ra6 59.g4+ Kf4 *(59...Kxg4? 60.a4-+)* 60.Kg1 Rxa2 61.Kh2 Kxg4 *(61...Rxf2+* gets mated. *62.Kh3 Rc2 63.c6 bxc6 64.b5 Rc1 65.Kh2 f2 66.h5 f1Q 67.bxc6 Qh1#)* 62.c6 bxc6 *(62...Rxf2+ 63.Kg1 Rg2+ 64.Kf1 bxc6 65.Ke1 Ra2 66.Kf1 Kg3 67.Ke1 f2+ 68.Kf1 Kf3 69.h5 Ra1#)* 63.h5 Rxf2+ 64.Kg1 Kg3 65.b5 cxb5 66.Kh1 Rf1#]

56.h4 Qxf1+ 57.Kxf1 Re2 (→ ...Kg6-f5!) **58.Kg1 h5** -16.48/21
[⌓58...Re1+ -#10/22 59.Kh2 Rf1 60.g4 Rxf2+ 61.Kg3 Rxa2 62.Kxf3 Rc2 63.Ke4 Rxc5 64.Kd4 Rc1 65.Ke5 Rc3 66.Kf4 Rxb3 67.h5+ Kh7 68.g5 hxg5+ 69.Kxg5 a5 70.Kf5 a4 71.Kf6 a3 72.Kf5 a2 73.Ke6 a1Q *(73...a1B? 74.Kd5-+)* 74.Kd6 Qc3 75.Ke6 Qc4+ 76.Ke7 Re3+ 77.Kd8 Qf7 78.Kc8 Re8#]
59.Kh2 Rxf2+ 60.Kh3 Rxa2 Weighted Error Value: White=0.33/ Black=0.22 (precise)
0-1

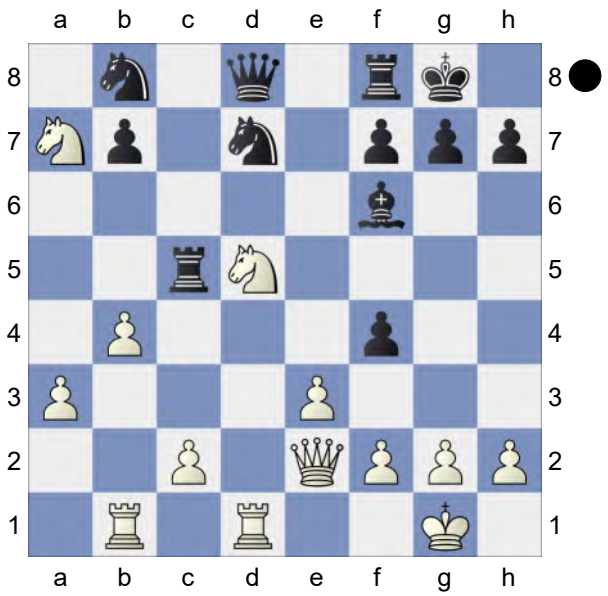
704 **D01**
□ **Lopez Ramirez,David Santiago 2337**
■ **Zamlutti Junior,Rene 2556**
EU-ch 12th Aix les Bains (9) 27.12.2022
[John Watson]

1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 g6 4.Qd2 Bg7 5.Bh6 Bxh6 6.Qxh6 c6 7.e3 b5
[7...Bf5 8.Bd3 Bxd3 9.cxd3 Qb6 10.Rb1 Nbd7 11.Nge2 Qa6 12.Nf4 b5 13.a3 e6]
8.Bd3 b4 9.Nce2 c5 10.dxc5 e5 11.Nf3 Qe7 12.c3 Bd7 13.Bc2 Na6 14.0-0-0 Ng4 15.Qg7 0-0-0 16.Rxd5 Rhg8 17.Qxh7 Rh8 18.Qg7 Rhg8 19.Qh7 Rh8 20.Qg7 Rhg8 21.Qh7 Rh8
½-½

705 **D00**
□ **Reprintsev,Alexander 2330**
■ **Sanal,V 2597**
9. Sunway Sitges 2022 (2.21) 13.12.2022
[Kitty Kat]

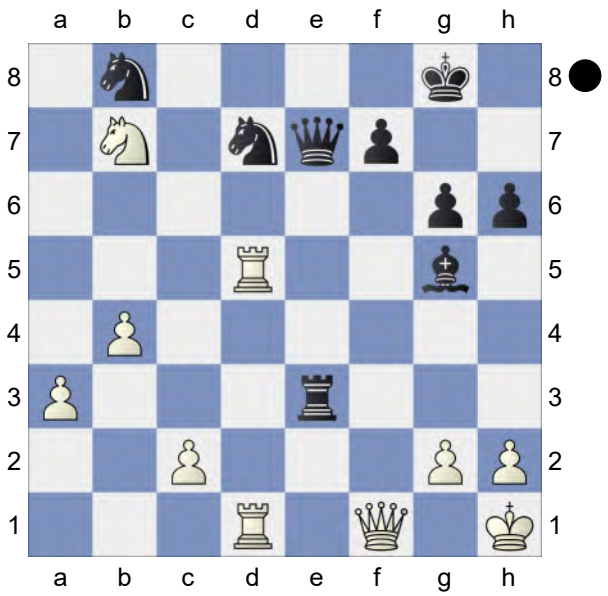
D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.Nc3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 c6 6.Nc3 Qb6 7.a3 Be7!?** An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante.
[7...Qxb2? 8.Na4 Bb4+ 9.axb4 Qxb4+ 10.c3+-]
8.Bd3 The position is equal. **8...c5 9.Bb5+N**
[Vorgänger: 9.Rb1 0-0 10.Nf3 Bd7 11.Ne5 c4 12.Be2 Rfd8 0.48/18 *(12...Qd8=* 0.04/18 feels stronger.*)* 13.Bg5 Nc7 0.64/21 *(13...Rac8=* 0.28/18 *)* 14.Bh5!± Be8 15.Ng4! 1-0 (76) Artemiev,V (2692)-Radjabov,T (2742) Tbilisi 2017 1-0 (76) Artemiev,V (2692)-Radjabov,T (2742) Tbilisi 2017]
9...Bd7 10.Bxd7+ Nxd7 11.Rb1 0-0 12.Nf3 Rac8 13.0-0 Nab8 14.Qe2 cxd4 15.Nxd4 -0.86/20
[15.exd4= -0.29/21 remains equal. Nc6 16.Qd2]
15...Bf6 16.Rfd1 e5 -0.32/21
[16...Rfd8∓ -0.77/19]
17.Nxd5∓ Qd8 18.Nb5!
[18.Nxf6+? Qxf6 19.Bg3 exd4 20.Rxd4 Qe6-+]
18...exf4 19.Nxa7 Rc5 White must now prevent ...f4xe3. **20.b4**

(Diagram)

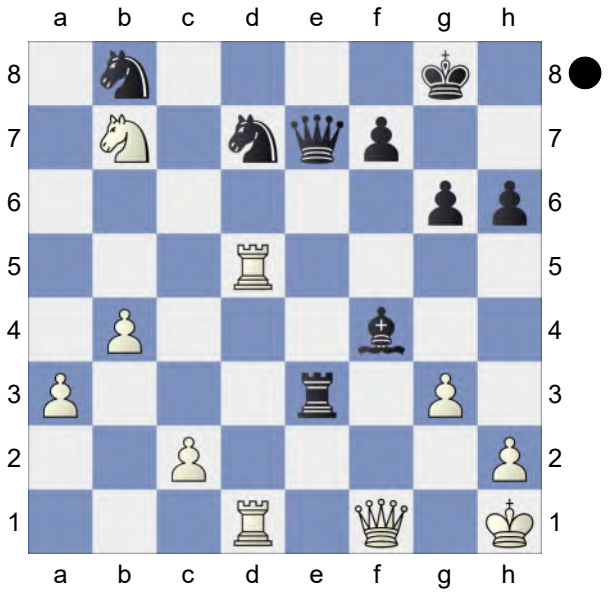


Rxd5 21.Rxd5 Re8 22.Nb5 -0.26/21
[⌓22.Rb3 0.24/20]
22...fxe3= 23.Rbd1 -0.35/20
[23.f4= 0.01/21]
23...Bg5 0.15/20
[Better is 23...exf2+∓ -0.35/20 24.Qxf2 Re6]
24.fxe3 h6 25.Kh1 -0.36/21
[25.R1d3= 0.01/19]
25...Rxe3∓ 26.Qf1 Qe7 27.Nd6 g6 -0.01/20 Repels Nd6-f5
[27...Rxa3∓ -0.72/22 With the idea ... b7-b6. 28.Re1 Qf6]
28.Nxb7? -1.64/20
[28.R5d3!= -0.01/20]

(Diagram)



28...Bf4? 0.01/21 **29.g3?** -1.84/23
[29.Qxf4? loses. Re1+-+ *(29...Rxa3? 30.Nd6+-; 29...Rxa3? 30.Nd6+-)*]
[29.R5d3= 0.01/21 and White stays safe. Re6 30.c4 *(30.Qxf4? Re1+-+)*]

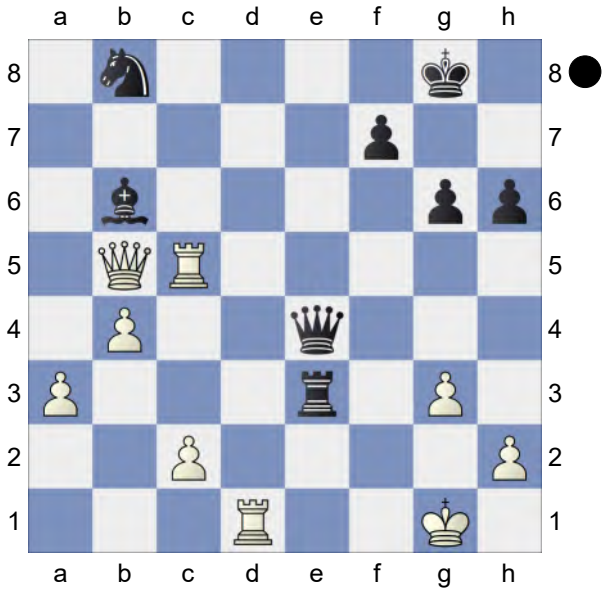


29...Bc7!-+ aiming for ...Nd7-e5! **30.Nc5** -2.63/21
[30.Nd6∓ -1.39/21]
30...Nxc5 31.Rxc5 Qe4+
[31...Rxa3 32.Re1 Qd7 33.Qe2-+]
32.Kg1? -5.95/23

[32.Qg2 -2.38/23 was the crucial defense. Re1+ 33.Rxe1 Remove Defender Qxe1+ 34.Qg1 Qxg1+ *(34...Qe4+? 35.Qg2-+)* 35.Kxg1]

32...Bb6 33.Qb5 -11.36/24

[⌓33.Qg2 -4.67/21 Qe5 *(33...Qxg2+? 34.Kxg2 Bxc5 35.Rd8+ Bf8 36.Rxb8-+)* 34.Qf2 *(34.Rd8+? Kg7-+)* 34...Bxc5 35.bxc5]



33...Re2! Weighted Error Value: White=0.76/Black=0.30

0-1

706 **D00**

□ **Vazquez,Facundo** **2329**

■ **Piasetski,Leon** **2217**

6. Marcel Duchamp Cup (7.9) 09.02.2023

[Kitty Kat]

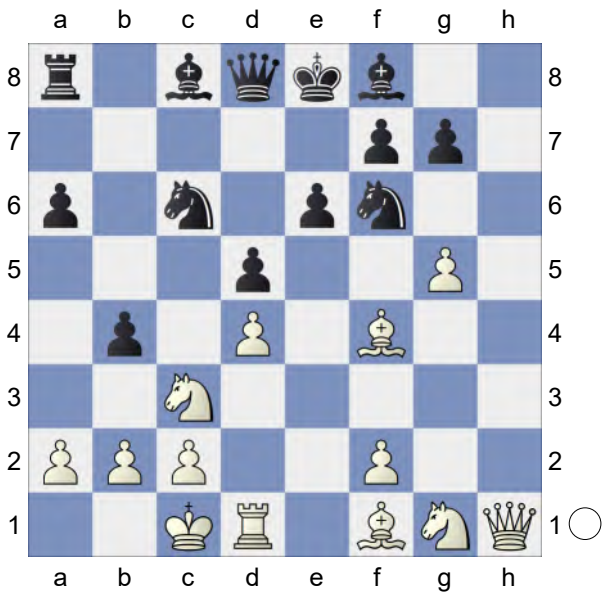
D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**

[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7 ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8 ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) 21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+ 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7))* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]

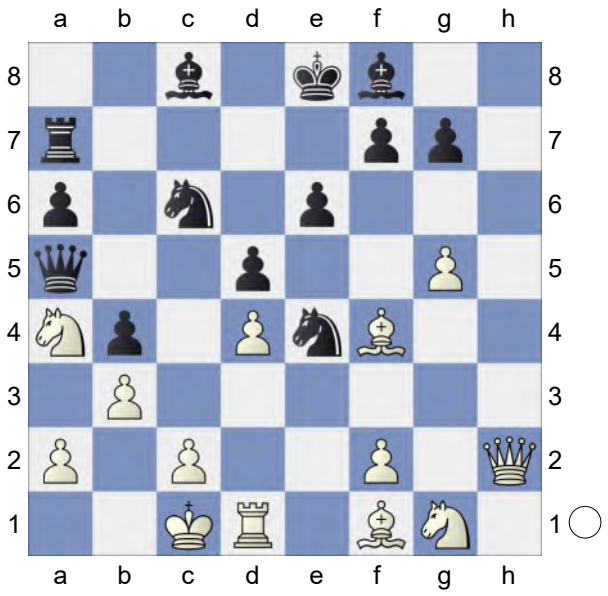
3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.g4 h6 6.h4 c5 7.Qf3 7.Bg2 is the modern continuation. 7.Lg2 ist die moderne Fortsetzung. 7.Bg2 is the modern continuation. 7.Lg2 ist die moderne Fortsetzung. **7...cxd4 8.exd4** White is slightly better. **8...Nc6 9.0-0-0 b5 10.g5** White is more active. **10...b4N** 2.54/21

[Vorgänger: 10...hxg5 1.17/20 10...Nf6-g8 0.75 11.hxg5 Rxh1 12.Qxh1 b4

(Diagram)



13.Na4! Ne4 14.Qh2 0.18/20 *(14.g6± 1.00/20)* 14...Qa5 0.95/20 *(14...Nc3!=* 0.18/20 *)* 15.b3± Ra7



Prevents Bf4-c7 16.Ne2! Bd7 1.69/20 0-1 (63) Mehmed,E (2278)-Krasteva,B (2229) Sofia 2020 0-1 (63) Mehmed,E (2278)-Krasteva, B (2229) Sofia 2020 *(16...Qd8±* 0.98/19 *)*]

[10...Ng8!± 0.66/19]

11.gxf6+- bxc3 12.Qxc3 Bd7 13.fxg7 Bxg7 14.Nf3 Qa5 15.Qxa5 Nxa5 16.Rg1 Black is weak on the dark squares **16...Bf6 17.Bd3 Ke7 18.Rg3 Bb5 19.h5 Nc6 20.c3 Bxd3 21.Rxd3 Rag8 22.Rd1 Bg5 23.Nxg5**

[Don't do 23.Bxg5+?! hxg5 24.Rh1 *(24.Nxg5 Rxh5±; 24.Rxg5 Rxg5* Remove Defender *25.Nxg5 Rxh5±)* 24...f6±]

23...hxg5 24.Rxg5 Rxg5 25.Bxg5+± Endgame. KRB-KRN **25...f6 26.Be3** And now h5-h6 would win. **26...Rxh5 27.b4 Nb8 28.a4 Nd7 29.a5** 1.04/24 Prevents Nd7-b6

[⌓29.Rg1 1.40/23]

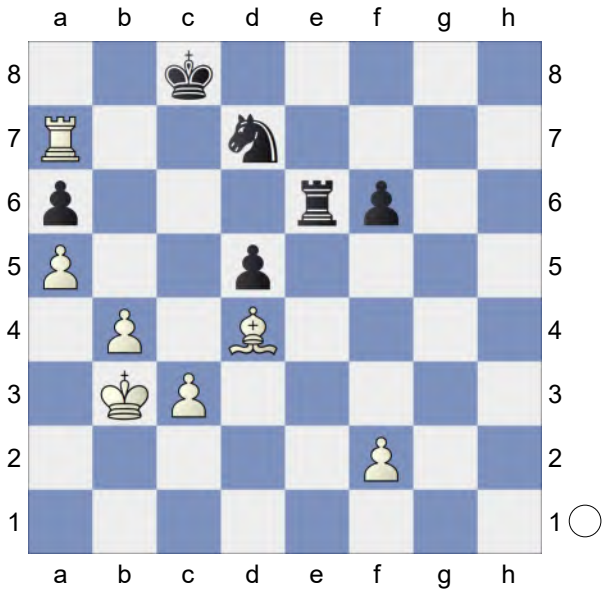
29...Kd6? 3.13/24

[29...Nb8± 1.04/24 30.Rg1 Kf7]

30.Kc2 Rh8 31.Rg1 Re8 32.Rg7 Kc6 33.Kb3 Rc8 34.Bf4 e5 35.Be3 Re8 36.dxe5 Rxe5 37.Rg8 Prevents Re5-e8. White is clearly winning. **37...Kb7 38.Rd8 Re7 39.Bd4 Kc7** 6.73/24

[⌓39...Rh7 4.29/23 40.Re8 Ne5]

40.Ra8+- Re6 41.Ra7+ Kc8



42.Bb6! Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.33

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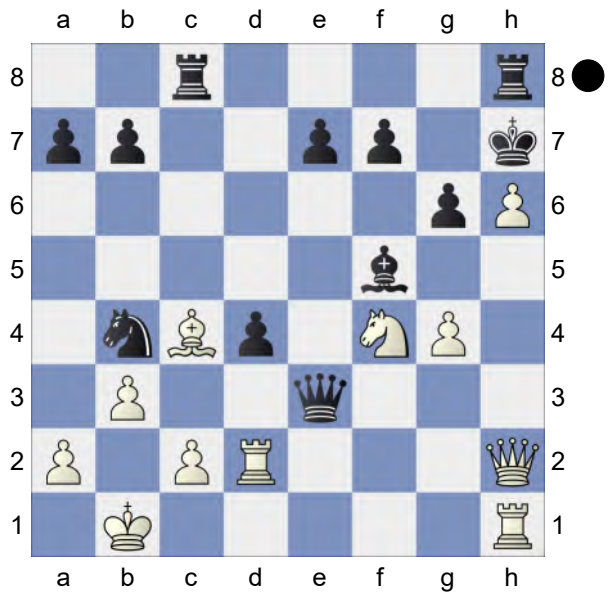
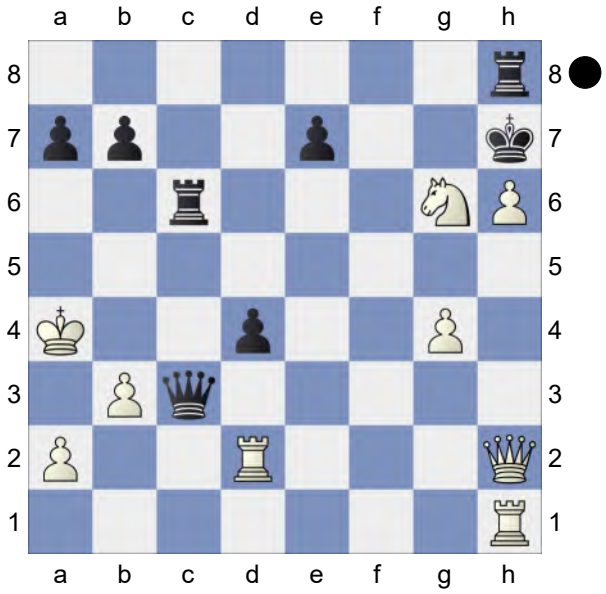
707 **A45**
□ **Masague Artero,Guerau** **2326**
■ **Stankovic,Boris** **2298**
Titled Tue 17th Jun Early blitz (4)
[TA]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 g6 4.e3 Bg7 5.h4 h5 6.Nf3 0-0 7.Ne5 c5 8.Qd2 The position is equal. **8...Nc6 9.f3 cxd4 10.exd4 Nd7**
[10...Bf5 11.Bb5 Nxe5 12.dxe5 Nd7 13.0-0-0 Nxe5 14.Qxd5 Qc7 15.g4 Nd3+ 16.Bxd3 Qxf4+ 17.Kb1 Be6 18.Qe4 Qxe4 19.Nxe4 hxg4 20.fxg4 Bxg4 21.Rdg1 f5 22.Bc4+ Kh8 23.h5 g5 24.Nxg5 Bh6 25.Nf7+ 1-0 (30) Night King96 (2803)-Watneg (2853) Blitz 2024]
11.0-0-0N -0.46/22
[White should try 11.Nxd5= 0.21/21 Ndb8 *(11...Ndxe5 12.dxe5 Nxe5 13.0-0-0 Be6 14.Qe3 Bxd5 15.Bxe5 Bxe5 16.Qxe5* 7) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3. Bf4 g6-6.Nf3 O-O 7.Ne5 c5 8.Qd2 Nc6 The Meanest Jobava 2023*)* 12.c4]
11...Ndxe5∓ 12.dxe5 d4 13.Ne2 -1.57/23
[13.Ne4!∓ -0.31/21]
13...Qd5
[13...Bxe5 14.Bxe5 Nxe5 15.Nxd4±]
[13...Nxe5?! 14.Qxd4 Qa5 15.Qc3=]
14.Kb1 Be6 Black is more active.
[14...Nxe5?! 15.Qxd4 Qe6 16.Qc5=]
15.b3 -2.06/22
[15.Nc1∓ -1.27/21 was necessary.]
15...Rfd8
[15...Bxe5 16.Bxe5 Qxe5 17.Nf4∓]
[15...Nxe5 16.Nxd4 Nc6 17.Nxe6 Qxe6 18.Bh6]
16.Bh6 -3.33/20
[16.Nc1 -2.24/19 keeps fighting. Bxe5 *(16...Nxe5 17.Nd3∓)* 17.Bd3]
16...Qxe5?→ -1.18/22 Black goes for the king.
[16...Nxe5 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.Nxd4=]
[16...Bxe5 17.Nf4 Bxf4 18.Bxf4∓]
[16...d3-+ -3.33/20 has better winning chances. 17.cxd3 Bxe5 *(17...Nxe5 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.Qb2∓)*]
17.Bxg7∓ Kxg7 18.Nf4 Bf5 0.01/20
[18...Bd7∓ -0.92/23 19.Bd3 Qf6]
19.g4!= hxg4 20.h5? -2.79/25
[20.fxg4= 0.00/25 and White is okay. Bxg4 21.Re1]
20...Qe3 White must now prevent ... Qxd2. **21.Qh2** -2.86/24
[21.fxg4 -1.83/24 was worth a try. Bxg4 22.hxg6]
21...Rh8
[21...gxf3 22.hxg6 Rh8 *(22...fxg6 23.Qh6+ Kf6 24.Bc4=)* 23.Nh5+ Rxh5 *(23...Kxg6? 24.Rg1++-)* 24.Qxh5 Bxg6 *(24...fxg6 25.Qh4=)* 25.Qh4∓]
22.h6+ Kh7 Hoping for ...Ne5. **23.Bc4** -3.31/23
[⌓23.Bd3 -1.94/21 Bxd3 *(23...Qxf3 24.Bxf5 g3 25.Bxg6+ fxg6 26.Qh4∓; 23...gxf3? 24.Rde1+-)* 24.Rxd3]
23...Nb4
[23...gxf3 24.Rde1 Qc3 25.Nd5 Qxc2+ *(25...Qa5? 26.Rxe7 Rhf8 27.Qd6+-)* 26.Qxc2 Bxc2+ 27.Kxc2±]
24.Rd2 -5.39/25
[24.Nd3 -2.39/23 Bxd3 25.cxd3]
24...Rac8 Strongly threatening ...Rxc4!
[24...Qxf3 25.Rf1 Qc3 26.Nd3-+]
25.fxg4

(Diagram)



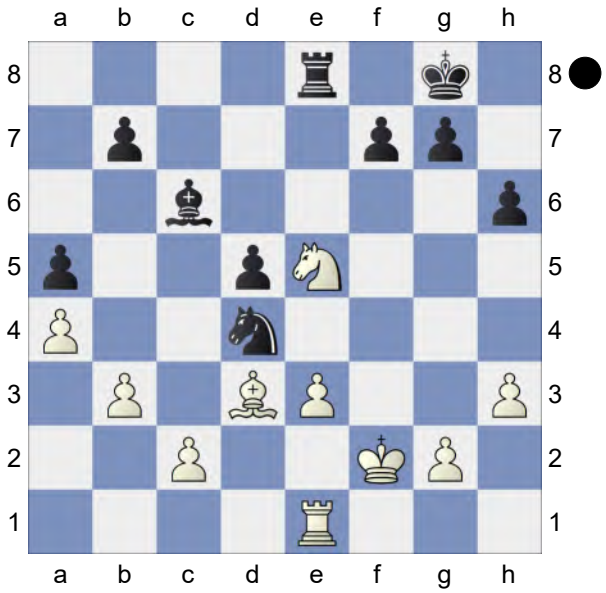
Be4 -0.67/23
[25...Bxg4 26.Bxf7 Bf5 27.Bxg6+ Bxg6 28.Nxg6∓]
[25...Bxc2+!-+ -4.50/22 26.Rxc2 Nxc2 27.Qxc2 Qxf4]
26.Bxf7? -6.61/23 This costs White the game.
[26.Rf1∓ -0.67/23 Rhf8 27.Nd3 Bxd3 *(27...Rxc4? 28.Qe5+-)* 28.cxd3]
26...Nxc2
[26...Bxh1? 27.Bxg6+ Kg8 28.h7+ *(28.Re2 Rxc2 29.h7+ Kg7+-)* 28...Kg7 29.Re2+-]
27.Bxg6+ Bxg6 28.Nxg6 Na3+ 29.Kb2 Qc3+ 30.Kxa3 Rc6 -5.17/22
[⌓30...Rc5 -11.92/23 31.Rxd4 Qxd4 32.Qh5 Rxh5 33.Rxh5 Kxg6 34.b4 Qc3+ *(34...Qxg4* gets mated. *35.Rc5 Rxh6 36.Rc3 Rh4 37.Rb3 Qc4 38.Rg3+ Kh6 39.Rb3 Rh2 40.Rb2 Qd3+ 41.Ka4 Rh3 42.Rg2 Qa6#)* 35.Ka4 Qc2+ *(35...Rxh6* leads to mate. *36.Rc5 Qd3 37.Rh5 Rxh5 38.gxh5+ Kxh5 39.b5 Qc4+ 40.Ka3 Qc3+ 41.Ka4 b6 42.a3 Qc4#; 35...Qc6+ 36.Kb3 Qe6+ 37.Kc3 Qxg4 38.Rd5 Qf3+ 39.Rd3 Rc8+ 40.Kd2 Qf4+ 41.Kd1 Rc1+ 42.Ke2 Rc2+ 43.Ke1 Qe4+ 44.Kf1 Qh1#)* 36.Ka3 Rc8 *(36...Rxh6 37.b5 Qc3+ 38.Ka4 Rxh5 39.gxh5+ Kxh5 40.a3 Qc4+ 41.Ka5 Qb3 42.a4 Qc3#)* 37.Rc5 Rxc5 38.bxc5 a5 *(38...Kxh6 39.Kb4 Kg5 40.a4 Kf4 41.Ka3 Ke4 42.c6 bxc6 43.Kb4 Kd4 44.a5 Qb2+ 45.Ka4 Kc3 46.g5 Qb4#)* 39.h7 Qc3+ 40.Ka4 Qb4#]
31.Ka4 -#2/17
[31.Rxd4-+ -5.17/22 Qxd4 32.Qe2 Kxg6 *(32...Rxg6 33.Qxe7+; 32...Ra6+? 33.Qxa6 bxa6 34.Nxh8-+)* 33.Rd1]



31...Ra6+ Black mates. **32.Kb5 Rb6+ 33.Ka4 Qb4#**
Weighted Error Value: White=1.54/ Black=0.61
0-1

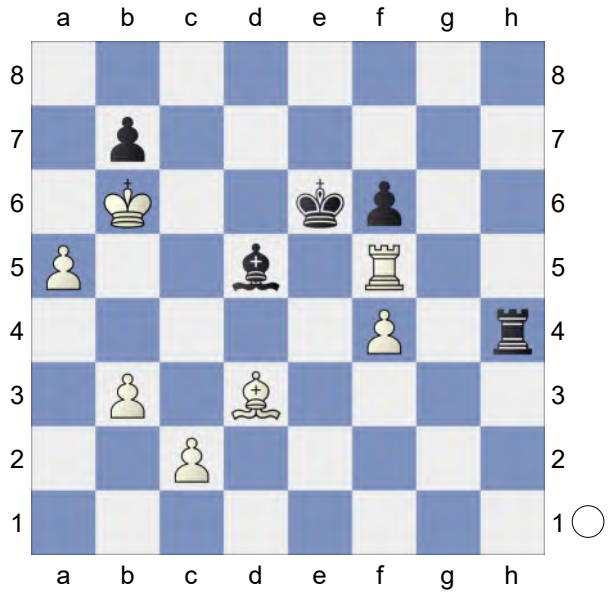
708 **D00**
□ **Mayank Chakraborty** **2322**
■ **Mohammad Fahad,Rahman** **2398**
29. Abu Dhabi Masters (6.52) 21.08.2023
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.Nf3 c5 6.Ne5N**
[6.a3
A) 6...Nc6 7.h3 *(7.h4 Bd6 8.g3 0-0 9.h5 h6 10.Bd3 Qe7 11.Ne5 cxd4 12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.exd4 e5 14.dxe5 Bxe5 15.Bxe5 Qxe5+ 16.Qe2 Re8 17.Qxe5 Rxe5+ 18.Kd2 Bg4 19.Rhe1 Rxe1 20.Rxe1 Kf8 21.Na4 Bxh5* Bjørneboe,D (2419)-5...exd4 #8: 6... d5 (2409) Groningen 2023 17 c5, Nf6 and g6: model [John Watson] 0-1 (45) *)* 7...b5 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.Bd3 Bb7 10.0-0 Bd6 11.Re1 0-0 12.Bxd6 Qxd6 13.e4 dxe4 14.Nxe4 Nxe4 15.Bxe4 Qe7 16.Qd2 Rfd8 17.Qf4 Na5 18.Bd3 Qf6 19.Qxf6 gxf6 20.Nd2 Rac8 21.b4 Lalitaditaayyanar,B (2710)-Saphire,N (2567) Dresden 2014 Inf 42 [Norfolk News 12 apr 1862] 1-0 (49);
B) 6...b5 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.Bd3 Nc6 9.0-0 0-0 10.Qe2 Qe7 11.Ne5 Nxe5 12.Bxe5 Nd7 13.Bg3 f5 14.a4 b4 15.Nb1 Bb7 16.c4 Kh8 17.Nd2 Ba7 18.Rac1 dxc4 19.Nxc4 e5 20.Na5 Bd5 Dom Perignon (2753)-Apollothedog (2737) Blitz 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (32)]
6...Nbd7 7.Bd3 Qb6 8.Rb1 Black is slightly better. **8...Nxe5** -0.03/20
[8...cxd4∓ -0.53/20 9.exd4 Qxd4 10.Nxf7 Qxf4 11.Nxh8 Bc5]
9.Bxe5= Nd7 10.dxc5 Qc6 11.Bd6 Bxd6 12.cxd6 Qxd6 13.0-0 0-0 14.f4 Nf6
[14...b5 keeps more tension. 15.Qh5 Nf6 16.Qh4 b4]
15.Qf3 e5 0.11/19
[15...Bd7∓ -0.35/19]
16.fxe5 Qxe5 17.Qf4 Re8 18.Rbe1 Bd7! 19.Qh4 Be6 20.a4 h6 21.h3 Rad8 22.Qd4 Bd7 23.Rf4 Bc6 24.Qxe5 Rxe5 25.Rd4 a5 26.b3 Rde8 27.Kf2 Nd7 -0.09/20
[27...g6∓ -0.46/18]
28.Nb1 -0.43/23
[28.Rd1= -0.09/20]
28...Nc5 29.Nd2 Ne6 -0.08/20
[29...Nxd3+ 30.Rxd3 R5e7 31.Nf3=]
[29...g6∓ -0.47/21]
30.Rh4
[Much worse is 30.Nf3 Nxd4 31.Nxe5



Nxc2! 32.Bxc2 Rxe5∓]
30...Ng5 31.Nf3 Nxf3
[31...R5e7 seems wilder. 32.Nd4 Bd7 33.Nf3 b6]
32.gxf3 Bd7 33.Rd4 g5
[Don't do 33...Bxh3 34.f4 R5e7 35.Rxd5±]
34.h4 Kf8 35.hxg5 hxg5 36.Rh1

And now f4 would win. **36...Kg7?** 3.16/25 This move loses the game for Black.
[36...Bc6± 0.42/22]
37.f4+- gxf4 38.exf4 R5e6 39.Rxd5 Bc6 40.Rh7+ Kg8 41.Rg5+
[Less strong is 41.Rxa5 Be4 42.Rh3 Bxd3+-]
41...Kf8 42.Rh8+ Ke7 43.Rxe8+ Kxe8 44.Rxa5 Endgame KRB-KRB **44...Kd8 45.Re5 Rh6 46.Ke3 Rh3+ 47.Kd4 Rh4 48.Rf5 Ke7 49.Kc5 f6 50.Kb6** White is clearly winning. **50...Ke6 51.a5 Bd5**

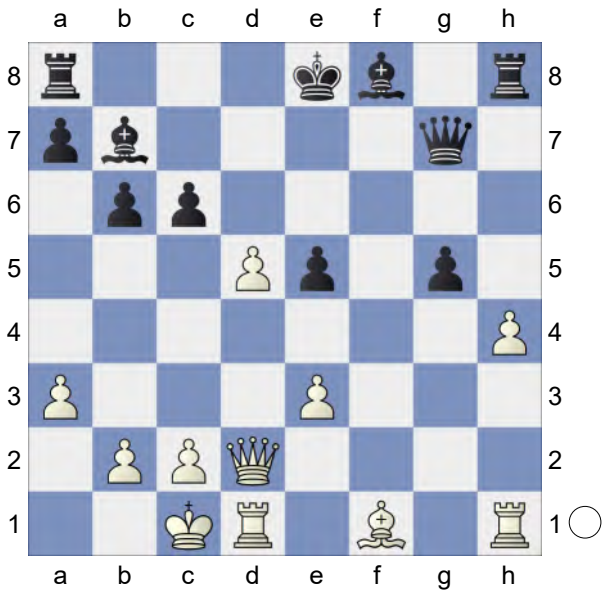


52.Rxd5! Kxd5 53.Kxb7 Rxf4 54.a6 Rg4 55.a7 Rg7+ 56.Kb6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) / Black=0.28 (precise)
1-0

709 **D00**
□ **Mayank Chakraborty** **2322**
■ **Zou,Chen** **2429**
29. Abu Dhabi Masters (2.45) 17.08.2023
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 c6 6.Nc3 Nc7 7.Nf3 b6N**
[7...Bd6 8.Ne5 *(8.Bd3 0-0 9.Ne5 c5 10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.Qf3 b6 12.0-0-0 Ba6 13.g4 Bxd3 14.Nxd3 Nd7 15.h4 Re8 16.Qg3 Rc8 17.g5 Bf8 18.h5 Nc5 19.Ne5 Nb7 20.g6 Nd6 21.Rdg1 Qe7 22.gxh7+ Kh8* Beber,A (1799)-Alfano,E (1885) Iasi 2023 1-0 *)* 8...0-0 9.Qf3 c5 *(9...Bb4 10.Bd3 Ne4 11.0-0 Bxc3 12.bxc3 f6 13.Nc4 dxc4 14.Bxe4 e5 15.dxe5 fxe5 16.Qh5 g6 17.Bxg6 Qe7 18.Bxe5 Nd5 19.Be4 Nxc3 20.Bxh7+ Qxh7 21.Qg5+ Kf7 22.Bxc3 Qg6 23.Qxg6+ Kxg6 24.e4* Normal One (2628)-TheRigaMagician (2763) Blitz 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (48)*)* 10.0-0-0 c4 11.g4 b5 12.g5 Nfe8 13.h4 f6 14.gxf6 Nxf6 15.Rg1 b4 16.Na4 Bd7 17.Nc5 Be8 18.Nb7 Qe7 19.Nxd6 Qxd6 20.Rxg7+ Kxg7 21.Qg2+ Bg6 22.Nxg6 3 Chapter-Games Game]
8.Ne5 White is slightly better. **8...Bb7 9.g4 Be7** 0.82/19
[9...Bb4= 0.27/19]
10.h4 &Bianco is much more active. The black rooks are badly placed. **10...Bb4 11.f3** Prevents Ne4. **11...Nd7 12.g5** 0.07/19
[12.Nxd7± 0.42/17 Qxd7 13.Qd2]
12...Nxe5= 13.Bxe5 f6 14.Bf4 -0.16/18
[14.Bg3 0.26/16 was preferrable.]
14...Qe7 15.Qd2 -0.55/18
[15.Bxc7= -0.24/17 is superior. Qxc7

16.Be2]
15...e5∓ 16.gxf6 gxf6 17.dxe5 -1.17/19
[Better is 17.Bh6∓ -0.37/20]
17...fxe5∓ 18.Bg5 Qg7 Threatens to win with ...h6. **19.a3 Bf8** 0.19/21
[19...Bxc3-+ -1.77/20 20.Qxc3 h6]
20.Ne4= Hoping for Bf6. **20...dxe4** 1.76/22 A mistake that costs the game.
[Black should try 20...Be7!± 0.41/18 21.Bh3 dxe4 22.Qd7+ Kf8]
21.0-0-0!↑ Strongly threatening Bf6! Black is under strong pressure. **21...Nd5** Prevents Bf6.
[21...exf3? 22.Bf6! Nd5 23.Bxg7 Bxg7 24.e4+-]
22.fxe4 h6 3.21/20
[22...Be7 2.05/21 was necessary.]
23.exd5 hxg5



24.dxc6! Bxc6

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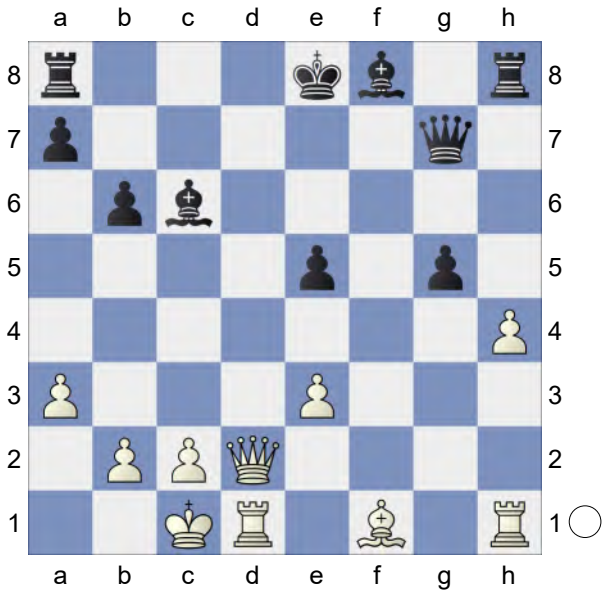
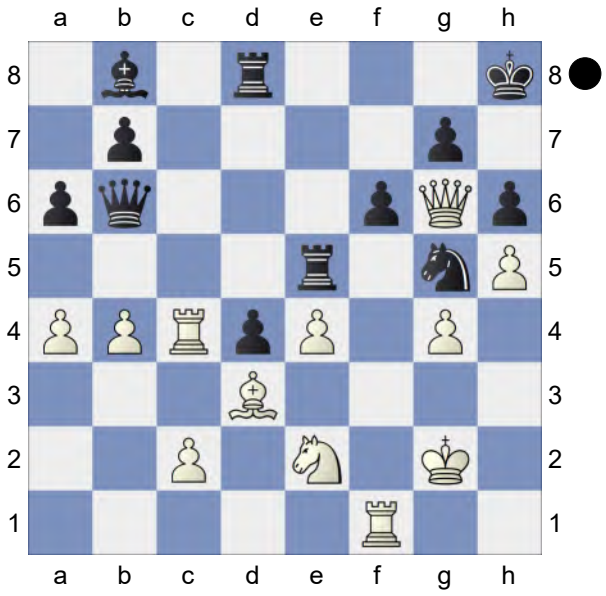


aiming for ...Rh6. **25.Bb5! Rh6** 3.44/21
[25...Bxb5? 26.Qd5 Qc7 27.Qxa8+ Ke7 28.hxg5 Rxh1 29.Rxh1+-]
[25...Qc7 1.77/22 is a better defense.]
26.hxg5 Rg6 7.77/21
[26...Rd6 3.41/23]
27.Qd3
[Less strong is 27.Qd5 Rc8=]
27...Rc8 28.Bxc6+ Rgxc6 29.Rh7 Skewer **29...Rxc2+ 30.Kb1 Rxb2+ 31.Ka1 Rcc2 32.Qd8+** White mates. **32...Kf7 33.Qf6+** Pin, Double Attack **33...Kg8 34.Rxg7+ Bxg7 35.Rd8+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.73
1-0

710 **D00**
□ **Hoeffer,David** **2322**
■ **Bargsten,Justus** **2238**
Lower Saxony-ch (6) 04.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.h4** 7.h4 is setting a

new trend. 7.h4 setzt einen neuen Trend. **7...c6 8.Nc3** The position is equal. **8...Qb6 9.a3 c5**
[9...Qxb2? 10.Na4+-]
10.h5 h6N
[10...Bd7 11.Rb1 h6 12.Ne5 Bc6 13.Bd3 Rad8 14.Rh3 and Bf4xh6! should not be overlooked Kh8 15.Qd2 Ne4? 1.67/18 *(15...Nb8∓* -0.33/18 stays ahead.*)* 16.Nxe4 0.69/20 *(*Only move: *16.Bxe4+-* 1.67/18 *cxd4 17.exd4 dxe4 18.Bxh6 Rxd4 19.Qe3)* 16...dxe4 0-1 Abdusattorov, N (2716)-So,W (2753) Armageddon Grand Final L blitz 2023 (4.2)]
[10...Qxb2? 11.Na4+-]
11.Ne5 Bd7
[11...Qxb2? 12.Na4+-]
12.Nxd7 -0.49/20
[12.Rb1= -0.05/17]
12...Nxd7∓ 13.Bb5 Nf6 14.a4 -0.97/19
[14.Rb1∓ -0.56/17]
14...Qa5 15.Kf1 Nb8 16.dxc5 a6
[16...Bxc5 17.g4=]
17.Bd3 Qxc5 18.g4 Nh7 -0.40/16
[18...Nfd7∓ -0.80/17]
19.Qf3 -1.03/19
[19.Ne2∓ -0.40/16]
19...Nc6 20.Qg3 f6 -0.50/19
[20...Nb4∓ -0.97/18 21.Bxh7+ Kxh7]
21.e4! d4 22.Ne2 Ng5 23.Bd2 -1.04/18
[White should play 23.Kg2∓ -0.43/18]
23...e5 -0.21/19
[23...Ne5∓ -1.04/18 24.f4 Nxd3 25.Qxd3 Nf7]
24.Kg2= Nb4 0.35/20
[24...Kh8= -0.10/16]
25.Bxb4!± Qxb4 26.f4 -0.70/18
[26.Rhd1= -0.09/18]
26...exf4∓ 27.Qxf4 Bd6
[27...Qxb2? 28.Rhb1+-]
28.Qf5 Be5
[28...Qxb2? 29.Rhb1+-]
29.Rhd1 Rac8
[29...Qxb2? 30.Rdb1+-]
30.Qf1 -1.48/19 White is weak on the dark squares
[⌓30.a5 -0.82/19]
30...Qd6 -1.06/19 Black has more active pieces.
[30...Qxb2? 31.Rdb1 Rxc2 32.Rxb2 Rxb2 33.Rb1+-]
[⌓30...Kh8 -1.48/19 31.b3 Rce8]
31.Ra3 -1.63/18
[31.c3∓ -1.06/19]
31...Qc6 -0.82/19
[31...Rc5-+ -1.63/18 32.Ng1 Qd7]
32.Qf5∓ Rfe8↑ Black is in control.
33.Rb3 Rcd8 -0.57/20
[33...Qxa4?! 34.Rxb7 Ne6 35.b3=]
[33...Nf7∓ -1.06/20 34.Qg6 Nd6 *(34...Qxa4 35.Rxb7 Bc7 36.b3±)*]
34.Rb4!∓ Kh8 35.Rc4 Qb6 36.b4! Bb8 37.Rf1 -1.17/21
[37.Rh1= -0.18/22]
37...Re5∓ 38.Qg6 -2.04/20
[38.a5∓ -1.03/20 Qd6 39.Rxd4]



38...Qe6? -0.01/21
[Better is 38...Qd6!-+ -2.04/20

Hoping for ...Re5xe4!. 39.Rf2 Ne6]

39.Rf5!=

[39.Rf4? Nf3 40.Kxf3 *(40.Rxf3? Rg5∓)* 40...Rg5∓]

39...Rxe4

[39...Nxe4? 40.Rxe5 *(40.Rxd4 Rxd4 41.Nxd4 Qe8±; 40.Nxd4 Qg8+-)* 40...Qxe5 41.Qxe4+- *(41.Bxe4 Qh2+ 42.Kf1 Qh3+ 43.Bg2 Qh2+-)*]

40.Bxe4 -20.89/25 Loses the game.

[40.Rxg5= -0.01/20 Rxe2+ 41.Kf1 Re1+ 42.Kg2 Rg1+ Decoy *(42...fxg5 43.Qh7#; 42...Re2+ 43.Kf1=)* 43.Kxg1 Qe3+ 44.Kg2 Qd2+ 45.Kf1 Qf4+ 46.Ke1 Qe3+ 47.Kf1 Qf3+ 48.Kg1 Qg3+ 49.Kf1 Qh3+ 50.Ke2 *(50.Ke1 Qg3+ 51.Kf1 Qh3+ 52.Ke2 Qg2+ 53.Kd1 Qg1+ 54.Ke2 Qh2+ 55.Kd1 Qg1+ 56.Ke2 Qh2+ 57.Kf1 Qh1+ 58.Ke2 Qg2+ 59.Kd1 Qg1+=)* 50...Qg2+ *(50...fxg5 51.Qh7#)* 51.Kd1 Qg1+ 52.Ke2 Qg2+ *(52...fxg5 53.Qh7#)*]

40...Qxe4+-+

[40...Qxc4 41.Rxg5 Qxe2+ 42.Kg1 Qe3+ *(42...fxg5 43.Qh7#)* 43.Kf1 Qc1+ *(43...fxg5 44.Qh7#)* 44.Kg2 Qd2+ *(44...fxg5 45.Qh7#)* 45.Kf1 Qf4+ *(45...Qxg5 46.Qh7#)* 46.Ke1 Qe3+ *(46...Qxg5 47.Qh7#)* 47.Kf1 Qf4+ 48.Kg1 Qh2+ *(48...fxg5 49.Qh7#)* 49.Kf1 Qf4+= *(49...hxg5 50.Qh7#)*]

41.Kf1 Nh3 -8.79/19

[⌓41...Qh1+ -20.39/22 42.Ng1 Bh2]

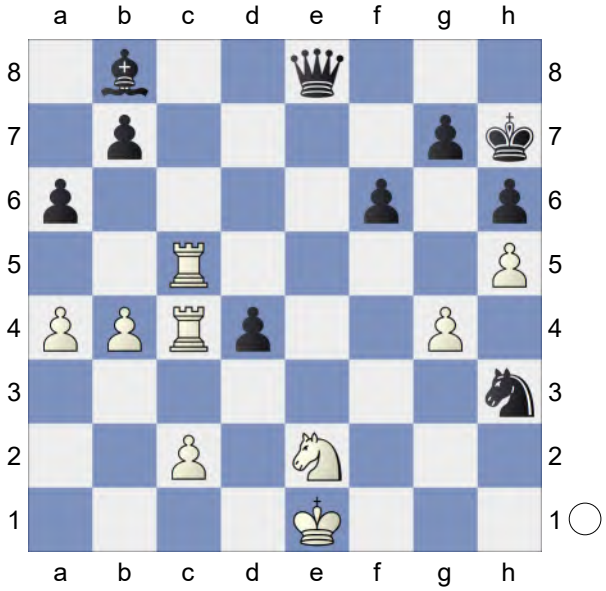
42.Ke1 Re8 -7.90/20

[Don't go for 42...Nf4? 43.Rxf4 Qh1+ 44.Rf1+- *(44.Kd2 Bxf4+ 45.Nxf4 Qf3+-)*]

[⌓42...Bg3+ -#9/19 43.Rf2 Bxf2+ 44.Kf1 Qh1+ 45.Ng1 Qxg1+ *(45...Bxg1 46.Qxg7+* Decoy *Kxg7 47.Rc7+ Kh8 48.Rh7+ Kxh7 49.c4 Be3+ 50.Ke2 Nf4#)* 46.Ke2 Qe1+ *(46...Nf4+ 47.Kf3 Qg3+ 48.Ke4 Qe3+ 49.Kf5 Qe5#)* 47.Kf3 Qe3+ 48.Kg2 Nf4+ 49.Kh2 Qh3#]

43.Qxe8+ Qxe8 44.Rfc5 Kh7

[44...Qxa4 45.Rc8+ Kh7 46.Rxb8 Qa1+ 47.Kd2-+]



(→ ...Qe8-e3) **45.Rc8 Qe6** -9.98/19

[⌓45...Bg3+ -#8/18 46.Kd1 Qe3 *(46...Qxa4? 47.Nxg3 Qa1+ 48.Kd2-+; 46...Nf2+? 47.Kc1-+)* 47.Rh8+ Kxh8 48.c3 d3 *(48...Nf2+? 49.Kc2-+)* 49.Rc8+ Kh7 50.Re8 Nf2+ *(50...Qxe8* leads to mate. *51.Kc1 Qxe2 52.Kb1 Qc2+ 53.Ka1 d2 54.b5 d1Q#)* 51.Ke1 Ne4+ 52.Kf1 Qf2#]

46.Kd1 Black is clearly winning. **46...Be5 47.Kc1 Qxg4 48.Nc3 Qg5+**

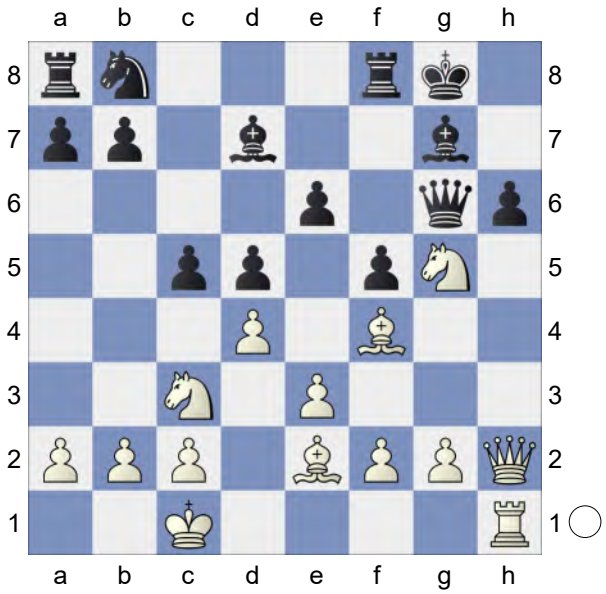
Weighted Error Value: White=0.72/ Black=0.78

0-1

711 **D00**
□ **Vitenberg,Noam Aviv** **2320**
■ **Radusinovic,Lazar** **2327**
Worldwide Chessteam Apr (11) 17.04.21
[Kitty Kat]

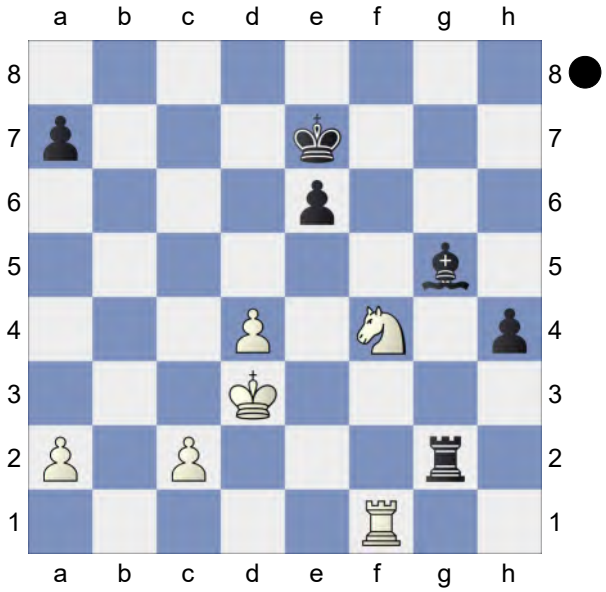
D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 g6 4.e3 Bg7 5.h4 0-0 6.h5 Nxh5** 0.51/20
[6...c5= 0.07/18]
7.Rxh5± gxh5 8.Qxh5 The position is equal. **8...f5** 1.31/20
[⌓8...Nd7 0.74/19]
9.Nf3 White has strong compensation. **9...Qe8?** 3.36/20
[9...c6± 1.13/19]
10.Qh2 1.67/18
[⌓10.Qxe8 3.36/20 Rxe8 11.Nxd5]
10...e6 11.0-0-0
[11.Bxc7?! Bd7±]
[11.Ng5 Qg6=]
11...Bd7 12.Be2
[12.Bxc7?! Nc6±]
12...c5 13.Rh1
[13.dxc5 Nc6±]
13...Qg6 3.14/21
[13...h6 1.82/20 is a better defense. 14.Qg3 *(14.dxc5 Nc6±; 14.Bxh6 Qg6+-)* 14...Rf6]
14.Ng5? 1.01/20
[14.dxc5 Nc6±]
[14.Ne5+- 3.14/21 has better winning chances. Bxe5 15.Bxe5]
14...h6±

(Diagram)



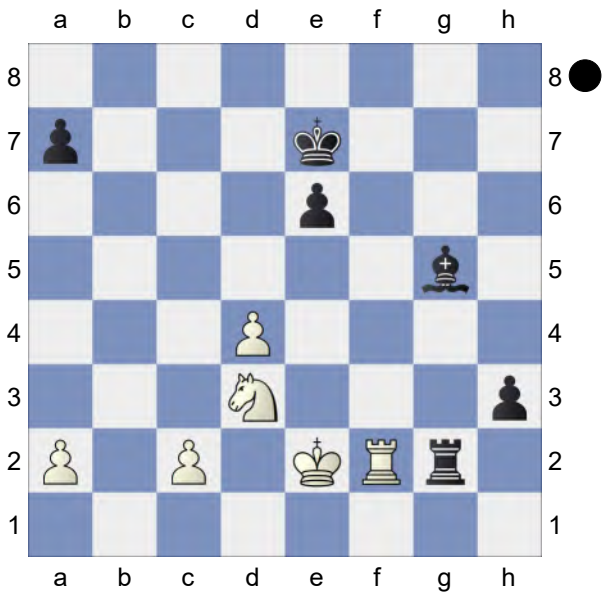
15.Bh5! Qf6 16.Nf3 Strongly threatening g4. **16...Nc6** 0.98/18
[16...b6!= -0.01/20]
17.Be5 0.20/18
[17.Ne5± 0.98/18 Rfd8 18.Qg3 *(18.Bf7+ Kf8=)*]
17...Nxe5= 18.Nxe5 Be8 19.Bxe8 Rfxe8 20.Nd7 Pair of Knights! **20...Qe7**
[Of course not 20...Qg5 21.f4 Qg6 22.Nxc5=]
21.Nxc5 Rac8 22.Nd3 b5 23.Nxb5 Hoping for Nd6. **23...Rc6** Inhibits Nd6. **24.Qh5 Rec8 25.Nc3 Rxc3 26.bxc3** And now Qg6 would win. **26...Qa3+ 27.Kd1 Qxc3 28.Qe2** -0.35/20
[28.Ne1!± 0.92/20]
28...Qc4 0.83/21
[28...Rb8!∓ -0.35/20 keeps the upper hand. 29.Nc1 Rb1]
29.Nc1± Qa4 30.Qd2 0.27/18 Inhibits Rc3.
[30.Qd3!± 0.63/20 might be stronger.]
30...Bf8 0.90/22
[30...Rb8!= 0.27/18]
31.g4 fxg4 32.Qd3 Threatens to win with Qg6+. **32...Qe8** Inhibits Qg6+. **33.Rg1** -0.03/20

[33.Ne2± 0.87/22]
33...h5= 34.f3 Rc7 35.fxg4 Rg7 36.g5 h4 37.e4 -0.14/21
[37.Ne2± 0.41/18]
37...Qh5+ 38.Qe2 Qxe2+ 39.Kxe2 dxe4 Endgame KRB-KRN **40.Ke3 Be7** 0.61/21
[Black should play 40...h3∓ -0.33/21]
41.Kxe4 0.01/20
[41.g6± 0.61/21]
41...Rxg5 42.Rh1 -0.67/20
[Better is 42.Ne2= 0.01/24]
42...Rg2∓ 43.Kd3 Bg5 aiming for ...h3! **44.Ne2 Kf7 45.Rf1+ Ke7** ...h3 is the strong threat. **46.Nf4** -1.41/21
[46.Rg1= -0.08/24 keeps the balance. Rxg1 47.Nxg1]

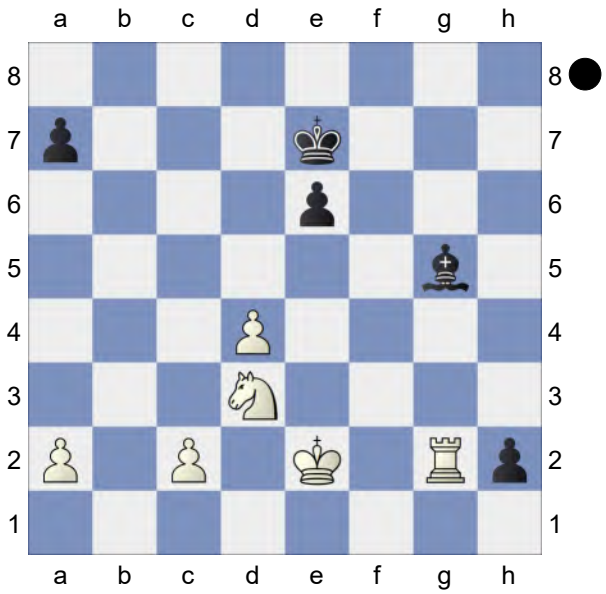


46...Rg3+!∓
[Weaker is 46...Bxf4 47.Rxf4 h3 48.Rh4∓]
47.Ke2 -2.09/20
[47.Kc4∓ -1.39/22]
47...h3-+ 48.Nd3 Rg2+ 49.Rf2? -6.95/23
[49.Kf3 -2.29/23 Rxc2 50.Rf2]

(Diagram)



49...h2? -1.74/24
[49...Bh4! -6.95/23 50.Kf3 Rg3+ 51.Ke2 Rg1]
50.Rxg2



h1Q 51.Rxg5∓ KQ-KRN **51...Qh2+ 52.Kd1 Qh4 53.Rg7+ Kd6 54.c3** -2.09/23
[54.Rxa7∓ -0.66/21 Qxd4 55.Ra6+ Ke7 56.Ra5]
54...Qh5+-+ 55.Kc2? -5.25/23
[55.Ke1 -2.07/22 was the crucial defense. Qh6 56.Rg3]
55...Qe2+ Deflection **56.Kb3 Qxd3**

57.Rxa7 KQ-KR **57...Qb5+ 58.Kc2 Qe2+ 59.Kb3 Kc6 60.Ra5** Against Qb5+ **60...Qd1+ 61.Kc4 Qb1 62.Ra6+ Kb7 63.Ra5** Intending Rb5+ and mate. **63...Kb6** Against Rb5+ **64.Ra4** -#1/6

[64.Rc5-+ -4.30/27 Qxa2+ 65.Kd3]

64...Qb5# Weighted Error Value: White=0.65/Black=0.40

0-1

712 **D00**

□ **Divya,Deshmukh** **2319**

■ **Vantika Agrawal** **2371**

28. Abu Dhabi Masters (6.38) 22.08.2022

[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 g6 4.e3 Bg7 5.Nb5 Na6**

[5...e5 feels hotter. 6.dxe5 Nh5 7.Qxd5 Qe7]

6.h3 0-0 7.Nf3 Ne4 8.Be2 The position is equal. **8...c6 9.Nc3**

[9.Na3 Qb6 10.Rb1 Nb4 11.c3 Nxa2 12.0-0 a5 13.Qc2 Bf5 14.Bd3 c5 15.dxc5 Qxc5 16.Ra1 Nb4 17.cxb4 Qxb4 18.Be5 Rfc8 19.Qe2 Nd2 20.Bxg7 Bxd3 21.Qxd3 Nxf3+ 22.gxf3 Kxg7 23.Qxd5 Qxb2 Rebeccaharris (2894)-Watneg (2870) Blitz 2024 [Kitty Kat] 0-1 (56)]

9...Nxc3N

[9...Qa5 10.0-0 Nxc3 11.bxc3 Qxc3 12.Rb1 Qa5 13.c4 4) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 g6-1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 g6 Ã]

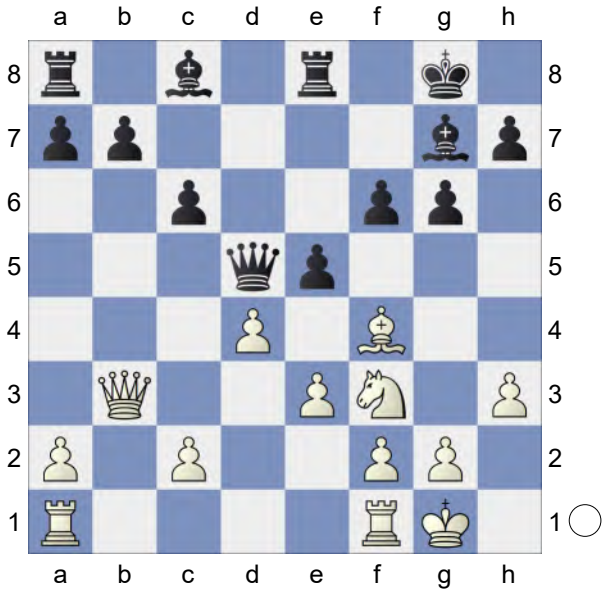
10.bxc3 Nc7 11.0-0 Nb5 12.Qe1 Nd6 -0.01/19

[12...Qa5∓ -0.35/22]

13.Qb1 f6 0.32/20

[13...Qa5= -0.14/19 was preferrable.]

14.Qb3± Re8 15.c4 dxc4 16.Bxc4+ Nxc4 17.Qxc4+ Qd5 18.Qb3 e5



19.c4! Qa5 20.Bg3 e4 21.Nh2 b5 0.70/23

[21...b6= 0.06/21]

22.a4!

[Much weaker is 22.cxb5+?! Be6 23.Qc2 cxb5∓]

22...bxc4 23.Qxc4+ Qd5 24.Rfc1 Qxc4 25.Rxc4 Re6 26.Rac1 aiming for d5! &Bianco is more active. **26...Bb7 27.Nf1 Bf8** Against Rb4 **28.Nd2 Rd8** 1.70/22

[28...c5± 1.17/23]

29.Nb3+- Rd5 30.Bc7 1.23/22

[Much less strong is 30.Nc5?! Bxc5 31.Rxc5 Rxc5 32.Rxc5 Re8±]

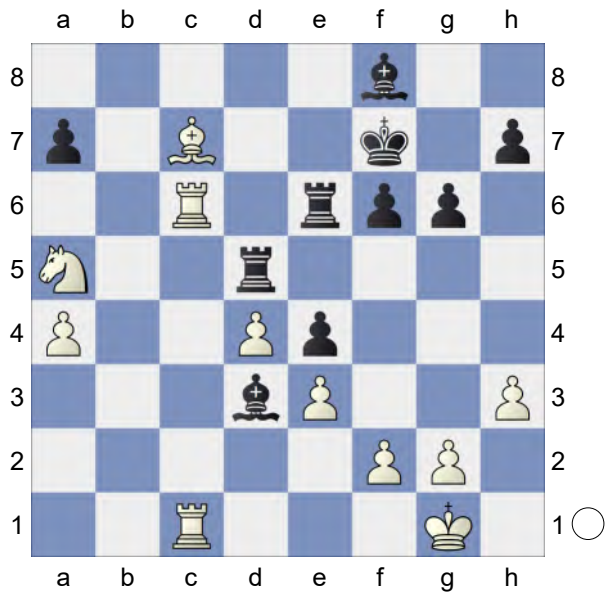
[30.Bb8+- 1.61/23]

30...Kf7 1.58/24

[Black should try 30...Re8 1.23/22]

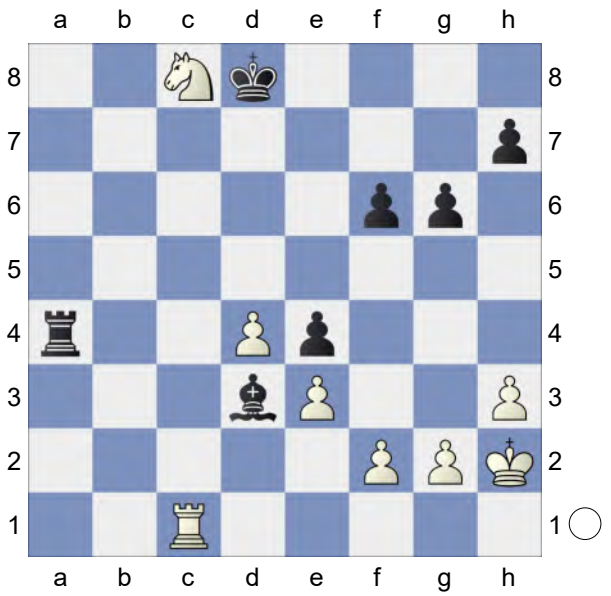
31.Na5± Ba6 32.Rxc6 Bd3

(Diagram)



33.Rxe6 1.24/22
[⌓33.Nb7! 1.57/22 Nd8+ is the strong threat. Ba3 34.R1c3]
33...Kxe6 34.Nc6 Kd7 2.46/24
[34...Rd7± 1.19/22 was necessary.]
35.Bg3 1.23/21
[Better is 35.Nxa7+- 2.46/24 Hoping for Bg3. Ba3 36.Rc6]
35...Bd6 2.54/24
[35...h5± 1.23/21 36.Nxa7 Ra5]
36.Bxd6 Rxd6 37.Nxa7+- Endgame KRB-KRN **37...Ra6** 3.00/23
[⌓37...Rb6 1.74/23 38.Rc5 Ra6]
38.Nc8 Kd8 39.Kh2 Rxa4

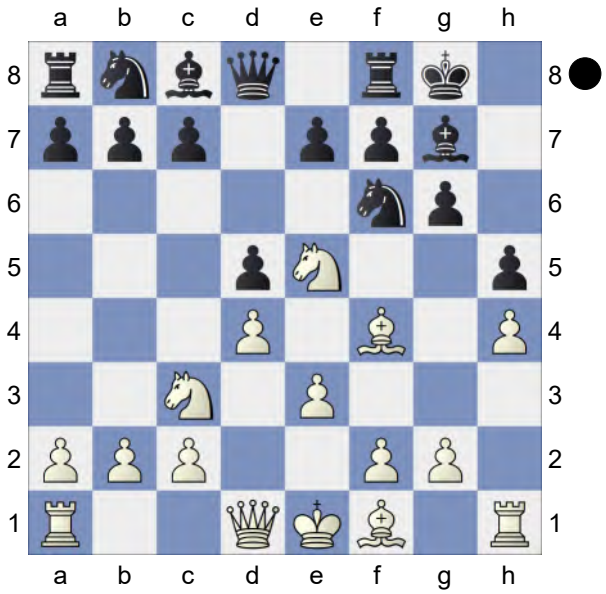
(Diagram)



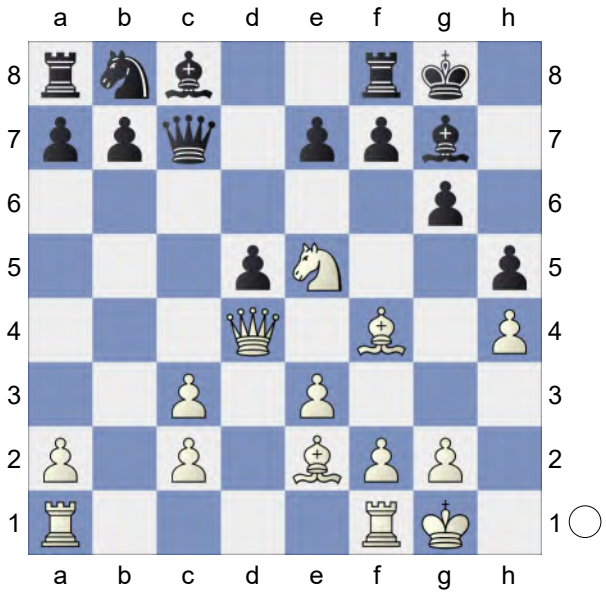
40.Nb6! Ra7 41.Rc8+ Ke7 42.Rh8 Ke6 4.85/20
[⌓42...Ra2 3.43/20 43.Rxh7+ Ke6]
43.d5+ Ke5 44.d6 Bb5 Against d7 **45.d7 Bxd7 46.Rxh7 Ke6 47.Kg3 f5** 8.17/26
[⌓47...g5 4.76/24 48.Nxd7 Ra8 49.Nc5+ Ke5]
48.Kf4 Ra2 49.Nxd7
[Weaker is 49.Rxd7 Rxf2+ 50.Kg3 Re2+-]
49...Rxf2+ KRN-KR **50.Kg3 Re2 51.Nf8+ Kf6 52.Ra7** Black must now prevent Ra6+. **52...g5 53.Ra6+ Kf7 54.Ne6 Rxe3+ 55.Kf2 Rd3 56.Nxg5+ Kg7 57.Ne6+ Kf7 58.Nf4 Rb3 59.h4 Kg7 60.h5 Rc3 61.Rg6+ Kh7 62.Rf6** 11.80/26
[⌓62.Nd5 #13/25 e3+ 63.Ke2 Rc8 64.Nf6+ Kh8 65.Kxe3 f4+ 66.Kxf4 Rc4+ 67.Kg5]
62...Rc5 63.Kg3 Re5 64.Kh4 White threatens Kg5 and mate. **64...e3 65.Re6 Rxe6 66.Nxe6** Threatening mate with Nf4. **66...Kh6 67.Nf4 Kh7 68.Kg5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.26 (precise) /Black=0.26 (precise)
1-0

713 **D00**
□ **Haug,Havard** **2319**
■ **Fiorito,Francisco** **2416**
Titled Tue 24. Sep Early (10) 24.09.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 g6 4.e3 Bg7 5.Nb5 Na6 6.Nc3 Nb8 7.Nb5 Na6 8.Nf3** The position is equal. **8...0-0 9.h4** 9.Be2 is the modern continuation. 9.Le2 ist die moderne Fortsetzung. **9...h5 10.Nc3 Nb8 11.Ne5**



c5! 12.dxc5
[12.Qd2 Be6]
12...Qa5 and ...Nf6-e4! would now be decisive **13.Be2 Ne4 14.0-0!N**
[Vorgänger: 14.Qxd5? -4.46/21 14.0-0 -0.14 Nxc3 15.Qd2 Nc6 0-1 Williams,S (2465)-Paravyan,D (2586) Airthings Masters Play In rapid 2023 (9)]
14...Nxc3
[14...Nxc5? 15.Nxd5 Qd8 16.Bg5 Bxe5 17.Bxe7±]
15.bxc3 Qxc5 16.Qd4 Qc7 1.33/20
[16...Qa5∓ -0.35/20 stays ahead.]



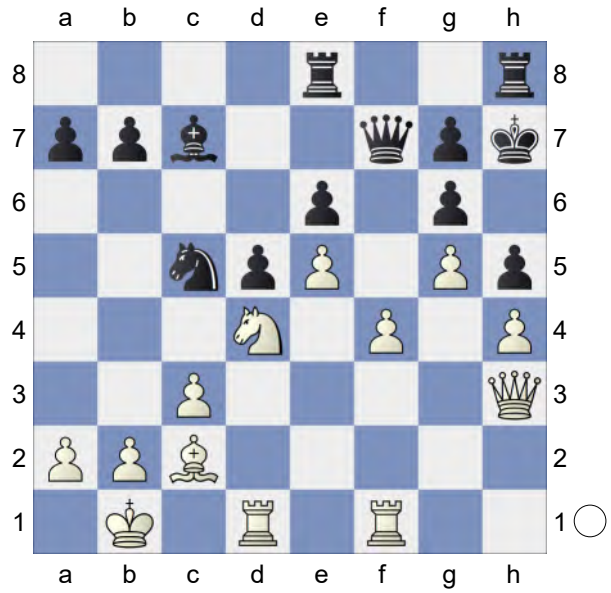
17.Nxg6!± Discovered Attack. White is much more active. **17...Qd8 18.Qxd5** Decoy **18...Be6?** 6.08/19
[18...Nc6± 1.53/20 19.Bf3 *(19.Qxh5 fxg6 20.Qxg6 Qe8=)* 19...Qxd5 20.Bxd5 Re8]
19.Qxd8? 1.53/20
[19.Nxf8? Bxd5 *(19...Qxd5? 20.Rfd1-+)* 20.Rad1 Qa5 *(20...Bxf8? 21.c4-+)* 21.Bxb8 Rxb8-+ *(21...Kxf8? 22.Bf4-+)*]
[19.Qxh5 fxg6 20.Qxg6 Rf6±]
[19.Qxb7+- 6.08/19 Nd7 20.Nxf8 Qxf8 21.Bxh5]
19...Rxd8 20.Ne5
[20.Nxe7+ Kf8 21.Rab1 *(21.Bg5 f6±)* 21...Bf6± *(21...Kxe7 22.Rxb7+ Ke8 23.Bxh5±)*]
20...Nc6 21.Nxc6 bxc6 22.a4
[Don't take 22.Bxh5?! Bxc3 23.Rad1 Bxa2±]
22...Bxc3 23.Rad1 Bg4 1.95/23
[23...Bf6± 1.50/20 24.e4 *(24.Bxh5 Bd5+-)* 24...Bxh4 25.Rxd8+ *(25.Bxh5 Bf6±)* 25...Rxd8]
24.f3 Bf5 25.e4 Be6 26.Kf2 Bf6 2.71/23
[26...a5± 1.57/18 27.Be3 Rdb8]

27.g3 a5 2.64/23
[⌓27...Bd4+ 1.85/19 28.Be3 c5]
28.e5 Bg7 29.g4 1.22/22
[29.Rxd8++- 2.05/21 Rxd8 30.Rb1]
29...hxg4 30.fxg4 f6? 3.09/22
[30...Rdb8± 1.35/23]
31.exf6+- Bxf6 32.g5 Bd4+ 33.Kg3 Rd7 5.15/21
[33...Bc3 3.29/17 might work better. 34.h5 Rd5]
34.Bg4 Bxg4 35.Kxg4 Threatens to win with c2-c3. **35...Rad8 36.h5 e5 37.Bg3 e4 38.Rfe1 e3 39.Rd3**
[39.c3 Bxc3 40.Rxd7 *(40.Rxe3 Rxd1 41.Rxc3 Rg1±)* 40...Rxd7+-]
39...Bc5 40.Rxd7 Rxd7 41.Bf4 Rd6 42.Bxd6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.38/Black=0.71
1-0

714 **D00**
□ **Papp,Petra** **2318**
■ **Jankovic,Tamara** **1636**
TCh-SRB 1. League w 2023 (9.2)
[Kitty Kat]

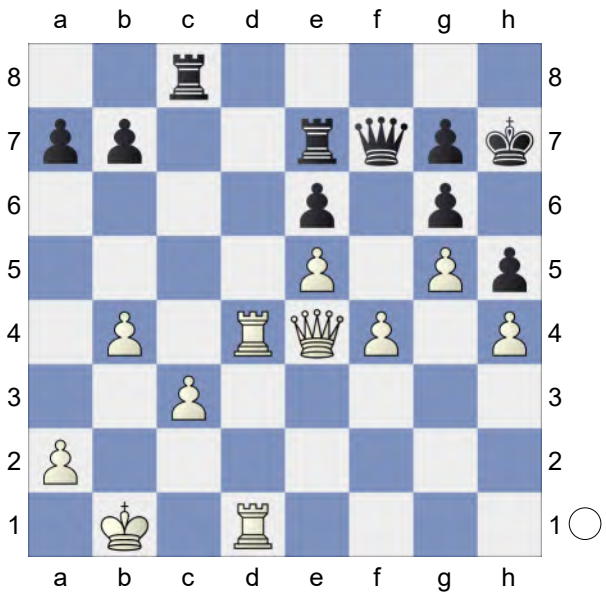
D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines A45: Trompowsky Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...g6 3.Bf4 *(3.e3 b6 4.Qf3 d5 5.Qg3 Bg7 6.Be2 Bf5 7.Bd1 Na6 8.a3 c5 9.Nge2 Nc7 10.f3 0-0 11.Qf2 Re8 12.0-0 Bd7 13.Ng3 Bc6 14.Nce2 c4 15.c3 a5 16.Bd2 a4 17.Bc2 Nd7* Breder,D (2445)-Rogozenco,D (2519) Deutschland 86/(186) 2002 CI1-130 [Rogozenco, Dorian] (39)*)* 3...Bg7 4.e4 0-0 5.e5 Ne8 6.Qe2 d5 *(6...d6 7.0-0-0 Nd7 8.h4 c5 9.dxc5 Nxc5 10.h5 Qa5 11.Nd5 Qd8 12.exd6 exd6 13.Ne7+ Kh8 14.hxg6 fxg6 15.Nxg6+ Kg8 16.Ne7+ Kh8 17.Rxh7+ Kxh7 18.Qh5+ Bh6 19.Qxh6#* 11) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.Bf4 B-5.e5 Ne8 6.Qe2 d6 #20 The Meanest Jobava London 2023 https://www.chessable.co [MH]*)* 7.0-0-0 c5 8.dxc5 e6 9.h4 Qa5 10.h5 Qxc5 11.Be3 Qc7 12.hxg6 fxg6 13.f4 Nc6 14.Nf3 h6 15.Qf2 a6 16.Kb1 b5 17.Bd3 11) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.Bf4 B-5.e5 Ne8 6.Qe2 d5 #2 The Meanest Jobava London 2023 https://www.chessable.co [MH]]
[2...e6 3.Bf4 Bb4 4.e3 Ne4 5.Nge2 Nxc3 6.Nxc3 0-0 7.Bd3 d5 8.Qf3 c5 9.Qg3 cxd4 10.Bh6 g6 11.exd4 Re8 12.h4 Bf8 13.Bf4 Nc6 14.h5 13) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6-1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6 3.Bf4 Bb4 4 The Meanest Jobava London 2023 https://www.chessable.co [MH]]
3.Bf4 c6 4.e3 Bf5 5.Nf3 e6 6.Ne5 Nbd7 6...h6 is the fancy move. 6...h6 ist der angesagte Zug. **7.g4 Bg6 8.h4** The position is equal. **8...h5?** 1.37/19
[8...Qb6= -0.14/20 9.Rb1 *(9.Nxg6 hxg6 10.Rb1 0-0-0=)* 9...Nxe5 10.Bxe5 h5]
9.Nxg6± fxg6 10.Bd3 Hoping for g5. **10...Kf7 11.g5 Nh7N**
[Vorgänger: 11...Ng8? 3.38/21 11...Ng4 1.85 12.Qf3 Threatens to win with Bc7+. Ke7 13.Bxg6 e5? 6.98/20 *(13...Nb6* 3.64/19 *14.Bg3 Kd7 15.Qf7+ Qe7)* 14.Bxe5 Nxe5 15.dxe5 Kd7 16.e4 d4 17.0-0-0 Kc7 1-0 Yanchenko,R (2467)-Khoroshev,N (2366) Titled Tuesday intern op 21st July blitz 2020 (5)]
12.Qf3 aiming for Bc7+. **12...Qe8 13.Ne2** Strongly threatening Bg3+. **13...Kg8 14.Be5** 0.97/20
[14.Bg3+- 1.62/18]
14...Nxe5± 15.dxe5 Black must now

prevent Nf4. **15...Bb4+ 16.c3 Ba5 17.0-0-0 Nf8 18.Qh3** &Bianco is much more active. **18...Qf7** 1.47/22
[⌓18...Bb6 1.08/18]
19.f4 Nd7 20.Bc2 Bc7 21.e4 Nc5 22.exd5 cxd5 23.Rhf1 Rf8 24.Nd4 Re8 25.Kb1 Kh7? 6.03/21
[25...a6± 1.41/20 26.b4 Nd7]



26.b4? 1.07/20
[26.Nxe6!+- 6.03/21 is the precise move to win. Rxe6 27.f5]
26...Ne4 27.Qe3 Bb6 1.13/19
[Better is 27...a5 0.81/21]
28.Bxe4
[28.c4 is more complex. Bxd4 29.Rxd4 Rc8 30.a3]
28...dxe4 29.Qxe4 Bxd4 30.Rxd4 Re7 31.Rfd1 0.79/23
[White should try 31.c4 1.27/21]
31...Rc8

(Diagram)



32.Kb2 0.65/21
[32.c4!± 1.05/20]
32...Rec7 1.18/22
[32...Qe8± 0.65/21]
33.c4 Rf8 1.66/20
[33...b6± 1.04/21 keeps fighting. 34.Rc1 Qf8]
34.Kb3 1.20/23
[34.c5+- 1.66/20]
34...b6 35.Rf1 Kg8 36.Qd3 Qf5? 4.16/21
[36...Rfc8± 1.22/22 is a better defense. 37.a3 a5]
37.Qxf5+- Rxf5 Endgame KRR-KRR
38.Re1 Kf8 39.Kc3 Ke7 40.a4 Rf8 41.Ra1 Rfc8 42.a5 b5 5.76/24
[⌓42...Rf8 3.73/23 43.Ra2 Rf5 44.axb6 axb6]
43.c5 Rf8 44.Rad1 Rf7 45.R1d3 Ke8 46.Kd2 Rc8 47.Ke3 Rfc7 48.Rd6 Re7 49.Ke4 Rcc7 50.Rd8+ Kf7 51.R3d6 Rb7 52.a6 Rbc7 53.c6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.36/Black=0.78
1-0

715 **D00**
□ **Streltsov,Al2** **2317**
■ **Lopez,Henry** **2102**
FIDE Disabilities Olym (5.2) 03.02.2023
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.g4 h6 6.h4 c5 7.Bg2!** -0.08/20 outshines the older 7.Qf3. erfolgreicher als das alte 7. Df3.
[⌓7.Qf3 0.30/21]
7...Nc6 8.g5 The position is equal.
8...Ng8N
[Predecessor: 8...hxg5 9.hxg5 Rxh1 10.Bxh1 Nd7 0.54/18 *(10...cxd4!= 0.13/21 11.exd4 Nd7)* 11.Nf3 0.05/21 *(11.Qh5!± 0.54/18)* 11...Qb6= 12.Rb1 g6 13.a3 Qa5 14.Qd2 -0.02/22 *(14.Kf1± 0.40/19)* 14...Nb6 0-1 Madaminov,M (2441)-Andreikin,D (2729) Titled Tuesday intern op 25th Oct Early blitz 2022 (10) 0-1 Madaminov,M (2441)-Andreikin,D (2729) Titled Tuesday intern op 25th Oct Early blitz 2022 (10)]
9.Nge2 Bd6 0.37/20
[9...hxg5= 0.01/20 10.hxg5 Rxh1+ 11.Bxh1 cxd4 12.exd4 b5]
10.dxc5± Bxc5 11.Qd2 hxg5 12.hxg5 Rxh1+ 13.Bxh1 Qd2-d3 would now be deadly. **13...Nge7 14.0-0-0 Qa5** 0.74/20
[14...Bd7!= -0.01/18]

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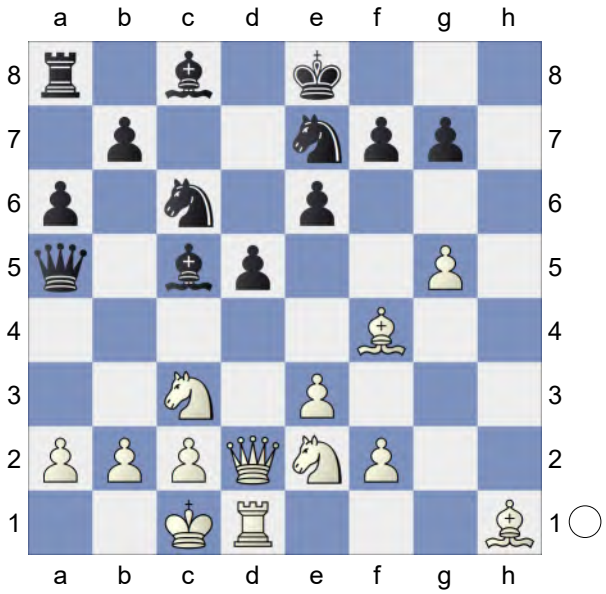
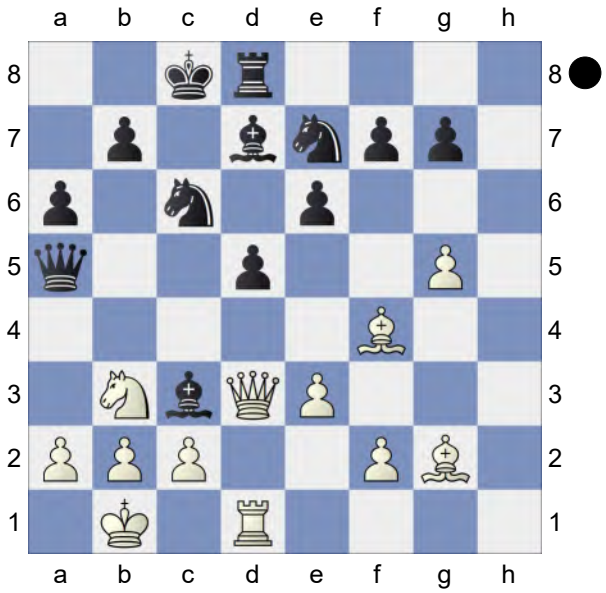
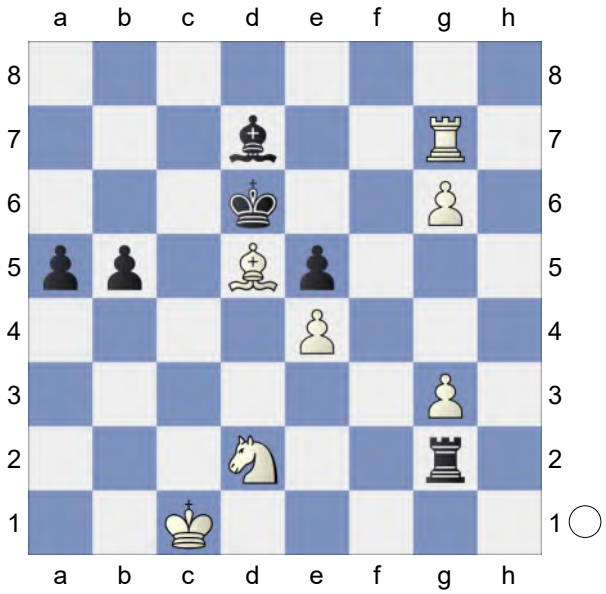


Inhibits Nc3-a4. **15.Kb1!± Bd7 16.Bg2** -0.01/20
[Better is 16.a3± 0.71/21]
16...0-0-0= 17.Nc1 Hoping for Nc1-b3.
17...Bb4 18.Nb3 Prevents e6-e5.
[18.Nd3 simplifies Bxc3 19.Qxc3 Qxc3 20.bxc3 Rh8 21.Kc1]
18...Bxc3 19.Qd3



Qxa2+ 3.26/5 Loses the game.
20.Kxa2+- Nb4+ 21.Ka3 Nxd3 22.cxd3 e5 23.Bg3 Bxb2+
[But not 23...Bg4 24.Rc1+-]
24.Kxb2 f6 25.Rc1+ Kb8 26.d4 Nf5

27.dxe5
[27.Bxd5 Ba4 28.Be6 Nxg3+-]
27...Nxg3 28.fxg3
[28.gxf6 Nf5 29.Bxd5 gxf6±]
28...fxe5 29.Bxd5 b6 30.e4 Rf8 31.Rh1 White is clearly winning.
31...Rf2+ 32.Kc1 a5 33.Nd2 b5 6.94/23
[⌓33...Rg2 4.62/23 34.Rh7 Rg1+ 35.Kb2 Bb5 36.Rxg7 Rg2 37.Rb7+ Kc8]
34.Rh7 Kc7 35.Rxg7 Kd6 36.g6 Threatens to win with Rg7xd7+! **36...Rg2**

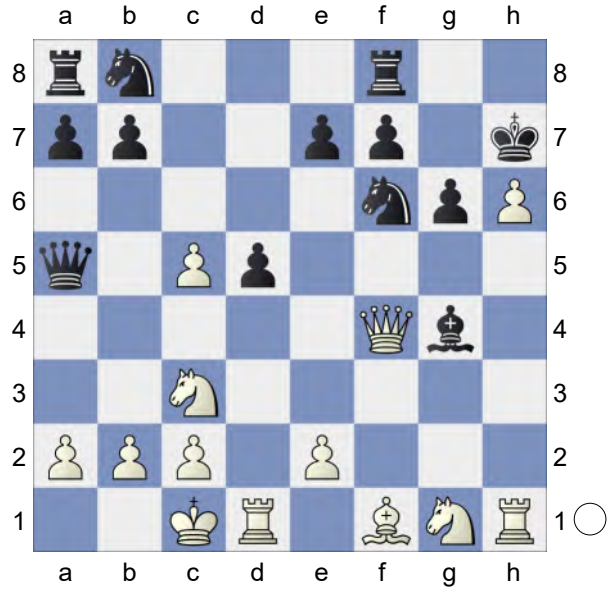


37.Rxd7+! Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.55
1-0

716 **D00**
□ **Aakash G** **2314**
■ **Uuriintuya,Uurtsaikh** **2212**
22. Tamil Nadu IM Norm Closed Circuit ..
[Kitty Kat]

D01: Veresov Opening **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 g6 4.Qd2 Bg7 5.Bh6 0-0 6.Bxg7 Kxg7 7.h4N**
[7.0-0-0 c6 *(7...c5 8.dxc5 Qa5 9.Nxd5 Qxa2 10.Nc3 Qa1+ 11.Nb1 Be6 12.b3 Rc8* 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 g6,4-N,N 33. Veresov*)* 8.h4 Qd6 9.f3 Nh5 10.e4 dxe4 11.g4 Ng3 12.Nxe4 Nxe4 13.fxe4 Bxg4 14.Be2 Bxe2 15.Nxe2 h5 16.e5 Qd5 17.Kb1 c5 18.Nf4 Qxd4 19.Nxh5+ Kh7 20.Qg5 f6 21.exf6 exf6 Kashlinskaya,A (2441)-Videnova,I (2315) Plovdiv 2014 CBM 162 [Mikhalchishin,Adrian] 1-0]
[7.e3 c5 8.h3 *(8.dxc5 Qa5 9.Ne4 Qxd2+ 10.Nxd2 Bf5 11.Bd3 Nbd7 12.Nb3 Rfc8* 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 g6,4-N,N 33. Veresov*)* 8...Nc6 9.g4 cxd4 10.exd4 Ne4 *(10...e5 11.dxe5 Ne4 12.Qxd5 Nxc3 13.Qxd8 Rxd8 14.bxc3 Nxe5 15.f4 Nc6 16.Bd3 Be6 17.Ne2 Rac8 18.0-0 Na5 19.Kf2 Rc7 20.Kg1 Rcc8 21.Kf2 Rc7 22.Kg1 Rcc8 23.Kf2 Rc7* ½-½ (23) George Samir,D (2272)-Amartuvshin,G (2392) Doha QAT 2024 [Kitty Kat]*)* 11.Nxe4 dxe4 12.0-0-0 e5 13.dxe5 Qxd2+ 14.Rxd2 Nxe5 15.Bg2 f5 16.gxf5 gxf5 17.Ne2 Kf6 18.Nf4 Kg5 19.Nd5 Rd8 20.Rg1 Kh6 21.Nc7 Rxd2 Athena Pallada (2947)-Abhijeet1610 (2832) Blitz 2024 [Kitty Kat] 0-1 (68)]
7...h5 8.f3 The position is equal. **8...c5 9.dxc5 Qa5 10.0-0-0 Bf5** 0.85/19 Against g4
[10...Qxc5 11.Qg5=]
[10...Nc6∓ -0.44/20 stays ahead. 11.Nxd5 Qxa2]
11.g4 -0.48/21
[11.e4?! dxe4 12.fxe4 Be6=]
[White has to play 11.Nxd5± 0.85/19 Qxd2+ 12.Rxd2 Nxd5 13.Rxd5]
11...hxg4∓ 12.h5 Rh8 0.42/19
[12...Nc6!= -0.22/19 13.e4 *(13.hxg6 Rh8∓)* 13...d4 14.hxg6 Rh8! 15.Rxh8 Rxh8 16.exf5 dxc3 17.Qxc3

Qxc3 18.bxc3 fxg6]
13.h6+± Kh7 14.fxg4 Bxg4 15.Qf4 Rf8 1.19/20
[Not 15...Qxc5 16.Bh3 *(16.Rxd5 Qc6±)* 16...Bxh3 17.Nxh3±]
[15...Nc6!± 0.47/19]



16.Rh4 0.75/20
[⌓16.Bh3! 1.19/20 Bh5 17.Bg2]
16...Bf5± 17.Bh3 0.16/21
[17.Bg2± 0.64/19 feels stronger.]
17...Be4!= 18.Nf3
[Reject 18.Nxe4 dxe4 19.Kb1 Na6∓]
18...Bxf3 Chess con chili. **19.Qxf3 Nc6! 20.Rf4** -0.13/20
[20.Nxd5± 0.36/19 Nxd5 21.Qxd5]
20...d4? 2.02/21
[20...Qxc5= -0.13/20 and Black has nothing to worry. 21.Nxd5 Ne5]
21.Nd5? -0.01/19
[21.Rxf6+- 2.02/21 Ne5 22.Qf4 dxc3 23.Qxe5 Qxa2 24.Qxc3 exf6 25.Qxf6 Qa1+ 26.Kd2 Qa5+ 27.Kc1 Qa1+ 28.Kd2 Qa5+ 29.Kc1 Qa1+]
21...Qxa2 22.Nxf6+ exf6 23.Rxf6 Ne5 24.Qa3 -0.58/22
[White should try 24.Qf4!= -0.01/22 Qa1+ 25.Kd2 Qa5+ 26.Kc1 Qa1+ 27.Kd2 Qa5+ 28.Kc1 Qxc5 29.b4]
24...Qxa3∓ 25.bxa3 Rad8 0.08/21
[25...Rfe8∓ -0.54/20]
26.Bg2? -1.63/22
[26.Rd6= 0.08/21]
26...Nd7↑ Black is on the roll. **27.Rd6 Nxc5 28.R1xd4 Rxd6 29.Rxd6 Kxh6∓** Endgame KRB-KRN **30.Rd5** -2.26/23
[⌓30.a4 -1.76/21]
30...b6-+ 31.Re5 f5 32.Re7 a6 33.Kd2 Kg5 34.Rc7 -2.29/20
[34.Bd5 -1.90/20 might work better.]
34...Rd8+ 35.Ke3 -2.70/23
[⌓35.Ke1 -1.92/19]
35...f4+ 36.Kf3 Rd2 37.Rf7 Ne6 38.Re7 Nd4+ 39.Kf2 Rxc2 40.Re4 Nb5 -2.49/20
[⌓40...Nf5 -1.68/22 41.Re6 Rb2]
41.Re6 Nd4? 0.01/19
[Stronger than 41...Nxa3 42.Be4 Rc4 43.Kf3∓]
[41...Nc3-+ -2.43/21 Threatens to win with ...b5. 42.Ke1 Rb2]
42.Re4= Nf5 Hoping for ...Ne3. **43.Rb4** -3.62/24
[⌓43.Re6 -2.26/21]
43...b5-+ 44.Bd5 -5.28/24 Prevents Ra2.
[⌓44.Bb7 -3.58/22 Ng3 45.Bxa6 Rxe2+ 46.Kf3 Re3+ 47.Kf2]
44...Ng3 45.Bf3 Rc3 46.Rd4 Rxa3 47.Rd6 b4 48.Rb6 a5 49.Bd5 Re3 50.Bc4? -9.15/20
[50.Bf3 -3.91/19]
50...Ne4+ 51.Kg2 Rg3+ 52.Kh2 f3 53.exf3 Rxf3 54.Rb5+ Rf5 aiming for ... Rxb5. **55.Rb6 Rf2+ 56.Kg1 Rf6 57.Rb5+** -7.43/23
[⌓57.Rb8 -4.32/21]
57...Rf5 58.Rb6 Rc5 59.Bd3 Nf6 60.Kf2 Ng4+ 61.Ke2 Ne5 62.Bb1 Rc1 63.Be4 Kf4 64.Bd5? -6.87/22
[64.Bxg6 -2.81/20 Nxg6 65.Rxg6]

64...Rc2+ Black is clearly winning. **65.Kd1 Rc5 66.Bb3 Ke3 67.Re6 g5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.48/ Black=0.33
0-1

717 **D00**
□ **Zatonskih,Anna** **2312**
■ **Krush,Irina** **2388**
USA Ch w 2024 (3.2) 13.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

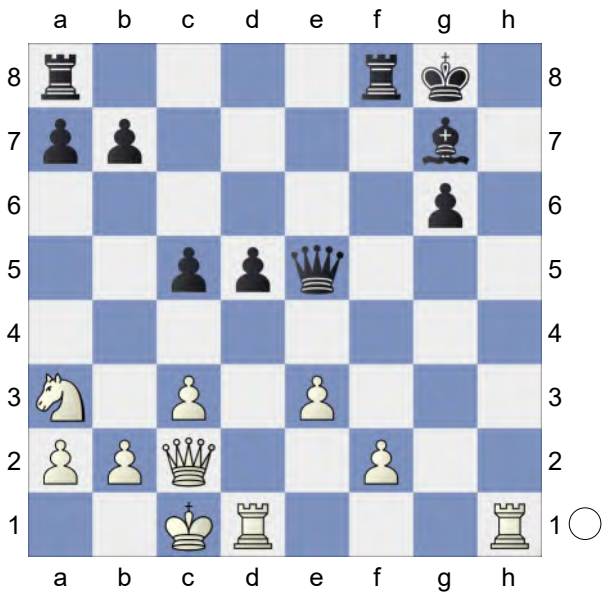
D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines Including this game is basically just for a bit of fun. Black plays a very dodgy opening and his position is resignable after seven moves. However, White doesn't play the most precise refutation and before we know it Black has tremendous compensation for the piece. **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 *(3...e6 4.e4 exd5 5.e5 Qe7 6.Qe2 Ne4 7.Nxd5 Qxe5 8.Nc3 d5 9.f3 f5 10.fxe4 fxe4 11.Nf3 Qf5 12.Nh4 Qf7 13.Qf2 Qxf2+ 14.Kxf2 Be7 15.Bb5+ Nc6 16.g3 0-0+ 17.Ke1 Nd4 18.Ba4* 0-1 Wohlfahrt,R (2127)-Grooten,H (2390) 20th Open Böblingen GER 2003 (5) *)* 4.e4 g6
A) 5.Nf3 Bg7 6.Bc4 *(6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.a4 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nbd7 11.Re1 a6 12.Bf1 e5 13.a5 Ne8 14.Bd3 Qh4 15.Qg4 Qxg4 16.hxg4 Rc8 17.b3 Nef6 18.g5 Ne8 19.g3 f6 20.Kg2 fxg5* 0-1 7.♗c4 ♕a5 8.♕d2 e6_6062 (2345)-Jovic,A (2383) Gonfreville op 1979 (3.76)*; 6.Bf4 0-0 7.Qd2 Re8 8.Be2 Na6 9.0-0 Nc7 10.a4 b6 11.Rfe1 a6 12.h3 Bb7 13.Bc4 Qd7 14.Qd3 Rab8 15.e5 Nh5 16.Bh2 Ba8 17.Bxa6 Nxa6 18.Qxa6 e6 19.Rad1 dxe5 20.Nxe5 Qb7* 1-0 Veresov,G-Goldenov,B 69: Belarusian Championship, Minsk 1955*)* 6...0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9);
B) 5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Be2 0-0 10.0-0 a6 11.Nd2 Rb8 12.Nc4 b5 13.axb5 axb5 14.Na5 Qe8 15.Nc6 Rb7 16.Ra5 Nb8 17.Nxb8 0-1 Yakimenko,A-9. ♘c3 ♘e7 10. ♘e4_82589 NO 1925]
3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.a4 c6 6.Na3 Bd6 -0.40/25
[Black should play 6...Qb6∓ -0.82/21 7.Ra2 Bxa3 8.Rxa3 Qxb2]
7.e3∓ Bxf4 8.exf4 Black is slightly better. **8...Qd6** -0.15/21
[8...Qb6!∓ -0.54/21]
9.Qc1= b6 10.Nf3 0-0 11.c3 Nc7 12.Bd3 Ba6 13.Bxa6 Nxa6 14.0-0 Nc7 15.Ne5 a5 16.Qc2 g6 17.Rfd1 b5 18.Qe2 Rfb8 19.Nc2 bxa4 20.Ne1 c5 21.dxc5 Qxc5 22.Rxa4 Nb5 23.N1d3 Qc7 24.Rda1 Ne4 25.Qe1 Nbd6 26.h3 Rb3 27.Qd1 Rb5 28.Qe2 Rab8 29.R1a2 R8b7 30.Qe3 -0.50/20
[30.Qe1= 0.00/21]
30...Nf5 0.01/25 **31.Qe1 Nfd6 32.Qe3** -0.59/21
[32.g3= 0.00/22]
32...Nf5 0.04/23
[Better is 32...f6!∓ -0.59/21 33.Nf3 Nc4]
33.Qe1 Nfd6 Weighted Error Value:

White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.13 (very precise)
½-½

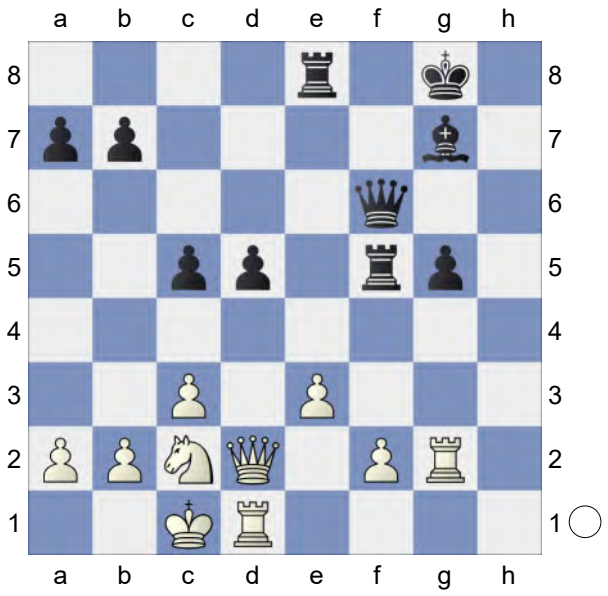
718 **D00**
□ **Voege,Tobias** **2306**
■ **Von Mettenheim,Johannes** **2210**
Niedersachsen-ch (5) 07.01.2023
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7 ½-½* Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8 ½-½* Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]
3.Bf4 g6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 Bg7 6.h4 h5 7.Nf3 0-0 Nowadays more popular than 7...c6. Heutzutage beliebter als 7...c6. Nowadays more popular than 7...c6. Heutzutage beliebter als 7...c6. **8.Be2** The position is equal. **8...c5** 0.47/20
[8...c6= -0.23/18 9.Nc3 Nc7]
9.c3± Bd7 10.Ne5 0.04/21
[10.a4± 0.51/18]
10...Be8N
[Vorgänger: 10...Bxb5 11.Bxb5 Qb6 12.Qe2 Nc7 13.Bd3 Ne6 14.Bg5 -0.01/18 *(14.Bh2±* 0.43/19 *)* 14...Qd6 0.40/19 *(14...Rfe8=* -0.01/18 is more appropriate.*)* 15.f3 0.03/18 *(15.f4±* 0.40/19 might be stronger.*)* 15...Nh7 16.f4 -0.42/23 *(16.0-0-0=* 0.28/19 *)* 16...cxd4 17.cxd4 ½-½ (47) Amaro Alfonso,R (2237)-Ramos Silvera,R (2169) Pinar del Rio 2019 ½-½ (47) Amaro Alfonso,R (2237)-Ramos Silvera,R (2169) Pinar del Rio 2019]
11.Na3 -0.01/16
[11.0-0± 0.37/20]
11...Qb6 12.Qc2 Nb8 0.36/20
[12...Nd7= -0.01/18]
13.g4± hxg4 14.Nxg4 Nxg4 15.Bxg4 Bd7
[15...cxd4!? 16.exd4 Bd7 17.Bxd7 Nxd7=]
16.Bxd7 Nxd7 17.h5 e5 1.90/21
[17...cxd4± 0.46/19 18.exd4 Nf6]
18.dxe5+- Black must now prevent h5xg6. **18...Nxe5** 2.07/22
[⌓18...Rad8 1.71/21 19.0-0-0 Nxe5 20.Bxe5 Bxe5]
19.0-0-0 Threatens to win with Bf4xe5.
19...Qe6 20.Bxe5 Qxe5 21.hxg6 fxg6

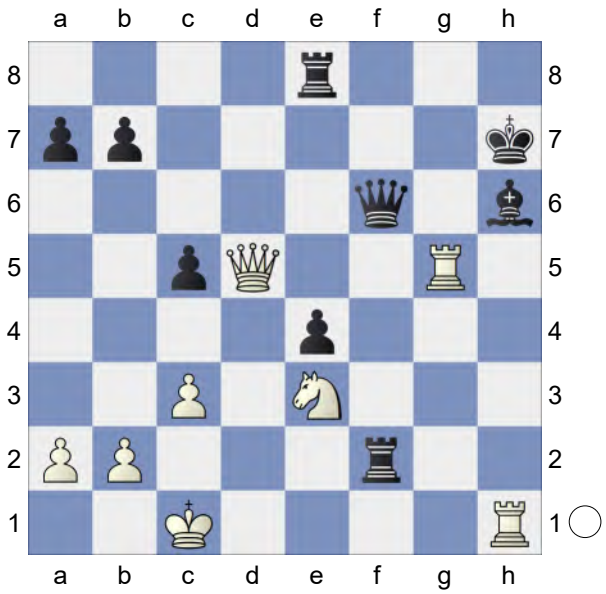
(Diagram)



22.Rhg1 0.94/21
[22.Qxg6?! Rxf2 23.Qd3 Rf5±]
[22.Rdg1!+- 1.67/21]
22...g5± 23.Rg2 0.47/21
[23.Rg3± 1.05/20]
23...Rf5± 24.Qd2 Re8 25.Nc2 Qf6? 2.31/20
[25...Ref8± 0.71/19]



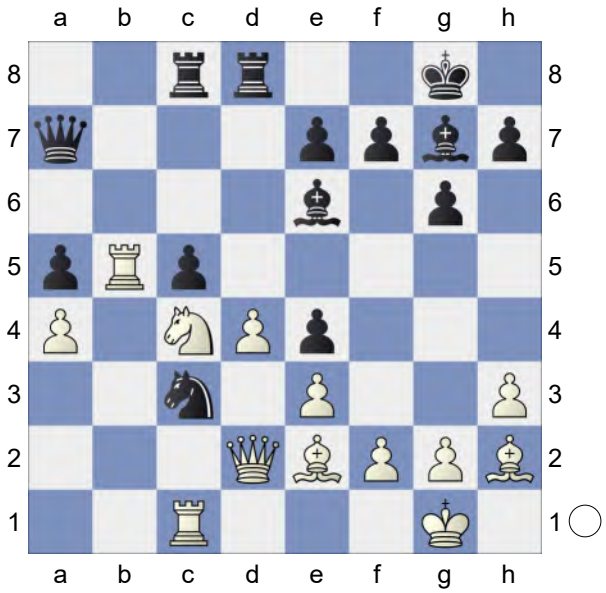
26.e4!+- dxe4 3.51/21
[26...Rxe4 1.89/20 27.Ne3 Rfe5]
27.Ne3 Rf3 28.Qd5+ Kh7? 5.09/18
[28...Kf8 2.68/20 29.Qxc5+ *(29.Qxb7 Qb6+-; 29.Rxg5 Qc6+-)* 29...Qe7 30.Qxa7 Bf6]
29.Rxg5 Threatening mate with Rd1-h1+. **29...Bh6** 7.72/23
[⌓29...Qe6 5.14/23 30.Rh1+ *(30.Qxc5 Bh6+-; 30.Qxb7 Re7+-; 30.Nf5 Bh6±)* 30...Kg8]
30.Rh1 White wants to mate with Ne3-g4.
[30.Qxb7+ Re7 31.Rd7 Rxd7 32.Qxd7+ Qf7 33.Qxf7+ Rxf7=]
30...Rxf2



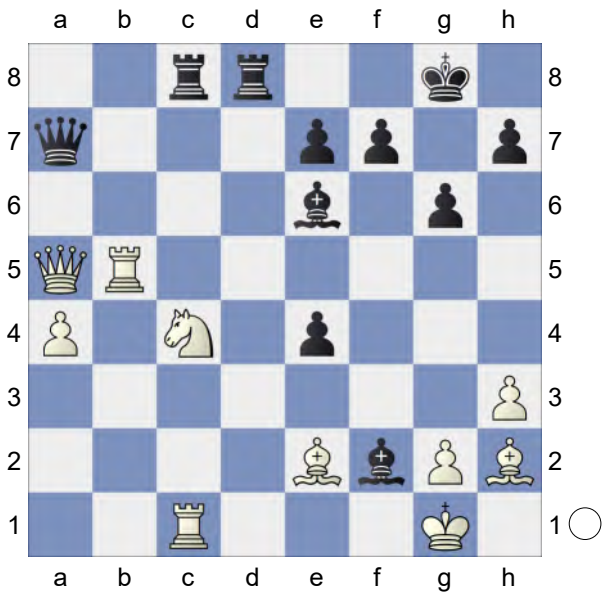
31.Rxh6+! Qxh6 32.Qd7+
[32.Qxb7+ Kh8 33.Qd5 Rh2= *(33...Qh1+? 34.Nd1+-)*]
32...Kh8 33.Qxe8+ Rf8 34.Qe5+
[34.Qxe4? Qxg5 35.b3 b6-+]
34...Qf6 35.Qh2+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) / Black=0.83
1-0

719 **D00**
□ **Guz,Ari** **2306**
■ **Sidorenko,Ilya** **2392**
ISR-chT Israel (3.5) 20.01.2023
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]
3.Bf4 g6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 Bg7 6.Nf3 0-0 6...0-0 scores better than 6...c6. 6...0-0 punktet besser als 6...c6. 6...0-0 scores better than 6...c6. 6...0-0 punktet besser als 6...c6. **7.h3 c6 8.Nc3** The position is equal. **8...Nc7 9.Be2 Nce8 10.0-0 Nd6 11.a4 a5 12.b3N**
[Vorgänger: 12.Nb1 Nfe4 13.Nbd2 Bf5 14.c4 Nxd2 15.Nxd2 Be6 0.80/20 *(15...dxc4± 0.31/22 16.Nxc4 Nxc4 17.Bxc4 Qb6)* 16.c5± Ne8 17.Qb3 Bc8 18.Qc3 1-0 (63) Bluebaum,M (2639)-Hansen,E (2606) Chess.com INT 2021 1-0 (63) Bluebaum, M (2639)-Hansen,E (2606) Chess.com INT 2021]
12...Nde4 13.Qe1 Re8 14.Nxe4 dxe4 15.Ne5 Nd5 16.Bh2 Be6 17.Qd2 Qb6 18.Rfc1 Red8 19.Nc4 Qa7 20.c3 Rac8 0.77/19
[20...c5± 0.37/19]
21.b4± b6 22.bxa5 bxa5 23.Rab1 c5 0.98/20
[23...Bd7± 0.62/20 is superior.]
24.Rb5 Nxc3



Remove Defender **25.Qxc3**
[25.Rxc3 cxd4 26.exd4 *(26.Rxa5? dxc3-+)* 26...Bxd4=]
25...cxd4 26.exd4
[26.Qxa5? is the wrong capture. Qxa5 27.Rxa5 d3-+]
26...Bxd4 27.Qxa5 Bxf2+



28.Kf1!
[28.Kh1 Qxa5 29.Rxa5 Rd2 30.Nxd2 Rxc1+ 31.Nf1 Re1=]
28...Bxc4?? 3.99/20 Black cannot hold the game after this.
[Don't go for 28...Qd4? 29.Rd1 Qxd1+ 30.Bxd1 Bxc4+ 31.Kxf2+-]
[28...Qxa5± 1.44/20 was necessary. 29.Rxa5 Bd4]
29.Rxc4+-
[Not 29.Bxc4 Qe3 30.Rbb1 Bh4=]
29...Qe3 5.50/24
[⌓29...Qxa5 3.69/19 30.Rxa5 Bd4]
30.Rd5 Re8 31.Rxc8
Remove Defender **31...Rxc8**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.44
1-0

720 **D00**
□ **Daus,Peter** **2306**
■ **Umansky,Mikhail** **2528**
AC-2003-S-00002 (1) 01.12.2004
[Morgado,Juan Sebastian_17373]

1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 c6 4.e3 Bf5 5.f3 e6 6.g4 Bg6 7.h4 h5 8.g5 Nfd7 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3?! This move seems to be normal, but it has problems after **10...Qb6! 11.g6**
[11.Nge2 g6 12.0-0-0 Qa6 13.e4 Qxd3 14.Rxd3 Bg7 15.Bd6!! Bf8 16.Bg3 Bg7 17.Rf1]
11...f6!N Very strong novelty. Black takes the initiative. The main idea is to avoid white's castle. **12.Nge2 c5 13.Nb5** White's ♔ will have to stay in the center, disturbing its own pieces. **13...Na6 14.c4 cxd4 15.exd4 Bb4+ 16.Kf1 Rc8!→ 17.c5 Naxc5 18.dxc5 Nxc5 19.Nd6+ Qxd6 20.Qb5+? Qc6∓ 21.Qxb4 Nd3** Good concept. The doubled pawns are less important than the square e5. **22.Qd2 Nxf4 23.Nxf4 Qc4+ 24.Kg2 0-0 25.Rac1 Qa4 26.Nxe6 Rfe8 27.Nc5 Qxa2 28.Rhe1 b6 29.Nd3 Qb3 30.Nf4 Qb5** The rest is easy. **31.Qxd5+ Qxd5 32.Nxd5 Kf8 33.Kf2 Rxc1 34.Rxc1 Rd8 35.Rd1 Rd6 36.Ne3 Rc6 37.Rd7 a5 38.Rf7+ Kg8 39.Nf5 Rc2+ 40.Kg3** 7.25/5
[⌓40.Ke3 #5/12 Rc8 41.Ne7+]
40...Rxb2 41.Ne7+ Kh8 42.Rf8#
0-1

721 **A45**
□ **Sahithi Varshini,M** **2301**
■ **Habans Aguerrea,Javier** **2441**
IV Menorca Open A 2025 (7.29) 26.04.25
[TA]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
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[6...0-0 7.g5 Ne4 8.h4 c5 9.a3 Ba5 10.Bg2 Nxc3 11.Nxc3 cxd4 12.exd4 Nc6 13.Qd3 b5 14.h5 Bc7 15.Bxc7 Qxc7 16.g6 fxg6 17.hxg6 h6 18.Nxd5 Qd6 19.Ne7+ Qxe7 20.Bxc6 Bb7 21.Bxb7 1-0 (47) Hou,Y (2632)-Shuvalova,P (2497) Speed Chess (Women) blitz 2023 (1.3)]

7.Rg1 Nf6N 0.49/23

[7...g5= 0.00/24 8.Rxg4 gxf4 9.Nxf4 Nc6 10.Nh5 5) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 a6-3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 #11/16]

[7...e5 8.dxe5 Nc6 9.a3 Bxc3+ 10.Nxc3 d4 11.exd4 Qxd4 12.Qxd4 Nxd4 13.0-0-0 Nf3 14.Rg3 Nfxh2 15.f3 Nf2 16.Be2 Nxd1 17.Nxd1 Bf5 18.Rxg7 Bg6 19.e6 Ke7 20.exf7 Kf6 21.f8Q+ Rhxf8 22.Rxc7 0-1 (41) James,H (2299)-Rojas Keim,L (2674) Bastia (m/1-rapid) 96/74 2005 (1) Rae8 23.Nc3 Nf1 24.Rxb7 Rf7 25.Rb6+ Kg7 26.Bg5 Ng3 27.Bc4 Rxf3 28.b4 Rc8 29.Rb7+ Bf7 30.Bxf7 Rxf7 31.Rxf7+ Kxf7 32.Nd5 h5 33.Nf4 Rc4 34.Kb2 Nf5 35.Kb3 Rc6 36.Nxh5 Kg6 37.Nf4+ ½-½ (41) Fiorito,F (2340)-Unhold,V (2184) Villa Constitucion op 2023 (3)]

8.Rxg7± White is slightly better.

8...Nbd7 0.98/25

[8...Nc6± 0.44/22]

9.Rg1 0.46/25

[9.a3!± 0.98/25 Be7 10.Nc1]

9...b6 0.94/23

[9...Nf8!± 0.46/25 might be stronger.]

10.a3± Bd6 11.Bxd6! cxd6 12.Nc1 0.55/25

[12.Ng3± 0.93/22]

12...Bb7 13.a4 0.16/23

[13.Bd3± 0.85/26]

13...Qe7 0.57/24

[13...Ne4!= 0.16/23 should be considered.]

14.N1a2± 0-0-0 15.Qf3 Rhg8 16.Rxg8 Rxg8 17.0-0-0 Ne4 18.Qf4 0.00/28

[18.Qe2!± 0.42/23]

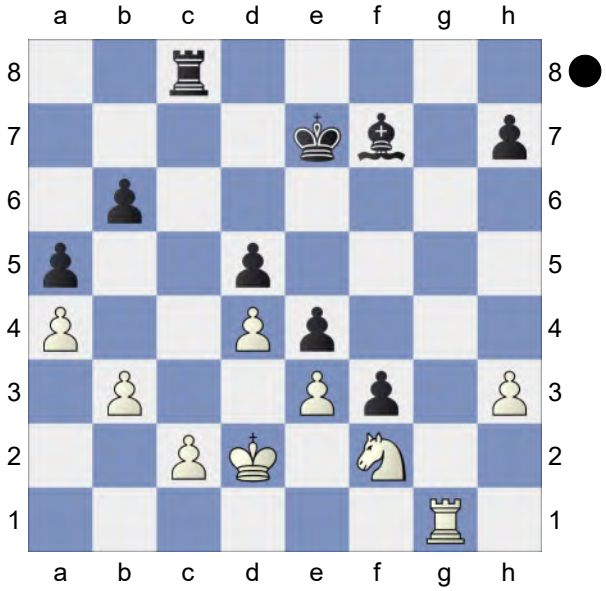
18...Qf6= 19.Qxf6 Nexf6 20.f3 Inhibits Ng4. **20...Nf8 21.Kd2 Ng6 22.Ke2 a5 23.Kf2 Bc6 24.Nb5 Kd7 25.Nac3 Ke7 26.Be2 Ne8 27.Rg1 f5 28.Bd3 Nf6 29.Ne2 Bd7 30.Nbc3 e5 31.Bb5 Be6 32.Ke1 e4 33.fxe4 dxe4 34.Nf4 Bf7 35.h3 Rc8 36.Kd2 Nh4** Strongly threatening ...Nf3+. **37.Be2 Nf3+ 38.Bxf3 exf3 39.Nd3** -0.61/24

[Much worse is 39.Rf1 Ne4+ 40.Nxe4 fxe4∓]

[Better is 39.d5= -0.02/27]

39...Ne4+∓ 40.Nxe4 fxe4 Endgame. KRB-KRN **41.Nf2 d5** Black is more active. **42.b3?** -2.31/24

[White should try 42.Rg7∓ -0.61/23]



42...Rc6? -0.27/25

[42...Rg8!-+ -2.31/24 43.Rxg8 Bxg8]

43.Rg5 -0.82/21

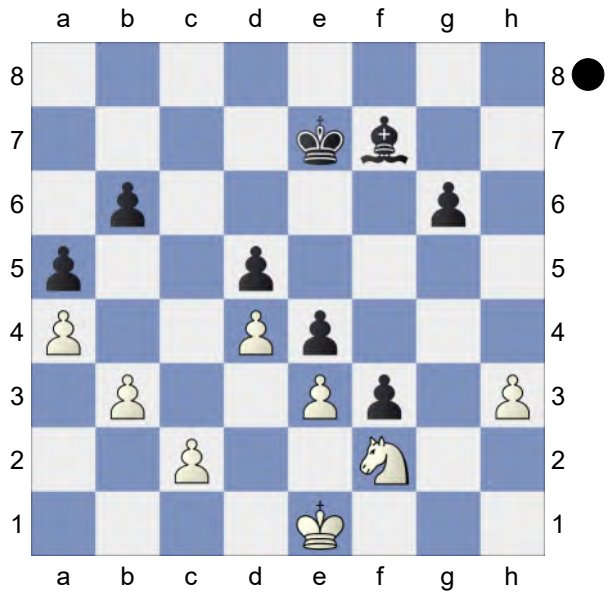
[43.Rg7!= -0.27/25]

43...Rg6 -0.27/21

[43...Rf6∓ -0.82/21]

44.Rxg6!= hxg6 KB-KN **45.Ke1** -0.74/31

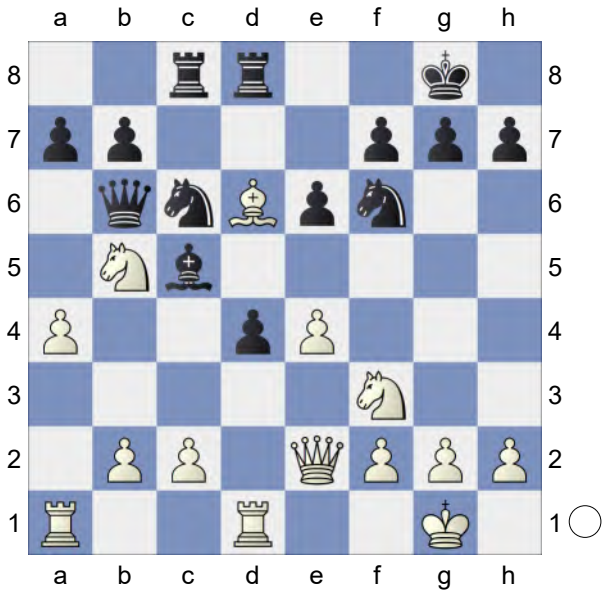
[45.h4= -0.13/33 remains equal.]



45...Kf6 -0.14/22
[45...g5!∓ -0.74/31]
46.h4!
[Avoid the trap 46.Ng4+? Kg5 47.Kf2 Kh4-+]
46...Be6 47.Kf1 Ke7 48.Nd1 Kd6 49.Nc3 Bc8 50.Kf2 Kc6 51.Nb5 Ba6 52.c4 -8.27/35
[52.Nc3= 0.00/34]
52...dxc4-+ Black is clearly winning.
53.bxc4 Bxb5 54.cxb5+ Kd5 55.Ke1 Kc4 56.Kd2 Kb4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.45/ Black=0.21 (precise)
0-1

722 **D00**
□ **Gryshko,Vitalii** **2300**
■ **Fressinet,Laurent** **2593**
French Open Rapid 2025 (3.1) 14.06.25
[TA]

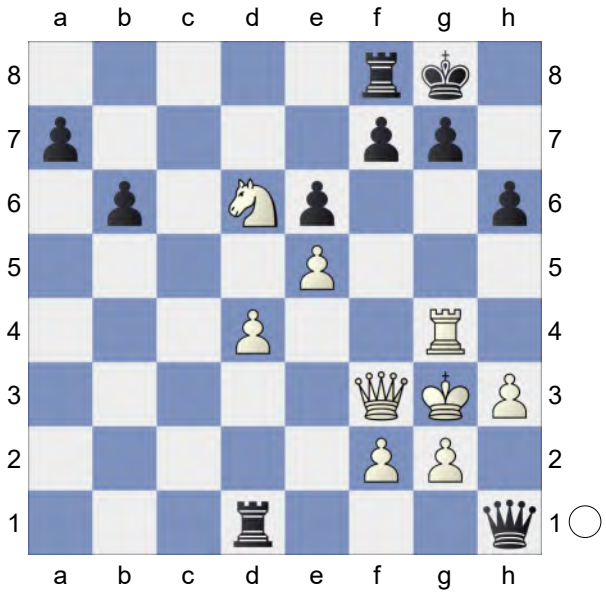
D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.Nc3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 Bg4 5.Be2 Bxe2 6.Qxe2 Nc6 7.Nf3 e6 8.0-0 Be7 9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.e4 d4 0.59/24
[10...dxe4= 0.18/27 11.Nxe4 Nxe4 12.Qxe4 0-0]
11.Nb5 0.10/22
[11.Rad1± 0.59/24 feels stronger.]
11...0-0= 12.Rfd1 Hoping for c3.
12...Qb6 13.a4 Rac8 14.Bd6 -0.15/25
[14.Ne5 0.21/25 is superior.]
14...Rfd8
[14...Bxd6 simplifies 15.Nxd6 Rcd8 16.e5 Nxe5 17.Qxe5 Rxd6 18.Rxd4 Rc6]



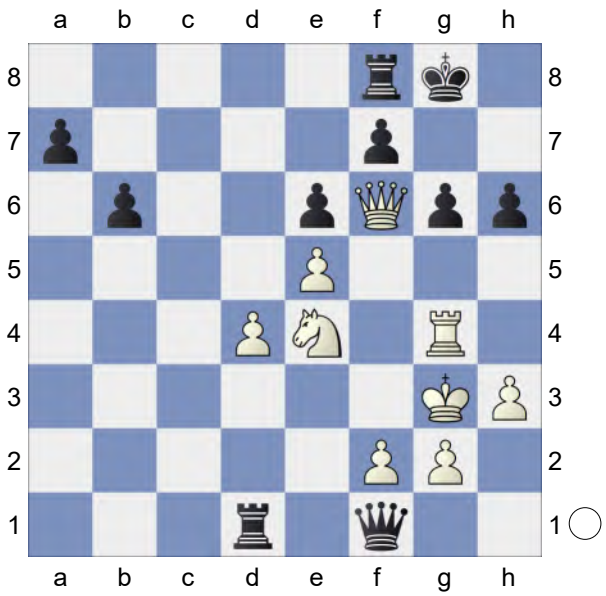
15.a5 -0.92/27 **Nxa5** 0.41/22
[15...d3∓ -0.92/27 16.Qxd3 Bxf2+ 17.Kh1 Qe3]
16.b4 -0.54/24
[16.Bxc5!± 0.41/22 Rxc5 17.Nfxd4]
16...d3 -0.09/23
[16...Bxd6∓ -0.54/24 might be stronger. 17.bxa5 Qa6]
17.cxd3 Strongly threatening Nxa7.
17...Bxd6 18.Nxd6 Qxd6 19.bxa5 Black must now prevent e5. **19...Qa6**
20.Ne5 h6 21.Nc4 Rc7
[21...Rd4!? 22.Qe3 Rcd8∓]
22.h3 Ne8 23.e5 Rcd7 24.Ra3

-0.52/24
[Better is 24.Rab1= 0.00/22]
24...Nc7!∓ 25.Rb1 -2.66/22
[25.Rb3∓ -0.49/24]
25...Nb5-+ 26.Rab3 Nd4 27.Qe4 Nxb3 28.Rxb3 Rd5 29.Nd6 b6
[29...Rxa5 30.Rxb7 Rf8 31.Qf4 Qxd3 32.Rxf7 Qb1+ 33.Kh2∓]
30.Qf4 Rf8
[30...Rxd3 31.Qxf7+ Kh7 32.Qxe6 *(32.Ne8 Rxe8 33.Rxd3 Qxd3∓)* 32...Rxb3 *(32...bxa5? 33.Qf5+ Kg8 34.Rxd3+-)* 33.Qf5+ Kg8 34.Qe6+ Kh7 35.Qf5+ Kh8 36.Nf7+ Kg8 37.Nxh6+ gxh6 38.Qg6+ Kf8 39.Qf6+ Ke8 40.Qe6+ Kf8 41.Qf6+ Ke8 42.Qe6+ Kf8 43.Qf6+=]
[30...bxa5 31.Rb7 *(31.Qxf7+ Kh8+-)* 31...Rf8 *(31...Qxd3 32.Qxf7+ Kh8 33.Qxg7#)* 32.Rxf7+-]
31.d4 Rxa5 ...Ra3 is the strong threat.
32.Rg3 Ra1+! 33.Kh2 Qf1 34.Rg4 Qf6! would now be deadly. **34...Qh1+**
35.Kg3 Rg1? 0.00/25
[35...Qd1-+ -2.05/21 Threatens to win with ...f5. 36.d5 a5 *(36...Qxd5? 37.Qf6-+)*]
36.Qf3= Rd1? 5.08/26
[36...a5= 0.00/25 and Black is okay. 37.d5 g5]

(Diagram)



37.Ne4 2.13/22
[⌓37.Qf6! 5.08/26 Rd3+ 38.f3 Rxf3+ *(38...g5 39.Qxh6 f6 40.Qg6+ Kh8 41.exf6)* 39.Qxf3 *(39.Kxf3? Qd1+ 40.Kf4 Qxg4+ 41.Kxg4 gxf6-+)*]
37...Qf1
[37...Rxd4 38.Nf6+ Kh8 39.Rxd4+-]
38.Qf6 g6 4.02/24
[And not 38...Rxd4 39.Qxg7#]
[38...Qd3+ 2.20/22 39.f3 g6 *(39...Qxd4 40.Qxg7#)*]

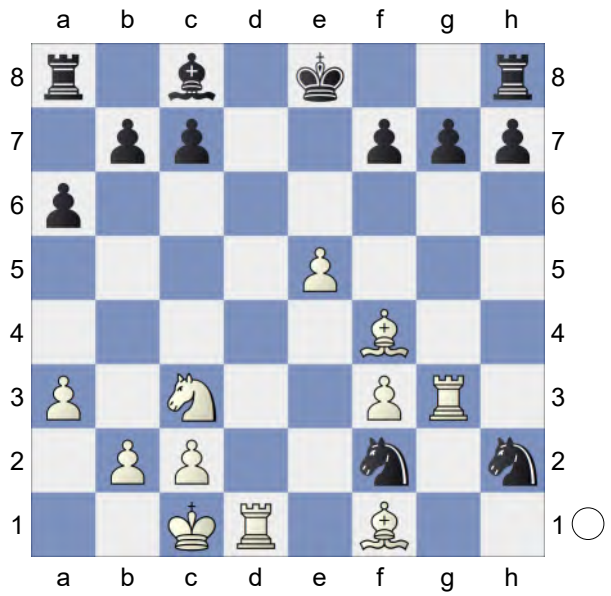


39.Rxg6+? 0.00/31 **fxg6** The position is

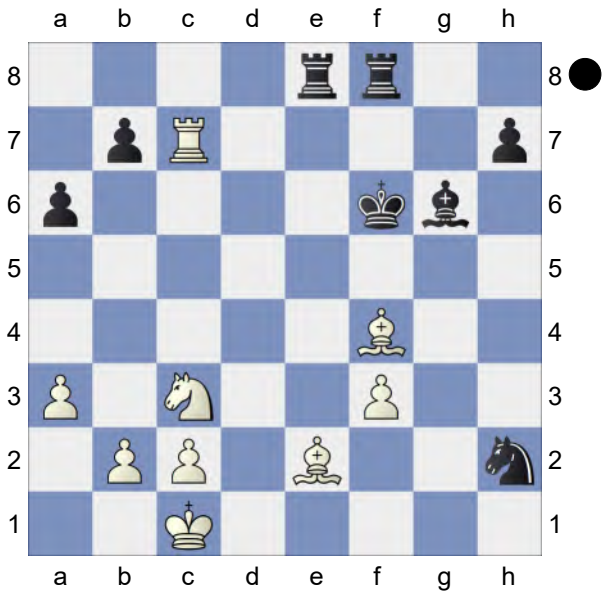
equal. **40.Qxg6+ Kh8** And now ...Rg8 would win. **41.Qxh6+ Kg8 42.Qg6+ Kh8 43.Qh6+**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.61/ Black=0.59
½-½

723 **D00**
□ **Fiorito,Francisco** **2299**
■ **Fedoseev,Vladimir** **2674**
Titled Tue 14. Feb Late (1) 14.02.2023
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 g6 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* 1-0 Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 2013*; 5.f4 Qa5 6.Bd2 Qb4 7.Qe2 Qxb2 8.Rb1 Qa3 9.e5 dxe5 10.fxe5 Nfd7 11.e6 fxe6 12.dxe6 Nf6 13.Nb5 Qxa2 14.Nc7+ Kd8 15.Rd1 Nc6 16.Bf4+ Nd4 17.Nxa8 Qxe6 18.Qxe6 Bxe6 19.c3 Bg4* 1-0 Genovese,A (2106)-Burk,E (1200) Germany senior ch-5 final 9901 1999*)*
5...Bg7 6.Bc4 *(6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.a4 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nbd7 11.Re1 a6 12.Bf1 e5 13.a5 Ne8 14.Bd3 Qh4 15.Qg4 Qxg4 16.hxg4 Rc8 17.b3 Nef6 18.g5 Ne8 19.g3 f6 20.Kg2 fxg5* 0-1 7.♗c4 ♕a5 8. ♕d2 e6_6062 (2345)-Jovic,A (2383) Gonfreville op 1979 (3.76)*)*
6...0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 1-0 Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) V0048 www.desc-online.de 2000 (7) gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8 21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9)]
3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.g4 Bb4 6.Nge2 Nxg4!? Exploring less charted territory. Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain.
7.Rg1 e5 8.dxe5 White has an edge.
8...Nc6 9.a3N
[Vorgänger: 9.h3 -0.10/19 9.a2-a3 0.53 Ngxe5 10.Nd4 -1.10/18 Against Ne5-f3+ *(10.Bg2!=* -0.10/19 *)* 10...Nxd4 0.01/21 *(10...Ng6∓* -1.10/18 *11.Nxc6 bxc6)* 11.Bxe5= Nf5 12.Bd3 -1.15/19 *(12.a3=* 0.07/19 *Bxc3+ 13.Bxc3)* 12...f6? 1.74/22 *(12...Qe7∓* -1.15/19 stays on course. *13.a3 Qxe5 14.axb4 d4 15.Bxf5 dxc3 16.Bxc8 Rxc8)* 13.Qh5++- g6 14.Rxg6 hxg6 15.Qxh8+ 0-1 (46) Bifulco,M (2339)-Kanyamarala,T (2388) Chess.com INT 2022]
9...Bxc3+ 1.64/20
[9...Ngxe5± 0.77/19 10.Bg2 *(10.Bxe5 Nxe5 11.Rg3 Bc5∓)* 10...Bxc3+ 11.Nxc3 Be6]
10.Nxc3+- d4 11.exd4 Qxd4 2.77/20
[⌓11...Nxd4 1.70/20 12.h3 *(12.Rxg4 Bxg4 13.Qxg4 Nxc2+ 14.Ke2 Nd4+ 15.Ke1 Nc2+ 16.Ke2 h5±)* 12...g5]
12.Qxd4
[12.Rxg4? Qxd1+ 13.Nxd1 Bxg4-+]
12...Nxd4 13.0-0-0 Nf3 14.Rg3 Nfxh2 15.f3 1.73/22
[⌓15.Nd5 3.48/21]
15...Nf2



16.Be2 Nxd1 17.Nxd1 1.00/20
[⌓17.Bxd1 1.54/21 Black must now prevent Nc3-d5!. g6 18.Nd5 *(18.Rg1 Bf5+-)*]
17...Bf5 2.31/21
[17...Be6± 1.00/20]
18.Rxg7 Bg6 19.e6
[19.Bxh2 Kf8 20.Rxg6 hxg6∓]
19...Ke7 20.exf7
[20.Bxh2 Kxe6 *(20...Kf6 21.Rxf7+ Bxf7 22.exf7±)* 21.Bf4 *(21.Bxc7 Rac8=)* 21...h5±]
[20.Bxc7 Rac8 *(20...Kf6 21.Rxf7+ Bxf7 22.exf7±)* 21.exf7 *(21.Bxh2? Rxc2+ 22.Kb1 Rxe2+ 23.Ka1 Rd8-+)* 21...Kf8 *(21...Rxc7? 22.f8R+ Kxf8 23.Rxc7+-)* 22.Rxg6 hxg6-+]
20...Kf6 21.f8Q+
[21.Rg8 Nxf3 22.Rxa8 *(22.Bxf3 c6±; 22.Bxc7? Ng5-+)* 22...Rxa8 23.Bxf3 c6=]
21...Rhxf8 22.Rxc7 Rae8
[22...Rfc8 23.Nc3 *(23.Bxh2 Rxc7 24.Bxc7 Rc8+-)* 23...Nxf3 *(23...Rxc7? 24.Bxc7 Nxf3 25.Bxf3+-)* 24.Bxf3 *(24.Nd5+ Kf5+-)* 24...Rxc7 25.Nd5+ *(25.Bxc7 Ke7+-)* 25...Kf5 26.Bxc7+- *(26.Nxc7? Kxf4 27.Bxb7 Ra7-+)*]
23.Nc3 -0.18/23
[23.Bxh2? Rxe2 24.Bf4 Ke6-+]
[23.Ne3!+- 2.39/22]



23...Nf1? 3.57/21
[23...Rxe2!= -0.18/23 24.Nxe2 Nxf3]
24.Rxb7? 1.39/23
[24.Bxf1 Re1+ 25.Kd2 Rxf1∓]
[24.Bd6 Rf7=]
[24.Nd5++- 3.57/21 Kf5 25.Bd3+ *(25.Bxf1 Re1+ 26.Kd2 Rxf1±)* 25...Ke6 26.Bxf1 *(26.Bc4? Rxf4 27.Nxf4+ Kd6-+)*]
24...Rf7± 25.Rb6+ 0.01/21
[25.Bxa6 Re1+ 26.Nd1 Rxb7 27.Bxb7 Re2-+]
[25.Rxf7+!+- 1.63/19 Kxf7 26.b4 *(26.Bxf1? Re1+ 27.Kd2 Rxf1-+; 26.Bc4+ Kg7±)*]
25...Kg7= 26.Bg5 This pair of bishops is nice.
[26.Bxf1 Rxf4 27.Rb7+ Kf8∓]
26...Ng3! 27.Bc4 Rxf3

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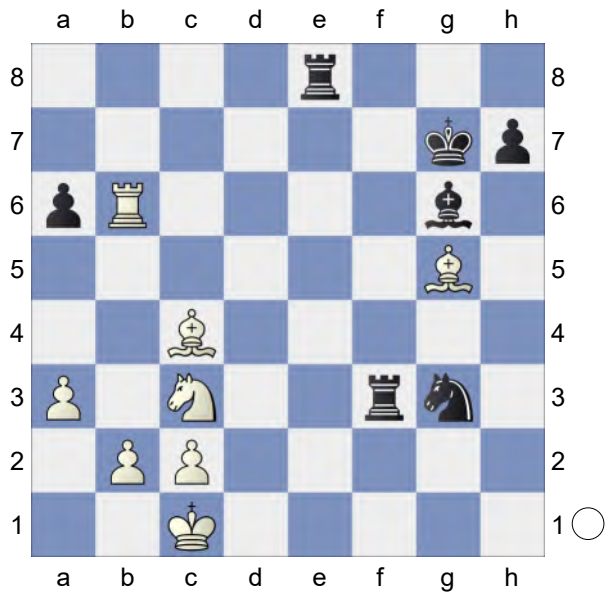
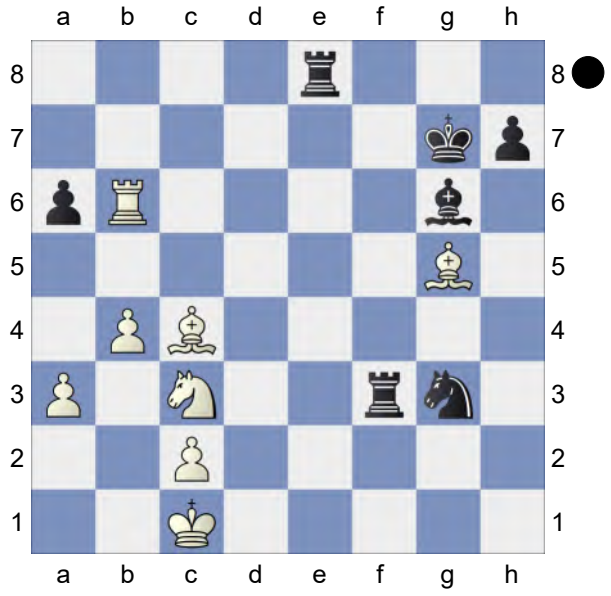


28.b4 -1.17/21



Rc8!∓ 29.Rb7+ Bf7 30.Bxf7 Rxf7
[30...Rcxc3? 31.Bh5+ Kg8 32.Bxf3 Rxf3 33.Ra7+-]
31.Rxf7+ -3.10/21
[31.Rb6∓ -1.04/22 was forced.]
31...Kxf7 Endgame KRN-KBN **32.Nd5 h5 33.Nf4 Rc4 34.Kb2 Nf5 35.Kb3 Rc6** Threatens to win with ...Nf5-d4+.
36.Nxh5 -3.18/21
[36.c4 -1.82/20]

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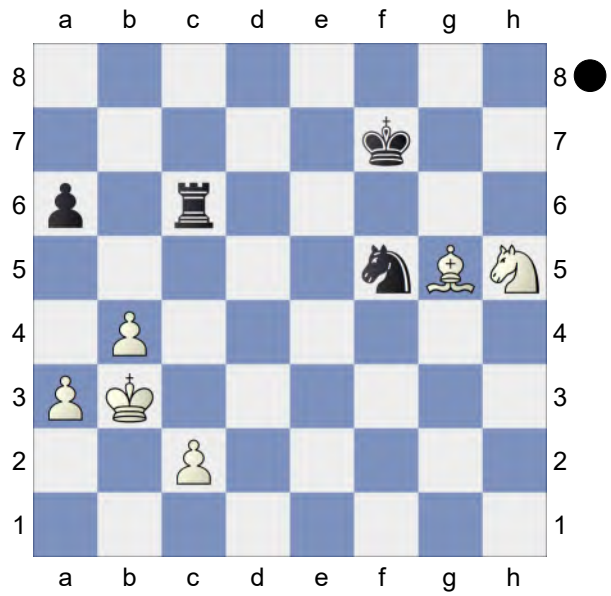


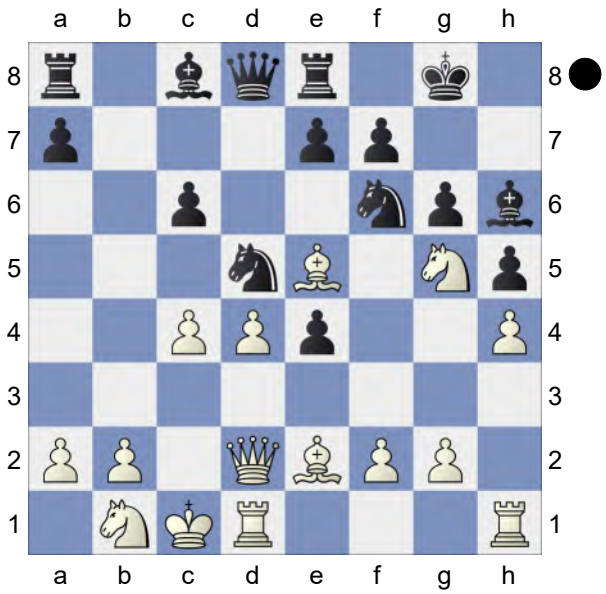
36...Kg6!-+ 37.Nf4+ Kxg5 38.Nd5 -5.63/22
[38.Ne2 -3.61/21 was necessary.]
38...Nd4+ 39.Ka4 Nxc2 40.Ne7? -17.03/29
[40.b5 -3.59/24 Rc5 41.bxa6 Rxd5 42.a7]
40...Rc3 41.Nd5 Rxa3# Black used his chance. Weighted Error Value: White=0.80/Black=0.40
0-1

724 **D00**
□ **Bigg,Andrew J** **2292**
■ **James,David J** **2253**
4NCL Telford ENG (11) 05.05.2003
[Aaron Summerscale]

Trompowsky: One of the main points behind the h4 tromp is to open the h-file for the White rook. Once achieved White can often look forward to dangerous attacking chances. D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 g6 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0*

Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8 1-0 Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 2013*; 5.f4 Qa5 6.Bd2 Qb4 7.Qe2 Qxb2 8.Rb1 Qa3 9.e5 dxe5 10.fxe5 Nfd7 11.e6 fxe6 12.dxe6 Nf6 13.Nb5 Qxa2 14.Nc7+ Kd8 15.Rd1 Nc6 16.Bf4+ Nd4 17.Nxa8 Qxe6 18.Qxe6 Bxe6 19.c3 Bg4* 1-0 Genovese,A (2106)-Burk,E (1200) Germany senior ch-5 final 9901 1999*)*
5...Bg7 6.Bc4 *(6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.a4 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nbd7 11.Re1 a6 12.Bf1 e5 13.a5 Ne8 14.Bd3 Qh4 15.Qg4 Qxg4 16.hxg4 Rc8 17.b3 Nef6 18.g5 Ne8 19.g3 f6 20.Kg2 fxg5* 0-1 7.♗c4 ♕a5 8. ♕ d2 e6_6062 (2345)-Jovic,A (2383) Gonfreville op 1979 (3.76)*)*
6...0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 1-0 Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) V0048 www.desc-online.de 2000 (7) gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8 21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9)]

3.Bf4 c6 The most solid. **4.e3 g6** I'm not sure about this one though. **5.h4 h5 6.Be2 Bg7** Stopping White from expanding in the centre, but at the cost of blocking in his light squared bishop. **7.Nf3 0-0 8.Qd2** The position is equal. **8...Nbd7 9.Ng5** -0.35/19 Not falling in with Black's plan of trading light squared bishops and creating some chances on the kingside.
[9.0-0= 0.05/19]
9...Re8∓ 10.0-0-0 b5!
[10...e5 -0.01/22 10...b7-b5 -0.60 11.dxe5 Nxe5 12.e4]
11.e4?! Careless. **11...b4 12.Nb1 dxe4**
[12...Nxe4 -0.33/21 12...d5xe4 -1.05 13.Nxe4 dxe4 14.g4 *(14.Qxb4 Nf6)* 14...hxg4 15.h5!]
[12...Nxe4 13.Nxe4 dxe4 14.Qxb4∓]
13.Qxb4 -1.76/21
[13.f3∓ -1.35/18]
13...Nd5-+ 14.Qd2 Now White is back in control. **14...N7f6?** -0.09/20
[Black should try 14...e5!-+ -1.83/20 15.dxe5 Nxe5 16.Nxe4 Ng4]
15.Be5= Breaking open some lines.
15...Bh6 16.c4



e3 1.03/22 **17.Qc2?** -0.96/19 Keeping the Black king in the centre for now. White is more active.
[17.fxe3 Ne4
A) 18.Qd3? -0.36/20 18.Qd2-c2 1.30 Nf2;
B) 18.Qe1 Nxe3 19.Bd3 Nxd1 20.Bxe4 Bg4;
C) 18.Nxe4 Bxe3 White must now

prevent ...f7-f6. 19.cxd5! Bxd2+ 20.Nbxd2 -0.53/23 *(20.Rxd2= 0.01/23 cxd5 21.Nc5)* 20...cxd5∓ 21.Nc5 -0.85/21 *(21.Nc3∓ -0.41/21)* 21...Bf5;

D) 18.Qc2 Nxe3 2.45/22 *(18...Bf5± 1.17/19 19.cxd5 cxd5)* 19.Qxe4+- Nxd1 20.Rxd1? 0.01/19 *(*White must play *20.Rf1!*+- 2.22/21 *)* 20...Bf5= 21.Qxc6 and Be5-f4 would now be decisive f6]

[17.fxe3± 1.03/22 Ne4 18.Nxe4 Bxe3 Pin 19.cxd5 Bxd2+ 20.Nbxd2 cxd5 *(20...Qxd5? 21.Bc4+-)* 21.Nc3]

17...exf2? 0.83/17

[17...Bf5∓ -0.96/19 18.Qb3 exf2 19.cxd5 Nxd5]

18.cxd5± Nxd5 19.Bxh5! With no chance of the Black king escaping to the queenside, White turns his evil eye back to the h-file. Discovered Attack

[19.Qxc6? Bf5 20.Nc3 Rc8-+]

19...Bf5 1.57/19

[19...gxh5 20.Qh7+ Kf8 21.Qh8#]

[⌓19...Nb4 0.76/19 20.Qc4 *(20.Qxf2 Nxa2+ 21.Kd2 Qa5+ 22.Nc3 Be6±)* 20...Qd5 21.Qxb4 gxh5]

20.Qxf2 f6 2.45/19

[20...Qa5± 1.16/18]

21.g4!+- Missing a nice shot.

[21.Qg3?? -3.97/18 21.g2-g4 2.31 gxh5]

21...fxg5 22.gxf5?? -1.69/20

[22.Qd2!+- 2.18/20 was the only winning move. Be4 *(22...Bxb1 23.Kxb1 gxh5 24.Qc2+-)* 23.Rde1 *(23.hxg5 Bg7+-)* 23...Bxh1 24.Bxg6]

22...g4+-+ After this Black is doomed.

23.Nd2 gxh5 24.Kb1 With the dark squares around the Black king opening up he is doomed. **24...Rf8!** was essential. **25.Ne4** -0.60/21

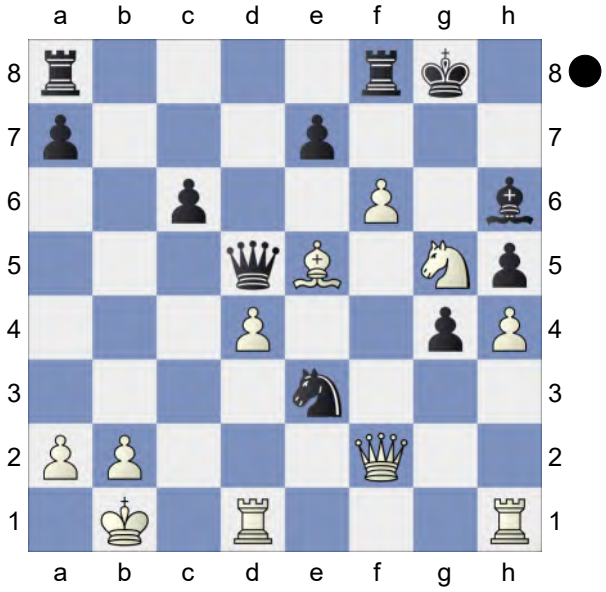
[25.Nf1!= 0.01/19]

25...Ne3∓ and Black can hope to survive.

26.f6 -3.31/23 **Qd5-+**

[26...Nxd1 27.Qf5= *(27.Rxd1? Bg7-+* Pin *)*]

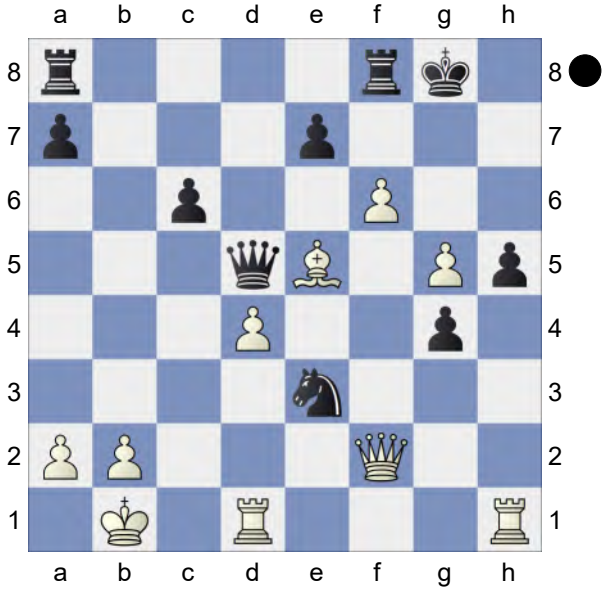
27.Ng5



Bxg5!

[27...Nxd1 28.Qf5±]

28.hxg5



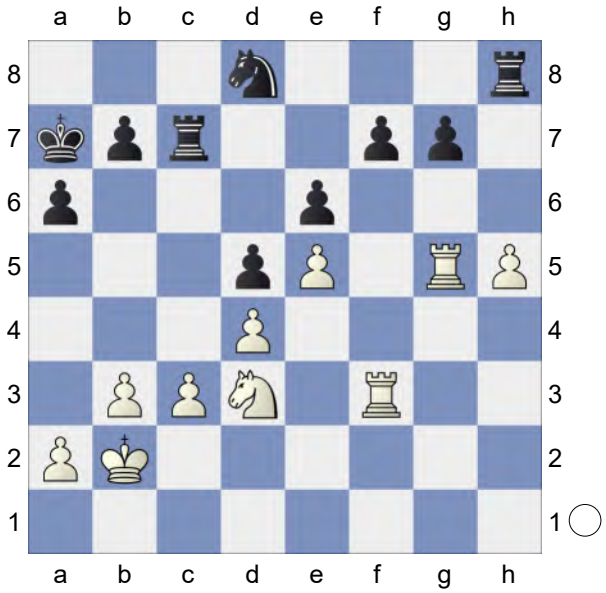
Qe4+

[28...Nxd1 29.Rxd1 Qe4+ *(29...Qe6? 30.Qc2+-)* 30.Ka1-+]

29.Kc1 Nxd1 Deserved serious consideration. **30.Rxd1 c5** And Black has good chances to consolidate his extra pawn. **31.Rf1?** -5.85/22 can be met by the disruptive.
[31.Qc2 -3.20/19 keeps fighting. Qxc2+ 32.Kxc2]
31...cxd4 (→ ...Rf8-c8+). Black is clearly winning. **32.f7+ Kh7** (→ ...Ra8-c8+) **33.Bxd4** or **33...Rac8+** would be my preference. **34.Bc3 Qg6 35.Qf4 Rc5 36.Qd4 Rxg5 37.Qe3 Rf5**
[37...Rxf7? is the wrong capture. 38.Rxf7+ Qxf7 39.Qxg5+-]
38.Rxf5 Qxf5 39.Qxe7 Rxf7 40.Qe8 Qg5+ 41.Kd1 Qd5+ Black used his chance. Weighted Error Value: White=0.55/Black=0.27 (precise) Loss on time!?
1-0

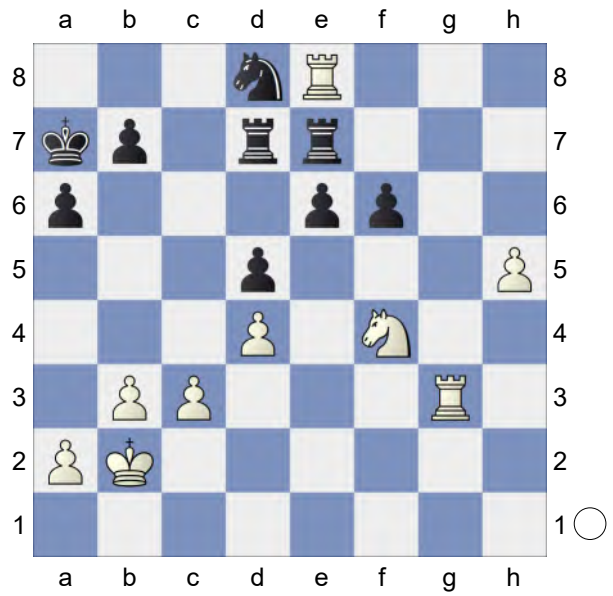
725 **D01**
□ **Liu,Yi** **2290**
■ **Li,Hui** **2052**
2025 Australian Open | Premier (3)
[Kitty Kat]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Bd3 Nc6 7.Nge2 Bg4 8.f3** The position is equal. **8...Bh5 9.h4 Bg6 10.g4 e6 11.h5! Bxd3 12.Qxd3 Bd6 13.0-0-0 Bxf4+ 14.Nxf4 Qd6 15.Qe3 h6 16.Nd3 Nd7 17.f4 0-0-0 18.Na4N**
[18.Rhe1 Rhe8 19.Kb1 Kb8 20.Na4 Rc8 21.Nac5 Nxc5 22.dxc5 Qc7 23.g5 hxg5 24.fxg5 e5 25.Rf1 e4 26.Nf4 d4 27.Qb3 ½-½ (27) Jobava, B-Moroni,L [GM Baadur Jobava]]
18...Kb8 19.Kb1 Qc7 20.Rh3 Rc8 21.c3 Na5 22.b3 Nc6 23.Nac5 Nxc5 24.Nxc5 Ka7 25.Rf3 Rhe8 26.Re1 Nb8 0.62/19
[26...b6= 0.22/17 should be considered. 27.Nd3 Kb7]
27.Qe5± Qxe5 1.19/23
[Better is 27...b6± 0.55/22]
28.fxe5± Re7 29.Ref1 0x0.0010f922457fdp-1022s more active pieces. The black rooks are badly placed. **29...Rcc7 30.Kb2 Nc6 31.Nd3 Nd8** 1.99/24
[31...Nb8± 1.24/23 32.R3f2 b6]
32.g5 1.59/22
[32.Rg1+- 1.99/24]
32...hxg5 33.Rg1 Re8 1.98/24
[33...f6± 1.53/23]
34.Rxg5+- Rh8



35.Nf4!
[Don't do 35.Rxg7?! Rxh5 36.Rg2 Nc6±]
35...Rh7 36.Rfg3 f6 37.exf6 gxf6 38.Rg8 Rcd7 39.Re8 1.23/22
[39.Re3+- 1.63/23]
39...Rhe7? 2.88/24
[39...e5± 1.23/22 was worth a try.]

(Diagram)

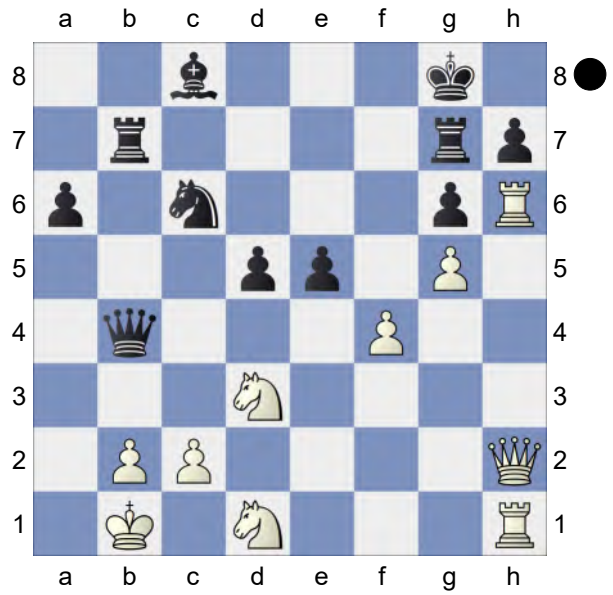


Black cannot hold the game after this. **40.Rgg8 Nc6** 3.17/24
[40...Rxe8 2.02/24 might work better. 41.Rxe8 e5]
41.Nxe6 Rh7 9.48/25
[41...Rxe8 2.68/21 42.Rxe8 Rh7]
42.Ra8+ Kb6 43.Nf8 Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) / Black=0.20 (precise)
1-0

726 **D00**
□ **Luczak,Filip** **2286**
■ **Gorkiewicz,Mateusz** **2272**
POL-chT 2nd League (9.37) 08.09.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.e3 Bd6 5.Qf3 a6 6.g4 Bxf4** 6...b5 is more advanced technology. 6...b5 ist hochmodern. **7.exf4 b5N**
[Vorgänger: 7...c5 8.dxc5 Qa5 9.0-0-0 Qxc5 10.g5 Nfd7 11.Bd3 Nc6 12.Nge2 b5 13.Ng3 Bb7 1-0 Erigaisi,A (2701)-De Silva,L (2452) ChessKid Cup Play In blitz 2023 (4)]
8.g5 White has an edge. **8...Nfd7 9.0-0-0 0-0 10.Bd3** -0.11/20
[⌓10.h4 0.21/17]
10...c5= 11.Qh3 g6 12.dxc5
[12.Qh6!? b4 13.h4 bxc3 14.h5=]
12...Nxc5 13.Qh6 -1.01/18
[13.Kb1∓ -0.50/17]
13...Qc7 -0.01/18
[13...Bb7∓ -1.01/18 White must now prevent ...d4. 14.h4 Qc7]
14.h4? -1.72/20
[14.f5!= -0.01/18 and White has nothing to worry. gxf5 15.Kb1]
14...Qxf4+ -0.56/21
[14...Bb7-+ -1.72/20 Strongly threatening ...d4. 15.Rh3 d4]
15.Kb1∓ Qe5
[15...Qxf2? 16.h5 Ra7 17.hxg6 *(17.Rf1 Nxd3 18.Rxf2 Nxf2=)* 17...fxg6 18.Bxg6! hxg6 19.Qh8+ Kf7 20.Qh7+ Ke8 21.Qxa7+-]
16.h5 Qg7 17.hxg6 -0.97/21
[17.Qxg7+∓ -0.41/18 Kxg7 18.f4]
17...fxg6∓ 18.Qh4 -1.41/19
[Better is 18.Bf1 -1.08/20]
18...Nc6 19.a3 Rb8 20.Nge2 -1.84/19
[20.b4∓ -1.52/20]
20...b4-+ 21.axb4 Rxb4 22.f4 Rf7 23.Qf2 Nxd3 -0.67/22
[23...d4∓ -1.34/20 ...Rfb7 is the strong threat. 24.Na2 *(24.Ne4? Nxe4 25.Qg2 Bb7-+)* 24...Rb6]
24.Rxd3∓ Qf8 Inhibits Qc5. **25.Qh2** -0.94/19
[25.b3∓ -0.49/19]
25...Qe7 26.Rh3 Hoping for f5! **26...Rb7 27.Rh6** -1.06/19
[27.Nc1!∓ -0.51/19]
27...Rg7!∓ 28.Nc1 -1.10/20
[28.Qh3∓ -0.51/19 Qc5 29.Qd3 *(29.b3 Nb4-+)*]
28...Qb4 29.Nd1

[29.Nb3? Nd4 30.Na2 Qb6-+]
29...e5 30.Nd3 -1.22/20
[White should try 30.fxe5 -0.91/21 Bf5 31.Rh4 *(31.Nd3? Qb5∓)*]



30...Qd4 0.05/21
[30...Qb5!∓ -1.22/20 And now ...e4 would win. 31.fxe5 Bf5]
31.fxe5= Bf5 32.Rh4↑ White is more active. **32...Be4** 0.94/20
[32...Qb6!= 0.00/19 remains equal.]
33.Rf1 0.06/21
[33.Qh3± 0.94/20 Threatens to win with Qc8+. Nd8 34.Rf1 *(34.Qc8 Qb6=)*]
33...Rgf7? 1.57/20
[33...Rge7!= 0.06/21]
34.Rhf4? -0.93/21 The board is on fire.
[34.Rf6± 1.57/20 Rxf6 35.gxf6]
34...Nxe5∓ 35.Qh3

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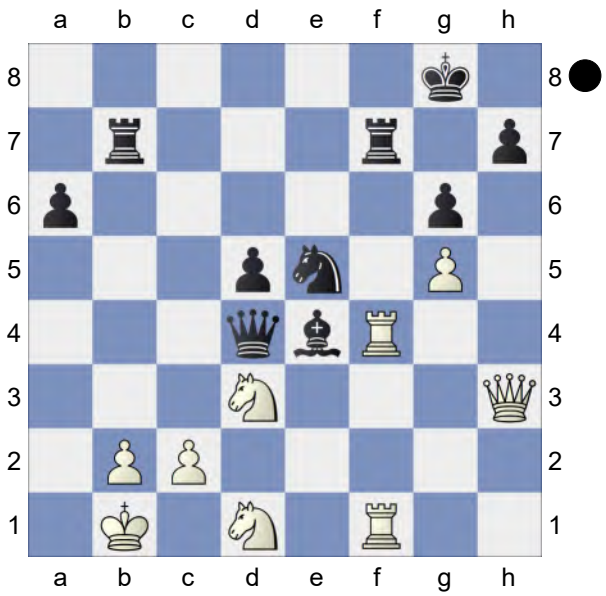

Nxd3 -0.01/22
[Black should play 35...Rf5!∓ -1.26/23 36.Nxe5 Qxe5]
36.Qc8+!= Kg7 (→ ...Rxb2+) **37.Rxf7+**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.44/ Black=0.38
½-½

727 **D00**
□ **Ahmad,Al Khatib** **2279**
■ **Olund,Joar** **2356**
Titled Tue 8th Apr Early blitz (6) 8.4.25
[TA]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.h4 b5 0.04/24
[5...c5∓ -0.38/24]
6.Nf3N
[6.g4 b4 7.Na4
A) 7...Bd6 8.g5 Ne4 9.Bd3 Bd7 10.c4 Bxf4 11.exf4 Bc6 12.Nf3 *(12.Rh3)* 12...dxc4 13.Bxc4 Qd6 14.Ne5 Nc3 15.bxc3 Bxh1 16.f3 f6 17.Nc5 fxe5 18.Kf2 bxc3 19.Nxe6 exd4 20.Bd5 Nc6 21.Qa4 Rb8 22.Bxc6+ 1-0 (45)

Torombot (3043)-Expositor (2839) Rapid 2024;
B) 7...Bd7 8.Nc5 Bxc5 9.dxc5 Nc6 10.Bg2 Ne4 11.Bxe4 dxe4 12.Bg3 Qf6 13.Rb1 e5 14.f3 exf3 15.Qxf3 Qg6 16.Bxe5 Bxg4 17.Qg2 0-0-0 18.h5 Qe6 19.Bf4 Rd5 20.Ne2 Rhd8 0-1 (29) Kazarian,A (2207)-Pranav,V (2604) 3rd Sunway Formentera Open 2024 (1.4)]

6...c5 7.dxc5 -0.74/21
[7.h5∓ -0.31/23 should be considered.]
7...Bxc5∓ 8.Bd3 Black is slightly better.
8...Bb7 9.h5 h6
[9...Nbd7 looks sharper. 10.Ne5 0-0 11.h6 g6]
10.Ne5 Nbd7 11.Qf3 Nxe5 12.Bxe5 Bd6
[12...0-0 with more complications. 13.Qg3 Rc8 14.Ne2 Re8]
13.Bxd6 Qxd6 14.a3 Qe5 -0.32/27
[14...Rd8∓ -0.93/22 15.Ne2 0-0]
15.0-0-0 0-0-0 0.00/27
[15...0-0!∓ -0.67/20]
16.Rh4 d4 17.exd4? -1.61/32
[17.Ne4!= -0.03/28 and White is okay.]
17...Qg5+? -0.01/24
[17...Rxd4-+ -1.61/32 18.Qh3 Qg5+ 19.f4 Rxf4 *(19...Qxg2 20.Qe3∓)* 20.Rxf4 Qxf4+ 21.Kb1 Rd8]
18.Qf4= Nxh5 Pin **19.Qxg5 hxg5 20.Rg4 Nf4 21.Rxg5 g6 22.g3 Nh3 23.Rc5+ Kb8**

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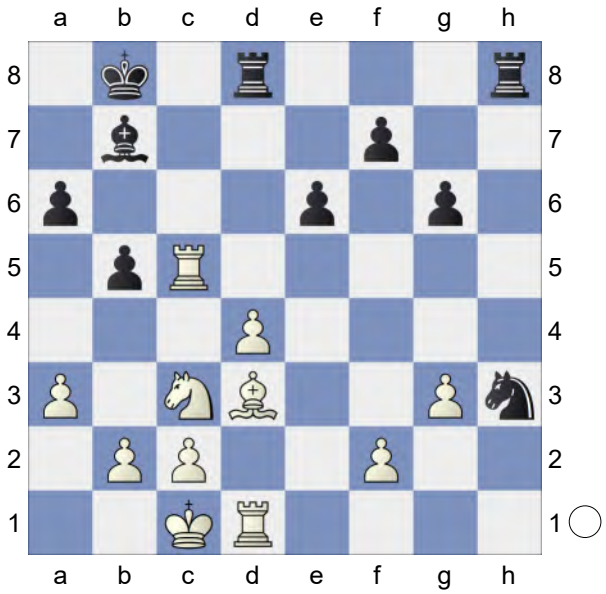
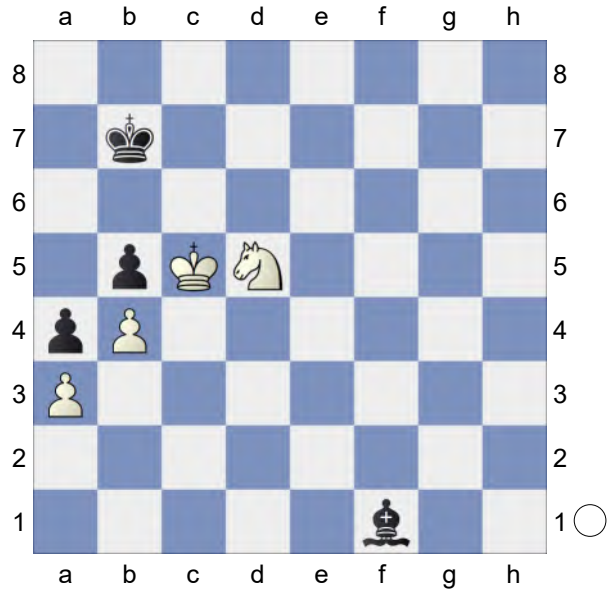
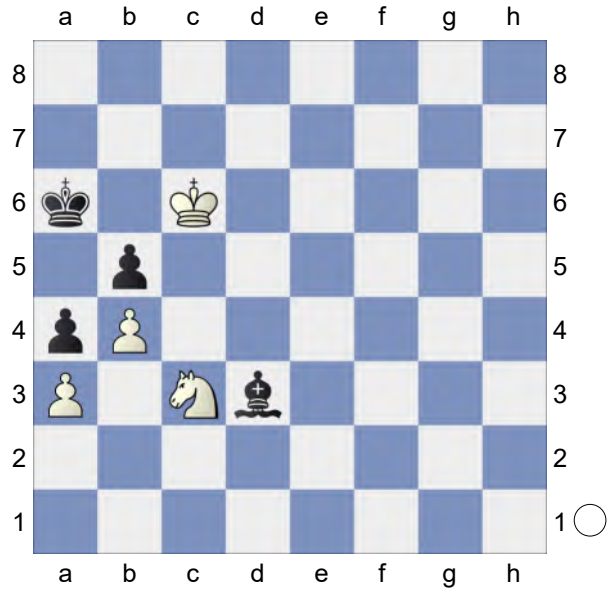


24.d5 -0.61/29 **Nxf2** 0.00/30
[Much worse is 24...Bxd5?! 25.Nxd5 exd5 26.Rf1±]
[24...exd5∓ -0.61/29 25.f4 Nf2]
25.Rf1 Nxd3+ 26.cxd3 f5 27.dxe6 Rxd3 28.g4 Re8 29.gxf5 gxf5 30.Rcxf5 Rxe6 31.Rf8+ Kc7 32.R8f7+ Rd7 33.Rxd7+ Kxd7 Endgame. KRB-KRN **34.Rf7+ Re7 35.Rf2 Bc6 36.Rd2+ Ke6 37.Re2+ Kd6 38.Rd2+ Kc5 39.Ne2 Rh7 40.Rc2+ Kb6 41.b4 Rh1+ 42.Kb2 Be4 43.Rd2 Rh2 44.Kc3 Rh3+ 45.Kb2 Rh6 46.Nc3 Bc6 47.Ne2 a5 48.Nc1 a4 49.Nd3 Rd6 50.Kc3 Be4 51.Nc5 Rxd2 52.Kxd2** KB-KN **52...Bh7 53.Ke3 Kc6 54.Kd4 Kd6 55.Nb7+ Kc6 56.Nc5 Kd6 57.Na6 Kc6 58.Ke5 Kb6 59.Nc5 Kc6 60.Ke6 Bb1 61.Ke5 Bh7 62.Ne6 Bb1 63.Nd4+ Kb6 64.Kd6 Bd3 65.Ne6 Bf1 66.Nf4 Bc4 67.Nd5+ Kb7! 68.Kc5 Bf1?** 9.50/39
[68...Bd3= 0.01/27]
69.Ne3? 0.01/56
[69.Nc3!+- 9.50/39 Ka6 70.Kc6]
69...Be2 70.Nf5 Ka6 71.Nd4 Bf1 72.Ne6 Kb7 Prevents Nc7. **73.Nf4 Bc4 74.Nd5 Bf1?** 9.78/45

[74...Bd3= 0.01/27]



75.Nc3!+- Ka6 76.Kc6 Bd3



77.Nd1? 0.01/44
[77.Nd5!+- 8.71/42 Black must now prevent Nc7+. Be4 78.Kc5]
77...Be2 78.Ne3 Strongly threatening Nd5. **78...Bd3?** 7.65/43
[78...Bh5= 0.01/30]
79.Nd5 White is clearly winning. **79...Bf1 80.Nc7+ Ka7 81.Nxb5+ Ka6 82.Nc3** And now Kc5! would win. **82...Bg2+ 83.Kc5**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.11 (very precise)
1-0

728 **D00**
□ **Ahmad,Al Khatib** **2279**
■ **Xiong,Jeffery** **2636**
Titled Tue 8th Apr Early blitz (1) 8.4.25
[TA]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 h6 5.Nf3 e6 6.Bd3 c5 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.0-0 The position is equal. **8...Nc6** 0.21/24
[⌓8...Nh5 -0.16/23]
9.e4= d4 10.Ne2 Nh5! 11.Bd2 e5 12.c3 -0.87/21
[12.a3= -0.15/23]
12...Bg4∓ 13.cxd4 Bxf3 14.gxf3 -0.94/19
[14.dxc5∓ -0.58/22 Qxd3 15.gxf3]
14...Nxd4 15.Nxd4 -1.12/22
[⌓15.Ng3 -0.72/22 Qh4 16.Rc1]
15...Bxd4
[15...Qxd4?! 16.Rc1 Ba7 17.Be3=]
16.Qa4+ b5 -0.10/22
[16...Kf8!∓ -0.88/18 aiming for ...g6! 17.Bc4 g6 *(17...Bxb2? 18.Qb4+ Kg8 19.Qxb2+-)*]
17.Qa3 Rb8 18.Kh1 Qe7 And now ... Qxa3 would win. **19.Qxe7+ Kxe7 20.a4 b4** 0.00/25
[20...Rhd8∓ -0.53/23 21.Be2 f6 *(21...Bxb2 22.Bb4+ Kf6 23.Ra2∓)* 22.axb5 axb5]
21.Bxa6 Bxb2 22.Rab1 Bc3 23.Be3 Rhd8 24.Bc4 Bd4 25.Bb5 Bc3 26.Bc5+ A strong pair of Bishops. **26...Kf6 27.Bxb4 Bxb4 28.Rxb4 Rd2 29.Rb3**
[Don't play 29.a5 Ra2 30.Rfb1

Rxa5-+]

29...Ra2 30.Rd3 Nf4 White must now prevent ...Rxb5. **31.Rd6+ Kg5 32.Rd7 Rf8** Black has compensation. **33.Ra7** -1.12/20

[33.Rg1+= 0.00/22 keeps the balance. Kf6 34.Rd6+ Ne6 35.Kg2]

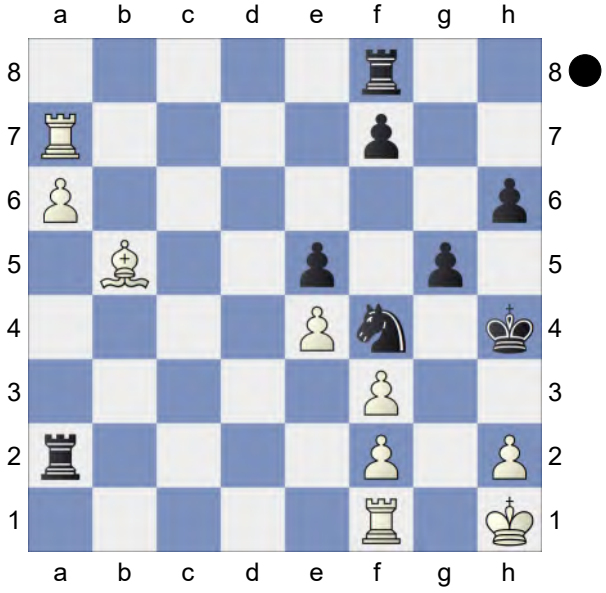
33...Kh4 Black is more active. **34.a5?** -3.64/22

[34.Bc4∓ -0.87/20 Ra3 35.Bxf7]

34...g5? -0.88/20

[34...Rb8-+ -3.64/22 and Black stays clearly on top. 35.Bc4 Rc2]

35.a6

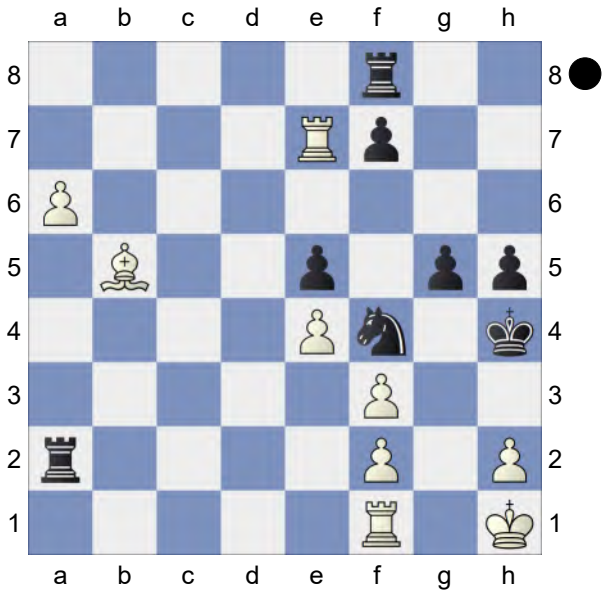


h5! Threatens to win with ...Rc8.

36.Re7? -4.02/20

[36.Rc7∓ -0.77/25 is a better chance.]

(Diagram)



36...Rc8!-+ 37.a7 Rc5

[Worse is 37...Ra8 38.Rxe5 R8xa7 39.Rf5=]

38.Be8 -#7/16

[38.a8Q-+ -4.17/20 Rxa8 39.Bd7]

38...Rca5? -0.85/21

[38...Rxf2 -#7/16 mates 39.Bb5 Rxb5 40.Rg1 Rbb2 *(40...Rxf3? 41.Rd1-+)* 41.Rg3 Rb1+ *(41...Rxh2+* leads to mate. *42.Kg1 Kxg3 43.Rb7 Nh3+ 44.Kf1 Rh1#)* 42.Rg1 Rff1 43.h3 Rxg1+ 44.Kh2 Rh1#]

39.Rxf7? -2.73/26

[39.Bxf7∓ -0.85/21 is the only way for White. Rxa7 40.Bxa2 Rxe7 41.Bb3]

39...Ra1? -0.82/26

Weighted Error Value: White=0.65/ Black=0.38

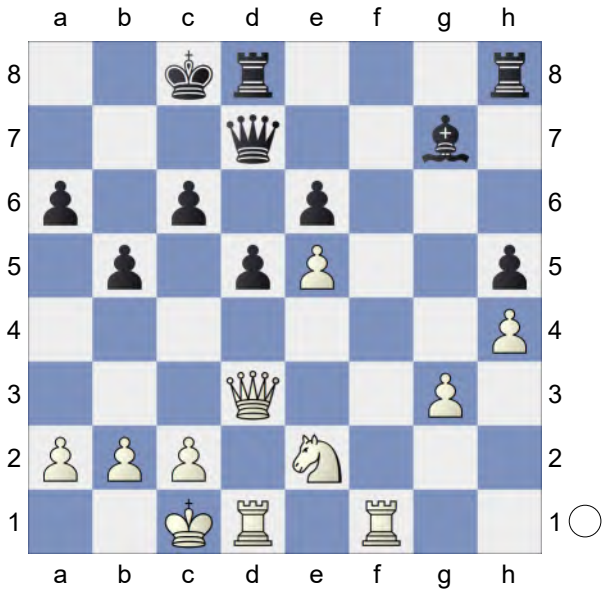
[39...Rxa7-+ -2.73/26 40.Rxa7 Rxa7]

0-1

729 **D01**
□ **George Samir,David** **2272**
■ **Navrotescu,Andreea** **2356**
Qatar Masters 2024 | Open A (3) 5.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

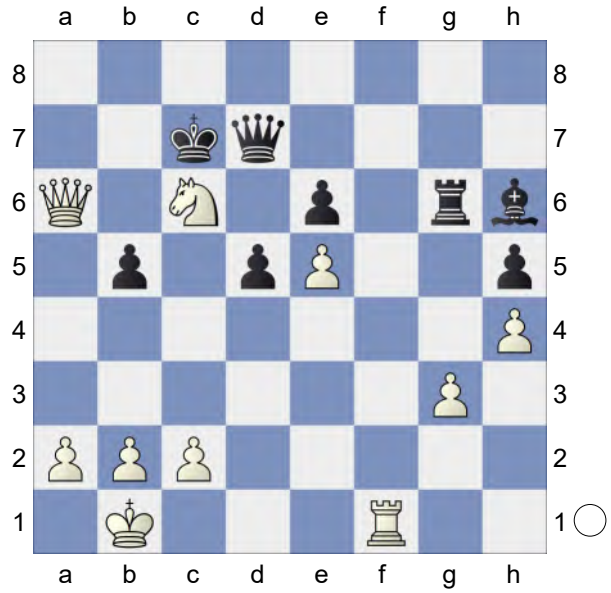
D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 *(3...Qa5 4.Bd2 b5 5.e4 b4 6.e5 bxc3 7.Bxc3 Qa4 8.exf6 Qe4+ 9.Qe2 Qxe2+ 10.Bxe2 gxf6 11.d6 e5 12.Bf3 Nc6 13.Bxc6 dxc6 14.f4 Bxd6* 0-1 Reynolds,R (2565)-Zanetti,A (2389) corr CNEC 15 jub ICCF 1993*)* 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Be2 0-0 10.0-0 a6 11.Nd2 Rb8 12.Nc4 b5 13.axb5 axb5 14.Na5 Qe8 15.Nc6 Rb7 16.Ra5 Nb8 17.Nxb8 Rxb8 18.Qd3 Qd8 19.Ra7 b4* 0-1 Yakimenko,A-9.♘c3 ♘e7 10.♘e4 NO 1925*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.a4 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nbd7 11.Re1 a6 12.Bf1 e5 13.a5 Ne8 14.Bd3 Qh4 15.Qg4 Qxg4 16.hxg4 Rc8 17.b3 Nef6 18.g5 Ne8 19.g3 f6 20.Kg2 fxg5* 0-1 Sadykov,R (2345)-Skliarov,V (2383) Julius Baer Play In Chess.com INT rapid 2023 (3.76)*; 6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni, H (2390) Perenyi Memorial Gyula 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]

3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.h4 Bb4 0.40/20
[Better is 5...c5∓ -0.50/22]
6.f3 -0.54/19
[White should play 6.h5± 0.40/20]
6...Nh5∓ 7.Be5 Nd7 8.Nge2 Black is slightly better. **8...Nxe5 9.dxe5** Black must now prevent g4. **9...Be7 10.g3 g6 11.Qd2 Ng7** -0.09/21
[11...b5∓ -0.82/23]
12.0-0-0 -0.49/22
[12.e4!= -0.09/21]
12...h5 13.e4 c6 14.f4 b5 15.Nd4 Bd7 16.f5 gxf5 17.exf5 Nxf5 18.Nxf5 exf5 19.Bh3 Be6 0.34/21
[19...Qc7= -0.10/20 might be stronger.]
20.Ne2± Qd7 0.63/24
[20...Qc7= 0.27/21 was preferrable.]
21.Rhf1 0-0-0 22.Qd3 Bf8 23.Bxf5 Bg7 24.Bxe6 fxe6



25.Nf4! Rdg8 1.43/19 Black is now going downhill.
[25...Bh6± 0.65/22]
26.Kb1± White has more active pieces.
26...Rh6 2.05/22
[26...Kb7± 1.52/19]
27.Qe2 Qe8 2.44/20
[⌓27...Qc7 1.98/21]

28.Qe3+- Threatens to win with Qa7.
28...Qe7 29.Nd3
[29.Qb6 Qb7 30.Qc5 Qd7=]
29...Rg6? 3.69/19
[29...Rhh8 2.07/19 was called for. 30.Rde1 *(30.Qb6 Qb7+-)* 30...Bh6]
30.Rf3
[30.Qb6 Qb7 31.Qc5 Rxg3±]
30...Bh6 31.Qf2 Rf1 would now be deadly. **31...Rf8 32.Rxf8+ Bxf8 33.Rf1 Bh6** 4.53/21
[33...Rg8 2.46/17 was worth a try. 34.Nf4 Bg7]
34.Qb6 Qc7 6.85/20
[34...Qb7 3.60/17 35.Qc5 Qd7]
35.Qxa6+ White is clearly winning.
35...Kb8 36.Nb4 Qd7 37.Nxc6+ Kc7

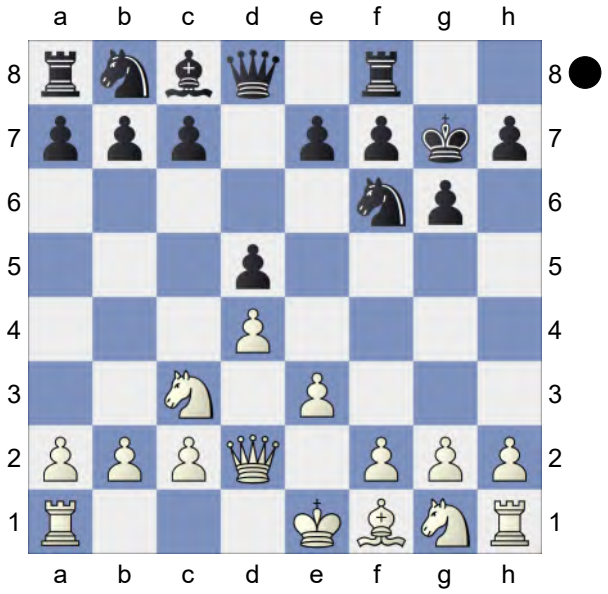


38.Rf7!! Qxf7 39.Qa7+ Skewer
[39.Qxb5? too greedy. Rxg3 *(39...Qe8? 40.Qa5+ Kxc6 41.Qa4+* Skewer *Kc5 42.Qxe8+-)* 40.a4 Qd7-+]
39...Kxc6 40.Qxf7 Rxg3 41.Qxe6+ Kc5 42.b4+ Kxb4 43.Qxh6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) / Black=0.52
1-0

730 **D01**
□ **George Samir,David** **2272**
■ **Amartuvshin,Ganzorig** **2392**
Qatar Masters 2024 | Open A (9)
[Kitty Kat]

D01: Veresov Opening **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 *(3...Qa5 4.Bd2 b5 5.e4 b4 6.e5 bxc3 7.Bxc3 Qa4 8.exf6 Qe4+ 9.Qe2 Qxe2+ 10.Bxe2 gxf6 11.d6 e5 12.Bf3 Nc6 13.Bxc6 dxc6 14.f4 Bxd6* 0-1 Reynolds,R (2565)-Zanetti,A (2389) corr CNEC 15 jub 1993 *)* 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Be2 0-0 10.0-0 a6 11.Nd2 Rb8 12.Nc4 b5 13.axb5 axb5 14.Na5 Qe8 15.Nc6 Rb7 16.Ra5 Nb8 17.Nxb8 Rxb8 18.Qd3 Qd8 19.Ra7 b4* 0-1 Yakimenko,A-9.♘c3 ♘e7 10.♘e4 NO 1925 *)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.a4 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nbd7 11.Re1 a6 12.Bf1 e5 13.a5 Ne8 14.Bd3 Qh4 15.Qg4 Qxg4 16.hxg4 Rc8 17.b3 Nef6 18.g5 Ne8 19.g3 f6 20.Kg2 fxg5* 0-1 Sadykov,R (2345)-Skliarov,V (2383) Julius Baer Play In rapid 2023 (3.76)*; 6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]

3.Bf4 g6 4.Qd2 Bg7 5.Bh6 0-0 6.Bxg7 Kxg7 7.e3



c5! 8.h3
[8.dxc5 Qa5]
8...cxd4 9.exd4 Nc6 10.g4 e5 11.dxe5 Ne4 12.Qxd5 Nxc3 13.Qxd8 Rxd8 14.bxc3 Nxe5 15.f4 Nc6 16.Bd3 Be6 17.Ne2 Rac8 18.0-0 Na5 19.Kf2 Rc7 20.Kg1 Rcc8 21.Kf2 Rc7 22.Kg1 Rcc8 23.Kf2 Rc7
An uneventful encounter. Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) / Black=0.09 (flawless)
½-½

731 **D00**
□ **Johnson,Daniel** **2271**
■ **Badacsonyi,Stanley Ethan Artie**
London Mindsports blitz op 4th (6)
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines A45: Trompowsky Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...g6 3.Bf4 *(3.e3 b6 4.Qf3 d5 5.Qg3 Bg7 6.Be2 Bf5 7.Bd1 Na6 8.a3 c5 9.Nge2 Nc7 10.f3 0-0 11.Qf2 Re8 12.0-0 Bd7 13.Ng3 Bc6 14.Nce2 c4 15.c3 a5 16.Bd2 a4 17.Bc2 Nd7* Breder,D (2445)-Rogozenco,D (2519) Deutschland 86/(186) 2002 CI1-130 [Rogozenco, Dorian] (39)*)* 3...Bg7 4.e4 0-0 5.e5 Ne8 6.Qe2 d5 *(6...d6 7.0-0-0 Nd7 8.h4 c5 9.dxc5 Nxc5 10.h5 Qa5 11.Nd5 Qd8 12.exd6 exd6 13.Ne7+ Kh8 14.hxg6 fxg6 15.Nxg6+ Kg8 16.Ne7+ Kh8 17.Rxh7+ Kxh7 18.Qh5+ Bh6 19.Qxh6#* 11) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.Bf4 B-5.e5 Ne8 6.Qe2 d6 #20 The Meanest Jobava London 2023 https://www.chessable.co [MH]*)* 7.0-0-0 c5 8.dxc5 e6 9.h4 Qa5 10.h5 Qxc5 11.Be3 Qc7 12.hxg6 fxg6 13.f4 Nc6 14.Nf3 h6 15.Qf2 a6 16.Kb1 b5 17.Bd3 11) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.Bf4 B-5.e5 Ne8 6.Qe2 d5 #2 The Meanest Jobava London 2023 https://www.chessable.co [MH]]
[2...e6 3.Bf4 Bb4 4.e3 Ne4 5.Nge2 Nxc3 6.Nxc3 0-0 7.Bd3 d5 8.Qf3 c5 9.Qg3 cxd4 10.Bh6 g6 11.exd4 Re8 12.h4 Bf8 13.Bf4 Nc6 14.h5 13) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6-1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6 3.Bf4 Bb4 4 The Meanest Jobava London 2023 https://www.chessable.co [MH]]
3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.Be2 7.Ne5 is setting a new trend. 7.Se5 setzt einen neuen Trend. **7...c6 8.Nc3** The position is equal. **8...Qb6 9.a3 Bd7**
[9...Qxb2? 10.Na4 Qxa1 11.Qxa1+-]
10.Rb1 c5 11.Ne5 Be8 12.0-0 Rc8N
[Vorgänger: 12...cxd4 13.exd4 Nc7 14.Qd3 a6 15.a4 Inhibits Nb5. Nd7 1.06/22 *(15...Rc8=* 0.30/19 *)* 16.Qg3± And now Nxd7 would win. Rc8 1.70/22 *(16...Nf6±* 1.16/22 was called for.*)*

17.a5!+- Qxa5 1.76/25 *(17...Qd6± 1.39/23 keeps fighting. 18.Na4 Nb5)* 18.Ra1+- Qb6 ½-½ Oleksy,K (1813)-Fiedorek,M (2066) POL-chT U20 Kudowa Zdroj 2018 (4.15)]

13.Bd3 Nb8 14.Bg3 cxd4

[14...c4!? 15.Be2 Nc6=]

15.exd4 Nc6 16.Ne2 Nh5 17.Nxc6 bxc6 0.16/21

[⌓17...Rxc6 -0.16/19 18.c3 Nxg3 19.Nxg3 g6]

18.b4= Nxg3 19.hxg3 a5 20.c3 axb4 21.cxb4 -0.36/20

[21.axb4= 0.13/22 might be stronger. Ra8 22.Nc1]

21...Ra8∓ 22.Qb3 f6 0.59/20

[22...Bd7= -0.27/20]

23.a4

[23.Nf4 with more complications. e5 24.Ne6 Rf7 25.a4]

23...Bf7 1.05/21

[23...Qa7± 0.44/18]

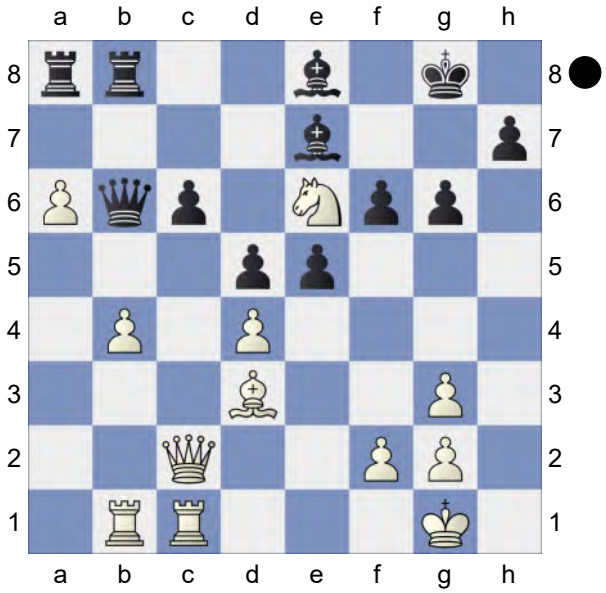
24.a5 Qb7 25.Rfc1 Rfb8 26.a6 Qb6 1.25/21

[26...Rxa6± 0.58/22 27.Bxa6 Qxa6]

27.Qa4 Be8 28.Qc2 0.64/20

[28.Nf4± 0.97/22]

28...g6± 29.Nf4 e5 30.Ne6



Strongly threatening dxe5. **30...e4**

[Less strong is 30...exd4 31.b5 cxb5 32.Nc7±]

31.Bf1 aiming for b5! 0x0. 001ea27c6391dp-1022s more active pieces. **31...Bd7** 1.29/22

[⌓31...Bd6 0.82/17]

32.Nc5± Bf5 1.56/19

[Black should play 32...Be8 1.11/21]

33.Rb2 0.67/19

[33.Qb3± 1.56/19]

33...Bd6 1.85/20

[33...e3!± 0.67/19 34.Qe2 exf2+ 35.Qxf2 Qd8]

34.Qe2 0.67/21

[34.Qb3+- 1.85/20]

34...Bxc5 1.36/23

[34...Bc8!± 0.67/21]

35.Rxc5 0.77/22

[White should try 35.dxc5 1.36/23 Qc7 36.Rb3]

35...Bd7 36.Qd2 Kg7 37.Qf4 Ra7 38.Qd6 Be8 39.Qf4 -0.01/18

[Better is 39.Rcc2± 0.92/20]

39...Rba8 1.03/20

[39...Bd7!= -0.01/18 remains equal.]

40.Qd6 -0.01/20

[40.f3± 1.03/20]

40...Rxa6? 2.90/24

[40...Rb8!= -0.01/20]

41.Bxa6+- Qxa6 42.Rbc2? 0.69/22 Really sharp!

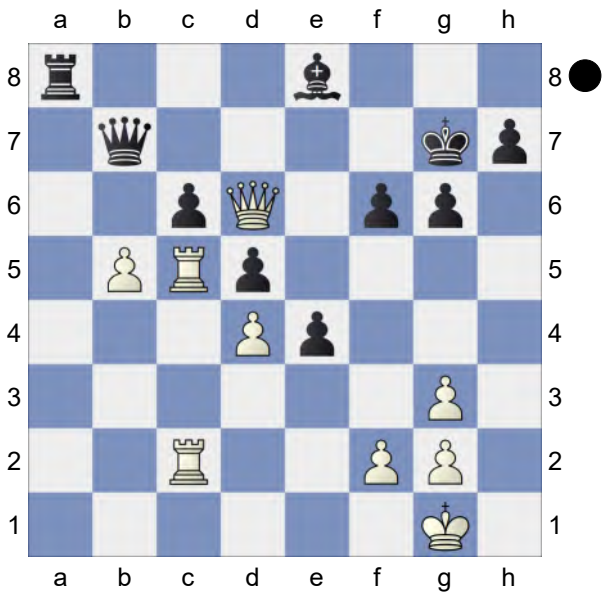
[42.Ra5+- 2.86/23 Qb7 43.Rba2 Rxa5 44.Rxa5]

42...Qb7 5.84/25 Inhibits Qc7+.

[42...Qd3!± 0.69/22 43.Rc1 Ra7]

43.b5

(Diagram)



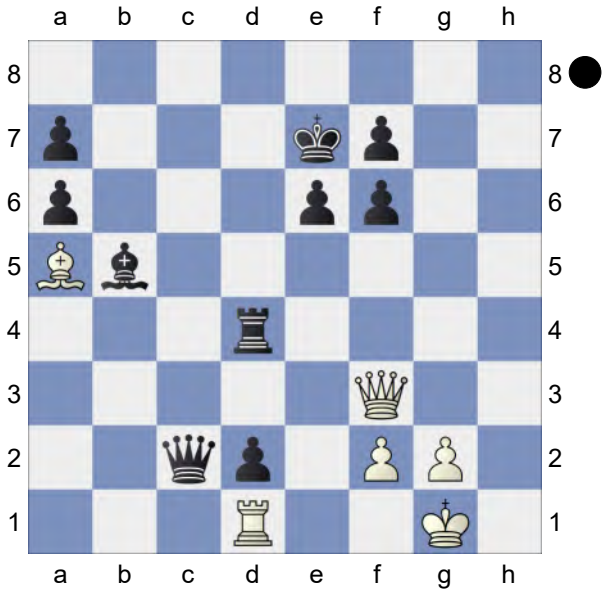
Rxc6 is the strong threat. White is clearly winning. **43...Ra1+ 44.Kh2** Black must now prevent Rxc6. **44...h5 45.bxc6 Qb1 46.Rc1 Qxc1 47.Rxc1 Rxc1 48.Qe7+ Bf7 49.c7 g5 50.Qd7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.35/ Black=0.53
1-0

732 **D00**
□ **Pourkashiyan,Atousa** **2269**
■ **Lee,Megan** **2253**
USA Ch w 2024 (6.1) 17.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

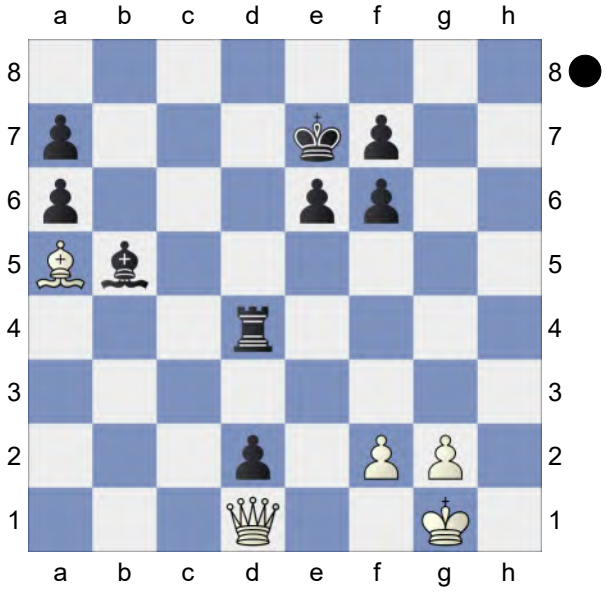
D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines Including this game is basically just for a bit of fun. Black plays a very dodgy opening and his position is resignable after seven moves. However, White doesn't play the most precise refutation and before we know it Black has tremendous compensation for the piece. **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 *(3...e6 4.e4 exd5 5.e5 Qe7 6.Qe2 Ne4 7.Nxd5 Qxe5 8.Nc3 d5 9.f3 f5 10.fxe4 fxe4 11.Nf3 Qf5 12.Nh4 Qf7 13.Qf2 Qxf2+ 14.Kxf2 Be7 15.Bb5+ Nc6 16.g3 0-0+ 17.Ke1 Nd4 18.Ba4* 0-1 Wohlfahrt,R (2127)-Grooten,H (2390) 20th Open Böblingen GER 2003 (5) *)* 4.e4 g6
A) 5.Nf3 Bg7 6.Bc4 *(6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.a4 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nbd7 11.Re1 a6 12.Bf1 e5 13.a5 Ne8 14.Bd3 Qh4 15.Qg4 Qxg4 16.hxg4 Rc8 17.b3 Nef6 18.g5 Ne8 19.g3 f6 20.Kg2 fxg5* 0-1 7.♗c4 ♕a5 8.♕d2 e6_6062 (2345)-Jovic,A (2383) Gonfreville op 1979 (3.76)*; 6.Bf4 0-0 7.Qd2 Re8 8.Be2 Na6 9.0-0 Nc7 10.a4 b6 11.Rfe1 a6 12.h3 Bb7 13.Bc4 Qd7 14.Qd3 Rab8 15.e5 Nh5 16.Bh2 Ba8 17.Bxa6 Nxa6 18.Qxa6 e6 19.Rad1 dxe5 20.Nxe5 Qb7* 1-0 Veresov,G-Goldenov,B 69: Belarusian Championship, Minsk 1955*)* 6...0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9);
B) 5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Be2 0-0 10.0-0 a6 11.Nd2 Rb8 12.Nc4 b5 13.axb5 axb5 14.Na5 Qe8 15.Nc6 Rb7 16.Ra5 Nb8 17.Nxb8 0-1 Yakimenko,A-9. ♘c3 ♘e7 10. ♘e4_82589 NO 1925]
3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 c6 6.Nc3 c5 7.Nf3 Bd7 8.Ne5 The position is equal. **8...cxd4 9.exd4 Bb4 10.Bxa6 bxa6 11.0-0 Bxc3 12.bxc3 Rc8 13.Bg5** White is more active. **13...Rxc3**

1.35/22
[⩲13...h6 0.76/18 14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.Nxd7 Qxd7]
14.Ng4 0.77/19
[⩲14.Bd2 1.35/22 Rc8 15.Bb4]
14...h6 1.17/21
[⩲14...h5 0.77/19 15.Nxf6+ gxf6]
15.Nxf6+ gxf6 16.Bh4 0.74/18
[⩲16.Qd2 1.15/19 Bxf6 is the strong threat. Rc4 17.Bxh6]
16...Rg8± 17.Qd2 Rc4 18.Qxh6 0.25/20
[White should play 18.Rfb1± 1.07/23]
18...Rg6!= 19.Qe3 Rg4 20.Qh6 Rg6! 21.Qe3 Rg4 22.Bg3 Strongly threatening Rfb1. **22...Rgxd4 23.Rfb1 Bb5 24.c3** White has compensation. **24...Re4 25.Qh6** Black must now prevent f3. **25...Ra4!**
[25...Rxc3? perishes. 26.a4+- *(26.Bh4 Rxh4 27.Qxh4 Rc4±)*]
26.h4 Ke7 27.Rb4 -0.53/22 **Raxb4∓ 28.cxb4 Rxb4** 0.00/22
[28...d4∓ -0.45/19 29.f3 Re2]
29.Qg7? -1.75/20
[29.Rc1= 0.00/22]
29...d4!-+ 30.Qg4 Rc4 Prevents Rc1. **31.a4?** -3.76/23
[31.Qf3∓ -1.51/18]
31...Bxa4 -1.86/21
[31...Rxa4 32.Rxa4 Bxa4 33.h5=]
[⩲31...d3 -3.76/23 32.Qd1 Bc6]
32.h5? -3.99/22
[32.Bf4 -1.86/21]
32...Bb5 Hoping for ...d3. **33.h6 d3 34.Qd1 d2** -1.62/17
[⩲34...Qd4! -3.05/20 35.h7 Rc8]
35.h7 Rd4 -1.26/22
[Black should try 35...e5!-+ -1.96/20 36.h8Q Qxh8 37.Qxd2 Qg8]
36.Bc7 -1.75/26 **Qh8**
[And not 36...Qxc7 37.h8Q Qc3 38.Qb8±]

37.Qf3? -5.47/21
[37.Qc2 -1.99/19 Rd3 38.Rd1]
37...Qxh7 aiming for ...Qc2. **38.Ba5 Qc2 39.Rd1**

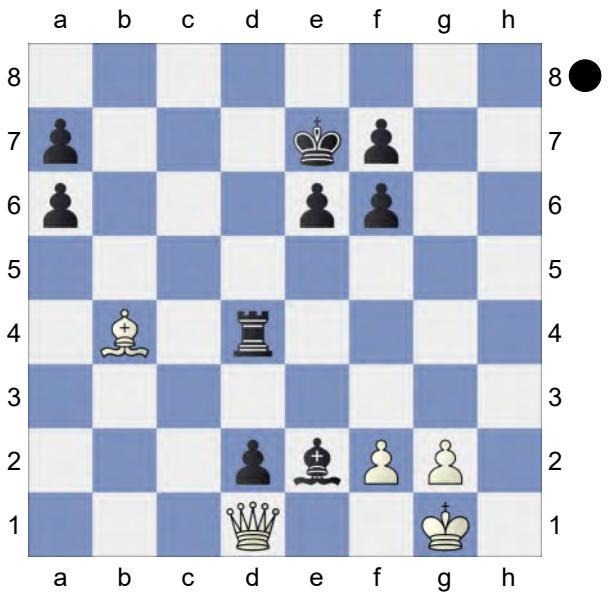


Qxd1+? -0.86/24 **40.Qxd1∓**



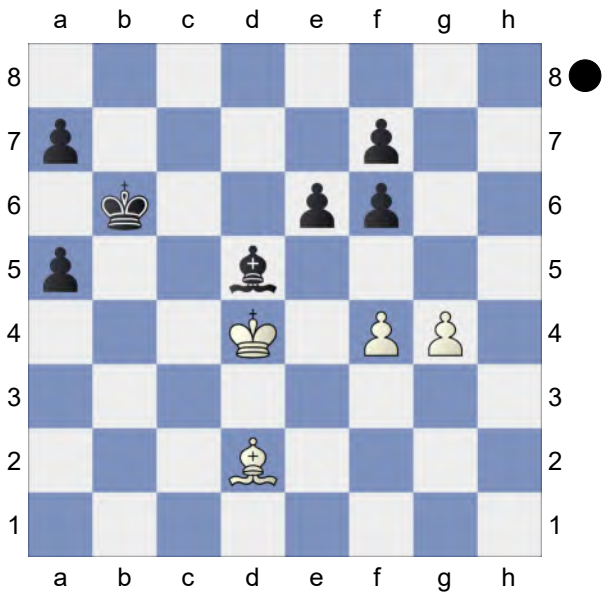
Be2! Decoy, Promotion **41.Bb4+**

(Diagram)

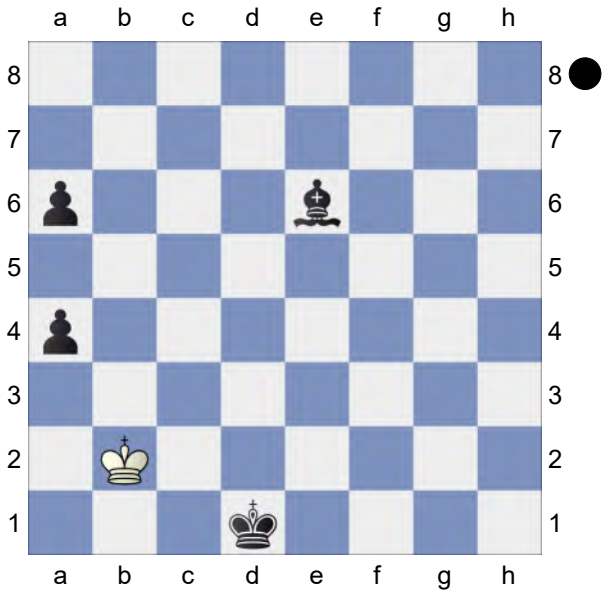


Kd8! 42.Qxd2 Rxd2 43.Bxd2 Endgame. KB-KB **43...Kc7 44.f4?** -2.71/26
[44.f3∓ -0.94/30]
44...Kb6? -0.69/34
[44...e5-+ -2.71/26 Threatens to win with ...Bg4. 45.Kf2 Bh5]
45.Kf2 Bc4 46.Ke3 a5 -0.26/27
[46...f5∓ -0.75/29 47.Kd4 Kb5]
47.Kd4 -0.69/32
[47.g4= -0.26/27]
47...Bd5 48.g4 -2.95/31
[48.g3∓ -0.79/25 was the only chance.]

(Diagram)



48...Kb5? -0.26/29
[48...Bf3!-+ -2.95/31 49.g5 f5]
49.Bc3= Black has an edge. **49...Bf3 50.Kd3! Bxg4 51.Bxf6 a4 52.Kc3 Bd1 53.Kb2 Kb4 54.Be7+ Kc4 55.Bd6 Kd5 56.Bc7 Ke4 57.Bd6 f6 58.Bb8 Bb3 59.Bc7 e5 60.fxe5 f5 61.Bb8 a6 62.e6 Bxe6 63.Bc7 f4 64.Bxf4 Kxf4 65.Ka1 Ke3 66.Kb2 Kd2 67.Ka1 Kd1 68.Kb2**

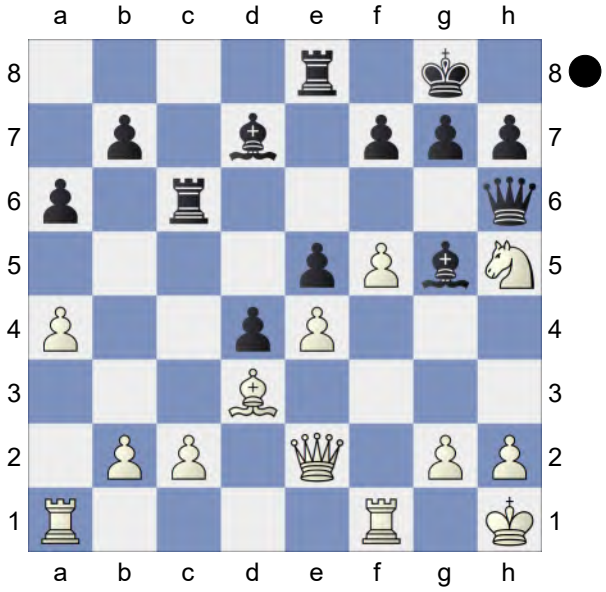


a3+! 69.Ka1
[69.Kb1 Kd2]
69...Kc1 Weighted Error Value: White=0.

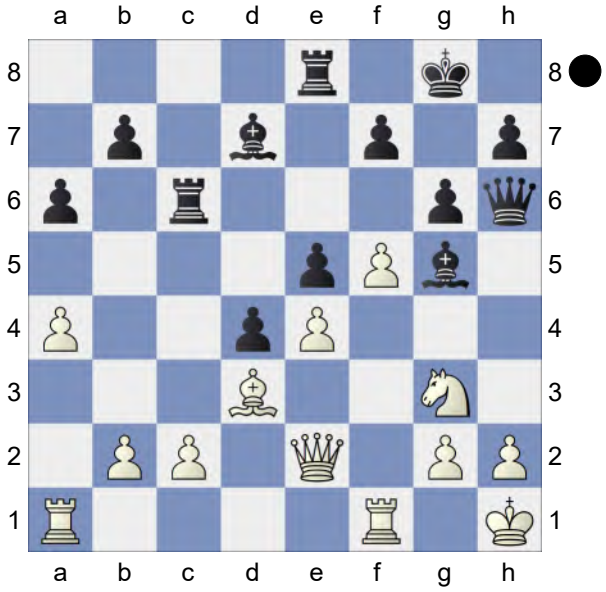
52/Black=0.46
½-½

733 **D00**
□ **Pourkashiyan,Atousa** **2269**
■ **Atwell,Rose** **2185**
USA Ch w 2024 (10.6) 22.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.Nf3**
[5.g4 c5 6.Qf3 Nc6 7.Nge2 cxd4 8.exd4 Bd6 9.g5 Bxf4 10.Qxf4 Nd7 11.0-0-0 0-0 12.h4 b5 13.Ng3 b4 14.Na4 Qa5 15.b3 Nb6 16.h5 g6 17.hxg6 fxg6 18.Qc7 4) 1.d4 Nf6 2. Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 e6-5.g4 c5 6.Qf3 Nc6 7. Nge2 cxd4 The Meanest Jobava London 2023]
5...Bd6N 0.33/18
[5...c5= -0.26/20 6.a3 b5 7.Bd3 Bb7 8.0-0 Nbd7 9.Re1 Be7 10.Ne5 0-0 11.Nxd7 Nxd7 12.Qh5 f5 13.h3 Rc8 14.Bh2 Bf6 15.Bf1 Qb6 The Rest 2-N,N On the way to the Queen's Gambit Declin Rašt The]
6.Ne5 -0.19/23
[6.Bd3± 0.33/18]
6...c5= 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.Bd3 The position is equal. **8...Nc6** 0.19/23
[⌓8...0-0 -0.19/19]
9.0-0 Nxe5 10.Bxe5 Bd6 11.f4 0-0 12.Bd4 Re8 13.Bxf6 -0.55/18
[White should play 13.Qe1= 0.16/22]
13...Qxf6∓ 14.Kh1 Qh6 15.Qf3 Bd7 16.e4 d4 0.12/23
[16...Bc6∓ -0.42/18]
17.Ne2!= e5→ Black mounts an attack. **18.f5** -0.81/21
[18.fxe5= 0.04/18 remains equal. Bxe5 19.Qxf7+ Kh8 20.g3]
18...Rac8∓ White is weak on the dark squares. Black continues to play with concentration. **19.Ng3 Be7** Black is more active. **20.Nh5 Bg5 21.Qe2 Rc6 22.a4** -2.60/21
[22.Ng3∓ -1.56/19 was worth a try.]



22...g6!-+ 23.Ng3



Bf4! 24.Rf3 gxf5 25.h3 Bxg3 26.Rxg3+ Rg6 27.Rxg6+ hxg6
[27...Qxg6 28.exf5 Bxf5 29.Bxf5 Qxf5 30.Rf1=]
28.Rf1 f4
[28...Bxa4 29.exf5 g5 *(29...Bc6*

30.fxg6 fxg6 31.Bc4+ Kh8 32.Qg4=) 30.Qf3∓]

29.Bc4 Kg7 Strongly threatening ... Bxh3! **30.Qd3 g5** And now ...g4! would win.

[30...Bxa4 31.Bxf7 Rf8 *(31...Kxf7 32.Qc4+ Kg7 33.Qxa4∓)* 32.Bc4∓]

31.Kg1? -4.57/17

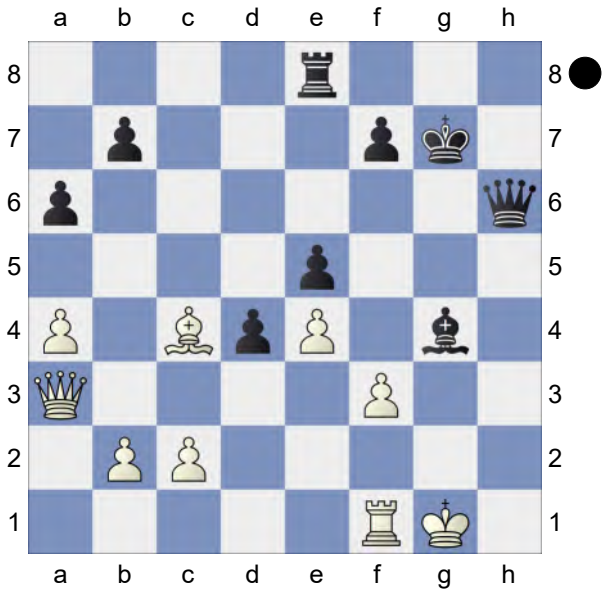
[31.c3 -2.60/17]

31...g4

[31...Bxa4? 32.Bxf7 Rc8 *(32...Kxf7 33.Qc4+ Ke7 34.Qb4+ Kd8 35.Qxa4-+)* 33.Bc4-+]

32.hxg4 Bxg4 33.Qa3 f3 34.gxf3 -#6/16

[34.Rxf3-+ -4.63/20 Bxf3 35.Qxf3 Qc1+ 36.Qf1 Qxf1+ *(36...Qxb2?* loses. *37.Qxf7+ Kh6 38.Qxe8+-)* 37.Kxf1]



34...Rh8! Black mates. **35.Kf2 Qd2+ 36.Be2 Rh2+** Skewer, Deflection. Weighted Error Value: White=0.47/ Black=0.16 (very precise)

0-1

734 **A45**

□ **Hasenohr,Benedict** **2267**

■ **Vuckovic,Zarko** **2384**

BSB IM B Norm 2025 (5.4) 28.05.2025

[TA]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 h6 5.Bd3 e6 0.31/22

[5...c5= -0.16/26]

6.a3 -0.28/23

[6.Nce2± 0.31/22]

6...c5= 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.Qe2N Black is slightly better.

[8.Nf3 Nc6 9.e4 0-0 10.0-0 dxe4 11.Nxe4 Nxe4 12.Bxe4 Qf6 13.Qc1 e5 14.Bg3 Re8 15.Re1 Bg4 16.Bxc6 bxc6 17.Bxe5 Qf5 18.Nd4 Bxd4 19.Bxd4 Rxe1+ 20.Qxe1 Qxc2 21.h3 Be6 22.Rc1 Qf5 1-0 (66) Naroditsky,D (2711)-Dominguez Perez,L (2656) FIDE World Rapid and Blitz Championship 2024 (12)]

8...Nc6 9.Nf3 Inhibits e5. **9...Nh5 10.0-0 0-0 11.Rad1 Qf6** -0.27/27

[11...Nxf4∓ -0.67/26 12.exf4 Qf6]

12.Bg3 Nxg3 13.hxg3 Qe7 14.e4 d4 15.Nb1 -0.68/26

[15.Na4= -0.29/25]

15...e5∓ 16.Nh4 g6 17.Bc4 Kg7 18.Nd2 Bd7 19.Nb3 Bb6 20.Qe1 -1.32/19

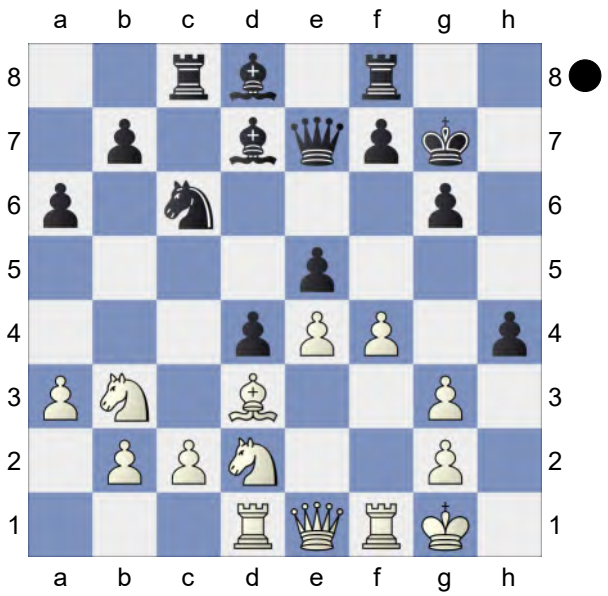
[Better is 20.Nc1 -0.93/20]

20...Rac8∓ 21.Bd3 Bd8 22.Nf3 h5 23.Nfd2 -2.06/20

[23.Rc1∓ -1.36/18 was worth a try.]

23...h4!-+ 24.f4

(Diagram)



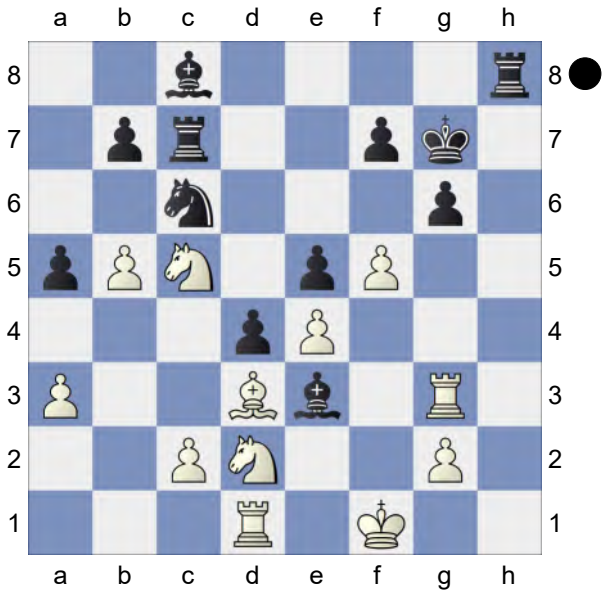
hxg3! 25.f5 Qh4 26.Nf3 Inhibits Qh2+. **26...Qg4 27.Nc5 Rc7 28.Nd2 Bg5** Strongly threatening ...Be3+. **29.Rf3 Be3+ 30.Kf1 Rh8** -1.30/23

[30...Bf4-+ -3.08/20 is more deadly. 31.Kg1 Bc8 *(31...gxf5? 32.Nf1-+)*]

31.Qxg3∓ Qxg3 32.Rxg3 Bc8 33.b4 -2.48/20

[33.Rf3∓ -1.27/20]

33...a5-+ 34.b5



Ne7 35.Na4 Bf4 36.Rg4 Kf6 37.b6 Rc6 Threatens to win with ...Bxd2.

[37...gxf5? too greedy. 38.Rxf4 Rc3 39.Rf2 *(39.Nxc3 dxc3 40.Rf2 cxd2+-)* 39...Rxa3 40.Nc5+-]

38.Nf3 Be3 39.Rh4 Rxh4 40.Nxh4 gxf5 41.Rb1 Be6

[41...fxe4 42.Bxe4 Rc4 43.Nb2-+]

42.Nxf5 -5.58/22

[⌓42.Ke2 -3.75/20]

42...Nxf5 43.exf5 Bxf5 44.g4 Bg6 White must now prevent ...Rxc2. A strong pair of Bishops. **45.Rb3 e4 46.Ba6 Rxc2** aiming for ...d3.

[Less strong is 46...bxa6 47.Rxe3=]

47.Bxb7 Rf2+ 48.Ke1 d3 49.g5+ Kg7 (-> ...d2+) **50.Nc3 d2+** Black mates. **51.Kd1 Rf1+ 52.Kc2 Rc1+ 53.Kb2 Bd4**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.51/ Black=0.15 (very precise)

0-1

735 **D00**

□ **Pranav,V** **2263**

■ **Raghunandan,Kaumandur Srihari**

1. Gujarat Open 2018 (8.16) 10.10.2018

[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines Kitty Kat: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines A45: Trompowsky Attack' **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.a3**

[7.Be2 c6 8.Nc3 c5 9.Ne5 Nb8 10.0-0 Nfd7 11.Nf3 a6 12.a3 Nc6 13.dxc5 Bxc5 14.b4 Ba7 15.a4 h6 16.Qd2 Ne7 17.Bd3 f6 18.e4 e5 19.Bxh6 d4 20.Ne2 Qe8 21.c3 gxh6 Raspfish (2910)-Yobot V2 (2927) Blitz 2024 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (42)]

[7.Ne5 Ne4 8.f3 Nf6 9.a3 c5 10.c3 Nh5 11.Bg3 f6 12.Nd3 Nxg3 13.hxg3 Nb8 14.dxc5 b6 15.cxb6 Qxb6 16.a4 Qxe3+ 17.Qe2 Qxe2+

18.Bxe2 Nc6 19.Nf4 Rb8 20.0-0-0 g5 21.Nh5 a6 Bortnyk,O (2608)-Ivic, V (2592) Chess.com INT 2024 Mega2024 Update 39 [Kiddy Kat] 1-0 (48)]

7...c5 8.Nc3N -0.28/17

[8.c3 0.04/16 should be considered. Nh5 9.Be5 f6 10.Bg3 Nxg3 11.hxg3 c4 #4 6. Jobava (1...d5 and 1...Nf6-4. Nb5]

8...Nc7

[8...Ne4 keeps more tension. 9.Ne2 Nb8 10.Ng3 Nc6]

9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.Bd3 b6 11.e4 dxe4 12.Nxe4 Ncd5 13.Bg5 h6 14.Bh4 Be7 15.Bg3 Prevents Nf4. **15...Nxe4 16.Bxe4 Ba6 17.Bd3 Qc8 18.c4** -1.03/21

[18.0-0= -0.19/18]

18...Nf6 -0.07/20

[Black should try 18...Bxc4∓ -1.03/21 Threatens to win with ...Nb4! 19.0-0 Qa6 20.Bxc4 Qxc4]

19.Qe2= Rd8 20.Rc1 Bb7 21.0-0 Qc6 22.Rfd1 Ne4 23.Qf1 -0.77/20

[23.Qc2= -0.19/19 Nxg3 24.hxg3]

23...Nxg3∓ 24.hxg3 Bf6 This bishop pair is nice. **25.Rc2** -1.35/20

[⌓25.Rd2 -0.84/22]

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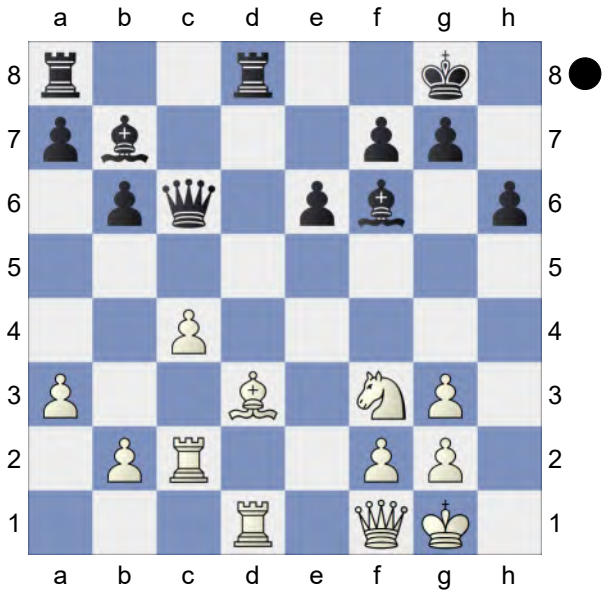


25...Rd7 -0.47/20

[25...e5!∓ -1.35/20 And now ...e4 would win. 26.Be2 e4]

26.Rcd2 Rad8 27.b4 Qc7 28.Qe2 g6

[28...a5 feels hotter. 29.b5 g5 30.Be4 Rxd2 31.Rxd2 Bxe4 32.Rxd8+ Qxd8 33.Qxe4 Qd6]

29.Be4 Rxd2 30.Rxd2 Rxd2 31.Nxd2 Ba6 32.Qd3 Kg7 33.b5 Bc8 34.Bc6 Qd8 35.Qxd8 -0.65/22

[35.Qc2= -0.19/19 is superior.]

35...Bxd8= Endgame KBB-KBN **36.a4 f5 37.c5 bxc5 38.Nc4 Bc7** Inhibits Nd6. **39.a5** Strongly threatening b6. **39...e5! 40.b6 axb6 41.axb6 Bb8 42.Na5 Kf6 43.Bb5 c4** 0.12/23

[Better is 43...Be6∓ -0.38/21]

44.b7 Bxb7 1.19/22 **45.Nxb7± c3 46.Ba4 e4 47.Kf1** 1.18/22

[⌓47.Na5 1.54/24]

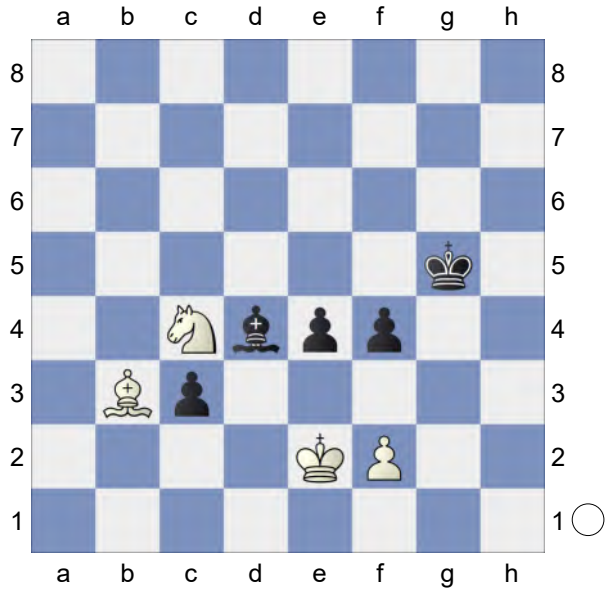
47...g5 2.40/23

[47...Ke5± 1.18/22 was necessary. 48.Bb3 Bc7]

48.Ke2 h5 49.Bb3 h4 50.gxh4 gxh4 51.Nc5 Ba7 52.Nd7+ Kg5 53.Bc2 Bd4 54.Nf8 Black must now prevent Ne6+. **54...Bb6** 2.65/26

[54...Kg4± 1.30/24 keeps fighting.

55.Ne6 Be5]
55.Ne6++- Kf6 56.Nf4 aiming for Nd5+.
56...Kg5 57.Nh3+ Kf6 58.Nf4? 0.01/21
[White should play 58.f3+- 2.70/25]
58...Kg5!= 59.Nd5 Bd4 60.Nc7 1.30/25
[60.Kf1+- 1.81/25]
60...h3 1.80/24
[60...Be5± 1.30/25]
61.gxh3+- Hoping for Ne6+. **61...Kh4 62.Nb5 Be5 63.Na3 Kxh3 64.Nc4 Bd4 65.Kf1 Kg4 66.Bd1+ Kf4 67.Ke2 Kg5 68.Bb3 f4**



69.f3! exf3+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.17 (very precise)
½-½

736 **D00**
□ **Mhango,Banele** **2255**
■ **Mnyasta,Charlton** **2104**
Cape Gambit Inv 2025 (3.3) 19.04.2025
[TA]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 c5 4.e4 Nxe4 5.Nxe4 dxe4 6.dxc5 Qxd8+ is the strong threat. **6...Qxd1+ 7.Rxd1 Bd7** Black is weak on the dark squares
[7...Nc6 8.a3 e5 9.Be3 f5 10.g3 f4 *(10...Be6 11.Bb5 Be7 12.f4 Bf6 13.Rd6 Ke7 14.c3 Rhd8 15.Bxc6 bxc6 16.fxe5 Bxe5 17.Bg5+ Bf6 18.Bxf6+ Kxf6 19.Rxc6 Rac8 20.Rxc8 Rxc8 21.b4 Rd8 22.Ne2 Rd3 23.c6 Ke5 24.b5 g6 25.a4* 0-1 (43) G0Dzilla (2739)-Lintchevski, D (2892) Blitz 2024*)* 11.gxf4 exf4 12.Bxf4 Bxc5 13.b4 Bb6 14.Bc4 Bg4 15.Ne2 Rf8 16.Bg3 Rc8 17.Bb5 a6 18.Ba4 Bf3 19.Rg1 g6 20.c4 Bc7 21.Bxc7 Rxc7 22.Rd5 ½-½ (45) Monoboy2016 (2749)-Realdavidnavara (2897) Blitz 2024]
8.b4N The position is equal.
[8.Be3 e6 *(8...e5 9.Bc4 f5 10.g3 Nc6 11.Ne2 Be7 12.h4 0-0-0 13.a3 Bf6 14.b4 Rhf8 15.Rd6* 3) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5-3.Bf4 c5 4.e4 Nxe4 #10/16 *)* 9.Ne2 Nc6 *(9...Na6 10.Nc3 Nxc5 11.Nb5 Rb8 12.Nxa7 b5 13.Rxd7 Kxd7 14.Bxb5+ Kc7 15.a4* 3) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5-3.Bf4 c5 4.e4 Nxe4 #7/16*)* 10.Nc3 f5 11.Nb5 0-0-0 12.Bc4 Be7 13.Nd6+ Bxd6 14.Rxd6 3) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5-3.Bf4 c5 4.e4 Nxe4 #8/16]
8...f6 0.07/23
[⌓8...Nc6 -0.29/19 9.Bb5 a5]
9.Ne2 e5 10.Be3 f5 0.13/25
[10...a5!∓ -0.35/24 feels stronger. 11.a3 axb4 12.axb4 Nc6]
11.Nc3= Threatens to win with Nd5.
11...Nc6 12.Nb5 0-0-0 Wards off Nc7
13.a3 f4 14.Bc1 a6 0.55/21
[Black should play 14...Be7∓ -0.31/21]
15.Nd6+ -0.94/18
[15.Nc3± 0.55/21 was forced to keep a grip.]
15...Bxd6∓ 16.cxd6 Bg4 -1.48/24
[Better is 16...Nd4 -0.89/19 17.c4

Bg4 Discovered Attack 18.Rxd4 exd4]

17.Rd5 -0.96/23

[⌓17.Rd2 -1.48/24]

17...Kd7 Hoping for ...Ke6. **18.Bb2 Ke6** -0.14/21

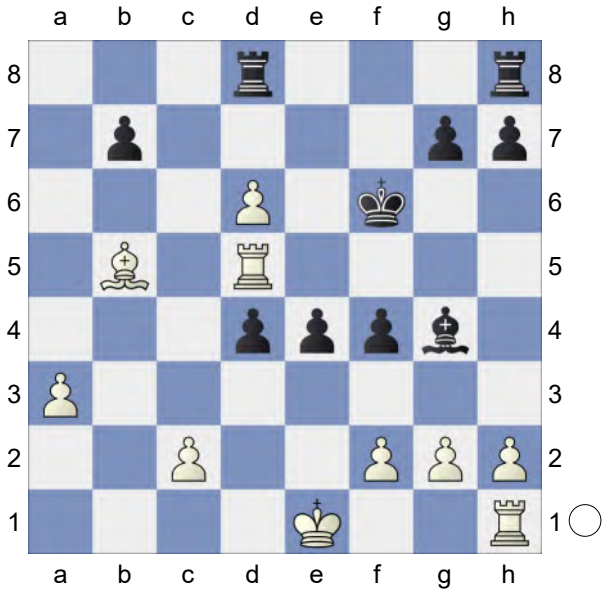
[18...Be6∓ -0.70/20 19.Rxe5 Nxe5 *(19...Kxd6? 20.Rxe4* Discovered Attack *Bf5 21.Rxf4+-)* 20.Bxe5 Rc8]

19.Bc4= Black must now prevent h3!

19...Kf6 0.25/22

[⌓19...Rxd6 -0.15/22 20.Rxe5+ Kd7]

20.b5! axb5 21.Bxb5 A strong pair of Bishops. **21...Nd4** 1.34/21 Black is on the road to losing. **22.Bxd4± exd4**



23.d7! And now 0-0! would win.

[23.Rxd4 Ke5 24.Rc4 Rxd6± *(24...Kxd6 25.Rxe4 g5 26.0-0±)*]

23...Rhf8 1.91/24

[23...Ke7± 1.31/18]

24.0-0 Rf7 25.Rxd4 Ke5 2.34/25

[⌓25...Bxd7 1.72/22 26.Rb1 *(26.Rfd1 Bxb5 27.Rxd8 Bc6+-)* 26...Ke5]

26.c3 f3 would now be deadly.

26...Rdxd7 2.74/23

[26...Bxd7± 1.42/19 27.Rfd1 Bxb5 28.Rxd8 Bc6]

27.Bxd7 Bxd7 Endgame. KRR-KRB **28.a4 Bc6 29.a5 Rf6** 2.44/21

[29...f3 1.82/20 was necessary. 30.Rd8 fxg2]

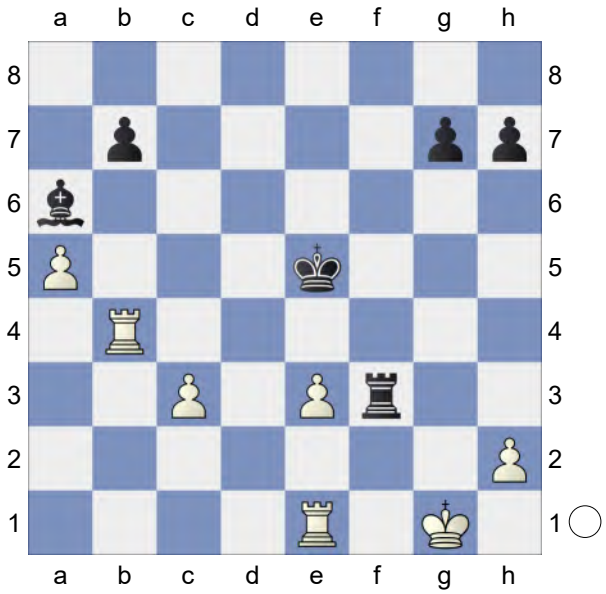
30.Ra1 Bb5 3.22/21

[⌓30...f3 2.21/20 31.g3 Re6]

31.Rb4+- Ba6 4.31/21

[⌓31...Bc6 3.06/21 32.a6 bxa6 33.Ra5+ *(33.Rxa6 e3+-)* 33...Kd6 34.Rd4+ *(34.Rxa6 Re6+-)* 34...Kc7 35.Rxa6 Rg6 36.Ra7+ Kb6]

32.Re1 e3 33.fxe3 f3 (-> ...f2+) **34.gxf3 Rxf3**



35.Rf4! Rh3 36.Rf7 g6 37.Kg2 Rh5 38.h3 Bc4 39.Rf4

[39.Rxb7? perishes. Bd5+ 40.Kh2 Bxb7-+]

39...Bd5+ 40.Kg3

[Resist 40.Kh2 Be6 41.h4 Kd6 42.Rd4+ Kc7]

40...Bc6 41.Ra1 Bb5 42.c4 Ba6 43.Rd1 g5 44.Rd5+ Ke6 45.Re4+ Kf6 46.Red4 Ke7 47.c5 Bb5 48.Rd6 g4 49.hxg4 Rh1 50.Rb6 Be2 51.Rxb7+ Ke6 52.Rd6+

Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /Black=0.46

1-0

737 **D00**
□ **Janzelj,Lara** **2254**
■ **Videnova,Iva** **2336**
27. TCh-CRO Women 2018 (8.41) 14.9.18
[Kitty Kat]

D01: Veresov Opening **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 g6 4.Qd2 Bg7 5.Bh6 Bxh6 6.Qxh6 c5 7.dxc5 Qa5** And now ...d4 would win. **8.0-0-0** White is slightly better. **8...Qxc5 9.Nf3** Prevents d4. **9...Nc6 10.Qd2N** -0.73/21 Inhibits d4.
[10.e3= 0.20/19 keeps the balance. Bf5 11.Nd4 0-0-0 12.Nxc6 Qxc6 13.Qf4 Qd6 14.Qa4 a6 15.f3 Qc5 16.Qf4 h5 17.h4 Qd6 18.Qa4 Qc5 19.Qd4 Qxd4 20.exd4 Rdg8 21.Ne2 g5 22.hxg5 Rxg5 23.Nf4 Rhg8 24.Kd2 e6 25.c3 Madaminov,M (2422)-Samant,A (2501) Almaty 2023 ½-½ (63) Kd7 26.Ke3 Kd6 27.Kf2 Bg6 28.a4 Rf5 29.Ke3 Rg5 30.a5 Bf5 31.Ra1 Rg3 32.Kf2 R3g5 33.Ra4 Rc8 34.Rb4 Rc7 35.Rb6+ Ke7 36.Be2 Nd7 37.Rb4 Nf6 38.Re1 Rg8 39.Bf1 Kd7 40.Rb6 Lopez Ramirez,D (2422)-7.f3 b5 8.♕d2 ♗b7 9.000 î (2501) emailbag 2023 Colle NS [John Watson] ½-½ (63)]
10...Qxf2∓ 11.Nxd5 Nxd5 12.Qxd5 Be6 13.Qg5 h6
[13...Bxa2 14.e3 f6 15.Qc5±]
14.Qf4 Qc5 15.a3 Rc8 16.Rd2 -1.39/23
[16.e3∓ -0.52/21]
16...g5 17.Qe4 -1.82/23
[17.Qg3∓ -1.19/23]
17...b6? -0.28/22
[17...Bf5!-+ -1.82/23 18.Rd5 *(18.Qd5 Qxd5 19.Rxd5 Bxc2∓)* 18...Qxc2+! 19.Qxc2 Bxc2]
18.Nd4= Qc4 0.27/24
[Better is 18...Nxd4 -0.29/21 19.Qxd4 Qxd4 20.Rxd4 0-0]
19.e3! Qa2 20.c3→ White has some attack. **20...Bd5** 1.01/23
[20...Nxd4= 0.25/22 remains equal. 21.exd4 Bd5]
21.Qf5!± e6 1.79/23
[21...Be6± 1.19/24 22.Nxe6 Qxe6 23.Qxe6 fxe6]
22.Qf6!+- 0-0 23.Bd3? -0.01/25
[23.Qxh6+- 1.85/24 Ne5 24.Qxg5+ Ng6 25.Bd3 Qa1+ 26.Kc2 *(26.Bb1 Ba2±)*]
23...Nxd4 24.exd4 Rc7 1.16/24
[24...Qa1+= 0.01/26 25.Kc2 Qxh1 26.Qxh6 f5 27.Qg6+ Kh8 28.Qh6+ Kg8 29.Qg6+ Kh8 30.Qh6+ Kg8]
25.Bb1 Qa1 26.Qxh6 f6 27.Re1 Inhibits Be4. **27...Bb3** 1.46/20
[27...b5!± 0.69/20]
28.Re3 -0.01/23 &Bianco is more active.
[White should try 28.Qg6+± 1.46/20 Rg7 29.Qd3]
28...Ba2 0.62/22
[Black should play 28...Rg7!= -0.01/23 29.Re1 *(29.Rh3? Ba2-+)* 29...a5]
29.Qg6+± Rg7 30.Qc2 Rc8 1.10/20
[30...f5± 0.55/20]
31.Rf2 0.46/22
[31.Rde2± 1.10/20]
31...f5 32.Rf1 0.18/19
[32.Rfe2± 0.61/19 feels stronger.]
32...Rd7 0.62/21
[32...g4= 0.18/19]
33.Rd1 b5 0.99/21
[33...Kg7± 0.55/19 should be considered.]
34.Rg3 0.62/20
[34.g4± 0.99/21]
34...g4 1.27/21
[34...Rg7± 0.62/20]
35.h3± Rg7 36.Kd2? 0.01/21
[36.hxg4± 1.56/19 aiming for d5! Bd5

37.Kd2]
36...Bd5 1.27/21
[36...gxh3!= 0.01/21 37.Rxg7+ Kxg7]
37.hxg4 b4 1.92/20
[37...a5± 1.15/20]
38.axb4+- Qa6 2.34/21
[⌓38...Rcc7 1.75/19 39.Ke1 Qa6]
39.Qd3 Qd6 40.Re1 Re5 is the strong threat. **40...Rf8** 3.18/21
[40...Rb8 2.21/19 keeps fighting. 41.Re5 Be4]
41.Re5 Be4 42.Rxe4 0.99/21
[42.Qf1+- 3.02/22]
42...fxe4± 43.Qe3 Rf4 44.Rh3! e5? 2.97/21
[44...Rgxg4± 1.07/20 45.g3 Rf3]
45.Ba2+? 1.00/23
[And not 45.Bxe4 exd4 46.Qd3 Qe6=]
[45.g3+- 2.97/21 is more deadly. Rfxg4 46.Bxe4]
45...Kf8 46.g3 Rfxg4 47.Qf2+
[47.Rh6 exd4! 48.Rxd6 *(48.Qf2+ Ke7∓)* 48...dxe3+ 49.Kxe3 Rxg3+ 50.Kxe4 R3g4+ 51.Ke5 Rg2∓]
47...Ke7 48.Rh8 White threatens Qf8+ and mate. **48...e3+ 49.Qxe3 Rxg3 50.Qxe5+** 0.95/5 The board is on fire.
[⌓50.Qe4 1.37/23]
50...Qxe5 51.dxe5 Endgame Strongly threatening Ra8. KRR-KRB **51...Rg2+ 52.Kd3** Black must now prevent Ra8. **52...Rxb2 53.Bd5** Hoping for Kd4. **53...Rg3+** 1.73/26
[53...a5± 0.91/23 was called for.]
54.Kc4+- Rc2 55.Rh7+ Kf8

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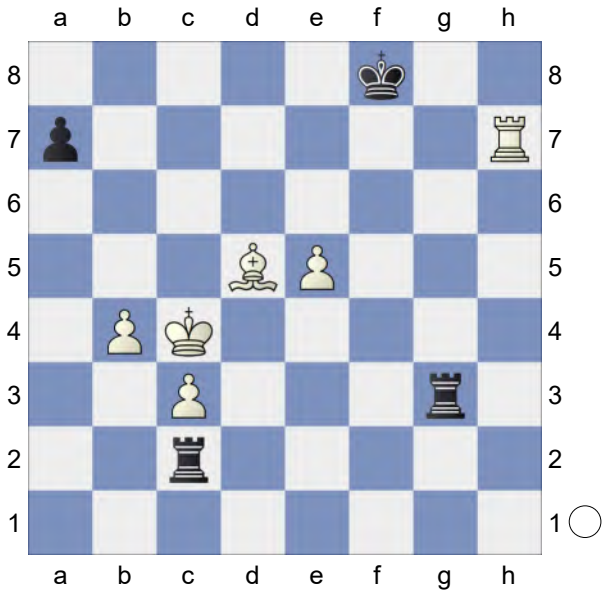
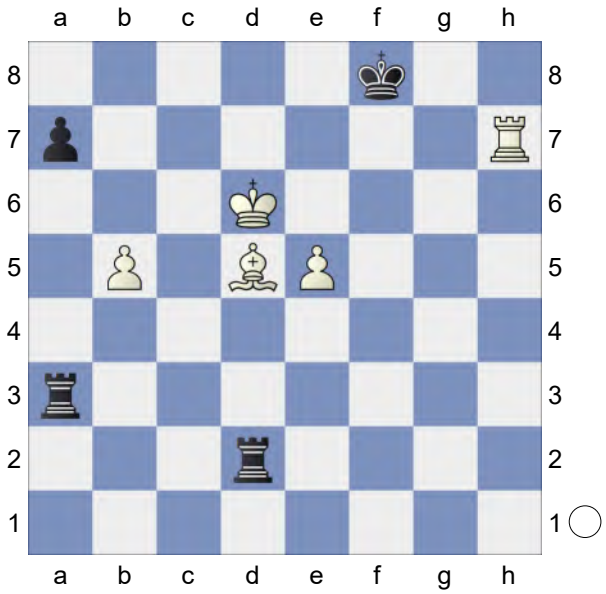


56.Kc5!
[Inferior is 56.Rxa7 Rcxc3+ 57.Kd4 Rc1=]
56...Rgxc3+ 57.Kd6 Ra3? 8.47/24
[57...Rc8± 1.60/24]
58.b5 3.68/29
[⌓58.e6 8.47/24 e7+ would kill now. Re2 59.e7+ Rxe7 60.Rxe7 Ra6+ 61.Kd7]
58...Rd2



Threatens to win with ...Rad3. **59.Rf7+! Ke8 60.Rg7** 2.57/22
[⌓60.Rb7 5.27/33 Kf8 61.Rf7+ Ke8

62.Rc7 Rxd5+ 63.Kxd5]
60...Rxd5+ 61.Kxd5 KR-KR **61...Kd8 62.Ke6 Ra1 63.Rd7+ Ke8 64.Rh7 Kf8?** 7.31/26
[64...Kd8 3.64/27 65.Rd7+ Ke8]
65.Rc7 Rb1 66.Rb7 Ra1 67.Rb8+ Kg7 68.Ke7 Rb1 69.Rb7 Kg8 70.e6 Threatening mate with Kd8. **70...Rb2 71.Ke8** 21.85/19
[⌓71.Kd8 #11/20 Rd2+ 72.Rd7 Rxd7+ 73.Kxd7 Kh7 74.e7 Kh6 75.e8Q Kg5 76.Qe4]
71...Rb1 72.e7 Quite a comeback for White. Weighted Error Value: White=0.44/Black=0.34
1-0

738 **A45**
□ **Mhango,Banele** **2236**
■ **Le,Quang Liem** **2729**
FIDE World Rapid Team (1.4) 11.06.2025
[TA]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (120 (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ (41) Atalik, S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 (41) Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 (23) Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]
3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Ne5 Against Bg4 **7...Bd7 8.Be2** The position is equal. **8...e6 9.0-0 Qb6 10.Nxc6 Bxc6 11.Rb1 Rc8 12.Be5 Nd7 13.Bf4 Be7 14.Re1 Bf6 15.Be3 0-0 16.Bd3 g6 17.Ne2 Bb5 18.c3 Bxd3 19.Qxd3 Qb5 20.Qxb5 axb5 21.Nf4 Nb6 22.Nd3 Nc4 23.Bf4 Rfe8 24.Re2 h5 25.Rbe1 Bg7 26.a3 Re7 27.Nb4** White wants to play Nxd5. **27...Rd7 28.h3 Bf6 29.Nd3 b6 30.g4 g5 31.Bg3 Kg7 32.Kg2 Rh8 33.Ne5 Ra7 34.Nd3 Raa8 35.Rh1 Rh7 36.Ree1 Be7 37.Bc7 Bd6 38.Bxd6 Nxd6 39.Ne5 Rah8 40.Nd3 Nc4 41.Reg1 f6 42.Re1 Kf7 43.Ref1** -0.74/22
[43.f3= -0.11/22 remains equal.]

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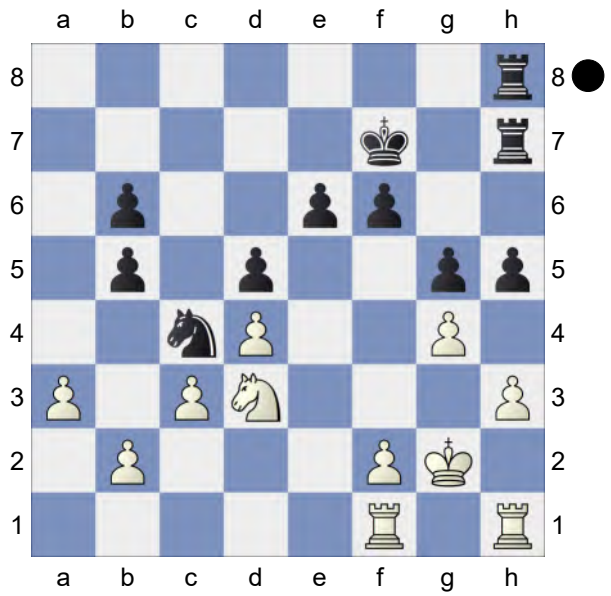
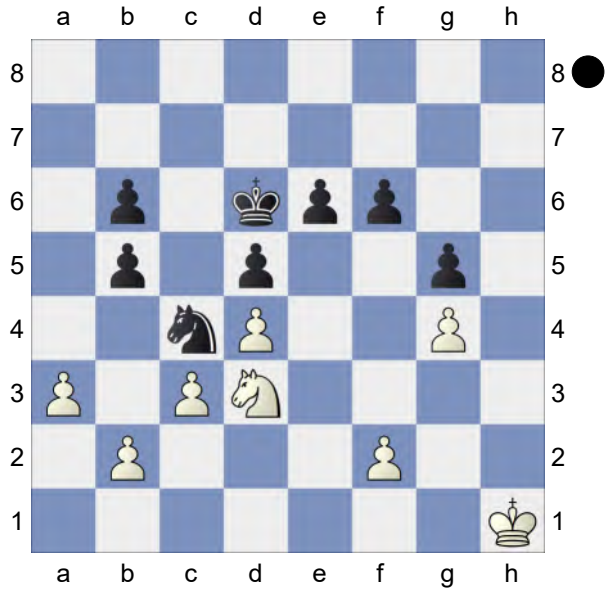


43...Ke7!∓ 44.Re1 Kd6 ...hxg4 is the strong threat.
[44...hxg4 simplifies 45.hxg4 Rxh1 46.Rxh1 Rxh1 47.Kxh1 Kd6]
45.Rd1? -3.04/24 This costs White the game.
[45.h4∓ -0.60/24]
45...hxg4-+ 46.hxg4 Rxh1 47.Rxh1 Rxh1 48.Kxh1



KN-KN **48...e5! 49.dxe5+ fxe5** White must now prevent ...e4. **50.Ne1?** -6.88/23
[50.f3 -2.67/21]
50...e4 Black is clearly winning. **51.b3 Nxa3 52.f4 gxf4**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.32/ Black=0.06 (flawless)
0-1

739 **A45**
□ **Bold,Andre** **2235**
■ **Hovakimyan,Vache** **2282**
Titled Tue 6th May Late blitz (3) 06.05.25
[TA]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.Nf3 b5 6.Bd3 c5 7.dxc5! Bxc5 8.0-0 The position is equal. **8...Nc6** 0.22/20
[8...Nbd7 -0.14/22 deserves consideration.]
9.a3 0-0 10.e4N
[10.Qe2 Qe7 11.Ne5 Nxe5 12.Bxe5 Nd7 13.Bg3 f5 14.a4 b4 15.Nb1 Bb7 16.c4 Kh8 17.Nd2 Ba7 18.Rac1 dxc4 19.Nxc4 e5 20.Na5 Bd5 21.Bc4 Bxc4 22.Qxc4 f4 23.exf4 exf4 24.Bxf4 Nb6 1-0 (32) Dom Perignon (2753)-Apollothedog (2737) Blitz 2024]
10...dxe4 0.59/19
[10...h6= 0.00/19]
11.Nxe4± Be7 12.Nfg5? -1.25/20
[12.Nxf6+± 0.51/19 stays ahead. Bxf6 13.Qe2]

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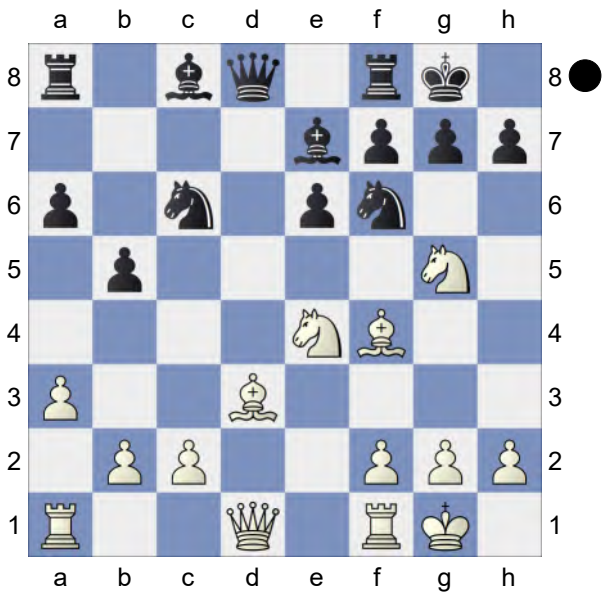

12...h6 0.12/20
[12...Nd5!∓ -1.25/20 13.Qh5 h6 *(13...Nxf4 14.Qxh7#)*]
13.Nxf6+= Bxf6 14.Nh7 0.00/22
[14.Bh7+!± 0.36/23 Kh8 15.Be4]
14...Bxb2 0.95/21
[14...Re8!= 0.00/22 15.Be4 Bb7 16.Nxf6+ Qxf6]
15.Nxf8 0.11/21
[15.Ra2± 0.95/21 Re8 16.Rxb2]
15...Bxa1 16.Nxe6 Bxe6 17.Qxa1 Qd4 18.Be3 This pair of bishops is nice.
18...Qxa1 19.Rxa1 Rc8 20.a4 Nb4 21.axb5 Nxd3 Remove Defender
[21...Nxc2? 22.Bxc2 *(22.Rxa6 Nb4=)* 22...Rxc2 23.bxa6+- *(23.Rxa6 Rb2=)*]
22.cxd3 axb5 Endgame. KRB-KRB
23.Rb1 Bd7 24.Kf1 Rc2 25.Rc1 Ra2 26.Rc7 Bf5 27.Rc3 Rb2 28.Bc1 Rb1 Threatens to win with ...b4. **29.Ke2 b4 30.Rc5 Bg4+ 31.f3 Be6 32.Kd2** -1.06/25
[32.Bd2= -0.28/25 remains equal.]
32...b3∓ Black is more active. **33.Rb5**

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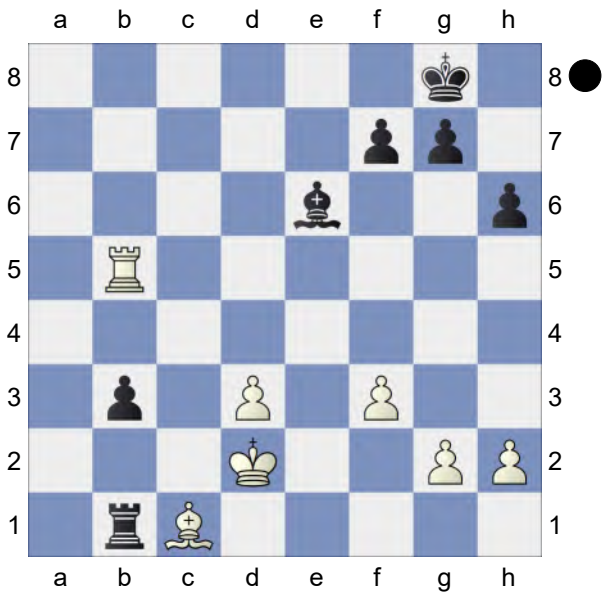


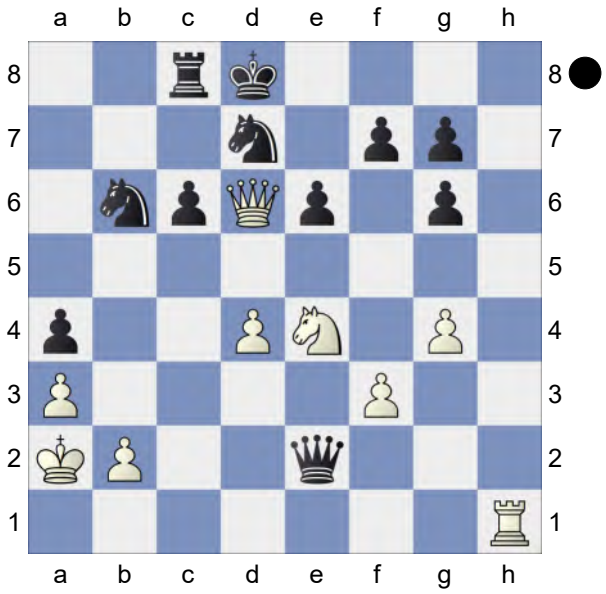
Ra1! 34.Bb2? -2.56/20 Loses the game.
[34.g4∓ -0.90/22 is a better defense.]
34...Rg1-+ 35.g4 Rg2+ 36.Kc1 Rg1+
[36...Rxh2 37.d4 Rc2+ 38.Kb1-+]
37.Kd2 Rg2+ 38.Kc1 Rc2+
[But not 38...Rxh2 39.d4 Bc4 40.Rc5-+]
39.Kb1 Rxh2 40.d4 Rd2 41.Bc3 Rd3 42.Kb2 Rxf3 43.d5 Bxg4 44.Kxb3 h5 45.Kc4 h4 46.Be5 h3 47.d6 Re3 48.Kd4 Re1 49.Rb3 Rd1+ 50.Rd3 -10.09/20
[⌓50.Kc5 -4.87/18]
50...Rxd3+
[Stronger than 50...f6 51.Rxd1 fxe5+ 52.Kxe5=]
51.Kxd3 KB-KB **51...f6 52.Bh2 Kf7 53.Ke3 Ke6 54.Kf2 Bf5 55.Ke3 g5 56.Kf2 Kd7** Strongly threatening ...Kc6. **57.Ke3 Be6** ...Kc6 is the strong threat. **58.Kd4 Bf5 59.Ke3 Kc6 60.Kd4 Bd7 61.Ke4 Be6** White must now prevent ... Bd7. **62.Kd4 Bd7** aiming for ...f5. **63.Ke4 f5+ 64.Ke5 f4 65.Ke4 Kxd6** Hoping for ...Ke6. **66.Kf3 Kd5** Black mates. **67.Kf2 Ke4 68.Kg1 g4 69.Kh1 g3 70.Bg1 h2 71.Be3 Kxe3 72.Kg2 Bc6+**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.56/ Black=0.15 (very precise)
0-1

740 **D00**
□ **Southcott Moyers,Indy** **2227**
■ **Dotzer,Lukas** **2453**
Fagernes GM Open 2025 (9.14) 20.04.25
[TA]

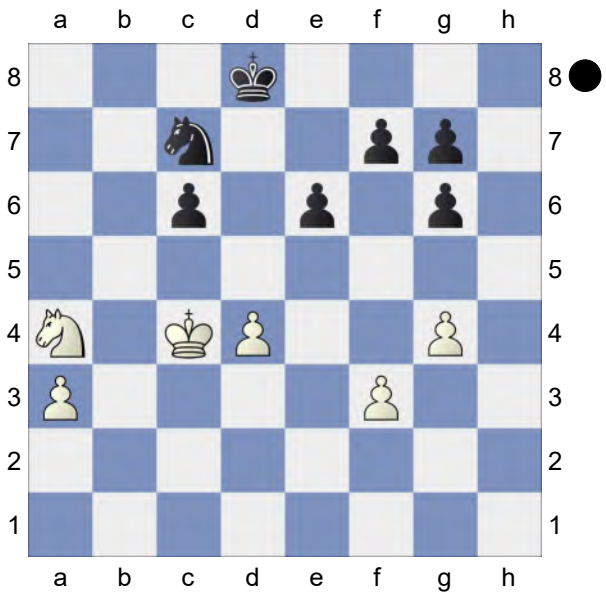
D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
In this game we will see how White's pawn advance on the kingside in the Jobava Attack can lead to weaknesses.
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 Bf5 5.Nf3 e6 6.Ne5 White wants to play g4.
6...Nfd7 7.g4 Bg6 8.Nxg6N White has an edge.
[8.h4 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 h5 10.Bd3 Bxd3 11.cxd3 Nc6 *(11...hxg4 12.Qxg4 Nd7 13.h5 Nxe5 14.dxe5 c5 15.0-0-0 Qd7 16.d4 cxd4 17.Rxd4 0-0-0 18.Kb1 Kb8 19.Rc1 f6 20.exf6 gxf6 21.e4 Bc5 22.Rd3 d4 23.Ne2 Bb6 24.Qf4+ Ka7 25.Qxf6 Qb5 26.Rb3* (48) Model Games-Bortnyk,O *)* 12.gxh5 Qd7 13.Qg4 0-0-0 14.Bg3 f5 15.Qf3 Qf7 16.0-0-0 Rxh5 17.Kb1 Bd6 18.Bxd6 cxd6 19.Rdg1 Rdh8 20.Qg3 f4 21.Qg4 Kb8 22.Qg6 Qf6 ½-½ (35) Bortnyk,O (2608)-Alekseenko,K (2679) Julius Baer GenCup Pl/In rapid 2024 (5)]
8...hxg6 9.e4 Nf6 10.Bg2 aiming for exd5. **10...Bb4 11.exd5 Nxd5 12.Bd2 c6 13.Ne2 Qd6** 1.03/23
[13...Bxd2+= 0.22/22 14.Qxd2 Nd7]
14.h3 0.40/24
[14.c3± 1.03/23 Ba5 15.b4]
14...Nd7 0.92/24
[14...Bxd2+± 0.40/24 15.Qxd2 Nd7]
15.c3± Ba5 16.Qc2 b5 17.Ng3 0.52/23
[17.h4± 0.94/22]
17...Qe7 0.93/22
[17...c5± 0.52/23 is more appropriate.]
18.Ne4 0.57/21
[18.0-0-0!± 0.93/22]
18...Bc7± 19.0-0-0 a5 20.Kb1 a4 21.a3 N7b6 1.40/24
[⌓21...Bf4 0.94/21]
22.Bg5± Qf8 23.h4 1.21/22
[⌓23.Bf1 1.60/25]
23...Bd8 24.Bxd8 Kxd8 25.Bf1 Qe7 1.57/24
[Better is 25...Ke7 1.16/24]
26.c4 bxc4 27.Bxc4 Rb8 1.89/23
[27...Rxh4 28.Rxh4 Qxh4 29.Bxd5 Nxd5 *(29...cxd5? 30.Qc6+-)* 30.Qc5± *(30.Qxc6 Rc8±)*]
[27...Nxc4± 1.53/20 is a better defense. 28.Qxc4 Qc7]
28.Nc5 0.78/28
[28.Ba2+- 1.89/23 is more deadly.]
28...Rxh4 29.Ka2 Qf6 1.12/25
[29...Rxg4? 30.Rh8++- *(30.Nxa4 Qd6∓; 30.Nxa4 Qd6∓)*]
[29...Nxc4± 0.63/24 might be stronger. 30.Qxc4 g5]
30.Ne4 Qe7 31.Rxh4 0.38/21
[White should try 31.Be2± 1.10/23]
31...Qxh4± 32.Be2 Rc8 0.76/23
[32...f5!= 0.08/23 33.Nc5 Qxf2 *(33...fxg4? 34.Qxg6 Qf6 35.Qxg4+-)*]
33.Qd2 0.19/24
[33.Rg1± 0.76/23]
33...Qh3 34.f3 Strongly threatening Ng5. White has compensation.
[34.Qg5+ f6 35.Qc1 Qg2= *(35...Qb3+ 36.Ka1=)*]
[34.Qc2 simplifies Qb3+ 35.Qxb3 axb3+ 36.Kxb3 Nf4 37.Bf1]
34...Qh2 35.Re1 Qf4 36.Qc2 Qe3

37.Rd1 Qf4 0.61/25
[37...Rc7= 0.00/21]
38.Qc5 0.00/27
[38.Rh1!± 0.61/25 f5 39.Ba6]
38...Nd7= A dynamic duo of knights.
39.Qa5+ N5b6 40.Rh1 Qe3 41.Qb4 Threatens to win with Qd6! **41...Qxe2 42.Qd6!**

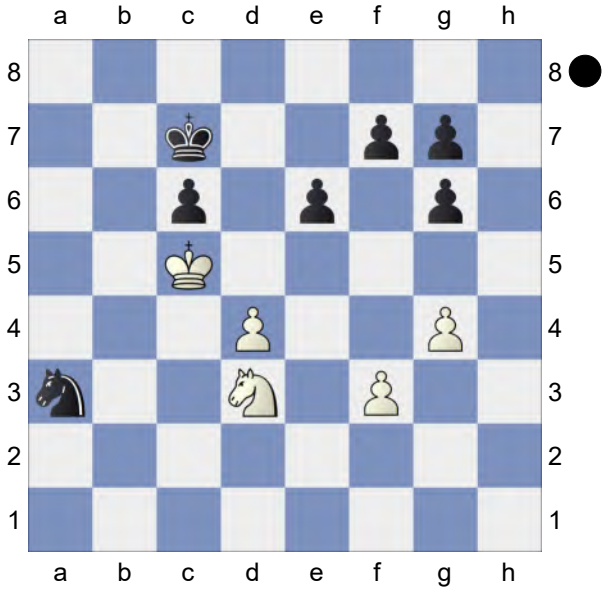


Qxb2+! 43.Kxb2 Nc4+ 44.Kc3 Nxd6 45.Nxd6 Endgame. KRN-KRN **45...Rb8** ...Ke7 is the strong threat. **46.Rh8+! Ke7** Discovered Attack **47.Rxb8 Nxb8** KN-KN **48.Nc8+** -0.70/30
[White should play 48.Nc4!= -0.19/30]
48...Kd8 -0.05/30
[48...Kf6!∓ -0.70/30 49.Nb6 Kg5]
49.Nb6 Na6 Hoping for ...Nc7.
50.Nxa4? -2.34/29
[50.Kc4!∓ -0.34/22]
50...Nc7-+ 51.Kc4 -3.19/25
[⌓51.Nb2 -2.16/24 Nb5+ 52.Kc4 Nxa3+ 53.Kc5]

(Diagram)

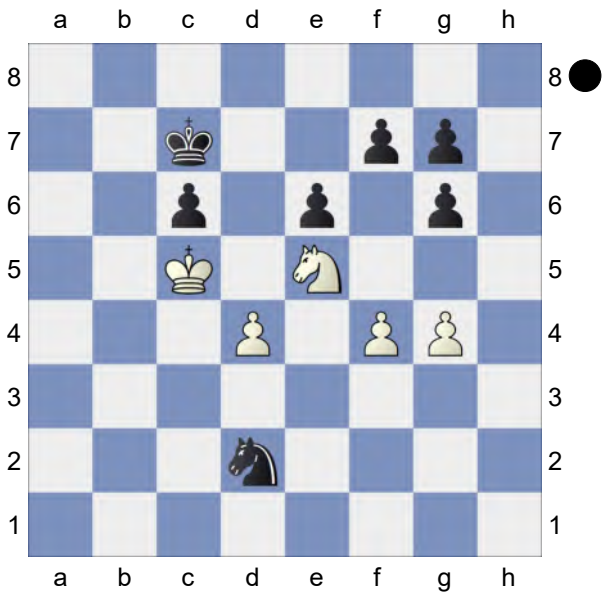


51...Nb5! 52.Kc5 Nxa3 53.Nb2 Kc7 -1.97/26
[⌓53...Nc2 -3.61/29 And now ...Ne1 would win. 54.Nc4 f6]
54.Nd3



Nb1! ...g5 would now be deadly. **55.Ne5** -2.44/30
[55.g5∓ -1.22/32]
55...Nd2 56.f4? -5.69/26
[56.Nxf7 -2.45/29 is more resistant. Nxf3 57.Nh8]

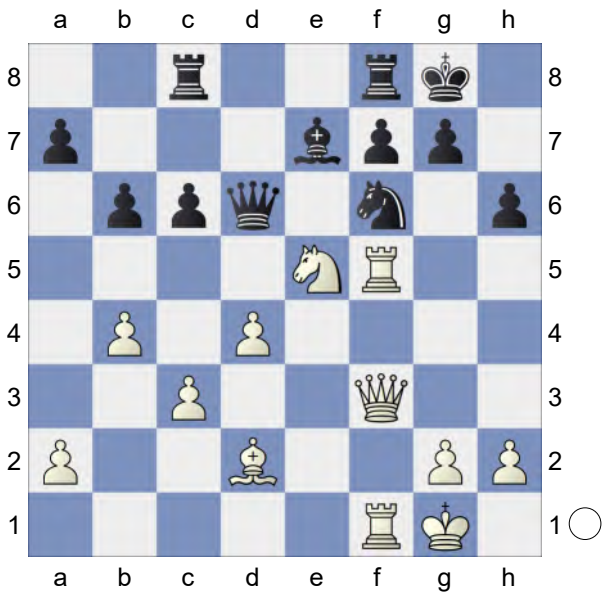
(Diagram)



56...g5! Black is clearly winning. **57.fxg5 Ne4+ 58.Kc4 Nxg5** White must now prevent ...Ne4. **59.Kc5** -7.01/25
[⌓59.Kd3 -4.92/21]
59...Ne4+ 60.Kc4 f6 61.Ng6 Kd6 62.Nf4 g5 63.Nh5 What a bad dream for White.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.36/ Black=0.20 (precise)
0-1

741 **D00**
□ **Drmic,Tomislav** **2224**
■ **Feletar,Darko** **2356**
28. TCh-CRO Div 1a 2019 (2.46) 29.09.19
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c6 4.Nf3 Bf5 5.e3 e6 6.Ne5 h6 7.Bd3N**
[7.g4 Bh7 8.h4 Nbd7 *(8...Ne4 9.Nxe4 Bxe4 10.f3 Bh7 11.Bd3 Bxd3 12.Qxd3 Nd7 13.0-0-0 Nxe5 14.Bxe5 Qa5 15.Kb1 0-0-0 16.g5 h5 17.a3 Qb5 18.Qxb5 cxb5 19.Rd3 Kd7 20.Rb3 a6 21.a4 b4 22.c3 Rg8 23.cxb4* Buksa,N (2383)-Pham,L (2395) FIDE Online Arena INT 2024 Mega2024 Update 30 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (37)*; 8...Nfd7 9.Bd3 Nxe5 10.dxe5 Be7 11.Bxh7 Rxh7 12.Qd3 Rh8 13.Bg3 Nd7 14.0-0-0 Qa5 15.Kb1 0-0-0 16.Ne2 Nc5 17.Qd4 Ne4 18.c3 Qa6 19.Qd3 Qxd3+ 20.Rxd3 h5 21.g5 g6 22.f3 Nc5 23.Rd2* Iwanczuk,K (1950)-Kolbus,D (2270) Wroclaw 2023 0-1 (41)*)* 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.cxd3 Nxe5 11.Bxe5 Bd6 12.Bxd6 Qxd6 13.Qe2 0-0-0 14.0-0-0 Kb8 15.Kb1 e5 16.g5 Nd7 17.Qf3 exd4 18.exd4 hxg5 19.hxg5 Rxh1 20.Rxh1 Qg6 21.Qf4+ Kc8 Bulajic,R (2265)-Vukoje,V (2315) Pula 1990 CBM 98 theory [Kapengut, Albert] ½-½ (35) 22.Nxd5 Qxd3+ 23.Ka1 Ne5 24.Ne7+ Kd7 25.Qxe5 Re8 26.Qf5+ Qxf5 27.Nxf5 g6 28.Ne3 Re4 29.Kb1 Ke6 30.Rd1 Rf4 31.Rd2 b6 32.Kc2 Kd6 33.b3 f6 34.gxf6 Rxf6 35.d5 1-0 (35) Cortese,A (2418)-Denisov,I (2213) USSR (ch) 2022 ICCF Telechess CBM 104 [John Watson]]
7...Bxd3 8.Qxd3 The position is equal. **8...Qa5 9.0-0 Be7 10.e4 0-0 11.Bd2** next Nxd5! is good for White. **11...Qd8 12.f4** -0.26/18
[⌓12.Rae1 0.19/17]
12...dxe4 13.Nxe4 Nbd7 14.Nxf6+ Nxf6 15.b4 Prevents c5. **15...Qd6 16.Rae1 Rad8 17.c3 b6** 0.41/20
[17...Qd5= 0.05/18]
18.f5± exf5 19.Rxf5
[Resist 19.Qxf5 c5±]
19...Nd5 1.07/20
[Black should try 19...c5± 0.49/19]
20.Ref1 Nf6 21.Qf3 0x0.0010f922457fdp-1022s more active pieces. **21...Rc8**
(Diagram)

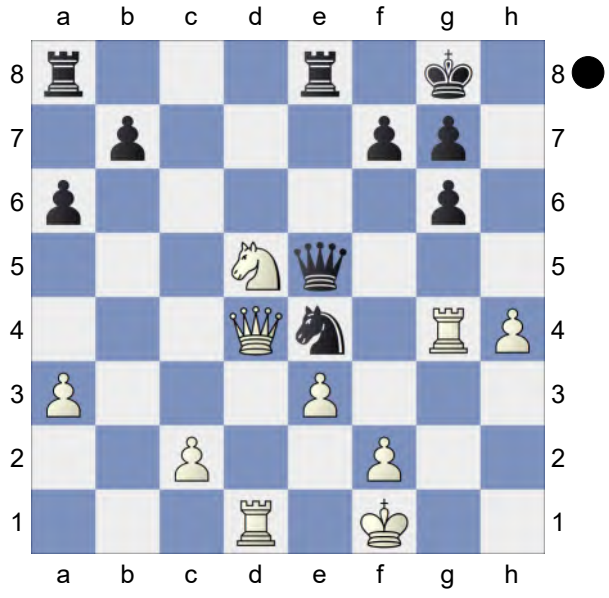


22.Qh3! aiming for Bxh6! **22...Kh7?** 2.98/22 This costs Black the game.
[22...Qe6± 1.15/20]
23.g4+-
[Not 23.Rg5 Ne4 24.Qf5+ Kg8 25.Rxg7+ Kxg7±]
23...Qe6? 5.24/21
[23...Nd7 2.02/19 is more resistant. 24.Nxf7 Qg6]
24.g5 Ne8? 7.17/24
[24...Rce8 3.82/18 25.gxf6 Bxf6 26.Bxh6 gxh6]
25.gxh6 Bf6 26.hxg7+ Kxg7 27.Qg3+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.88
1-0

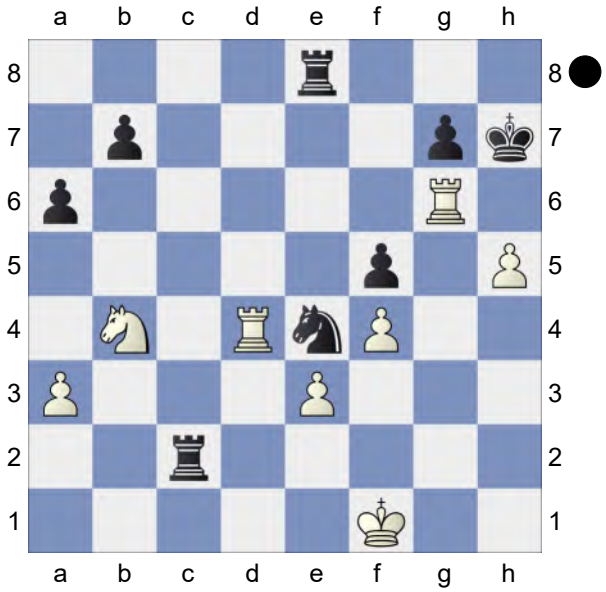
742 **A45**
□ **Marchesich,Giovanni** **2219**
■ **Chernobay,A** **2454**
Titled Tue 27th May Late blitz (10)
[TA]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 e6 4.e3 a6 5.g4 Bb4! 6.a3N -0.46/20
[6.Nge2= 0.04/20 c5 *(6...0-0 7.a3 Be7 8.g5 Nh5 9.h4 Nd7 10.Bh2 b5 11.Bh3 g6 12.Bg4 Ng7 13.Nf4 c5 14.Qf3 Qa5 15.h5 cxd4 16.hxg6 dxc3 17.b4 Qb6 18.Qh3 fxg6 19.Nxg6 hxg6 20.Bc7 Bxg5 21.Bxb6* 1-0 (53) Torombot (3072)-Aks Mantissa (2803) Rapid 2024*; 6...h6 7.a3 Be7 8.Nc1 c5 9.dxc5 Nfd7 10.Nd3 Nxc5 11.Nxc5 Bxc5 12.Qd3* 5) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 a6-3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 #16/16*)* 7.a3 Bxc3+ *(7...cxd4 8.axb4 dxc3 9.Nxc3 0-0 10.g5 Nfd7 11.h4 Nb6 12.Bd3 Nc6 13.Qh5 g6 14.Qh6 e5 15.h5 Qe7 16.hxg6 fxg6 17.Bxg6 Bf5 18.Bxf5 Rxf5 19.Bg3 Rd8 20.g6 Rd7 21.0-0-0 Qg7 22.gxh7+* (37) Theory 5-Model Game #17: Alekseenko,K*)* 8.Nxc3 cxd4 9.exd4 Nc6 10.g5 Ne4 11.Nxe4 dxe4 12.Be3 e5 13.dxe5 Qa5+ 14.Qd2 Qxd2+ 15.Kxd2 Nxe5 16.Be2 Be6 17.b3 0-0-0+ 18.Kc3 Bg4 19.Bxg4+ Nxg4 20.Bd4 f6 21.Rae1 1-0 (36) Banknotehouse (2721)-Smirnovaleksey (2600) Blitz 2024]
6...Bxc3+∓ 7.bxc3 c5 8.Bd3 -0.67/21
[8.h4= -0.27/20 is superior.]
8...Qa5 9.dxc5 -1.53/21
[White should try 9.g5∓ -0.59/17 Ne4 *(9...Qxc3+ 10.Kf1=)* 10.Bxe4 dxe4 *(10...Qxc3+ 11.Kf1=)* 11.Ne2]
9...Qxc3+∓ 10.Kf1 e5 -0.25/18
[10...Qxc5-+ -1.75/21 ...Nc6 is the strong threat. 11.g5 Nfd7]
11.Ne2= Qxc5 12.Bxe5 Bxg4 13.Rg1 Nbd7 14.Bd4 Qd6↑ Black has good play. **15.Rg3 0-0 16.h3** -0.82/20
[16.Kg2∓ -0.42/20]
16...Bh5∓ 17.Qd2 Ne5 -0.27/21
[17...Bxe2+!∓ -0.82/18 18.Qxe2 Rac8]
18.Nf4 Strongly threatening Qc3.

18...Nf3? 1.48/23
[18...Rfe8∓ -0.38/21 keeps the upper hand.]
19.Qc3? -0.66/21 Dancing on a razor blade.
[19.Qb4!± 1.48/23 Qxb4 20.Bxf6 Nd2+ 21.Kg1]
19...Nxd4∓ 20.Qxd4 Bg6 21.Rd1 -1.18/18
[⌓21.a4 -0.78/19]
21...Rfe8 22.h4 Qe5 -0.11/25
[22...Qxa3 23.h5 Bxd3+ *(23...Nxh5? 24.Nxh5 Qf8 25.Nf4+-)* 24.cxd3±]
[22...Rac8∓ -1.13/18 Black wants to play ...Be4. 23.Kg1 Qc5 *(23...Qxa3? 24.h5+-)* 24.Bxg6 hxg6 25.Nxd5 Qxc2 *(25...Qxa3 26.Nxf6+ gxf6 27.h5=)* 26.Nxf6+ gxf6]
23.Bxg6= hxg6 24.Nxd5
[24.Qxe5 simplifies Rxe5 25.Rg5 Re4 26.h5]
24...Ne4
[24...Rac8 simplifies 25.Nxf6+ gxf6 26.Qxe5 Rxe5 27.Rd7 Rf5]
25.Rg4 -2.08/19
[25.Qxe5= -0.03/19 Rxe5 26.Rg4]



25...Rac8? -0.03/20
[25...Qh2!-+ -2.08/19 26.Rf4 f5 *(26...Rac8? 27.c3-+)*]
26.Qxe5 Rxe5 27.Rd4 f5
[27...Rxc2? 28.Rgxe4 Rxe4 29.Rxe4+-]
28.Rxg6 Rxc2 ...Kh7! would now be deadly. **29.f4 Re8 30.h5 Kh7** White must now prevent ...Nd2+. **31.Nb4** -1.33/24
[31.Kg1∓ -0.44/23]



31...Rc7 -0.33/22
[31...Rf2+!∓ -1.33/24 32.Kg1 Rc8]
32.Rb6 -1.24/23
[32.a4∓ -0.33/22]
32...Nf6 -0.38/21
[Black should play 32...a5∓ -1.24/23 33.Nd3 Rc2]
33.Kf2? -3.30/19
[33.Ke2∓ -0.38/21]
33...Ng4+-+ Deflection, Double Attack
[33...Nxh5 34.Rdd6∓]
34.Kg3 Rxe3+
[34...Nxe3 35.Nd5 Rf7 *(35...Rd7? 36.Nf6+* Double Attack *Kh8 37.Rxd7+-)* 36.Rd6∓]
35.Kh4 Nh6?? 4.34/32

[35...Nf2-+ -3.47/21 avoids the disaster. 36.Nd5 Rh3+ *(36...Rxa3? 37.Nxc7 Rh3+ 38.Kg5+-)* 37.Kg5 Rf7 38.Nf6+ gxf6+ 39.Rxf6 Rg7+ 40.Kxf5 Nd3 *(40...Rxh5+? 41.Ke6-+; 40...Rxa3? 41.Rf8-+)*]

36.Nd5!+- Rce7 5.78/23

[36...Rxa3 37.Nxc7 Nf7 38.Ne6 *(38.Rxb7 Ra1+-)* 38...Ra1 39.Rd7 *(39.Rxb7 Rh1+ 40.Kg3 Re1 41.Nf8+ Kg8 42.Rdd7 Rg1+ 43.Kf2 Ra1 44.Rxf7 Ra2+ 45.Kg3 g5)* 39...Rh1+ 40.Kg3 Rg1+ 41.Kf2]

[Not 36...Rd7 37.Nf6+ *(37.Nxe3 Rxd4 38.Rxb7 Rxf4+ 39.Kg3 Rd4∓)* 37...gxf6 38.Rxd7+ Kg8 39.Rxf6 *(39.Rdxb7 Re8+-)* 39...Ng4 40.Rxf5 Nf2 41.h6 *(41.Rxb7 Rh3+ 42.Kg5 Rg3+ 43.Kf6 Ng4+ 44.Ke7 Re3+ 45.Kd8 Nh6+-)* 41...Rh3+ 42.Kg5]

[36...Ree7 3.94/19 might work better. 37.Rdb4 Ng8 38.Nxc7 Rxc7 39.Rxb7 Rc1]

37.Nxe7 Rxe7 Endgame. KRR-KRN

38.Rdb4 Re3 39.Rxb7 2.24/22

[⌓39.a4 3.96/27]

39...Rxa3 40.Ra7 White threatens Rbb7 and mate. **40...a5?** #23/24

[40...Ra1+- 2.80/27 41.Rbb7 Rg1 42.Rxa6 Rg4+ 43.Kh3 Rg1]

41.Rbb7 White mates. **41...Ng4 42.Rxg7+ Kh8 43.Rgb7**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.54/ Black=0.72

1-0

743 **D00**

□ **Szczurek,Krzysztof** **2212**

■ **Schreiner,Peter** **2479**

29. Cracovia Open A (1.3) 27.12.2018

[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 c5 5.Qd2 Nc6 6.f3 e6 7.g4 b5 8.a3N** Black is slightly better.

[8.h4 b4 9.Nce2 a5 24) Jobava London System-Jobava London − 2. Nc3 d5 3.]

8...Be7 9.h4 Bb7 10.Nge2 Nd7 11.h5 e5 12.Bg3 Nb6 13.b3 Prevents Nc4.

[13.dxe5 d4 14.h6 dxc3 15.Qxd8+ Rxd8∓]

[13.Bxe5? Nxe5 14.Bg2 *(14.dxe5? Nc4-+)* 14...Nbc4!-+]

13...b4 14.axb4 cxd4 -0.06/19

[14...exd4∓ -0.50/20 15.exd4 cxb4]

15.exd4= Bxb4 16.0-0-0? -1.97/22

[16.dxe5? d4 17.Bf2 *(17.h6? g5-+)* 17...Rc8-+]

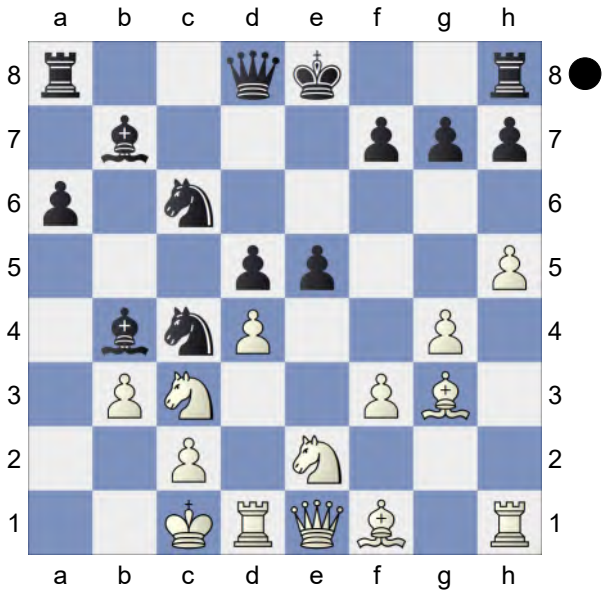
[16.Bxe5? Nxe5 17.dxe5 d4-+]

[16.h6= -0.19/21 g6 17.0-0-0 *(17.dxe5? d4-+; 17.Bxe5? Nxe5 18.Qe3 Bxc3+ 19.Qxc3 Nc6-+)*]

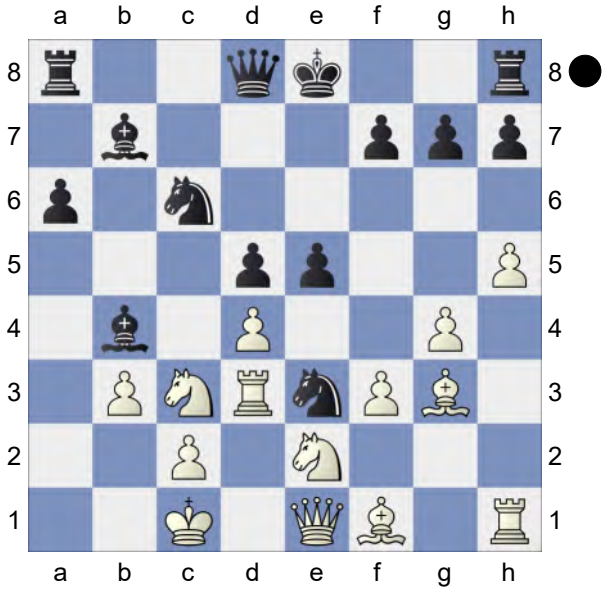
16...Nc4!-+ 17.Qe1 -2.03/21

[17.bxc4∓ -1.51/23 Ba3+ 18.Kb1 Qb6+ 19.Nb5 dxc4 20.Nec3 axb5 21.Nd5]

(Diagram)

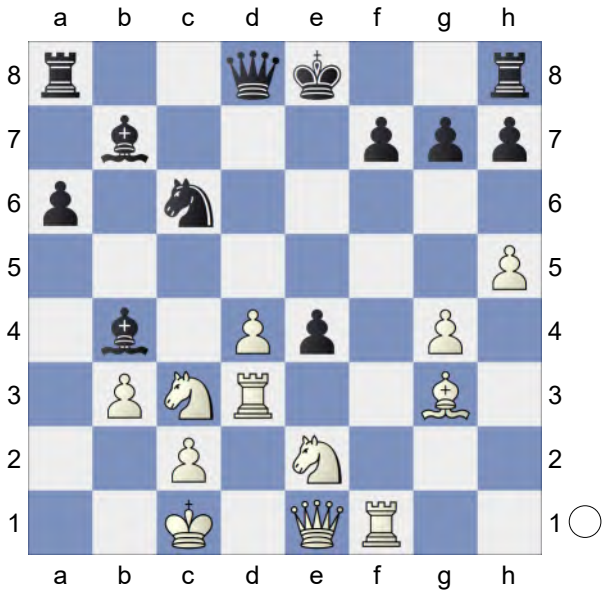


17...Ne3? -0.48/21
[Better is 17...Qa5!-+ -2.03/21 (→ ...Qa1+) 18.bxc4 0-0 19.cxd5 *(19.dxe5? d4-+)* 19...exd4!]
18.Rd3∓



Nxf1 -0.11/22
[18...0-0!∓ -0.59/21]
19.Rxf1 -0.46/20
[19.Qxf1= -0.11/22 f6 20.Qd1]
19...e4 0.42/20
[Black should play 19...0-0∓ -0.46/20 20.dxe5 Qa5 21.Rxd5 Qxd5 22.Nxd5 Bxe1 23.Rxe1 Rae8]

20.fxe4± dxe4

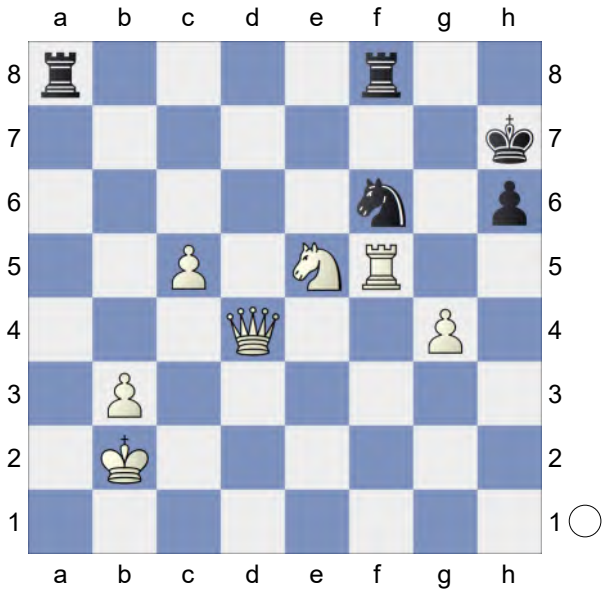


21.Qf2! 0-0 22.Nxe4 Ba3+ 23.Kb1 aiming for Nc5. &Bianco is much more active. The black rooks are badly placed.
23...Nb4 24.Re3 Nd5
[24...Qc8? 25.Nc5+-]
25.Rf3 The board is on fire. **25...Qe7**
26.Nc5 Pair of Knights! **26...a5** 1.97/21
[26...h6± 1.19/21]
27.h6+- gxh6 28.Bh4 f6 29.Ng3↑ Threatens to win with Nf5. White is in control.
[And not 29.Bxf6 Rxf6 30.Rxf6 Nxf6 31.Qxf6 Bxc5 32.dxc5 Qxe2=]
29...Bxc5 30.Nf5 Qd7 5.27/21
[30...Qe6 2.48/20 was necessary.]
31.Nxh6+ Kg7 32.Nf5+ Kh8 White must now prevent ...Bb4. **33.dxc5 a4 34.Qd4 axb3 35.cxb3 Ba6?** 6.25/22
[35...Bc6 2.15/20 36.g5 Qa7]
36.Re1 Hoping for Ne7! **36...Qf7** 7.24/23 Inhibits Ne7.
[⌓36...Bb7 4.46/19 37.Ne7 Kg7]
37.Nd6 Qg6+ 38.Kb2 Bb7 39.Rf5 Bc6 40.Re6 h6 41.Bxf6+
[But not 41.Rxd5? Ra2+!! 42.Kxa2 Qc2+ 43.Ka3 Ra8+ 44.Kb4 Rb8+

45.Ka5 Qa2+ 46.Qa4 Bxa4 47.bxa4 Qxd5 48.Re8+ Rxe8 49.Bxf6+ Kh7 50.Nxe8 Qxc5+ 51.Ka6 Qc6+ 52.Ka5 Qxe8-+]

41...Kg8 42.Nc4 Nxf6 43.Rxc6 Kg7 44.Rc7+ 15.97/20

[⌓44.Ne5 #17/20 Qh7 45.Rc7+ Kg8 46.Rxh7 Kxh7



47.Rxf6! Rxf6 48.Qe4+ Kg7 49.Qb7+ Kg8 50.Qxa8+ Rf8 51.Qd5+ Kh7 52.Qd7+ Kg8 53.c6]

44...Kh8 45.Ne5 Qe8 46.Qf4 Kg8 47.Rxf6 White used his chance.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.41/ Black=0.87

1-0

744 **D00**

□ **Kazarian,Anna Maja** **2207**

■ **Pranav,Venkatesh** **2604**

3rd Sunway Formentera Open (1.4)

[Richard Palliser]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**

[2...c5 3.d5 g6 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* 1-0 Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 2013*; 5.f4 Qa5 6.Bd2 Qb4 7.Qe2 Qxb2 8.Rb1 Qa3 9.e5 dxe5 10.fxe5 Nfd7 11.e6 fxe6 12.dxe6 Nf6 13.Nb5 Qxa2 14.Nc7+ Kd8 15.Rd1 Nc6 16.Bf4+ Nd4 17.Nxa8 Qxe6 18.Qxe6 Bxe6 19.c3 Bg4* 1-0 Genovese,A (2106)-Burk,E (1200) Germany senior ch-5 final 9901 1999*)* 5...Bg7 6.Bc4 *(6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.a4 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nbd7 11.Re1 a6 12.Bf1 e5 13.a5 Ne8 14.Bd3 Qh4 15.Qg4 Qxg4 16.hxg4 Rc8 17.b3 Nef6 18.g5 Ne8 19.g3 f6 20.Kg2 fxg5* 0-1 7.♗c4 ♕a5 8. ♕d2 e6_6062 (2345)-Jovic,A (2383) Gonfreville op 1979 (3.76)*)* 6...0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 1-0 Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) V0048 www.desc-online.de 2000 (7) gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8 21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9)]

3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.h4!?

[As played by Komodo. The equally bold alternative is 5.g4 , as was seen in a recent game from a different Balearic island: Bb4! *(improving over 5...c5 6.g5 Nfd7 7.h4!? Nc6 8.Nf3* , which favoured White in Hebden-

Baker, Guernsey 2019 - see the Archive *)* 6.Nge2!? Nxg4 *(* Black decides that the proof of the pudding must lie in the eating instead, as we've noted before, *6...c5?! 7.a3 cxd4 8.axb4 dxc3 9.Nxc3 0-0 10.g5 Nfd7 11.h4* would leave White doing pretty well,*;* but *6...h6!? 7.a3 Be7* shouldn't be too bad for Black*)* 7.Rg1 g5! *(* a critical follow-up and important new development for us, in contrast to *7...Qh4* , after which *8.Bg3 Qd8 9.a3 Bf8 10.e4* would leave White with decent play for the pawn*)* 8.Rxg4 gxf4 9.Nxf4 Nc6 10.Nh5 (trying to stir up trouble on the kingside...) f5! (a novelty and sensible way of dealing with the kingside situation) 11.Rg3 *(11.Ng7+ Kf8 12.Rg3 Bd6 13.f4 Be7* should be fine for Black*)* 11...Qh4 12.Rh3 Qg5 13.Rg3 Qh4 14.Rh3 Qg5 15.Qf3!? saw White spurning the repetition and Black being OK after Bd6 16.0-0-0 Bd7 followed by castling long in Aravindh-Shuvalova, Ciutadella de Menorca 2024.]

5...b5

[I've never been entirely sold on this follow-up in the Jobava-Prie, preferring to see ...a6 as a prophylactic device designed to keep White out of b5, then follow up with the other queenside pawn advance, namely 5...c5 . Here 6.g4!?

A) despite being played by an experienced Croatian Grandmaster, 6...h6?! 0.44/18 6...Qd8-b6 -0.21 only looks weakening after 7.Qf3! and Nc6 8.Nge2 b5?! 9.g5 cxd4 1.00/19 *(9...Nd7!⩲* 0.33/17 *)* 10.Nxd4± Nxd4 11.exd4 hxg5 12.hxg5 Rxh1 13.Qxh1 was already something of an opening disaster for Black in Koepke-Palac, Austrian League 2024, which may go to show that even in 2024 the Jobava-Prie still contains some surprise value;

B) 6...Qb6! 7.g5! Qxb2 8.Nge2 Nh5 9.Rb1 Qa3 10.Bh2 left White with lasting play for the pawn in Komodo Dragon-The Baron World Computer Championship, Vienna 2022 - see the Archive.]

6.g4! A consistent and fairly strong advance. **6...b4!** And this too is consistent and critical. **7.Na4**

[Clamping down on c5 certainly improves over 7.Nce2? -0.36/18 7.Nc3-a4 0.18 Nxg4 8.Ng3 Nf6 9.h5 -0.86/17 *(9.Nh5∓* -0.50/17 *)* 9...h6 , which didn't give White enough for the pawn in Fiorito-Esmeraldas Huachi, Titled Tuesday Blitz 2023.]

7...Bd7 Challenging the knight so is by no means forced, but is certainly quite critical. **8.Nc5** -0.33/17

[As Pranav may have realised in advance, now Black is better, something which isn't the case after 8.c4! dxc4 9.Bxc4 when, for instance, Bd6 10.g5 Nd5 11.Bxd5!? exd5 12.Ne2 would lead to a classic case of chances for both sides, Black's unopposed light-squared bishop offsetting the hole on c5.]

[8.c4= 0.11/19]

8...Bxc5∓ 9.dxc5 Nc6 White might have the bishop-pair, but her problems are clear: Black has the centre and also a lead in development. **10.Bg2**

[The alternative was 10.g5!? Ne4 11.Nf3 when Qe7! *(11...Nxc5 12.Ne5 0-0 13.Rg1* menaces aggression on the kingside

and must supply some compensation) 12.Bxc7 Nxc5 slightly favours Black, with ...Rc8 and/or ...Ne4 on the way.]

10...Ne4 Simply going after the weakling on c5. **11.Bxe4?!**

[A definite concession and it's notable that the engines prefer 11.Ne2 Nxc5 12.Rc1! when White will at least get c2-c4 in and have some play, if not quite enough for the pawn.]

11...dxe4 12.Bg3 Qf6? 0.01/20

[An overly ambitious move from the young Indian Grandmaster. Black would just have been doing pretty well after 12...f6 13.g5 e5 followed by ...Qe7 or 14.Qh5+ Ke7!? .]

[Black should play 12...f6∓ -0.78/19]

13.Rb1? -1.67/19 White is now going downhill.

[White won't get a second chance after this. Kazarian absolutely had to keep her Jobava-Prie bishop alive with 13.Bxc7 when Qxb2 14.Ne2 would just have been rather unclear and with White certainly not looking worse after, for example,. Repels Qb2-c3+ h6 0.01/19 *(14...Rc8!∓* -0.36/19 should be considered. *15.Bd6 Ne5)* 15.Kf1!?= Qf6 16.a3 .]

[13.Bxc7= 0.01/20 and White stays safe. Qxb2 14.Bd6]

13...e5-+ Closing down the bishop while threatening ...Qe6. White is already in huge trouble. **14.f3** -2.39/18

[14.Qd5∓ -1.13/18]

14...exf3 15.Qxf3 Qg6! Calmly emphasising how White's position is just rather shot on the light squares. **16.Bxe5** -3.64/21

[Likewise, while the game would have continued, it's hard to imagine that White would have survived after 16.g5 Qxc2 17.Rd1 0-0-0 ...Bd7-f5 would now be deadly. 18.Rh2 Qf5 .]

[⌓16.h5 -2.34/19 Qxc2 *(16...Qxg4 17.Rh4∓)* 17.Rd1]

16...Bxg4 17.Qg2 0-0-0

[Or even 17...0-0 followed by ...Rfe8. In either case, Black's pieces quickly flow to good squares.]

18.h5!? -4.09/22 White is weak on the light squares

[18.Bf4 -2.52/19 is a better defense.]

18...Qe6

[18...Bxh5 was also very playable and after 19.Qxg6 *(* or *19.Qh3+* -6.32/20 19.Qg2xg6 -4.11 *Bg4)* 19...Bxg6 20.Bf4 Bxc2 Black would surely have won.]

19.Bf4 Rd5

[19...Qxa2? 20.Qxc6 *(20.Qxg4+ Kb7+-)* 20...Qa5 *(20...Qxb1+? 21.Kf2+-)* 21.Kf2+-]

20.Ne2 Rhd8

[20...Bxh5 21.Qxg7 Rhd8 22.Qh6 Qxh6 23.Bxh6-+]

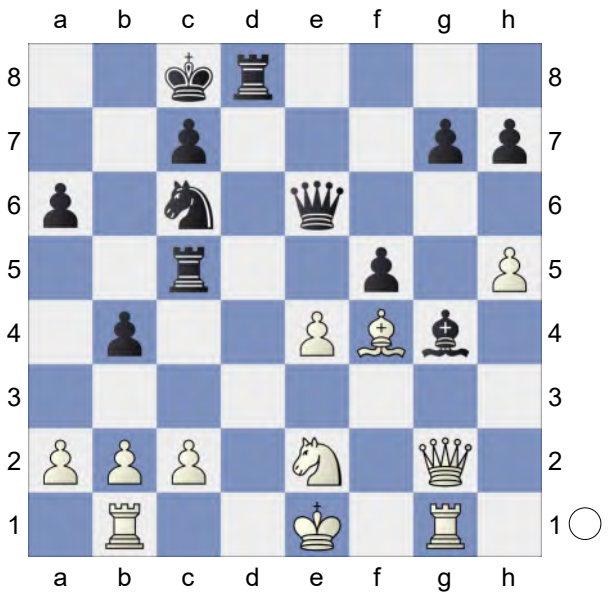
[20...Rxc5 21.c3-+]

21.Rg1 -5.67/18

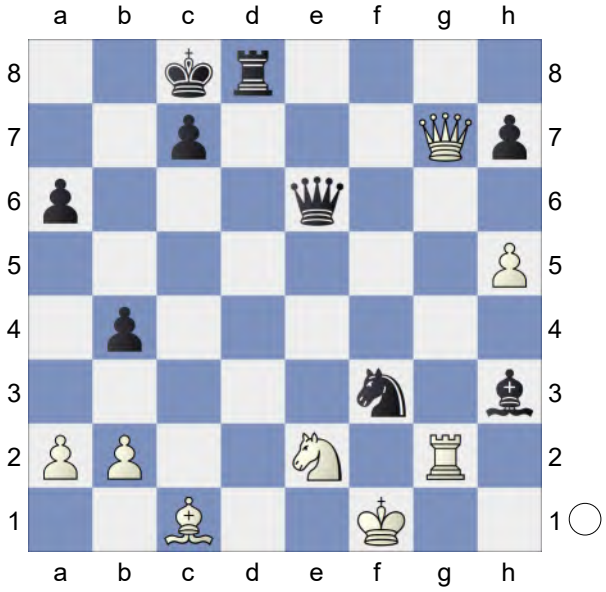
[⌓21.Rh4 -4.00/18 f5 *(21...Bxh5? 22.e4-+)* 22.Rc1]

21...f5 Continuing to spurn the h-pawn to retain maximum control. As so often, the presence of opposite-coloured bishops only favours the side with the initiative, which isn't White. **22.e4** A final desperate try. **22...Rxc5**

(Diagram)



Discovered Attack **23.exf5** **Bxf5**
24.Qxg7? -9.08/19
[24.Qf3 -3.98/19 Rd7 *(24...Bxc2? 25.Rxg7 Rd7 26.Rxd7-+; 24...Qxa2? 25.Kf2-+; 24...Rxc2? 25.Rxg7 Rd7 26.Rxd7-+)* 25.Rc1]
24...Nd4 And already White might well have resigned. The remainder may be painful viewing especially for Jobava-Prie aficionados. Black is clearly winning.
[24...Qxa2 25.Qxc7#]
25.Rg2 Rxc2 26.Rc1 Nf3+
[26...Nxe2 27.Qxc7+ Rxc7 28.Rxc7+ Kb8 29.Rxe2 Qxa2 30.Ree7=]
27.Kf1 Hoping for Rc1xc2. **27...Rxc1+**
[27...Qxa2? 28.Rxc2 *(28.Bxc7? too greedy. Rxc1+ 29.Nxc1 Qc4+ 30.Ne2 Re8-+)* 28...Qb1+ 29.Rc1 Rd1+ 30.Kf2 *(30.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 31.Kf2 Qd8+-)* 30...Rxc1 31.Qf8+ *(31.Nxc1 Qc2+ 32.Kg3* Discovered Attack *Qc6+-; 31.Bxc1 Kb7+-; 31.Kxf3* is a self mate. *Rf1+ 32.Rf2 Qd3+ 33.Be3 Qe4+* Deflection *34.Kg3 Qxe3+)* 31...Kb7 32.Qxb4+ *(32.Nxc1 Qxb2+ 33.Kg3* Discovered Attack *Qc3+-; 32.Bxc1 Bd7+-; 32.Kxf3 Rf1+ 33.Rf2 Qd3+ 34.Be3 Qe4+ 35.Kg3 Qg4+ 36.Kh2 Qh3#)* 32...Kc6 33.Nxc1+-]
28.Bxc1 Bh3
[28...Qxa2 29.Kf2 Qc4 30.Qf6∓]



(→ ...Rd8-e8). Pin **29.Bf4** **Qb6**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.94/ Black=0.57
0-1

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■ **Kramnik,Vladimir** **2753**
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1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (120 (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.

desc-online.de 2000) 5...Bg7 6.Be2 (6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8 ½-½ (41) Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) 21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+ 1-0 (41) Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)) 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 (23) Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]

3.Bf4 c5 4.e4 Nxe4 5.Nxe4 dxe4 6.dxc5 Qa5+ 7.c3 Qxc5 8.Qa4+ The position is equal. **8...Nc6 9.Qxe4 g6 10.Nf3 Bg7 11.Rd1**

[11.Qe3 simplifies Qxe3+ 12.Bxe3 0-0 13.0-0-0]

11...0-0 12.Be2 Bf5 13.Qa4 a6 0.37/23

[13...Rad8= 0.00/25]

14.Be3± Qa5 15.Qh4 -1.41/22

[15.Qxa5± 0.39/23 stays ahead. Nxa5 16.Nd4]

15...Rfd8 -0.42/24

[15...Qxa2∓ -1.41/22 16.Bc1 Rfd8]

16.0-0 -1.32/26

[White should try 16.Rxd8+!∓ -0.42/24 Rxd8 17.a3]

16...Rxd1 17.Rxd1 Rd8 0.00/22

[17...Qxa2∓ -1.17/25 18.Bc1 Qb1]

18.Re1 -1.39/27

[18.Rxd8+= 0.00/22 Qxd8 19.Qa4]

18...Bd3 -0.13/22

[18...Qxa2∓ -1.39/27 19.Bc1 Bd3]

19.Bxd3= Rxd3 20.Qc4 Qd5 21.Qxd5 Rxd5 22.Kf1 h5 23.Ke2 Rb5 24.Bc1 f6 0.48/24

[24...Ra5= -0.04/23]

25.c4 Rf5 26.Rd1 g5 27.h3 g4 28.hxg4 hxg4 29.Nh2 -0.33/22

[29.Nd4= 0.03/21 Re5+ 30.Kf1]

29...Re5+∓ 30.Be3 -1.20/19

[30.Kf1∓ -0.39/20]

30...f5∓ 31.g3 -2.50/20

[31.Rd7∓ -1.06/17 is a better defense.]

31...Ra5!-+ 32.a3 Bxb2 33.Rb1 Bd4 34.Rxb7 Rxa3 35.Nf1 Ra2+ 36.Kd3 -3.03/23

[⌓36.Kd1 -1.89/19]

36...Bf6 37.Nd2 a5 38.c5 Ne5+ -0.90/20

[38...Kf7-+ -3.01/22 is more deadly. And now ...Ke6 would win. 39.Rb5 Nb4+ 40.Kc4 Rc2+ 41.Kb3 Rc3+ 42.Ka4 Nd5 43.Rxa5 Nxe3 44.fxe3 Be5 (44...Rxe3 45.c6∓)]

39.Ke2? -2.49/22

[39.Kc3∓ -0.90/20 keeps fighting.]

39...a4 -1.37/19

[39...Kf7-+ -2.49/22 Strongly threatening ...Ke6. 40.Rb1 Ke6]

40.Bf4? -2.92/22

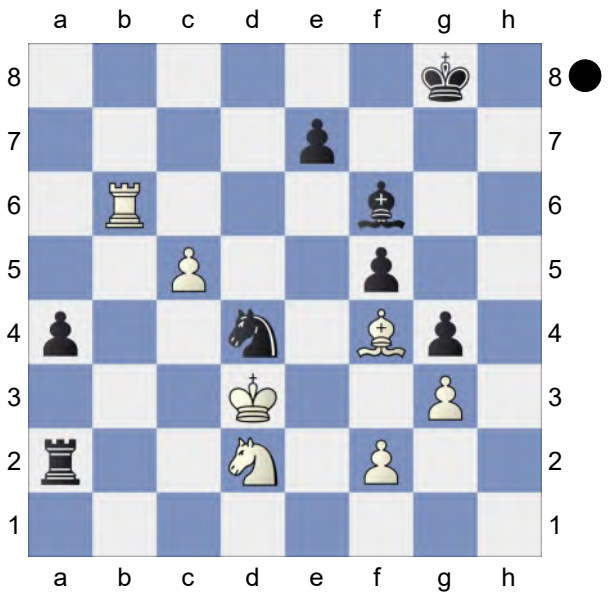
[40.Kd1∓ -1.37/19 might work better.]

40...Nc6? -0.16/19

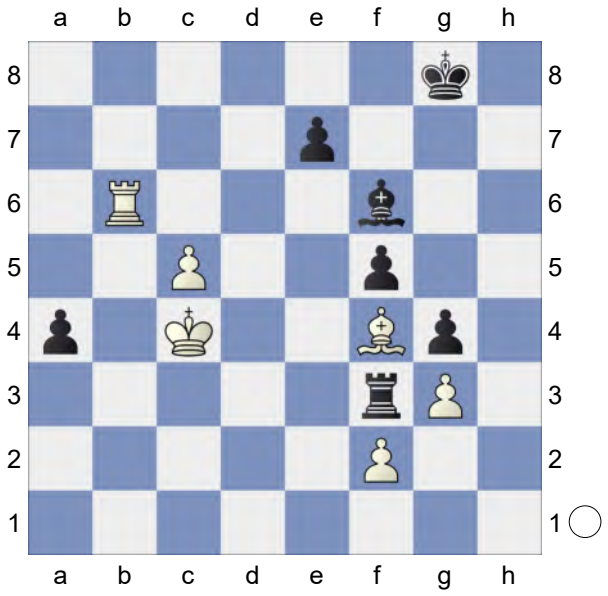
[Better is 40...Nf3-+ -2.92/22 41.Kd1 Nd4]

41.Rb6= Nd4+ 42.Kd3

(Diagram)



Rxf6! is the strong threat. **42...Ra3+ 43.Kc4 Nf3?** 3.82/21
[43...Ne2= -0.16/21 and Black has nothing to worry. 44.Nb1 Ra2]
44.Nxf3? 0.22/23
[44.Rxf6+- 3.82/21 exf6 45.Nb1]
44...Rxf3??+- 4.99/24 Endgame.
[44...Rc3+!= 0.22/23 and Black is okay. 45.Kb4 Rxf3]



KRB-KRB **45.c6?** 0.00/29
[45.Rxf6!+- 4.99/24 exf6 46.c6 Rxf2 47.Kd3 Rf3+ 48.Be3]

45...Rc3+= 46.Kd5 Kf7 White must now prevent ...e6+. **47.c7** Rc6 would now be deadly. **47...a3 48.Rc6 Rxc6**
[48...a2 looks sharper. 49.Ra6 Rd3+ 50.Kc6 a1Q]
49.Kxc6 KB-KB **49...a2 50.c8Q a1Q** Prevents Be5. **51.Qxf5** KQB-KQB **51...Qc3+ 52.Kb5 Qb3+ 53.Kc5 Qc3+ 54.Kb5 Qf3 55.Qc2 Qd5+ 56.Kb4 Qd4+ 57.Kb3 Kg7 58.Qc4 Qxf2** aiming for ...e5. **59.Bc1?** -7.14/20
[59.Qe6= -0.09/19]
59...Qxg3+-+ 60.Kc2 Qf2+ 61.Bd2 Qf3 62.Qc8 -9.12/21
[⌓62.Qd3 -4.77/18 Qc6+ 63.Kd1]
62...Qe4+ 63.Kd1 g3 64.Qh3 Qf3+ 65.Ke1 Qf2+ 66.Kd1 g2 67.Qg4+ Kf7 68.Qh5+ Ke6 -5.82/20
[⌓68...Kf8 -11.74/22 69.Bh6+ Bg7 70.Bxg7+ Kxg7 71.Qg5+ Kf7 72.Qh5+ Ke6 73.Qh3+ Ke5 74.Qh8+ Qf6 75.Qh5+ Kf4 76.Qh2+ Kf3 77.Qh5+ Kg3 78.Qc5 Qd6+ 79.Qxd6+ exd6 80.Kd2 Kf3 *(80...g1B 81.Kd3 d5 82.Ke2 Kf4 83.Kf1 Be3 84.Ke1 Kf3 85.Kd1 d4 86.Kc2 Ke2 87.Kb3 d3 88.Kc4 d2 89.Kd5 d1Q+ 90.Ke6 Kf3 91.Ke7 Qd5 92.Kf6 Bc5 93.Kg6 Bf8 94.Kf6 Kg4 95.Kg6 Qf5#; 80...g1Q 81.Kc3 Qc5+ 82.Kb3 Kf3 83.Ka2 Ke3 84.Kb2 Kd3 85.Kb1 Qf2 86.Ka1 Kc3 87.Kb1 Qb2#)* 81.Kd1 g1Q+ *(81...g1R+ 82.Kd2 Ke4 83.Kc2 d5 84.Kd2 d4 85.Kc2 d3+ 86.Kc3 Rc1+ 87.Kb4 d2 88.Kb3 d1Q+ 89.Kb4 Rb1+ 90.Ka5 Qd8+ 91.Ka6 Qb6#)* 82.Kc2 Qc5+ 83.Kb3 Ke2 84.Ka4 Kd2 85.Kb3 Qb5+ 86.Ka2 Kc3 87.Ka3 Qb3#]
69.Qh3+ Kd5? 0.00/33
[69...Kf7-+ -10.41/21 70.Qh5+ Kf8 71.Bh6+ Bg7 72.Bxg7+ Kxg7

73.Qg5+ Kf7 74.Qh5+ Ke6 75.Qh3+ Ke5 76.Qh8+ Qf6 77.Qh5+ Kf4 78.Qh2+ Ke4 79.Qxg2+ Qf3+ 80.Qe2+ Qxe2+ *(80...Kf4 81.Ke1 Qxe2+ 82.Kxe2 Ke4 83.Kf2 Kd3 84.Kf3 e5 85.Kf2 e4 86.Ke1 Ke3 87.Kd1 Kf2 88.Kc2 e3 89.Kc3 e2 90.Kd4 e1Q 91.Kd5 Qe7 92.Kd4 Qd6+ 93.Kc3 Ke3 94.Kc4 Kd2 95.Kb3 Qd4 96.Ka2 Kc3 97.Kb1 Qb6+ 98.Kc1 Qg1#)* 81.Kxe2 e5 82.Kd2 Kf3 83.Kd1 Kf2 84.Kc2 e4 85.Kd2 e3+ 86.Kc3 e2 87.Kd4 e1Q *(87...e1B 88.Ke5=)* 88.Kd5 Qe8 89.Kd6 Ke3 90.Kd5 Kd3 91.Kd6 Kd4 92.Kc7 Kc5 93.Kb7 Qf7+ 94.Kc8 Kc6 95.Kd8 Qf8#]

70.Qb3+= Ke4 71.Qc4+? -10.54/23

[71.Qb7+= 0.00/27 Kf5 72.Qd5+ Kg4 73.Qe4+ Kg3 74.Qg6+ Kh3 75.Qh6+ Bh4 76.Qe3+ Qg3 77.Qxg3+ Kxg3 78.Be3 Kf3 79.Bg1 Bf2 80.Bh2 e5 *(80...g1R+ 81.Bxg1 Bxg1 82.Ke1 e5 83.Kf1 Be3 84.Ke1 e4 85.Kd1 Bf2 86.Kc2 e3 87.Kd3 e2 88.Kc4 Ke4 89.Kb5 Kd5 90.Ka5 e1Q+ 91.Ka6 Qb1 92.Ka5 Bc5 93.Ka6 Qb6#)* 81.Kc2 e4 *(81...g1R 82.Kb3 e4 83.Be5 e3 84.Bc7 e2 85.Ba5 Ke4 86.Kc4 Rc1+ 87.Kb3 Kd3 88.Kb2 Bd4+ 89.Kb3 Rb1+ 90.Ka4 Kc4 91.Bb4 Ra1+ 92.Ba3 e1R 93.Ka5 Rxa3#; 81...Ke2 82.Kc3 g1Q 83.Bxg1 Bxg1 84.Kc4 e4 85.Kc3 Kf3 86.Kd2 e3+ 87.Kd3 e2 88.Kd2 Bf2 89.Kc3 Ke4 90.Kc4 e1Q 91.Kb5 Qc3 92.Ka4 Qb2 93.Ka5 Bc5 94.Ka6 Qb6#)* 82.Be5 e3 *(82...g1R 83.Bf6 e3 84.Kd3 e2 85.Bc3 Rg4 86.Kc2 e1Q 87.Bxe1 Bxe1 88.Kb3 Rb4+ 89.Ka2 Ke3 90.Ka3 Kd3 91.Ka2 Kd2 92.Ka3 Kc2 93.Ka2 Ra4#; 82...g1Q 83.Kb3 e3 84.Bd4 e2 85.Bc3 Qc1 86.Kb4 Qc2 87.Be1 Bxe1+ 88.Kb5 Bf2 89.Kb4 e1Q+ 90.Kb5 Qeb1+ 91.Ka6 Qb6#)* 83.Bd4 g1Q *(83...g1R 84.Kd3 e2 85.Bc3 Rg4 86.Kc2 e1Q 87.Bxe1 Bxe1 88.Kb3 Ke3 89.Kb2 Kd2 90.Kb1 Rb4+ 91.Ka2 Rb5 92.Ka3 Kc2 93.Ka4 Ra5#)* 84.Kb3 e2 85.Bc3 Qc1 *(85...e1B 86.Bf6 Qg6 87.Bb2 Qg8+ 88.Kc2 Qa2 89.Kc1 Ke2 90.Kc2 Bd4 91.Kc1 Qxb2#)* 86.Kb4 Qc2 *(86...e1R 87.Bxe1 Bxe1+ 88.Kb5 Qc7 89.Ka6 Ke4 90.Kb5 Qd6 91.Kc4 Qd5#)* 87.Be1 Bxe1+ 88.Kb5 Bg3 89.Kb4 e1Q+ *(89...e1B+? 90.Kb5 Bgf2 91.Ka6 Qc6#)* 90.Kb5 Qeb1+ 91.Ka6 Qa4#]

71...Kf5-+ (-> …Qf1+) **72.Qc8+ Ke4?** 0.00/21

[72...e6-+ -11.16/30 73.Qc2+ Kg4 74.Qg6+ Kh3 75.Qh6+ Kg3 76.Qe3+ Qxe3 77.Bxe3 Kf3 78.Bg1 e5 79.Kd2 e4 *(79...Bg5+* is a self mate. *80.Kc3 e4 81.Kb3 e3 82.Kc4 e2 83.Kd5 e1Q 84.Bd4 Be3 85.Bh8 g1Q 86.Be5 Qg8+ 87.Kd6 Qb4+ 88.Kc6 Qe6+ 89.Kc7 Qbb6#)* 80.Kc2 e3 81.Bh2 e2 *(81...Be5 82.Bxe5 g1Q 83.Bd4 Qg4 84.Bh8 Qc4+ 85.Bc3 Ke2 86.Kb2 Kd3 87.Ba5 Qb5+ 88.Ka3 Kc2 89.Bb4 Qa6+ 90.Ba5 Qxa5#)* 82.Kd2 Be7 *(82...Bg5+ 83.Ke1 Bf4 84.Bg1 Bg3+ 85.Kd2 e1Q+ 86.Kd3 Qxg1 87.Kc4 Qb6 88.Kc3 g1Q 89.Kd2 Qge3+ 90.Kd1 Qbb3#)* 83.Bg1 Bb4+ 84.Kd3 e1Q *(84...e1B* gets mated. *85.Kc4 Bf2 86.Bh2 Bd2 87.Kd5 Bf4 88.Bxf4 Kxf4 89.Kd6 g1Q 90.Kd5 Qg8+ 91.Kc6 Qe8+ 92.Kd6 Ke4 93.Kc7 Kd5 94.Kb7 Qd8 95.Ka6 Qb6#)* 85.Kc4 Qxg1 86.Kb5 Qc5+

87.Ka4 g1Q *(87...g1R? 88.Kb3 Rb1+ 89.Ka4 Qc6#)* 88.Kb3 Qd1+ 89.Kb2 Qf2#]

73.Qg4+? -10.92/32

[73.Qb7+= 0.00/21 Kf5 74.Qd7+ e6 75.Qh7+ Kg4 76.Qg8+ Kf3 77.Qa8+ Kg3 78.Qg8+ Kh2 79.Qh7+ Bh4 80.Kc2 g1Q *(80...g1B? 81.Kb3-+)* 81.Qd3 Qa1 82.Kb3 Qd1+ 83.Qc2 Qb6+ *(83...Qfxd2* leads to mate. *84.Qxd1 Qxd1+ 85.Kb4 Qd5 86.Kc3 Bf6+ 87.Kc2 Qc4+ 88.Kd1 Qd3+ 89.Kc1 Qe2 90.Kb1 Qb2#)* 84.Bb4+ Qxc2+ Deflection 85.Kxc2 Qxb4 86.Kd1 Bg5 87.Kc2 Qa3 88.Kb1 Qb3+ 89.Ka1 Bf6#]

73...Kd5? 0.00/38

[73...Ke5-+ -10.92/32 74.Bc3+ Kd5 75.Qd7+ Ke4 76.Qe6+ Kf3 77.Qd5+ Kg3 78.Qg8+ Kh2 79.Qh7+ Kg1]

74.Qd7+= Ke4 75.Qg4+? -10.40/32

[75.Qb7+= 0.00/30 Kf5 76.Qd5+ Kg4 77.Qe4+ Kg3 78.Qg6+ Kh2 79.Qh6+ Bh4 80.Qg6]

75...Ke5-+ 76.Bc3+ Kd5 77.Qh5+ Kc4 78.Qf7+ Kxc3

Weighted Error Value: White=0.56/ Black=0.51

0-1

746 **A45**

□ **Xylogiannopoulos,A** **2185**

■ **Spyropoulos,Nikolaos** **2400**

52nd TCh-GRE 2025 (6.4) 03.07.2025

[TA]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 c6 6.Nc3 Nc7 0.43/24

[6...c5= 0.06/21 feels stronger.]

7.Nf3 Be7N 0.65/25

[7...Bb4= 0.24/23 might be stronger.]

[7...Bd6 8.Ne5 *(8.Bd3 0-0 9.Ne5 c5 10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.Qf3 b6 12.0-0-0 Ba6 13.g4 Bxd3 14.Nxd3 Nd7 15.h4 Re8 16.Qg3 Rc8 17.g5 Bf8 18.h5 Nc5 19.Ne5 Nb7 20.g6 Nd6 21.Rdg1 Qe7 22.gxh7+ Kh8* 1-0 (28) Beber,A (1799)-Alfano,E (1885) EU-chT U12 Girls 2023 (3.1)*)* 8...0-0 9.Qf3 c5 *(9...Bb4 10.Bd3 Ne4 11.0-0 Bxc3 12.bxc3 f6 13.Nc4 dxc4 14.Bxe4 e5 15.dxe5 fxe5 16.Qh5 g6 17.Bxg6 Qe7 18.Bxe5 Nd5 19.Be4 Nxc3 20.Bxh7+ Qxh7 21.Qg5+ Kf7 22.Bxc3 Qg6 23.Qxg6+ Kxg6 24.e4* 1-0 (48) Normal One (2628)-TheRigaMagician (2763) Blitz 2024*)* 10.0-0-0 c4 11.g4 b5 12.g5 Nfe8 13.h4 f6 14.gxf6 Nxf6 15.Rg1 b4 16.Na4 Bd7 17.Nc5 Be8 18.Nb7 Qe7 19.Nxd6 Qxd6 20.Rxg7+ Kxg7 21.Qg2+ Bg6 22.Nxg6 (25) Chapter-Games Chapter 9 (1)]

8.Ne5 White is slightly better. **8...Bd7** 1.08/21

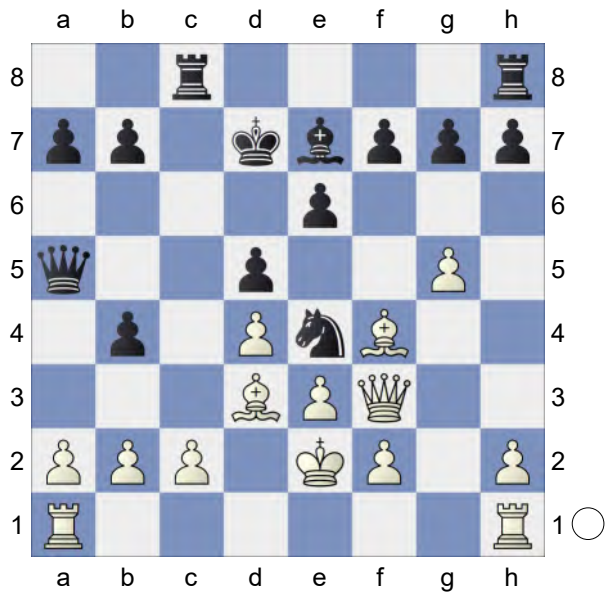
[8...0-0± 0.53/21]

9.Qf3 White has more active pieces. The black rooks are passive. **9...Nb5 10.Nxb5 cxb5 11.Bd3 Qa5+ 12.Ke2 b4 13.Nxd7 Kxd7 14.g4 Rac8 15.g5** 0.40/20

[White should try 15.Rhc1± 0.84/20]

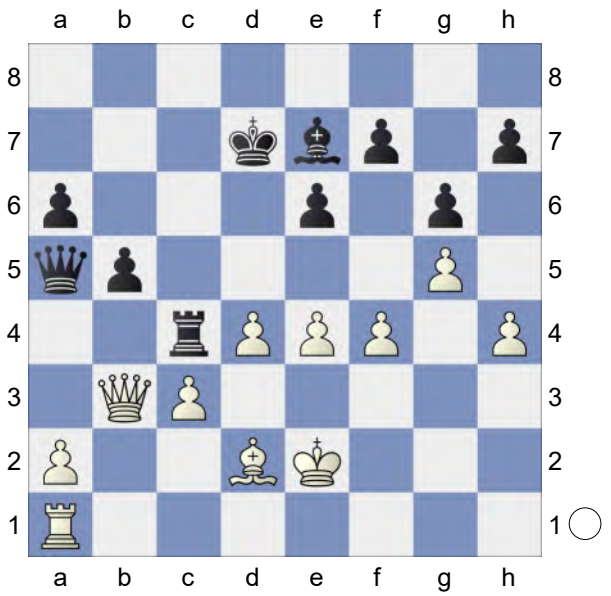
15...Ne4!±

(Diagram)



Discovered Attack, Deflection **16.Bxe4 Qb5+ 17.Kd2!**
[Don't blunder 17.Bd3? Rxc2+ 18.Kf1 Qxd3+ 19.Kg2 Rxb2-+]
17...dxe4 18.Qxe4 Rc6 19.h4 Rhc8 ...Rxc2+ is the strong threat. **20.Rhc1**
[20.Qxh7? perishes. Rxc2+ 21.Qxc2 Rxc2+ 22.Kxc2 Qe2+ 23.Kc1 Qxf2-+]
20...g6 21.Qd3 Really sharp! **21...Qd5 22.e4 Qa5 23.Ke2 Qa4** 0.87/26
[23...f5!± 0.42/20]
24.c4± Hoping for d5. **24...bxc3 25.Rxc3 Rxc3 26.bxc3 b5 27.Bd2 a6 28.f4 Qa3 29.Qb1 Rc4 30.Qb3 Qa5** 1.10/18
[Black should play 30...Ra4± 0.53/22 31.Qb1 Bd8]

(Diagram)

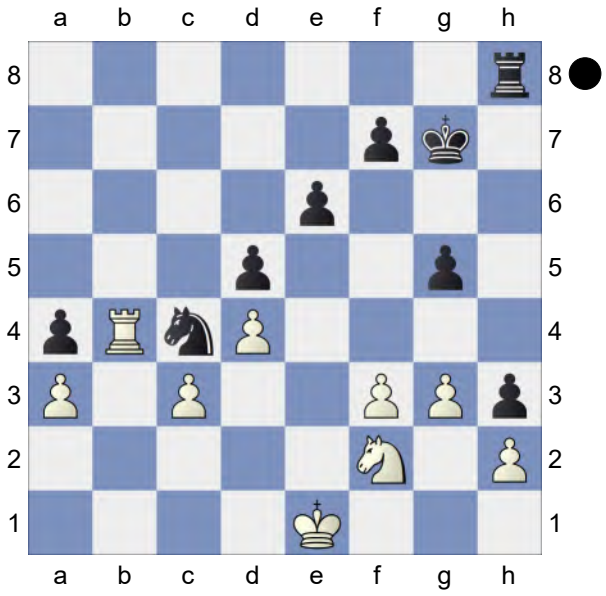


31.Kd3 -0.22/20
[31.a4!± 1.10/18]
31...Ra4= 32.d5 Ra3 33.dxe6+ fxe6 34.Qc2 b4 35.Rb1? -3.23/20
[35.Ke2!∓ -0.37/19]
35...Rxa2? 0.00/22
[35...Qb5+-+ -3.23/20 36.Ke3 Bc5+ 37.Kf3 Qc4]
36.Qb3↑ White has the initiative.
36...Qb5+? 2.24/20
[36...Ra3= 0.00/22 and Black stays safe. 37.Qc4 Qb5]
37.c4+- Qa4 38.Bxb4 Bxb4? 4.37/19
[38...Qxb3+ 2.06/21 is a better defense. 39.Rxb3 Bd8]
39.Qxb4 White is clearly winning.
39...Qc2+ 40.Kd4 Qb7+ would kill now.
40...e5+ 41.Kxe5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.49
1-0

747 **A45**
□ **Goltsev,Dmitry** **2183**
■ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2776**
Titled Tue 27th May Late blitz (10)
[TA]

D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 3 Bf4

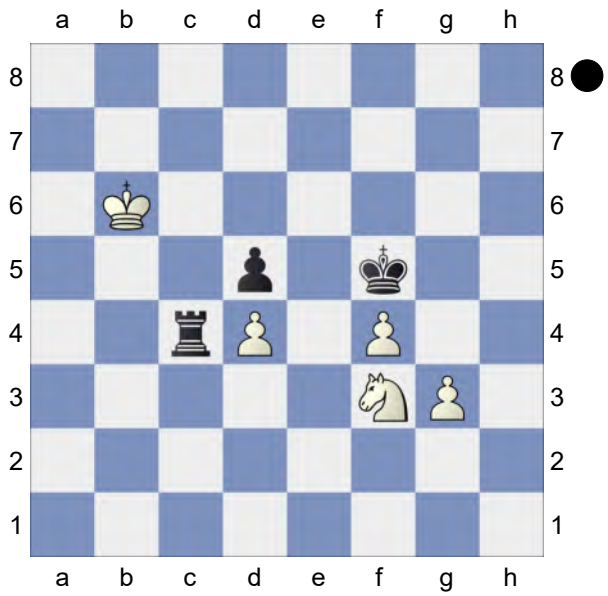
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 Bf5 4.e3 e6 5.Nf3 Bd6 6.Ne5 h6
[6...Nbd7 7.Nb5 h6 8.Nxd7 Kxd7 9.Nxd6 cxd6 10.f3 Qb6 11.Qc1 Nh5 12.g4 g5 13.Bxd6 Qxd6 14.gxf5 exf5 15.Qd2 Rad8 16.0-0-0 Kc8 17.c4 f4 18.e4 dxe4 19.fxe4 Qc7 20.e5 Ng7 21.Bh3+ 1-0 (55) Torombot (2992)-Magnusglad (2770) Rapid 2024]
7.Bd3 Bxd3 8.Nxd3N -0.22/24
[8.cxd3 0.23/18 might be stronger. c6 *(8...Nbd7 9.Rc1 0-0 10.h4 Ne8 11.Qb3 Rb8 12.Ne2 c6 13.a3 f6 14.Ng6 Rf7 15.h5* Jobava London-3... Bf5 2023 *)* 9.Bg3]
8...Nbd7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Qf3 Qe7 11.a3 -0.45/22
[11.e4= -0.01/22 dxe4 12.Nxe4]
11...c5∓ 12.Nb5 Bxf4 13.Qxf4 a6 14.Nc3 Rac8 15.Rae1 b5 16.dxc5 Nxc5 17.Nxc5 -1.33/21
[⌓17.Qb4 -0.74/17]
17...Rxc5∓
[17...Qxc5 18.Rc1∓]
18.Re2 Rfc8 19.Rd1 -1.93/19
[19.Qd4∓ -1.30/19]
19...Rc4-+ 20.Qe5 -2.70/19
[⌓20.Rd4 -1.93/22]
20...Qc7? -0.51/22
[20...Nd7-+ -2.70/19 21.Qg3 *(21.Nxd5? Qc5-+* Pin *)* 21...b4]
21.Qxc7∓ R8xc7 22.f3? -2.20/23
[22.Rd4∓ -0.51/23]
22...g5? -0.51/25
[22...b4!-+ -2.20/23 23.Nb1 Rxc2]
23.Rd4 Rxd4 24.exd4 Endgame. KRN-KRN **24...Ne8** 0.68/23
[24...Rc4∓ -0.49/27 25.Rd2 b4 26.axb4 Rxb4]
25.Nd1 -0.48/31
[White should try 25.Nxd5± 0.68/23 Rd7 26.Nb4]
25...Nd6 26.Ne3 a5 27.c3 Kg7 28.Kf2 h5 29.Ke1 h4 30.g3 h3 31.Ng4 -0.89/26
[31.Kd2= -0.18/25]
31...Rc8 -0.29/25
[31...b4!∓ -0.89/26 32.axb4 axb4]
32.Nf2= Rh8 0.00/26
[32...b4!∓ -0.36/27 33.axb4 axb4 34.Nxh3 Kg6]
33.b3 -0.87/24
[33.Nd3= 0.00/26 keeps the balance.]
33...a4 34.bxa4 bxa4 35.Rb2 -1.33/26 Inhibits Rb8.
[⌓35.Nd3 -0.87/24]
35...Nc4 36.Rb4 -2.01/25
[36.Rb7∓ -1.32/23]



36...Ra8!-+
[36...Nxa3 37.Rxa4 Nc4 38.Ra2∓]

37.Nxh3 Nxa3 38.Kd2 -4.56/23 Repels Nc2
[38.Kd1 -2.06/22 might work better.]
38...Nc4+ 39.Kc2 a3 (-> ...a2) **40.Kb1 Rh8 41.Nxg5 Rxh2** Strongly threatening ...Nd2+. **42.Rb7 Kf6** -0.32/22
[42...Nd6-+ -3.27/26 43.Rb6 Kf6 Trapped Piece 44.Rxd6 Kxg5 45.f4+ Kf5 *(45...Kg4? 46.Rd7-+)*]
43.f4? -3.04/22
[43.Nxf7∓ -0.32/22 Rh1+ 44.Ka2]
43...Nd6 44.Ra7? -5.71/24
[44.Rb3 -2.73/19 only move. a2+ *(44...Nc4? 45.Ka1-+)* 45.Ka1]
44...Nb5 45.Rxf7+ Kg6 46.Re7 Nxc3+ 47.Kc1 a2 48.Rxe6+ Kf5 49.Ra6 Rh1+? 0.00/30
[Better is 49...Rg2-+ -6.14/21 50.Nf3 Ke4 *(50...Rxg3? 51.Nh4+ Kxf4 52.Kb2-+)*]
50.Kb2= Rb1+
[50...Kg4 51.Nf7∓]
51.Kxc3 a1Q+
[Reject 51...a1B+?! 52.Kc2 Rh1 53.Rd6±]
52.Rxa1 Rxa1 KR-KN **53.Kb4 Rc1**
[53...Ra6!? 54.Kc5□ Ra3=]
54.Kb5 Rc3 55.Kb6 Rc4 56.Nf3? -5.46/34
[56.Kb5= 0.00/32]

(Diagram)



56...Rc3? 0.00/41
[56...Ke4!-+ -5.46/34 57.Nd2+ Kxd4 58.Nb3+ *(58.Nxc4 dxc4 59.f5 Ke5 60.g4 c3 61.f6 Kxf6 62.Kc6 Ke5 63.Kc5 c2 64.Kc4 c1Q+ 65.Kd3 Qb2 66.Kc4 Qc2+ 67.Kb5 Qc3 68.Kb6 Kd6 69.Kb5 Qb3+ 70.Ka5 Kc5 71.g5 Qb5#)* 58...Ke3]
57.Ng5 The position is equal. **57...Rc1 58.Kb5 Rc4 59.Nf3 Rc1** Threatens to win with ...Ke4. **60.Ng5**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.60/ Black=0.62
½-½

748 **D00**
□ **Suyarov,Mukhammadzokhid** **2169**
■ **Rohith Krishna,S** **2358**
22. Dubai Open 2022 (6.43) 01.09.2022
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e4 Nxe4 5.Nxe4 dxe4 6.dxc5 Qa5+ 7.c3 Qxc5 8.Qa4+** The position is equal. **8...Nc6 9.Qxe4 g6 10.Nf3 Bg7** Hoping for ...Bxc3+! **11.Qe3 Qxe3+ 12.Bxe3 0-0**

[12...Bg4 13.Be2 0-0-0 14.h3 Bf5 15.Bb5 Be4 16.Bxc6 Bxc6 17.Bxa7 Bxf3 18.gxf3 Rd6 19.Ke2 b6 20.Rhd1 Kb7 21.Rxd6 exd6 22.Bxb6 Kxb6 23.a4 Re8+ 24.Kd3 Re5 25.b4 Rf5 26.a5+ Ka6 27.Ra3 Ruoxiax (2658)-Gertrude Weichsel (2707) Blitz 2024 [Kitty Kat] 0-1 (34)]

13.0-0-0N

[13.Bc4 Bg4 14.a3 Bxf3 15.gxf3 Ne5 16.Be2 Rfd8 17.0-0 Rac8 18.Rad1 a6 19.Bb6 Rxd1 20.Rxd1 Bh6 21.Kg2 Bf4 22.Be3 Bxe3 23.fxe3 Rc7 24.f4 Nc6 25.Bf3 Kf8 26.Bxc6 Rxc6 27.Rd8+ Kg7 Jr Poison (2620)-Fastchess2345 (2735) Blitz 2024 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (45)]

[13.Be2 Be6 *(13...Bf5 14.0-0 Rfd8 15.Rfd1 Kf8 16.Bb5 a6 17.Bxc6 bxc6 18.Nd4 Be4 19.Rac1 c5 20.Nb3 Rxd1+ 21.Rxd1 c4 22.Nc5 Bc6 23.f3 Ke8 24.Bd4 e5 25.Re1 Ke7 26.f4 f6 27.fxe5 fxe5 28.Bf2* 7.h3 ♗f3 8. ♕f3 e5_59722 (1556)-Daikeler,E (2108) Groningen 2023 CBM 79_02 [John Watson] 0-1 (45)*)* 14.0-0 Rfd8 15.Rfd1 Bf6 16.Nd2 Bd5 17.Nb3 b6 18.Ba6 Ne5 19.h3 Bc4 20.Bb7 Rab8 21.Be4 Bd3 22.Bxd3 Rxd3 23.Bd4 Rxd1+ 24.Rxd1 Rd8 25.Nd2 Nd3 26.Bxf6 Nxb2 27.Bxe7 Rd7 7.h3 ♗f3 8.♕f3 e5_59722 (1556)-Zimmerer,D (2080) Groningen 2023 CBM 79_02 [John Watson] 1-0 (49)]

13...Bf5 14.Nd4 -0.42/21

[14.Bd3= 0.11/18]

14...Nxd4∓ 15.Bxd4 Bh6+ 16.Be3 Bxe3+ 17.fxe3 Rfc8 18.Be2 Rc5 19.Bf3 Rb8 20.Rd4 b5 21.Rhd1 Kg7 22.a3 a5 23.Rd5 Rc7 24.Be2 b4 25.Rxa5 bxc3 26.b4 c2 27.Rd4 Rc3 28.e4 Be6 29.Rd2 -0.01/20

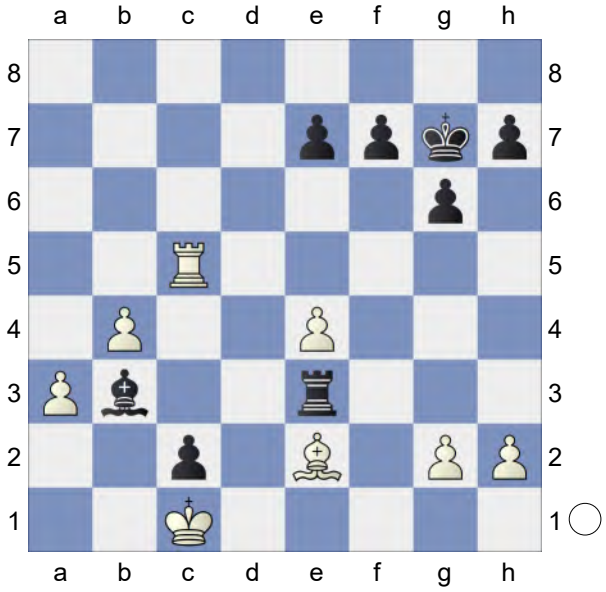
[29.Rd3± 0.36/21 Rbc8 30.Rxc3 Rxc3 31.Rc5 Rxa3 32.b5]

29...Bb3 0.71/21

[29...Rbc8= -0.01/20]

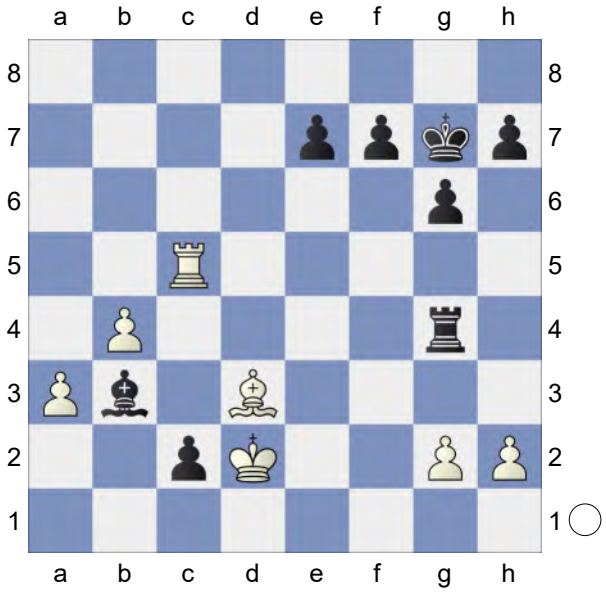
30.Rd3± Rbc8 31.Rxc3 Rxc3

Endgame KRB-KRB **32.Rc5 Re3**



33.Kd2 Rxe4 34.Bd3 Rg4 1.39/23

[34...Rd4± 0.70/21]



35.g3! h5? 3.71/20 This move loses the game for Black.

[35...Rd4± 1.21/20]

36.Bxc2+- Be6 37.Ke3 f5 38.b5 h4

39.b6 hxg3 40.hxg3 Rxg3+ 41.Kd4 Rh3 42.b7 Rh8 43.Rb5 Rb8 44.a4 And now a5 would win. **44...Bd7 45.Rb6** aiming for a5. **45...g5?** 6.89/21
[45...Bc8 2.41/20]
46.a5 g4 47.a6 g3 48.Ke3 f4+ 49.Kxf4 Intending a7 and mate. **49...g2 50.Rg6+ Kf7 51.Rxg2 e5+ 52.Kxe5** White threatens Bb3+ and mate. **52...Bc6 53.Bb3+ Ke7 54.Rg7+ Kd8 55.a7 Rxb7 56.a8Q+ Rb8 57.Qxb8#** Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.54
1-0

749 **B13**
□ **Schelberg,Martin** **2161**
■ **Morosi,Dario** **2135**
corr WS/CCE/A/30 29.09.2022
[Buric,Slavko]

1.Nc3 Nf6 2.d4 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Nf3 Bg4 Schwarz spielt auf einfache Art und Weise. Er bringt seinen Läufer außerhalb der Bauernkette, bevor er mit e6 vorgeht. **7.h3 Bxf3** :::-♗h5 war auch möglich, aber Schwarz hält es einfach.
8.Qxf3 e6
[8...Nc6 9.0-0-0 e6 10.g4
A) 10...Qa5 11.g5 Nd7 *(11...Ne4 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Qb3 Nb4 14.a3 Nd5 15.Qxb7 Rd8 16.Bxa6 Bxa3 17.Qb5+ Qxb5 18.Bxb5+ Ke7 19.Be5 f6 20.gxf6+ gxf6 21.bxa3 fxe5 22.dxe5 Nc3 23.Rxd8 Rxd8 24.Bc4 Rc8 25.Bb3 Nb5 26.Kb2 Nd4 27.Re1 Nf3 28.Rxe4 Ng5 29.Rg4 h6 30.h4 Nf7 31.Rg6 Rc6 32.f4 h5 33.Rg7 Kf8 34.Rh7 Kg8 35.Rxh5 Kg7 36.f5 exf5 37.Rxf5 Nh6 38.Rg5+* 1-0 Osmonbekov,T (2137)-Goldin,R (2323) Titled Tuesday intern op 12th Dec Early blitz 2023 (10)*)* 12.Kb1 Rc8 13.h4 Bb4 14.Ne2 Nb6 15.Nc1 Qa4 16.Nb3 Be7 17.c3 Na5 18.Bd3 Nxb3 19.Bc2 Nd2+ 20.Bxd2 Qb5 21.Bd3 Nc4 22.Bc1 Qb6 23.Ka1 g6 24.h5 Bxg5 25.b3 Bxc1 26.Rxc1 Nd2 27.Qe3 Nxb3+ 28.axb3 Qxb3 29.Rc2 Qa3+ 30.Kb1 Rc6 31.Rb2 Rxc3 32.hxg6 Rxd3 33.gxf7+ Kd7 34.Qe5 Rb3 35.f8N+ Kc6 36.Rc1+ Kb6 37.Rcc2 Ka7 38.Qxh8 Rh3 39.Rxb7+ Kxb7 40.Qg7+ Kb6 41.Qc7+ Kb5 42.Rc5+ Ka4 43.Ra5+ 1-0 Nabaty,T (2622)-Navara,D (2745) Pardubice op rapid 27th 2016 (7);
B) 10...Bb4 11.g5
B1) 11...Bxc3 12.Qxc3 Ne4 13.Qe3 Rc8 14.Kb1 Ne7 15.Bd3 Qb6 16.Ka1 Nf5 17.Qe1 0-0 18.c3 a5 19.Bxe4 dxe4 20.Qxe4 Rc4 21.h4 a4 22.Qf3 Rfc8 23.Rd3 Rd8 24.Be5 Qc6 25.d5 Qd7 26.Rhd1 Re8 27.h5 Rc5 28.dxe6 Qxe6 29.Bf4 a3 30.bxa3 Qc4 31.Rd8 Rc8 32.Rxe8+ Rxe8 33.Bc1 g6 34.hxg6 hxg6 35.Qxb7 Qc5 36.c4 Qxf2 37.Bb2 Ng7 38.Qh1 Nh5 39.Qd5 Kh7 40.Bd4 Qf4 41.a4 Qc7 42.Bb2 Re6 43.Qa8 f6 44.gxf6 Rxf6 45.Bxf6 Nxf6 46.Qd8 Qf4 47.a5 Qf2 1-0 Fire 6.1 64-bit 4CPU (3287)-Texel 1.07 64-bit 4CPU (3141) CCRL 40/15 2017 (79.2);
B2) 11...Nd7 12.h4 *(12.Kb1 Qa5 13.Ne2 Qb6 14.c3 Ba3 15.Rd2 Na5 16.Ng3 Rc8 17.h4*

Nc4 18.Bxc4 Rxc4 19.Re1 0-0 20.h5 a5 21.Ne2 a4 22.Qg3 Ra8 23.g6 Nf6 24.Be5 Be7 25.gxh7+ Kxh7 26.Rg1 Rg8 27.Qd3+ Kh8 28.Nf4 Ne4 29.Ng6+ fxg6 30.hxg6 Rgc8 31.Qh3+ Kg8 32.Qh7+ 1-0 Larsen-Barr,D-Haines,J corr NZL - USA 2020 [19]*)* 12...Qa5 13.a3 Bxc3 14.Qxc3 Qxc3 15.bxc3 b5 16.h5 Nb6 17.Bd3 Kd7 18.Kd2 Rac8 19.Ke2 Na5 20.Be5 Rxc3 21.Bxg7 Rg8 22.Bf6 Rxd3 23.cxd3 Nc6 24.Rc1 Rc8 25.f4 a5 26.Rc5 b4 27.axb4 axb4 28.Rhc1 Na4 29.Kd2 Nxc5 30.dxc5 Ra8 31.Rb1 Ra2+ 32.Rb2 Rxb2+ 33.Bxb2 Kc7 34.Ke3 Ne7 35.Kd4 Kc6 36.Ke5 Ng8 37.d4 Kb5 38.Kd6 b3 39.c6 Ne7 40.Kxe7 Kxc6 41.Kxf7 1-0 Osmonbekov,T (2136)-Lagunow,R (2385) Titled Tuesday intern op 07th Dec blitz 2021 (4);

B3) 11...Ng8 Der Springer zielt auf das Feld f5, aber Weiß scheint hier die Initiative zu haben. 12.h4 Qa5 13.Kb1 Bxc3 14.Qxc3 Qxc3 15.bxc3 Nge7 16.c4 dxc4 17.Bxc4 b5 18.Bb3 *(18.Bf1* Mit der Idee von ♗g2 war auch möglich, aber Schwarz steht schon gut.*)* 18...Nd5 19.Bxd5 exd5 20.Be5 Rg8 21.h5 Kd7 Die Stellung ist in etwa ausgeglichen, aber der ♘pringer ist dem weißen ♗äufer überlegen.]

9.g4 Bb4

[9...Bd6

A) 10.Bxd6 Qxd6

A1) 11.h4 Nc6 12.0-0-0 h6 13.Kb1 *(13.Bh3 0-0-0 14.g5 hxg5 15.hxg5 Nh7 16.Qe3 Nf8 17.Ne2 Ng6 18.Bg4 Kb8 19.Bh5 e5 20.Kb1 Rhe8 21.Bxg6 Qxg6 22.dxe5 Rxe5 23.Qd2 Rxg5 24.a3 Qf6 25.Rh2 d4 26.f4 Rb5 27.Rh3 g6 28.Rdh1 Ka7 29.Rd1 Rh5 30.Rxh5 gxh5 31.Qe1 Qe6 32.Rd2 Kb6 33.Qf1 h4 34.Nc1 Rg8 35.Re2 Qf6 36.Nd3 Rg3 37.Ne5 Ka7 38.Qf2 Nxe5 39.Qxd4+ Qb6 40.Qxb6+ Kxb6 41.Rxe5 h3 42.Rh5 Rg1+ 43.Ka2 Rh1 44.Kb3 Kc6 45.Kc4 h2 46.Rh6+ Kd7 47.f5 b6 48.b4 f6* 4 ½-½ Malfait,A (2055)-Budding,A corr VWC8 /pr 2015 *)* 13...b5 14.g5 Nd7 15.Bh3 Rd8 16.Ne2 Nb6 17.Nf4 hxg5 18.hxg5 Rh4 19.Ne2 Qc7 20.b3 Rc8 21.Rde1 Nd8 22.Qd3 g6 23.c3 Qe7 24.f4 Nc6 25.Ng3 Nd8 26.f5 Rc6 27.fxg6 Qxg5 28.gxf7+ Kf8 29.Ne2 Nxf7 30.Ref1 Ke8 31.Ka1 Qh6 32.Qg3 Ng5 33.Nf4 Nc8 34.Bg2 Rxh1 35.Rxh1 Qf6 36.Re1 Kd8 37.Qg4 b4 38.Rf1 Qh6 39.c4 Ne7 40.Nd3 Ke8 41.Rh1 Qf6 42.Ne5 Rc7 43.cxd5 exd5 44.Qh5+ Nf7 45.Rf1 Qxf1+ 46.Bxf1 Rc1+ 47.Kb2 Rxf1 48.Nd3 a5 49.Qh2 Rf3 50.Qc7 Nd6 51.Qb8+ Nec8 52.Kc2 Rg3 53.Qc7 Rg2+ 54.Kb1 Rg1+ 55.Nc1 Rf1 56.Qxa5 Ne7 57.Qxb4 Kd7 58.a4 Nc6 59.Qc5 Rd1 60.Qxd5 Rxd4 61.Qg2 Nf5 62.Ne2 Rd1+ 63.Kb2 Rd2+

64.Ka3 Rd6 65.Nf4 Rd4 66.Nd5 Nce7 67.Nxe7 Nxe7 68.Qb7+ Ke6 69.a5 Rd7 70.Qe4+ Kd6 71.Qb4+ Kc7 72.Qb6+ Kc8 73.a6 Nd5 74.Qc5+ Nc7 75.a7 Kb7 76.Qb4+ Kc6 77.a8Q+ Nxa8 78.Qa4+ Kc7 79.Qxa8 Rd1 80.Qg2 Rd6 1-0 Laser 1.4 64-bit (3026)-Amoeba 2.7 64-bit (2902) CCRL 40/15 2017 (78.3);

A2) 11.0-0-0 Nc6 *(11...b5 12.Kb1 0-0 13.Bd3 Nc6 14.g5 Nd7 15.h4 Nb4 16.Be2 Rac8 17.Rd2 Nb6 18.h5 f6 19.gxf6 Rxf6 20.Qg3 Qf4 21.Rg1 Qxg3 22.fxg3 Nc6 23.Re1 Re8 24.a4 b4 25.Nd1 Nxa4 26.Bxa6 Rb8 27.Kc1 Nb6 28.Bb5 Nd8 29.Rde2 Ra8 30.Kb1 Rf7 31.c3 Nc8 32.Bd3 Nd6 33.Kc2 Rf3 34.Re3 Rf7 35.R3e2 Rf6 36.Re5 bxc3 37.bxc3 Ra2+ 38.Nb2 Rf7 39.Kb3 Ra5 40.Kc2 Ra3 41.R1e2 Rb7 42.Nd1 N6f7 43.R5e3 Ng5 44.Bf5 Rb6 45.Bg4 Ne4 46.Rxe4 dxe4 47.Rxe4 Kf7 48.Be2 Ra2+ 49.Kd3 Kf6 50.Rf4+ Ke7 51.Rg4 Kf8 52.Re4 Nf7 53.Ne3 Ng5 54.Re5 Nh3 55.Ng4 Rb1 56.Rxe6 Ng1 57.Ne5 Rxe2 58.Nd7+ Kg8 59.Rxe2 Nxe2 60.Kxe2 Rg1 61.c4 Rxg3 62.c5 Kf7 63.d5 Ke7 64.Ne5 Rg5 65.d6+ Ke6 66.Nd3 Kd7 67.Ke3 Rxh5 68.Ke4 Rh1 69.Ke3 Kc8 70.Ke4 g5 71.c6 Rd1 72.Ke3 g4 73.d7+ Kc7 74.Ke2 g3 75.Nc5 g2 76.Ne6+ Kxc6 77.d8Q Rxd8 78.Nxd8+ Kd7 79.Kf2 Kxd8 80.Kxg2 Ke7 81.Kf1 Kf6 82.Kg2 Kg5 83.Kf2 Kh4 84.Ke1 Kh3 85.Kf1 Kg3 86.Kg1 Kh3 87.Kf2 Kh2 88.Kf3 h5 89.Kf2 h4 90.Kf3 Kh3 91.Kf2 Kh2* ½-½ Hernandez Delgado,J (1903)-Roig Garcia,J (1768) corr ESP/W/P/077 (ESP) 2015*; 11...0-0 12.g5 Ne8 13.h4 Nc6 14.h5 Qe7 15.Qf4 Rc8 16.Kb1 Nd6 17.Bd3 Nb4 18.Be2 b5 19.h6 g6 20.Bg4 f6 21.gxf6 Rxf6 22.Qg3 Nf5 23.Bxf5 Rxf5 24.a3 Nc6 25.Rhe1 Rcf8 26.f4 Qd6 27.Ne2 R5f6 28.Qh3 Ne7 29.Ng3 a5 30.Qg4 Kf7 31.Re5 b4 32.a4 Qd7 33.b3 Nc6 34.Re3 Qd6 35.Ne2 Rc8 36.Rf1 Rf8 37.Re1 Rc8 38.Rf1 Kg8 39.Qg5 Qf8 40.Qg4 Re8 41.Rh1 Rf5 42.Rg1 Nd8 43.Rh1 Re7 44.Rh4 Ref7 45.Rh1 Re7 46.Rh4 Ref7 47.Rh1 Rc7 48.Rh4 Rf6 49.Ng3 Kf7 50.Rh1 Nc6 51.Ne2 Qd6 52.Rf1 Kg8 53.Qg5 Qf8 54.Rg1 Rd7 55.Rf1* ½-½ Mayers,R-Neale,M (1686) corr NAPZ/WS/Open class 2014*)* 12.Kb1 b5 13.g5 Nd7 14.h4 b4 15.Ne2 a5 16.h5 h6 17.gxh6 Rxh6 18.Qg2 Rh7 19.f4 Kf8 20.f5 Nf6 21.fxe6 Qxe6 22.Ng3 Rh6 23.Rg1 Ne7 24.Be2 Ne8 25.Rde1 Qb6 26.Bf3 Rd8 27.Rgf1 Re6 28.Re5 Rxe5 29.dxe5 Qe6 30.Qe2 Nc6 31.h6 Qxh6 32.e6 Qg5 33.Qf2 Nd6 34.Nh5 Qe5 35.Bg4 Qg5 36.Qc5 Ne5 37.Be2 Qe7 38.Qg1 f6 39.Nf4 Ne8 40.Bd3 Nc7 41.Re1 Qe8 42.Qb6 Kg8 43.Qxc7 Rc8

44.Qxa5 Qd8 45.Qxb4 Nxd3 46.cxd3 g5 47.Nh5 Qc7 48.Qa4 Qc6 1-0 Godel 5.5.1 64-bit (2876)-Fruit Reloaded 3.2.1 64-bit (2837) CCRL 40/15 2019 (147.4);

B) 10.g5 Bxf4 11.Qxf4 Nfd7 12.Bd3 Nc6 13.0-0 h6 14.gxh6 Rxh6 15.Rae1 Kf8 16.Re3 e5 17.dxe5 g5 18.Qf5 d4 19.e6 Rf6 20.exd7 dxe3 21.Qh7 exf2+ 22.Kg2 Ne7 23.Ne4 Rg6 24.Rxf2 Rg7 25.Qh8+ Ng8 26.Nf6 Qb6 27.Nh7+ Rxh7 28.Qxh7 Qc6+ 29.Be4 Qxd7 30.c4 Re8 31.Bd5 Re7 32.Qg6 Re2 33.Qxg5 Rxf2+ 34.Kxf2 Qxh3 35.Qd8+ Kg7 36.Qg5+ Kf8 37.Bxb7 Qd3 38.Qc5+ Ne7 39.Qb4 Qc2+ 40.Kf3 Qd3+ 41.Kf2 Qc2+ 42.Ke3 Qc1+ 43.Kd3 Qb1+ 44.Kc3 Qxa2 45.Qd6 Qa5+ 46.Kb3 Ke8 47.Bxa6 Nf5 48.Qb8+ Ke7 49.Qb4+ Qxb4+ 50.Kxb4 Kd6 51.Kb5 Kc7 52.Kc5 Ng7 53.Bb5 Ne6+ 54.Kd5 Nf4+ 55.Ke4 Ne6 56.Ke5 Nc5 57.Kd4 Ne6+ 58.Kd3 Kd6 59.Be8 f5 60.b4 Nf4+ 61.Ke3 Ne6 62.Bf7 f4+ 63.Kd3 Nc7 64.Bh5 Na6 65.Kc3 Nc7 66.Bf3 Ne6 67.Bd5 Nc7 68.Bb7 Ne6 69.Kd3 Ke5 70.Bd5 Nd4 71.Bb7 f3 72.c5 f2 73.Bg2 Nb3 74.Ke3 Nxc5 75.bxc5 f1Q 76.Bxf1 Kd5 77.c6 Kxc6 ½-½ Stijve,N (2088)-Perkampus,L (2197) Biel HTO 56th 2023 (8);

C) 10.Be3 Nc6 11.g5 Nd7 12.a3 Qc7 13.Bd3 Nb6 14.h4 0-0-0 15.Qg4 Kb8 16.f4 f5 17.Qf3 Na5 18.Ne2 Nac4 19.Bc1 Qe7 20.a4 Rc8 21.Kf2 Nd7 22.b3 Na5 23.Rb1 Nc6 24.c3 h6 25.Bd2 g6 26.Kg2 Rh7 27.b4 a5 28.bxa5 Nxa5 29.Rb5 Nc4 30.Bxc4 Rxc4 31.Rhb1 b6 32.a5 hxg5 33.hxg5 Qd8 34.axb6 Qh8 35.Be1 Rh2+ 36.Kg1 Rh3 37.Bg3 Ra4 38.Kg2 Rh7 39.Qe3 Re7 40.Rh1 Qc8 41.Nc1 Qc4 42.Qd3 Kb7 43.Qb1 Ra3 44.Rb3 Ra6 45.Re1 Rxb6 46.Rxb6+ Nxb6 47.Nb3 Kc7 48.Nd2 Qc6 49.Qd3 Re8 50.Nf3 Nd7 51.Rc1 Ra8 52.c4 Ra2+ 53.Kg1 Ba3 54.Rc3 Bb4 55.Rc1 Ba3 56.Rc3 Bb4 ½-½ Rojano Alfonso,C (2252)-Dubnevych,M (2139) Krakow op-A 33rd 2022 (8);

D) 10.0-0-0 Nc6 11.h4 *(11.Be2 0-0 12.Rhg1 Bxf4+ 13.Qxf4 Ne8 14.Kb1 Qd6 15.Qe3 b5 16.h4 Qd7 17.Rge1 Nd6 18.Bd3 Rae8 19.f3 f5 20.g5 f4 21.Qd2 Qc7 22.h5 Qb6 23.Rh1 Qa7 24.Ne2 e5 25.dxe5 Nxe5 26.h6 g6 27.Nxf4 Qd4 28.Ne2 Qf2 29.Qb4 Ndc4 30.Bxc4 Nxc4 31.Nd4 Ne3 32.Rd2 Qg3 33.Re2 Nc4 34.Qc3 b4 35.Qxb4 Rxe2 36.Nxe2 Qg2 37.Re1 Qxg5 38.f4 Qxh6 39.Qb7 Ne3 40.Qxa6 Qh4 41.Rg1 Qe7 42.Qd3 Qe4 43.a4 Qxd3 44.cxd3 Nf5 45.Kc2 Rc8+ 46.Kd2 Rb8 47.Rb1 Ra8 48.Ra1 Rb8 49.Ra2 h5 50.a5 h4 51.Ke1 h3 52.Kf2 Kf7 53.a6 Ra8 54.Kg1 Ne3 55.b4 d4 56.b5 Nd5 57.Kh2 Ke7 58.Rb2 Nb6 59.Kxh3 Kd6 60.Nxd4 Nd5 61.Kg4 Kc5 62.Nc6 Kb6 63.Kg5 Rh8 64.Ne5 Rh5+ 65.Kg4 Nf6+ 66.Kg3 Rh8 67.Nxg6 Rg8 68.f5 Nd5 69.Kg4 Re8 70.Kg5 Re1 71.Nf4 Nxf4 72.Kxf4 Rf1+ 73.Ke5 Ra1 74.f6 Rf1 75.Ra2 Re1+* 1-0 DanaSah 7.9 (2635)-Fridolin 3.10 64-bit (2682)

CCRL 40/15 2019 (159.4)) 11...Bxf4+ 12.Qxf4 Qb8 13.Qf3 Qd6 14.g5 Nd7 15.h5 h6 16.Qe3 0-0-0 17.f4 Nb6 18.Kb1 Kb8 19.Bd3 Ka7 20.Ne2 Nb4 21.Nc1 Nxd3 22.Nxd3 Nc4 23.Qe2 Qb6 24.c3 Rhe8 25.Rde1 Nd6 26.Nc5 Qc6 27.Qd3 Qc8 28.Qf3 ½-½ Bender,K (2083)-Rimpau,T (1978) corr MS-227 BdF-Schachserver 2015]

[9...Nc6 10.g5 Ne4 *(10...Ng8 11.Qe3 Bd6 12.Nxd5 Bxf4 13.Nxf4 Nge7 14.c3 Nf5 15.Nxe6 fxe6 16.Qxe6+ Qe7 17.Qxe7+ Kxe7 18.Kd2 Raf8 19.Bd3 Nh4 20.Raf1 Nf3+ 21.Ke3 Nxg5 22.f4 Nf7 23.d5 Nb8 24.Kd4 Kd6 25.c4 Nd7 26.b4 Nf6 27.Rhg1 Rhg8 28.Re1 Nh6 29.c5+ Kd7 30.d6 g6 31.Re7+ Kc8 32.c6 bxc6 33.Rc1 Kd8 34.Rxc6 Nf7 35.Ra7 Ne8 36.d7 Ned6 37.Bxa6 Ke7 38.d8Q+ Kxd8 39.Kd5 Rg7 40.Rcc7 Nh6 41.Rxg7 Rf7 42.Rgxf7 Nhxf7 43.b5 Nxb5 44.Bxb5 Nh6 45.Rd7+ Kc8* 1-0 Napoleon 1.7 64-bit (2134)-Hedgehog 1.9 64-bit (2070) CCRL 40/15 2018 (114.2)) 11.Nxe4 Nxd4 12.Qd3 dxe4 13.Qxe4 Nc6 14.c3 Qb6 15.0-0-0 Qxf2 16.Kb1 Be7 17.h4 Qb6 18.Bc4 Na5 19.Bd3 Nc6 20.Bc2 Rd8 21.b4 Rxd1+ 22.Rxd1 g6 23.Ba4 0-0 24.Rd7 Qg1+ 25.Bc1 Bd8 26.Rxb7 Ne7 27.c4 a5 28.bxa5 Nf5 29.a6 Bb6 30.Qd3 Be3 31.Qd1 Qf2 32.Ba3 Ra8 33.Rd7 Nd4 34.c5 Qxh4 35.c6 e5 36.c7 Bxg5 37.Qf1 Qe4+ 38.Ka1 Qf5 39.Qxf5 gxf5 40.a7 Ne6 41.Bb3 Nxc7 42.Rxf7 Ne8 43.Bb2 Bf4 44.Bd5 Rxa7 45.Rxa7+ Kh8 46.Ra8 Kg7 47.Rxe8 Kf6 1-0 Gogobello 1.4 64-bit (2687)-Pirarucu 2.2.2 64-bit (2697) CCRL 40/15 2018 (115.2)]

[9...Qa5 10.Bd2 Qd8 11.g5 Nfd7 12.0-0-0 Nc6 13.Ne2 Nb6 14.Kb1 Nc4 15.Bc1 Qb6 16.Qb3 Qa7 17.h4 Rc8 18.Rh3 Be7 19.h5 N6a5 20.Qg3 Qb6 21.Rd3 Nd6 22.g6 fxg6 23.hxg6 Nf5 24.Qg4 h6 25.Nf4 0-0 26.Qe2 Rf6 27.Bg2 Rd8 28.c3 Nc4 29.Ka1 Qc6 30.Rh1 b5 31.Re1 Rd6 32.Bh3 Bf8 33.Bxf5 exf5 34.Qe8 Qb6 35.b3 Rd8 36.Qe2 Na5 37.Qf3 Qc6 38.Rde3 b4 39.Bd2 Qa8 40.Re5 Bd6 41.cxb4 Nc6 42.Qxd5+ Kh8 43.Re6 Bxf4 44.Qxd8+ Qxd8 45.Re8+ Rf8 46.Rxd8 Rxd8 47.Bxf4 1-0 Lizak,P (2409)-Csala,I (2069) Zalakaros Barczay Memorial 40th 2021 (3)]

10.0-0-0

[10.a3 Qa5 11.Rb1 *(11.Bd2 Nc6 12.Bd3 Nxd4 13.Qf4 Nc6 14.0-0-0 d4 15.Ne4 Bxd2+ 16.Rxd2 Nxe4 17.Bxe4 0-0 18.Bxc6 e5 19.Qe4 bxc6 20.Re1 c5 21.Qxe5 Rab8 22.Rd3 g6 23.b4 Qa4 24.bxc5 Rbe8* 0-1 Gatineau,Y (2363)-Duboue,P (2413) FRA-ch Accession 2019 (7)) 11...Be7 12.b4 Qd8 13.Bd3 Nc6 14.Ne2 0-0 15.h4 Re8 16.Kf1 Bd6 17.Bxd6 Qxd6 18.g5 Ne4 19.Bxe4 dxe4 20.Qxe4 b5 21.c3 e5 22.d5 Ne7 23.c4 bxc4 24.Nc3 Qd7 25.h5 Nf5 26.h6 Nd6 27.Qf3 e4 28.Qf4 Nb5 29.Nxb5 axb5 30.Re1 Qxd5 31.Rh3 Ra6 32.hxg7 Rg6 33.Rg3 Kxg7 34.Ke2 e3 35.fxe3 Re4 36.Qf3 c3 37.Rd1 Qc4+ 38.Ke1 c2 39.Rc1 Rd6 40.Qe2 Qc3+ 41.Kf2 Rd2 0-1 Lizak,P (2468)-Nisipeanu,L (2674) AUT-chT 1819 2018 (10.1)]

10...Qa5 11.g5 Nfd7 12.a3!?N Zwingt Schwarz zum Tausch auf c3 ,

denn
[12.Bd2?! Bxc3 13.Qxc3 Qxc3 14.Bxc3 Nc6 15.a4 g6 16.Bd2 Rc8 17.Be3 Ne7 18.h4 h5 19.gxh6 Nf6 20.Be2 Nf5 21.Bf4 Ne4 22.Rh2 Nxh6 23.f3 Nf6 24.Be5 Ke7 25.Rd3 Rcd8 26.Rb3 Rd7 27.c4 dxc4 28.Bxc4 Nf5 29.d5 Rc8 30.Rc2 Nxd5 31.Bxd5 Rxc2+ 32.Kxc2 exd5 33.Rb6 Kd8 34.Kd3 Nxh4 35.a5 Nf5 36.b4 Ne7 37.Bd6 Nc8 0-1 Fernandez Estremera,F (2127)-Perea Fruet,L (2182) Madrid Alcorcon op 1st 2022 (8)]
12...Bxc3
[12...Be7 ist schlecht wegen 13.h4 Nc6 14.Kb1 Rc8 15.h5!→]
13.Qxc3 Qxc3 14.bxc3 Nc6 15.c4 Die weiße ♔önigsstellung sieht nicht vertrauenserweckend aus.Aber der Motor meint leichter Vorteil Weiß, wer will da wiedersprechen?! **15...Ne7 16.c5 b6 17.cxb6 Nxb6 18.Kd2 Nc4+ 19.Bxc4 dxc4 20.Rb1 Nd5 21.Bg3 h6 22.g6 0-0 23.Rhe1 Ra7 24.h4 Rd7 25.h5 Nf6 26.Kc3 Rc8 27.Be5 Nd5+ 28.Kd2 Rf8 29.Rf1 c3+** Sicherer war
[29...Nf6]
[29...Ne7 mit beiderseitigen Chancen.]
30.Kd3 f6 31.Bg3 Ne7 32.Kxc3 Nc6!?
[32...Nf5 33.Rb4 Rfd8 34.Rd1 e5 35.Kb2 a5 *(35...exd4?* Wird von der Engine umgehend bestraft. *36.Bf4 Nh4 37.Rd3 Nf5 38.Rb6+-)* 36.Rc4 Kf8 37.c3±]
33.Kb2 Nxd4 34.c3 Nf5
[34...Ne2 35.Rfd1 Rxd1 36.Rxd1 e5 37.Bh2±]
35.Rfd1 Re7 36.Kc2 e5 37.Rd5 Rc7 38.Rbd1 Rc4?
[38...Rcc8! war der einzige gute Verteidigungszug, jetzt scheitert 39.Rd7 an Nd4+! 40.Kd3 Nb5!=]
39.Rd7!+- Re8 40.R1d5 Rc6 41.Kd2 Rcc8 42.Rf7 Rf8 43.Ra7 Rc6 44.a4 Nd6 45.f3 Nc8 46.Rb7 Nb6 47.Rd3 Das einzige Plätzchen für den ♖urm aber das reicht !! **47...Nc4+ 48.Ke1 Nd6 49.Rd7** Weiß spielt die Partie technisch sauber zu Ende! **49...Nf5 50.Bf2 Re8 51.R7d5 Rcc8 52.a5 Ne7 53.Rd6 Nc6 54.R3d5 e4 55.fxe4 Rxe4+ 56.Kf1 Nb8 57.Rd8+ Re8 58.Rxe8+ Rxe8 59.Rc5**
1-0

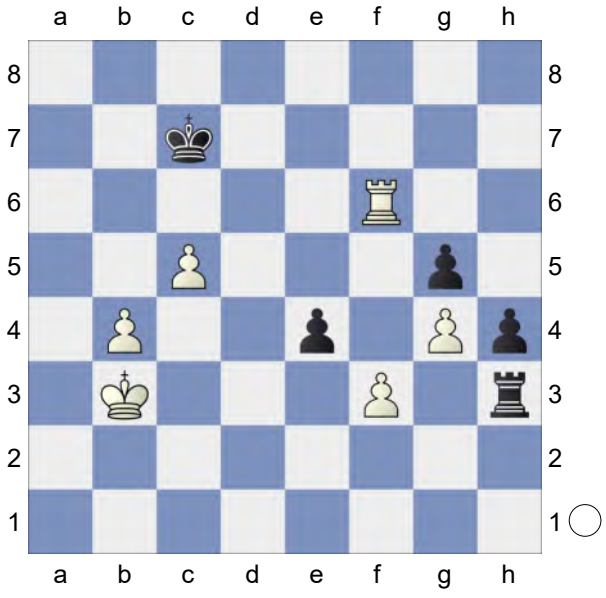
750 **A45**
□ **Bullen,Alex** **2160**
■ **Lishoy Gengis Paratazham,D** **2000**
4NCL Div 2 2024-25 (7.45) 05.04.2025

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 c6 6.Nc3 Bd6 7.Bxd6 Qxd6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 c5 10.0-0 0-0 11.e4 dxe4 12.Nxe4 Nxe4 13.Bxe4 f5 14.Bd3 cxd4 15.Re1 Rd8 16.Bc4 b5 17.Bb3 Bb7 18.Ng5 Qc6 19.f3 Bc8 20.Qd3 h6 21.Nh3 a5 22.a4 bxa4 23.Rxa4 Ba6 24.Qd2 d3 25.Nf4 dxc2 26.Qxc2 Qxc2 27.Bxc2 Rd2 28.Bb3 Rxb2 29.Nxe6 Rxb3 30.Nxc7 Ra7 31.Rxa5 Rxc7 32.Rxa6 Rb2 33.Kh1 Rcc2 34.Rg1 Kf7 35.Rd6 h5 36.Ra6
½-½

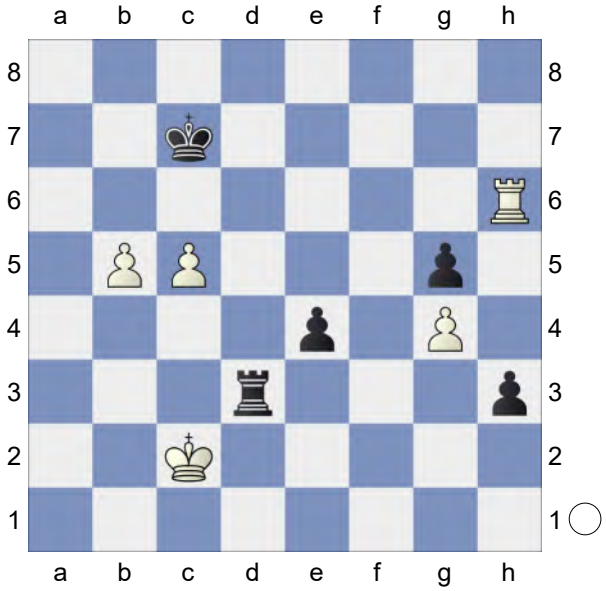
751 **D00**
□ **Nalbandyan,Vahan** **2155**
■ **Sibashvili,G** **2409**
Titled Tue 22nd Apr Late blitz (9) 22.4.25
[TA]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.Ne5 c6 8.Nc3 The position is equal. **8...c5** 0.67/22
[8...Nb8= 0.00/24]
9.Bxa6± bxa6 10.Nc6 White has more active pieces. The black rooks are passive. **10...Qe8 11.Nxe7+ Qxe7 12.Na4N** 0.29/23
[12.Qf3± 0.81/21]
[12.0-0 a5 13.Bg5 Ba6 14.Re1 Rab8 15.Rb1 h6 16.Bh4 Rfc8 17.a3 Rb7 18.dxc5 Qxc5 19.Bxf6 gxf6 20.Qg4+ Kf8 21.Qh4 Ke7 22.e4 d4 23.Nd5+ exd5 24.exd5+ Kd7 25.Qxf6 Qxd5 26.Re7+ 1-0 Bortnyk,O (2604)-Gines Esteo,P (2492) Titled Tuesday intern op 22nd Nov Early blitz 2022 (8)]
12...Ne4 13.0-0 0.04/25
[13.f3± 0.59/24 Bd7 14.c3 Qh4+ 15.g3]
13...Bd7= 14.c3 Rfc8 0.60/22
[14...e5= 0.12/25 feels stronger. 15.Bxe5 Qe8]
15.f3± Bxa4 16.Qxa4 Nd2 17.Rf2 Nc4 18.Qxa6 g5 19.Bg3↑ Keeping Black busy. **19...Nxe3** 1.78/24
[19...Qd7± 0.76/25 was called for.]
20.Bd6+- Qd7 21.Bxc5
[21.dxc5 Nc4 22.a4 Rc6∓]
21...Nf5 2.31/21
[⌓21...Nc4 1.82/22 22.b3 Ne5]
22.Re1 Rc6 23.Qd3 a5 24.b3 Qc7 2.07/24
[24...h6 1.69/18 is a better defense. 25.f4 g4]
25.g3 Rxc5 2.17/21
[⌓25...Nd6 1.79/21 26.Qd2 h6]
26.dxc5 Qxc5 27.Kg2 1.27/21
[27.g4+- 2.12/23 Ne7 28.Qd2]
27...Rc8± 28.c4 d4 1.63/24
[28...dxc4± 1.27/24 29.bxc4 Qxc4]
29.Rfe2 Ne3+ 2.32/23
[29...a4± 1.48/26 30.Re5 *(30.bxa4 Qxc4 31.Qxc4 Rxc4+-)* 30...Qb4]
30.Rxe3!+- dxe3 31.Qxe3 Endgame. KQR-KQR **31...Qf5** 2.95/20
[⌓31...Qe7 1.93/19 32.Rc1 Rc5]
32.Rd1 a4 2.92/23
[⌓32...h6 2.00/19 33.Qd3 Qxd3 34.Rxd3 Kf8]
33.Rd2
[33.bxa4 Rxc4 34.h4 h6= *(34...gxh4 35.Qh6=)*]
33...h5 34.h3!
[34.bxa4 Rxc4 35.h4 g4= *(35...gxh4 36.Qh6=)*]
34...h4 35.g4 1.36/21
[35.bxa4 Rxc4 36.Rd4 Qc2+ 37.Rd2 Qf5=]
[35.gxh4+- 2.83/20 gxh4 36.Rd4 *(36.bxa4 Rxc4 37.Qh6 Qg6+ 38.Qxg6+ fxg6=)*]
35...Qf6 2.59/22
[35...Qa5± 1.36/21 might work better. 36.Rd7 *(36.b4 Qxb4 37.Qxg5+ Kf8±)* 36...axb3 37.axb3 Rd8 38.Rxd8+ Qxd8]
36.Qd4 1.36/20
[36.bxa4 Rxc4 37.a3 Rxa4∓]
[36.c5+- 2.59/22]
36...Qe7± Against b4 **37.Qe5** 0.46/25
[37.bxa4?! Qc7=]
[37.Kf1± 1.12/20]
37...axb3 0.91/21
[37...Rd8± 0.46/25 38.Rd5 Pin Kh7]
38.axb3 Kf1 is the strong threat.
38...Ra8? 4.22/21

[38...Rd8± 1.03/21 39.Rd5 Pin Kh7]
39.c5+- f6 40.Qd6 Kf7 41.b4 Rc8? 7.24/22
[41...Qxd6 3.56/19 42.Rxd6 *(42.cxd6 Ke8=)* 42...Ra2+ 43.Kg1 Ke7]
42.Qxe7+ Kxe7 KR-KR **43.Kf2 Rb8 44.Rb2 Kd7 45.Ke3 Kc6 46.Kd4 Kb5 47.Kc3 Ra8 48.Kb3** 0.00/32 Prevents Ra3+
[48.Re2!+- 5.20/24]
48...Rd8? 2.26/27
[48...Ra1= 0.00/32 and Black has nothing to worry.]
49.Kc3! Ra8? 4.27/22
[49...Rd1 2.25/22 50.Rc2 e5]
50.Re2 e5 51.Kb3 0.02/35 Dodges Ra3+
[51.Rb2+- 4.99/24]
51...Rd8= 52.Re3 Rc3 would now be deadly. **52...Rd1?** 6.58/26
[52...Rd4= 0.00/23]
53.Rc3+- Kc6 54.Kc4 Rd4+ 55.Kb3 Rd1 56.Ka4 Ra1+ 57.Ra3! Rh1 58.Kb3 Rxh3 59.Ra6+ Kc7? 5.69/24
[59...Kd7 3.31/21 keeps fighting. 60.Ra7+ *(60.Rxf6 e4=)* 60...Ke6]
60.Rxf6 e4



61.Kc2? 0.00/27
[61.Rf7+ Kd8 62.Kc4 Rxf3= *(62...exf3? 63.c6+-)*]
[61.Kc4!+- 3.32/26]
61...Rxf3= 62.Rh6 h3? 5.04/30
[62...Rd3= 0.00/27]
63.b5+- Rd3 10.86/26
[⌓63...e3 4.75/18 64.b6+ Kb7]



64.b6+!
[64.Rh7+ Kb8=]
64...Kb7 65.Rh7+ Ka6 66.Ra7+
[66.b7 Ka7=]
66...Kb5 67.b7 Rd8 68.Ra8 h2 69.Rxd8 White mates. **69...h1Q 70.b8Q+**
[70.b8B e3 *(70...Kxc5? 71.Ba7+ Kc6 72.Be3-+)* 71.Bd6 Qe4+ *(71...e2? 72.Bg3-+)* 72.Kc1 Qc4+ *(72...Qxg4? 73.Rb8+ Kc4 74.c6-+; 72...e2? 73.Bg3-+)* 73.Kb2 Qb4+ *(73...Qxg4? 74.Rb8+ Kc4 75.Ka3-+)* 74.Kc2 Qd2+ *(74...Qxg4? 75.Kd3-+)* 75.Kb3 Qd3+ 76.Kb2 Kc4 77.Re8 Qb3+ *(77...e2* gets mated. *78.Bg3 Qc3+ 79.Ka2 Qb3+ 80.Ka1 Qxg3 81.Rxe2 Qa3+ 82.Kb1 Qd3+ 83.Kc1 Qxe2 84.c6 Kc3 85.c7*

Qf1#) 78.Ka1 Qa4+ 79.Kb2 Qxe8 80.Bg3 Qb5+ *(80...Kxc5* is a self mate. *81.Kc3 Qe4 82.Be1 Qc4+ 83.Kb2 Qe2+ 84.Kb3 Qxe1 85.Kb2 e2 86.Kb3 Qb1+ 87.Ka3 e1Q 88.Ka4 Qeb4#)* 81.Ka2 Qb3+ *(81...Qxc5 82.Be1 Qd6 83.Ba5 Qh2+ 84.Kb1 Kb3 85.Bd2 exd2 86.Ka1 d1Q#)* 82.Ka1 Qc2 *(82...Kxc5 83.Be5 e2 84.Bd4+ Kc4 85.Bf2 Kc3 86.Be1+ Kc2 87.Bf2 Qb2#)* 83.Bd6 Kb3 84.Bg3 Qd1#]

70...Kc4 71.Qb3+ Kxc5 72.Qd5+ Kb6 73.Rb8+ Kc7 74.Rb7+ Kc8 75.Qd7#

Weighted Error Value: White=0.56/ Black=0.61

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752 **A45**

□ **Cornelisse,Lorelei** **2138**

■ **Xiong,Jeffery** **2639**

Titled Tue 10th Jun Late blitz (1) 10.6.25

[TA]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 h6 5.Nf3 e6 6.Bd3 c5 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.0-0 The position is equal. **8...Nc6 9.e4 Nh5 10.exd5N** aiming for Bxh6.

[10.Bd2 Nf6 11.h3 0-0 12.Re1 *(12.Bf4 b5 13.exd5 exd5 14.Re1 Be6 15.Qd2 Re8 16.a3 Rc8 17.Rad1 Bf8 18.Be3 Qd7 19.Nd4 Ne5 20.Bf4 Nxd3 21.Qxd3 Qb7 22.Re2 Bd7 23.Qf3 Rxe2 24.Ndxe2 Bf5 25.Bxh6 Bxc2 26.Rd2 Be4* 1-0 (77) Torombot (3050)-Expositor (2831) Rapid 2024*)* 12...b5 *(12...Re8 13.e5 Nd7 14.Bf4 Qb6 15.Qd2 Bf8 16.Ne2 Qxb2 17.Rab1 Qa3 18.Ned4 Nc5 19.Nxc6 bxc6 20.Nh2 h5 21.Nf1 h4 22.Nh2 a5 23.Ng4 Nxd3 24.cxd3 Bb4 25.Qe3 Bxe1 26.Bh6 Bxf2+ 27.Qxf2* 1-0 (61) Torombot (3006)-Bitbybyte (2835) Rapid 2024*)* 13.exd5 exd5 14.Qc1 Be6 15.Bxh6 gxh6 16.Qxh6 Re8 17.Ng5 Bf8 18.Bh7+ Kh8 19.Qh4 Kg7 20.Qg3 Kh8 21.Rxe6 fxe6 22.Nf7+ Kxh7 23.Nxd8 Nxd8 24.Ne2 Bg7 1-0 (61) Torombot (3010)-Expositor (2792) Rapid 2024]

10...Nxf4 11.dxc6 Nxd3 0.35/22

[11...Qc7= -0.07/22]

12.cxd3± bxc6 13.Ne5 Nxf7! would now be deadly. **13...0-0 14.Ne4 Bb6 15.Rc1 Bb7 16.Nc5 Bxc5 17.Rxc5 Qd4 18.Qc1**

[18.Nxc6? Qxc5 19.Qg4 Bxc6-+ *(19...Qxc6? 20.Kh1-+)*]

18...Rfd8 19.Re1! Re4! is the strong threat.

[19.Nxc6 Bxc6 20.Rxc6 Qxd3=]

19...a5 1.92/19 Loses the game.

[19...f6± 0.57/22 20.Nxc6 Discovered Attack Bxc6]

20.Rc4+-

[20.Nxc6 Bxc6 *(20...Qxd3? 21.Rc3+-)* 21.Rxc6 Qxd3±]

20...Qd5 2.23/20

[20...Qb6 1.83/21 might work better. 21.Rg4 *(21.Nxc6 Rd6=)* 21...Kh7]

21.Rg4!

[21.Nxc6 Bxc6 22.Rxc6 Qxa2= *(22...Qxd3 23.Rc3=)*]

21...Kf8? 4.01/22

[21...Kh7 2.33/19 22.Nxf7 Rf8]

22.Qf4 f6 23.Rg6 c5

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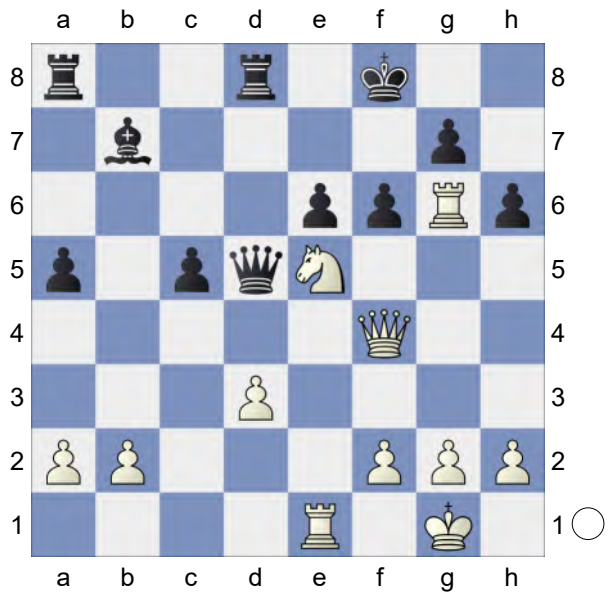
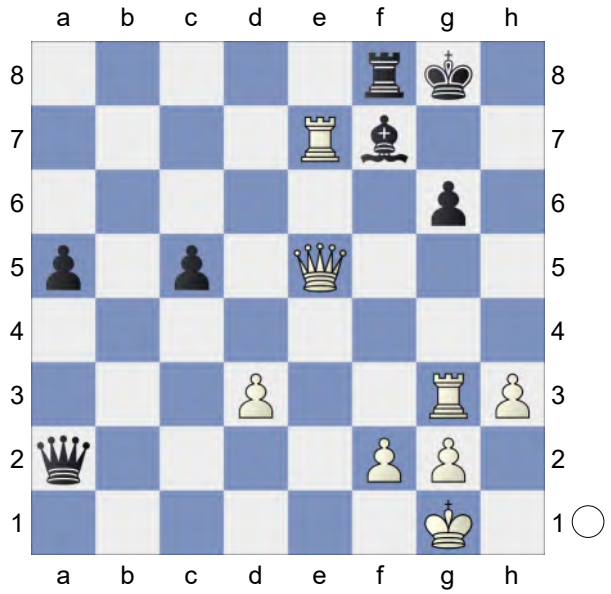


24.Rxf6+! Demolition **24...Kg8 25.Rg6 Rd7** Against Qf7+ **26.Nxd7 Qxd7 27.Qxh6 Rf8 28.Rexe6 Qd4 29.Qe3 Qxb2 30.h3**

[30.Qxc5? gets mated. Qb1+ *(30...Qxa2 31.Rxg7+* Decoy *Kxg7 32.Qg5+ Kh8 33.Rh6#; 30...Qxa2 31.Rxg7+* Decoy *Kxg7 32.Qg5+ Kh8 33.Rh6#)*]

30...Bd5 31.Re7 Bf7 32.Rg3 Qxa2 33.Qe5 g6



34.Rxg6+!!

Weighted Error Value: White=0.07

(flawless) /Black=0.56

1-0

753 **D01**

□ **Dignam,Matthew** **2134**

■ **Birkisson,Bjorn Holm** **2174**

2024 XTX Markets London Chess Classi..

[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 h6 5.h3**

[5.Nf3 e6 6.Bd3 c5 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.e4 Nc6 9.0-0 Nh5 10.Bd2 Nf6 11.h3 0-0 12.Bf4 b5 13.exd5 exd5 14.Re1 Be6 15.Qd2 Re8 16.a3 Rc8 17.Rad1 Bf8 18.Be3 Qd7 19.Nd4 Ne5 Torombot (3050)-Expositor (2831) Rapid 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (77)]

5...c5 6.Nf3N

[6.dxc5!? e6 7.Nf3=]

[6.a3 Nc6 7.Nf3 cxd4 8.exd4 Bf5 9.Bd3 Be4 10.0-0 e6 11.Re1 Bxf3 12.Qxf3 Nxd4 13.Qg3 Nh5 14.Qg4 Nf6 15.Qg3 Nh5 16.Qe3 Bc5 17.Be5 Nb3 18.Qf3 Nxa1 19.Qxh5 Qb6 20.Nxd5 Bxf2+ Athena Pallada (2891)-Lovefifi (2670) Blitz 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0]

6...e6 7.g4 Nc6 8.Bg2 Black has an edge. **8...Bd6 9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.0-0 0-0 11.g5 hxg5 12.Bxg5 Be7 13.Re1 Nh7** -0.15/17

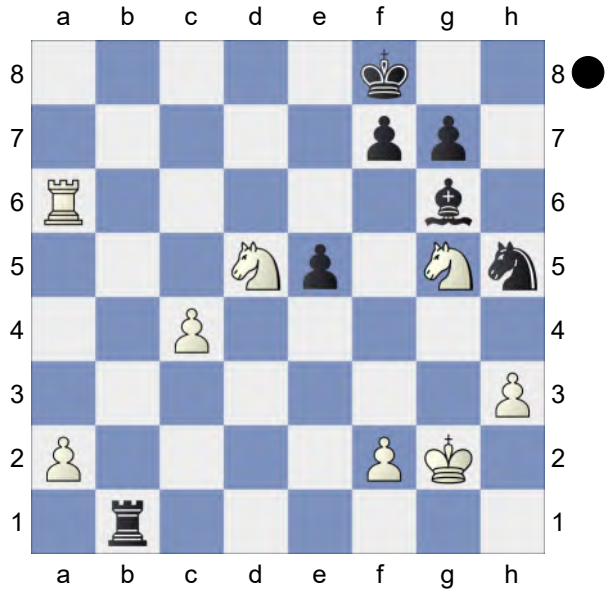
[13...Bd7∓ -0.46/17]

14.Bxe7= Qxe7 15.e4 dxe4 16.Rxe4 Rd8 17.Qe2 Qf6 18.Rd1 Rxd1+ 19.Qxd1 e5 0.26/21

[⌓19...b5 -0.17/18]

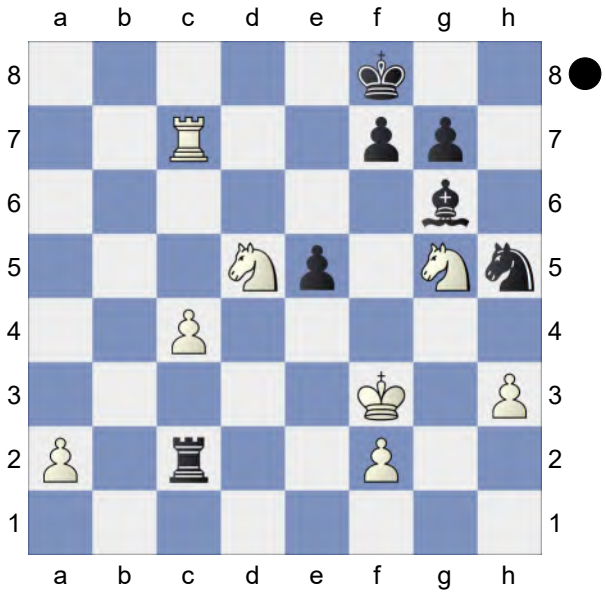
20.Nd5 Qd6 21.Re1 Rb8 22.c4 Nf6 23.Ng5 Bf5! Inhibits Qd3. **24.Ne3↑** White is more active. **24...Qxd1 25.Rxd1 Bg6 26.Bxc6 bxc6 27.Rd6**

Kf8 0.59/22
[27...Nh5= 0.02/21]
28.Rxc6± Rxb2 29.Rxa6 Rb1+ 30.Kg2 Nh5 31.Nd5



Intending Ra8+ and mate. **31...Ke8** 1.20/20
[31...Nf4+± 0.57/20 32.Nxf4 exf4]
32.Ra7 0.72/21
[⌓32.Ra8+ 1.20/20 Kd7 33.Ra7+ Ke8 34.Re7+ Kf8 35.Rxe5]
32...Rc1± 33.Kf3 Rc2 1.59/22
[Better is 33...Nf4± 0.66/19]
34.Re7+ 0.80/21
[⌓34.a4 1.59/22]
34...Kf8 35.Rc7
[Of course not 35.Rxe5?! f6 36.Ne6+ Kf7±]

(Diagram)



35...Ke8 36.a4 Ra2 37.a5 0.55/22
[37.Re7++- 1.66/22 Kf8 38.Ra7 *(38.Rxe5 Rxa4 39.Nb6 Ra7±)*]
37...Rxa5 1.06/22
[Black should play 37...Ra3+± 0.55/22 38.Kg2 Rxa5]
38.c5 -0.04/21 &Bianco is more active.
[Only move: 38.Re7+± 1.06/22 Kf8 39.Rxe5]
38...Ra3+= 39.Kg2
[39.Ne3 seems wilder. Nf4 40.c6 f6 41.Rxg7 fxg5 42.Rg8+]
39...f6 40.Re7+ Kf8! 41.Ne6+ Pair of Knights! **41...Kg8 42.Nxg7** -1.13/24 **Nxg7∓ 43.Nxf6+ Kf8 44.Rxe5 Kf7 45.Nd5 Nf5** ...Nh4+ is the strong threat. **46.Ne3 Kf6** aiming for ...Nh4+. **47.c6?** -3.87/25 **Nxe3+?** -1.38/23
[Inferior is 47...Kxe5 48.Nc4+ Kd5 49.Nxa3∓]
[47...Nh4+-+ -3.87/25 48.Kg3 Kxe5 49.Kxh4 Bd3]
48.Rxe3-+ Endgame KRB-KR **48...Ra6 49.Rc3 Be4+ 50.Kg3** Strongly threatening c7. **50...Bxc6 51.f3 Bd7 52.Rc4 Ra1 53.Kg2 Bb5 54.Rf4+ Kg5 55.Rg4+** -1.74/23
[55.Rf8∓ -1.42/22 was called for.]

55...Kf5 -1.33/21
[55...Kh5-+ -1.74/23 56.h4 Kh6]
56.Kg3 Rg1+ 57.Kf2 -1.36/21
[57.Kh4-+ -1.92/22 Rb1 58.Kg3]
57...Rf1+ 58.Kg3 Bc6 59.Rf4+ Ke5 60.Rf7 -1.18/23
[⌓60.Rf8 -1.51/24]
60...Kd4 61.Kg2 Rxf3 0.00/41
Never resign too early! Weighted Error Value: White=0.26 (precise) /Black=0.19 (very precise)
½-½

754 **A45**
□ **Osmonbekov,T** **2129**
■ **Karttunen,Mika** **2489**
Titled Tue 1st Apr Early blitz (5) 1.4.25
[TA]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.Nf3 Nbd7N
[5...c5 6.a3
A) 6...Nc6 7.h3 *(7.h4 Bd6 8.g3 0-0 9.h5 h6 10.Bd3 Qe7 11.Ne5 cxd4 12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.exd4 e5 14.dxe5 Bxe5 15.Bxe5 Qxe5+ 16.Qe2 Re8 17.Qxe5 Rxe5+ 18.Kd2 Bg4 19.Rhe1 Rxe1 20.Rxe1 Kf8 21.Na4 Bxh5* 0-1 (45) Bjørneboe,D (2419)-5... exd4 #8: 6... d5 (2409) 50/207 Groningen 1990 (6)*)* 7...b5 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.Bd3 Bb7 10.0-0 Bd6 11.Re1 0-0 12.Bxd6 Qxd6 13.e4 dxe4 14.Nxe4 Nxe4 15.Bxe4 Qe7 16.Qd2 Rfd8 17.Qf4 Na5 18.Bd3 Qf6 19.Qxf6 gxf6 20.Nd2 Rac8 21.b4 1-0 (49) Lalitaditaayyanar,B (2710)-Saphire,N (2567) Dresden op 1993 (3);
B) 6...b5 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.Bd3 Nc6 9.0-0 0-0 10.Qe2 Qe7 11.Ne5 Nxe5 12.Bxe5 Nd7 13.Bg3 f5 14.a4 b4 15.Nb1 Bb7 16.c4 Kh8 17.Nd2 Ba7 18.Rac1 dxc4 19.Nxc4 e5 20.Na5 1-0 (32) Dom Perignon (2753)-Apollothedog (2737) Blitz 2024]
6.Bd3 c5 7.dxc5 Nxc5 8.0-0 Black has an edge. **8...b5 9.Ne2** -0.49/20
[9.a4= -0.09/20 might be stronger.]
9...Bb7∓ 10.Ned4 Be7 11.c3 Nxd3 12.Qxd3 0-0 13.Ne5 Rc8 Prevents Ndc6 **14.a4 b4** 0.05/22
[Better is 14...bxa4∓ -0.79/26 And now ...Ne4 would win. 15.Rxa4 Ne4]
15.cxb4= Bxb4 16.Rfc1 Qb6
[16...Rxc1+ simplifies 17.Rxc1 Qa8 18.Qd1 Rc8]
17.Bg5 -0.07/24
[⌓17.Qb3 0.30/21]
17...Rxc1+ 18.Rxc1 Black must now prevent Bxf6. **18...Rc8 19.Rxc8+ Bxc8 20.Qc2 Qc5 21.Bxf6 gxf6 22.Qxc5 Bxc5** Endgame. KBB-KNN **23.Nd3 Bd6 24.b4 e5 25.Nc6 Bd7 26.b5 Bxc6??** 2.64/18 A mistake that costs the game.
[26...Kf8= 0.02/32 and Black is okay.]
27.bxc6 KB-KN **27...Kf8?** 5.41/28
[27...a5 1.75/25 is a better chance.]

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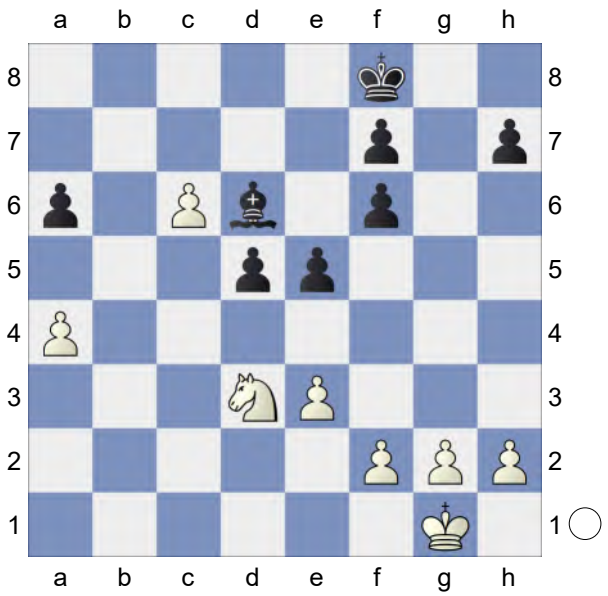
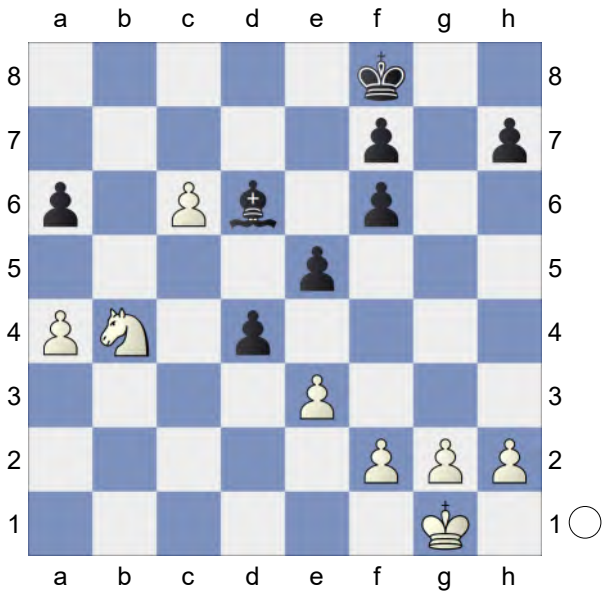


28.Nb4!+- Double Attack. White is clearly winning. **28...d4**



29.exd4! exd4

[29...Ke7 30.Nxa6]

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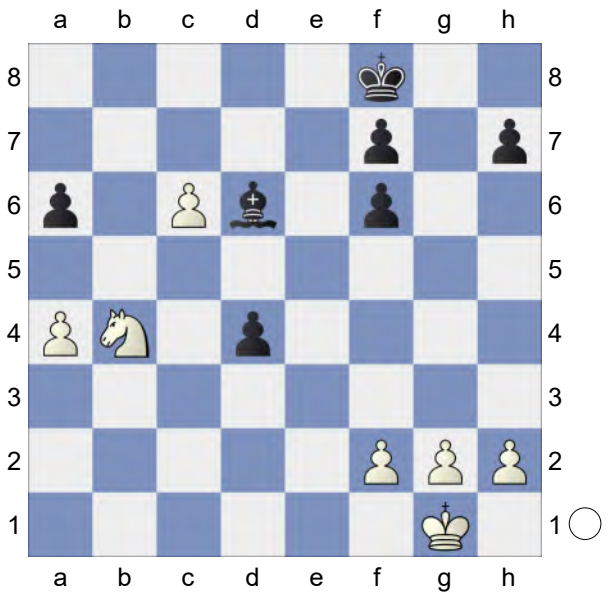


30.Kf1! d3

[30...a5 31.Nd5]

31.Nxa6 Ke8 32.Ke1 Bf4 33.g3 Bc1 34.Kd1 d2 35.Nc5 c7 would now be deadly. **35...Kd8 36.Nb3 Ba3 37.Kxd2**

[Inferior is 37.Nxd2 Kc7=]

37...Kc7 38.Nd4 Bc5 39.Kd3

Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=0.51

1-0

755 **A45**

□ **Thomforde Toates,Noah** **2128**

■ **Naroditsky,Daniel** **2619**

Titled Tue 10th Jun Late blitz (10)

[TA]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 h6 5.Nf3

[5.a3 e6 6.Bd3 c5 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.Nf3 Nc6 9.e4 0-0 10.0-0 dxe4 11.Nxe4 Nxe4 12.Bxe4 Qf6 13.Qc1 e5 14.Bg3 Re8 15.Re1 Bg4 16.Bxc6 bxc6 17.Bxe5 Qf5 18.Nd4 Bxd4 19.Bxd4 Rxe1+ 1-0 (66) Naroditsky,D (2711)-Dominguez

Perez,L (2656) FIDE World Rapid and Blitz Championship 2024 (12)]

5...Bg4N

[5...e6 6.Bd3 c5 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.e4 Nc6 9.0-0 Nh5 10.Bd2 Nf6 11.h3 0-0 12.Re1 b5 *(12...Re8 13.e5 Nd7 14.Bf4 Qb6 15.Qd2 Bf8 16.Ne2 Qxb2 17.Rab1 Qa3 18.Ned4 Nc5 19.Nxc6 bxc6 20.Nh2 h5 21.Nf1 h4 22.Nh2 a5 23.Ng4 Nxd3 24.cxd3 Bb4 25.Qe3 Bxe1 26.Bh6 Bxf2+ 27.Qxf2* 1-0 (61) Torombot (3006)-Bitbybyte (2835) Rapid 2024*)* 13.exd5 exd5 14.Bf4 Be6 15.Qd2 Re8 16.Rad1 Rc8 17.a3 Bf8 18.Be3 Qd7 19.Nd4 Ne5 20.Bf4 1-0 (80) Torombot (3027)-Expositor (2768) Blitz 2024 Nxd3 21.Qxd3 Qb7 22.Re2 Bd7 23.Qf3 Rxe2 24.Ndxe2 Bf5 25.Bxh6 Bxc2 26.Rd2 Be4 27.Qg3 Nh5 28.Qh4 Nf6 29.Bg5 Nh7 30.f3 Nxg5 31.Qxg5 Qb6+ 32.Kf1 Bg6 33.h4 d4 34.Rxd4 Bc2 35.g4 1-0 (77) Torombot (3050)-Expositor (2831) Rapid 2024]

6.Be2 c5 0.58/24 **7.Ne5**

[7.dxc5!? e6 8.Na4±]

7...Bxe2 8.Qxe2 White has an edge. **8...Nc6 9.dxc5** And now 0-0-0 would win. **9...e6 10.0-0** Strongly threatening Na4. **10...Bxc5 11.Rad1 0-0 12.e4 d4** 0.82/25

[12...Re8= -0.29/19 remains equal.]

13.Nxc6± bxc6 14.Na4 Ba7 15.b3 Nd7 16.Bd6 White has more active pieces. **16...Re8 17.e5!**

[17.Qxa6 e5 18.Bb4 *(18.Qxc6 Re6=)* 18...Bc5±]

17...Qa5 18.Nb2 Qb5 1.78/25

[18...Nb6± 0.99/24 was worth a try.]

19.Qe4 0.61/27

[19.Nc4+- 1.78/25]

19...Qd5 1.05/25

[19...f5± 0.61/27 is more appropriate. 20.Qf4 g5]

20.Qe2 Qb5 1.87/22

[20...c5± 0.86/24]

21.Qe4 0.62/22

[21.Rd3+- 1.87/22]

21...f5± 22.Qd3 Qd5 1.07/22

[22...Qxd3± 0.63/25 is superior. 23.Nxd3 c5]

23.Nc4

[23.Qxa6?! Bc5 24.Qd3 Nxe5 25.Bxe5 Qxe5=]

23...c5 24.f4 Bb8 1.63/18

[24...Nb6± 0.79/20 was necessary.]

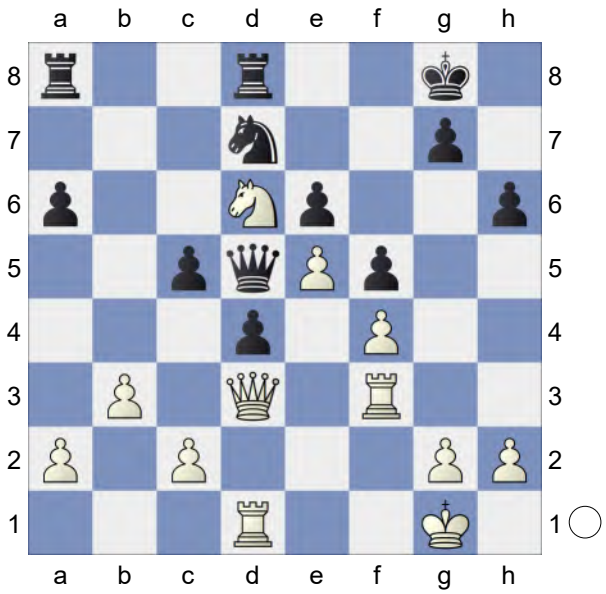
25.Rf3 0.93/20

[25.g4+- 1.63/18]

25...Bxd6 26.Nxd6

[Don't take 26.exd6 Qc6]

26...Red8



27.c3 0.43/20

[27.Rg3!± 1.33/19]

27...Nf8? 2.02/20

[Better is 27...Nf6!± 0.43/20]

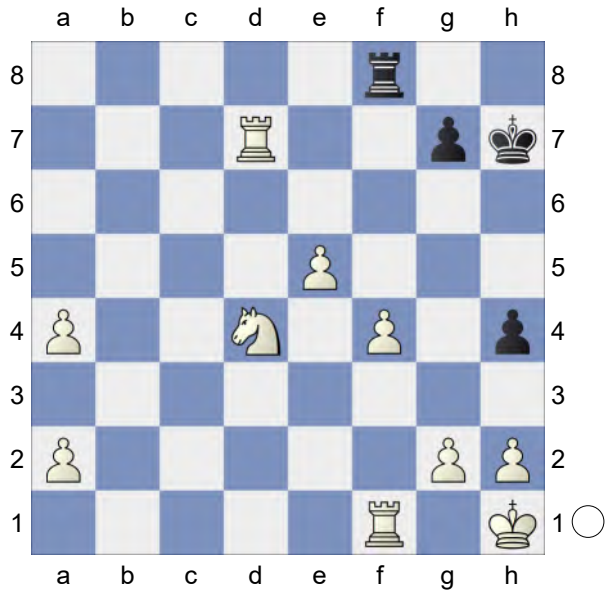
28.cxd4+- Ng6 2.52/20

[⌓28...Qxd4+ 1.90/20 29.Qxd4 cxd4]

29.dxc5 Qxc5+ 30.Kh1 Rac8 2.02/20

[30...a5± 1.40/22 is a better defense.

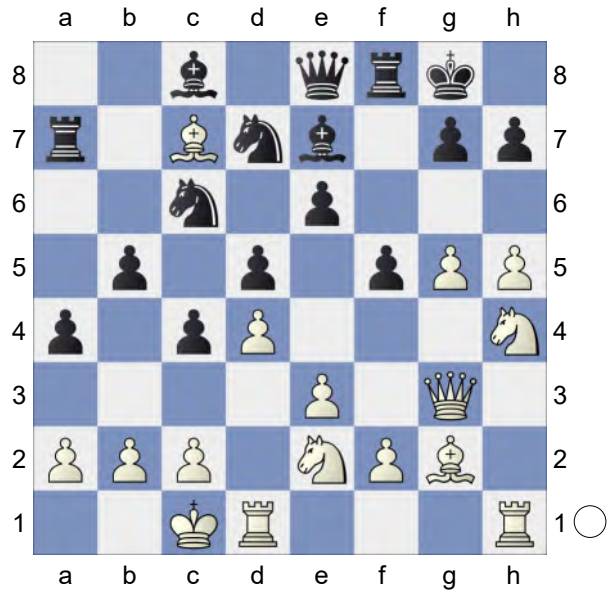
31.Qd2 Kh7]
31.Rff1 1.06/22
[31.Qxa6+- 2.02/20 Qf1 would now be deadly. Kh7 32.Qf1]
31...Rc6 32.Qg3 Qc2? 6.75/24
33.Qxg6 White wants to mate with Ne8!
33...Rc7 34.Qxe6+ Kh7 35.Qxf5+ Qxf5 36.Nxf5 Rf8 37.Ne3 Rc2 38.Nxc2 a5 39.Rd7 a4 40.bxa4 h5 41.Nd4 32.40/28
[⌓41.e6 #15/26 Re8 42.e7 Kh6 43.a5 *(43.Rd6+ Kh7+-)* 43...Kg6 44.a6 Kf5 45.Nd4+ Kg6 46.a7]
41...h4



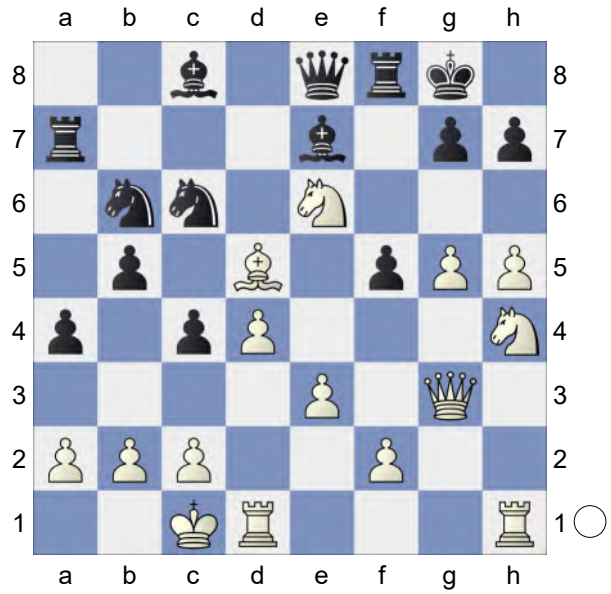
42.Rxg7+!! Kxg7 Endgame. KRN-KR
[42...Kh8 43.Rg4]
43.Ne6+ White mates. **43...Kg6 44.Nxf8+ Kh5 45.f5 h3 46.gxh3 Kh4 47.f6 Kxh3 48.f7 Kg4 49.Ne6 Kh4 50.f8Q Kh3 51.Qf3+ Kh4 52.Qg3+ Kh5 53.Qg5#**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.29 (precise) /Black=0.77
1-0

756 **D00**
□ **Lohr,Maximilian** **2112**
■ **Seul,Georg** **2363**
24. HZ Open 2022 (6.14) 10.08.2022
[Kitty Kat]

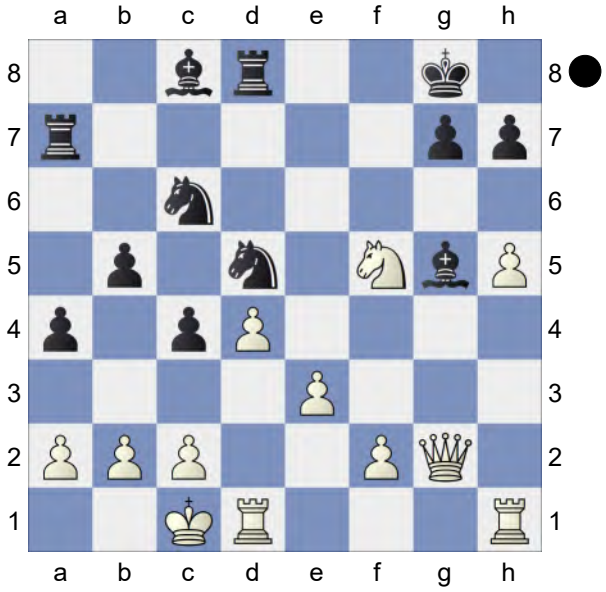
D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.g4 c5 6.g5 Nfd7 7.Qf3**
[7.Qg4 b5 8.Qg3 Bb7 9.Nf3 b4 10.Ne2 Nc6 11.h4 Rc8 12.Bh3 Nb6 13.h5 Nc4 14.g6 hxg6 15.hxg6 f6 16.Rh2 f5 17.Ng5 Nxb2 18.Nxe6 Qf6 19.Nxf8 Rxf8 20.Bg5 Qxg6 21.dxc5 Qe6 Puztel (3027)-Bot Adario (2651) Blitz 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (55)]
[7.h4 Nc6 8.Nge2 b5 9.Bg2 Qa5 10.a3 cxd4 11.exd4 Bb7 12.h5 h6 13.g6 Nf6 14.Ng3 fxg6 15.hxg6 Qb6 16.0-0 Qxd4 17.Qe2 Qxf4 18.Qxe6+ Be7 19.Rfe1 Kd8 20.Nf5 Bc5 21.Re3 Re8 Olachikita (2672)-Nadigraj (2706) Blitz 2024 [Kitty Kat] 0-1]
7...Be7 8.Qg3 White is slightly better.
8...0-0 9.Nf3N
[9.h4 Nc6 10.Nf3 cxd4 11.Bc7 Qe8 12.exd4 4) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 e6-4.e3 a6 5.g4 Be7 #1 London 2023]
9...Nc6 0.72/18
[9...Qa5= 0.30/17]
10.0-0-0 b5 11.Bc7 Qe8 12.h4 f5 13.Ne2 c4 14.Nf4 Nd8 15.h5 Ra7 16.Ne2↑ White fights for an advantage.
16...Nc6 17.Bg2 a5 0.94/19
[17...b4= 0.26/18 keeps the balance.]
18.Nh4 &Bianco is more active. **18...a4** 1.02/19
[18...Bxg5± 0.64/18 19.Nc3 *(19.Qxg5 Rxc7 20.Nc3 Qe7=)* 19...Bh6]



19.Nf4! Rxc7 1.85/21
[19...Bd8± 0.75/18 20.Bd6 Nb6]
[19...a3 20.Nxe6]
20.Nxe6+- Discovered Attack, Double Attack **20...Ra7** 4.30/20
[20...Nb6 1.78/19]
21.Bxd5 2.02/21
[21.Nxf8 Nb6±]
[⌓21.Nc7! 4.30/20 Qxh5 22.Bxd5+ Kh8 23.Bxc6]
21...Nb6

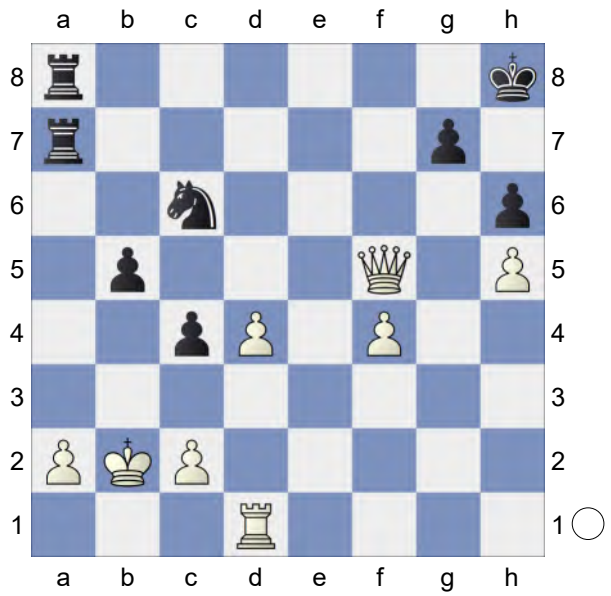


22.Nc7+ 1.29/20
[22.Nxg7+!+- 2.35/22 Kxg7 23.h6+ Kh8 24.g6]
22...Nxd5± 23.Nxe8 Rxe8 24.Qf3 Rd8 2.14/20
[24...Be6± 1.14/19]
25.Nxf5+- Bxg5 26.Qg2? -0.97/21



h6∓ 27.f4! Bxf4 28.exf4 -2.30/19
[⌓28.Rhf1 -1.82/20 Bg5 29.Kb1]
28...Bxf5-+ 29.Rhe1 a3? -0.01/22
[29...Ncb4-+ -3.32/20 30.c3 Nd3+ 31.Rxd3 Nxf4]
30.Re8+!= Rxe8 31.Qxd5+ Kh8 0.85/25
[31...Rf7= -0.01/25 remains equal. 32.Qxc6 Re2 33.bxa3 Rxc2+ 34.Kb1 Rd2+ 35.Kc1 Rc2+ 36.Kb1 Rd2+ 37.Kc1 Rxa2]
32.Qxf5± axb2+ 33.Kxb2 Rea8

(Diagram)



34.Ra1 0.01/25
[Much weaker is 34.Qxb5 Rb8 35.Qxb8+ Nxb8∓]
[34.Kc3!± 0.95/24]
34...b4!= Strongly threatening ...c3+.
[Don't take 34...Nxd4 35.Qc5 c3+ 36.Qxc3± *(36.Kxc3 Ra4±)*]
35.Qc5 c3+ 36.Kb3 Rc7 37.Qd6 Na5+ 38.Kxb4 Rc6 4.04/23 This costs Black the game.
[38...Rcc8= 0.01/23]
39.Qd5+- Rb6+? 6.52/22
[39...Rcc8 3.75/21 40.Qxa5 Rxa5]
40.Kxc3 White is clearly winning.
40...Rc8+ 41.Kd3 Nc6 White must now prevent ...Nb4+. **42.c3** Inhibits Nb4+.
42...Nd8 43.Re1 Weighted Error Value: White=0.42/Black=0.65
1-0

757 **D00**
□ **Black,James** **2110**
■ **Gustafsson,Jan** **2601**
Titled Tue 29th Apr Early blitz (5)
[TA]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack
1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Ne5 Bd7 8.Qd2 The position is equal. **8...e6 9.a3** Repels Bb4
[9.f3 Bb4 *(9...Qb6 10.0-0-0 Rc8 11.a3 Na5 12.g4 Be7 13.h4 Bb5 14.h5 h6 15.g5 hxg5 16.Bxg5 Nxh5 17.Bxe7 Kxe7 18.Bxb5 axb5 19.Rde1 Nf6 20.Rxh8 Rxh8 21.Qg5 Kf8 22.Qxf6 gxf6 23.Nd7+ Ke7 24.Nxb6* 1-0 (25) Donkindonat (2675)-Interestinglandscape (2651) Blitz 2024*)* 10.a3 Qa5 11.Rb1 Be7 12.Be2 Rc8 13.g4 h6 14.h4 Qb6 15.Nxc6 Rxc6 16.Na4 Qd8 17.b4 Rc8 18.Nc5 Bc6 19.c3 b6 20.Nxa6 Nd7 21.b5 Bb7 22.Nb4 Bxh4+ 23.Kf1 Be7 0-1 (42) Donkindonat (2691)-Fanfanfan (2828) Blitz 2024]
9...Be7 10.f3N -0.38/22
[10.h4= 0.00/20 should be considered.]
[10.Be2 0-0 11.g4 b5 12.g5 Ne8 13.Nxc6 Bxc6 14.Qe3 Nd6 15.Bd3 Nc4 16.Qh3 g6 17.Qh6 Re8 18.b3 e5 19.dxe5 Qa5 20.bxc4 Qxc3+ 21.Bd2 Qxa1+ 22.Ke2 Qxh1 23.e6 Bf8 24.Qh4 Rxe6+ 0-1 Brencher,P (1975)-Wells,P (2370) Harrogate 4NCL op 29th 2023 (1) 25.Be3 dxc4 0-1 Clery,N (1933)-Ulibin Kontic (2370) Jugoslavija (ch) 53/11 1991 (1)]
10...0-0 11.g4 Rc8 12.g5 Nh5
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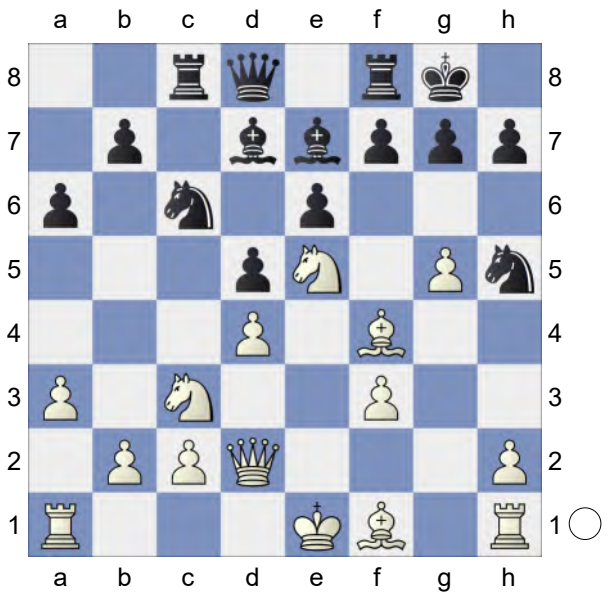
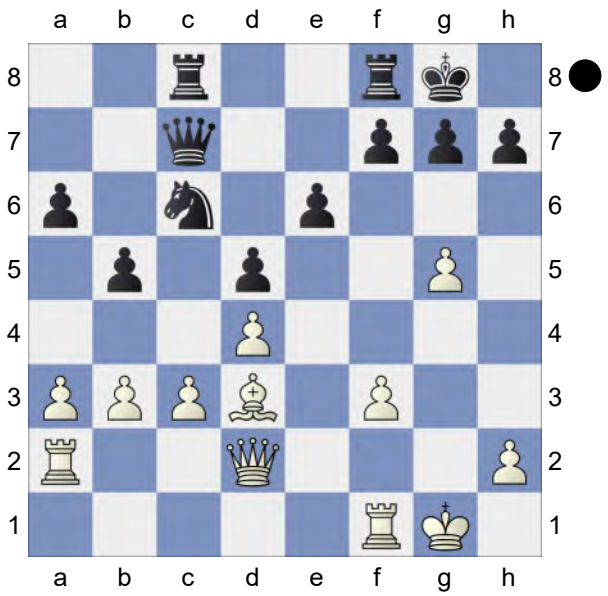


Strongly threatening ...Nxf4. **13.Nxd7** -1.63/22
[13.Be3∓ -0.56/21]
13...Qxd7 14.Be3 Na5 15.b3 Qc7 16.Ne2 b6 -0.43/21
[16...Bd6-+ -1.74/21 ...e5! is the strong threat. 17.Ra2 e5 *(17...Bxh2? too greedy. 18.f4+-)*]
17.Ra2 -0.94/24
[17.Ng3∓ -0.43/21 Nxg3 18.hxg3]
17...Bd6 Black is much more active. The white rooks are passive. **18.Nc1** -2.14/20
[18.Bh3∓ -0.77/22 was called for.]
18...Bf4? -0.17/22
[18...e5-+ -2.14/20 aiming for ...exd4. 19.Qf2 exd4 20.Bxd4 b5]
19.Bxf4 -0.56/22
[19.Bxa6= -0.17/22 Ra8 20.Bb5]
19...Nxf4∓ 20.Nd3 -1.24/24
[Better is 20.Bxa6∓ -0.50/20 Ra8 21.Bb5]
20...Nxd3+ 21.Bxd3 b5 22.0-0 -1.40/20
[⌓22.a4 -0.98/23]
22...Nc6∓ 23.c3 -1.85/19
[23.Be2∓ -1.44/23]

(Diagram)



23...Na5!-+ Discovered Attack **24.b4 Nb3 25.Qc2 Qxc3 26.Bxh7+ Kh8 27.Qxc3 Rxc3 28.Bb1 Nxd4 29.f4 g6 30.a4 Rb3 31.axb5 axb5 32.Ra7 Rxb4 33.Bd3 Rb3 34.Rd1 Kg7 35.Bf1 Nf5 36.Rb7 b4 37.Rc1 Rc3 38.Rb1 Rfc8 39.R7xb4 Rc2 40.Re1 Rd2 41.Rb7** -6.19/20
[⌓41.Rbb1 -4.18/19]
41...Nd4 Black is clearly winning. **42.Bg2** Wards off Nf3+ **42...Rcc2 43.Bh1 Rxh2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.42/ Black=0.29 (precise)
0-1

758 **D00**
□ **Ilic,Ilija** **2096**
■ **Levi,E** **2246**
zt3.2b Oceana (1) 23.05.2000
[Aaron Summerscale]

The London-Veresov: This is a hybrid, that causes nothing but trouble for the White player in the next game. D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 g6 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4*

e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8 1-0 Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 2013*; 5.f4 Qa5 6.Bd2 Qb4 7.Qe2 Qxb2 8.Rb1 Qa3 9.e5 dxe5 10.fxe5 Nfd7 11.e6 fxe6 12.dxe6 Nf6 13.Nb5 Qxa2 14.Nc7+ Kd8 15.Rd1 Nc6 16.Bf4+ Nd4 17.Nxa8 Qxe6 18.Qxe6 Bxe6 19.c3 Bg4* 1-0 Genovese,A (2106)-Burk,E (1200) Germany senior ch-5 final 9901 1999*)* 5...Bg7 6.Bc4 *(6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.a4 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nbd7 11.Re1 a6 12.Bf1 e5 13.a5 Ne8 14.Bd3 Qh4 15.Qg4 Qxg4 16.hxg4 Rc8 17.b3 Nef6 18.g5 Ne8 19.g3 f6 20.Kg2 fxg5* 0-1 7.♗c4 ♕a5 8. ♕ d2 e6_6062 (2345)-Jovic,A (2383) Gonfreville op 1979 (3.76)*)* 6...0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 1-0 Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) V0048 www.desc-online.de 2000 (7) gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8 21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9)]

3.Bf4 I cannot bring myself to recommend this d-pawn special, which combines the worst aspects of the London system, with the worst of the Veresov. If Black avoids g6, the entire idea seems, at best, harmless. **3...Bf5 4.Qd2** We have all seen this idea before when Black plays an early g7-g6, but here it makes much less sense. Simple development would clearly be better:

[4.e3]

4...e6 5.e3 c5 6.f3 -0.58/18 White prepares for kingside expansion, but with Black's queenside counterplay well under way, I can't believe that this will be enough.

[6.Nb5!= 0.10/17]

6...Nc6 7.g4 Bg6 8.h4 -0.95/19

[8.0-0-0∓ -0.57/15]

8...h5∓ 9.g5 Nd7 10.Nh3 White's kingside advances have borne no fruit, so he is forced to change tack and complete development. Although now his king has nowhere safe to reside.

[10.Nb5 -1.04/20 10.Bf1-d3 -0.59 would be foolhardy: Rc8 11.Nd6+ -1.90/21 *(11.c3∓* -0.84/18 *)* 11...Bxd6-+ 12.Bxd6 Qb6 And Black has a powerful counterattack.]

10...Rc8 11.dxc5 -1.81/19

[11.a3∓ -1.12/17]

11...Nxc5 -0.92/18

[11...Bxc5-+ -1.81/19 12.Rd1 e5]

12.Bb5 Qb6 -0.50/18 Black begins to take over the initiative.

[12...Be7∓ -1.10/17 13.Bg3 0-0]

13.Be5 -1.58/20

[13.a4!∓ -0.50/18]

13...Nd7 14.Bd4 Nxd4 15.exd4 -2.57/22

[⌓15.Qxd4 -1.66/22 Qxd4 *(15...Bxc2 16.Qxb6 axb6 17.Kf2∓)* 16.exd4]

15...Bb4-+ Black piles on the pressure.

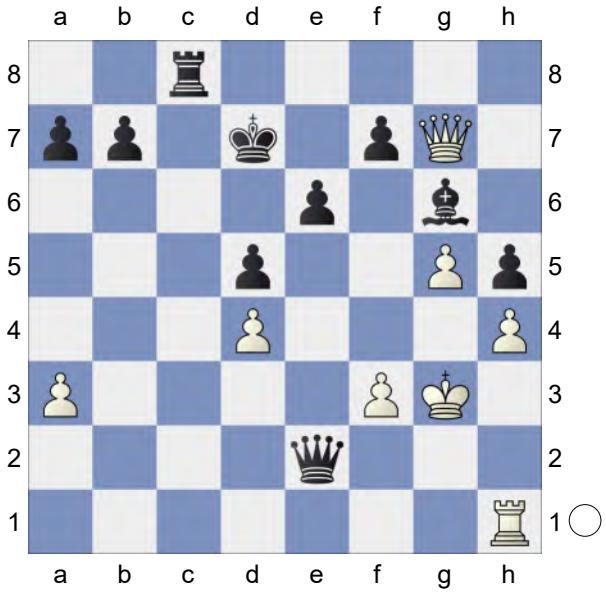
[15...a6 was a good alternative when: 16.Bxd7+ -2.95/22 *(⌓16.Ba4* -1.75/20 *)* 16...Kxd7-+ 17.0-0-0 gives Black a huge attack after: Bb4]

16.Nf4 Qa5 -1.16/22

[16...Qxb5! -1.54/20 16...Bb4xc3 -2.

68 was perhaps even stronger, leading to a won endgame after: 17.Nxb5 Bxd2+ 18.Kxd2 Rxc2+ 19.Ke3 Nb6 -1.22/24 *(19...Ke7-+* -1.96/20 aiming for ...a7-a6. *20.Rab1 Bf5)* 20.Nxg6∓ fxg6]
[16...Bxc3-+ -2.71/24 has better winning chances. 17.Bxd7+ Kxd7 18.bxc3 Rhe8 *(18...Qb2? 19.0-0-+)*]
17.Bxd7+ -2.09/21
[17.Nxg6∓ -1.16/22 was necessary. fxg6 18.Qd3 Bxc3+ 19.bxc3 Rxc3 *(19...Qxc3+ 20.Qxc3 Rxc3 21.Bd3∓)* 20.Qd2 *(20.Qxg6+? Kd8-+)*]
17...Kxd7 18.Nfe2 -2.36/18
For the moment, White has defended all his weak points, but he has a long, arduous defence in front of him.
[⌓18.Nxg6 -1.70/20 fxg6 19.0-0]
18...Rc4 19.Kf2 Rhc8 20.a3 Bd6 21.Nf4? -5.53/23 As so often happens, the defender cracks under the pressure. Any attempt at activity can easily rebound in his face!
[21.Kg2 would have, for the time being, kept the wolf from the door.]
[21.Rhd1 -2.31/20 is more resistant.]
21...Bxf4
[21...Rxd4! was even stronger: 22.Qxd4 b2-b4 would now be deadly. Bc5 winning the queen.]
22.Qxf4 Qb6 White is in serious trouble.
[22...Bxc2 23.Qxf7+ Kd6 24.Rac1± *(24.Qxg7 R8c6+-; 24.Qxh5 Bf5∓)*]
23.Qe5 -6.42/22
[⌓23.Ne2 -4.36/20 Rxc2 24.Rac1]
23...Qxb2 Putting the cat well and truly amongst the pigeons. (Although, I'm not sure what the wolf at the door would have to say about that.) **24.Ne2 Rxc2 25.Rae1 Bd3** The final nail in the coffin. White could and should resign. **26.Qxg7**

White is weak on the light squares
26...Rxe2+ 27.Rxe2 Qxe2+ 28.Kg3 Bg6



(→ ...Rc8-c2) **29.Rh2 Qe1+ 30.Kf4 Rc4** -15.53/28 Weighted Error Value: White=1.10/Black=0.53
[⌓30...Qc1+ -#9/20 31.Kg3 Qg1+ *(31...Qxa3? 32.Re2-+)* 32.Rg2 Qe1+ Skewer 33.Rf2 Rc2 34.Kf4 Qxf2 *(34...Rxf2* gets mated. *35.Qe5 Qh1 36.Qe4 dxe4 37.Ke5 Rxf3 38.d5 Qa1#)* 35.Qxf7+ Remove Defender Bxf7 36.g6 Qxh4+ *(36...Qxd4+? 37.Kg3 Qe5+ 38.f4 Qe3#)* 37.Ke3 Qg5+ 38.f4 Qg3#]
0-1

759 **A45**
□ **Seder,Mohammed** **2075**
■ **Howell,David** **2668**
Titled Tue 17th Jun Early blitz (7)
[TA]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 Bf5 5.Bd3
[5.f3 e6 6.g4 Bg6 7.h4 h5 8.g5

Nfd7 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 c5 11.g6 f6 12.0-0-0 Nc6 13.Nh3 Qa5 14.Kb1 0-0-0 15.Bh2 c4 16.Qd2 Bb4 17.Nf4 Rde8 18.e4 Nb6 19.exd5 exd5 1-0 (40) Schmagendorfspieler (2710)-Occhess (2845) Blitz 2024]

5...e6N 0.49/20
[5...Bg6= 0.04/22]

6.Nf3 -0.06/19
[6.Bxf5± 0.49/20 exf5 7.h4]

6...Bxd3 0.40/24
[6...Bg6= -0.06/19 7.Ne5 c5 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.0-0 Nbd7 10.Qf3 Nxe5 11.Bxe5 Bd6 3. Veresov & Jobava Attack-Jobava Attack 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3]

7.Qxd3 -0.01/20
[7.cxd3± 0.40/24 was preferrable. Be7 8.0-0]

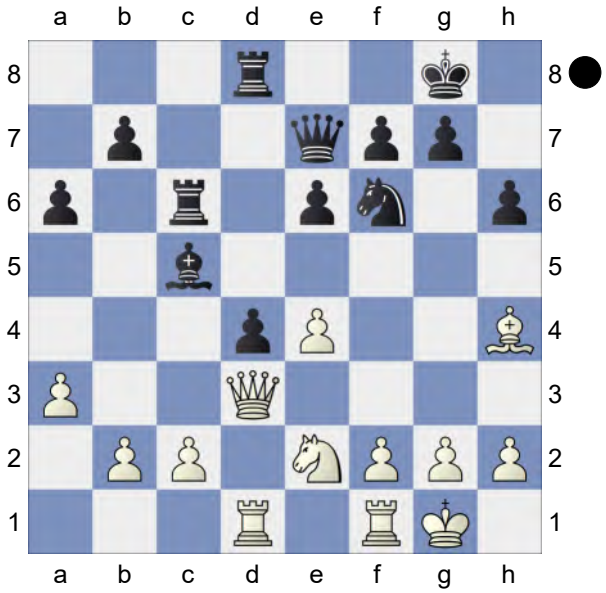
7...c5= 8.dxc5 The position is equal.

8...Bxc5 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Ne5 Rc8 11.a3 0-0 12.Rad1 Qe7 0.00/24
[Black should try 12...Be7∓ -0.58/23]

13.e4 d4 14.Ne2 Rfd8
[14...Qc7!? 15.Nf3 e5=]

15.Nxc6 Rxc6 16.Bg5 -0.48/23
[16.Be5= 0.14/22]

16...h6!∓ 17.Bh4



Threatens to win with e5. **17...e5 18.Bxf6 Qxf6 19.Ng3** -1.23/22
White is weak on the dark squares
[19.Nc3∓ -0.31/21]

19...g6 -0.71/22
[Black should play 19...Bb6 -1.23/22 20.Rfe1 g6]

20.Kh1 Bb6 21.Ne2 Qe6 22.f4 Qc4 0.04/24
[22...a5∓ -0.32/20]

23.Qf3 Qxc2 0.55/25
[23...Rf6= -0.13/21 24.Qd3 Qxd3 25.cxd3 exf4]

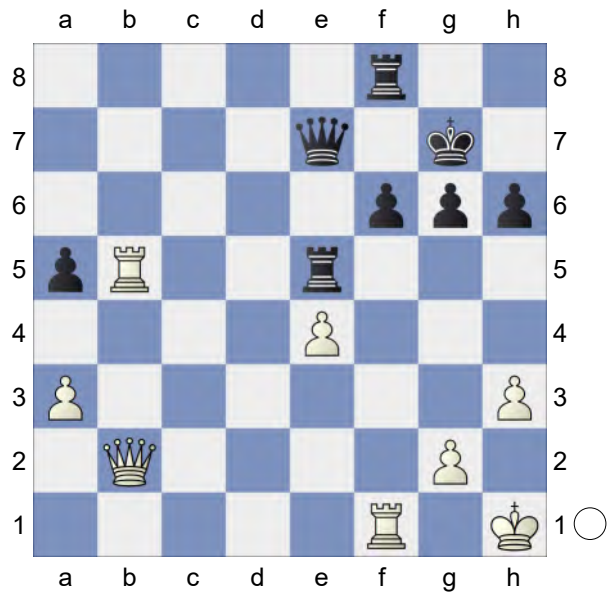
24.fxe5± Rf8
[24...Qxb2? 25.Qxf7+ Kh8 26.e6+- *(26.Qxb7 Rdc8+-; 26.Nf4 Rg8+-)*]

25.Nxd4 -0.07/22
[25.Nf4± 0.50/21 Qxb2 26.e6 *(26.Nd5 Bd8+-)*]

25...Bxd4= 26.Rxd4 Qxb2 27.Rd7 Qa2
[27...Qxe5? is the wrong capture. 28.Rxf7 *(28.Rxb7 Rc3∓)* 28...h5 29.Rxf8++-]

28.Rxb7 Qe6 29.h3 Rc5 30.Qe3 Rxe5 31.Rb6 Qe7 32.Qb3 Kg7 33.Qb2 a5 34.Rb5 f6 4.86/32
[34...Re8!= 0.29/22 and Black is okay.]

(Diagram)

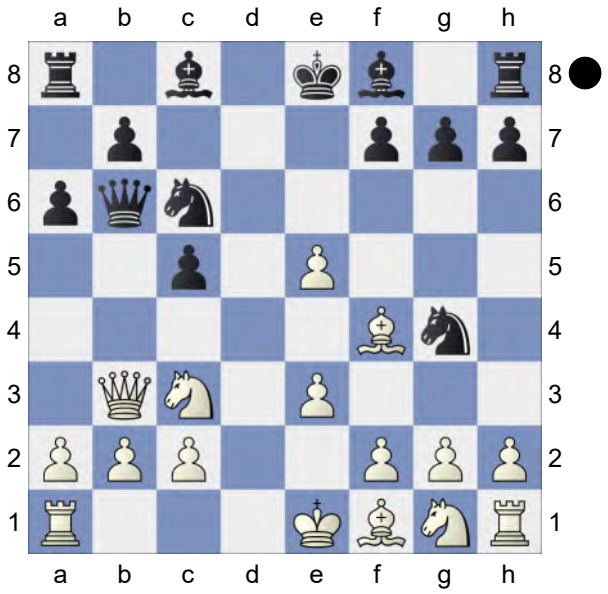


35.Rb7 Pin.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /Black=0.40
1-0

760 **D00**
□ **Strebel,Philipp** **2074**
■ **Baeckstroem,Bjoern** **2091**
corr SWE-SUI 2023 15.12.2023
[Mega 2024/Taktische Analyse]

1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 Nf6 3.Nc3 c5 4.e3 Nc6?
[4...cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.h3 Bf5 8.Bd3 Bxd3 9.Qxd3 e6 10.0-0 Be7 11.Ne5!? Eine interessante Nebenvariante. Rc8 12.Nxc6 Rxc6 13.Ne2 0-0 14.c3 Ne4N *(*Vorgänger: *14...b5 15.a3 Qb6 16.Be5 a5 17.Qg3 Nh5 18.Qf3 Nf6 19.Nf4 Nd7 20.Nd3 b4 21.cxb4 axb4* 0-1 Hess,R (2591)-Csonka,B (2498) Titled Tuesday intern op 22nd Sept blitz 2020 (2)*)* 15.a4 a5 16.Qe3 Bd6 17.Be5 Bxe5 18.dxe5 Qb6 19.Nd4 Rc4 20.Qe2 Nc5 21.Qc2 Nxa4 22.b3 Qxd4 23.bxc4 Nxc3 24.Ra3 Ne4 25.cxd5 exd5 26.Rxa5 Qxe5 27.Rb5 Nd6 28.Rb6 g6 29.Qc7 Nc4 30.Qxe5 Nxe5 31.Rd1 Rd8 32.Rb5 Nc4 33.Rdxd5 Rxd5 34.Rxd5 Kf8 35.Rd7 b5 36.Kf1 Ke8 37.Ra7 Nd6 38.Ke2 b4 39.Ra4 b3 40.Rb4 Nf5 41.Kd3 h5 42.Rxb3 Nh4 43.g3 Nf5 44.Ke4 Kf8 45.Rf3 Nd6+ 46.Kd5 Ne8 47.Ra3 Kg7 48.Ke5 Nc7 49.Rc3 Ne6 50.Rc6 Ng5 51.h4 Nh7 52.Rb6 Nf8 53.Kd6 Kf6 54.Rb3 Nh7 55.Rf3+ Kg7 56.Ke7 f6 57.Ra3 g5 58.Ke6 Kg6 59.Ra8 1-0 Wei,Y (2755)-Giri,A (2745) Warsaw Superbet Blitz 2024 (14)]
5.Nb5
[5.Nf3 Bg4 6.Be2 e6 7.0-0 7.Se5 bringt frisches Leben in diese Variante. Nh5N *(* Predecessor: *7...Bxf3 8.Bxf3 cxd4 9.exd4 Bd6 10.Be3 a6 11.Ne2 Qc7 12.g3 0-0 13.Nc1 b5 14.Nd3 b4 15.Kg2 Rfc8 16.Qe2 Qb6 17.Rfc1* ½-½ (115) Kovalev,V (2641)-Onischuk,A (2685) Khanty-Mansiysk 2017*)* 8.Bg5 Be7 9.Bxe7 Qxe7 10.Ne5 Bxe2 11.Nxe2 Nf6 12.f4 Ne4 13.c3 0-0 14.Rf3 Nxe5 15.dxe5 Rad8 16.Rh3 f6 17.Rc1 fxe5 18.fxe5 Nf2 19.Qd2 Nxh3+ 20.gxh3 Qg5+ 21.Kh1 Rf2 22.Rg1 Qh5 0-1 Jimenez Esquivel,G (1888)-Gutierrez Soto,G (1749) Santa Barbara op 2023 (2)]
5...e5 6.dxe5 a6 2.13/35 **7.Nc3!+-**
[7.exf6 axb5 8.Nf3 Be6±]
7...Ng4
[7...d4 8.exf6 dxc3 9.Qxd8+ Nxd8 10.b3 Bf5 11.0-0-0 gxf6 12.Ne2 Nc6 13.Nxc3 Nb4 14.a3 Nc6 15.Nd5 1-0 Roques,P (2286)-Kudela, P (1277) corr AO-00022 2023]
8.Qxd5 Weiß hat entscheidenden Vorteil. **8...Qb6 9.Qb3**

[9.Bc4? Be6 *(9...Qxb2? 10.Qxf7+ Kd8 11.Rd1++-)* 10.Qd3 Ngxe5 *(10...Qxb2 11.Rb1=; 10...Nb4 11.Qe4∓)* 11.Bxe5 Nxe5 12.Bb5+ axb5 13.Qxb5+ Qxb5 14.Nxb5 Rxa2 *(14...Bxa2 15.Nc7+ Kd7 16.Nxa8±)* 15.Rxa2 Bxa2-+]



9...Qxb3N

[Vorgänger: 9...Qa5 10.Bc4 Ngxe5 11.Bd5 c4 12.Bxc4 Nxc4 13.Qxc4 Be6 14.Qe4 Bb4 15.Nge2 0-0 1-0 Tang,A (2505)-Danielyan,V (2284) Titled Tuesday intern op 30th Aug Late blitz 2022 (2) 16.0-0 Rfe8 17.a3 Bf8 18.Qf3 Qf5 19.Rac1 Qg6 20.h3 h6 21.Ng3 Bc4 22.Rfd1 Qe6 23.Nd5 g5 24.Nc7 Qg6 25.Nxe8 gxf4 26.Qxf4 Be6 27.Nc7 Rc8 28.Nxe6 Qxe6 29.Nf5 Kh7 30.c4 Ne5 31.Nd4 Qe7 32.Qe4+ 1-0 Tang,A (2505)-Danielyan,V (2284) Titled Tuesday intern op 30th Aug Late blitz 2022 (2)]

[9...Qa7 10.Nd5 Be6 11.Nc7+ Kd7 12.Nxe6 fxe6 13.Rd1+ Ke7 14.Rd6 Nd8 15.Nf3 b5 16.Bg5+ Kf7 17.Rxd8 Rxd8 18.Bxd8 c4 19.Bxc4 bxc4 20.Qxc4 Nxe3 21.fxe3 Qxe3+ 22.Qe2 Qc1+ 23.Qd1 Bb4+ 24.Ke2 1-0 Juracsik,J (1971)-Zoldy,R (1852) Budapest FS08 Nadassy 2022 (5.6)]

10.axb3

[10.cxb3 Ngxe5 11.Be2 Be6+-]

10...Ngxe5 11.Nd5 Bd6 Gegen Sc7+ gerichtet. **12.Nb6 Rb8 13.0-0-0 Bc7 14.Nf3 f6 15.Nd5 Bd8 16.Nd2 b6 17.Ne4 0-0 18.Be2 Ra8 19.Rd2 Bf5 20.Nd6 Be6 21.Bxe5 Nxe5 22.Rhd1 Kh8 23.Nb7 Bxd5 24.Rxd5 Be7** Schwarz ist schwach auf den weissen Feldern **25.f4 Rab8 26.Nd6**

[26.Bxa6 Ng4+-]

[26.fxe5 Rxb7 27.e6 *(27.Bxa6 Ra7±; 27.exf6 Bxf6 28.Bxa6 Ra7±)* 27...Re8+-]

26...Nc6 27.c3

[Nicht 27.Bxa6 Nb4 28.Nf5 Nxd5 29.Rxd5 Ra8±]

27...a5 28.Nb5 Weiß steht klar auf Gewinn. **28...f5 29.Rd7 Rf6 30.Nc7 Bf8 31.Bc4 g6 32.Kc2 h6 33.g3 g5 34.R1d2 g4 35.Nd5 Rd6 36.Rxd6 Bxd6 37.Bd3 Ne7 38.Nxe7** Verteidiger eliminieren. Weiß übernahm nach der Eröffnung die Kontrolle.

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761 **A45**

□ **Sahetchian,A** **2040**

■ **Keatinge Clay,A** **2232**

Titled Tue 8th Jul Early blitz (10) 8.7.25

[TA]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c6 4.Nf3 g6 5.h3

[5.e3 Bg4 6.Be2 Nbd7 7.Ne5 Bxe2 8.Qxe2 Bg7 9.0-0-0 e6 10.g4 Rc8

11.h4 h5 12.f3 Nxe5 13.Bxe5 Kf8 14.e4 hxg4 15.fxg4 Nxe4 16.Nxe4 dxe4 17.Qxe4 Qd5 18.Qf4 Qxa2 19.Rdf1 Qa1+ ½-½ (38) Szwarcman,L (2518)-Holloway,N (2579) CSSR 13/249 1972 (8)]

5...Bg7 6.e3 0-0 7.Bd3 Re8N

[7...Nbd7 8.0-0 c5 9.a4 b6 10.a5 bxa5 11.Qb1 Bb7 12.Qa2 c4 13.Be2 Ne4 14.Nxe4 dxe4 15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.dxe5 c3 17.Rfd1 cxb2 18.Qxb2 Qc7 19.Qb5 a6 20.Qxa5 Qxc2 21.Bg4 Bc8 22.Rac1 1-0 (53) Hebden,M-Madan,A 57 Liverpool 2007]

8.0-0 White is slightly better. **8...Nfd7** 0.81/26

[8...Nbd7± 0.42/25 9.Ne5 Nh5 10.Bh2 Nxe5 11.dxe5 Bh8 12.Qd2 Ng7 13.Rad1 Bf5 14.e4 dxe4 15.Nxe4 Bxe4 16.Bxe4 Qxd2 17.Rxd2 Rad8 18.Rfd1 Ne6 19.Rxd8 Rxd8 20.Rxd8+ Nxd8 21.f4 Ne6 22.c3 Nc5 23.Bc2 Bg7 ½-½ (27) Grabowski,P (1602)-Allahverdi,M (1672) GER-ch (Women) 2023 (7) 24.g4 Bh6 25.Kg2 Ne6 26.Kf3 a6 27.h4 ½-½ Haavamae,H (1602)-Ware,P (1672) Chigorin Memorial 07th 1999 (7)]

9.e4± dxe4 10.Nxe4 Nf6 11.Re1 Nbd7 12.c3 White is much more active. The black rooks are passive. **12...Nb6** 1.33/25

[⌓12...Nxe4 0.91/23 13.Bxe4 *(13.Rxe4 c5=)* 13...c5]

13.a4 Black is weak on the dark squares

13...a5 14.Nc5 Nbd5 15.Bd2 0.75/23

[⌓15.Bh2 1.26/25]

15...b6 16.Ne4 Ba6 1.23/24

[⌓16...Nxe4 0.80/23 17.Bxe4 Qc7]

17.Bc2 0.63/22

[White should try 17.Bxa6!± 1.23/24 Rxa6 18.Qe2]

17...Qc7± 18.Ne5 c5 19.Nxf6+ -0.44/22

[19.Ng5± 0.68/23 Rf8 20.c4]

19...Bxf6 0.76/24

[19...exf6∓ -0.44/22 keeps the upper hand. 20.Nf3 Nf4 21.Rxe8+ Rxe8 22.Bxf4 Qxf4]

20.Bd3? -1.19/26

[20.Qf3± 0.76/24 stays on course. Strongly threatening Be4. Bb7 21.Ng4 cxd4 22.Be4]

20...Bxd3∓ 21.Nxd3 cxd4 22.cxd4 Bxd4 23.Qf3 Rad8 24.Rac1 Qd7 -0.82/23

[⌓24...Qd6 -1.59/27 25.Rc4 Bf6]

25.Ne5 Bxe5!

[25...Qxa4 26.Qxf7+ *(26.Nxf7 Rf8∓)* 26...Kh8 27.Bh6 Bxe5 28.Rxe5 Rg8 29.Rxe7 *(29.Rxd5 Rde8+-; 29.Rxd5 Rde8+-)*]

26.Rxe5 Nb4 0.00/25

[Better is 26...Qd6∓ -0.82/23 27.Re2 Rc8]

27.Bc3 -3.39/23

[27.Bxb4= 0.00/25 axb4 28.b3]

27...Nd3-+

[27...Qxa4? 28.Rxe7 Rxe7 29.Qf6+-]

28.Ree1 Nxc1

[28...Qxa4 29.Rxe7 Qf4 *(29...Nxc1 30.Qxf7#; 29...Rxe7 30.Qf6±)* 30.Rxe8+ Rxe8 31.Qxf4 Nxf4 32.Kh2∓]

29.Rxc1 f6 30.Qe3 Rb8 31.b3 b5 White must now prevent ...b4. **32.Bxa5 bxa4 33.Rc7?** -5.31/23

[33.bxa4 -2.67/20 Qxa4 34.Bd2]

33...Qd6 34.bxa4 Ra8 35.Bb6 Ra6 -0.87/30

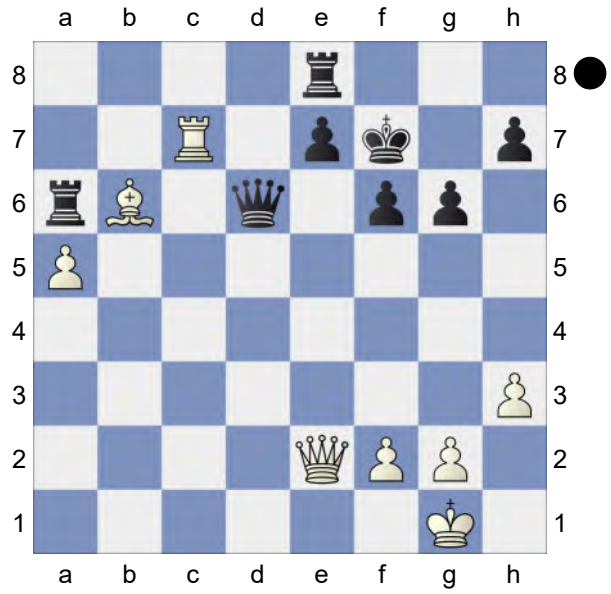
[Not 35...Rxa4 36.Qb3+ Kf8 37.Qxa4∓]

[35...Rac8-+ -2.05/25 is more deadly. 36.Rc5 Rxc5 *(36...Qxb6 37.Rxc8*

Discovered Attack *Qxe3 38.Rxe8+ Kf7 39.fxe3±)* 37.Bxc5 Qd1+ 38.Kh2 Kg7 *(38...Qxa4? 39.Qe6+ Kg7 40.Bxe7-+)*]

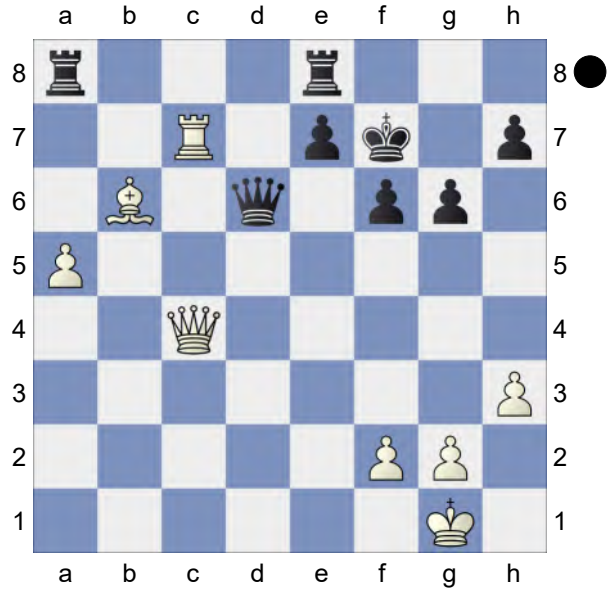
36.a5∓ Kf7 37.Qe2 -1.78/25

[37.Rc1∓ -0.94/25 might work better.]



37...Raa8!-+ 38.Qc4+ -2.08/25

[38.Rc1∓ -1.47/23]



38...Qe6! 39.Qh4 h5 aiming for ...Rac8.

40.g3? -4.35/27

[40.Rc1 -2.08/26]

40...Qe1+ -2.18/30

[⌓40...Rec8 -4.35/27 41.Qa4 Rxc7 *(41...Qxh3? 42.Rxc8 Qxc8 43.Qe4-+)* 42.Bxc7 Rc8 *(42...Qxh3? 43.Qc6-+)*]

41.Kh2

Weighted Error Value: White=0.62/ Black=0.38. Sensor Board Error (Ke4/ e5)?

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762 **D00**

□ **Kodithuwakku,K K Dinujaya** **2011**

■ **Setumadhav,Yellumahanthi** **2334**

Titled Tuesday intern op 28th Jan Early b..

[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**

[2...c5 3.d5 g6 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* 1-0 Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 2013*; 5.f4 Qa5 6.Bd2 Qb4 7.Qe2 Qxb2 8.Rb1 Qa3 9.e5 dxe5 10.fxe5 Nfd7 11.e6 fxe6 12.dxe6 Nf6 13.Nb5 Qxa2 14.Nc7+ Kd8 15.Rd1 Nc6 16.Bf4+ Nd4 17.Nxa8 Qxe6 18.Qxe6 Bxe6 19.c3 Bg4* 1-0 Genovese,A (2106)-Burk,E (1200) Germany senior ch-5 final 9901 1999*)*

5...Bg7 6.Bc4 *(6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.a4 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nbd7 11.Re1 a6 12.Bf1 e5 13.a5 Ne8 14.Bd3 Qh4 15.Qg4 Qxg4 16.hxg4 Rc8 17.b3 Nef6 18.g5 Ne8 19.g3 f6 20.Kg2 fxg5* 0-1 7.♗c4 ♕a5 8. ♕d2 e6_6062 (2345)-Jovic,A (2383) Gonfreville op 1979 (3.76)*)*

6...0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 1-0 Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) V0048 www.desc-online.de 2000 (7) gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8 21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9)]

3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.h4! 7.h4 is setting a new trend. 7.h4 setzt einen neuen Trend. **7...Ne4 8.a4N** -0.31/19

[8.Nd2 Nf6 9.h5 h6 10.a3 c6 11.Nc3 Bd6 0.64/20 *(11...c5=* 0.19/19 *)* 12.Bxd6 Qxd6 13.Bxa6 bxa6 14.Nf3 0-1 Naroditsky,D (2618)-Alekseenko,K (2686) Titled Tuesday intern op 04th Apr Late blitz 2023 (9)]

[White should try 8.Nd2= 0.28/17]

8...c6∓ 9.Na3 Qa5+ 10.Nd2 Nxd2

[10...Qxa4?! 11.Nxe4 dxe4 12.Nc4±]

11.Qxd2 Qxa4 12.Be2 Qb4 13.c3 -0.43/18

[13.Qxb4= -0.02/20 Bxb4+ *(13...Nxb4 14.c3=)* 14.c3]

13...Qb6 14.Bd3 c5 15.h5 h6 16.g4 cxd4 -0.21/18

[Black should play 16...c4∓ -0.75/18 17.Be2 Nb4]

17.exd4=

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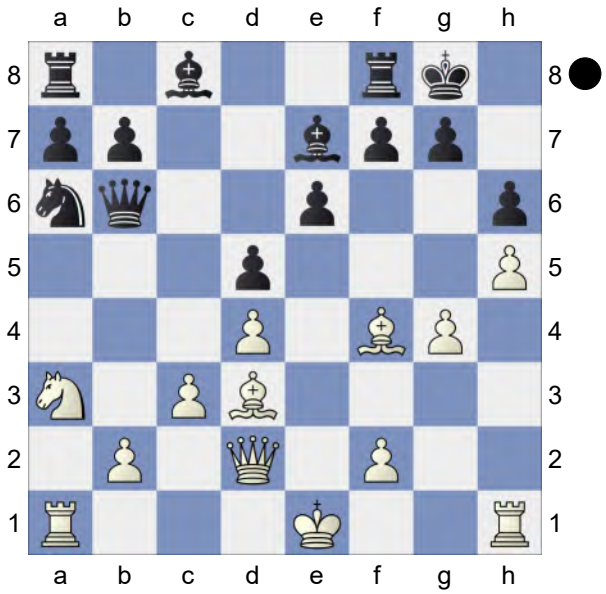

e5! Discovered Attack **18.Bxe5 Bxg4** And now ...Be7-g5 would win. **19.Rg1 f5** -0.21/19

[19...Bxh5 20.Rxg7+ *(20.Bxg7 Rfe8+-)* 20...Kh8 21.Rg6+ f6 22.Qxh6#]

[19...f6!∓ -0.66/20 is superior. 20.Rxg4 fxe5]

20.f3 -0.77/20 **Bxh5?** #3/8

[20...Bg5∓ -0.77/20 21.Qf2 Rae8 *(21...Bxh5 22.Rh1=)* 22.Bxa6 *(22.fxg4?* is the wrong capture. *fxg4 23.Bf5 Bh4-+)* 22...bxa6]

21.Rxg7+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.39

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763 **D00**

□ **Fletcher,John** **2002**

■ **Kralevski,Aleksander** **2054**

World Senior Teams +65 (5.2) 23.09.23

[Richard Palliser]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 Nf6 3.Nc3** From the London into the Jobava-Prie... **3...Nh5?!** A new move for the site and, frankly, if

this leap to the edge was good, White's opening would be much less popular than it is. **4.Be5!?**

[Angling to induce ...f6. The alternative is 4.Bg5 when notably Stockfish simply wants to go 4...Nf6 and play a Veresov a tempo down, assessing White as only very fractionally better (I'll blame the knight on c3!). Humans though have tended to prefer h6 when 5.Bh4 g5 6.e3! is a key motif, giving White a pleasant edge: for example, Nf6 7.Bg3 Bf5 8.Bd3 e6?! 9.Nf3 *(9.Bxf5! exf5 10.Qf3 Qd7 11.Be5* leaves Black's position creaking *)* 9...Ne4?! 10.Bxe4! dxe4 11.Nd2 with some advantage for White, if eventually a 114-move draw in Naroditsky-Holt, Titled Tuesday Blitz 2023.]

4...f6

[Consistent at least, whereas 4...Nc6?! 5.e4! Nxe5 6.Qxh5!? *(*the simple *6.dxe5 Nf4 7.exd5* is just an extra pawn*)* 6...Nc6 7.exd5 Nxd4? *(7...g6 8.Qd1 Nb4* was essential*)* 8.0-0-0 Nf5 9.Bb5+ was effectively already all over in Fiorito-Curtis, Titled Tuesday Blitz 2023.]

5.e4! Breaking so with tempo must be critical in turn. **5...g6 6.Bg3 Nxg3?!**

[Black didn't have to grab the bishop just yet and if you really do want to try and make 3...Nh5 work, I suspect 6...dxe4 is the move here when 7.Nxe4 Nc6!? and ...Bc8-f5! should not be overlooked 8.Nf3 Bf5! 9.Bd3 Nb4 10.0-0 followed by Re1 shouldn't be more than a little better for White.]

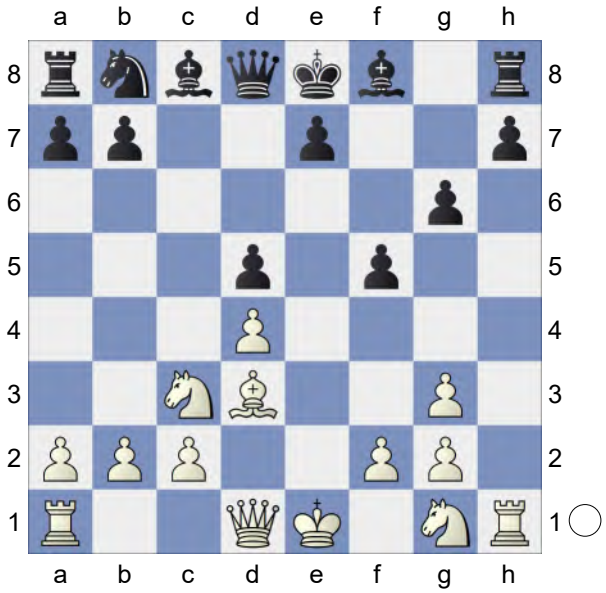
7.hxg3 c6

[Black also suffered after 7...dxe4 8.Nxe4 Bg7 9.Bc4 Nc6 10.c3 Na5 11.Bd3 , which continued to leave his light squares looking quite vulnerable in J.Horvath-Huemmer, Arco 2019.]

8.exd5 Opening lines makes a lot of sense considering Black's lack of development and badly weakened kingside. White is more active. White is slightly better. **8...cxd5 9.Bd3 f5?** 2.10/20

[Preventing the threat, but Black really needed to do so with 9...Kf7! when 10.Qf3 Nc6 11.Nge2 Nb4 0.97/19 would have seen him grovelling on. *(11...e6⩲* 0.55/19 *)*]

[9...Kf7!⩲ 0.40/20]



10.g4!+- Fletcher needs no invitation to continue his assault on the light squares and against the black kingside. **10...e6 11.Qf3**

[Hardly bad, but the straightforward 11.gxf5 exf5 12.Qe2+ Be7 13.0-0-0 would just have been pretty strong.]

11...Nc6 12.Nge2 0.84/20

[12.gxf5 Nxd4

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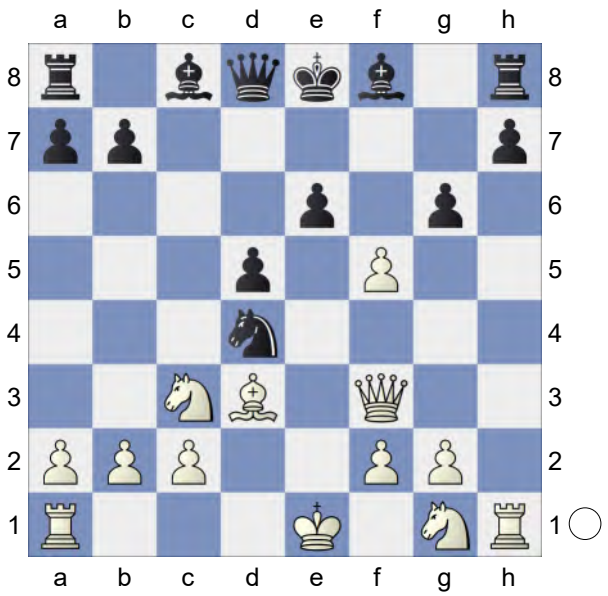

13.Qe3! still leaves White clearly better.]
[⌓12.gxf5 1.20/21 Nxd4 13.Qg4 Nxf5 14.Bxf5 exf5 15.Qe2+ Qe7 16.Nxd5 Pin Qxe2+ 17.Nxe2]

12...Bg7?
[Returning the favour. 12...fxg4 13.Qxg4 and Bd3xg6+ should not be overlooked Qf6! would have minimised the damage and only left Black slightly worse.]

13.gxf5 exf5 1.75/18
[Likewise, 13...gxf5 1.63/19 13...0-0 1.27 14.Qh5+ 1.12/19 *(*White should try *14.g4*+- 1.63/19 *)* 14...Kf8± 15.g4]
[and 13...0-0!?

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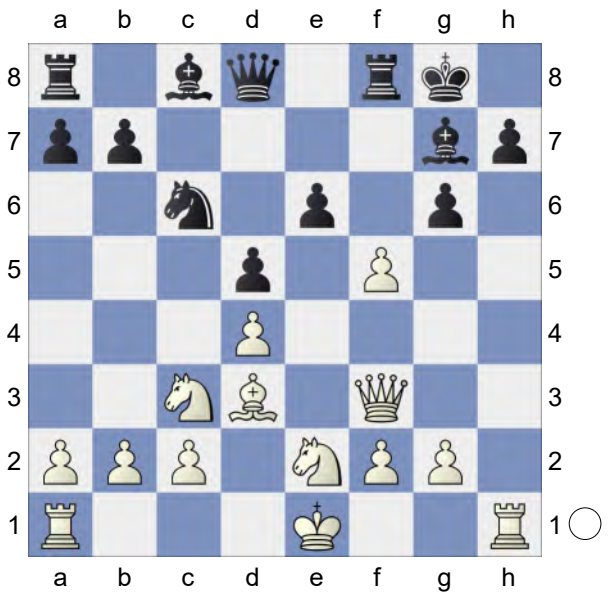

14.Qh3 0.78/21 *(⌓14.0-0-0!* 1.46/19 *)* 14...exf5± 15.0-0-0!? would have left Black in some trouble.]
[13...0-0± 1.09/20]

14.Qxd5 Removing a big central pawn while retaining the initiative. **14...Nxd4?** 4.40/21
[The final mistake. Black either needed to grovel with 14...Qe7]
[or 14...Qxd5 2.05/19 14...Qd8-e7 1.49 15.Nxd5 Rb8 , rather unpleasant though both would have been.]
[14...Qe7± 1.59/19]

15.Nxd4 Remove Defender. White is clearly winning. **15...Bxd4** Black is weak on the light squares
[Now, of course, 15...Qxd5 16.Nxd5 Bxd4 17.Nc7+ just wins material.]

16.Bb5+ And that was pretty much that, Fletcher now finishing in brutal fashion. **16...Ke7 17.0-0-0! Qxd5 18.Nxd5+ Kd6 19.Rxd4 Kc5**

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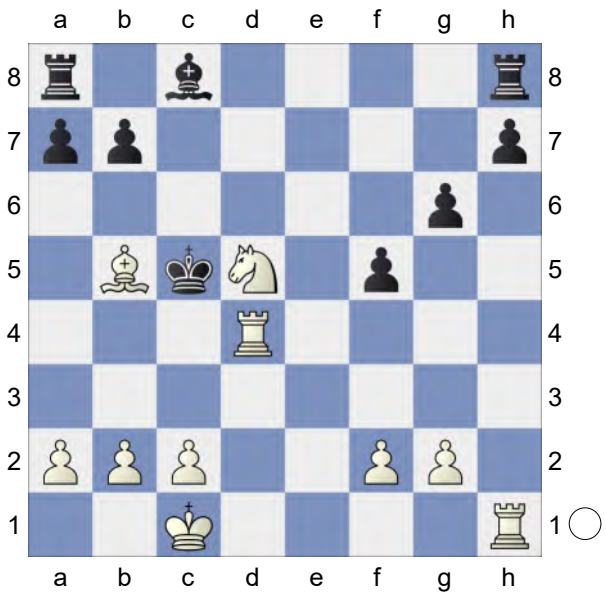
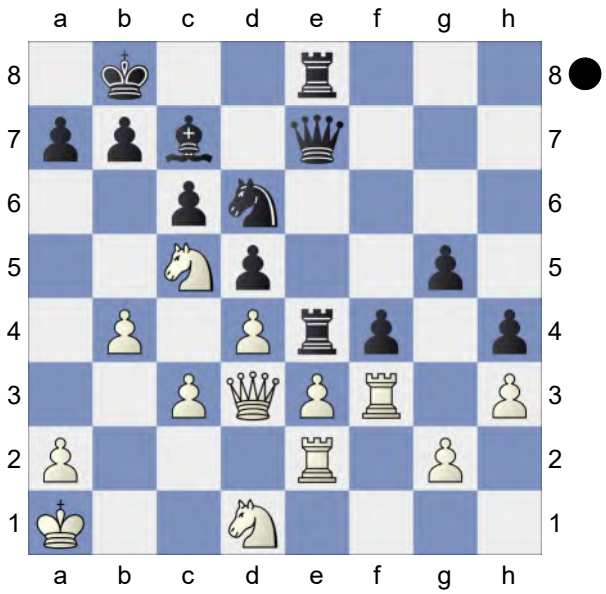


20.Rhd1! g5
[20...Be6 21.Nc3]
21.b4+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=1.11
1-0

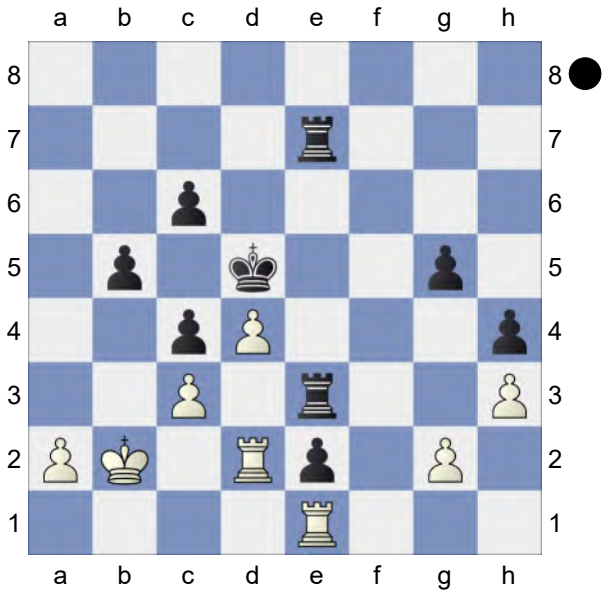
764 **D00**
□ **Koch,Ala2** **1975**
■ **Conquest,Stuart C** **2529**
12. ch-EUR Aix-les-Bains FRA (1)
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 g6 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* 1-0 Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 2013*; 5.f4 Qa5 6.Bd2 Qb4 7.Qe2 Qxb2 8.Rb1 Qa3 9.e5 dxe5 10.fxe5 Nfd7 11.e6 fxe6 12.dxe6 Nf6 13.Nb5 Qxa2 14.Nc7+ Kd8 15.Rd1 Nc6 16.Bf4+ Nd4 17.Nxa8 Qxe6 18.Qxe6 Bxe6 19.c3 Bg4* 1-0 Genovese,A (2106)-Burk,E (1200) Germany senior ch-5 final 9901 1999*)* 5...Bg7 6.Bc4 *(6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.a4 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nbd7 11.Re1 a6 12.Bf1 e5 13.a5 Ne8 14.Bd3 Qh4 15.Qg4 Qxg4 16.hxg4 Rc8 17.b3 Nef6 18.g5 Ne8 19.g3 f6 20.Kg2 fxg5 0-1 7.♗c4 ♕a5 8. ♕d2 e6_6062 (2345)-Jovic,A (2383) Gonfreville op 1979 (3.76)*)* 6...0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 1-0 Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) V0048 www.desc-online.de 2000 (7) gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8 21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9)]
3.Bf4 Bf5 4.e3 e6 5.Bd3 c6 6.Bxf5 exf5 7.Qd3 g6 8.Be5 -0.33/17
[8.Nce2= 0.05/18]
8...Nbd7 9.Bxf6 Nxf6 10.Nge2 -0.81/19
[10.Nf3∓ -0.45/20 is more appropriate.]
10...Bd6 11.h3 Qe7 12.0-0-0 -1.68/18
[12.Nb1∓ -0.85/17]
12...h5 13.Rdg1 h4 -1.34/18
[13...Kf8-+ -1.82/18 14.Re1 Kg7]
14.Kb1 0-0-0 -1.00/18
[14...a5 -1.37/18 15.a4 Kf8]
15.Rc1 Kb8 16.Nd1 Rhe8 17.Rf1 Bc7 18.b3 Qd6 19.Rh1 Repels Qd6-h2
19...Qa3 20.Rf1 Re6 21.c3 Qe7 Black has more active pieces. The white rooks are passive. **22.Rc2 Nh5 23.f4**

Re8 24.Ng1 -1.89/19
[24.c4∓ -1.31/19]
24...Ng3 25.Rf3 f6 26.Ne2 Ne4 27.Kb2 Qd7 28.b4 -2.08/21
[28.c4∓ -1.17/19]
28...Nd6-+ 29.Nc1 Qe7 30.Re2 -2.32/19
[⌓30.a3 -1.92/20]
30...Re4 31.Ka1 g5 32.fxg5 -2.37/19
[⌓32.Rf1 -1.85/18]
32...fxg5 33.Nb3 f4 34.Nc5



Bb6! 35.Rf1
[35.Nb3 a6]
35...Bxc5 36.bxc5 Nc4 37.Rfe1 fxe3
[37...Nxe3 38.Nxe3 Qe6 *(38...Rxe3? 39.Rxe3 fxe3 40.Re2-+; 38...fxe3? 39.Rf1-+)* 39.Qb1]
38.Nb2 Nd2 39.Nd1 Nc4 0.01/20
[Black should try 39...Qe6-+ -1.79/23 ...Nd2-c4 would now be deadly. 40.Rxe3 Nc4 41.Rxe4 dxe4]
40.Nb2= White does not recover from this. **40...Qf7 41.Nxc4 dxc4 42.Qb1 R8e7 43.Qc1 R4e6 44.Kb2 Qf4** -1.35/21
[44...Re8-+ -1.83/19 45.Rf1 Rf6 46.Rxf6 Qxf6]
45.Rf1∓ Qe4 46.Qc2 Qd3 47.Rf3 -2.66/20
[⌓47.Rd1 -1.76/23 Qxc2+ 48.Kxc2]
47...b6 48.cxb6 axb6 49.Rf1 Kc7 50.Rf5 b5 51.Rf1 Kd6 52.Rf5? -4.83/22
[52.Kc1 -2.52/20]
52...Ra7 53.Rf1? -5.80/24
[53.a3 -3.35/22 keeps fighting.]
53...Qxc2+-+ 54.Rxc2 Endgame KRR-KRR. Black is a pawn up. **54...e2 55.Re1 Rae7 56.Kc1 Kd5 57.Kb2 Re3 58.Rd2**



b4! 59.Rc2 bxc3+ 60.Rxc3 Kxd4 61.Rc2 c3+ Black mates. **62.Kc1 Kd3 63.a4 Rf7 64.Kb1 Rf1 65.Rcc1 Rxe1** Weighted Error Value: White=0.52/Black=0.23 (precise)
0-1

765 **D00**
□ **Mishra,M** **1941**
■ **Laddha,Shubh Jayesh** **2303**
Titled Tue 24th Jun Early blitz (11)
[TA]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
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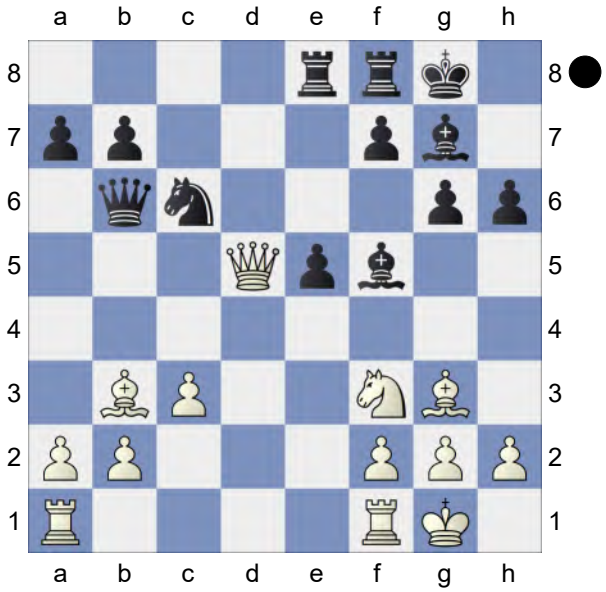
[10.Nf3 Bg7 11.Rd1 *(11.Qe3 Qxe3+ 12.Bxe3 Bg4 13.Be2 0-0-0 14.h3 Bf5 15.Bb5 Be4 16.Bxc6 Bxc6 17.Bxa7 Bxf3 18.gxf3 Rd6 19.Ke2 b6 20.Rhd1 Kb7 21.Rxd6 exd6 22.Bxb6 Kxb6 23.a4 Re8+ 24.Kd3 Re5 25.b4 Rf5* 0-1 (34) Ruoxiax (2658)-Gertrude Weichsel (2707) Blitz 2024*)* 11...0-0 *(11...Be6 12.Be3 Qf5 13.Qa4 0-0 14.Bd3 Qa5 15.Qxa5 Nxa5 16.Nd4 Bd5 17.f3 Bxa2 18.Ra1 Nc4 19.Rxa2 Nxe3 20.Kf2 Nd5 21.Be4 Rfd8 22.Rd1 a6 23.Nb3 e6 24.Ra5 b6 25.Raa1 f5 26.Bxd5* 0-1 (72) Aarush,R (1663)-Apoorv,K (2201) IND-ch U19 Ahmedabad 2023 (2)*)* 12.Be3 Qf5 13.Qa4 a6 14.Bd3 Qg4 15.Qxg4 Bxg4 16.Be4 Be6 17.a3 Rfd8 18.0-0 Bb3 19.Rc1 Bd5 20.Bxd5 Rxd5 21.Rfd1 Rad8 22.Rxd5 Rxd5 23.Kf1 Na5 24.Nd2 Rd7 1-0 (35) Naroditsky,D (2619)-Taher,Y (2445) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Oct Late blitz 2023 (3)]
10...Qa5 0.44/25
[Black should play 10...e5= -0.23/22]
11.Bc4 Bg7 12.Nf3 0-0 13.0-0 Bg4 14.Ng5 e5 15.Bg3 h6 16.Nf3 -0.27/21
White is more active.
[16.f3± 0.82/19 Bd7 17.Rfd1]
16...Rae8 17.Qe4 Bf5 18.Qd5 Qb6
[18...Rd8 simplifies 19.Qxa5 Nxa5 20.Be2 e4]
19.Bb3? -2.72/21
[White has to play 19.Qb5∓ -0.34/19]



19...Rd8-+ 20.Qc4 Bd3 21.Qg4 Bxf1 22.Rxf1 Rd6 23.h4 Na5? 0.02/21
[23...Kh8-+ -2.04/20 Strongly threatening ...f5. 24.Qe4 f5]

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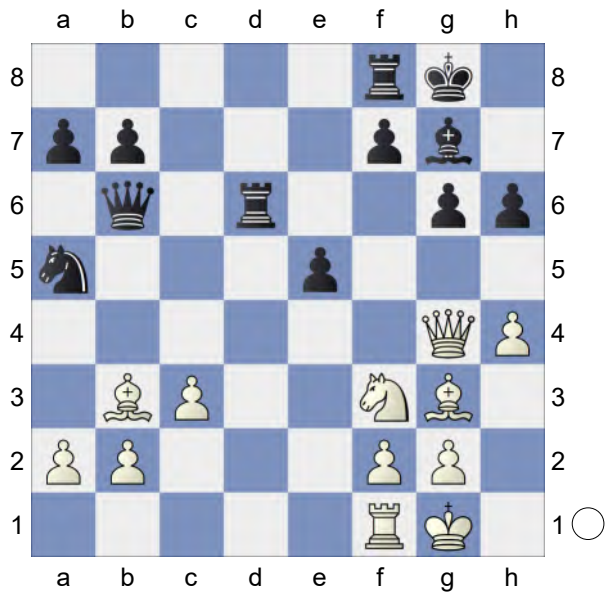


24.Nxe5= Nxb3 25.Nc4!
[Avoid the trap 25.Nd7? Rxd7 26.Qxd7 Nc5-+]
25...Qc6 2.47/19 White stays focused until the end.
[25...Rd4!= 0.00/23 and Black has nothing to worry. 26.cxd4 Qxd4]
26.Bxd6+-
[But not 26.Nxd6 Nc5 27.h5 gxh5 28.Qxh5 Ne4]
26...Rd8 4.04/21
[⌓26...Re8 2.65/20 27.axb3 b5]
27.axb3 b5 28.Be7 Re8 29.Na5 Qc7 30.Bb4 h5 31.Qf3 Qe5 32.Nc6 Qe6 33.Nxa7 Qxb3 34.Nxb5 Qxb2 35.Nd6 Rf8 36.Ne4 Rc8 37.Ng5 Qb3 38.Qb7 Re8 39.Nf3 Qc2 40.Qc6 Rd8 41.Qb6 Rc8 42.Qa6 Rd8 43.Qa5 Re8 44.Qb5 Rd8 45.Qc4 Re8 6.17/20
[⌓45...Qd3 4.39/18 46.Qxd3 Rxd3]
46.Ng5 Qf5 47.Qc6 Re2 48.Qa8+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.38/ Black=0.42
1-0

766 **D00**
□ **Mihir,Shah** **1801**
■ **Sabitov,Zhaxylyk** **0**
FIDE World Bl Team Pool B (1.18) 5.8.24
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 c6 4.e3 Bf5 5.Nf3 h6 6.Bd3 Bxd3 7.cxd3** is more profitable than 7.Qxd3 at the moment. scheint profitabler als 7.Dxd3. **7...e6 8.e4** The position is equal. **8...Nbd7N**
[Vorgänger: 8...g5 9.Be3 Bg7 10.h4 Ng4 11.Bd2 e5 1.36/18 *(11...gxh4±* 0.53/16 *12.Qb3 Qb6)* 12.dxe5 1.04/17 *(⌓12.Qe2* 1.36/18 *)* 12...Nxe5 1.73/18 *(12...d4±* 1.04/17 *)* 13.Nxe5+- Bxe5 14.hxg5 1.37/20 *(14.exd5+-* 1.77/20 *Qf6 15.Qb3)* 14...d4 1-0 Bortnyk,O (2610)-Tica,S (2444) Titled Tuesday intern op 1st May blitz 2018 (7)]
9.e5 Ng8 10.0-0 Ne7 11.a3 Ng6 12.Be3 Be7 13.Re1 0-0 14.Qd2 -0.20/18
[⌓14.g3 0.12/17]
14...Kh7 15.Rac1 Qc7 16.Ne2 Rae8 17.Ng3 f5 0.56/20
[17...f6= 0.10/19]
18.Nh5 Nh8 0.62/18
[18...Rf7= 0.26/18]
19.Nxg7 &Bianco is more active.
19...Kxg7 20.Bxh6+ Kg6 21.Qf4 -0.63/19
[21.Bxf8± 0.38/21 Rxf8 22.Kh1 *(22.Qf4 Rg8=)*]
21...Rg8!∓ White must now prevent ... Nf7. **22.Bg5 Qd8 23.h4** -1.41/20
[White should play 23.Bxe7 -0.78/19 Qxe7 24.b4]
23...Nf7 24.Re3 -2.49/23
[24.Bxe7∓ -1.26/20 was worth a try.

Qxe7 25.Qe3]

24...Bxg5 25.hxg5 Rh8 -1.03/21

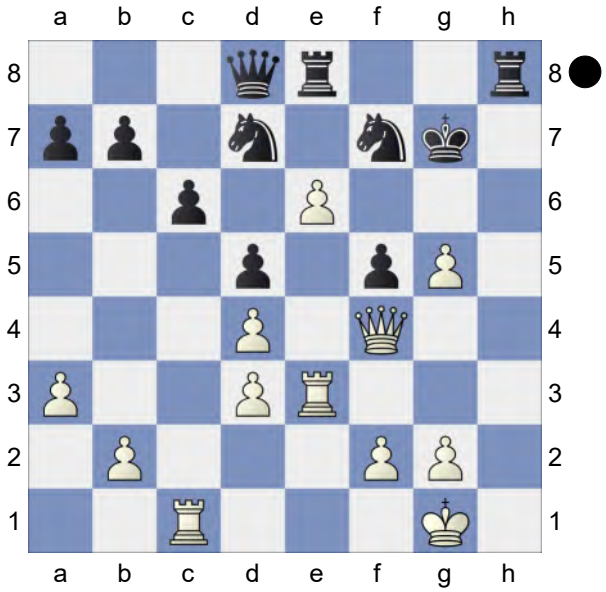
[Don't play 25...Nxg5 26.Nxg5 Qxg5 27.Rg3 Qxg3 28.fxg3+-]

[Better is 25...Kh7 -1.60/22 26.g4 Nxg5 27.Qh2+ Kg7 28.gxf5 Nxf3+ 29.Rxf3 Kf7+ 30.Kf1 Qg5]

26.Nh4+ -2.23/23

[26.g4∓ -1.03/21 fxg4 27.Qxg4]

26...Kg7-+ 27.Nxf5+ exf5 28.e6



Nxg5 -1.85/23

[⌓28...Qb8! -3.11/23 29.Qxb8 Nxb8 30.exf7 Rxe3 31.fxe3 Kxf7]

29.exd7 -2.28/22

[29.e7 -1.85/23 is a better defense. Rxe7 30.Qxg5+ Kf8 31.g3]

29...Rxe3 30.fxe3 Ne6 31.Qxf5 Qxd7 32.Qe5+ Kg8 33.Rf1 Rh7 34.Rf6 Nf8

[Not 34...Ng7 35.Rg6∓]

35.Qf4 Qe7 36.e4 dxe4 37.dxe4 Rg7 38.Qf5 Nh7 -0.01/19

[38...Qd8∓ -1.39/21 39.Kf1

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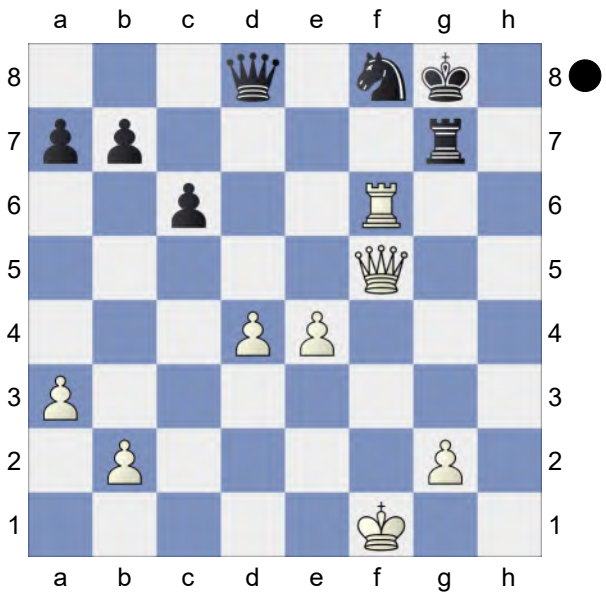

Qxf6! 40.Qxf6 Rf7 41.Qxf7+ Kxf7]

39.Re6? -2.45/25

[39.Qc8+!= -0.01/19 Nf8 40.Qf5]

39...Qg5?? #2/6

[39...Qd7-+ -2.45/25 40.Kh2 Nf8]

40.Re8+ Nf8 41.Rxf8# What a bad dream for Black. Weighted Error Value: White=0.42/Black=0.43

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767 **D00**

□ **Tan,Jimmy** **1715**

■ **Kolar,Aidan C** **0**

Reykjavik op (5) 01.04.2023

[John Watson,TA]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 The Jobava London! When Baadur Jobava started to play like this many years ago, people generally struggled to take it seriously. Normally, we are taught to not develop our knights in front of our pawns, but it has turned out to be quite venomous in practical play. **3...Bf5**

[3...c6 4.e3 Bf5 5.f3 h6 6.g4 Bh7 7.h4 e6 8.Bd3 Bxd3 9.Qxd3 Bd6 10.Nge2

A) 10...Qc7 10...Qe7 is setting a new trend. 10...De7 setzt einen neuen Trend. 11.Kf2 Nbd7 'N' 'N' 'N' *(*Vorgänger: *11...e5 12.dxe5 Bxe5 13.Qf5 Bxf4 14.Nxf4 Qd7 15.Qd3 Na6 16.g5 Ng8 17.Qd4 0-0-0 18.Qxg7* 1-0 (38) Spata,G (2290)-Carre,S (2104) Chess.com INT 2021*)* 12.g5 Nh5 13.Bxd6 Qxd6 14.f4 0-0-0 15.Na4 Kb8 16.a3 c5 17.dxc5 Nxc5 18.Nxc5 Qxc5 19.b4 Qc7 20.Nc3 d4 21.Nb5 dxe3+ 22.Qxe3 Qxf4+ 23.Qxf4+ Nxf4 24.Kf3 Nd5 25.Rhd1 hxg5 26.hxg5 a6 27.Nd4 Nc3 28.Rd2 Nb5 29.Rad1 Nxd4+ 30.Rxd4 Rxd4 31.Rxd4 Rc8 32.c4 Kc7 33.Rf4 Rf8 34.Ke4 f6 35.Rf3 Kc6 36.c5 Rf7 37.Rf2 a5 38.Kd4 Kb5 39.Kc3 e5 40.bxa5 f5 41.g6 Rf6 42.Rb2+ Kxc5 43.a4 Kd5 ½-½ Nieckarz,M (1370)-Stassen,W (1770) 68/124 Hastings 1996 (6);

B) 10...Na6 10...Qe7 wird beliebter. 10...Qe7 is becoming the main line. 10...De7 wird zur Hauptvariante.

B1) 11.a3 Qc7 12.b4 Bxf4 13.Nxf4N *(*Vorgänger: *13.exf4 Nb8 14.Kf2 Nbd7 15.h5 Nb6 16.Nd1 Nc4 17.Ne3 Nxe3 18.Qxe3 0-0-0 19.Qe5 Qxe5 20.fxe5* 1-0 (51) Barrento,J (1739)-Fonseca,R (1338) Figueira da Foz 2019*)* 13...Qd6 14.b5 Nc7 15.a4 c5 16.dxc5 Qxc5 17.Qd4 Qd6 18.Nd3 Ke7 19.Qb4 Qxb4 20.Nxb4 e5 21.Rd1 Ke6 22.Kf2 g5 23.h5 Rhd8 24.Ne2 Rd7 25.Rd2 a5 26.Na2 Rad8 27.Nac1 b6 28.Ng3 e4 29.Nb3 exf3 30.Nd4+ Kd6 31.Ngf5+ Kc5 32.Nb3+ Kb4 33.Rd4+ Kc3 34.Rc1 Ne6 35.Rd3+ Kb4 36.Nfd4 Nxg4+ 37.Kg3 Ne5 38.Nc6+ Nxc6 39.bxc6 Rc7 40.Rb1 Kc4 41.Nd2+ Kc5 42.Rc3+ Kd6 43.Rxb6 Rdc8 44.Nxf3 f5 45.Rb5 Rxc6 46.Rxc6+ Rxc6 47.Rxa5 Ng7 48.Nd4 Rb6 49.Ra7 Nxh5+ 50.Kf2 Ke5 51.a5 Rf6 52.Nf3+ Kd6 53.Nd4 f4 54.a6 fxe3+ 55.Kxe3 g4 56.Rb7 Rf8 57.Rb6+ Kc7 58.Rxh6 Re8+ 59.Kd2 Nf4 60.Nb5+ Kb8 61.Rb6+ Ka8 62.Rb7 Rc8 63.Nc7+ 1-0 Nica,I (1674)-Ber,Y (1964) Quebec Open 2022 (6.17);

B2) 11.0-0-0 Qc7 12.Bxd6 Qxd6 13.a3 0-0-0 14.g5 Nh5 15.g6 f5 16.Rdg1N *(*Predecessor: *16.e4 Rhf8 17.e5 Qe7 18.Kb1 f4 19.Rdg1 Rf5 20.Rg4 Rdf8 21.Rh3 c5 22.Nb5* ½-½ (45) Buksa,N (2385)-Sebag,M (2492) Riadh 2017*)* 16...Rhf8 17.f4 Nc7 18.Rg2 b5 19.Ng1 Nf6 20.Nf3 Nd7 21.Nb1 Na8 22.b3 Nab6 23.Kb2 Kb7 24.Qc3 a6 25.Nbd2 Rc8 26.Rc1 Rc7 27.Qb4 Nc8 28.c4 Qxb4 29.axb4 Nd6 30.Ne5 Nxe5 31.dxe5 Ne4 32.Nxe4 fxe4 33.Rd1 Rf5 34.Kc3 Rh5 35.Rh2 Kb6 36.Rdd2 Kb7 37.Rh1 Kb6 38.Ra2 Ra7 39.Rf2 Rf5 40.Rff1 a5 41.bxa5+ Rxa5 42.c5+ Kb7 43.Ra1 Rxa1 44.Rxa1 Rh5 45.Rf1 Rf5 46.Kd2 Ka6 47.b4 Kb7 48.Ke2 Kb8 49.Rd1 Rh5 50.Rh1 ½-½ Hernandez Leon,A-Reichel,N (1791) 129/(46) Wijk

aan Zee 2016 (3)]

[For this course, I have chosen a classical approach. In my previous course on the Magnus Queen's Gambit, I chose to recommend a system with ...Bf5. I still definitely believe this is a great system for Black, but in regards to the rest of our repertoire, and especially our setup against the London, [/course/140404/12] I believe the mainline and classical approach with 3...c5 makes the most sense.

A) 4.e4 In interesting sideline, advocated by Hans Niemann in his LTR Jobava London course. I actually used to play quite a bit myself in blitz and rapid during 2016-2017, but my opinion has not really changed since then. It's a very decent surprise weapon, especially for shorter time controls, but if we are prepared against it, it's hardly a challenging line. Nxe4 Important. Trading a set of knights secures us much more freedom. 5.Nxe4 dxe4 6.dxc5 Nd7 *(The most ambitious move! 6...Qa5+* followed by ...Qxc5 looks rather equal, but our move is aiming for a more complex fight. *)*

A1) 7.b4 This keeps the c5-pawn alive forever but does not prevent our central break. e5 '!' This is already a big achievement for us. '!' '!' 8.Bg3 Be7 If we can finish development undisturbed, we will now just be better. 9.Bb5 The only move to disturb us. a6 '!' Forcing the issue. '!' '!' 10.Bxd7+ Bxd7 11.Bxe5 Forced, as otherwise, we would have a strong bishop pair for free. b6 '!' It's important that we do this before castling, as now the b4-pawn is hanging with check. It looks a bit loose with g7 also hanging, but the main point is that the position becomes open, favoring our bishops. '!' '!' 12.Ne2 *(12.Bxg7 Rg8* followed by ...Rxg2 only helps us. *)* 12...bxc5 13.bxc5 0-0 14.Bd6 Again, if we were allowed to take on c5 next, we would just be better. Bb5 Maroczy Bind Ng4-Karup,E corr WC27/final 2011 '!' A good move, putting pressure along the b5-f1 diagonal. Next, we will pick up the c5-pawn (on c5 or d6), but White is likely able to get out in the meantime, so probably it's only equal. '!' '!';

A2) 7.Qd4 Clearly the most interesting move, and the one given by Niemann in his course. 7...e5 '!' The first tactical blow! Now play gets really sharp. '!' '!' 8.Qxe4 *(8.Bxe5 Bxc5 9.Qxe4 Qe7* followed by ...f6 is definitely not what White wants.*)* 8...Bxc5 9.0-0-0 This requires some care. The White king is vulnerable long term, but we have some concrete issues due to the d-file pin and not having castled yet. Qh4 '!' Important, provoking g3 so White can't retreat the f4-bishop to a good square. '!' '!' 10.g3 Qe7 11.Be3 Now there is much less pressure on our e5-pawn, giving us more freedom. Nf6 '!' Superficially, this looks risky, as it allows an annoying check on b5, but it's important to act

with force here before White can develop their kingside. '!' '!' 12.Bb5+ *(* The most challenging move. *12.Qa4+ Bd7* followed by ...O-O-O is perfectly fine for us.*)* 12...Kf8 '!' Looks risky, but we have it all under control. It's all about the momentum here. Later on, the king will find safety on g7 after we play ...g6. '!' '!' 13.Bxc5 Qxc5 14.Qc4 Qe7 '!' This is our deviation from Niemann's course. The trade of queens is obvious, but although Black is objectively fine, White has some initiative in the ending. Keeping the queens is much more challenging. We put our king on g7, and then we start our play along the c-file. To me, it looks like excellent counterplay. '!' '!' 15.Qe2 '!' '!' '!' *(15.Nf3 Bg4* followed by ...e4 is a disaster for White.*)* 15...g6 We are far away from the realms of the Slav, with an unusual position that might be a bit hard to grasp. In general, we want ...Kg7, ...Bf5, and a rook to c8. In the meantime, White will put pressure on our e5-pawn. We are happy to give it up in order to get our play going faster. All in all, it's sharp and very double-edged but certainly interesting to play. 16.-- Maroczy Bind Ng4-Karup,E corr WC27/final 2011 *(16.Re1 e4 17.f3 a6* '!?' is an interesting way to get our play going. '!?' '!?' *18.Bd3* Utilizing the e-file pin. *Be6* '!' '!' '!' *19.Bxe4 Kg7* Possibly followed by ...Bxa2!? next, but also just bringing the rooks to the center makes sense. White is struggling to activate the g1-knight, and the pawn deficit is not really felt at all. *)*;

B) 4.e3 The main move, and the way both Jobava and Carlsen play. 4...cxd4 In the London System chapter, I talked [/variation/22642673/#/7/b] a lot about how we were not so keen on entering the Carlsbad structure. With the knight on c3, things are a bit different, however. First of all, the knight is misplaced on c3 in the Carlsbad, as White prefers their pawn to support the center. Secondly, if we don't trade on d4, White can consider dxc5!? which makes it harder to regain the pawn due to the knight on c3 available to protect it. 5.exd4

B1) 5...a6 is the traditional move, and a solid one as well. It looks to me like it equalizes without any big effort, but I still prefer 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Ne5 Bd7! 7...Bd7 is better than 7...e6. 7... Ld7 ist besser als 7...e6. 8.Be2 e6 9.0-0 Qb6 10.Nxc6 Bxc6 11.Rb1 Be7 12.Re1 0-0 13.Bd3 Rac8 14.Ne2N *(* Vorgänger: *14.a4 Qa5 15.Be5 g6 16.Re3 Nd7 17.Bf4 Qd8 18.Rh3 Bf6 19.Bd6 Re8 20.Qg4* 1-0 (57) Alekseenko,K (2696)-Stevens,C (2260) Chess.com INT 2020*)* 14...Bb5 15.c3 Bxd3 16.Qxd3 Bd6 ½-½ Hornstein,L (1323)-Grabowski,P (1656) Verden op-B Velden 2023 (7);

B2) 5...Bg4;

B3) 5...Bg4 for its surprise value and the fact that we immediately put a little bit more pressure on

White. '!?' '!?' '!?' '!?' '!?'

B3a) 6.Be2 Bxe2 7.Qxe2 a6 *(7...Nc6 8.Nb5 Rc8 9.Nd6+)* 8.g4 Nc6 9.g5 Ne4 10.Nxe4 Nxd4 *(10...dxe4)* 11.Qd3 *(11.Nd6+ Qxd6 12.Bxd6 Nxe2 13.Nxe2 exd6)* 11...dxe4 12.Qxe4 Qa5+ 13.c3 *(13.Bd2 Qa4 14.b3 Qc6)* 13...Nc6 14.Nf3 Rd8 15.b3 g6 16. ♗b2_21333-Vogt, F corr WC27/final 2011;

B3b) 6.f3 The most common move. Our bishop does not have a great square to retreat to, but on the other hand, White can no longer play Nf3. 6...Bd7 Necessary, to cover the b5-square. The bishop is slightly clumsy here, but the pawn also looks really ugly on f3.

B3b1) 7.Bd3 The most common move in practical play and the favorite of Jobava himself. The computers hate such play for White, but we should not underestimate it, as it's easy to drift into an unpleasant position. Nc6 8.Nge2 Nb4! A good move. The d3-bishop is clearly White's best piece, so we make sure to trade it off. We will be slightly behind in development, but White has no way of opening up the position quickly. 9.a3 Forcing the issue, enabling White to castle long soon. Nxd3+ 10.Qxd3 e6 11.0-0-0 *(* This was played in Jobava-Navara, 2021. In these positions, it's important not to rush and simply have faith in the solidity of our position. *11.h4* was played in the correspondence game Nemec-Piaggesi, 2022. Again, we continue in the same calm way. *Be7 12.h5 Rc8* Castling immediately is also possible. *13.h6 g6* The dark squares are now slightly weakened, but on the other hand, White struggles to open up our king's position. *14.Bg5 0-0 15.g4 Ne8!* A recurring good rerouting. Black was already slightly better, and indeed, went on to win a good game.*)* 11...Be7 Calmly preparing to castle. The remaining moves indicate how the game might develop rather than a concrete forcing line. 12.g4 The most natural way of attacking. 0-0 13.h4 Ne8! ;The Jobava London-Jobava London 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 # Lifetime Repertoires: Classical Slav 2023 Remember this maneuver! White will anyway kick our knight away, so we might as well immediately reroute it. From d6 it can either go to f5, helping with the defense, or to c4, where it might create annoying threats toward the White king. Next up, ...b5-b4 is a dangerous

idea to get counterplay.;
B3b2) 7.g4 Played my Mamedyarov in 2022! But it should be noted that this was a rapid game, and I doubt he would have had the same success with it in a classical game... 7...Nc6 8.Qd2 e6 9.Bb5 Another way of developing, but rather similar in style to our other lines. Rc8 Not strictly necessary but logical play by Harikrishna. 10.Nge2 a6 Forcing the trade. 11.Bxc6 Bxc6 12.h4 And here, I again like the most normal developing move. Be7 Maroczy Bind Ng4-Robinson,A corr WC27/final 2011 We can still castle short if we want to next. As soon as White castles long, we play ...b5 with dangerous counterplay.]

4.f3 e6 5.g4 Bg6 6.h4 h5! The main line 6...h5 scores better than 6...h6. Die Hauptvariante 6...h5 punktet besser als 6...h6. **7.g5 Nfd7 8.e4 Bb4 9.exd5 exd5 10.Bd3 0-0N**

[Predecessor: 10...Bxd3 11.Qxd3 Nc6 12.0-0-0 Bxc3 13.Qxc3 0-0 14.Ne2 a5 15.Ng3 g6 16.Kb1 a4 ½-½ (37) Sharikov,A (2180)-Cervantes Landeiro,T (2311) Lichess.org INT 2020]

11.Bxg6 fxg6 12.Nge2 Qe8 13.Kf2 c6 14.Qd3 Na6 15.a3 Ba5 16.Bd6 Rf7 17.Nf4 Nf8 18.Bxf8 Rxf4 19.Bd6 Rf5 20.Rae1 Qd7 21.Be5 Raf8 22.Re3 Bc7 23.Bxc7 Nxc7 24.Ne2 Ne6 25.Ng3 Nf4 26.Qb3 R5f7 27.Rh2 Nh3+ 28.Kg2 Nf4+ 29.Kf2 Nh3+ 30.Kg2 Nf4+
½-½

768 **D00**
□ **Jobava,Baadur**
■ **Vazquez,Facundo**
51: Internet (blitz) 2021
[Andrew Martin]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 g6 4.Qd2 c6 5.Nf3 Bg7 With a bit of juggling, we reach a Barry position where Black settles for the solid ...c7-c6. There cannot be anything wrong with this move, which dissuades White from castling queenside, after which a black attack will come very quickly. Jobava now moves in, Tarzan style.

[Instead, after 5...Nbd7 an obscure position can be reached, with both players deliberately delaying castling: 6.h3 b5 7.a3 a5 8.e3 Ba6 9.Bd3 b4 10.axb4 Bxd3 11.cxd3! (keeping Black from occupying e4) axb4 12.Na4 Bg7? *(12...Ra6 13.0-0 Qa8* does not really help Black after *14.b3;* but even after *12...e6* I prefer White thanks to *13.0-0 Be7 14.Rfc1)* 13.Qxb4 and Jobava coasted to a win in B.Jobava-N.Vlassov, Internet (blitz) 2021.]

6.Bh6

[6.Ne5 is a good alternative and then launching with h2-h4. Bh6 can wait for the time being. Here Nbd7 7.h4 Nxe5 *(7...h5 8.f3* looks nice for White*)* 8.Bxe5 h5 9.0-0-0 b5 10.f3 Qa5 11.a3 *(*and not *11.Kb1? b4)* 11...Bh6 12.e3 0-0 13.Kb1 Qb6 *(*or *13...b4 14.Na2)* 14.g4 hxg4 15.h5 g5 16.f4 (once under way, the speed of the

attack is impressive) b4 17.axb4 Qxb4 18.fxg5 Bxg5 19.h6 Bf5 20.Bd3 Bh7 *(20...Rab8 21.b3 Bh7 22.Rdg1* is like the game*)* 21.Rdg1 a5 22.Bxh7+ Nxh7 23.Qd3 Qc4 *(* if *23...f5 24.Rxg4!)* 24.Qf5 1-0 was T. Rakic-O.Cvitan, Kladovo 1991.]

6...Bxh6 7.Qxh6 b5

[I think I prefer 7...Bf5 , inviting White to sacrifice a pawn. 8.Ne5 Bxc2 9.g4 Nbd7 10.Rc1 would then lead to complications: Nxe5 11.dxe5 Be4 12.f3 Nxg4 13.Qg7 Rf8 . Your guess is as good as mine as to what is going on here. I merely point out 14.fxe4? Qb6 as a sample variation.]

8.a3 Is there any real need to play this move?

[8.e3 seems OK to me, when Black can try to justify his early queenside aggression, but has no real threats: b4 9.Na4 Qa5 10.b3 Nbd7 11.Bd3 c5 12.dxc5 Nxc5 13.Nxc5 Qxc5 14.0-0 when Black is hampered by his inability to castle and therefore stands worse.]

8...Qa5 9.b4 Qb6 10.e3 a5 11.Rb1 axb4 12.axb4 Ra3 Black seems to be attacking with only one piece and still has to resolve the kingside position, but there are concrete threats to deal with.

13.Nd1 Jobava is always interesting to watch, but the game so far has a definite blitz feel to it. I should point out it is easier for White to castle in this position and that, from my chair, is why he stands better, even at the upcoming cost of a pawn. **13...Bf5 14.Bd3 Bxd3 15.cxd3 Rxd3 16.0-0 Ra3 17.Nb2!?**

[I think I prefer 17.Ne5 Nbd7 18.f4 Nxe5 19.fxe5 Ne4 20.e6 f6 21.Qg7 , with confusion on the board.]

17...Nbd7 18.Rfc1 Rb3 19.h3

[19.Rc2 Rxb4 20.Rbc1 looks like a good alternative.]

19...Rxb4 20.Nd3 Rxb1 21.Rxb1 It is hard to take this game too seriously, given that it is played at high speed. Basically, from here, Black swindles himself. **21...c5** The time control sends the game haywire.

[21...Qa7 22.Rc1 Qa8 was less committal and perhaps Black is even better here.]

22.dxc5 Nxc5 23.Rc1 Nxd3 24.Rc8+ Kd7 25.Rxh8 Black can survive, despite the ominous white attack. **25...Qc5 26.Qf8 Qc1+ 27.Kh2 Nxf2??**

[27...Qc7+ 28.Kg1 *(*and not *28.g3? Nxf2)* 28...Qc1+ was indicated.]

28.Qd8+ Ke6 29.Nd4+ Ke5 30.Qxe7#

[30.-- Summary: At the end of it all, what are we to make of the Tarzan Attack? The idea of Qd2 and Bh6 is crude and combative. I guess the issue for me is that there are just too many ways for Black to get good counter-chances, with 5...0-0, 5...Ne4 and 5...c5 at the top of my personal list. You play the Tarzan Attack at your own risk!]

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769 **D00**

□ **Niemann,Hans Moke**

■ **Dubov,Daniil**

53: Internet (blitz) 2022

[Andrew Martin]

At the time of writing, Black's counter to 5 Nb5 in the coming game is all the rage. Andrew Martin,MH: 'At the time of writing, Black's counter to 5 Nb5 in the coming game is all the rage. D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines ' **1.d4** Andrew Martin,MH

1...Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 Andrew Martin,MH: 'N'

[2...c5 Andrew Martin,MH 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000 *)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]

3.Bf4 g6 4.e3 Bg7 5.Nb5 Na6 6.Nf3 0-0 7.h3 Ne4! I think this is a steady equalizer. The main idea is to prepare ... c7-c6, when Nb5-c3 will result in doubled pawns for White. Other obvious benefits include a good outpost for the knight on e4 and an uncovering of the bishop on g7. Andrew Martin,MH: 'I think this is a steady equalizer. The main idea is to prepare ... c7-c6, when Nb5-c3 will result in doubled pawns for White. Other obvious benefits include a good outpost for the knight on e4 and an uncovering of the bishop on g7.' **8.c3** Andrew Martin,MH: 'The position is equal. '

[8.Nd2 has been mentioned by Le Quang Liem as an attempt to frustrate Black, but there is no real advantage for White after Andrew Martin,MH: 'has been mentioned by Le Quang Liem as an attempt to frustrate Black, but there is no real advantage for White after' Nxd2 9.Qxd2 c6 10.Nc3

A) it would be unwise to allow Bxa6, but there is also Andrew Martin,MH: 'it would be unwise to allow Bxa6, but there is also' 10...Nc7 11.Be2 f6 12.e4 -0.42/21 *(12.Bh2=* 0.10/19 Andrew Martin,MH*)* 12...e5 Andrew Martin,MH: ' ∓' 13.dxe5 fxe5 -0.17/20 *(13...d4∓* -0.54/21 Andrew Martin,MH *14.Nd1 fxe5)* 14.Bg5 , as in A.Shimanov-A. Bodnaruk, St. Petersburg 2021, when Andrew Martin,MH: '=' Andrew Martin,MH: ', as in A. Shimanov-A.Bodnaruk, St. Petersburg 2021, when' Qd6! is already looking very comfortable for Black Andrew Martin,MH: 'is already looking very comfortable for Black';

B) 10...Nb8 11.0-0-0 -0.20/19 *(11.e4* 0.22/19 (Andrew Martin,MH) deserves consideration.*)* 11...Qa5 0.34/20 *(*Better is *11...b5=* -0.20/19 Andrew Martin,MH*)* 12.Kb1 Nd7 13.e4 dxe4 Andrew Martin,MH: '!' 14.Nxe4 Qxd2 15.Rxd2 Nf6 16.Nxf6+ Bxf6 and the position is level, Le Quang Liem-P.Svidler, Saint Louis (blitz) 2021. Andrew

Martin,MH: 'and the position is level, Le Quang Liem-P. Svidler, Saint Louis (blitz) 2021.']

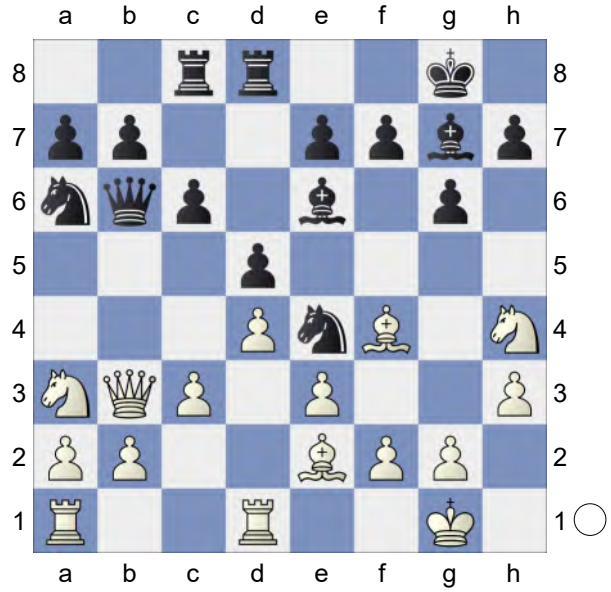
[Instead, 8.Bd3 is natural enough, but runs into Andrew Martin,MH: 'is natural enough, but runs into' c6 Andrew Martin,MH: ' Prevents c2-c4.' 9.Nc3 *(9.Na3?* -0.56/21 Andrew Martin,MH: '9.Nb5-c3 -0.07' *Qa5+! 10.Nd2 Nac5!* is a tactical idea worth noting Andrew Martin,MH: 'is a tactical idea worth noting'*)* 9...Nxc3 10.bxc3 Qa5 when Black is in good shape. Andrew Martin,MH: 'when Black is in good shape.']

[Likewise, 8.Be2 c6 is similar. Andrew Martin,MH: 'is similar. Wards off c2-c4']

8...c6 9.Na3 Qa5 10.Be2 Bf5

[10...Nxc3? Andrew Martin,MH 11.Qd2+-]

11.Qb3 Qb6 12.0-0 Rfd8 13.Rfd1 Rac8 Black has successfully mobilized his army. Andrew Martin,MH: 'Black has successfully mobilized his army.' **14.Nh4 Be6** Andrew Martin,MH: '



aiming for ...g6-g5.' **15.Nf3 Bf5** Offering a repetition.

[15...Nc7 0.35/18 , getting the offside knight back into the game, is also satisfactory: Andrew Martin,MH: '15... Be6-f5 -0.01 , getting the offside knight back into the game, is also satisfactory:' 16.Nb1 Ne8 17.Nbd2 N8d6 18.Ng5 Nxg5 19.Bxg5 f6 20.Bf4 Bf7 21.Bh2 c5 22.Bf3 cxd4 23.exd4 Qc6 was M.Annaberdiev-M. Linsenmeyer, Riga 2018. White won in the end, but this probably had more to do with his higher rating than the actual current state of the position, which is OK for Black. Andrew Martin, MH: 'was M. Annaberdiev-M. Linsenmeyer, Riga 2018. White won in the end, but this probably had more to do with his higher rating than the actual current state of the position, which is OK for Black.']

16.Rac1 0.20/18 To his credit, White keeps the game going. Andrew Martin, MH: 'To his credit, White keeps the game going.'

[16.Nb1⩲ 0.60/17 Andrew Martin,MH]

16...Nc7 17.c4 Qxb3 18.axb3 c5!? 0.68/20

[18...h5= 0.22/19 (Andrew Martin,MH) might be stronger.]

19.Bxc7 Andrew Martin,MH: '⩲!'

19...Rxc7 Andrew Martin,MH: '

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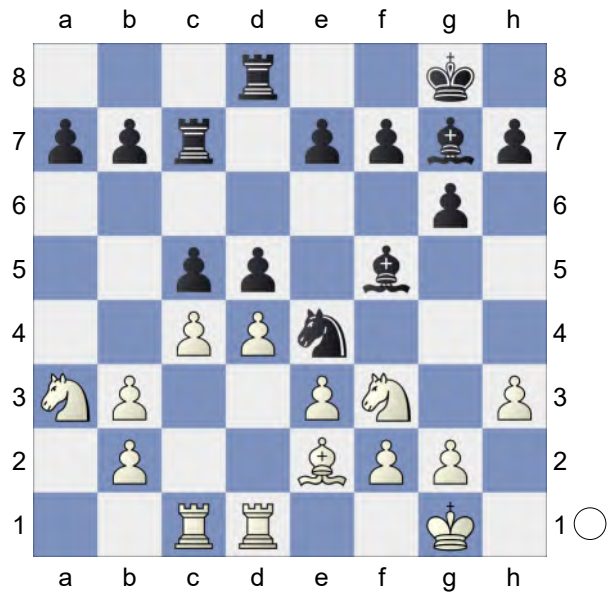

' **20.cxd5** Andrew Martin,MH: ' And now b3-b4 would win.' **20...Rxd5?!** 2.12/20 Andrew Martin,MH: ' This move loses the game for Black.'

[20...Rcc8!± 0.62/21 Andrew Martin, MH]

21.b4! Dubov has played optimistically and sharply, but after 21 b4 he will not get the reward, he desires. Andrew Martin,MH: '+-!' Andrew Martin,MH: 'Dubov has played optimistically and sharply, but after 21 b4 he will not get the reward, he desires.' **21...b6** 3.05/21

[21...Rd8 1.86/20 (Andrew Martin, MH) keeps fighting. 22.bxc5 e5]

22.bxc5 bxc5 23.b4 The second wave arrives. Andrew Martin,MH: 'The second wave arrives.' **23...c4 24.Bxc4**

[Weaker is 24.Rxc4 Andrew Martin, MH Rxc4 25.Bxc4 *(25.Nxc4? is the wrong capture. Nc3-+)* 25...Rd8±]

[Less strong is 24.Nxc4 Andrew Martin,MH Rb5±]

24...Rdd7 25.g4 Be6 26.Bxe6 fxe6 27.Nc4 Black is toiling, a pawn down. He does not save the game. Andrew Martin, MH: 'Black is toiling, a pawn down. He does not save the game.' **27...Rb7** 3.16/22

[⌓27...Rd8 2.22/22 Andrew Martin, MH]

28.Na5 Rb8 Andrew Martin,MH: ' Inhibits Rc1-c8+.' **29.Nc6 Rb6 30.Nd2** Andrew Martin,MH: ' Excellent horsemanship.' **30...Nd6** 3.29/21

[⌓30...Nxd2 2.28/22 Andrew Martin, MH 31.Rxd2 e5]

31.Nb3 Ne4 3.47/22

[⌓31...Rc7 2.43/21 Andrew Martin, MH]

32.Nc5 Nxc5 33.Rxc5 a6 34.Rdc1 h6 35.h4 Kf7 36.g5 hxg5 37.hxg5 Rd5 38.f4 Bf8 39.e4 Rd6 40.e5 Rd7 41.Kf2 Rdb7 42.R1c4 Ke8 43.Ke2 Kf7 44.Kd3 Andrew Martin,MH: ' Strongly threatening Nc6-d8+.' **44...Ke8 45.Kc3 Rd7 46.Na5 Kf7 47.Rc6 Rb5 48.R4c5 Rb8 49.Rxa6 Bg7 50.Nc6 Rh8 51.b5 Rb7 52.Na5 Rd7 53.b6 Rh1 54.b7 Rb1 55.Ra7 Rd5 56.Rxd5 exd5 57.Nc6 Ke6 58.b8Q Rxb8 59.Rxe7+ Kf5 60.Nxb8 Ke4 61.Rxg7** . Despite the result of this game, 7... Ne4! is a good move, delaying ...c7-c6 until a better moment. It just seems to lead to a comfortable early middlegame position for Black. Andrew Martin,MH: '. Despite the result of this game, 7...Ne4! is a good move, delaying ...c7-c6 until a better moment. It just seems to lead to a comfortable early middlegame position for Black. Weighted Error Value: White=0.40/Black=0.43'

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770 **D00**
□ **Karthikeyan,P**
■ **11.Qd3 c5 12.Nc3**
Alekhine sim 2021
[Flores Rios,Mauricio]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 g6 4.Qd2 c6 5.Nf3 Bg7
[5...Nbd7 6.h3 b5 7.a3 a5 8.e3 Ba6 9.Bd3 b4 10.axb4 Bxd3 11.cxd3 axb4 12.Na4 Bg7 *(12...Ra6 13.0-0 Qa8 14.b3; 12...e6 13.0-0 Be7 14.Rfc1)* 13.Qxb4]
6.Bh6
[6.Ne5 Nbd7 7.h4 Nxe5 *(7...h5 8.f3)* 8.Bxe5 h5 9.0-0-0 b5 10.f3 Qa5 11.a3 *(11.Kb1 b4)* 11...Bh6 12.e3 0-0 13.Kb1 Qb6 *(13...b4 14.Na2)* 14.g4 hxg4 15.h5 g5 16.f4 b4 17.axb4 Qxb4 18.fxg5 Bxg5 19.h6 Bf5 20.Bd3 Bh7 *(20...Rab8 21.b3 Bh7 22.Rdg1)* 21.Rdg1 a5 22.Bxh7+ Nxh7 23.Qd3 Qc4 *(23...f5 24.Rxg4)* 24.Qf5]
6...Bxh6 7.Qxh6 b5
[7...Bf5 8.Ne5 Bxc2 9.g4 Nbd7 10.Rc1 Nxe5 11.dxe5 Be4 12.f3 Nxg4 13.Qg7 Rf8 14.fxe4 Qb6]
8.a3
[8.e3 b4 9.Na4 Qa5 10.b3 Nbd7 11.Bd3 c5 12.dxc5 Nxc5 13.Nxc5 Qxc5 14.0-0]
8...Qa5 9.b4 Qb6 10.e3 a5 11.Rb1 axb4 12.axb4 Ra3 13.Nd1 Bf5 14.Bd3 Bxd3 15.cxd3 Rxd3 16.0-0 Ra3 17.Nb2
[17.Ne5 Nbd7 18.f4 Nxe5 19.fxe5 Ne4 20.e6 f6 21.Qg7]
17...Nbd7 18.Rfc1 Rb3 19.h3
[19.Rc2 Rxb4 20.Rbc1]
19...Rxb4 20.Nd3 Rxb1 21.Rxb1 c5
[21...Qa7 22.Rc1 Qa8]
22.dxc5 Nxc5 23.Rc1 Nxd3 24.Rc8+ Kd7 25.Rxh8 Qc5 26.Qf8 Qc1+ 27.Kh2 Nxf2
[27...Qc7+ 28.Kg1 *(28.g3 Nxf2)* 28...Qc1+]
28.Qd8+ Ke6 29.Nd4+ Ke5 30.Qxe7#
[30.--]
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771 **D00**
□ **Muminova,Nafisa**
■ **Mrudul,Dehankar**
106: Internet (blitz) 2020
[Andrew Martin]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 g6 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 *(5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8* 1-0 Collyer Sea-Atoufi Arz 2013*; 5.f4 Qa5 6.Bd2 Qb4 7.Qe2 Qxb2 8.Rb1 Qa3 9.e5 dxe5 10.fxe5 Nfd7 11.e6 fxe6 12.dxe6 Nf6 13.Nb5 Qxa2 14.Nc7+ Kd8 15.Rd1 Nc6 16.Bf4+ Nd4 17.Nxa8 Qxe6 18.Qxe6 Bxe6 19.c3 Bg4* 1-0 Genovese,A (2106)-Burk,E (1200) Germany senior ch-5 final 9901 1999*)*
5...Bg7 6.Bc4 *(6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.a4 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nbd7 11.Re1 a6 12.Bf1 e5 13.a5 Ne8 14.Bd3 Qh4 15.Qg4 Qxg4 16.hxg4 Rc8 17.b3 Nef6 18.g5 Ne8 19.g3 f6 20.Kg2 fxg5* 0-1 7.♗c4 ♕a5 8. ♕d2 e6_6062 (2345)-Jovic,A (2383) Gonfreville op 1979 (3.76)*)*
6...0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5

15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 1-0 Schulten,B (2562)-The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2390) V0048 www.desc-online.de 2000 (7) gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8 21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9)]

3.Bf4 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Ne5!? A rare move. On the plus side, White keeps both Qd2 and h2-h4 available. The obvious downside is that the same piece is moving twice in the opening. Motifs arise that are almost identical to those we have covered already. Black has no way to refute 5 Ne5. **5...c5** This looks like a good move. **6.e3 0-0 7.h4**

[After 7.dxc5 -0.39/18 7.Bf1-e2 0.00 Qa5 8.Qd2 Black must be careful to avoid Qxc5? 1.59/18 *(*luckily *8...Nc6* is much better*; 8...Be6*= -0.26/18 *)* 9.Na4!± Qc7 10.Nxg6! .]

7...h5 8.dxc5 Qa5 9.Nd3 -1.38/19

[9.Qd2= -0.22/18]

9...Ne4!∓ The whole variation is tricky and seems more geared to quick chess rather than classical slower play. In our current game, Black already holds the dynamic advantage. **10.Be5 Nxc3** -0.57/22

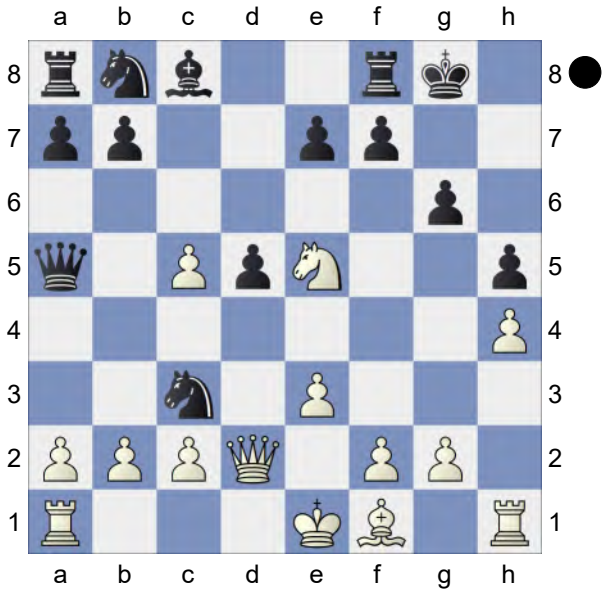
[Black has the luxury of good alternatives: 10...Bxe5 11.Nxe5 Nxc3 12.Qd2 Nd7 13.Nxd7 Bxd7 14.Qxc3 Qxc3+ 15.bxc3 Rfc8 can only be good for Black;]

[and 10...Nc6 11.Bxg7 Kxg7 looks uncomfortable for White.]

[10...Nxc5 11.Bxg7 Kxg7 12.Nxc5 Qxc5 13.Qxd5±]

[Better is 10...Nc6∓ -1.05/23 11.Bxg7 Kxg7]

11.Qd2∓ Pin **11...Bxe5 12.Nxe5**



Qxc5! 13.Qxc3 Qxc3+ 14.bxc3 Nd7 15.Nxd7 Bxd7 16.c4 dxc4 17.Bxc4 Rac8 18.Bb3 Bf5 -0.26/21

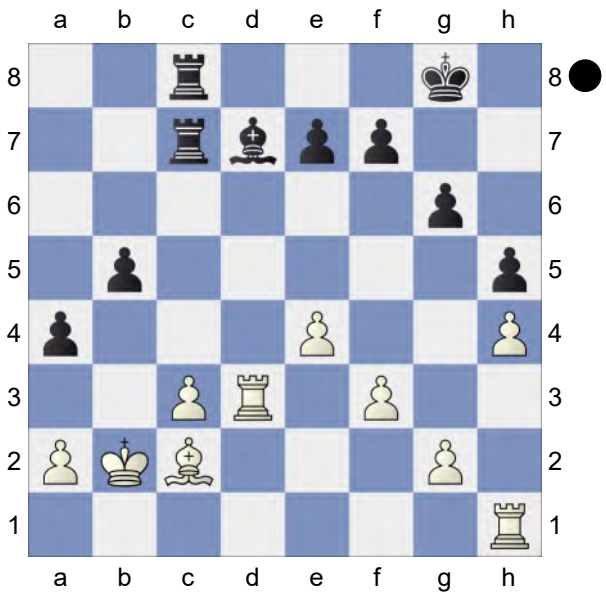
[18...Kg7∓ -0.68/19]

19.0-0-0= Rc7 20.Kb2 b5 21.f3 a5↑ White is under pressure. **22.e4 Bd7 23.c3** -0.67/23

[23.a3!= -0.25/23 should be considered.]

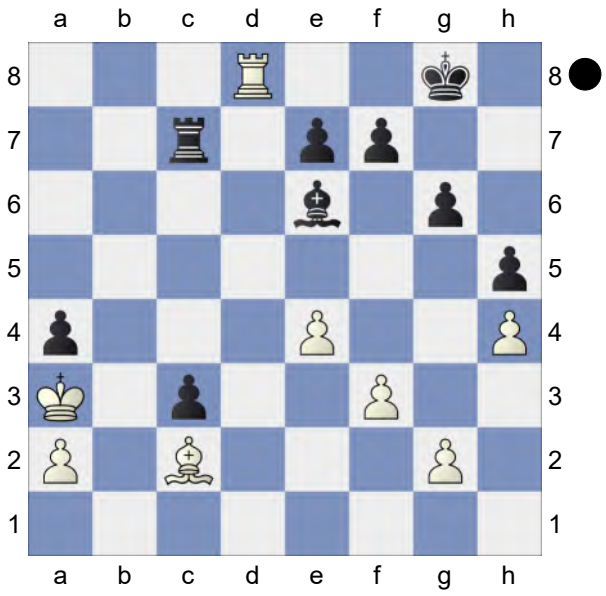
23...a4∓ 24.Bc2 Rfc8 25.Rd3

(Diagram)



b4! 26.Rhd1 bxc3+ 27.Ka3 Be8 -0.36/22

[27...Be6 28.Rd8+ Rxd8 29.Rxd8+



Kg7! and ...Rc7-b7 should not be overlooked 30.Rd3 f5! facilitates the entry of the black king into the game.]

[27...Bb5∓ -0.77/23 28.Rd8+ Rxd8 29.Rxd8+ Kh7]

28.Rd8 Kf8 29.Kb4 -1.01/23

[29.Rxc8= -0.21/25 keeps the balance. Rxc8 30.Kb4]

29...Rb7+ 0.01/23

[29...Rc4+ 30.Ka3 Rxd8 31.Rxd8 e5 is a definite improvement, with Black retaining the upper hand.]

[29...Rc4+∓ -1.01/23 30.Ka3 Rxd8 31.Rxd8 e5]

30.Ka3= Rcc7 3.41/23 The mistakes are all there, waiting to be made.

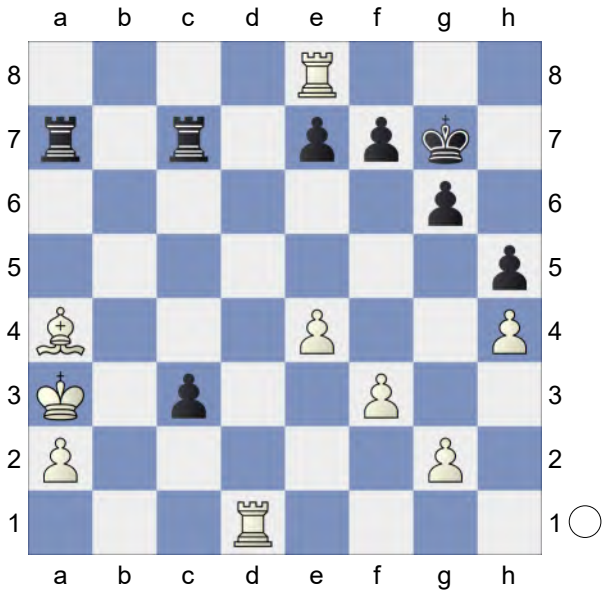
[30...Rbb8 was required.]

[30...Rc4= -0.01/24]

31.Bxa4+- Ra7 5.28/21

[⌓31...Rb2 3.40/21 32.Rxe8+ *(32.Bxe8 Rxg2 33.Ba4+ Kg7+-)* 32...Kg7]

32.Rxe8+ Kg7



33.Kb4 -0.01/25 Prevents Rc7-c4+

[White has to play 33.Rb8!+- 4.96/22]

33...Rcb7+= The position is equal.

34.Bb5 Rxa2 35.Kc4 Rxg2 36.Bc6? -9.08/22 . One can certainly try 5 Ne5. The likelihood is that the opponent won't have played against it before. It seems a good weapon for blitz. Positions are reached which are similar to the main lines already covered. While I have my doubts about the effectiveness of the idea when the time control slows down, I am willing to be proved wrong. Weighted Error Value: White=0.32/ Black=0.47 Loss on time!?

[36.--? -1.16/21 36.Re8-c8 0.36 Summary: All of 5 h3, 5 h4 and 5 Ne5 are playable, with 5 h3 the favourite if I am forced to make a choice. Gazing into my crystal ball, I see a comparatively long future for 5 h3 at all time controls by comparison with the others, which, frankly, are just geared for blitz.]
[36.Rc1= 0.01/22]
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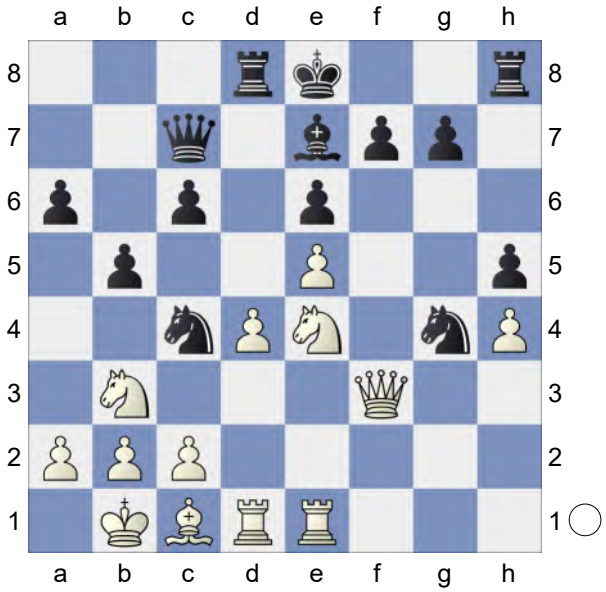
772 **D00**
□ **Grandelius,Nils**
■ **Fargere,Francois**
The Jobava System
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 c6 4.e3 Bf5 5.f3 h6 6.g4 Bh7 7.Bd3** This is the main move of the strong players who have reached this position, and my recommendation.
[7.h4 is an interesting alternative with the traditional Kingside expansion theme.]
7...Nbd7
[7...Qb6 is an important alternative that will be covered in the theory section.]
8.Bxh7 The position is equal. **8...Nxh7 9.Nge2**
[This is a slight inaccuracy as it allows Black to play 9... Ng5 attacking the f3 pawn. I will suggest 9.Qd3 intending a quick O-O-O in the theory section.]
9...e6 10.Qd3 Be7 11.e4 Nhf6 0.57/19 Black should not be in a hurry to reposition the Knight here as it gives White the option of playing e5 with gain of tempo.
[11...b5= -0.06/18]
12.0-0-0± Qa5 13.Kb1 Need I repeat myself about the best players and Kb1? It removes the King from the dark-squared c1-h6 diagonal and shores up the defence of the a2-pawn, thereby freeing the c3-Knight to move should it wish. A move that everyone should take note of! **13...a6** 1.26/22
[⌓13...0-0-0 0.75/18]
14.Rhe1 0.28/20
[14.e5 makes a lot of sense. White gains more space in the centre with tempo. Play may continue Nh7 15.h4 0.71/19 *(⌓15.Bd2* 1.22/20 *)* 15...Nhf8 1.13/20 *(15...c5* 0.71/19 *)* 16.Bd2± 0-0-0 17.f4± Black is cramped and White can press on with f5 putting black under considerable pressure.]
[14.Bd2± 1.26/22]
14...b5= And now ...b5-b4 would win.
15.Nc1 It's once again all about those dark squares. I love it when an opening has consistent themes. Sooner or later everyone will get out of book and need to think for themselves and this is where a good grasp of the plans of a particular opening are worth their weight in gold (or saffron)! **15...Qd8** 0.59/18
[15...0-0= 0.23/20 feels stronger.]
16.Nb3 Nb6 0.81/19
[16...0-0= 0.30/20 remains equal.]
17.h4± White is more active. **17...Nc4 18.Bc1** 0.09/20
[18.Nc5± 0.79/19]
18...Qd7? 2.32/20 And such is the precarious nature of Black's position that an innocent developing move, which prepares O-O-O, is an outright blunder! This move takes away the d7-square from the f6-Knight, which is crucial. White stays focused until the end.

[18...dxe4! This unnatural looking move was the only way to maintain the balance, but White can simply reply with 19.fxe4 , gambitting the g4 pawn, when play could continue. Black must now prevent g4-g5. Nxg4 20.Qf3 -0.01/20 Inhibits Ng4-f2. *(20.Qe2± 0.44/21 h5 21.e5)* 20...h5= 21.e5 Qc7 0.61/20 *(21...0-0!= -0.01/20)* 22.Ne4± Rd8



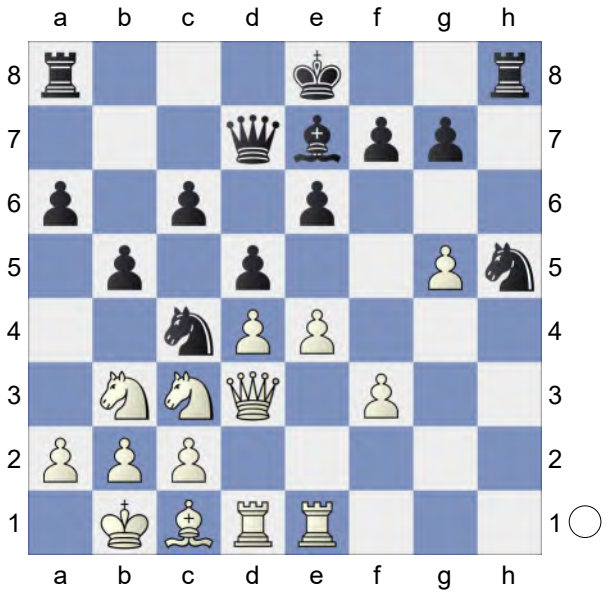
23.Bg5! 0.37/19 when the weakness of Black's dark squares ensure White has some edge and a much easier position to play. *(* White should try *23.Rg1!± 0.73/19)*]

[18...dxe4!= 0.09/20 19.fxe4 *(19.Nxe4 Nxe4 20.Qxe4 Qd5=)* 19...Nxg4]

19.g5+- The opening phase is well over. White converts in ruthless fashion.

19...hxg5 20.hxg5 Nh5

(Diagram)



21.g6! f6 2.80/21

[21...Kf8 1.98/19 might work better. 22.Rh1 fxg6]

[21...0-0-0 22.gxf7]

22.exd5 cxd5 23.Qe2 Bb4 24.Rd3? 0.68/20

[24.Qxe6+ Qxe6 25.Rxe6+ Kd7+-]

[24.Nc5+- 3.15/21 Bxc5 25.dxc5]

24...Ke7 4.13/20

[Black should play 24...Ng3!± 0.68/20 25.Qxe6+ Qxe6 Remove Defender 26.Rxe6+ Kd7]

25.f4 a5? 5.98/20

[25...f5 2.93/19 is a better chance. 26.a3 Bxc3]

26.f5 a4 6.64/20

[⌓26...Bxc3 4.05/17 27.Rxc3 e5 28.dxe5 Nxe5]

27.Qxe6+ Qxe6 28.Rxe6+ Kd7? 6.86/20

[28...Kd8 3.67/20 29.Nxd5 axb3]

29.Nc5+ Bxc5 30.dxc5 b4 31.Rxd5+ Kc8 32.Nb5 Ng3 33.c6 Rh1 34.Re8#

Weighted Error Value: White=0.80/ Black=1.26

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773 **D00**
□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr**
■ **Jones,G**
87: Internet (blitz) 2022
[Andrew Martin]

Andrew Martin,mMH: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines ' **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5** Andrew Martin,mMH: 'N'

[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7 ½-½* Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000*)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8 ½-½* Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]

3.Bf4 g6 4.e3 Bg7 5.h4 h5 6.Nb5 Na6 7.Nf3 0-0 8.Ne5 Andrew Martin,mMH: 'The position is equal.' **8...c6 9.Nc3 Nb8 10.Be2** The opening move order was a little strange, but we eventually arrive at our destination. The players have taken several extra moves to get to a known position. White is going to bash through with g2-g4, if allowed. **10...Nbd7** The eternal drawback of going Ne5 in the Barry is the ease with which Black can challenge the knight. **11.Nd3!? Ne4!** I think this is a good move, clearing the way for ...e7-e5 at some point, or if White captures, embarrassing the knight on d3.

[Bortnyk had actually been here before: 11...b6 -0.05/20 Andrew Martin,mMH: '11...Nf6-e4 -0.46' 12.Bf3 Bb7 0.86/20 *(12...a5=* -0.20/19 *)* 13.Qe2 -0.24/22 *(* Better is *13.g4±* 0.86/20 *)* 13...c5 14.0-0-0 Ne4 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Ne5 Andrew Martin,mMH: ' Threatening g2-g4.' Nxe5 0.41/23 *(*maybe *16...Qc8* 0.02/21 Andrew Martin,mMH: '=')* 17.Bxe5 -0.01/21 *(17.dxe5±* 0.41/23 *Qc8 18.Rhg1)* 17...Bxe5 Andrew Martin,mMH: '=' 18.dxe5 Qc7 1.18/24 *(18...Qc8=* -0.01/22 keeps the balance. *)* 19.e6 Andrew Martin,mMH: '±' Andrew Martin,mMH: ' Threatens to win with g2-g4.' fxe6 1.77/23 was O.Bortnyk-M.Arabidze, Internet (blitz) 2022, when *(19...Qe5±* 1.11/22 *)* 20.g4! looks strong.]

12.g4 Andrew Martin,mMH: '!'

[White must press on, as 12.Nxe4? -0.83/22 Andrew Martin,mMH: '12.g2-g4 -0.03' dxe4

A) likewise, if 13.Nc1 Qb6! 14.Rb1 -1.11/20 *(14.Nb3∓* -0.62/20 *)* 14...e5;

B) 13.Nc5 -2.64/23 Andrew Martin,mMH: '?' Andrew Martin,mMH: '13.Nd3-c1 -0.75' Nxc5 14.dxc5 Bxb2;

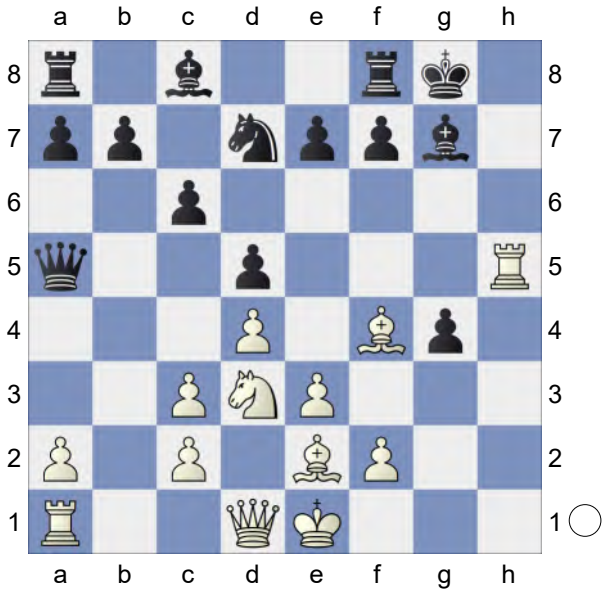
C) 13.Ne5 Nxe5 14.dxe5 Qa5+ -0.27/24 *(14...Qb6∓ -0.93/22 15.Qd4 Rd8 16.Qxb6 axb6)* 15.Qd2 Andrew Martin,mMH: '=' Qxd2+ 16.Kxd2 Rd8+ 17.Kc1 Rd5 is prospectless.]

12...Nxc3 13.bxc3 hxg4 0.37/22

[13...Qa5= -0.08/22]

14.Bxg4 Andrew Martin,mMH: '±'

[14.h5 -0.38/20 Andrew Martin,mMH: '14.Be2xg4 0.32' gxh5! 0.15/19 *(14...Nf6∓ -0.38/20)* 15.Rxh5 Andrew Martin,mMH: '=' Qa5 1.39/21 Andrew Martin,mMH: ' *(15...Nf6= 0.01/19 16.Rh4 Qa5)*



' 16.Kd2 Andrew Martin,mMH: ' ±!' *(or 16.Kf1 0.25/20* Andrew Martin,mMH: '16.Ke1-d2 1.54' *Qxc3)* 16...Nf6 demonstrates that Black can also attack.]

14...Qa5

[14...Nf6 15.Bxc8 Qxc8 1.00/21 *(15...Rxc8± 0.58/21* is more appropriate. *16.h5 Nxh5)* 16.h5 Andrew Martin,mMH: ' ±' Nxh5 17.Rxh5 gxh5 18.Qxh5 keeps the white attack on the boil.]

15.h5 Andrew Martin,mMH: '!'

15...Qxc3+

[15...e5 feels hotter. 16.Bxd7 Bxd7 17.Nxe5 Qxc3+ 18.Ke2 Bxe5 19.dxe5 Bg4+]

16.Kf1 Nf6 0.92/20

[16...e5= 0.20/20 17.dxe5 Nxe5 18.Bxc8 Nxd3 *(18...Raxc8 19.Rb1±)* 19.cxd3 Qxa1 20.Qxa1 Bxa1 21.Bxb7 Rab8 22.Bxb8 Rxb8 23.Bxc6 Rb1+ 24.Kg2 Rxh1 25.Kxh1 gxh5]

17.Bxc8 Andrew Martin,mMH: '±'

17...Raxc8 18.Kg2 -0.28/21

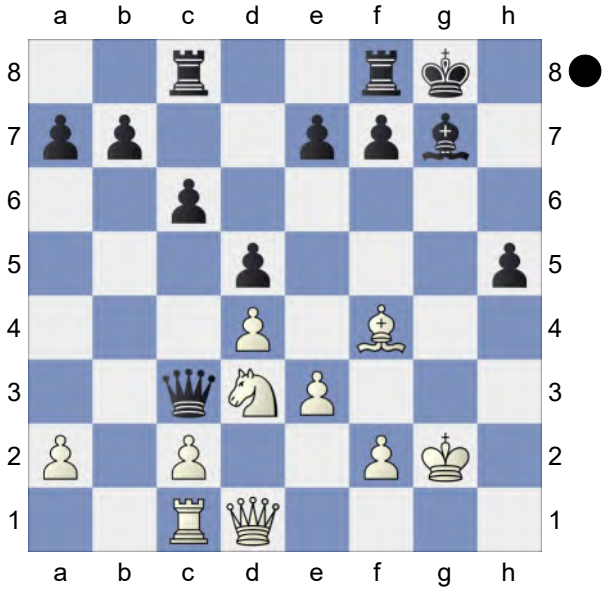
[18.hxg6± 0.84/20 aiming for Nd3-e5. fxg6 19.Rb1]

18...Nxh5

[18...gxh5 19.Be5 Ng4 20.Rxh5+-]

[18...c5 keeps more tension. 19.hxg6 cxd4 20.gxf7+ Rxf7 21.Ne5]

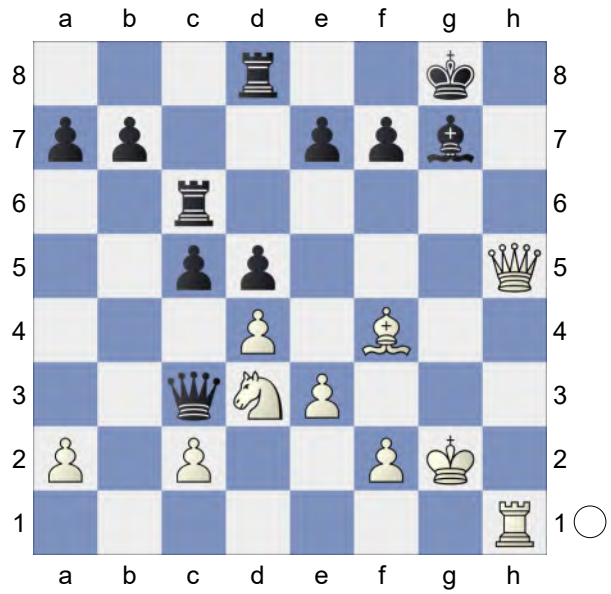
19.Rxh5 gxh5 20.Rc1 This all feels extraordinarily dubious. Andrew Martin, mMH: '!' Andrew Martin,mMH: '



This all feels extraordinarily dubious.'

20...c5 Andrew Martin,mMH: '!' **21.Qxh5** Andrew Martin,mMH: ' Strongly threatening Rc1-h1.' **21...Rc6 22.Rh1** Andrew Martin,mMH: ' →' Andrew Martin, mMH: ' White mounts an attack.'

22...Rd8? 7.01/23 Andrew Martin,mMH: '
[22...Rg6+ -0.01/23 Andrew Martin, mMH: '='
A) 23.Kf3!= -0.01/24 and White has nothing to worry. Rd8 *(23...Qxc2 24.Qh7#)* 24.Be5;
B) 23.Kf1 -1.66/25 Andrew Martin, mMH: '?' 23...Rc8 24.Be5 Bh6 was better.]
[Stronger than 22...Qxc2 23.Qh7#]



This costs Black the game.' **23.Ne5!** Andrew Martin,mMH: '+-!' Andrew Martin, mMH: 'White is clearly winning.' **23...Rf6 24.Bg5** Andrew Martin,mMH: ' Skewer' **24...Rxf2+ 25.Kxf2 Qxc2+ 26.Kg3 Qf5 27.Bxe7** Andrew Martin,mMH: ' Discovered Attack, Double Attack' **27...Bxe5+ 28.dxe5** . A blitz melee where the ideas are more valuable than the full content. Andrew Martin,mMH: '. A blitz melee where the ideas are more valuable than the full content. Weighted Error Value: White=0.31/ Black=0.20 (precise) '
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774 **D00**
□ **Okner,B**
■ **Nurmi,Peter**
Cauto 39/(123) 2020
[Flores Rios,Mauricio]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Ne5 c5
[5...0-0
A) 6.e3 c5;
B) 6.h4 c5 7.h5 Nxh5 8.Rxh5 *(8.Bh2 cxd4)* 8...gxh5 9.e3 f6 10.Nf3 cxd4 11.exd4 Nc6;
C) 6.Qd2 c5 7.e3 *(7.dxc5 d4 8.0-0-0 Qe8 9.Qxd4 Ng4)* 7...Qa5 8.Nb5 Qxd2+ 9.Kxd2 g5 10.Bg3 *(10.Nc7 gxf4 11.exf4 Be6 12.Nxa8 Rc8 13.c3 Nc6)* 10...Ne4+ 11.Kc1 cxd4 12.exd4 Nc6 13.Nc7 Nxd4 14.Nxa8 Nxg3 15.hxg3 Bxe5]
6.e3 0-0 7.h4
[7.dxc5 Qa5 8.Qd2 Qxc5 *(8...Nc6)* 9.Na4 Qc7 10.Nxg6]
7...h5 8.dxc5 Qa5 9.Nd3 Ne4 10.Be5 Nxc3
[10...Bxe5 11.Nxe5 Nxc3 12.Qd2 Nd7 13.Nxd7 Bxd7 14.Qxc3 Qxc3+ 15.bxc3 Rfc8]
[10...Nc6 11.Bxg7 Kxg7]
11.Qd2 Bxe5 12.Nxe5 Qxc5
[12...Nd7 13.Nd3 Nxc5]
13.Qxc3 Qxc3+ 14.bxc3 Nd7 15.Nxd7 Bxd7 16.c4 dxc4 17.Bxc4 Rac8 18.Bb3 Bf5 19.0-0-0 Rc7 20.Kb2 b5 21.f3 a5 22.e4 Bd7 23.c3 a4 24.Bc2 Rfc8 25.Rd3 b4 26.Rhd1 bxc3+ 27.Ka3 Be8
[27...Be6 28.Rd8+ Rxd8 29.Rxd8+ Kg7 30.Rd3 f5]
28.Rd8 Kf8 29.Kb4 Rb7+
[29...Rc4+ 30.Ka3 Rxd8 31.Rxd8 e5]

30.Ka3 Rcc7
[30...Rbb8]
31.Bxa4 Ra7 32.Rxe8+ Kg7 33.Kb4 Rcb7+ 34.Bb5 Rxa2 35.Kc4 Rxg2 36.Bc6
[36.--]
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775 **D00**
□ **Stefanova,Antoaneta**
■ **Galliamova,Alisa**
49: Krasnoturinsk 2007
[Jimmy Liew]

1.d4 d5 2.Nc3
[2.Bf4 Nf6 3.e3 c5 4.Nc3 1-0 (20) Stefanova,A (2481)-Galliamova,A (2468) Krasnoturinsk RUS 2007 [Jimmy Liew]]
2...Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.e3 1-0 (20) Stefanova,A-Galliamova,A 49: Krasnoturinsk 2007 [Jimmy Liew]
4...c5!? Black should play ...a6 first if he wants to play this move. **5.Nb5** This is one of the points behind 3 Bf4 and also the best move to take advantage of the less than accurate 4...c5. White forces Black's queen's knight to an unfavourable square and it will be very difficult for Black to drive the knight on b5 away. **5...Na6 6.c3 Be7**
[Black might try to get rid of the b5-knight with Black might try to get rid of the b5-knight with 6...Bd7 in which case White should just continue with in which case White should just continue with 7.Nf3 c4 8.a4 . Now Bxb5?! is a mistake: 9.axb5 Nc7 10.b3 opens up the game to White's advantage as cxb3?? 11.b6! axb6 12.Bxc7 Rxa1 13.Bb5+ Nd7 14.Qxa1 Qxc7 15.Ne5 wins the pinned knight.]
7.a4 0-0 8.Be5 This looks really strange, considering that with her whole kingside undeveloped, White moves the bishop again.
[Stefanova wants to avoid 8.Nf3 Nh5 , taking off the bishop]
[but 8.h3 should do nicely, as we'll see in our next encounter. should do nicely, as we'll see in our next encounter.]
8...Bd7 9.Nf3 c4 This is critical. Black plans to leave White with a weak pawn on b5 after 10...Bxb5, so White has to undertake active measures. **10.b3!?** A very risky move as c3 is going to come under attack and White has still not castled. **10...cxb3**
[Perhaps 10...Ne4 11.bxc4 f6 was better. Indeed, after 12.Bg3 *(12.Bf4* is worse because a later ...e5 will come with tempo on the bishop is worse because a later ...e5 will come with tempo on the bishop*)* 12...Qa5 13.Nd2 Nxc3 14.Nxc3 Qxc3 15.Be2 dxc4 *(15...Nb4 16.0-0 Bc6 17.Rc1 Qa3 18.Ra1 Qb2 19.Rb1 Qc3 20.Rc1* only draws*)* 16.0-0 Rfc8 17.Rc1 Qa5 18.Bxc4 Bb4 *(18...Qxa4? 19.Qxa4 Bxa4 20.Bxe6+* forks the rook and king*)* 19.Ne4 Rxc4 20.Rxc4 Qd5 21.Rxb4 Nxb4 22.Qb1 a5 Black stands better as the a4 pawn is very weak: for instance, Black stands better as the a4 pawn is very weak: for instance, 23.Nc5 *(*or *23.Nc3 Qc4 24.Rc1 Rc8 25.Qa1 Nd3 26.Rc2 Bxa4)* 23...Bc6 24.f3 b6 and the pawn will be lost.]
11.Qxb3 Qa5 12.Qb2 Ne4 13.Bd3 f6 14.Bf4
[Not 14.Bg3? e5 15.0-0 Nxg3 16.hxg3 e4 17.Qa2 Rf7 and Black

wins a piece. and Black wins a piece.]

14...Nxc3? This turns out to be a blunder.

[Better was Better was 14...e5 15.dxe5 Nac5 16.Bc2 a6 17.Nbd4 Bxa4! 18.0-0 Qxc3 , which leaves Black on top with an extra pawn and the better position. , which leaves Black on top with an extra pawn and the better position.]

15.Nxc3 Bb4 16.0-0 Bxc3 17.Qxb7 Bxa1?

[White has only a slight advantage after 17...Nb4 18.Qxd7 Nxd3 19.Qxe6+ Kh8 20.Rab1 Nxf4 21.exf4 .]

18.Qxd7 Nb4

[Galliamova must have overlooked that 18...Bc3 19.Qxe6+ forks the knight on a6. forks the knight on a6.]

19.Bc7 Rf7 20.Qxf7+

1-0

776 **D00**

□ **Howell,David**

■ **Kasparov,Garry**

The Jobava System

[MH]

I must thank David Howell for giving me this game. It was a blitz game against none other than the great, former World Champion Garry Kasparov. David suggested the overall standard of the game wasn't the highest as it was blitz but I can comfortably say we would all love to play as well as him in this game and take down one of chess's biggest scalps. I must thank David Howell for giving me this game. It was a blitz game against none other than the great, former World Champion Garry Kasparov.

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player of this line very optimistic! **4.e3 Bf5 5.f3 e6 6.g4** David knows his stuff and goes for the classic Kingside thrust. David knows his stuff and goes for the classic Kingside thrust. David knows his stuff and goes for the classic Kingside thrust. **6...Bg6 7.h4 h5 8.g5** White is slightly better. **8...Ng8**

[8...Nfd7 is arguably better but White already has what he wants. He has gained space and time on the Kingside and at the same time pushed Black's pieces back. is arguably better but White already has what he wants. He has gained space and time on the Kingside and at the same time pushed Black's pieces back. is arguably better but White already has what he wants. He has gained space and time on the Kingside and at the same time pushed Black's pieces back. 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 g6 11.0-0-0 Bg7 12.Bd6 Nb6 13.Bg3 0-0 14.e4 N8d7 15.Bd6 Re8 16.Bg3 e5 17.exd5 exd4 18.Ne4 Nxd5 19.Ne2 c5 20.Nd6 Re3 21.Qd2 Ne5 22.Bxe5 Bxe5 23.Nc4 Rc8 Marchenko,Y-Arsov,F (1624) Genoa 2023 0-1 (62)]

9.Bd3N

[9.Qd2 Bd6 10.Bxd6 Qxd6 11.Qh2 Qxh2 12.Rxh2 Ne7 13.0-0-0 b5 14.Nh3 Nd7 15.Nf4 4 2) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 Bf-1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 Bf5]

9...Nd7 0.96/20

[9...Ne7 0.80/22 9...Bf8-d6 0.41 10.e4 dxe4 11.fxe4 Qxd4? 2.48/21 *(11...Nd7± 0.92/20)* 12.Nb5!!]

[9...Bd6± 0.38/21]

10.Bxg6± Imagine getting this position from the opening against a legend. The Jobava puts another player under the cosh. Black's Kingside structure is shattered and he will need to be vigilant for the rest of the game. White is assuredly on the front foot. Imagine getting this position from the opening against a legend. The Jobava puts another player under the cosh. Black's Kingside structure is shattered and he will need to be vigilant for the rest of the game. White is assuredly on the front foot. Imagine getting this position from the opening against a legend. The Jobava puts another player under the cosh. Black's Kingside structure is shattered and he will need to be vigilant for the rest of the game. White is assuredly on the front foot. **10...fxg6 11.Nge2** 0.47/21

[11.Qd3± 0.81/20]

11...Bb4!± 12.Qd3 Developing with threat to the g6-pawn. **12...Ne7 13.Bh2** The Bishop vacates the f4-square should the e2-Knight wish to occupy it with threats against e6 and g6. The Bishop vacates the f4-square should the e2-Knight wish to occupy it with threats against e6 and g6. The Bishop vacates the f4-square should the e2-Knight wish to occupy it with threats against e6 and g6.

[13.e4 was probably the most accurate, dominating the centre and preventing Nf5 before Black can gain any sense of counterplay. was probably the most accurate, dominating the centre and preventing Nf5 before Black can gain any sense of counterplay. was probably the most accurate, dominating the centre and preventing Nf5 before Black can gain any sense of counterplay.]

13...c5 14.a3 c4 15.Qd2 Ba5 16.e4 b5 0.77/20 This turns out to be dubious as Black needed to shore up his

defences before carrying out his counterplay. This move is entirely understandable especially from Kasparov who had no desire to sit and wait. This turns out to be dubious as Black needed to shore up his defences before carrying out his counterplay. This move is entirely understandable especially from Kasparov who had no desire to sit and wait. This turns out to be dubious as Black needed to shore up his defences before carrying out his counterplay. This move is entirely understandable especially from Kasparov who had no desire to sit and wait.

[16...0-0= 0.06/21]

17.Qe3 0.33/22

[White should play 17.Qf4± 0.77/20]

17...0-0 18.0-0 Bb6 0.81/18

[18...Bxc3± 0.34/21 deserves consideration. 19.Nxc3 Qb6]

19.Kg2 0.50/20 Sensibly getting off the diagonal of the b6-bishop. An excellent and practical move. Prophylaxis to perfection! Sensibly getting off the diagonal of the b6-bishop. An excellent and practical move. Prophylaxis to perfection! Sensibly getting off the diagonal of the b6-bishop. An excellent and practical move. Prophylaxis to perfection!

[19.Bd6± 0.81/18]

19...Kh7 1.01/18

[19...Nb8± 0.50/20]

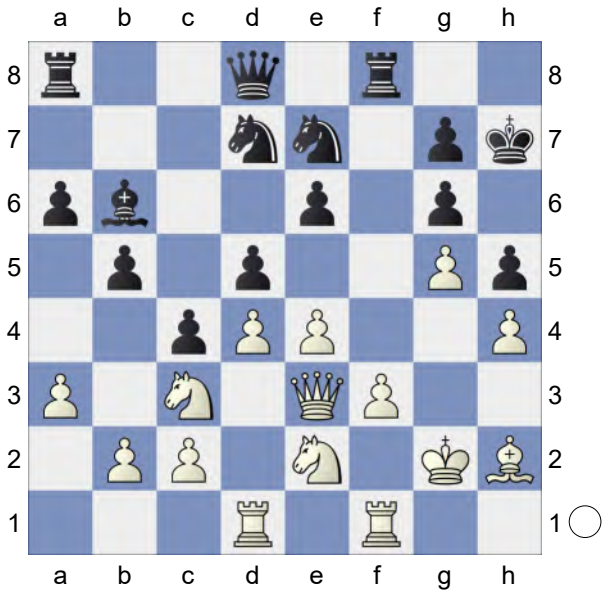
20.Rad1 0.46/22

[20.Bd6± 1.01/18]

20...a6 0.95/22

[20...Nb8± 0.46/22]

(Diagram)



21.Nf4!± The totality of White's opening is a success. Black has many problems to overcome. The totality of White's opening is a success. Black has many problems to overcome. The totality of White's opening is a success. Black has many problems to overcome. **21...e5 22.Ne6**

[22.Nfxd5?! Bxd4 23.Qe1 Nxd5 24.Nxd5 Bxb2=]

22...exd4 23.Rxd4 0.71/25 0x0. 00253a9f4782dp-1022s more active pieces.

[23.Qd2!+- , as pointed out by David himself, is the smoothest way to a material gain when , as pointed out by David himself, is the smoothest way to a material gain when , as pointed out by David himself, is the smoothest way to a material gain when

A) 23...Qc8 24.Nxf8+ *(24.Nxd5 Nxd5 25.Nxf8+ Qxf8±)* 24...Nxf8 25.Nxd5 Nxd5 26.exd5;

B) 23...dxc3 24.Qxc3 threatens both the Queen on d8 and mate on g7. Black would be forced to play d4 , and after 25.Rxd4!! Black cannot keep everything

together due to the potential of moving the d4 Rook and once again threatening g7 with mate. Black cannot keep everything together due to the potential of moving the d4 Rook and once again threatening g7 with mate. Black cannot keep everything together due to the potential of moving the d4 Rook and once again threatening g7 with mate.]

[Don't blunder 23.Nxf8+? Nxf8 24.Rxd4 Ne6-+]

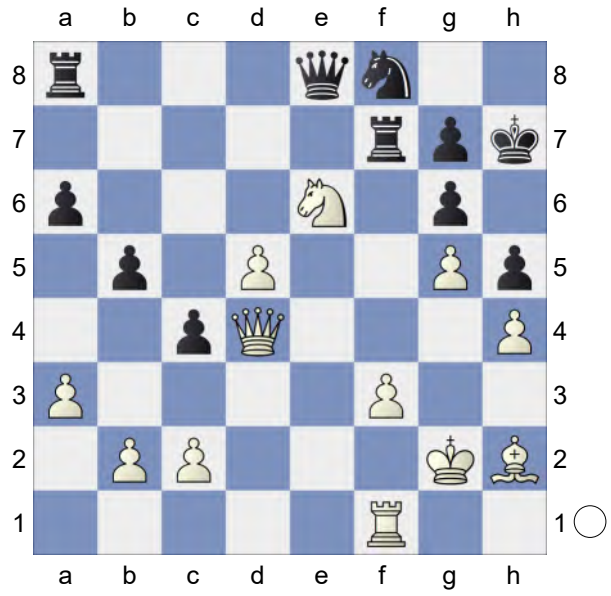
[23.Nxd4?! Nc5±]

23...Qe8 24.Qd2 Dancing on a razor blade.

[Avoid the trap 24.exd5? Nf5 25.Qf2 *(25.Nxf8+? Qxf8 26.Qd2 Bxd4-+)* 25...Bxd4 26.Nxd4 Ne3+ 27.Kg1 Nxf1 28.Kxf1 Ne5-+]

24...Rf7 25.Nxd5 Nxd5 26.exd5 Black must now prevent Rd4-f4. **26...Bxd4 27.Qxd4** Threatens to win with Ne6-c7. **27...Nf8** 1.73/24

[27...Qe7± 0.59/23]



28.Nc7!+- Rxc7

[28...Qe2+? 29.Rf2 Re8 30.Rxe2+-]

29.Bxc7 Qf7 2.44/24

[⌓29...Qd7 1.73/25]

30.Be5 Nd7 31.Re1 1.13/26

[31.Bg3+- 1.69/24]

31...Re8 2.30/24

[31...Rf8± 1.13/26 32.Qd1 Nxe5 33.Rxe5 Qf4]

32.Bg3 Rxe1 33.Bxe1 Qf5 34.Qe4 Nb6 35.Qxf5 The rest of the game shows how fantastic David's technique is but its outside the scope of this course. The rest of the game shows how fantastic David's technique is but its outside the scope of this course. The rest of the game shows how fantastic David's technique is but its outside the scope of this course. **35...gxf5** Endgame KB-KN **36.d6 g6?** 3.71/31

[36...f4 2.05/28 was called for. 37.Bd2 Kg6 38.Bxf4 Kf5]

37.Kg3 Kg7 38.Kf4 Nd7 39.Ke3 Be1-g3 is the strong threat. **39...Kf7 40.Kd4** Inhibits Nd7-e5. **40...Ke6 41.Bg3 Nb8 42.Kc5 Kd7** 5.99/30

[⌓42...c3 3.84/29 43.bxc3 Nd7+ 44.Kc6 Nf8]

43.Kd5 Nc6 44.Be1 Nd8 45.Bg3? -0.01/23

[45.Ke5+- 4.83/24]

45...Nc6= This costs Black the game. **46.c3** Against b5-b4. White is clearly winning. **46...Na5 47.Ke5 Nb3 48.Kf6 Nc5 49.Kxg6 Nd3 50.Kf7** A fabulous win for David and a great demonstration of the wealth of possibilities which can arise from this opening! A fabulous win for David and a great demonstration of the wealth of possibilities which can arise from this opening! A fabulous win for David and a great demonstration of the wealth of possibilities which can arise from this opening! Weighted Error

Value: White=0.37/Black=0.30
1-0

777 **B13**
□ **Kable,John Richard**
■ **Pelnar,Helmut**
39: World Senior Ch, Terme 2014
[Heemsoth; FS 1953-146]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.h3 Bxf3 8.Qxf3 Nc6 9.0-0-0 e6 10.g4 Bd6
[10...Bb4]
11.Be3
[11.Kb1 Qc7 12.Bxd6 Qxd6 13.h4 Rf8 14.g5 Nd7 15.Ne2 0-0-0 16.c3 f6 17.Qg3 Qxg3 18.fxg3]
11...Qa5 12.Kb1 Rc8 13.g5 Nd7 14.Bc1
[14.h4 Nb4 15.a3 Rxc3 16.bxc3 Qxa3 17.cxb4 Ne5 *(17...Bxb4 18.Rd3)* 18.Qh3 *(18.dxe5 Bxe5)* 18...Qxb4+ 19.Kc1 Qc3 20.Rd3 Qa1+ 21.Kd2 Bb4+ 22.c3 Qb2+ 23.Kd1 Nxd3 24.Bxd3 Bxc3]
14...b5 15.h4 Nb4
[15...b4 16.Ne2 Qc7 17.Bh3 Nce5 18.dxe5 Qxc2+ 19.Ka1 Nxe5 20.Qe3]
16.a3 Nc6 17.Na2 Qb6 18.Qd3 Kd8
[18...0-0 19.h5]
19.Rh3 g6
[19...Qb7 20.h5 Ne7 21.Re1 Nb6 22.Rf3 Nf5 23.Rxf5 exf5 24.Qxf5 Rb8 25.h6 g6 26.Qf6+ Kc7 27.Bf4]
20.h5 Rf8 21.hxg6 hxg6 22.Rh7 Ne7 23.Bh3 a5 24.Qf3 Ke8 25.Bf4 Bxf4 26.Qxf4 b4 27.Rd3 Qb8 28.Qd2 Nc6 29.axb4 axb4 30.Re3 Qd6
[30...Nb6 31.Bxe6 Nc4 32.Bxc8+ Kd8 33.Qe2 Nxe3 34.fxe3 Kxc8 *(34...Qxc8 35.Qb5)* 35.Qf3]
31.Qd3 Ne7 32.Qe2 Rc6 33.Nc1
[33.Qd2 Rb6 34.Rb3 Nc6 35.Bf1]
33...Qf4 34.Nd3 Qxg5 35.Nxb4 Rb6 36.Bxe6 Rxb4 37.f4 Qg1+
[37...Qf6 38.Bxd5 Kd8 39.Bb3 Rxd4]
38.Ka2 Ra4+ 39.Kb3 Ra7 40.Bxd5 Qa1
[40...Kd8 41.Rxe7 Qxd4 42.Rxd7+ Rxd7]
41.Rxe7+ Kd8 42.Rxd7+ Rxd7 43.Qb5 Qa7 44.c3 Rd6 45.Kc2 Rb6 46.Qc4 Qb8 47.b4 Qxf4 48.Qc5 Qd6 49.Bxf7 Rc6 50.Qa5+ Rc7 51.Be6 Qc6
[51...Rf2+ 52.Kb1 Rf1+ 53.Kb2 Rf2+ 54.Ka3]
52.Rd7+ Ke8
[52...Qxd7 53.Bxd7 Kxd7 54.Qd5+]
53.Rxc7 Rf2+ 54.Kb3
1-0

778 **B13**
□ **Rapport,Richard**
■ **Sutovsky,Emil**
The Jobava System
[MH]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5**
[This is considered to be the most challenging move to White's set up. Having already played Nc3 White no longer has the option of reinforcing the d4-pawn with c2-c3. It would also be a mistake to play This is considered to be the most challenging move to White's set up. Having already played Nc3 White no longer has the option of reinforcing the d4-pawn with c2-c3. It would also be a mistake to play This

is considered to be the most challenging move to White's set up. Having already played Nc3 White no longer has the option of reinforcing the d4-pawn with c2-c3. It would also be a mistake to play 3...c5 4.dxc5 in this position, as Black has a very strong reply with d4 .]

4.e3 This move supports White's central pawn on d4 and also has a key point in opening up the light squared bishop, perhaps surprisingly not with the immediate idea of developing it but supporting the potential advance of Nb5. This move supports White's central pawn on d4 and also has a key point in opening up the light squared bishop, perhaps surprisingly not with the immediate idea of developing it but supporting the potential advance of Nb5. This move supports White's central pawn on d4 and also has a key point in opening up the light squared bishop, perhaps surprisingly not with the immediate idea of developing it but supporting the potential advance of Nb5.

4...cxd4 This is considered to be Black's best move. By taking immediately on d4 Black rules out the possibility of White taking on c5 which was very much in play as Black's previous response to this of ...d4 is now covered by White's pawn on e3. This is considered to be Black's best move. By taking immediately on d4 Black rules out the possibility of White taking on c5 which was very much in play as Black's previous response to this of ...d4 is now covered by White's pawn on e3. This is considered to be Black's best move. By taking immediately on d4 Black rules out the possibility of White taking on c5 which was very much in play as Black's previous response to this of ...d4 is now covered by White's pawn on e3.

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5.exd4 **a6** This is a very sensible precaution by Black, preventing Nb5. This is a very sensible precaution by Black, preventing Nb5. This is a very sensible precaution by Black, preventing Nb5.

[5...Nc6? 0.80/20 This is once again a blunder that allows White to play This is once again a blunder that allows White to play 5...a7-a6 0.04 This is once again a blunder that allows White to play 6.Nb5! which once again wins material.]

6.Nf3 This was the choice of Richard Rapport, as in the current game, and I feel it is the best move. As we shall see White should not fear ...Bg4 pinning the Knight. This was the choice of Richard Rapport, as in the current game, and I feel it is the best move. As we shall see White should not fear ...Bg4 pinning the

Knight. This was the choice of Richard Rapport, as in the current game, and I feel it is the best move. As we shall see White should not fear ...Bg4 pinning the Knight. **6...Bg4 7.h3**

[Immediately putting the question to the Bishop. There is little doubt in my mind that Rapport would have met the retreat Immediately putting the question to the Bishop. There is little doubt in my mind that Rapport would have met the retreat Immediately putting the question to the Bishop. There is little doubt in my mind that Rapport would have met the retreat 7.h3 Bh5 with 8.g4 gaining space and the initiative on the kingside.]

7...Bxf3

[7...Bh5 0.66/22 7...Bg4xf3 -0.06 8.g4 This thrust turns out to give White a very promising position. This thrust turns out to give White a very promising position. This thrust turns out to give White a very promising position. Bg6 9.Ne5! And now h3-h4 would win. e6 10.h4! Black must now prevent h4-h5. Ne4 11.h5 Nxc3 12.bxc3 Be4 13.f3 f6 14.Nc4 This clever move ensures that white will get a big centre and the two bishops. This clever move ensures that white will get a big centre and the two bishops. This clever move ensures that white will get a big centre and the two bishops. dxc4 15.fxe4 White's position is definitely to be preferred. The control of the centre and the 2 bishops are a big plus and the airy position of White's king is a long way from being threatened: currently Black has none of his remaining pieces developed. White's position is definitely to be preferred. The control of the centre and the 2 bishops are a big plus and the airy position of White's king is a long way from being threatened: currently Black has none of his remaining pieces developed. White's position is definitely to be preferred. The control of the centre and the 2 bishops are a big plus and the airy position of White's king is a long way from being threatened: currently Black has none of his remaining pieces developed.]

8.Qxf3 The position is equal. **8...Nc6 9.0-0-0** This is an excellent move which commits the king to the queenside. This looks more dangerous for White than castling kingside, but the rook immediately gets to d1 covering the d4 pawn and White's plan will be to advance quickly with g4, asking many questions of Black's defence before he can complete his development. This is an excellent move which commits the king to the queenside. This looks more dangerous for White than castling kingside, but the rook immediately gets to d1 covering the d4 pawn and White's plan will be to advance quickly with g4, asking many questions of Black's defence before he can complete his development. This is an excellent move which commits the king to the queenside. This looks more dangerous for White than castling kingside, but the rook immediately gets to d1 covering the d4 pawn and White's plan will be to advance quickly with g4, asking many questions of Black's defence before he can complete his development. **9...e6 10.g4 Bb4**

[10...Bd6 This happened the next time Rapport reached this position

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11.Ne2

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11...Qa5 0.24/20

[⌓11...0-0 -0.07/17]

12.Kb1= The old cliche says that all the best players play Kb1. On this occassion it also neatly defends a2. The old cliche says that all the best players play Kb1. On this occassion it also neatly defends a2. The old cliche says that all the best players play Kb1. On this occassion it also neatly defends a2. **12...Ne4 13.Nc1** -0.28/20

[13.Bg2± 0.31/19]

13...Bd6 0.14/20

[⌓13...Qb6! -0.28/20 14.Nb3 a5]

14.Nb3 Qc7 15.Be3 0-0

[15...Nb4 16.c3 Nc6 17.Bd3±]

16.Rg1 -0.31/18

[16.c4= 0.01/19]

16...b5 0.18/19

[16...Nb4 17.c3 Nc6 18.Bd3±]

[16...Rfc8∓ -0.31/18]

17.Bd3 f5 1.12/19 This move is a key error which demonstrates the full value of White's rook on g1. This move is a key error which demonstrates the full value of White's rook on g1. This move is a key error which demonstrates the full value of White's rook on g1.

[17...a5= 0.30/19]

18.gxf5!± exf5

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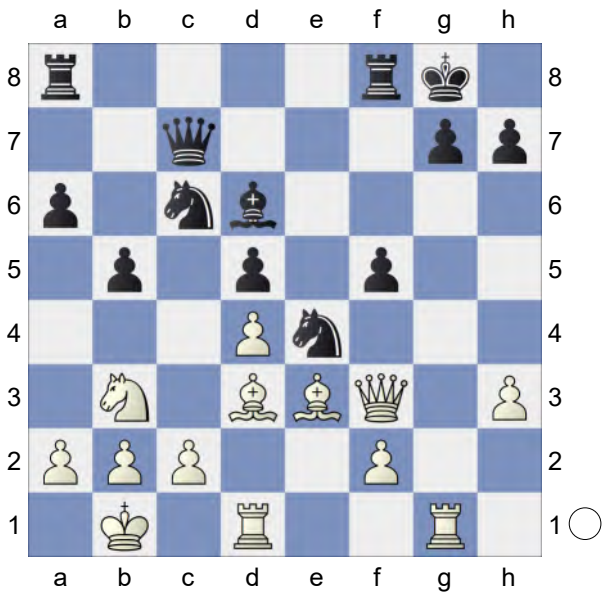
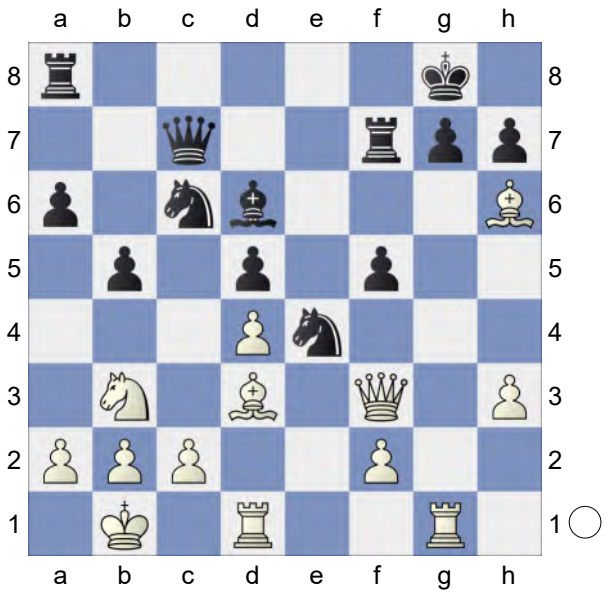
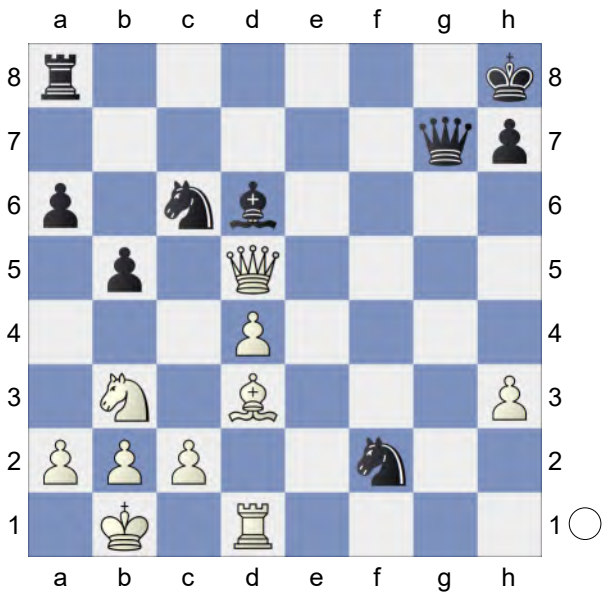


19.Bh6! Rf7N 1.95/18
[19...g6± 1.59/22 was necessary.]

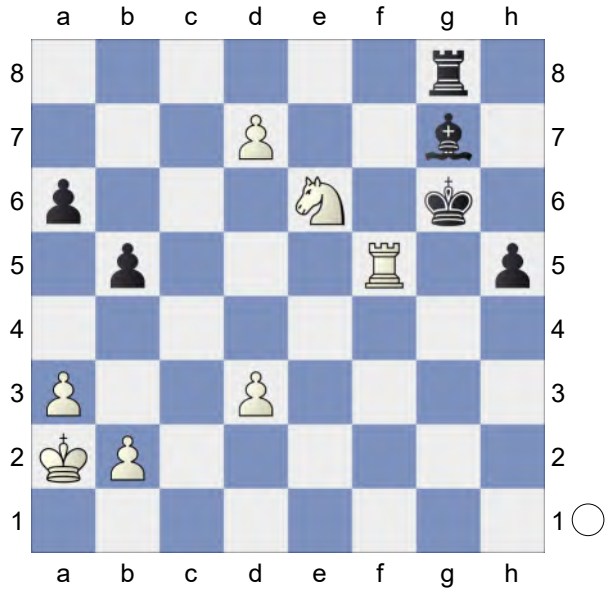


20.Bxg7!+- Excellent calculation by Rapport, blowing open Black's defences. Excellent calculation by Rapport, blowing open Black's defences. Excellent calculation by Rapport, blowing open Black's defences.
20...Rxg7 21.Qxf5 Loses the game.
[21.Rxg7+ is more complex. Kxg7 22.Qxf5 Rf8 23.Qxd5 Nf6 24.Qg5+]
21...Kh8 22.Rxg7 Qxg7 23.Qxd5 Nxf2



24.Qxc6! Rf8 25.Rc1
[25.Qxd6 Nxd1 26.Qxa6 Qg1]
25...Nxd3 26.cxd3 White has emerged 2 pawns up with the safer king.
[26.Qxd6 Nxc1 27.Nxc1 Qf6=]
26...Qg3 27.a3 Bf4 2.37/20
[27...b4 1.74/21 was worth a try. 28.Qxa6 bxa3 29.bxa3 Be7]
28.Rd1 Qxh3 29.Nc5
[29.Qxa6 Qf3 30.Re1 Qxd3+ 31.Ka2 Qf5]
29...Be3 30.Qe4
[30.Qxa6 Qf3 31.Re1 Qf2 32.Rxe3 Qxe3±]
[30.Nxa6 Bxd4 31.Qxb5 Rf1 32.Qe8+ Kg7 33.Qe7+ Kg6 34.Qe4+ Kg5 35.Qe7+ Kh6 36.Qd6+ Kh5 37.Qd5+ Kg6 38.Qg8+ Kh6 39.Rxf1 Qxf1+ 40.Ka2 Qxd3±]
30...Qf3 31.Qe5+ Kg8 32.Re1 Bf2 33.Re4 Threatens to win with Qe5-d5+.
[33.Rf1 Qh3+-]
33...Qf5 34.Qc7 Nc5-e6 is the strong threat.
[Don't do 34.Nxa6?! Qxe5 35.dxe5 h5+-]
34...Kh8 35.Ne6 Rg8 Against Qc7-g7+

36.d5 The d-pawn will prove decisive. **36...Bh4 37.Qc5** Prevents Rg8-g1+.
[37.Rxh4 Qxd3+ 38.Ka2 Qxd5+ 39.Rc4 Qxe6-+]
37...Bf6 38.Ka2 Strongly threatening Re4-f4. **38...h5?** 9.64/21
[38...Be5 2.89/22 39.Qc6 a5]
39.Rf4 White is clearly winning. **39...Qg6 40.d6** White wants to mate with Rf4xf6! **40...Bg7 41.Qf5 Kh7 42.d7 Qxf5 43.Rxf5 Kg6**

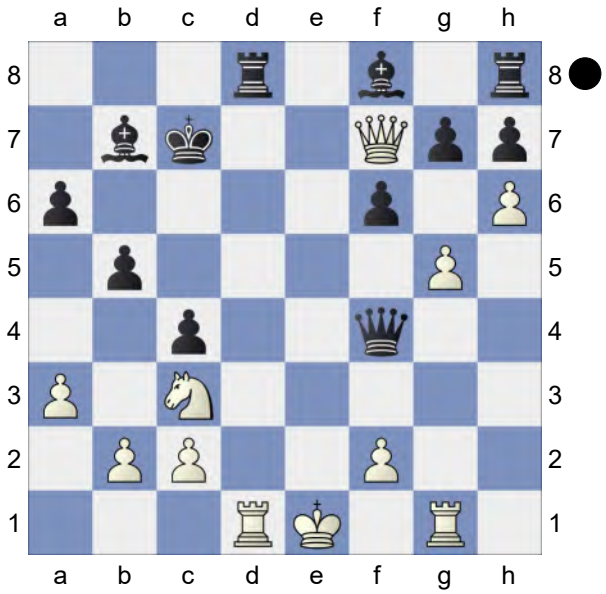


Against Rf5-f7 **44.Rf8!** Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=0.19 (very precise)
1-0

779 **D00**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus**
■ **Caruana,Fabiano**
Altibox Norway (Blitz) (8) 05.06.2017
[TA]

Kitty Kat: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines '
1.d4 Kitty Kat **1...Nf6 2.Bf4**
[2.a3 Kitty Kat g6 3.Bf4 d6 4.e3 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 b6 7.0-0 Bb7 8.h3 Nbd7 9.c4 Ne4 10.Bh2 e5 11.d5 a5 12.b3 f5 13.Nfd2 Ndc5 14.Nxe4 Nxe4 15.Ra2 Bc8 16.f3 Nc5 1-0 Carlsen,M (2850)-Fressinet,L (2702) Wch Blitz 9th 2015 (4)]
2...d5 Kitty Kat: 'N'
[2...c5 Kitty Kat 3.d5 g6 4.Nc3 d6 5.e4 Bg7 6.Nf3 0-0
A) 7.a4 Na6 *(7...Bg4 8.Be2 Nbd7 9.0-0 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Ne5 11.Be2* 3 Benoni Setups-3...d6 Variation *)* 8.Be2 Nc7 9.0-0 Bg4 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Nd7 12.Qd2 a6 13.Be2 Rb8 14.a5 b5 15.axb6 Rxb6 16.Nd1 #2 13) Benoni and Benko Defense-3...d6 with 4...g6;
B) 7.Be2 b5 8.Bxb5 Nxe4 9.Nxe4 Qa5+ 10.Nc3 Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 Qxb5 Barsov-Garcia Castro Mondariz 2007]
3.Nc3 a6!?
[3...a6]
4.e3 e6 5.g4!? c5
[5...c5]
6.g5 Nfd7 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.a3 Kitty Kat: 'White is slightly better.' **8...b5 9.h4 Bb7 10.h5 Nb6 11.Ne5** -0.49/19
[11.Rh3± 0.46/17 Kitty Kat]
11...Nxe5 Kitty Kat: ' ∓' **12.Bxe5 Nc4** 0.55/20
[Fabiano should have considered grabbing the white g-pawn. 12...Qxg5!? -0.48/19 Kitty Kat: '∓' 13.h6 *(13.Bf4* Kitty Kat *Qe7)* 13...Nd7∓]
13.Bxc4! Kitty Kat: ' ±' **13...dxc4 14.Rg1 f6?!** 0.96/21
[14...cxd4 15.exd4 Qa5 16.Qc1 Rg8 17.Qf4 b4 18.Bc7 Qf5=]
[14...h6= 0.24/19 (Kitty Kat) keeps the balance.]
15.Bf4 0.43/19
[15.gxf6± 0.96/21 Kitty Kat gxf6 16.Bf4]

15...Qd7 0.98/20
[15...cxd4!? 0.43/19 Kitty Kat: '±!' 16.exd4 Kitty Kat b4 17.axb4 Bxb4]
16.h6 0.00/22
[16.gxf6± 0.98/20 Kitty Kat gxf6 17.Qg4]
16...0-0-0 17.Qe2 Kitty Kat: ' And now 0-0-0 would win.' **17...cxd4 18.exd4 Qxd4 19.Rd1** Kitty Kat: ' Really sharp!'
[19.Qxe6+ Qd7 20.Qxd7+ Rxd7=]
19...Qxf4 20.Qxe6+ Kitty Kat: '→' Kitty Kat: ' White is up to no good.' **20...Kc7 21.Qf7+** Kitty Kat: '



' **21...Be7??** 8.55/23 Kitty Kat: '?' Kitty Kat: ' Black cannot hold the game after this.'
[21...Kb6! 22.Rxd8 Bc5 23.Qe6+ Ka5! 24.Rd2 Rd8!!→ 25.Rxd8 Qxf2+ 26.Kd1 Bf3+
A) 27.Kc1 Qxg1+ 28.Nd1 Bxd1
A1) 29.Rxd1 Be3+ 30.Kb1 Qxd1+ 31.Ka2 gxh6 32.Qxe3 fxg5 33.Qc3+ Kb6 *(33...Ka4 34.Qb4#)* 34.Qf6+;
A2) 29.b4+ cxb3 30.Qxb3 Be2+;
B) 27.Ne2 Qxg1+ 28.Kd2 Qxg5+ 29.Kc3 *(29.Ke1 Qxh6-+ -2.00.)* 29...Qxh6]
22.Qxe7+ Kitty Kat: '+-' Kitty Kat: 'White is clearly winning.' **22...Kc8 23.hxg7+-** +6.25.
[23.Qxg7? (Kitty Kat) perishes. Rhe8+ 24.Kf1 Rxd1+ 25.Nxd1 Qc1-+]
23...Rxd1+
[23...Rhe8 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.Qxd8+ Kxd8 26.g8Q+]
[23...Rde8 24.gxh8Q Rxh8 25.gxf6+-]
24.Nxd1 Rg8 25.Qf8+ Kc7 26.Qxg8+- +19.00. Kitty Kat: ' Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) /Black=0.34'
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780 **B13**
□ **Rapport,Richard**
■ **Nikolic,Predrag**
55: Serbian Team Championship 2014
[Jimmy Liew]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.h3 Bxf3 8.Qxf3 Nc6 9.0-0-0 e6 10.g4 Bd6
[Better than 10...Bb4 , as played in the previous game. Black prepares queenside castling by exchanging the dark-squared bishop, as the kingside is too dangerous a place for the black king.]
11.Be3 Perhaps influenced by the previous game he had played earlier against Sutovsky, Rapport again declined the exchange of dark-squared bishops. However, avoiding exchanges is not necessary.
[Indeed, after 11.Kb1 Qc7 12.Bxd6 Qxd6 13.h4 Rf8 14.g5 Nd7 15.Ne2 0-0-0 16.c3 White has a slight advantage as Black has little chance

of counterplay. The natural break with ...e6-e5 leaves a weakness on d5, or if f6?! 17.Qg3! (White exploits the weakness on e6 created by Black's last move) Qxg3 18.fxg3 when White has a straightforward plan of Ne2-f4, Bf1-h3 and Rh1-e1 to attack the e6 weakness.]

11...Qa5 12.Kb1 Rc8 13.g5 Nd7 14.Bc1 The logic behind this move is not hard to understand.

[Rapport is aiming to prevent the exchange sacrifice on c3 after 14.h4 Nb4 15.a3 Rxc3 16.bxc3 Qxa3 17.cxb4 Ne5 *(17...Bxb4 18.Rd3* wins for White*)* 18.Qh3 *(* and not *18.dxe5?? Bxe5* when thanks to the pin on White's third rank, he cannot effectively stop the mate on a1 or b2*)* 18...Qxb4+ 19.Kc1 Qc3 20.Rd3 Qa1+ 21.Kd2 Bb4+ 22.c3 Qb2+ 23.Kd1 Nxd3 24.Bxd3 Bxc3 , which is not a pleasant position to have despite an extra piece.]

14...b5 15.h4 Nb4

[After 15...b4 16.Ne2 Qc7 17.Bh3 Nce5 18.dxe5 Qxc2+ 19.Ka1 Nxe5 20.Qe3 Black has no immediate threats and White can consolidate his position next move with Ne2-d4.]

16.a3 Nc6 17.Na2! QUESTION: What is the logic behind this knight retreat? ANSWER: By moving the knight to a2, White has three objectives. The first is to prevent any possible rook sacrifices on the c3-knight. Secondly, White clears the third rank for defensive purposes by the queen and later a rook on h3. Thirdly, the move also discourages Black from advancing 17...b4 as after 18 axb4 Nxb4 19 Nxb4 Bxb4 the exchange of knights nips any possible black attack in the bud. QUESTION: What is the logic behind this knight retreat? ANSWER: By moving the knight to a2, White has three objectives. The first is to prevent any possible rook sacrifices on the c3-knight. Secondly, White clears the third rank for defensive purposes by the queen and later a rook on h3. Thirdly, the move also discourages Black from advancing 17...b4 as after 18 axb4 Nxb4 19 Nxb4 Bxb4 the exchange of knights nips any possible black attack in the bud. **17...Qb6 18.Qd3** Another dual-purpose move. White waits to see if Black will castle kingside. The move also further discourages any intentions of ...b5-b4 as the pawn on a6 will be lost. It is strange that White has most of his pieces on the first and second rank, and yet he holds all the cards as Black has no safe haven for his king. **18...Kd8**

[Nikolic cannot be blamed for wanting nothing to do with 18...0-0 19.h5 when White is ready to play g5-g6.]

19.Rh3 The rook lift tells Black's king that even on the queenside, he will not be safe as the rook can now swing to b3 or c3. **19...g6** It is getting harder to find good moves. The point of 19...g6 is to free the king's rook from having to defend the h- pawn, but now White has the possibility to open up the h-file for his rooks.

[Black can try 19...Qb7 to cover the weak f7-pawn and free b6 for his knight. However, after 20.h5 Ne7 21.Re1 Nb6 22.Rf3 Nf5 23.Rxf5 exf5 24.Qxf5 (Black's exposed king and the weakness of the h7-pawn makes White's exchange sacrifice quite sound) Rb8 25.h6 g6 26.Qf6+ Kc7 27.Bf4 the multiple threats of Qxd6 and Re7+ will force Black to resign.]

20.h5 Rf8 21.hxg6 hxg6 22.Rh7 Ne7 23.Bh3 a5?! Black's best chance was to sit quietly and see how White would try to break through. Weakening further squares with this move just makes his position much harder to hold. **24.Qf3 Ke8** White has built up a very strong position just by playing simple and logical moves. Now to break the black defences, he needs to exchange some pieces. **25.Bf4! Bxf4 26.Qxf4 b4** Played to create some counterplay, but in reality Black ends up with a weak b-pawn. **27.Rd3 Qb8 28.Qd2 Nc6 29.axb4 axb4** Now Black has another weakness on b4 to defend. **30.Re3 Qd6**

[After 30...Nb6 31.Bxe6 Nc4 32.Bxc8+ Kd8 33.Qe2 Nxe3 34.fxe3 Kxc8 *(34...Qxc8 35.Qb5* loses either the d5- or b4-pawn*)* 35.Qf3 another pawn falls.]

31.Qd3 Ne7 32.Qe2 Rc6 33.Nc1!? Rapport goes for a line where he can play a promising-looking sacrifice.

[However, Black's weaknesses are not going to go away and a quiet way to maintain White's advantage could be 33.Qd2! Rb6 34.Rb3 Nc6 35.Bf1 . White prepares to switch his other rook to the h-file and maintains the possibility of Na2-c1-d3/b3 without any pawn exchanges.]

33...Qf4 34.Nd3 Qxg5 35.Nxb4 Rb6 36.Bxe6 This is the point of White's previous moves. He breaks through on the e-file with a sacrifice, but leaves his own king vulnerable. **36...Rxb4 37.f4?** The bait that Rapport is dangling before his opponent: "come for my king". **37...Qg1+**

[Black cannot resist the bait. However, he could have turned the tables with the calm 37...Qf6 38.Bxd5 and now and now Kd8 39.Bb3 Rxd4 when White does not have sufficient compensation for the piece.]

38.Ka2 Ra4+ 39.Kb3 Ra7 40.Bxd5 The difference between this position and the one in the notes to Black's 37th move is that the black queen does very little on g1. It does not help in the defence and it needs time to get into an attacking position. **40...Qa1??** This loses the game.

[After 40...Kd8 41.Rxe7 Qxd4 (now ...Nc5+ is threatened so White's next move is forced) 42.Rxd7+ Rxd7 White is down an exchange for a pawn. Normally the two queenside pawns supply enough compensation, but with the king so exposed White is just lost.]

41.Rxe7+ Kd8 42.Rxd7+ Rxd7 43.Qb5 We see the big difference. White now has three passed pawns that his king can shelter behind and, more importantly, Black's queen is poorly placed. **43...Qa7 44.c3 Rd6 45.Kc2 Rb6 46.Qc4 Qb8 47.b4** Black is clearly lost. **47...Qxf4 48.Qc5 Qd6 49.Bxf7 Rc6 50.Qa5+ Rc7 51.Be6 Qc6**

[After 51...Rf2+ 52.Kb1 Rf1+ 53.Kb2 Rf2+ 54.Ka3 the king is secure on a3.]

52.Rd7+ Ke8

[Or if 52...Qxd7 53.Bxd7 Kxd7 54.Qd5+ , when White will pick up the g6-pawn after further checks and win the ending.]

53.Rxc7 Rf2+ 54.Kb3
1-0

781 **D00**
□ **Komodo Dragon**
■ **The Baron**
World Computer Championship (9.1)
[Richard Palliser]

Richard Palliser,MH: 'D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines ' **1.d4** Richard Palliser,MH **1...Nf6 2.Nc3 d5** Richard Palliser,MH: 'N'

[2...c5 Richard Palliser,MH 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7* ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000 *)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]

3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.h4!?

[A novelty. I was slightly surprised that the latest Stockfish doesn't immediately like this, whereas it quite approves of Richard Palliser,MH: 'A novelty. I was slightly surprised that the latest Stockfish doesn't immediately like this, whereas it quite approves of' 5.g4!? , as we analysed back in Hebden-Baker, Guernsey 2019 - see the Archive. Richard Palliser,MH: ', as we analysed back in Hebden-Baker, Guernsey 2019 - see the Archive.']

5...c5 6.g4!? Wowsers. Komodo clearly prioritises seizing space above development and, to be fair to it, White isn't exactly behind in development here. Richard Palliser,MH: 'Wowsers. Komodo clearly prioritises seizing space above development and, to be fair to it, White isn't exactly behind in development here.' **6...Qb6**

[This must be critical, although unsurprisingly Black has a great many alternatives which future practice may debate, including active development with Richard Palliser, MH: 'This must be critical, although unsurprisingly Black has a great many alternatives which future practice may debate, including active development with' 6...Qa5!? 0.31/19 Richard Palliser,MH: '6...Qd8-b6 -0.41' 7.Bg2 Nc6 .]

7.g5!

[The first offer of material and a superior choice than 7.Rb1?! -0.68/20 Richard Palliser,MH: '7.Qd1-d2 -0.21' cxd4 8.exd4 h6! when Black stabilises matters and quickly both asks structural questions and obtains the advantage with Richard Palliser, MH: 'when Black stabilises matters

and quickly both asks structural questions and obtains the advantage with' 9.Bg2 -0.61/20 *(9.Bh3=* -0.25/19 Richard Palliser,MH*)* 9...Nc6 Richard Palliser,MH: ' ∓' 10.g5 hxg5 11.hxg5 Rxh1 12.Bxh1 Ng8 .]

7...Qxb2 0.04/21

[7...Nh5!∓ -0.42/21 (Richard Palliser, MH) is more appropriate. 8.Bxb8 *(8.Qxh5? Qxb2 9.Rb1 Qxc3+ 10.Kd1 Nc6-+)* 8...Rxb8]

8.Nge2 Richard Palliser,MH: '=!' Richard Palliser,MH: 'The position is equal.'

8...Nh5

[8...cxd4!? was also possible when White might just recapture or could try Richard Palliser,MH: 'was also possible when White might just recapture or could try. Threatens to win with ...Bf8-b4!' 9.Rb1 Qa3 10.Rb3!? Qa5 11.gxf6 dxc3 12.fxg7 Bxg7 13.Ng3 with a complete mess. *(13.Rg1!?* Richard Palliser,MH *Bf6□ 14.Ng3=)*]

9.Rb1 Qa3 10.Bh2

[Naturally White retains an important bishop which 10.Bc7 Richard Palliser, MH: ' Rb1-b3 is the strong threat.' cxd4 Richard Palliser,MH: '!' 11.Rb3 Qe7 wouldn't have done, although here 12.Bxb8 Richard Palliser,MH: '!' Rxb8 13.Nxd4 g6 may still be OK for White after Richard Palliser,MH: 'may still be OK for White after' 14.Bxa6! , *(*if not *14.Nc6 bxc6 15.Rxb8 Qc7 .)*]

10...cxd4 11.Rb3!

[Rightly upping the ante. 11.exd4 -0.60/20 Richard Palliser,MH: '11. Rb1-b3 0.67' g6 followed by ... Nc6 and ...Bb4 would be far too easy for Black. Richard Palliser,MH: 'followed by ... Nc6 and ...Bb4 would be far too easy for Black.']

11...Qa5

[A more natural square than Richard Palliser,MH: 'A more natural square than' 11...Qc5 0.93/20 when I dare say White would still have gone Richard Palliser,MH: '11...Qa3-a5 0.04 when I dare say White would still have gone' 12.Nxd4 g6 13.Be2 , there by retaining full compensation.]

12.Nxd4 g6 13.Be2 Richard Palliser, MH: '⇄!' Richard Palliser,MH: ' White is not keeping still' **13...Nd7?** 0.70/20

[Ugly. Presumably The Baron's assessment was that 13...Ng7 was worse, but while Black's position is a little strange in appearance, it may not be too terrible at all: for example, Richard Palliser,MH: 'was worse, but while Black's position is a little strange in appearance, it may not be too terrible at all: for example,' 14.0-0 Richard Palliser,MH: '!' *(14.h5* -0.34/19 Richard Palliser,MH: '14.0-0 0.06' *Nd7* followed by ...Nc5 seems OK too Richard Palliser,MH: 'followed by ...Nc5 seems OK too'*)* 14...Bb4 15.Qa1 Richard Palliser,MH: ' Strongly threatening Rf1-b1.' 0-0 16.e4 Rd8 when White has definite long-term prospects, but for now at least Black may well be OK. Richard Palliser,MH: 'when White has definite long-term prospects, but for now at least Black may well be OK.']

[13...Bb4= -0.01/21 Richard Palliser, MH 14.Qd2 Nd7]

14.Bxh5 Richard Palliser,MH: '±'

14...gxh5 15.0-0 Richard Palliser,MH: '!'

[15.Qxh5 Richard Palliser,MH Bg7 *(15...Nc5? 16.Be5+-)* 16.Bd6 Nc5 17.Bxc5 Qxc5∓]

15...Bg7 0.80/20

[15...Nc5= 0.27/21 Richard Palliser, MH 16.Be5 Rg8]

16.Nce2! 0.37/20 Komodo wastes little time homing in on the newly-created weaknesses on the kingside. Richard Palliser,MH: 'Komodo wastes little time homing in on the newly-created weaknesses on the kingside. White is more active.'

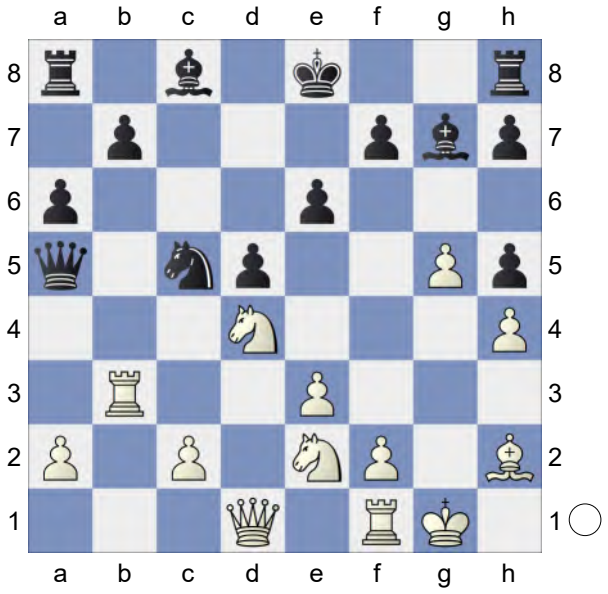
[16.Qxh5 Richard Palliser,MH Nc5 17.Rc1 Bd7-+ *(17...Nxb3 18.cxb3 Bd7 19.Nf3-+)*]

[16.Bd6± 0.80/20 Richard Palliser, MH]

16...Nc5 1.20/21 Hitting the rook and also threatening ...e5 now that Nf5 isn't possible in advance, but Komodo had seen this one coming and prepared something nasty. Richard Palliser,MH: '

[16...Qxa2 Richard Palliser,MH 17.Ng3±]

[16...h6!± 0.37/20 Richard Palliser, MH]



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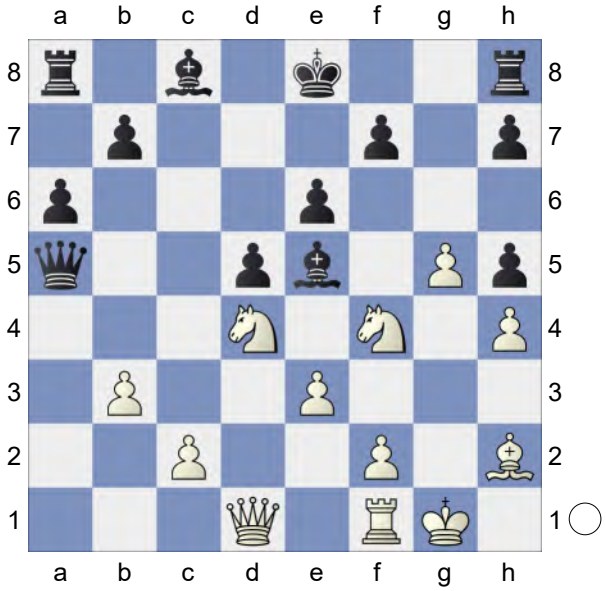
[17...Qxa2 Richard Palliser,MH 18.Nxh5 Rg8 *(18...Nxb3? 19.Nxg7+ Kd8 20.Nxb3+-)* 19.Nxg7+ Rxg7 20.Qh5 Nxb3 21.cxb3]

18.axb3 Taking stock we find White an exchange and a pawn down, but almost '+2' in the eyes of SF and Lc0, since Black's position is so riddled with weaknesses and as his king lacks a secure home. Also, those black rooks aren't suddenly about to become active. Richard Palliser,MH: 'Taking stock we find White an exchange and a pawn down, but almost '+2' in the eyes of SF and Lc0, since Black's position is so riddled with weaknesses and as his king lacks a secure home. Also, those black rooks aren't suddenly about to become active.' **18...Be5** Richard Palliser,MH: '



' **19.Bg3! Qc3**

[One point behind White's prophylactic last was Richard Palliser,MH: 'One point behind White's prophylactic last was' 19...Qc7 1.44/21 Richard Palliser,MH: '19...Qa5-c3 0.

91' 20.Nxh5 Bxg3 21.fxg3 when Qf3 will be next up.]

20.Nxh5 Bxg3 21.fxg3! Still the right recapture: the open f-file matters far more than the e-pawn. Richard Palliser, MH: 'Still the right recapture: the open f-file matters far more than the e-pawn. Black must now prevent Qd1-f3.' **21...Qxe3+ 22.Kg2 e5** 2.17/21 This position may not feel so clear, but Komodo was already certain that it should be winning, so strong is White's initiative. Richard Palliser,MH: 'This position may not feel so clear, but Komodo was already certain that it should be winning, so strong is White's initiative.'

[22...Qc3± 1.15/22 Richard Palliser, MH]

23.Re1 Richard Palliser,MH: '+-' **23...Bg4!** An only move, but even this resource won't save Black. Richard Palliser,MH: 'An only move, but even this resource won't save Black.' **24.Nf6+**

[24.Qxg4?! Richard Palliser,MH Qxe1 25.Nf6+ Kf8=]

[24.Rxe3 Richard Palliser,MH Bxd1 25.Nf6+ *(25.Rxe5+ Kd8±)* 25...Kd8 26.Rxe5 Rc8]

24...Kf8 25.Nxg4 Qxd4 Richard Palliser,MH: '

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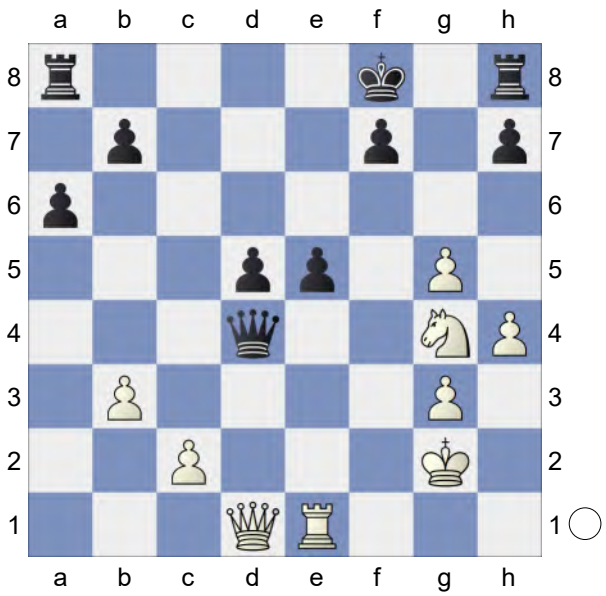

' **26.Qf3 e4**

[26...Rc8? Richard Palliser,MH 27.Qf6 Qxg4 28.Qxh8+ Ke7 29.Qxe5+ Qe6 30.Qf6+ Kd6 31.Rxe6++-]

27.Qf4 Black is the exchange and a pawn ahead, but simply in huge trouble due to his king position. Typically impressive judgement from afar by Komodo. Richard Palliser,MH: 'Black is the exchange and a pawn ahead, but simply in huge trouble due to his king position. Typically impressive judgement from afar by Komodo. White has strong compensation. ' **27...Qb6** Richard Palliser,MH: ' Prevents Qf4-d6+.' **28.c4!** Undermining the not-so-strong black centre. **28...Rd8**

[Unsurprisingly 28...dxc4? 6.58/26 Richard Palliser,MH: '28...Ra8-d8 1. 53' 29.Nh6 Qe6 30.Rxe4 Qd7 31.Qe5 is winning, i.e. Rg8 32.Qc5+ Kg7 33.Nf5+ Kh8 34.Qe5+ f6 35.Qxf6+ Rg7 36.Re7 .]

29.Rf1 Qe6 30.Qc7! Beginning an impressive if also very computery pirouette. **30...Qe7**

[30...Rd7 4.71/22 Richard Palliser,

MH: '?' Richard Palliser,MH: '30...Qe6-e7 1.95' 31.Qc5+ Qd6 32.Qd4 Rg8 33.Nf6 is also rather fatal.]

31.Qb6

[31.Rxf7+? Richard Palliser,MH Kxf7 32.Qf4+ Kg7 33.cxd5 Rxd5-+]

31...Qd6 32.Qf2!

[32.Qxb7 Richard Palliser,MH Rd7 33.Qxd5 Qxd5 34.cxd5 Rxd5=]

32...Qc7 33.Qd4 The point of the queen manoeuvre. White finally gets on to the long diagonal which quickly proves decisive. Richard Palliser,MH: 'The point of the queen manoeuvre. White finally gets on to the long diagonal which quickly proves decisive.' **33...Rg8 34.cxd5 Rg7 35.Nf6** With such a knight, Delroy, the safer king and far superior coordination, it shouldn't be too hard to appreciate that White has far, far too much for the exchange. Richard Palliser, MH: 'With such a knight, Delroy, the safer king and far superior coordination, it shouldn't be too hard to appreciate that White has far, far too much for the exchange.'

[But not 35.Qxe4 Richard Palliser,MH Re8 36.Qd3 Rg6+-]

35...e3 Desperation. **36.Qxe3** Richard Palliser,MH: ' aiming for Rf1-e1.' **36...Qe7 37.Qd4 Qe2+** 6.08/23

[⌓37...b6 4.33/20 Richard Palliser, MH 38.Rf5 *(38.Qxb6 Rg6+-)* 38...Qe2+ 39.Kh3 Qe1]

38.Rf2 Qe7 39.Rf5! Threatening Re5 and Qe4 while also being quite happy to tuck the king safely away on h3. Richard Palliser,MH: 'Threatening Re5 and Qe4 while also being quite happy to tuck the king safely away on h3. Rf5-e5 would now be deadly.' **39...Qe2+ 40.Kh3 Qe6!?** Richard Palliser,MH: ' Prevents Qd4-b6.' **41.Qb4+ Qe7 42.Qc3** Richard Palliser,MH: ' White wants to mate with Rf5-e5.' **42...b6 43.h5!** Fittingly Harry gets in on the action, advancing at last for the first time since move five! Richard Palliser,MH: 'Fittingly Harry gets in on the action, advancing at last for the first time since move five!' **43...Qb7 44.Qe5**

[44.h6 Rg6 45.Qb4+ Qe7 46.Nxh7+ Ke8 47.Qf4 would also do the business. Richard Palliser,MH: 'would also do the business.']

44...Qe7 45.Qd4 Ra8 46.Re5 Qc5 47.Qe4 Qc8+ Richard Palliser,MH: ' Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.63'

[47...Qc8+ 48.Kh4 19.10/21 is now mate in 9 with d5-d6 next up, as I'm sure The Baron's operators realised. Richard Palliser,MH: 'is now mate in 9 with d5-d6 next up, as I'm sure The Baron's operators realised.' *(⌓48.Kh2* #16/21 Richard Palliser,MH *Rb8 49.Qb4+ Qc5 50.Nd7+* Pin *Kg8 51.Nxc5* Pin *Rf8 52.Qxb6 f5 53.gxf6)*]

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782 **D00**

□ **Nilsson,Allan**

■ **Darvishi,Mohammad Hossein**

91/209 Lvov 2017

[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6**

[1...d5 2.e3 Nf6 3.Bd3 g6 *(3...Nbd7 4.f4 g6 5.Nf3 Bg7 6.0-0 b6 7.Nbd2 Bb7 8.c3 0-0 9.Ne5 Ne4 10.a4 a6 11.Qb3 Nd6 12.a5 b5 13.Nxd7 Qxd7 14.Qc2 e6 15.Nb3 Bc6 16.Nc5 Qc8 17.Be2 Rd8 18.b3* 1-0 Can,E (2483)-Erdogan,H (2234)

ch-TUR Kemer-Antalya TUR 2011 (6.3)) 4.f4 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.0-0 c5 7.c3 b6 8.Qe2 Bb7 9.Bd2 Qc8 10.Be1 Ba6 11.Bh4 Qb7 12.Ne5 Bxd3 13.Nxd3 Ne4 14.f5 Nc6 15.Nd2 c4 16.Nf4 0-1 Abdulla,A (2359)-Rausis,I (2525) Goodricke 12th op 2001 (5)]

2.Bf4 d5N

[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.Nc3 g6 5.e4 Bg7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.a4 Na6 8.Be2 Nc7 9.0-0 Bg4 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Nd7 12.Qd2 a6 13.Be2 Rb8 14.a5 b5 15.axb6 Rxb6 16.Nd1 #2 Benoni Benko Defense-3...d6 with 4...g6]

3.Nc3 a6 4.e3 e6 5.g4 c5 6.g5 Nfd7 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.a3 White has an edge. **8...b5 9.h4 Bb7 10.h5 Nb6 11.Ne5** -0.26/18

[11.Qd2± 0.41/16]

11...Nxe5= 12.Bxe5 Nc4 0.48/18

[12...Qxg5∓ -0.32/17 13.Bf4 Qe7]

13.Bxc4± dxc4 14.Rg1 f6 1.12/19

[14...h6= 0.21/19 remains equal.]

15.Bf4 0.72/17

[⌓15.gxf6 1.12/19 gxf6 16.Bf4]

15...Qd7 1.11/19

[⌓15...cxd4 0.72/17 16.exd4 b4 17.axb4 Bxb4]

16.h6 0.01/19

[16.gxf6± 1.11/19 gxf6 17.Qg4]

16...0-0-0 17.Qe2 cxd4 18.exd4→ White has some attack. **18...Qxd4 19.Rd1** -0.50/22

[19.Qxe6+= 0.01/21 Qd7 20.Qxd4+ Rxd7 21.Kf1]

19...Qxf4∓ 20.Qxe6+ Kc7 21.Qf7+

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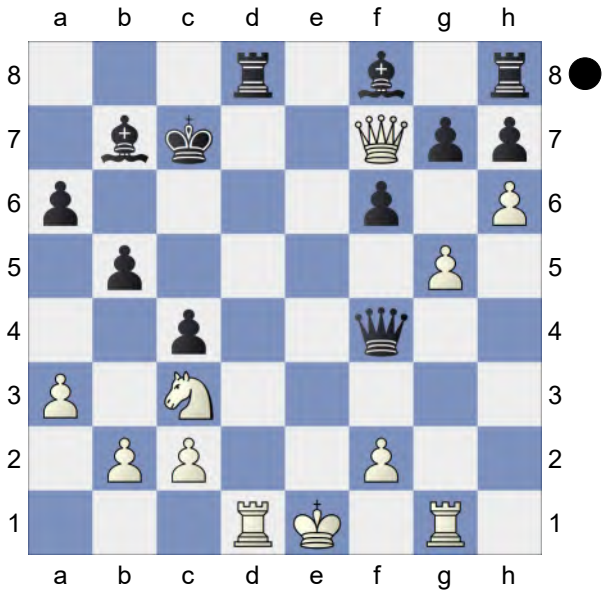

Be7? 8.01/23 This costs Black the game. **22.Qxe7++-** White is clearly winning. **22...Kc8 23.hxg7**

[23.Qxg7? is the wrong capture. Rhe8+ 24.Kf1 Rxd1+ 25.Nxd1 Qc1-+]

23...Rxd1+ 24.Nxd1 Rg8 25.Qf8+ Kc7 26.Qxg8 Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) /Black=1.17

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783 **D00**

□ **Karthikeyan,P**

■ **Singhal,Sachin**

corr 32/666 2014

[Kitty Kat]

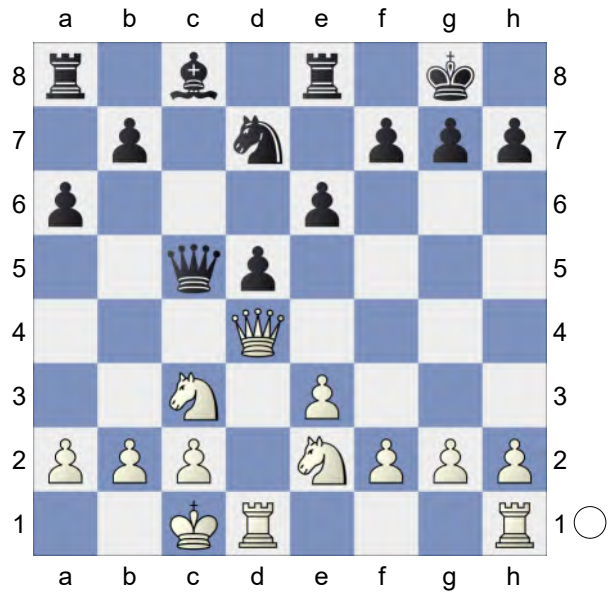
D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.e3 Bb4 5.Bd3 c5 6.dxc5 Nbd7 7.Nge2 0-0 8.Bd6** The position is equal. **8...Re8 9.Bb5 a6 10.Bxd7 Nxd7 11.Qd4↑** White is more active. **11...Qa5 12.0-0-0** -0.25/20

[12.a3± 0.35/20 Bxc5 13.Bxc5 Qxc5 14.0-0-0]

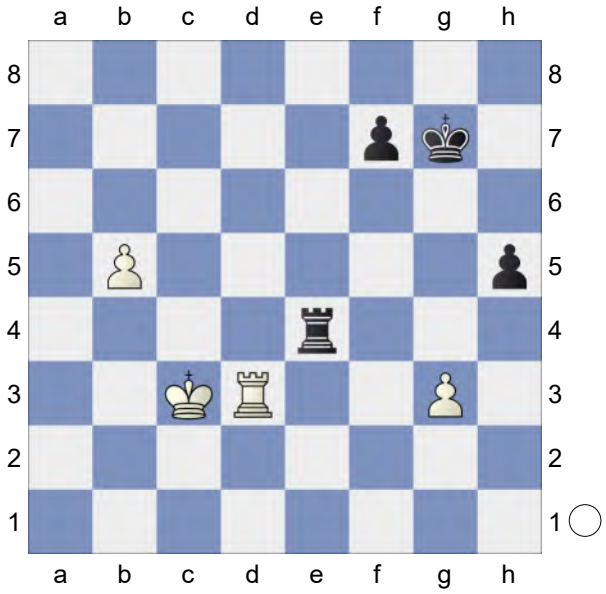
12...Bxc5 0.49/19

[Black should try 12...b6= -0.25/20]

13.Bxc5± Qxc5 0.94/20
[13...Nxc5± 0.39/20 14.Ng3 e5]



14.e4!± Qxd4 15.Nxd4
[15.Rxd4 simplifies dxe4 16.Nxe4 e5 17.Rd2]
15...dxe4 16.Nxe4 Nf6 17.Nxf6+ gxf6 18.Ne2 e5 1.01/19
[18...b5± 0.57/19]
19.Nc3 Be6 20.Nd5 Bxd5 21.Rxd5± Endgame KRR-KRR **21...Kg7 22.Rhd1 Re6 23.Rd7 b5 24.R1d6 Rae8 25.Kd2 f5 26.b3 f4 27.g3 fxg3 28.hxg3 b4 29.c3 bxc3+ 30.Kxc3 h5 31.b4 e4 32.a4 e3 33.fxe3**
[33.Rxe6 looks sharper. exf2 34.Rxe8 f1Q 35.Ree7]
33...Rxe3+ 34.Rd3 Rxd3+ 0.82/23
[34...R3e4= 0.18/20]
35.Rxd3= KR-KR **35...Re6** 1.26/22
[⌓35...f6 0.71/19]
36.b5 0.54/23
[36.Kc4± 1.26/22]
36...axb5 0.92/22
[36...Kg6± 0.54/23 might be stronger.]
37.axb5± aiming for Kc3-d4. **37...Re4** 4.32/21
[37...Kg6± 0.84/22]



Black cannot hold the game after this.
38.b6+- Re6? 6.36/25
[38...f5 3.70/23 39.b7 Re8]
39.b7 Rb6 40.Rd7 Rb1 41.Kc4 Kg6 42.Kc5 Kg5 43.Rxf7 Kg4 44.Rf4+ Kxg3 45.Rb4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.76
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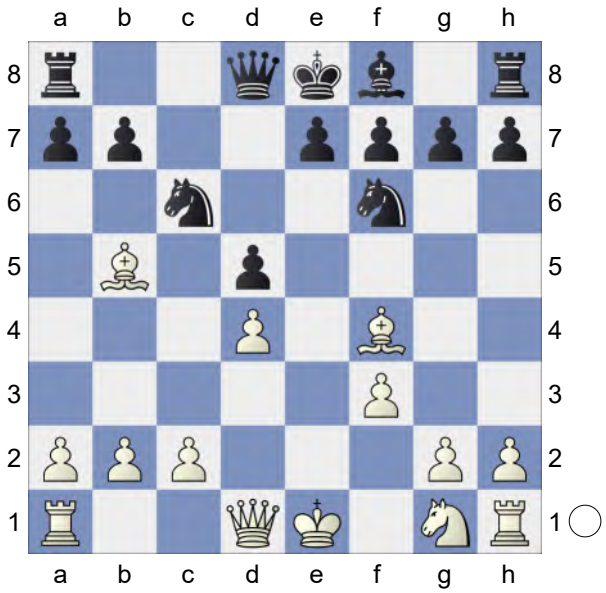
784 **B13**
□ **Jobava,Baadur**
■ **Moroni,Luca**
[GM Baadur Jobava]

GM Baadur Jobava,MH: 'B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack ' **1.d4** GM Baadur Jobava,MH **1...Nf6 2.Nc3 d5** GM Baadur Jobava,MH: 'N'
[2...c5 GM Baadur Jobava,MH 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.f5 Ne5 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Bxf1 Bxe5*

17.Qg4 Qf6 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Rd1 Rf7 ½-½ Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) SE014 www.desc-online.de 2000 *)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9) *21.Ra3 Ne5 22.Rg3+ Ng6 23.e5 Qd8 24.Qh5 Qd2 25.Rh3 h6 26.Ree3 Re6 27.Qxh6 Rd8 28.Bf1 Qc1 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rhf3 Rd7 31.Rd3 Nxe5 32.Rxf7+ Nxf7 33.Rxd7 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Rf6 35.Bc4 Qc1+* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter 5 - Egoism-Speelman vs. Hartston]

3.Bf4 c5 One of the most concrete ways to play with Black. GM Baadur Jobava, MH: 'One of the most concrete ways to play with Black.' **4.e3** Another option is 4. e4, but I used to play this move all of my career. GM Baadur Jobava,MH: 'Another option is 4.e4, but I used to play this move all of my career.' **4...cxd4 5.exd4 Bg4** Luca goes for the modern fashion, to provocate f2-f3, so that my knight from g1 cannot develop there. GM Baadur Jobava,MH: 'Luca goes for the modern fashion, to provocate f2-f3, so that my knight from g1 cannot develop there.' **6.f3 Bd7 7.Nb5** This is the crucial line, Black obviously has to take, 7...Na6 is too artificial and after c3 and a4 the knight is just misplaced there. GM Baadur Jobava,MH: 'This is the crucial line, Black obviously has to take, 7...Na6 is too artificial and after c3 and a4 the knight is just misplaced there.' **7...Bxb5 8.Bxb5+** GM Baadur Jobava, MH: 'The position is equal.' **8...Nc6** GM Baadur Jobava,MH: '



Hoping for ...Qd8-a5+.' **9.c3** I have to play this sooner or later, so let's do it right now. Don't forget that ...Qa5+ is a threat, that's why Ne2 is inaccurate, because check and the knight has to go to c3 where it is a bit misplaced. GM Baadur Jobava,MH: 'I have to play this sooner or later, so let's do it right now. Don't forget that ...Qa5+ is a threat, that's why Ne2 is inaccurate, because check and the knight has to go to c3 where it is a bit misplaced.' **9...e6** Most natural way to play. GM Baadur Jobava,MH: 'Most natural way to play.' **10.Ne2** Now I really expect ...Bd6, 9 players out of 10 would go for this move, including myself. GM Baadur Jobava, MH: 'Now I really expect ...Bd6, 9 players out of 10 would go for this move, including myself.' **10...Bd6** Yes, Luca

goes for it, and now an important moment is to not play Qd2, because after Black takes on f4, Qa5 will be possible and the queen is very good there. GM Baadur Jobava,MH: 'Yes, Luca goes for it, and now an important moment is to not play Qd2, because after Black takes on f4, Qa5 will be possible and the queen is very good there.' **11.Bxd6!** That's why I go for Bxd6. I prefer that the queen stays on d6 than on a5. GM Baadur Jobava,MH: 'That's why I go for Bxd6. I prefer that the queen stays on d6 than on a5.' **11...Qxd6** **12.Qd2** The idea is to meet **12...0-0** with **13.h4** The king can sometimes feel a bit unsafe on the kingside. GM Baadur Jobava,MH: 'The king can sometimes feel a bit unsafe on the kingside.' **13...a6** Now, Luca finally asks the question to my bishop, I obviusly retreat. GM Baadur Jobava,MH: 'Now, Luca finally asks the question to my bishop, I obviusly retreat.' **14.Bd3** The bishop is on a good diagonal here, so no need to trade it for the knight on c6.In my blitz games, the plan with ...e5 is the one that I encountered the most. GM Baadur Jobava,MH: 'The bishop is on a good diagonal here, so no need to trade it for the knight on c6.In my blitz games, the plan with ...e5 is the one that I encountered the most.' **14...b5** Luca goes for another plan, also logical, to organize a minority attack on the queenside. GM Baadur Jobava,MH: 'Luca goes for another plan, also logical, to organize a minority attack on the queenside.'

[14...e5 This plan can be seen in the theoretical part, but the reaction is pretty simple. GM Baadur Jobava,MH: 'This plan can be seen in the theoretical part, but the reaction is pretty simple.' 15.dxe5 Nxe5 16.0-0-0± The king is safe on the queenside, Kb1 next and White plays against the isolated d5 pawn. GM Baadur Jobava,MH: 'The king is safe on the queenside, Kb1 next and White plays against the isolated d5 pawn.']

15.h5 Let's grab some space. GM Baadur Jobava,MH: '!' **15...Rfe8** Black is not revealing yet his intenions, keeping both ...b4 and ...e5 available. GM Baadur Jobava,MH: 'Black is not revealing yet his intenions, keeping both ...b4 and ...e5 available.' **16.0-0-0** I played the most natural move, but I feel that including h6 was a better try for me. The pawn on h6 can be very unpleasant for Black. GM Baadur Jobava,MH: 'I played the most natural move, but I feel that including h6 was a better try for me. The pawn on h6 can be very unpleasant for Black.' **16...b4** **17.g4** Most principled move. **17...bxc3** **18.Nxc3** I am not scared of ...Nd4, there tactics in the air. GM Baadur Jobava, MH: 'I am not scared of ...Nd4, there tactics in the air.' **18...Nd7**

[18...Nxd4?! 0.36/22 is met by GM Baadur Jobava,MH: '18...Ra8-b8 -0.25 is met by' 19.g5 GM Baadur Jobava, MH: '!' Nd7 GM Baadur Jobava,MH: '!' 20.Bxh7+→ And the situation around Black's king is getting dangerous. GM Baadur Jobava,MH: '→!']

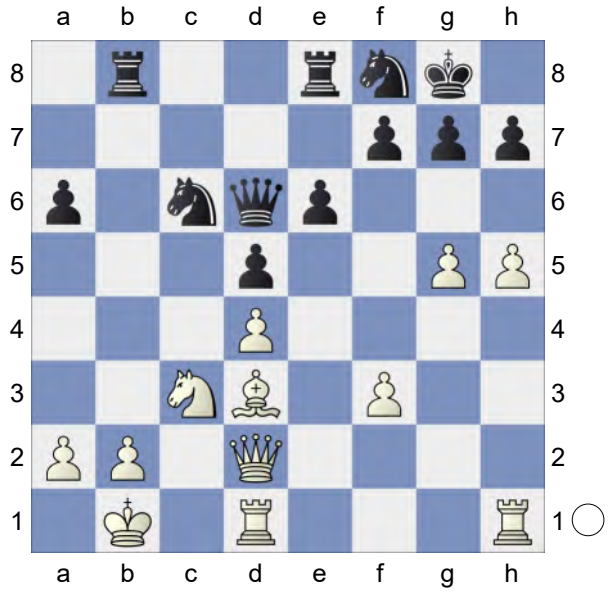
19.g5 This was my idea earlier, so anyway I go for it. **19...Nf8** 0.35/22 Black is taking his time to protect the king, so I guess let's do the same. GM Baadur Jobava,MH: 'Black is taking his time to protect the king, so I guess let's do the same.'

[19...Rab8= -0.10/19 GM Baadur

Jobava,MH]

20.Kb1 Good prophylaxis, this way my knight can breathe a bit easier, and also some Na4-Nc5 ideas are possible. GM Baadur Jobava,MH: ' ±' GM Baadur Jobava,MH: 'Good prophylaxis, this way my knight can breathe a bit easier, and also some Na4-Nc5 ideas are possible.'

20...Rab8 This is an intersting try, but I will accept. GM Baadur Jobava,MH: '



This is an intersting try, but I will accept.'

21.Bxa6 0.00/20 Okay, Luca was getting below 1 minute, so let's offer a draw, I feel like the position is very playable, both sides have their chances. My point is that I can meet 21...Rb4 with 22.Nb5 and 22...Qb8 would be a huge mistake due to 23.Rc1! and I win material. GM Baadur Jobava,MH: 'Okay, Luca was getting below 1 minute, so let's offer a draw, I feel like the position is very playable, both sides have their chances. My point is that I can meet 21...Rb4 with 22. Nb5 and 22...Qb8 would be a huge mistake due to 23.Rc1! and I win material. Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.08 (flawless) '

[21.h6!± 0.72/20 GM Baadur Jobava, MH]

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785 **D00**

□ **Viljanen,Markus**

■ **Carlsen,Magnus**

Laugar (6) 2001

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 g6 4.e3 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Bd3

[RR 6.Be2 Bg4 7.Ne5 *(7.h3 Bxf3 8.Bxf3 c6 9.0-0 Nbd7 10.e4 dxe4 11.Nxe4 Nxe4 12.Bxe4 Qb6 13.c3 Qxb2 14.Rb1 Qxc3 15.Rxb7 Nf6 16.Bf3 e6 17.Qa4 Nd5 18.Bd6 Rfd8 19.Bc5 Nb6 20.Qxc6 Rac8* Kosic,D (2501)-Georgiev,K (2636) Cetinje 2013 0-1 (41)*)* 7...Bxe2 8.Qxe2 c6 9.0-0-0 Nh5 10.h4 Nd7 11.g4 Nxf4 12.exf4 Nxe5 13.fxe5 f6 14.exf6 Rxf6 15.g5 Rf7 16.h5 Qd6 17.hxg6 hxg6 18.Kb1 Raf8 19.Qg4 Rxf2 20.Ne2 e5 Rogers,I (2593)-Ye,J (2649) Mallorca 2004 0-1 (35)]

6...Nh5N

[RR 6...c5 7.0-0 *(7.dxc5 Nbd7 8.0-0 Nxc5 9.Be5 Bg4 10.h3 Nxd3 11.cxd3 Bxf3 12.Qxf3 e6 13.Rac1 Nd7 14.Bg3 Qb6 15.Qe2 Qa6 16.d4 Qxe2 17.Nxe2 Rfc8 18.Bc7 Bf8 19.Rc2 Nc5 20.dxc5 Rxc7 21.b4* Colle,E-Euwe,M Amsterdam 1928 0-1 (51) *)* 7...Nc6 *(7...Nbd7 8.a4 b6 9.a5 Bb7 10.a6 Bc6 11.Ne5 Nxe5 12.Bxe5 Nd7 13.Bxg7 Kxg7 14.f4 e6 15.b4 Nf6 16.b5 Bd7 17.dxc5 bxc5 18.Qd2 Qe7 19.Rfb1 Rab8 20.Be2 Rfd8 21.Na4* Smyslov,V (2570)-Anagnostopoulos,D (2375) London 1989 1-0 (44)*)* 8.dxc5 Qa5 9.Nb5 Ne8 10.Nfd4 e5 11.Nb3 Qd8 12.Bg3 e4 13.Be2 Bxb2 14.Rb1

Be5 15.Bxe5 Nxe5 16.c4 Be6 17.cxd5 Bxd5 18.Nc3 Nf6 19.Qd4 Nc6 20.Qa4 Qe7 21.Nxd5 Klaman,K-Ragozin,V Leningrad 1957 ½-½ (34)]

7.Ne2 Nxf4 8.Nxf4 c6 9.0-0 f6 10.c4 e5 11.Nxg6 hxg6 12.Bxg6 e4 13.Nd2 f5 14.cxd5 cxd5 15.Rc1 Nc6 16.Nb3 Nb4 17.Ra1 Nd3 18.Rb1 Qg5 19.Qh5 Qxh5 20.Bxh5 b6 21.Nc1 Ba6 22.Rd1 f4 23.Be2 fxe3 24.fxe3 Nb4 25.Bxa6 Nxa6 26.Nb3 Bh6 27.Re1 Nb4 28.a3 Nc2 29.Re2 Nxe3 30.h3 Rac8 31.Kh1 Rc2 32.Rxc2 Nxc2 33.Kg1 e3 34.Nc1 Nxd4 35.Nd3 e2 36.b4 Be3+ 37.Kh2 Rf1 38.Re1 Bf4+ 39.g3 Nf3+ 40.Kg2 Nxe1+ 41.Kh2 Nxd3

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786 **D00**

□ **Elisabeth Van Foreest**

■ **Barbier,Emma**

Open NK Rapid Jeugd 2024 | Boards 1-2..

[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4** 0.16 **d5** 0.24 **2.Nc3** 0.08 **Nf6** 0.00 **3.Bf4** 0.09 **Nc6?!** 0.75 Inaccuracy. e6 was best.

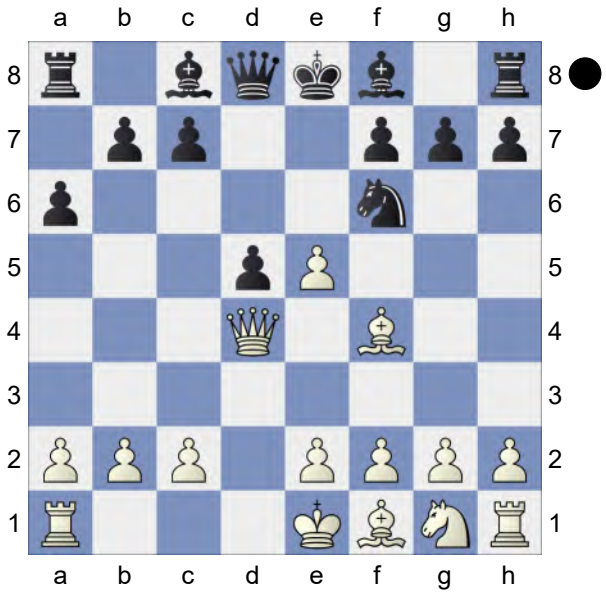
[3...e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.Be2 c6 8.Nc3]

4.Nb5 0.54 **e5** 0.82 **5.dxe5** 0.48 **a6** 0.05 **6.Nd4?!** 0.36 Inaccuracy. Nc3 was best.

[6.Nc3± 0.70/20 Nh5 7.Nxd5 Be6 8.e4 Nxf4 9.Nxf4 Qe7 10.c3 Nxe5]

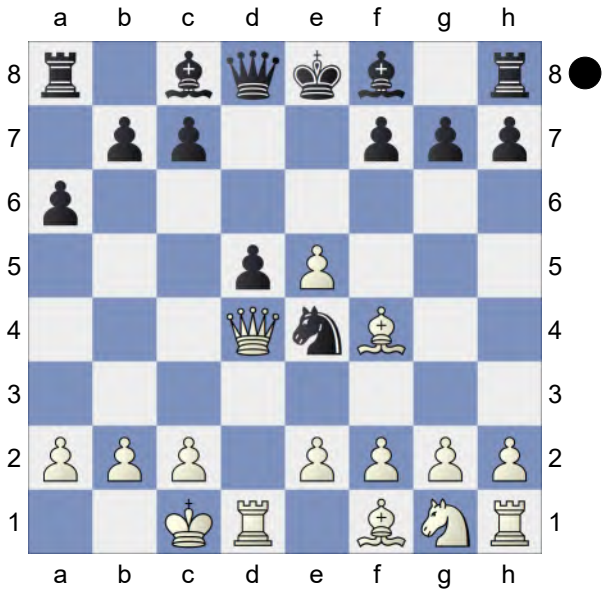
6...Nxd4!∓ 0.38 **7.Qxd4** 0.88

(Diagram)



Ne4 0.64 Threatens to win with ...Bc5. **8.0-0-0?!** -0.73 Inaccuracy. Be3 was best.

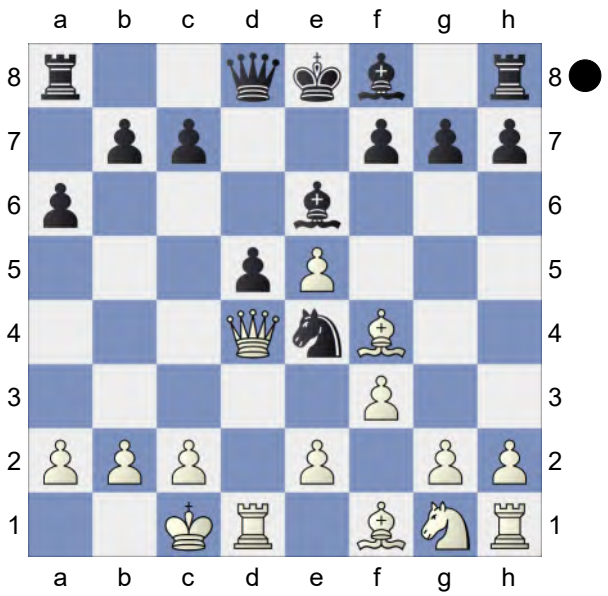
[8.Be3 c5 9.Qd3 Be7 10.g3 0-0 11.Bh3 c4 12.Qd1 Bb4+]



Black is better. **8...Be6!** -0.63 Black has strong compensation. **9.f3?!** -1.67 Inaccuracy. Be3 was best.

[9.Be3∓ -1.08/20 was necessary. b5]

(Diagram)



9...Bc5!-+ -1.71 **10.Qa4+** -1.67 **b5** -1.63 **11.Qa5** -1.28 **Nf2** -1.38 **12.h4?!** -2.53 Inaccuracy. e3 was best.
[12.e3 Bb6 13.Qe1 Nxd1 14.Kxd1 g5 15.Bg3 d4 16.e4 c5 17.f4 Ba5]
12...Nxh1 -2.59 **13.Bg5** -2.34 **Qd7** -2.24
[But not 13...Bxg1? 14.Bxd8 Be3+ 15.Kb1 Rxd8 16.g4-+]
14.e4?! -3.27 Inaccuracy. e3 was best.
[14.e3 Ng3 15.Bd3 h6 16.Bf4 Nf5 17.Qe1 Ne7 18.Ne2 Nc6 19.g4 h5]
14...c6?! -2.31 Inaccuracy. h6 was best.
[14...h6 15.Bf4 Bxg1 16.exd5 Bb6 17.Qb4 Nf2 18.Rd2 Bxd5 19.c4 bxc4 20.Bxc4]
15.exd5 -2.13 **Bxd5** -2.53
[15...Bxg1? 16.dxe6 Be3+ 17.Bxe3 Qxe6 18.Bc5±]
16.g3?! -3.51 Inaccuracy. Nh3 was best.
[16.Nh3 h6 17.c4 hxg5 18.cxd5 cxd5 19.a4 Qd8 20.Qd2 Ng3 21.Bd3 Rxh4]
16...Qe6? -1.73 Mistake. Bxg1 was best.
[16...Bxg1 17.Qb4 Nf2 18.Rxd5 cxd5 19.Kb1 Rc8 20.h5 h6 21.Be3]
17.Bh3 -1.72 **Qg6** -1.86
[Worse is 17...Qxe5 18.Re1 Qxe1+ 19.Qxe1+ Kf8 20.Be3±]
18.Ne2?! -1.03 Inaccuracy. Qc3 was best. And now Qc3 would win.
[18.Qc3 Bxg1 19.Qa3 Ra7 20.Rxg1 Nf2 21.Bg2 Rd7 22.Rf1 h6 23.Bf4 Nd3+]
18...Nf2 -1.11 **19.Nf4?** -3.31 Mistake. Qc3 was best.
[19.Qc3 Be7 20.Bxe7 Nxd1 21.Kxd1 Kxe7 22.Nf4 Bxf3+ 23.Qxf3 Rhd8+ 24.Kc1 Qh6]
19...Be3+ -3.54
[Not 19...Nxd1 20.Nxg6 hxg6 21.Kxd1=]
20.Kb1 -4.86 **Nxd1?** -1.11 Mistake. Bxf4 was best. White got outplayed after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.66/Black=0.28 (precise)
[20...Bxf4 21.gxf4 Nxh3 22.Qb4 Nxg5 23.hxg5 Rd8 24.a4 Qe6 25.axb5 a5 26.Qa3]
0-1

787 **D00**
□ **Garcia Gg**
■ **Szymanowska,Karolina**
Wch U12 Girls 1993
[Chess-Theory]

1.d4 d5 2.Nc3
[In this game, with inverted moves, we enter in the Maroczy-Martinolich System (see: ECB - D00 ii)) : 2.Bf4 Nf6]
2...Nf6 3.Bf4 c6 A solid continuation played with the idea: ...Nbd7. ECB (ECO Codes Base) Classification: [D00-r5*]. **4.f3!?** This move is not bad, but rather unusual
[Is now (in fact, only since 1954) frequently played: 4.Nf3 g6 5.e3 Bg7 6.Be2 0-0 7.Ne5 as in the recent game: Qb6 8.Na4 Qd8 9.h4 h6

10.g4 Ne4 11.f3 Nd6 12.Qd2 Nd7 13.0-0-0 Nc4 ± Pribyl, Josef (2412) - David, Pavel (2421) D00 (19) 1/2-1/2, CZE-chT, 2005]

4...Bf5N A novelty (in 1993!) **5.e3 e6 6.Bd3 Bg6 7.Nge2 Bd6** = The game is equilibrated and each camp has similar chances (PFC: Pawn-Figure Complex). **8.Be5!?**

[Possible is: 8.Bxd6 Qxd6 9.e4 dxe4 10.Nxe4 Nxe4 11.fxe4=]

8...Bxe5 9.dxe5 Nfd7 10.f4 Nc5! This active return of the nimble king-side Knight contests all the White tactics! **11.0-0 Nbd7 12.Ng3 Qb6!** With double-threat: White b2-pawn and e3-pawn are unprotected. In addition the Black's Queen exerts a potential threat on que White's King. **13.Bxg6?! hxg6** Opening up the h-file. **14.b3??** This answer is a flagrant mistake, in particular because the c3-Knight is now unprotected (UPP: (UnProteted Piece))! **14...Nxb3! 15.Rb1?**

[15.axb3 Qxe3+ 16.Rf2 Qxc3 17.Qc1 -+]

15...Qxe3+ 16.Kh1??

[16.Rf2 is the only answer. Nevertheless, after: Nbc5 17.Qe1 Qxe1+ 18.Rxe1 Ke7 -+ Black wins easily.]

16...Qxg3! 17.Kg1 Qxc3 18.Rxb3 Qc5+ 19.Kh1 0-0-0 20.Qb1 Nb6 21.a4 Rh4 22.h3 Rdh8 Black finds now without any sorrow a winning line: **23.Rff3**

[Among many others, possible is the suite: 23.Rff3 Qe7 24.Qe1 Nxa4 25.Ra3 b5 26.Qd2 Kb8 27.Rab3 Nc5 28.Qb4 a5! 29.Qa3 Qa7 -+]

0-1

788 **D00**
Rapport-Jobava System: 3...Bf5 10.1.21
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1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 Bf5 4.f3!? e6

[4...h6!? 5.g4 Bh7 6.e3 e6 7.Bd3 Bxd3 8.cxd3 a6 9.h4 c5 10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.d4∞ It transposes into the main line]

[4...h5?! 5.Qd2 e6 6.0-0-0 Bd6 7.Kb1 Nbd7 8.Bxd6 cxd6 9.Qe1 Rc8 10.e4 dxe4 11.fxe4 Bg6 12.Bd3 0-0 13.Nf3±]

5.g4 Bg6 6.h4 h5

[6...h6 7.e3

A) 7...a6! 8.Bd3 Bxd3 9.cxd3! c5 *(9...Bd6 10.Nge2 Nc6 11.Kf2 Qd7 12.Rc1 0-0-0 13.Na4 Kb8 14.Nc5 Bxc5 15.Rxc5 Rhe8 16.Qb3± IM Golubov- IM Pogosyan, 2018.)* 10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.d4 Be7 *(11...Bd6 12.Nge2 Nc6 13.Kf2 Rc8 14.Rc1 b5 15.Bxd6 Qxd6 16.Nf4 Ne7 17.g5 Nd7 18.gxh6 Rxh6 19.Qg1 Kf8 20.Qg5 Nf6 21.Rhg1 Ne8 22.h5 Rc4 23.b3 Rc6 24.Nce2± Naroditsky- Kiewra, 2015.)* 12.Nge2 Nc6 13.Kf2 Rc8 14.Kg2 0-0 15.Rc1 Nd7 16.g5 h5 17.Bg3∞;

B) 7...Bd6 8.h5 *(8.Nh3!? a6 9.Qd2 c5 10.Bxd6 Qxd6 11.dxc5 Qxc5 12.Nf4 Bh7 13.g5±)* 8...Bh7 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 a6 *(10...Bxf4 11.exf4 Qd6 12.Nge2 Nbd7 13.Qe3 c5 14.dxc5 Qxc5 15.Qxc5 Nxc5 16.0-0-0 0-0-0 17.Nd4±)* 11.Nge2 c5 12.dxc5 Bxc5 13.0-0-0 Nc6 14.Nd4±;

C) 7...c5 8.Nb5 Na6 9.c3

C1) 9...Qb6 10.a4 c4 11.Nh3 Rc8 12.Qd2 Nd7 13.Rg1 Nab8

14.Qh2! a6 *(14...Nc6 15.Bc7 Qa6 16.Nf4 Bh7 17.g5+-)* 15.Nd6+ Bxd6 16.Bxd6 Nc6 17.h5 Bh7 18.g5!±;

C2) 9...Be7 10.Nh3 0-0 11.Bg3 Bh7 12.Nf4 Ne8 13.g5! hxg5 14.hxg5 Bxg5 15.Bd3 g6 16.Qe2+-]

7.g5 Nfd7

[7...Ng8 8.e4 Bb4 9.Qd3 To defend e4 and prepare 0-0-0 Ne7 10.0-0-0 0-0 11.Nge2 Nd7 12.Qb5! Bxc3 13.Nxc3±]

8.e3 a6

[8...Bd6 9.Nh3 Nc6 10.Bxd6 cxd6 11.Nf4 Ne7 12.Bd3 Bxd3 13.Qxd3 g6 14.e4 dxe4 15.fxe4 a6 16.Rf1 Qa5 17.0-0-0 Rc8 18.Qh3±]

[8...c5?! 9.Nb5 Na6 10.c3 Be7 11.Nh3 0-0 12.Bg3 Bh7 13.Nf4 g6 14.Kf2±]

9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.cxd3 c5 11.dxc5 Bxc5 12.d4 Be7 13.Nge2 Nc6 14.Kf2 Rc8 15.Rc1 0-0 16.Bg3 g6 17.Qd3±

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□ **N,N**

■ **N,N**

Rapport-Jobava System: 3...g6 10.01.21 *[https://lichess.org/@/MilovanR]*

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 g6 4.e3 Bg7 5.h4!? 0-0

[5...c6 6.h5!?∞ It transposes into 3...c6 Variation]

[5...h6!? 6.Nf3

A) 6...c6 7.Bd3 Nbd7 8.Qd2 Qb6? *(8...b5 9.Ne5 Nxe5 10.Bxe5 a5 11.f3 h5 12.Qf2 Be6 13.Qg3 Qd7 14.a4! b4 15.Nb5! 0-0 16.Nc7 Rac8 17.Na6±* IM Nikitenko- FM Uzumcu, 2019.*)* 9.0-0-0 Qa5 10.Kb1 Nf8? 11.Nb5! Qxd2 12.Nc7+ Kd8 13.Nxd2 Rb8 14.Nxd5! Ra8 15.Nc7 Rb8 16.Ne6++-;

B) 6...Bg4 7.Be2 c6 8.Ne5 Bxe2 9.Qxe2 Nbd7 10.0-0-0 Qa5 11.Kb1 Nxe5 12.Bxe5 h5 13.e4 0-0-0 14.exd5 cxd5 15.Rh3! Rd7 16.Nb5! a6 17.Rc3+ Kd8 18.Na7! e6 19.Qf3 Ke7 20.Nc8+ Rxc8 21.Rxc8+- GM Grischuk- GM Khusnutdinov, 2016.;

C) 6...0-0 7.Ne5 c5 8.Be2 Nc6 9.Qd2 Qa5 10.a3 Be6 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.dxc5 Nh5 *(12...Qxc5?? 13.Na4+-)* 13.b4 Qd8 14.Bxh5 gxh5 15.Rd1± GM Shimanov- FM Raptis, 2018.]

[5...h5 6.Nf3

A) 6...Bg4 7.Qd2 Bxf3 8.gxf3 c6 9.0-0-0

A1) 9...Nbd7 10.Kb1 e6 11.e4

A1a) 11...a6 12.Bd3 b5 13.Rdg1 Nb6 14.e5 Nfd7? 15.Rxg6!! fxg6 16.Bxg6+ Kf8 *(16...Ke7 17.Bg5++-)* 17.Bg5 Qc7 18.Qf4+ Kg8 19.Qf7#;

A1b) 11...Qa5? 12.Nxd5! Qxd2 13.Nxf6+ Nxf6 14.Rxd2± GM Bauer- GM Maze, 2018.;

A2) 9...b5 10.Kb1 Nbd7 11.Bd3 Nb6 12.e4! Nc4 13.Qc1 b4 14.Ne2 a5 15.e5 Nh7 16.e6±;

B) 6...0-0 7.Ne5 c5 *(7...Nbd7 8.f3 c6 9.Qd2 Nxe5 10.Bxe5 b5 11.0-0-0 Qa5 12.Kb1 b4 13.Ne2 Qb6 14.Nf4 a5 15.g4! hxg4 16.h5 g5 17.h6! Bh8 18.h7+ Kg7 19.Qh2+-)* 8.Qd2 Nc6 *(8...cxd4 9.exd4 Bf5 10.f3 Nc6 11.Bb5 Nb4 12.Ba4 Rc8 13.a3 Nc6 14.Bxc6 bxc6 15.Na4±)* 9.f3 Nd7

10.Nxd5 cxd4 11.exd4 Ndxe5 12.dxe5 Nxe5 13.0-0-0 Be6 14.Qe3 Nc6 15.Nf6+± GM Inarkiev-GM Volokitin, 2016.]

[5...c5?! 6.Nb5 Na6 7.c3 0-0 8.h5 Nxh5 *(8...Bd7 9.hxg6 fxg6 10.Nf3 Qb6 11.a4 Rac8 12.Be5 c4 13.b3! Bxb5 14.axb5 Qxb5 15.bxc4 dxc4 16.Nd2 Nd5 17.Qg4 Bxe5 18.Qe6+ Kg7 19.Qxe5+ Rf6 20.g4 Kg8 21.g5 Rf5 22.Qe6++- Aronian-Nepomniachtchi, 2017.)* 9.Rxh5! gxh5 10.Qxh5 cxd4 11.exd4 Qb6 12.Bd3 h6 13.Nf3 Bd7 14.a4 Qe6+ 15.Kd2 Qg4 16.Qh2+- GM Zhao Xue- WGM Nebolsina, 2018.]

6.h5 c5

[6...Nxh5? 7.Rxh5! gxh5 8.Qxh5 c6 9.Bd3 f5 10.Nf3 Nd7 11.0-0-0 Nf6 12.Qh3→]

7.hxg6 hxg6

[7...fxg6 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.dxc5 e5 10.Bg5 Be6 11.Nf3 Qa5 12.Bxf6 Bxf6 13.e4! Rad8 14.exd5± GM Deac Bogdan-Daniel- Skacel, 2017.]

8.Qd2 Nc6 9.Nge2 Re8 10.0-0-0 Qa5 11.Bh6! Bxh6

[11...Bh8 12.Bg5 b5 13.Kb1 b4 14.Bxf6! Bxf6 15.Nxd5 Bg7 16.Nc1±]

12.Rxh6 b5 13.e4 dxe4 14.Rh4!+-

790 **D00**

□ **Veresov Richter Attack**

■ **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3**

[GM Pavel Eljanov]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 The most logical move. **3...e6!?** Black has a number of reliable options here. For instance 3... a6, 3...c5 or 3...g6. But I don't see any reason to deviate from the basic concept, as it seems that Black is absolutely fine **4.Nb5** The main point. Otherwise Black just plays 4... Bd6 or even 4... Bb4.

[4.e3 allows 4...Bb4!

A) 4...Bd6 is possible.

A1) Here I found an interesting setup for White. 5.Qf3!? This occurred in a few dozens of games, but mainly among club level players. 0-0 *(5...c5 6.0-0-0 Nc6 7.g4!* with some pressure. *)* 6.g4 c5 7.g5 *(7.Bxd6 Qxd6 8.0-0-0 c4 9.g5 Ne8 10.e4 b5!⇄)*

A1a) 7...Ne8 8.h4 Nc6 9.Nge2 Bxf4 1-0 (47) Shadrin,A (2092)-Boyko,I (1896) Ekaterinburg 2018 *(9...cxd4 10.exd4 b5∓)*;

A1b) 7...cxd4 8.exd4 Ne8 9.h4 Nc6 10.0-0-0 Bd7 11.h5∞ The position is highly unclear, but I suppose players like Richard Rapport and Baadur Jobava would revel in it!;

A2) 5.Nf3 The main move but harmless. 5...0-0 6.Bd3 Bxf4 7.exf4 b6 8.Ne2 Ba6= 1/2 (19) Cordova,E (2602)-Kovalyov,A (2602) San Salvador 2016;

B) 4...Bb4! 5.Nge2 *(5.Bd3 c5 6.dxc5 Nbd7∓* followed by Nxc5 with an excellent position.*)* 5...0-0 6.a3 Be7!? 7.Nc1 b6 It is important not to play c7-c5 immediately because Black wants to meet Nb5 with c6 later. 8.Nb5 Na6∓ c7-c6 is coming. White is lacking harmony.]

[4.a3 Bd6 5.e3 Bxf4 6.exf4 0-0 7.Nf3 b6∓ We will take a look at this structure in the London System chapters, but in a better version for White, as his knight is misplaced on c3 here.]

4...Na6 With the pawn still on c7 those Nb5 lines are just harmless. **5.e3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.h4!?** The only try to develop some initiative. Otherwise Black will execute his plan without any hurdles. In this position, if Black plays a random move, White can start some kingside play. But Black has the powerful

[7.Be2 Nh5!? 8.Be5 f6 9.Bg3 c6 10.Nc3 g6! A typical useful move and prophylaxis at the same time. *(10...Nc7?? 11.Bxc7 Qxc7 12.g4+-)* 11.Bxa6 *(11.a3 Nc7 12.0-0 Nxg3 13.hxg3 b6 14.e4 Bb7∓)* 11...bxa6 12.0-0 c5∓ The "spoiled" pawn structure is not important here as Black has two bishops and the better control of the center.]

[Maybe the safest option is 7.h3 Here Black has two different plans: c6!? First we kick the knight and then we play c5. *(7...Ne4!? 8.Nd2 Nxd2 9.Qxd2 c6 10.Nc3 c5 11.Be2 Bd7 12.0-0 Rc8 13.Nb5 Bxb5 14.Bxb5 Bd6=* Black exchanges the dark-squared bishops and then will improve his knight's position. The position looks equal.*)* 8.Nc3 c5 9.Be2 Bd7 10.0-0 Rc8 11.a3 Nb8 12.dxc5 Bxc5 13.Bd3 Bc6 14.Ne2 Bd6= Black's plan is to prepare e5. At the same time it is hard for White to open the center with the c4 or e4 breaks.]

[Harmless is 7.Bd3 After c6 8.Nc3 Nb4 9.h3 Nxd3+ 10.cxd3 b6 11.0-0 Bb7 Black was already slightly better in the game Rapport, R - Giri, A, Wijk aan Zee, 2019. He has a pair of bishops and a good control of the center.]

7...c6

[7...Bd7? is good for White after 8.h5 c5 9.a4! The knight on a6 is misplaced]

8.Nc3 Qa5! Black starts his own counterplay. White has no time to develop an initiative because the Ne4 threat is too annoying. After casting, the pawn on h4 will be rather misplaced

[8...c5!? 9.h5 h6 10.Ne5⇄ is double-edged]

9.Bd3

[9.Nd2 c5 10.Nb3 Qb6∓ looks quite good for Black.]

[9.a3 Ne4 is promising, too.]

9...c5 10.0-0 Nb4 11.Be2 Nc6 12.a3

[12.Ne5 is well met by Nd7]

12...a6 Black has a very comfortable position and it is White who should think about equality. Generally speaking the move 2.Nc3 is just bad. White has two different setups: 3.Bg5 and Bf4, but against both of them, Black is more than OK. Against 3.Bf4 you should remember to just finish development without pushing c5 too quickly. Black's counterplay is directed against the misplaced knight on c3 via Bb4 or c6, Qa5.

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□ **N,N**

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1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 Bf5 4.f3!? e6

[4...h6!? 5.g4 Bh7 6.e3 e6 7.Bd3

Bxd3 8.cxd3 a6 9.h4 c5 10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.d4∞ It transposes into the main line]
[4...h5?! 5.Qd2 e6 6.0-0-0 Bd6 7.Kb1 Nbd7 8.Bxd6 cxd6 9.Qe1 Rc8 10.e4 dxe4 11.fxe4 Bg6 12.Bd3 0-0 13.Nf3±]

5.g4 Bg6 6.h4 h5

[6...h6 7.e3

A) 7...a6! 8.Bd3 Bxd3 9.cxd3! c5 *(9...Bd6 10.Nge2 Nc6 11.Kf2 Qd7 12.Rc1 0-0-0 13.Na4 Kb8 14.Nc5 Bxc5 15.Rxc5 Rhe8 16.Qb3± IM Golubov- IM Pogosyan, 2018.)* 10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.d4 Be7 *(11...Bd6 12.Nge2 Nc6 13.Kf2 Rc8 14.Rc1 b5 15.Bxd6 Qxd6 16.Nf4 Ne7 17.g5 Nd7 18.gxh6 Rxh6 19.Qg1 Kf8 20.Qg5 Nf6 21.Rhg1 Ne8 22.h5 Rc4 23.b3 Rc6 24.Nce2± Naroditsky- Kiewra, 2015.)* 12.Nge2 Nc6 13.Kf2 Rc8 14.Kg2 0-0 15.Rc1 Nd7 16.g5 h5 17.Bg3∞;

B) 7...Bd6 8.h5 *(8.Nh3!? a6 9.Qd2 c5 10.Bxd6 Qxd6 11.dxc5 Qxc5 12.Nf4 Bh7 13.g5±)* 8...Bh7 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 a6 *(10...Bxf4 11.exf4 Qd6 12.Nge2 Nbd7 13.Qe3 c5 14.dxc5 Qxc5 15.Qxc5 Nxc5 16.0-0-0 0-0-0 17.Nd4±)* 11.Nge2 c5 12.dxc5 Bxc5 13.0-0-0 Nc6 14.Nd4±;

C) 7...c5 8.Nb5 Na6 9.c3

C1) 9...Qb6 10.a4 c4 11.Nh3 Rc8 12.Qd2 Nd7 13.Rg1 Nab8 14.Qh2! a6 *(14...Nc6 15.Bc7 Qa6 16.Nf4 Bh7 17.g5+-)* 15.Nd6+ Bxd6 16.Bxd6 Nc6 17.h5 Bh7 18.g5!±;

C2) 9...Be7 10.Nh3 0-0 11.Bg3 Bh7 12.Nf4 Ne8 13.g5! hxg5 14.hxg5 Bxg5 15.Bd3 g6 16.Qe2+-]

7.g5 Nfd7

[7...Ng8 8.e4 Bb4 9.Qd3 To defend e4 and prepare 0-0-0 Ne7 10.0-0-0 0-0 11.Nge2 Nd7 12.Qb5! Bxc3 13.Nxc3±]

8.e3 a6

[8...Bd6 9.Nh3 Nc6 10.Bxd6 cxd6 11.Nf4 Ne7 12.Bd3 Bxd3 13.Qxd3 g6 14.e4 dxe4 15.fxe4 a6 16.Rf1 Qa5 17.0-0-0 Rc8 18.Qh3±]
[8...c5?! 9.Nb5 Na6 10.c3 Be7 11.Nh3 0-0 12.Bg3 Bh7 13.Nf4 g6 14.Kf2±]

9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.cxd3 c5 11.dxc5 Bxc5 12.d4 Be7 13.Nge2 Nc6 14.Kf2 Rc8 15.Rc1 0-0 16.Bg3 g6 17.Qd3±

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Rapport-Jobava System: 3...e6 10.01.21 *[https://lichess.org/@/MilovanR]*

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6

[4...Bb4+ 5.c3 Ba5 6.a4 a6 *(6...c6? 7.Nd6+±; 6...0-0? 7.b4 Bb6 8.a5+-)* 7.b4 axb5 *(7...Bxb4 8.cxb4 axb5 9.axb5 Rxa1 10.Qxa1 Qe7 11.Qb2 0-0 12.e3 Nh5 13.Nh3 Nxf4 14.Nxf4 Nd7 15.Bd3∞; 7...Bb6? 8.a5 axb5 9.axb6 Rxa1 10.Qxa1 Na6 11.bxc7 Nxc7 12.Qa5±)* 8.axb5 b6 9.bxa5 bxa5 10.e3 Nbd7 11.Nf3 Bb7 12.Bd3 c5 13.bxc6 Bxc6 14.Bd6 Ne4 15.Ba3 f6 16.0-0 Kf7 17.Bxe4 dxe4 18.Nd2± Jobava- Gelfand, 2016.]
[4...Bd6 5.Nxd6+ cxd6 6.e3 Nc6 *(6...0-0 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.Be2 Qe7 9.h3 e5 10.Bh2 h6 11.0-0 Bf5 12.c3 Rfe8 13.Qb3 a6 14.Rfd1 Rac8 15.Rac1 Bg6 16.Qa3 Qe6 17.c4±*

Alekseenko- Nuristani, 2017.) 7.Nf3 Qe7 8.Be2 e5 9.Bg5 Be6 10.c4±]

5.e3 Be7

[5...c6 6.Nc3

A) 6...Nc7 7.Nf3 Bd6 8.Ne5 0-0 *(8...Bxe5?! 9.dxe5 Nd7 10.Qg4 0-0 11.h4 Qe7 12.Bd3 Nc5 13.Bg5 Nxd3+ 14.cxd3 Qd7 15.h5 Ne8 16.h6 g6 17.Qf4±)* 9.Bd3 c5 *(9...Nce8 10.Qf3 c5 11.dxc5 Bxc5 12.g4! d4 13.0-0-0! Qe7 14.exd4 Bxd4 15.Bxh7+ Nxh7 16.Rxd4+-)* 10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.Qf3 Bb4 12.0-0 Na6 13.Bxa6 bxa6 14.Bg5 Bb7 15.Ng4 Be7 16.Nxf6+ Bxf6 17.Bxf6 Qxf6 18.Qxf6 gxf6 19.Rfd1± Kovalev- Belov, 2015.;

B) 6...b6 7.Nf3 Bb7 8.Ne5 Nb8 *(8...c5?? 9.Bb5+ Ke7 10.Bxa6 Bxa6 11.Nc6++-)* 9.Bd3 Nbd7 10.Qf3 Nxe5 11.Bxe5 Nd7 12.Bf4 Be7 13.h4 c5 14.Qg3 Bf6 15.Nb5 0-0 16.Nd6 Bc6 17.c3↑;

C) 6...Bb4 7.Nge2 0-0 8.a3 Bd6 9.Ng3 Nc7 *(9...Bxf4 10.exf4 b6 11.Bd3 c5 12.Qf3 cxd4 13.Nb5 Nc5 14.Nxd4 Bb7 15.0-0 Qe7 16.Rfe1±)* 10.Bd3 Re8 11.Be5!? Bxe5 12.dxe5 Nd7 13.f4 c5 14.0-0 b6 15.e4 d4 16.Nb1±;

D) 6...Qb6 7.a3!

D1) 7...c5 8.Nf3 Bd7 9.Rb1

D1a) 9...Nh5 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bh4 cxd4 *(11...g5? 12.Ne5 Ng7 13.Nxd7 Kxd7 14.Bg3 cxd4 15.exd4 Nf5 16.Be5 Bg7 17.Bxg7 Nxg7 18.Bd3±)* 12.Ne5 Nf6 *(12...dxc3?? 13.Qxh5 g6 14.Nxg6 fxg6 15.Qxg6#)* 13.Bxf6 gxf6 14.Nxd7 Kxd7 15.exd4 f5 16.g3 Bg7 17.Ne2±;

D1b) 9...Be7 10.g4!?

D1b1) 10...0-0 11.Ne5 Rad8 *(11...h6?? 12.h4+-)* 12.g5 Ne4 13.Bg2

D1b11) 13...Nxg5? 14.h4 Ne4 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Bh6!! gxh6 *(16...Bf6 17.Nxe4!+-)* 17.Qg4+ Kh8 18.Rg1 Bf6 19.Qg8+ Rxg8 20.Nxf7#;

D1b12) 13...Nd6 14.h4→;

D1b13) 13...Nxc3? 14.bxc3 Qa5 15.Rxb7±;

D1b2) 10...Nxg4 11.Rg1 h5 12.h3 Nh6 13.Bxh6 Rxh6 14.Rxg7 Kf8 15.Rg3 f6 16.Qd2± Trjapishko- Sek, 2017.;

D2) 7...Qxb2?? 8.Na4+-]

6.Nf3 0-0 7.a3 To prevent Nb4 after playing Bf1-d3 **7...c6**

[7...c5 8.c3 Bd7 9.a4 Nh5 10.Bd6 Bxd6 11.Nxd6 Qb6 12.Nb5 Nf6 13.Be2 Bxb5 14.axb5 Nc7 15.dxc5 Qxc5 16.Qd4 Qxd4 17.Nxd4±]

8.Nc3 c5 9.Bd3 Bd7 10.Ne5 c4 11.Be2 Nc7 12.0-0 b5 13.Bf3 Rb8 14.b3 a5 15.Ne2 Be8 16.a4 cxb3 17.cxb3 bxa4 18.bxa4 Na6 19.Nc3 Nb4 20.Qd2±

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1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c6 4.e3 Bf5

[4...Qb6 5.Rb1 Bf5 6.f3 Nbd7 7.g4 Bg6 8.h4 h6 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.cxd3

e6 11.Nge2 Be7 12.Kf2±]
[4...g6 5.h4
A) 5...Bg7 6.h5 Nxh5 *(6...gxh5? 7.Nf3 Bg4 8.Be2 Qb6 9.Rb1 Nbd7 10.Ne5 Bxe2 11.Qxe2 Nxe5 12.Bxe5 0-0-0 13.b4→* Lugovskoy-Remizov, 2019.*)* 7.Rxh5 gxh5 8.Qxh5 Nd7 9.Qh2 Nf6 *(9...Nf8 10.Bd3 Ng6 11.Bc7 Qd7 12.Nf3 h5 13.0-0-0⩱* Two ideas: 1.Bxg6 and Be5 2.Re1 and e4*)* 10.Bd3 Bg4 11.Nf3 Bh5 12.Nh4 e6 13.f3 Bg6 14.0-0-0 Bxd3 15.Rxd3 Nd7 16.g4 h5 17.g5 f6? 18.Ng6 Rh7 19.Bc7 Qc8 20.Qd6 Kf7 21.Ne7+-;
B) 5...h5 6.Bd3 Bg7 7.Nf3 Bg4 8.Qd2 Nbd7 9.Ng5 Nf8 10.f3 Bc8 11.Ne2 Ne6 12.Be5 0-0 13.Nxe6 Bxe6 14.Nf4 Qd7 15.g4! hxg4 16.h5+- Fedoseev- Indjic, 2019.]

5.f3 e6 6.g4 Bg6 7.h4 h5
[7...h6 8.Bd3 Bxd3 9.Qxd3 *(9.cxd3* Also good *Bd6 10.Nge2 Bxf4 11.Nxf4 Nbd7 12.Kf2±* Rapport-Sachdev, 2014.*)* 9...Bd6 10.Nge2 Bxf4 11.Nxf4 Nbd7 12.0-0-0 e5 13.Nfe2 Qe7 14.Ng3 g6 15.h5±]

8.g5 Nfd7 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 g6
[10...Be7 11.0-0-0 Nf8 12.Be5 Rg8 13.Nge2 Nbd7 14.Bg3 b5 15.Nf4 b4 16.Nce2 g6 17.e4 Qa5 18.Kb1 Nb6 19.Nc1 Nc4 20.Rhe1 Nd7 21.exd5 cxd5 22.Nxe6 fxe6 23.Rxe6± IM Marek- IM Kazakovskiy, 2015.]

11.Nge2 Bg7 12.0-0-0 0-0 13.e4 b5 14.Bd6 Re8 15.e5 a5 16.Nf4 Na6
[16...Nf8 17.Nce2!±]

17.Nxh5! Nb4 18.Qe2 gxh5 19.f4 Nb6 20.Rdg1 Nc4 21.Bc5 Na6 22.g6 Qd7 23.Qxh5 Nxc5 24.dxc5 Kf8 25.Qh7 Ra7 26.Ne2+-

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☐ **Theory 3 (3... c6): Model Gam**
■ **Model Game #11: Grandelius,N**
[MH]

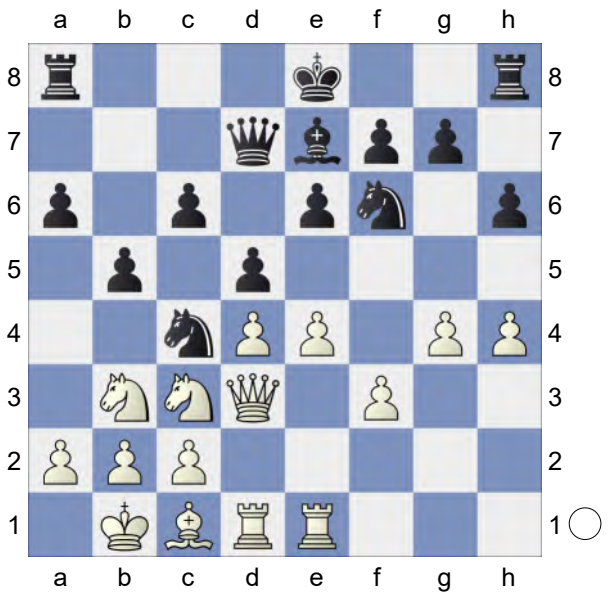
D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 c6 4.e3 Bf5 5.f3 h6 6.g4 Bh7 7.Bd3** This is the main move of the strong players who have reached this position, and my recommendation. 7.h4 is an interesting alternative with the traditional Kingside expansion theme. This is the main move of the strong players who have reached this position, and my recommendation. 7.h4 is an interesting alternative with the traditional Kingside expansion theme.
[7.h4 e6 8.Bd3 Bxd3 9.Qxd3 Bd6 10.Nge2 Qc7 *(10...Bxf4 11.Nxf4 Nbd7 12.0-0-0 Qc7 13.g5 Ng8 14.g6 Ndf6 15.gxf7+ Qxf7 16.Ng6 Rh7 17.Ne5 Qe7 18.Qg6+ Kd8 19.Na4 Kc7 20.Nc5 b6 21.Nb3 a5 22.Rd3 Kb7 23.Rc3 Rc8 24.a3 Qe8 25.Nf7* Matshego,T (1150)-O'Carroll,O (1737) Eindhoven 2023 0-1 (76)*)* 11.0-0-0 Nbd7 12.g5 Nh5 13.Bxd6 Qxd6 14.e4 0-0-0 15.Qe3 g6 16.gxh6 Qf8 17.exd5 exd5 18.Qg5 Qxh6 19.Rdg1 f6 20.Qxh6 Rxh6 21.Kd2 Rdh8 Osmonbekov,T (2137)-Golichenko,I (2413) Chess.com INT 2022 0-1 (43)]

7...Nbd7N 7...Qb6 is an important alternative that will be covered in the theory section. 7...Qb6 is an important alternative that will be covered in the theory section.
[7...Bxd3 8.Qxd3 e6 9.Nge2 Qa5 10.h4 Nbd7 11.Kf2 Be7 12.Kg2 c5 13.Ng3 Theory 3: 3...-c6 #7 - 4... Bf5 Theory 3 (3... c6)]

8.Bxh7 White is slightly better. **8...Nxh7**

9.Nge2 This is a slight inaccuracy as it allows Black to play 9... Ng5 attacking the f3 pawn. I will suggest 9.Qd3 intending a quick O-O-O in the theory section. This is a slight inaccuracy as it allows Black to play 9... Ng5 attacking the f3 pawn. I will suggest 9.Qd3 intending a quick O-O-O in the theory section. **9...e6 10.Qd3** 0.06/20
[10.h4± 0.42/19 is superior.]
10...Be7 11.e4 Nhf6 Black should not be in a hurry to reposition the Knight here as it gives White the option of playing e5 with gain of tempo. **12.0-0-0**
[12.e5!? Nh7 13.Bg3±]
12...Qa5 13.Kb1 Need I repeat myself about the best players and Kb1 ? It removes the King from the dark-squared c1-h6 diagonal and shores up the defence of the a2-pawn, thereby freeing the c3-Knight to move should it wish. A move that everyone should take note of ! **13...a6** 0.75/18
[13...b5± 0.44/19 should be considered.]
14.Rhe1 14.e5 makes a lot of sense. White gains more space in the centre with tempo. Play may continue 14...Nh7 15.h4 Nhf8 16.Bd2 O-O-O 17.f4 += Black is cramped and White can press on with f5 putting black under considerable pressure. 14.e5 makes a lot of sense. White gains more space in the centre with tempo. Play may continue 14...Nh7 15.h4 Nhf8 16.Bd2 O-O-O 17.f4 += Black is cramped and White can press on with f5 putting black under considerable pressure. **14...b5** Strongly threatening ...b5-b4. **15.Nc1** It's once again all about those dark squares. I love it when an opening has consistent themes. Sooner or later everyone will get out of book and need to think for themselves and this is where a good grasp of the plans of a particular opening are worth their weight in gold (or saffron) ! It's once again all about those dark squares. I love it when an opening has consistent themes. Sooner or later everyone will get out of book and need to think for themselves and this is where a good grasp of the plans of a particular opening are worth their weight in gold (or saffron) ! **15...Qd8 16.Nb3 Nb6** 0.54/18
[16...0-0= 0.10/18]
17.h4 0.21/20
[17.Na5± 0.54/18]
17...Nc4 18.Bc1 Qd7? 1.71/20 And such is the precarious nature of Black's position that an innocent developing move, which prepares O-O-O, is an outright blunder ! This move takes away the d7-square from the f6-Knight, which is crucial. 18...dxe4 This unnatural looking move was the only way to maintain the balance, but White can simply reply with 19.fxe4 , gambitting the g4 pawn, when play could continue 19...Nxg4 20.Qf3 h5 21.e5 Qc7 22.Ne4 Rd8 23.Bg5 ! when the weakness of Black's dark squares ensure White has some edge and a much easier position to play.
[18...dxe4!= 0.03/19 19.Nxe4 Nxe4 20.Qxe4 Qd5]

(Diagram)



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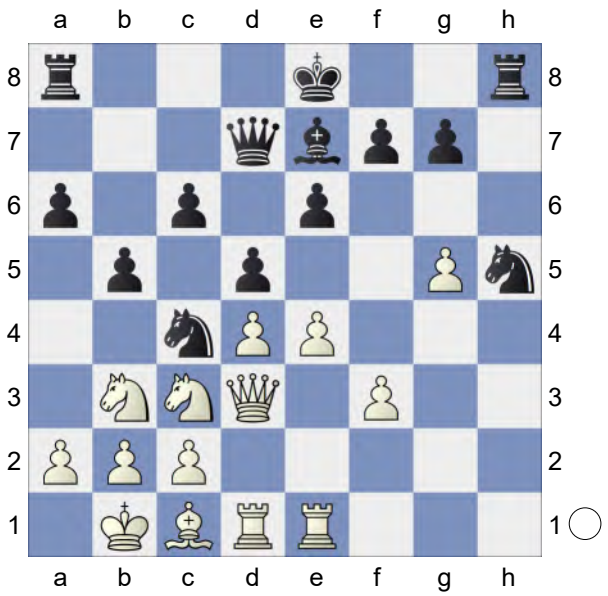
[19.e5?! Nh7±]

19...hxg5 20.hxg5

[20.Bxg5?! 0-0-0=]

20...Nh5

(Diagram)



21.g6 1.31/18

[White should try 21.exd5!+- 1.75/21 cxd5 22.Nc5 Bxc5 23.dxc5]

21...f6 1.98/23

[21...0-0-0± 1.31/18]

22.exd5 cxd5 23.Qe2 Bb4 24.Rd3 0.77/22

[Don't play 24.Qxe6+ Qxe6 25.Rxe6+ Kd7]

[24.Nc5+- 2.26/23 is more deadly. Bxc5 25.dxc5]

24...Ke7 2.67/22

[24...Bxc3? 25.Rxc3 Qc6 26.Nc5+-]

[24...Ng3± 0.77/22 was necessary. 25.Qxe6+ Qxe6 26.Rxe6+ Kd7]

25.f4 a5? 5.12/21

[25...Bxc3? 26.Rxc3 *(26.Nc5 Bxe1 27.Nxd7 Bd2±)* 26...Rae8 27.Nc5+-]

[25...f5 2.63/21 26.a3 *(26.Nc5 Bxc5 27.dxc5 Nf6+-)* 26...Bxc3 27.Rxc3 Rac8]

26.f5 a4? 7.10/19

[26...Rad8 3.57/20 27.Qxe6+ Qxe6 28.Rxe6+ Kf8 29.Nxb5 a4]

27.Qxe6+ 3.27/23

[⌓27.Nc5 7.10/19 Bxc5 28.dxc5]

27...Qxe6 28.Rxe6+ Kd7? 5.66/23

[28...Kd8 3.34/22 29.Nxd5 axb3]

29.Nc5+ Bxc5 30.dxc5 b4 31.Rxd5+ Kc8 32.Nb5 Ng3 7.94/22
[⌓32...Ra5 4.41/22 33.Nd4 a3 34.bxa3 bxa3]
33.c6 Black must now prevent Re6-e7.
33...Rh1 34.Re8# Weighted Error Value: White=0.50/Black=0.89

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1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3
[4.Nb5? Qa5+ 5.Nc3 cxd4 6.Qxd4 Nc6∓]
4...a6
[4...e6 5.Nb5 Na6 6.c3 Be7 7.h3 0-0 8.Nf3 Bd7 *(8...Qb6 9.a4 Bd7 10.dxc5 Qxc5 11.Nfd4 Rfd8 12.Be2 Be8 13.0-0 Bf8 14.Be5 Nd7 15.b4 Qe7 16.Bd6 Qf6 17.f4! Qh6 18.Bd3 Nf6 19.Bxf8 Kxf8 20.Qf3±* GM Bosiocic- GM Firat, 2010. *)* 9.a4
A) 9...Ne8 10.Bd3
A1) 10...Nac7? 11.Nxc7 Nxc7 12.dxc5 Bxc5 13.Bxh7+! Kxh7 14.Ng5+ Kg8 *(14...Kg6 15.Qg4 Kf6 16.Ne4++-)* 15.Qh5 Re8 16.Qxf7+ Kh8 17.Qh5+ Kg8 18.Qh7+ Kf8 19.Qh8+ Ke7 20.Qxg7#;
A2) 10...c4 11.Bc2 Bxb5 12.axb5 Nac7 13.h4! Nxb5 14.Ng5 Nf6 15.Be5 h6 16.Qf3 Nd6 17.g4 Re8 18.Nh3!± IM Saveliev- FM Nitish, 2018.;
B) 9...Bxb5 10.axb5 Nc7 11.dxc5 Bxc5 12.Bd3 Bd6 13.Ne5 Qe7 14.0-0 Nd7 15.Nxd7 Qxd7 16.Bxd6 Qxd6 17.Ra4! Qc5 18.Qh5 g6 19.Qh6 f5 20.Rfa1 Rf7 21.Qf4 Qb6 22.Qd4± GM Kovalev- FM Mustaps, 2015.;
C) 9...c4 10.b3! cxb3 11.Bd3 Ne4 12.Qxb3 Rc8 13.Bxe4 dxe4 14.Nd2 Qa5 15.0-0 Nb8 16.Nxe4+-]
[4...cxd4 5.exd4 a6 *(5...Nc6? 6.Nb5±)* 6.Bd3 Nc6 7.Nce2 Bg4 *(7...e6? 8.c3±)* 8.c3 e6 9.Qd2 Be7 *(9...Bh5 10.Bg5 Bg6 11.Nf4 Bxd3 12.Nxd3 Bd6 13.Nf3 Ne4 14.Bxd8 Nxd2 15.Kxd2 Rxd8 16.Rhe1 0-0 17.a4 Rc8 18.a5 Rfe8 19.Nfe5±* Carlsen- Bok, 2016.*)* 10.Ng3 0-0 11.h3 Bh5 12.Nxh5 Nxh5 13.Be3± *(13.Bh2?! Bd6=)*]
[4...Nc6?? 5.Nb5 e5 6.dxe5 a6 *(6...Ne4 7.Qxd5! Qxd5 8.Nc7++-)* 7.Nc3 d4 8.exf6 dxc3 9.Qxd8+ Nxd8 10.bxc3 gxf6 11.Bd3±]
5.dxc5 Qa5
[5...Nc6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.Be2 e6 8.Na4 Qa5+? *(8...Nd7 9.0-0 Nxc5 10.Nxc5 Bxc5 11.h3 Bh5 12.Ne5 Bxe2 13.Qxe2 Rc8 14.c4±)* 9.c3±]
[5...e6 6.Na4 Qa5+ *(6...Nbd7? 7.b4 a5 8.a3±)* 7.c3 Bxc5 8.Nxc5 *(8.b4?? Bxb4 9.cxb4 Qxb4+ 10.Ke2 Bd7-+)* 8...Qxc5 9.Nf3 Nc6 10.Bd3 Qe7 *(10...h6 11.Ne5 0-0 12.0-0 Qe7 13.c4 Nxe5 14.Bxe5 dxc4 15.Bxc4 Rd8 16.Qf3±* Carlsen- So, 2017. *)* 11.Ne5 Nd7 *(11...0-0 12.0-0 Bd7 13.Nxd7 Qxd7 14.Bg5 Ne5 15.Bc2 Ng6 16.h4!↑* Rapport- Ma Qun, 2019.*)* 12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.e4± Vachier Lagrave- Nakamura, 2018.]
[5...Nbd7? 6.Nxd5±]
6.Nf3 Qxc5 7.Ne5 Nc6
[7...Bf5? 8.g4! Bg6 *(8...Be6 9.Bg2 h6 10.Qd2±)* 9.g5+-]
8.Be2 Nxe5
[8...e6 9.0-0 Be7 *(9...Bd6?? 10.Nd3+-)* 10.Na4 Qa5 11.Nxc6

bxc6 12.c4±]
9.Bxe5 e6 10.Qd4±

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☐ **13. Sidelines after 1.d4 d5**
■ **2.Nc3 #4**
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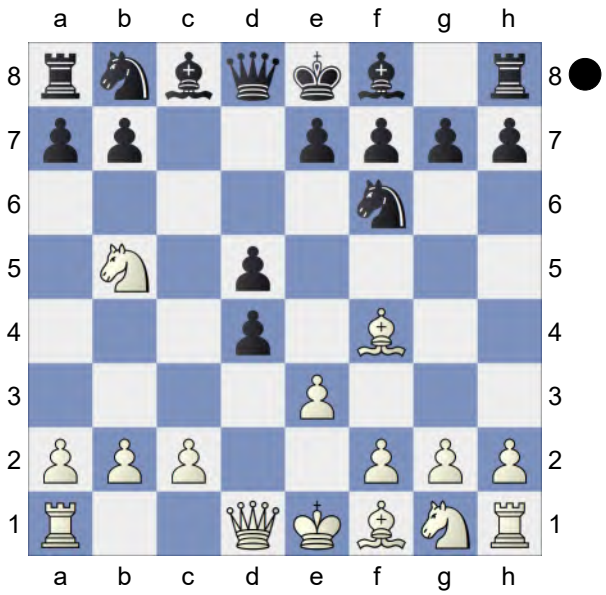
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5** In this Chapter, we examine the sidelines after 1.d4 d5. We have dedicated Chapters on theQueen's Gambit 2.c4 and on theLondon System 2. Bf4 - the chapter you are looking at now features everything you need to know about White's more offbeat tries. A word about move orders: some of the variations discussed in the current chapter can be played in two move orders by White. They can choose the direction on move two or on move three, including 2.Nf3 Nf6. Common examples are 1.d4d52.g3 and 1.d4d52.Nf3Nf63.g3, or 1.d4d52.e3 and 1.d4d52.Nf3Nf63.e3. I decided to cover all these cases the same way, having the lines split already on the second move. So in this chapter, I use the move order 1.d4d52.e3 to cover all early e3 systems. In this Chapter, we examine the sidelines after 1.d4 d5. We have dedicated Chapters on theQueen's Gambit 2.c4 and on theLondon System 2.Bf4 - the chapter you are looking at now features everything you need to know about White's more offbeat tries. A word about move orders: some of the variations discussed in the current chapter can be played in two move orders by White. They can choose the direction on move two or on move three, including 2.Nf3 Nf6. Common examples are 1.d4d52.g3 and 1.d4d52.Nf3Nf63.g3, or 1.d4d52.e3 and 1.d4d52.Nf3Nf63.e3. I decided to cover all these cases the same way, having the lines split already on the second move. So in this chapter, I use the move order 1.d4d52.e3 to cover all early e3 systems. **2.Nc3** White develops the knight in front of their c-pawn, which is a strategically risky decision in 1.d4 d5 structures. Attacking the centre with c2-c4 and then using the knight afterward is the play according to classical principles. The main line of the QGD 1.d4d52.c4e63.Nc3 shows exactly this school of thought. 2.Nc3 ignores these principles but instead focuses on a fast queenside development. Our approach against 2.Nc3 should be focused on playing a quick c7-c5 break ourselves, generating play on the queenside and, in particular, on the c-file. After our natural reply 2...Nf6, we have an essential split. White develops the knight in front of their c-pawn, which is a strategically risky decision in 1. d4 d5 structures. Attacking the centre with c2-c4 and then using the knight afterward is the play according to classical principles. The main line of the QGD 1. d4d52.c4e63.Nc3 shows exactly this school of thought. 2.Nc3 ignores these principles but instead focuses on a fast queenside development. Our approach against 2.Nc3 should be focused on playing a quick c7-c5 break ourselves, generating play on the queenside and, in particular, on the c-file. After our natural reply 2...Nf6, we have an essential split. **2...Nf6** White has the choice between some ideas now. A) 3. Bf4 The Jobava Variation, probably White's best line. I suggest3...c5,

according to the general outline of playing the c-pawn quickly. B) 3.Bg5 The Veresov Attack, which we answer with3...h64.Bh4c5, again using the c-pawn to attack White's centre. C) 3.Nf3, which is toothless after3...c5, our usual approach. There is no need to memorize lines. Natural central play will be fine (...Nc6, ...Bg4,...e6, for example). D) 3.e4? The Blackmar Diemer. We play3...dxe4 and transpose to2.e4?dxe43.Nc3Nf6. White has the choice between some ideas now. A) 3.Bf4 The Jobava Variation, probably White's best line. I suggest3...c5, according to the general outline of playing the c-pawn quickly. B) 3.Bg5 The Veresov Attack, which we answer with3. ..h64.Bh4c5, again using the c-pawn to attack White's centre. C) 3.Nf3, which is toothless after3...c5, our usual approach. There is no need to memorize lines. Natural central play will be fine (...Nc6, ...Bg4,...e6, for example). D) 3.e4? The Blackmar Diemer. We play3...dxe4 and transpose to2.e4?dxe43. Nc3Nf6. **3.Bf4 c5** As usual, we attack the d4-pawn with ...c5. **4.e3** We don't need to worry about4.Nb5?? due to4...Qa5+. **4...cxd4** We immediately clarify the pawn structure and open the c-file, leading to a pawn structure that we know well - it's a Caro-Kann Exchange with an oddly placed c3-knight. White now needs to recapture with the pawn, leading to the mentioned structure. Note that you can't wait with4...Nc6?, as5.Nb5 is killing. We immediately clarify the pawn structure and open the c-file, leading to a pawn structure that we know well - it's a Caro-Kann Exchange with an oddly placed c3-knight. White now needs to recapture with the pawn, leading to the mentioned structure. Note that you can't wait with4...Nc6?, as5.Nb5 is killing. **5.Nb5?** White goes for the Nc7+ fork, but this move does not work against best play. How do we refute the move?



White goes for the Nc7+ fork, but this move does not work against best play. How do we refute the move? **5...Qa5+!** Very important! Don't play5...Na6?, when6.exd4 is excellent for White. We would be stuck with a terrible knight on a6. The move 5...Qa5+! is more or less winning for Black, but it's a crazy ride. Very important! Don't play5...Na6?, when6.exd4 is excellent for White. We would be stuck with a terrible knight on a6. The move 5...Qa5+! is more or less winning for Black, but it's a crazy ride. **6.b4** -1.53/22 The move 6.c3 just transposes to 6.b4 or loses differently. We have the following lines. A) 6.c3dxc37.b4Qxb4 leads to6.b4Qxb4+7.c3dxc3 B) 6.c3dxc37.Nc7+Kd88.b4Qxb4 also transposes to 6.b4. C) 6.c3dxc37.Bc7c2+8.Bxa5cxd1=Q+9.Rxd1Na6, and Black wins. The move 6.c3 just transposes to 6.b4 or loses differently. We have the following lines. A) 6.

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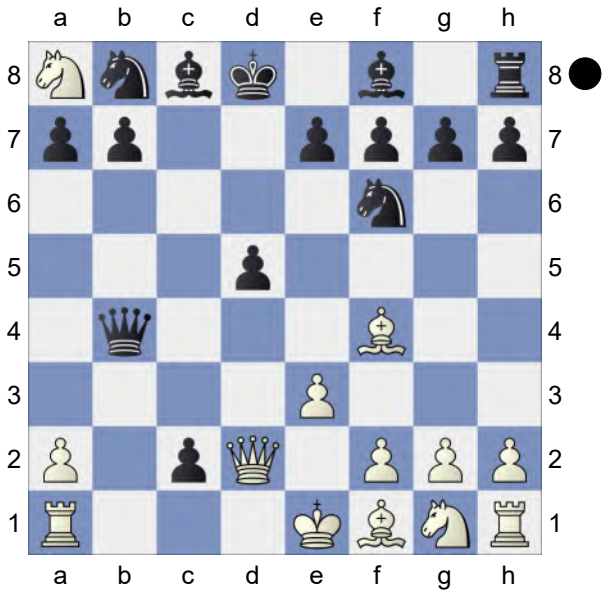
[⌓9.a3 -1.76/21 Qb2 10.Rb1 Qd2+ 11.Qxd2 cxd2+ 12.Kxd2]

9...c2+-+ 10.Qd2



e5! 11.Bxe5 aiming for Bf1-d3! **11...Nc6** Black has a killing attack, for example in the following lines. A) 12.Bc7+Kd713.

f3Qb214.Qc1Bb4+15.Kf2Bc3 B) 12. Bc3Qb1+13.Qc1Bf514.Nf3Ba3 I am perfectly aware that these lines are not 'Simple', but these complications are winning for Black, and we have all the fun, being the attacker! Black has a killing attack, for example in the following lines. A) 12. Bc7+Kd713. f3Qb214.Qc1Bb4+15.Kf2Bc3 B) 12. Bc3Qb1+13.Qc1Bf514.Nf3Ba3 I am perfectly aware that these lines are not 'Simple', but these complications are winning for Black, and we have all the fun, being the attacker! White did not feel at home in the position after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.47/Black=0.00 (flawless)

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[4...h6!? 5.g4 Bh7 6.e3 e6 7.Bd3 Bxd3 8.cxd3 a6 9.h4 c5 10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.d4∞ It transposes into the main line]

[4...h5?! 5.Qd2 e6 6.0-0-0 Bd6 7.Kb1 Nbd7 8.Bxd6 cxd6 9.Qe1 Rc8 10.e4 dxe4 11.fxe4 Bg6 12.Bd3 0-0 13.Nf3±]

5.g4 Bg6 6.h4 h5

[6...h6 7.e3

A) 7...a6! 8.Bd3 Bxd3 9.cxd3! c5 *(9...Bd6 10.Nge2 Nc6 11.Kf2 Qd7 12.Rc1 0-0-0 13.Na4 Kb8 14.Nc5 Bxc5 15.Rxc5 Rhe8 16.Qb3±* IM Golubov- IM Pogosyan, 2018. *)* 10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.d4 Be7 *(11...Bd6 12.Nge2 Nc6 13.Kf2 Rc8 14.Rc1 b5 15.Bxd6 Qxd6 16.Nf4 Ne7 17.g5 Nd7 18.gxh6 Rxh6 19.Qg1 Kf8 20.Qg5 Nf6 21.Rhg1 Ne8 22.h5 Rc4 23.b3 Rc6 24.Nce2±* Naroditsky- Kiewra, 2015. *)* 12.Nge2 Nc6 13.Kf2 Rc8 14.Kg2 0-0 15.Rc1 Nd7 16.g5 h5 17.Bg3∞;

B) 7...Bd6 8.h5 *(8.Nh3!? a6 9.Qd2 c5 10.Bxd6 Qxd6 11.dxc5 Qxc5 12.Nf4 Bh7 13.g5±)* 8...Bh7 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 a6 *(10...Bxf4 11.exf4 Qd6 12.Nge2 Nbd7 13.Qe3 c5 14.dxc5 Qxc5 15.Qxc5 Nxc5 16.0-0-0 0-0-0 17.Nd4±)* 11.Nge2 c5 12.dxc5 Bxc5 13.0-0-0 Nc6 14.Nd4±;

C) 7...c5 8.Nb5 Na6 9.c3

C1) 9...Qb6 10.a4 c4 11.Nh3 Rc8 12.Qd2 Nd7 13.Rg1 Nab8 14.Qh2! a6 *(14...Nc6 15.Bc7 Qa6 16.Nf4 Bh7 17.g5+-)* 15.Nd6+ Bxd6 16.Bxd6 Nc6 17.h5 Bh7 18.g5!±;

C2) 9...Be7 10.Nh3 0-0 11.Bg3 Bh7 12.Nf4 Ne8 13.g5! hxg5 14.hxg5 Bxg5 15.Bd3 g6 16.Qe2+-]

7.g5 Nfd7

[7...Ng8 8.e4 Bb4 9.Qd3 To defend e4 and prepare 0-0-0 Ne7 10.0-0-0 0-0 11.Nge2 Nd7 12.Qb5! Bxc3 13.Nxc3±]

8.e3 a6

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B) 5...h5 6.Bd3 Bg7 7.Nf3 Bg4 8.Qd2 Nbd7 9.Ng5 Nf8 10.f3 Bc8 11.Ne2 Ne6 12.Be5 0-0 13.Nxe6 Bxe6 14.Nf4 Qd7 15.g4! hxg4 16.h5+- Fedoseev- Indjic, 2019.]
5.f3 e6 6.g4 Bg6 7.h4 h5
[7...h6 8.Bd3 Bxd3 9.Qxd3 *(9.cxd3* Also good *Bd6 10.Nge2 Bxf4 11.Nxf4 Nbd7 12.Kf2±* Rapport-Sachdev, 2014.*)* 9...Bd6 10.Nge2 Bxf4 11.Nxf4 Nbd7 12.0-0-0 e5 13.Nfe2 Qe7 14.Ng3 g6 15.h5±]
8.g5 Nfd7 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 g6
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11.Nge2 Bg7 12.0-0-0 0-0 13.e4 b5 14.Bd6 Re8 15.e5 a5 16.Nf4 Na6
[16...Nf8 17.Nce2!±]
17.Nxh5! Nb4 18.Qe2 gxh5 19.f4 Nb6 20.Rdg1 Nc4 21.Bc5 Na6 22.g6 Qd7 23.Qxh5 Nxc5 24.dxc5 Kf8 25.Qh7 Ra7 26.Ne2+-

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C) 6...0-0 7.Ne5 c5 8.Be2 Nc6 9.Qd2 Qa5 10.a3 Be6 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.dxc5 Nh5 *(12...Qxc5?? 13.Na4+-)* 13.b4 Qd8 14.Bxh5

gxh5 15.Rd1± GM Shimanov- FM Raptis, 2018.]

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A1) 9...Nbd7 10.Kb1 e6 11.e4

A1a) 11...a6 12.Bd3 b5 13.Rdg1 Nb6 14.e5 Nfd7? 15.Rxg6!! fxg6 16.Bxg6+ Kf8 *(16...Ke7 17.Bg5++-)* 17.Bg5 Qc7 18.Qf4+ Kg8 19.Qf7#;

A1b) 11...Qa5? 12.Nxd5! Qxd2 13.Nxf6+ Nxf6 14.Rxd2± GM Bauer- GM Maze, 2018.;

A2) 9...b5 10.Kb1 Nbd7 11.Bd3 Nb6 12.e4! Nc4 13.Qc1 b4 14.Ne2 a5 15.e5 Nh7 16.e6±;

B) 6...0-0 7.Ne5 c5 *(7...Nbd7 8.f3 c6 9.Qd2 Nxe5 10.Bxe5 b5 11.0-0-0 Qa5 12.Kb1 b4 13.Ne2 Qb6 14.Nf4 a5 15.g4! hxg4 16.h5 g5 17.h6! Bh8 18.h7+ Kg7 19.Qh2+-)* 8.Qd2 Nc6 *(8...cxd4 9.exd4 Bf5 10.f3 Nc6 11.Bb5 Nb4 12.Ba4 Rc8 13.a3 Nc6 14.Bxc6 bxc6 15.Na4±)* 9.f3 Nd7 10.Nxd5 cxd4 11.exd4 Ndxe5 12.dxe5 Nxe5 13.0-0-0 Be6 14.Qe3 Nc6 15.Nf6+± GM Inarkiev- GM Volokitin, 2016.]

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7.hxg6 hxg6

[7...fxg6 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.dxc5 e5 10.Bg5 Be6 11.Nf3 Qa5 12.Bxf6 Bxf6 13.e4! Rad8 14.exd5± GM Deac Bogdan-Daniel- Skacel, 2017.]

8.Qd2 Nc6 9.Nge2 Re8 10.0-0-0 Qa5 11.Bh6! Bxh6

[11...Bh8 12.Bg5 b5 13.Kb1 b4 14.Bxf6! Bxf6 15.Nxd5 Bg7 16.Nc1±]

12.Rxh6 b5 13.e4 dxe4 14.Rh4!+-

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B) 6...Bg4 7.Be2 c6 8.Ne5 Bxe2 9.Qxe2 Nbd7 10.0-0-0 Qa5 11.Kb1 Nxe5 12.Bxe5 h5 13.e4 0-0-0 14.exd5 cxd5 15.Rh3! Rd7

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C) 6...0-0 7.Ne5 c5 8.Be2 Nc6 9.Qd2 Qa5 10.a3 Be6 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.dxc5 Nh5 *(12...Qxc5?? 13.Na4+-)* 13.b4 Qd8 14.Bxh5 gxh5 15.Rd1± GM Shimanov- FM Raptis, 2018.]

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A1b) 11...Qa5? 12.Nxd5! Qxd2 13.Nxf6+ Nxf6 14.Rxd2± GM Bauer- GM Maze, 2018.;

A2) 9...b5 10.Kb1 Nbd7 11.Bd3 Nb6 12.e4! Nc4 13.Qc1 b4 14.Ne2 a5 15.e5 Nh7 16.e6±;

B) 6...0-0 7.Ne5 c5 *(7...Nbd7 8.f3 c6 9.Qd2 Nxe5 10.Bxe5 b5 11.0-0-0 Qa5 12.Kb1 b4 13.Ne2 Qb6 14.Nf4 a5 15.g4! hxg4 16.h5 g5 17.h6! Bh8 18.h7+ Kg7 19.Qh2+-)* 8.Qd2 Nc6 *(8...cxd4 9.exd4 Bf5 10.f3 Nc6 11.Bb5 Nb4 12.Ba4 Rc8 13.a3 Nc6 14.Bxc6 bxc6 15.Na4±)* 9.f3 Nd7 10.Nxd5 cxd4 11.exd4 Ndxe5 12.dxe5 Nxe5 13.0-0-0 Be6 14.Qe3 Nc6 15.Nf6+± GM Inarkiev- GM Volokitin, 2016.]

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6.h5 c5

[6...Nxh5? 7.Rxh5! gxh5 8.Qxh5 c6 9.Bd3 f5 10.Nf3 Nd7 11.0-0-0 Nf6 12.Qh3→]

7.hxg6 hxg6

[7...fxg6 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.dxc5 e5 10.Bg5 Be6 11.Nf3 Qa5 12.Bxf6 Bxf6 13.e4! Rad8 14.exd5± GM Deac Bogdan-Daniel- Skacel, 2017.]

8.Qd2 Nc6 9.Nge2 Re8 10.0-0-0 Qa5 11.Bh6! Bxh6

[11...Bh8 12.Bg5 b5 13.Kb1 b4 14.Bxf6! Bxf6 15.Nxd5 Bg7 16.Nc1±]

12.Rxh6 b5 13.e4 dxe4 14.Rh4!+-